



COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Dr. Mark Bighley, Professor and Chair of the Music Department was featured on the Bach Vespers series at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in New York City on March 23, 2014. He performed works by C.P.E Bach, Johann Kuhnau, Girolamo Frescobaldi and J.S. Bach. He repeated the program in Tahlequah at the First United Methodist Church on March 31, 2014.

Dr. Ronald Chioldi, Professor of Music, co-authored the 10th edition of Keyboard Musicianship, Book 1, and presented a workshop about the textbook at the 2014 MTNA National Conference in Chicago Keyboard Musicianship. Keyboard Musicianship is a group-piano class, college textbook published by Stipes Publishing of Champaign, Illinois. Also this semester, he performed concerts at the University of Kentucky, Baylor University, and NSU. He coordinated the annual NSU High School Piano Festival & Young Artist Competition, and presented masterclasses to high school pianists at the University of Arkansas and NSU.

Dr. Kristopher Copeland, Instructor of Communication, presented a competitive paper regarding legislative communication and policy at the Central States Communication Association annual convention in April 2014. Additionally, NSU graduate students Elaina Ross, Tom Johnson, Jamie Shanks, Shawna Blake, and Christopher Rudick presented original research at the convention produced in Dr. Copeland's class. Molly Turner and Thomas Crowley also presented research at the conference.

Dr. Cheryl Van Den Handel, Assistant Professor of Political Science, presented "Women's Social and Political Empowerment in the MENA and Sub-Saharan Africa" at the Midwest Political Science Association April 3-6, 2014 in Chicago. Dr. Van Den Handel presented "The Global Food Crisis" for the "Great Decisions" in Foreign Policy at the Muskogee Library on April 15th.



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Dr. Kathlyn Shahan, Assistant Professor of Social Work and Social Work Department Chair, attended the orientation meeting for Leadership Academy for Deans and Directors (LADD) in Ashville, North Carolina on April 9, 2014. The LADD is a leadership enrichment program for experienced university leaders that will create a learning community of agency-university partners to advance the preparation and support of an expert, culturally responsive child welfare workforce that can effectively deliver high quality services. This is a component of the \$735,000.00 recent grant awarded in March to the NSU Social Work Program through the U.S. Children's Bureau's National Child Welfare Workforce Initiative Institute. Along with academic and service leadership training, the program also provides annual educational and travel stipends to eight students who are pursuing a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) with a child welfare specialization. An additional program component encompasses a formal partnership with the NSU Social Work Program and the Cherokee Nation Indian Child Welfare to enhance tribal services through the recruitment, training and retention of a diverse child welfare workforce.

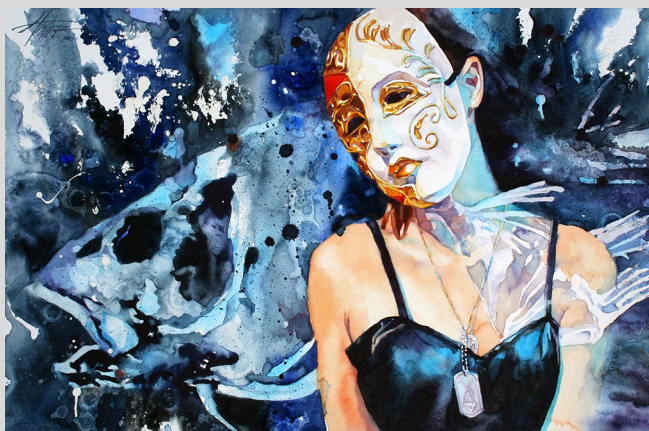
Dr. Melissa Strong, Assistant Professor of English, has been invited to participate in "The Visual Culture of the American Civil War," a summer institute sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. This two-week program in July 2014 will assess how visual media, including the fine arts and photography, impact the recording and the understanding of the Civil War on both sides of the conflict. Institute members will participate in seminars led by noted historians, art historians, and archivists; take part in hands-on sessions in museums and archives; and attend new media lab workshops. Guided by a faculty team that represents the range of work in the field, institute activities will encourage further research and assist in developing approaches that use visual evidence to enhance teaching.

Dr. Christine Hallman, Assistant Professor of Geography, won the 2014 Circle of Excellence Award for Teaching.

Christopher Miller, Assistant Professor of Theatre, had his children's play, Old Sultan, accepted for publication by Heartland Plays Inc.

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Three watercolors by Associate Professor of Art, **Lance Hunter** were selected for international exhibitions in April. "Fish Tales II" was selected for the 147th International Exhibition of the American Watercolor Society in New York City. This is the premier watercolor exhibition in the United States which ran from April 1-20th at the Salmagundi Club on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan. This marks the third time Hunter's work was chosen for the highly competitive, annual exhibition. This achievement qualified Hunter to be considered for the honor of Signature Membership status with AWS, which he received from the panel of jurors. In the Watercolor Missouri International Exhibition 2014, Hunter received that exhibition's highest award, the Award of Excellence, for "A Touch of Blue". The MWS exhibition was held at the National Churchill Museum in Fulton, Missouri. Earlier in April, his painting "Knight Vision" was selected for the 37th International Exhibition of the Watercolor Art Society-Houston at their gallery in Houston, Texas.



During Spring Break 2014, Professor of Anthropology **Dr. Ben Kracht** took eight students enrolled in ANTH 4133, Field Methods in Ethnology, to New Mexico to learn more about Pueblo Indian cultures. Their assignment was to learn about the commodification of art and tourism as economic survival strategies that allow Native artists to maintain cultural traditions. Eighty percent of the Pueblo economy derives from selling art. During the week long trip, students met with artists from Acoma, Zuni, and Santo Domingo Pueblos. They also visited with artists at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque, and the Palace of the Governors in Santa Fe. On the last day of the trip students hiked the Puye Cliff Dwellings at Santa Clara Pueblo. Students presented their findings at the 42nd Annual Symposium on the American Indian, April 11, 2014

Dr. Donna Shelton, Professor of Spanish, served as the external consultant for Southeastern Oklahoma State University's five-year review of its Spanish Bachelor of Arts degree program. Dr. Shelton presented "Storytelling with Web-based Multimedia Tools" in a focus session at the Southwest Conference on Language Teaching in Snowbird, Utah, April 24-26.



COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Dr. April Adams, Dr. Joan E. Bell, Dr. Pamela Christol, Dr. James Hicks and Dr. Martha Parrott presented workshops at the Northeastern Oklahoma Mathematics and Science Teacher Association meeting on the Tahlequah campus of NSU March 29, 2014.

Dr. Cindy Cisar gave a talk entitled, "Spread of Antimicrobial Resistance Gene, qnrS2, in Bacteria Downstream of a Wastewater Treatment Plant" at the Missouri Branch and Missouri Valley Branch of the American Society for Microbiology Annual Meeting in Kansas City on April 3, 2014.

Dr. Sapna Das-Bradoo reviewed two research articles for the PLOS ONE journal. PLOS ONE is an international, peer-reviewed, open access, online publication.

Dr. Sapna Das-Bradoo's two students attended and present their research at Oklahoma Research day at Edmond on March 7, 2014. Also one of her student's represented NSU at the Capitol for the Research day on April 1, 2014.

Dr. John Diamantopoulos had a joint publication (with Michael Dorff and Shaina Richardson) appear in the April edition of the Notices of the American

Mathematical Society: <http://www.ams.org/notices/201404/rnoti-p384.pdf>

Dr. John Diamantopoulos presented a workshop "Creating Animated GIFs for Classroom Use" at the 2014 International Conference on Technology in Collegiate Mathematica in San Antonio, TX on March 20-22, 2014. [include photo Diamantopoulos_2]

Dr. James Hicks presented a talk on the "Science of Synthesizing Sound" for the NSU Physics Seminar series on March 24th, 2014.

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PROFESSIONS**

Dr. John Diamantopoulos presented a talk "Preliminary Report on Flipping the Classroom: Abstract Algebra" at the 76th Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma-Arkansas Section of the Mathematical Association of America on April 10-12, 2014. Dr. Diamantopoulos also presided over the "Classroom Notes" session of talks at the OK-AR MAA section meeting.



Dr. John Diamantopoulos organized a group of six students to attend the 76th Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma-Arkansas Section of the Mathematical Association of America on April 10, 2014. These students participated as two teams in the Math Jeopardy Competition. All six students also participated in the individual Integration Bee competition on April 12, 2014.

Team 1: **Eli Cobb, Steven Sly and Joshua Killer**



Team 2: **Cindy Jeffcoat, Cheyenne Phillips and Cameron Fielden**



Dr. Mark Paulissen co-authored a note on hybrids between two species of whiptail lizard. The note was published in the March issue of *Herpetological Review*. The reference is: Walker, J.M., J. E. Cordes, S.E. Trauth, and M.A. Paulissen. 2014. ASPIDOSCELIS LAREDOENSIS (Laredo Striped Whiptail) x ASPIDOSCELIS GULARIS (Texas Spotted Whiptail). MAXIMUM BODY SIZE. *Herpetol. Rev.* 45: 125-126.

Dr. Mark Paulissen was awarded the Circle of Excellence Award in Research.

Dr. John Diamantopoulos helped plan, implement and moderate the first, second and final rounds of the Math Jeopardy competition at the 76th Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma-Arkansas Section of the Mathematical Association of America on April 10, 2014. In addition to the usual prizes for members of the first place team from the OK-AR MAA section, Dr. Diamantopoulos arranged for Pearson Ed. To donate 3 gift cards of \$10 for each of the third place team members, 3 gift cards of \$15 for each of the second place team members and 3 gift cards of \$25 for each of the winning team members.

Dr. John Diamantopoulos garnered the necessary support from NSU President **Dr. Steve Turner**, Acting VPAA **Dr. Pam Fly** and Science & Health Professions Dean **Dr. Pam Hathorn** to offer NSU as the host site for the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma-Arkansas Section of the Mathematical Association of America. At the section business meeting on April 12, 2014, while commending both schools (NSU and OU) on being willing to host the meeting, the Site Selection Committee ultimately picked the University of Oklahoma; since it had been a longer time since they last hosted the event.

Dr. Kathi McDowell had two research students present at Oklahoma Research Day on March 7, 2014 at UCO in Edmond. The posters were Gilling, A. and K. McDowell, 2014. Experimental Design: Determination if Rapamycin Treatment of Human Cells Enhances the Association of Sir2 and rDNA and Pahsetopah, K. and K. McDowell. 2014. Experimental Design of Lifespan Extension Involving Sir2 and Calorie Restriction in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* Supplemented with Resveratrol.

Dr. Suneeti Jog's research project entitled "Effects of climate variability and anthropogenic disturbance on wetland condition in Oklahoma" has been selected for Oklahoma EpScoR ROA+ funding program for \$12,500 for Summer 2014.

The new Oklahoma Journal of Undergraduate Research will feature undergraduate research efforts of students in Oklahoma. **Dr. Martha Parrott**, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, has been appointed to the OKJUR Advisory Board working with faculty from other universities to establish the framework for this peer reviewed journal.

Dr. Martha Parrott [April 2014] has published Three Lessons of Clarity, a chapter in Moments of Clarity: Anthology of Stories from Faculty Who Teach for Success, John H. Shrawder, editor.

Dr. Spence Pilcher gave an oral presentation on the preparation of 4-ethoxyphenylurea using microwave irradiation at the 247th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society in Dallas on March 19, 2014.

Dr. Michael Shaughnessy submitted a proposal to the NSU Faculty Research Committee in support of his ongoing research in North Dakota. He also received IACUC approval for his research on small mammals in North Dakota.

Dr. Martha Parrott presented at the 2014 National Council of Teachers of Mathematics annual conference in New Orleans, April 9 - 12, 2014.

Deborah Hyde participated in the Geological Society of America's South Central Section Meeting March 17-18, 2014.

B U S I N E S S A N D T E C H N O L O G Y

Dr. Jitendra Tewari, NSU associate professor of marketing, received the Best Paper of Track Award in accounting/finance/economics at the 2014 Academic and Business Research Institute in San Antonio. His paper, "Some Parallels and Propositions from Consumer Behavior Applied to the Stock Market," extended concepts in pricing in consumer behavior to the field of behavioral finance. Variables included stock price uncertainty, differences in investor behavior dependent on varied price review practices, and differences in investor behavior depending on the importance that investors place on recent price changes.

Dr. Michael Landry, professor of marketing and coordinator of the NSU supply chain management program, and **Dr. Ken Jones**, assistant professor of management, on April 9 took about forty-five graduate and undergraduate students and guests to a tour of the Wal-Mart grocery distribution center #7015 near Bartlesville. Mike Brasel, DC 7015's systems manager, organized the tour. Earlier in the semester, NSU hosted the general manager of DC 7015, Mike Cromwell, and Debra Brock, Wal-Mart's divisional human resource manager for fashion and jewelry as they spoke to Dr. Landry's Logistics and Supply Chain Management MBA class, and to the new student organization at NSU, the Supply Chain Management Association. As a result of Wal-Mart's recruiting efforts, which were a key reason for the visit, supply chain management major Navada Campos will soon become the NSU's first summer intern for Wal-Mart Logistics in Bentonville, Arkansas.

Matthew Mott (left), NSU senior majoring in Supply Chain Management, received a \$1,000 scholarship April 8 during the Tulsa Chapter of the National Association of Purchasing Management meeting on the NSU Broken Arrow campus. Representing NAPM are Mary Baker, incoming president, and Scott Mullins, current president. Mott, 24, of Broken Arrow, works in finance at Hilti and plans to graduate in December. A member of the National Honor Society, Mott received an associate's degree with honors in business from Tulsa Community College in 2012 and has been on the honor roll every semester at NSU.



L I B R A R Y

Gary L. Cheatham, Assistant Professor of Library Services, published a review of the book titled *Kansas City and How It Grew, 1822-2011*, by James R. Shortridge. (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2012). In *Great Plains Quarterly* 34 (Winter 2014) 1:96-97.

Karl G. Siewert, instructional librarian for the College of Education, attended the Oklahoma Library Association annual conference on April 1-2. At the conference he presented a session enti-

tled "The State of Interlibrary Loan", sharing with colleagues his experiences moving into academic librarianship and interlibrary loan service after 11 years as a public librarian. He also moderated a panel discussion called "Not Your Grandpa's Comic Books." Four librarians (two academic and two public) talked about the challenges of collecting, cataloging, shelving and circulating bound comics and graphic novels.

If you have any information that you would like to have posted in the next issue of the Academic Times newsletter, please work through your dean's office. **Please submit information in the form of a Word document by the 15th of the month for the next month's issue.** To avoid confusion, please wait until you have all the information for your article before emailing it so we won't have to decide which is the corrected copy.

If you have any questions, please email Susan Marrs at perrysu@nsuok.edu. Any information sent after that will be in the following newsletter

E D U C A T I O N

College of Education

Dr. Debbie Landry and Dr. Vanessa Anton attended the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) conference in Indianapolis, IN, March 1-3, 2014. They also participated in the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation's (CAEP) pre-conference workshop on February 28, 2014. This year's theme was "Taking Charge of Change."

Dr. Vanessa Anton and Dr. Lisa Tritschler attended the CAEP accreditation conference/training in Nashville, TN, March 26-28, 2014. This was the first Spring CAEP Conference since the de facto consolidation (of NCATE and TEAC) officially established the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation as the new, sole specialized accreditor of educator preparation.

Psychology and Counseling

Spring, C. C., Baker-Oglesbee, A., Cragg, K., Fowler, A., & Bean, R. (2014, April: accepted). Native American college students' personal growth initiative, health, and ethnic identity. Poster to be presented at the Southwestern Psychological Association's Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.

Baker-Oglesbee, A., Spring, C. C., Cragg, K., Fowler, A., & Bean, R. (2014, April: accepted). Relationships between ethnic identity, health, and life-satisfaction in Native American students. Poster to be presented at the Southwestern Psychological Association's Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.

Spring, C. C., Keller-Dupree, E., Baker-Oglesbee, A., & Fowler, A. (2014, April: accepted). Undergraduate psychology majors' involvement in research: A pilot study. Poster to be presented at the Southwestern Psychological Association's Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.

Roberts, S. L., Chin, A., & Hixson, K. S. (2014, April). Promoting undergraduate professional development: The 'Psychology As A Career and Profession' course. Workshop presented at the annual meeting of Southwestern Teaching of Psychology Association, San Antonio, TX.

Curriculum and Instruction

Jessica Breske and Amanda Jespersen received NSU's Outstanding Senior Award. Both teacher candidates graduate this semester with a Bachelor's in Special Education. Jessica Breske was inducted into NSU's Hall of Fame.



Pictured: Amanda Jespersen and Jessica Breske proudly showcase their awards with their professors, Anthony Rothfork and Dr. Lisa Tritschler

Dr. Mary Swanson had the esteemed honor of being inducted as a DaVinci Fellow at the 2014 DaVinci Banquet held in the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City on March 28, 2014. This recognition is given to honor her creative models for preparing undergraduate and graduate teacher candidates for the classroom of the 21st Century. The DaVinci Institute Board of Directors recognizes creativity, broadly defined, among Oklahoma's higher education faculty. Acting on the premise that creative thought and insight are fundamental components of extraordinary scholarship, invention, teaching, and performance across academic disciplines, the DaVinci Institute seeks nominees whose accomplishments reflect a high degree of innovation.



Amanda Jespersen, NSU special education major, was also inducted as a DaVinci Scholar. The DaVinci Scholar Award is designed to honor pre-service teachers whose academic accomplishments and service to the university are deemed most notable. Amanda demonstrated the ability to integrate content into relevant applications through a service learning proposal that exemplified scholarship, creativity, inventiveness, sound teaching techniques, and a keen sense of responsibility.



Attending the banquet to honor Dr. Swanson and Amanda were Dr. Louis White, Dr. Anthony Rothfork, Dr. Pam Fly, Dr. Martha Parrott, and Dr. Ken Hancock.

GRANT NEWS

Award Name: Get Green for Blue Summer Academy 2014

Award Dates: January 1, 2014 - September 30, 2014

Award Amount: \$10,600

Project Director(s): Dr. Kathi McDowell, Dr. Pamela Christol and Dr. Martha Parrott



Funding Agency: Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Purpose of Award: This project will continue a week-long summer academy for high school students at the NSU Broken Arrow campus. The academy will connect students to possible career paths, to their relationship with the local and global environmental communities, and to their roles as responsible stewards of the planet

Award Name: MLK Collegiate Challenge 2014

Award Dates: 09/25/2013 - 05/31/2014

Award Amount: \$1,000

Project Director: Chris Adney



Funding Agency: University of Montana through the National Institutes of Health

Purpose of Award: Funds received will be used in participation of a campus and community event that focuses on a day of service for public education schools. Volunteers are placed in multiple public school campuses to collaborate with the principal or other designated representatives to assist in various service related needs.

Award Name: 2M2L Campus Community Task Force 2013

Award Dates: 08/01/2013 - 12/31/2013

Award Amount: \$15,350

Project Director: Patti Buhl



Funding Agency: State of Oklahoma Department of Mental & Substance Abuse

Purpose of Award: Funding received is for use in the prevention and reduction of alcohol-related crime in university communities through evidence-based approaches that include: provision of Responsible Beverage Service and Sales training to alcohol retailers, increased alcohol law enforcement efforts, training to enhance alcohol enforcement efforts and development of a web-based training on alcohol policy.

Award Name: Native Words, Native Warriors 2014

Award Dates: 12/01/2013 - 04/30/2014

Award Amount: \$1,000

Project Director: Susan Woitte



Funding Agency: Smithsonian Institute

Purpose of Award: Funding assistance for the Native Words, Native Warriors traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian Institute. This grant will allow NSU to develop school outreach activities in conjunction with the exhibit.

GRANT NEWS

Award Name: Osage Mathematics & Science Partnership 2014

Award Dates: 02/01/2014 - 06/30/2015

Award Amount: \$23,634

Project Director: Dr. Martha Parrott



Funding Agency: State Department of Education through Osage County Interlocal

Purpose of Award: Three NSU professors will take a leading role in designing a two-week summer STEM institute for public school teachers. Teachers who attend the STEM institute will gain increased content knowledge and ultimately be better prepared to help their students attain objectives set forth in the Oklahoma Academic Standards.

Award Name: American Indian Science & Engineering Society (AISES- EPSCoR Spring 2014)

Award Dates: 01/15/2014 - 04/30/2014

Award Amount: \$5,000

Project Director: Dr. Phyllis Fife



Funding Agency: Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma EPSCoR through National Science Foundation

Purpose: To assist students with the following travel expenses:

AISES Leadership Conference - Albuquerque, NM March 20-23, 2014

AISES Region IV Conference - Norman, OK April 4-5, 2014

AISES Day, Symposium on the American Indian Luncheon - Tahlequah, OK April 11, 2014