Outstanding Faculty Activities and Accomplishments

Nelson Rusche College of Business

Dr. Marcus Cox received Best Paper designation for an article titled “The Influence of Relative Performance and Bad Apple Succession on Organizational Misconduct” submitted to the Academy of Management annual conference. This is only given to papers deemed to be in the top 10% of accepted papers and includes publication in the conference proceedings.

Dr. Chris McKenna was an invited speaker at the first Association for Business Communication conference ever held in Africa in January 2016.

Dr. Tim Clipson received the Educator of the Year Award, from the Association for Business Communication Southwest in March 2016.

Dr. Kelly Noe is the incoming President of the East Texas Chapter of CPAs, and has also been named Beta Alpha Psi Chapter Advocate for the Southwest Region.

Dr. Matthew Lindsey recently received the Outstanding Author Contribution by the Emerald Literati Network Award for Excellence for the study “Evaluating a Bayesian approach to forecasting: stocking spare parts that require periodic replenishment” published in Advances in Business and Management Forecasting.

Dr. Marsha Bayless serves as Historian of the Association for Business Information Systems. In March 2016, Dr. Bayless delivered the second part of an Historical Perspectives initiative that captures the history of the organization since 1978 to the present. The presentation took place in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

James I. Perkins College of Education

Dr. Darla O’Dwyer with Dr. Ray Darville were recently published in Nutrition and Food Science with their study of “Specific carbohydrate diet: Irritable bowel syndrome patient case study”. This is the first study assessing the efficacy of the specific carbohydrate diet to treat irritable bowel syndrome.

Dr. Hyunsook Kang was recently published in Social and Basic Sciences Research Review for his study of “The factors that contribute to life satisfaction for middle-aged widows.”

Dr. Stacy Hendricks and Dr. Scott Bailey released a new co-edited book titled Preparing Educators for Online Learning: A Careful Look at the Components and How to Assess Their Value published by Rowman & Littlefield Education.

Dr. Ting Ting Xu and Dr. Jannah Nerren were recently published in the Early Childhood Education Journal with their article “Investigating Young Children’s Perceptions of Body Size and Healthy Habits”.

Dr. Heather Olson-Beal recently co-authored a study of “Assessing the impact of school-based marketing efforts: A case study of a foreign language immersion program in a school-choice environment” published in the *Peabody Journal of Education*.

Dr. Wendy K. Killam is the editor of a new book published by Springer Publishing Company entitled *Career Counseling Interventions*.

Dr. Yuleinys Castillo authored a paper entitled “Emotional intelligence: a stress regulator for pre-service students” accepted for presentation at the VII Intercontinental Convention on Psychology in Havana, Cuba, May 9-13th.

**College of Fine Arts**

Dr. David A. Lewis was recently published in the *Italian Journal* with the essay "Frank Dituri." The Italian Journal has been a recognized international humanities publication since the late 1940s.

Dr. Candace Hicks’ recent book, *String Theory: Volume III*, was awarded Special Recognition of Merit by the Minnesota Center for Book Arts. The book was exhibited at the Editions /Artist's Book Fair in New York, the LA Book Fair 2015, and the Codex International Book Art Fair in California. Her work was acquired by the following public collections: UCLA, University of Wisconsin, Franklin and Marshall College, University of Delaware, University of Iowa, and The Ohio State University.

Dr. Jennifer Dalmas and Dr. Evgeni Raychev performed with the famous cellist Misha Quint in Carnegie Hall on Oct. 16, 2015.

Through a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, Dr. Stephen Lias received a commission from the Boulder Philharmonic for a new orchestral work with synchronized images to be performed at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., in 2017.

Dr. Gennard Lombardozzi sang several leading operatic roles, including Count Almaviva in "Il barbiere di Siviglia" with the Lyric Opera of the North and Alfred in "Die Fledermaus" with Vero Beach Opera. Mr. Lombardozzi will do a world premier of the oratorio "Job" with Taconic Opera in 2016.

Dr. Scott Shattuck recently co-authored a textbook titled *The Director’s Vision* published by Waveland Press.

**Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture**

Dr. Brian Oswald will be inducted into the University of Idaho Alumni Hall of Fame in May 2016.

Dr. Craig Morton has published a 250-page book on *Welding Techniques for the Agriculturist and Small Shop Owner* with the Lincoln Electric cooperative.

Dr. Matthew McBroom received approval for Phase 2 of the Attoyac Bayou Watershed Protection Plan grant funded by EPA through the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation
Board. The total award is $306,168 dollars of which $153,084 will be awarded to SFA for water quality monitoring.

Dr. Joey Bray received over $26,000 dollars in funding for two new research projects evaluating bird performance in commercial broiler operations.

The Agriculture Department hosted 2,905 high school students from 188 school districts for the annual FFA and 4H judging contests on March 30, 2016. Students competed in 12 different agriculture and forestry judging events.

The Spring SFA Gardens plant sale set a new record for plant sales on April 2, 2016. The plant sale benefits the SFA Mast Arboretum, the Pineywoods Native Plant Center, Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden, Gayla Mize Garden and educational programs hosted at the gardens. The programs reach more than 15,000 students of all ages each year.

**College of Liberal and Applied Arts**

Dr. Steve Taaffe’s fifth book, *MacArthur's Korean War Generals*, was published recently by the University Press of Kansas and is receiving widespread acclaim:


Dr. Emmerentie Oliphant received a $200,000 renewal grant to complete a collective impact initiative in Lufkin, Texas. The grant will assist the T.L.L. Temple Foundation in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the project.

Dr. Charles Abel was named editor-in-chief for the international journal, *Public Administration Theory and Praxis*. Dr. Abel was also sponsored by the National Association for Multicultural Education to initiate a study in Cuba of its Political Economy of Public Administration.

Dr. Leslie G. Cecil was elected as a Councilor of the National Council on Undergraduate Research in the Social Sciences Division to serve a three-year term.

Dr. Steven Estrada received the Wisely Fellowship Award and a Teaching Excellence Award.

**College of Sciences and Mathematics**

Mr. Ali Piran received an award for distinguished service at the Spring Meeting of the Texas Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers and American Physical Society.

Dr. Stephen Mullin coauthored a study titled “Forest management bolsters native snake populations in urban parks” published recently in *Biological Conservation*.
Dr. Matthew Kwiatkowski was co-author of “Road-edge effects on herpetofauna in a lowland Amazonian rainforest” published in *Tropical Conservation Science*.

In the department of Chemistry, Dr. Kefa K. Onchoke was recently published in *Advances in Environmental Chemistry, Spectrochimica Acta A, and Chemistry and Ecology* with Dr. Michael Janusa.

Dr. Odutayo O. Odunuga was published in *Protein Expression and Purification* as well as *Subcellular Biochemistry*.

Drs. Lesa Beverly and Keith Hubbard (Mathematics & Statistics), Dr. Dennis Gravatt (Biology), and Dr. Chrissy Cross (Secondary Ed.) were awarded a $1.05 million dollar grant from the National Science Foundation for Phase II of the Talented Teachers in Training for Texas, a STEM scholarship program to prepare and mentor 20 STEM teachers.

The 2016 meeting of the Texas Section of the Mathematical Association of America was recently held on the SFA campus with approximately 450 students and faculty from across Texas in attendance. The meeting was organized by Dr. Jane Long with assistance from Dr. Brian Beavers and Ms. Stacia Prince.