

Faculty Senate Report – July 26, 2016

Outstanding Faculty Activities and Accomplishments

College of Sciences and Mathematics

Dr. Lesa Beverly, Professor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics was promoted to Chair of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics in June 2016.

Dr. Stephen Mullin was the co-author of “Forest management bolsters native snake populations in urban parks” that was published in *Biological Conservation*.

Dr. Matthew Kwiatkowski was the co-author of “Road-edge effects on herpetofauna in a lowland Amazonian rainforest” that was published in *Tropical Conservation Science*.

Dr. Kevin Langford was awarded \$20,000 from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board – Division of Participation and Success JAMP Special Projects: JAMP Camp 2016.

Dr. Kefa K. Onchoke was 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. Darrell Fry and Matibur Zamadar were published in *Research & Reviews: Journal of Chemistry*.

Dr. Michele Harris was invited to present her research “Biotransformations: Reaction Conditions and Antimicrobial Properties” at LeTourneau University as a part of the Science Seminar Series in March 2016.

Mr. Ali Piran received an award at the Spring Meeting of the Texas Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers, the Texas Section of the American Physical Society, and Zone 13 of the Society of Physics Students. The award is the *Mary Beth Monroe Distinguish Service Citation* for long time service to the above organizations and for his service in physics teaching and education.

Drs. Lesa Beverly and Keith Hubbard (Math & Stats), Dr. Dennis Gravatt (Biology), Dr. Chrissy Cross (Sec. Ed.) were awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation. Phase II of the Talented Teachers in Training for Texas grant in the amount of \$1.05M for 20 scholarships for future 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. Organized by **Dr. Jane Long** with particular assistance from **Dr. Brian Beavers and Mrs. Stacia Prince**. **Dr. Sarah Stovall** is the new Chair-Elect of the Texas Section.

James I Perkins College of Education

Dr. Karen Embry-Jenlink has been elected President-Elect of Association of Teacher Educators.

Dr. Pauline Sampson was appointed to the Texas Association of School Administrators Higher Education Committee.

Ms. Ashley Doss, a School Psychology doctoral student, has been named the **Graduate Student Editor for the Texas Association of School Psychology (TASP) Journal – Research and Practice in the School**. This is the official journal of the Texas Association of School Psychologists.

Because of the organization's dedication and commitment to serving your community, **The Braille and Cane Club**, which is the student organization affiliated with the Visual Impairment and Orientation & Mobility programs, was named the recipient of a **2016 President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)** and was invited to attend the 10th Annual Leadership and Service Awards Ceremony presented by Omicron Delta Kappa on Thursday April 14, 2016 in the Grand Ballroom of the BPSC. The faculty sponsor is **Mr. Michael Munro**, Program Director of the Visual Impairment and Orientation & Mobility programs.

Elementary education study abroad in China led by **Dr. Tingting Xu** and **Dr. Wynter Chauvin**.

College of Liberal and Applied Arts

Mark Sanders Chair, English - invited to be on the editorial board of The Literary Encyclopedia, published in London. My particular task is to be editor of two volumes devoted to 20th Century American Poetry.

Megan Condis Assistant Professor

- Obtained a book contract for my project *Playing Politics: Trolls, Fake Geeks, and the Game of Masculinity in Online Culture* with the University of Iowa Press.

- Presented at WisCon (a feminist science fiction convention with an academic track) and the National Women's Studies Association Conference

- Published several articles for a general readership in venues such as Unwinnable Magazine, Bitch Magazine, and The Chronicle of Higher Education.

- Published an academic article in *The Journal of Modern Literature* titled "Playing the Game of Literature: *Ready Player One*, the Game of Masculinity, and the Geeky Canon."

LeAnn West appointed Assistant Question Leader and Head Section Leader for AP English Literature and Composition reading 2015 - 2017. Serve as Content Scoring Leader and Chief Reader for TeXes ELAR/WAP 231 -- the teacher certification test for the State of Texas. Appointed as Chief Scoring Leader for Texas STAAR - all levels in Writing and Reading. Presented seminars at AP Conferences in San Antonio, Texas and in Tulsa, Oklahoma during the 2015-2016 school year.

Jacqueline Cowan published an article, "The Imagination's Arts: Poetry and Natural Philosophy in Bacon and Shakespeare," in *Studies in Philology* 113 (2016), 132-162.

Troy Davis published article entitled "Professor Timothy Smiddy's Tenure as Irish Free State Minister to the United States" in *Irish Studies in International Affairs*.

It reproduces a talk given at the Irish embassy in Washington in October 2014 marking the ninetieth anniversary of U.S.-Irish diplomatic relations.

Dusty Jenkins, High impact service learning project with the Family Crisis Center where students worked on prevention efforts and/or worked directly with survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Steven Estrada, Teaching Excellence Award winner for the 2015-2016 Academic year. Wisely Fellowship recipient for the 2015-2016 Academic year.

Sylvia Middlebrook SFASU Pre-law Conference Invited Presenter/Speaker: Topic - "The Mentally Ill Defendant" Invited guest speaker - filmed three educational/informational TV segments with John Fleming, Nacogdoches County Attorney, and Stephanie Stephens, Nacogdoches County Asst. D.A.; currently being aired periodically on Ch. 2 (SFA) and Ch. 21 (government channel). Topics: Intimate Partner Violence and Road Rage.

Kyle Conlon Published a manuscript entitled, "Brief consultation to families of treatment refusers with symptoms of obsessive-compulsive disorder: Does it impact family accommodation and quality of life?," in Psychology.

Lauren Brewer. Selected as the Society of the Teaching of Psychology (STP) Conference Coordinator for the Society of Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP's) annual conference. Elected Faculty Senate Parliamentarian. Served as the Faculty Organizer for the Candlelight Vigil for Orlando – Nacogdoches Vigil.

Catherine Pearte ,Puff*, J., Kolomeyer*, E., McSwiggan*, M., Pearte*, C., Lauer*, B., & Renk, K. (In press). Depression as a mediator in the relationship between perceived familial criticism and college adaptation. Journal of American College Health.

College of Fine Arts

Dr. Charles Gavin, awarded CFA's first ever endowed professorship (\$125,000) raised by the Dean's Circle.

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

Using it's first-ever grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Boulder Philharmonic is commissioning composer **Dr. Stephen Lias** for a new orchestral work (with synchronized images) to be presented in March of 2017 as part of the Shift Festival of American Orchestras hosted at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington DC.

Dr. Nathan Nabb performed the saxophone Concerto by John Williams as a featured soloist with the St. Louis Symphony for three performances in December.

Dr. Scott LaGraff is putting the finishing touches on a CD to be released, in the very near future, by Centaur Records Incline Thine Ear and Other Sacred Songs.

Dr. Nathan Fleshner has been contracted to write a chapter for the Oxford Handbook of Hip Hop Studies, forthcoming from the Oxford University Press.

Dr. Chris Turner was an invited guest artist and clinician at Hawaii State Music Educators Association Conference/University of Hawaii.

Dr. Christina Guenther and Dr. Geneva Fung premiered two new works at the San Francisco Center for Contemporary Music in October.

Dr. Mario Ajero has been invited to give a presentation at the Music Teachers National Association National Conference in San Antonio, TX in April. The title of his presentation is "Online Piano Lessons: Making Meaningful Connections".

Fred J Allen was guest conductor for the Class AAA State Honor Band at the February convention of Texas Music Educators Association in San Antonio.

Dr. Deb Scott is currently recording a CD of solo trombone and piano for international release. She will be accompanied by Ron Petti.

Dr. Deb Scott and Dr. Gary Wurtz performed a duet with the 3A state honor band at the Texas Music Educators Convention in San Antonio.

Nelson Rusche College of Business

Henry Dunn, Business Communications and Legal Studies Lecturer, was named Texas Phi Beta Lambda Advisor of the year at the 2016 State Leadership Conference for Phi Beta Lambda.

Marsha Bayless, Business Communications and Legal Studies Professor, has been invited to speak in Washington DC at the FUSION D2L conference in order to demonstrate her innovative use of the D2L software.

Clive Muir, Business Communications and Legal Studies Professor, was awarded a Faculty Summer Institute Grant from the National Endowment for Humanities.

Dr. Kelly Noe , Accounting Professor and Interim Director, was selected as one of the 2016 Outstanding Faculty Advisors for Beta Alpha Psi. The award will be given at the Beta Alpha Psi annual meeting in Baltimore and the recipients will also be recognized in NY during the American Accounting Association annual meeting.

Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture

Awards/Honors:

Dr. Brian Oswald (Forestry) was inducted into the University of Idaho Alumni Hall of Fame in May 2016.

Publications:

Drs. David Kulhavy, Daniel Unger, Yanli Zhang (Forestry)

Kulhavy, D. L., D. R. Unger, Y. Zhang, P. Bedford. 2016. Comparing remotely sensed Pictometry web based slope distance estimates with in situ total station and tape slope distances. International Journal of Geospatial and Environmental Research, Vol. 3, No. 1, Article 3, 14 pp.<http://dc.uwm.edu/ijger/vol3/iss1/3>.

Drs. David Kulhavy, Daniel Unger (Forestry)

Kulhavy, D. L. and D. R. Unger. 2016. Service learning and participation in a capstone spatial science course. Journal of Service-learning in Higher Education., Vol. 5, pp. 41-53.

Drs. Matthew McBroom, David Kulhavy, Jeremy Stovall (Forestry)

McBroom, M., D. Kulhavy, J. Stovall, and R. Grisham. 2016. Use of a portable sawmill in forestry education. Natural Sciences in Education, Vol. 45, 8 pages preprint.
doi:10.4195/nse2016.0001

Presentations/Exhibitions

Dr. Joey Bray (Agriculture) made two presentations at the Poultry Science Association Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA, July 11-14, 2016: Invited Speaker at Symposium – “Environmental Lighting in Poultry Facilities: New Technologies and New Results,” and “Spectrum, intensity, and photoperiod: LED lighting program for broiler performance and welfare.”

Dr. David Kulhavy (Forestry) and Dr. Charles Jones (Art) exhibition “Dirty Bugs— What’s That Lurking Out There?” at the Museum of East Texas, Lufkin, Texas, April - September 2016. The exhibition consists of 26 framed prints with text and a teacher guide.

Dr. David Kulhavy (Forestry) presented an invited address, “Teaching Forest Insects and Diseases: Current Trends and Future Needs,” at the North American Forest Insect Work Conference, May 31-June 3, 2016, Washington, DC.

Dr. David Kulhavy (Forestry) and Dr. Charles Jones (Art) presented an educational poster, A Forest Insect Alphabet and Song Cycle, at the North American Forest Insect Work Conference, May 31-June 3, 2016, Washington, DC.

Dr. Yuhui Weng (Forestry) presented “Tree Improvement: Estimating Realized Gain and Predicting Growth and Yield” at the 2016 Western Gulf Forest Tree Improvement Contact Meeting, May 17-18, 2016, Broken Bow, OK.

Grants/Research:

Dr. Joey Bray (Agriculture) received a \$5,000, 12-month grant from Once Innovations, Inc., “Evaluating the effects of monochromatic LED lighting on broiler performance and bird welfare.”