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## NSU Libraries



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Samantha Clifford, Tamara Kharabora, Kathleen McCay, Tom Rink, Karl Siewert and Susan Woitte presented their research poster at the Oklahoma Chapter of ACRL Conference on Libraries, Leadership & Learning November 6, 2014. The poster creatively illustrates the Information Literacy Learning Community objectives, recent instruction collaborations and their assessment.

Dr. Pamela Louderback will participate in the 2015 Leading Change Institute (formerly the Frye Leadership Institute) in Washington, D.C. This is a highly selective, advanced and intensive leadership development institute for library and IT administrators. It is sponsored by Council on Library and Information Resources and EDUCAUSE.



## College of Business and Technology

Dr. Ken Jones and Dr. Jim Phillips, are co-authors of a research article due for April 15 release of the Mustang Journal of Marketing and Management, for Spring 2015. **The article is entitled: "Going Home: Why Is Regular Remote Work Reeling?"**.

A Muskogee Phoenix article released February 1st, documented the Trail Blazer program implemented by NSU's Alumni Association and Dr. Ken Jones of the College of Business and Technology. The article noted the success of bringing 22 alumni into Dr. Jones' classroom during the Fall 2014 semester. The article cited the positive response of students and alumni to the effort.

## College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Mark Bighley, Professor of Music and Chair of the Music Department, performed an organ recital on Sunday, March 15 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in New York City, and on Monday, March 30 at First United Methodist Church in Tahlequah. He performed works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Dieterich Buxtehude, Samuel Scheidt and Ernst Pepping.

Dr. Brian Cowlshaw, **Associate Professor of English**, authored **"What Masters Knew: Narrating Knowing,"** a chapter in the book *Mastering the Game of Thrones* by Jes Battis and Susan Johnston. In its review wrote, "Battis and Johnson have assembled a volume that stands on its own both as rigorous criticism and as an accessible way for rabid fans to lose themselves in Westeros all over again...recommended."

Professor of English Dr. Joseph Faulds' **essay, "Living Memory: Mythic Cycles of Time in Silko, Harjo, and Tallmountain,"** was presented at the National Association of Native American Studies Conference (Feb. 9-14) and will be included in a monograph of essays selected from the conference proceedings, to be published later this year.

Pete Henshaw, Adjunct Instructor in Art, published two articles in the January 2015 issue of *The Contact Sheet – The Journal of the University Photographers' Association of America*. The articles are titled "No. 53: Another Symposium in the Books" and "Help-Portrait Event Benefits the Photographers and the Photographed."

Dr. Christopher Malone, Professor of English, led twelve students, alumni, and others on a 12-day trip to Ireland in August 2014. The study away experience was part of a fall intersession course entitled *The Sense of Place in Contemporary Irish Fiction*. In July 2014, Malone presented a paper, "Ekphrastic Explorations of Evil in DeLillo and McCarthy," at an interdisciplinary conference called *Evil Incarnate: Manifestations of Villains and Villainy*, at Case Western Reserve University. In April 2015 he will participate in a panel presentation as part of the "Big Read" event at NSU-BA, focusing on Ursula K. LeGuin's *A Wizard of Earthsea*.

Dr. David K. Scott and Dr. Mike Chanslor, Professors Communication and Media Studies, and Jennifer Dixon of Marymount Manhattan College, published an article in the peer-reviewed *Journal of Children and Media* (Volume. 8, Issue. 4, 2014). The article investigated the journalistic quality of adolescent-targeted newscasts in the USA through a comparative analysis between *Channel One News*, *CNN Student News*, and the *CBS Evening News*. Overall it was concluded that the potential of *Channel One News* to engage youth had been compromised due to the commercial emphasis of the newscast.

Professor of Social Work Dr. Virginia Drywater-Whitekiller's article, 'Family Group Conferencing: An Indigenous Practice Approach to Compliance With the Indian Child Welfare Act', published in *Journal of Public Child Welfare* has been included in an online article collection featuring the most downloaded articles published in Routledge Health & Social Care journals in 2014. The collection

features the top three most downloaded articles that were published and downloaded in 2014 in each Routledge Health and Social Care journal. It can be freely available on the Routledge website until the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, via the collection homepage here: <http://bit.ly/health-social-care-most-read>

The NSU Speech and Debate Team took home 9 awards at the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Forensics Association State Tournament, including 3rd place in Individual Event Sweepstakes. The team is directed by Dr. Kristopher Copeland, Assistant Professor of Communication.

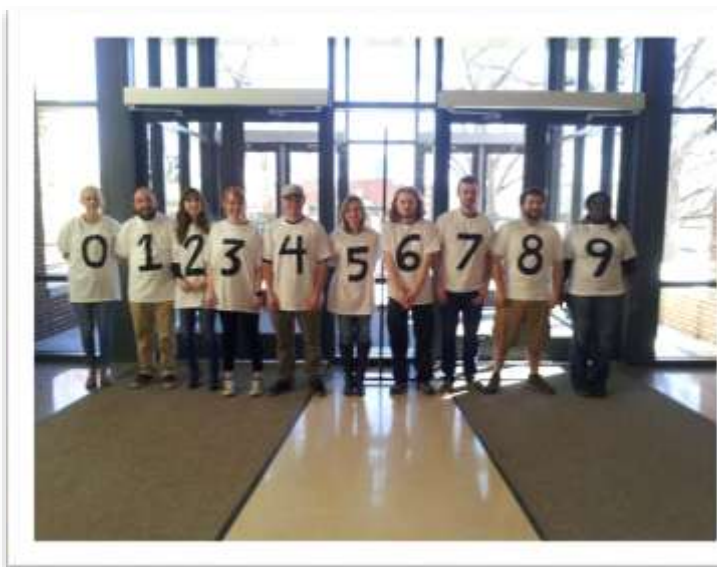




## College of Science and Health Professions



Dr. Soma Datta, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, accompanied five students to the STEM conference in San Jose, California Feb. 19-21, 2015. The conference "Closing the Gap" is an effort to encourage women to enter the field of Computer Science. The visit included a trip to Google to tour its facilities and meet employees.



Dr. Soma Datta made two presentations at the NOMSTA conference held March 7, 2015 in Tahlequah. In the first, she demonstrated a website that leads people to understand computer programming through a series of fun games and puzzles. In the second, she led students to perform a dance that illustrated how a computer algorithm sorts numbers smallest to largest. The dance is found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7JZrf6JGGkw&feature=youtu.be>

## Oklahoma College of Optometry

Nathan Lighthizer, O.D., Assistant Dean for Clinical Care Services at the College of Optometry, traveled to Atlanta, Georgia to lecture at the SECO International Conference, which is the second largest optometric conference in the nation with over 6,000 attendees. Dr. Lighthizer lectured on Anaphylaxis, Oral Narcotics, Electrophysiology, and Laser Procedures for the management of glaucoma.

Dr. Lighthizer also traveled to Fort Smith, Arkansas and lectured for the Western Arkansas Optometric Association on anterior segment eye disease and viral eye disease.

Dr. Richard Castillo, NSUOCO ophthalmologist, completed recertification in Advanced Cardiopulmonary Life Support, and an OSHA-compliant **Physician's Blood** borne Pathogen Prevention certification course.

Dr. Spencer Johnson presented several hours of continuing education to optometrist at the North Dakota Optometric Association Spring Conference in Bismarck, North Dakota on February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Courses covered topics on neuroimaging, evaluation of anisocoria, headaches, diabetes, pink eye, and a new system for coding diseases in the United States (the International Classification of Disease – 10<sup>th</sup> revision), scheduled for implementation on October 1, 2015.



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