



Wel come Back !

Activities are picking up and the new semester and school year are getting **started with a bang. It's always exciting** to see the students returning and the new, freshmen arriving with **hopeful looks on their faces! Let's help** them experience the best year of their college careers. The Office of Academic Affairs hopes that this will be a very productive and fun-filled year for you as well.



Just a reminder about your submissions to the Academic Times... Please get your articles turned in **NO LATER THAN the 15th of the month** as an *attachment in Word format*. Your Dean should be aware of all your **submissions. (We don't want any surprises!)** The only time the deadline will be extended is if the 15th falls on a Saturday or Sunday, in which case the deadline will be the following Monday morning. If the 15th falls on a holiday, please have it in **BEFORE** we leave for the time away. We do not edit or re-write any articles so be sure to check them for correctly spelled names and proper grammar.



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LIBRARY

Each year since 1988, at the Annual SLA (Special Libraries Association) Conference in June, the Leadership and Management Division has honored one of our division's members in recognition of significant leadership in the information management profession during the previous five years.

Accomplishments may be in any aspect of library and information management, for example:

- Visionary leadership
 - Planning and strategy
 - Information policy
 - Technology
 - Communication
 - Marketing and public relations
 - Human resources
 - Finance
 - Ethics
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The accomplishment(s) must be documented by professional talks, forums, articles and/or other written communications.

Tom Rink was named the 2014 recipient of the Karen J. Switt Leadership Award. This award is presented annually to a member of Leadership and Management Division of the Special Libraries Association who best exemplifies the qualities demonstrated by Karen Switt.

Here is a part of the nominating letter LMD received about Tom:

Tom is the face of SLA. He has served in key roles in extremely challenging times. Tom united members across divisions to work together to further common goals. His concern for SLA and his dedication to the association is so great that he was willing to support individual divisions in a very personal way, both financially and through leadership, in order to help them remain viable and financially solvent. Each and every time something is asked of him, Tom responds affirmatively, positively and with energy and enthusiasm, whether by accepting a role as an officer or simply by giving advice to others. He is a role model who goes above and beyond in his mentorship of others. On the many occasions that SLA members have reached out to Tom with questions or concerns or with the need for a sounding

board, he is always there as a voice of reason with a wry sense of humour. No matter what happens, Tom has a smile on his face. Quality personal relationships are key to engaging and retaining members of an association. Tom has been cultivating and nurturing relationships with his fellow SLA members for years and years. The future of our profession depends on more people like him becoming involved and leading the way.

Tom is the Instruction Librarian at Northeastern State University in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. He joined SLA in 1996 and has held many leadership roles with SLA's chapters and divisions. Tom served as president of the Oklahoma chapter, treasurer of the Solo Division and the Advertising & Marketing Division, and as Division Cabinet Chair on the SLA Board of Directors. He is currently LMD's membership chair and also sits on SLA's Finance Committee.

Gary L. Cheatham, Assistant Professor of Library Services, published a review of the book titled *The Great Sioux War Orders of Battle: How the United States Army Waged War on the Northern Plains, 1876-1877*, by Paul L. Hedren. (Norman, OK: The Arthur H. Clark Company, 2011). In *Army History: The Professional Bulletin of Army History* 92 (Summer 2014): 43-44.

Oklahoma College of Optometry

Dr. Patrick Stark, Dr. Joseph Shetler and his wife Karen accompanied 17 optometry students on a service trip to Roatan, Honduras. They spent four days in two different locations providing eye exams, glasses, and medications for over 800 people on the island. This was the 5th trip to Roatan for the group Student Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity. (Continued on Page 3)



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Dr. Richard Castillo, (NSUOCO surgeon) lectured on topics related to optometric office surgery, anesthesia, and ophthalmic lasers at the semi-annual meeting of the Kentucky Optometric Association in Lexington, KY.

Dr. Castillo participated in NSUOCO's annual multi-state Advanced Procedures for Optometric Physicians where he lectured on office-based anesthesia, melanoma screening, tissue biopsy and suturing for optometrists in Tahlequah, OK.

Dr. Castillo participated in telephone session which included a panel of experts moderated by the FDA dealing with ophthalmic evaluation and optometric practice with regards to participation in FDA drug-trials.

Dr. Castillo completed a certification course in the use of a new post-cataract surgery tissue-sealant. He also completed a course on femtosecond laser-assisted cataract surgery in Houston, TX.

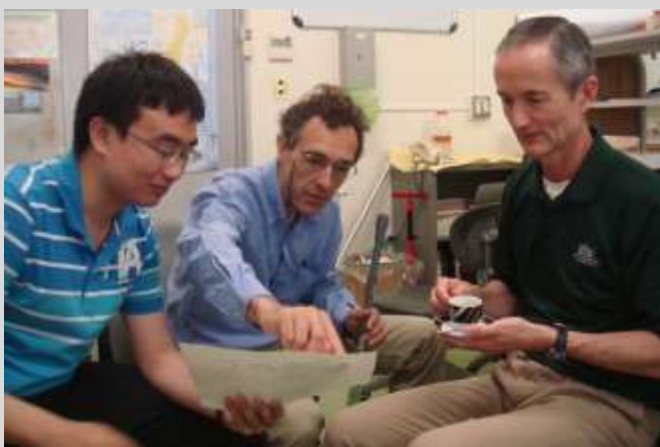
Dr. Thomas Salmon visited Japan July 3-13, where he attended the Japan Contact Lens Society annual meeting, lectured at Yokohama City University on an "Introduction to Human Vision," met with Japanese NSU graduates, and visited friends who survived the 2011 tsunami in northern Japan, where he did volunteer work three years ago following the tsunami.



Dinner with some NSU graduates in Tokyo.



Meeting with a tsunami survivor whom I met in 2011 during tsunami recovery work.



Discussing research in the cognitive sciences research lab at Yokohama City University.

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

Grant News

Award Name: Oklahoma Alliance for Manufacturing Excellence 2014-2015

Award Dates: July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Award Amount: \$113,447

Project Director: Mr. Curtis Evans

Purpose of Award: A Manufacturing Extension Agent working out of the NSU-BA campus, will assist local manufacturers in various ways to make their businesses more successful.



Award Name: NSU Chamber Music Series

Award Dates: July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Award Amount: \$1,250

Project Director: Dr. Norman Wika

Funding Agency: Oklahoma Arts Council

Purpose of Award: The NSU Chamber Music Series will bring professional musicians to the Tahlequah area to provide both chamber music and solo performances. These artists will also provide master classes to area music students.



Award Name: ODOC-OCRD 2014-2015

OK Center for Rural Development

Award Dates: 07/01/2014 - 06/30/2015

Award Amount: \$94,387

Project Director: Mr. Raymond Murphy

Funding Agency: Oklahoma Department of Commerce

Purpose of Award: Funding will support economic development partnerships and Oklahoma communities' analysis reports in areas such as demographic summary reports and thematic maps.



Award Name: Antifungal Activity and Cellular Targets 2014-15

Award Dates: 06/01/2014 - 04/30/2015

Award Amount: \$33,469

Project Director: Dr. Cindy Cisar

Funding Agency: National Institutes of Health through Oklahoma University Health Sciences Center

Purpose of Award: Funding to perform research of antifungal activity and cellular target (s) of modified lactoferricin peptides in collaboration with the University of Arkansas. This study examines modifications to a natural antimicrobial, lactoferricin, in order to determine how antimicrobial activity may be increased and to better understand the effects of these modified compounds on human pathogens.



Grant News

Award Name: McM10 and Polymerase Epsilon 2014-15

Award Dates: 06/01/2014 - 04/30/2015

Award Amount: \$30,062

Project Director: **Dr. Sapna Das Bradoo**

Funding Agency: National Institutes of Health through Oklahoma University Health Sciences Center



Purpose of Award: The overall goal of this award is to achieve a molecular understanding of the physical interaction between McM10 and polymerase epsilon and the role it may play in activating the DNA replication stress checkpoint pathway. The impact of this study will be to significantly improve the understanding of how genome integrity is protected in actively replicating cells.

Award Name: Research Project-Ard1 Drosophila 2014-2016

Award Dates: 06/01/2014 - 04/30/2015 Year 1 of 3

Award Amount: \$104,276

Project Director: **Dr. Joseph Ahlander**

Funding Agency: National Institutes of Health through Oklahoma University Health Sciences Center



Purpose of Award: Experiments in mammalian cancer models have shown that overexpression of Ard1 promotes tumor growth, while its inhibition causes tumor cell death, yet the molecular mechanisms that underlie these observations have not been fully elucidated. The PI's preliminary data suggest a novel mechanism for the role of Ard1 in cell survival, and this research will make an important contribution toward understanding cancer.

Award Name: Student Support Services 2014-2015 Year 5/5

Award Dates: September 1, 2014 - August 31, 2015

Award Amount: \$288,684

Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Education

CFDA#: 84.042A

Project Director: **Lena Deere**



Purpose of Award(s): To provide student services to those who meet the federal eligibility criteria and demonstrate academic need in order to successfully complete a program of study at NSU. To provide a comprehensive system of support services such as counseling, tutoring and academic enrichment activities.