Faculty and Staff Accomplishments

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Letter from the Provost

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In February 2011, NCATE awarded the Mathematics Education program the designation of being “nationally recognized.” The Mathematics Education program prepares secondary mathematics teachers and is the largest program in the state. Many thanks go to Dr. Deborah Carment for her dedicated efforts to design assessments, collect data, and write the report that gained the program that designation.

Dr. Jude Abia has been appointed to the position of Councilor at the local and divisional level of the American Chemical Society. As Councilor, Dr. Abia will speak for the members of the local section or division at the national level. Dr. Abia will help to set national policies for ACS that directly or indirectly affect his constituency. Also he will be a voice of the national ACS that must speak to his constituency about the greater needs of the ACS as a whole. He served as a peer reviewer for the International Journal of Chemistry and Modern Applied Sciences.

Dr. April Adams presented a poster entitled "Adapting a Methods Course Concerning Inquiry Based Instruction to the Online Environment: Successes and Challenges" at the Association for Science Teacher Education International Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, January 19-22, 2011.

Diana Mashburn and Lori Murray, nursing instructors, presented "Stick Your Neck Out: Provide Evidence Based Culturally Competent Geriatric Care" at the Region Nurses Association March meeting.

Dr. Mia Revels was awarded a $10,000 grant from the United States Fish and Wildlife Refuge to continue her studies on Swainson's Warbler Ecology and Behavior at the Little River National Wildlife Refuge. Dr. Revels and her Ornithology class were highlighted in the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology Online Research in Biology News Page describing their contribution to the Great Backyard Bird Count, a national Citizen Science Project used to monitor bird population numbers and distribution (http://www.birds.cornell.edu/orb/content/news/great-backyard-bird-count-february-18-21). She was recognized through an article published in the Winter Brings Bald Eagles to Spring Creek, Spring Creek Coalition Winter 2011 Newsletter.

Dr. Erik Terdal spoke on "Tropical Landscapes for Oklahoma Gardens" to the Tulsa Perennial Club. He assisted a team from UCO in surveying dwarf palmetto (Sabal minor) populations in McCurtain County for cold damage after the recent winter weather. Dr. Terdal had a talk proposal on mammals of the Maya Mountains in Belize accepted for the annual meeting of the Southwestern Association of Naturalists.


Dr. Rui Zhang gave a colloquium talk in the physics department of Oklahoma State University. The title of his talk was, "How to trap HIV budding and assembly -- A physics approach."

Dr. Mark Paulissen served as a peer reviewer for the Journal of Herpetology.
Dr. Julia Kwok and Ms. Elizabeth Rabe are the recipients of "Distinguished Case Award" for their case entitled "Conflict Between Doing Well and Doing Good?" submitted to the 2011 Southwestern Case Research Association Conference. The award was presented at the Federation of Business Disciplines Dinner, which was held in March. The case illustrates the coexistence of company performance and ethicality.

Coauthored with Ms. Elizabeth Rabe, Dr. Julia Kwok presented their paper "The Economics of Sustainability: Environmental Accounting and Capital Budgeting" at the 2011 Southwestern Finance Association Conference in March in Houston, Texas. It discusses how to estimate potential cash flows related to sustainability and addresses modifications to the traditional capital budgeting techniques to evaluate the costs and benefits of economical, social and financial efficiency.

Dr. Julia Kwok, coauthored with her students, Mr. Walid Shaker and Mr. Michael Todd, had a poster presentation of their project "Security Investment Using StockTrak Program" at the 2010 Oklahoma Research Day in November at Cameron University, Lawton, OK. The project involves the use of an investment simulation program to form a diversified portfolio to demonstrate the concepts of asset allocation and security selection.

MBA students in Dr. Michael Landry’s Logistics and Supply Chain Management class were scheduled to take a tour of the Wal-Mart distribution center near Bartlesville in March.

Dr. E.J. Bang’s manuscript entitled "Assessing PTSD and Resilience for Females who During Childhood were Exposed to Domestic Violence" has been accepted for publication in Child & Family Social Work.

Dr. Mark Bighley published the article "Martin Schalling’s 'Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart" in CrossAccent, the Journal of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (2011, XIX/1, 34-47). In addition, he performed faculty organ recitals in Tulsa and Tahlequah. He also performed a recital at the First Presbyterian Church in Oklahoma City.

Jason Dovel served as an adjudicator for the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association's solo and ensemble contest held at Skiatook High School. He also hosted Dr. Jason Bergman, trumpet professor at the University of Southern Mississippi, and Timothy McFadden, principal trumpet of the Tulsa Symphony Orchestra, as guest artists in March 2011.

Six homeland security students spent spring break conducting heavy rescue training at Camp Gruber with Response International Group. This was an internship opportunity where our students gained college credit and bridged the gap between the classroom and real world experience. The students spent the week in a natural disaster scenario, working 12 hour days with trainers. Dr. Buster Hall coordinated the training with RIG and made the experience possible for our students.

Dr. Connie Henshaw, English education specialist for the department of languages and literature, will direct and perform in "Handiwork", a Readers' Theater production she created, in which American Indian women speak of their own experiences in Indian Territory/Oklahoma Territory as recorded in the WPA Narratives through the voices of contemporary women. The event is Thursday, April 14 for the 39th Annual Symposium on the American Indian "Hands Across Nations: Smart Legacies Strong Spirits."

Invited to participate in NSU's Debate & Dialogue sessions held in the Webb auditorium, Connie Henshaw, department of languages and literature, is to take the position that "Tenure Should Be Abolished Within University Settings". Dr. Denise Deason-Toyne will take the opposing view. The sessions are to create discussion among the campus community regarding issues concerning higher education and the debate is facilitated by Dr. David Scott. This session is at noon, April 13 and audience questions are invited at the end of the pro and con presentations.
Dr. Kimberli Lee has been invited to write a section for *The Oxford Handbook of Indigenous American Literatures*. She will be writing on Contemporary American Indian music as Rhetoric and Literature. The Handbook will be edited by Daniel H. Justice, PhD (Cherokee), and James Cox, PhD. Additionally, Kim will be a featured speaker at the upcoming CCCC's National Convention in Atlanta, April 6-9, 2011.

Four students in NSU's M.A. in English program made presentations at “Exploring the Renaissance 2011: An International Conference” in St. Louis in March. This interdisciplinary conference, sponsored annually by the South-Central Renaissance Conference and held this year at Saint Louis University, features scholarly research on Renaissance literature, history, art, and music. Heather Aziere, Stephanie Christodoulou, Terry Gamel, and Michael Reese presented papers on Shakespearean comedies that they had written in Fall 2010 for a graduate course in Shakespeare on the Broken Arrow campus. Their professor, Dr. John Mercer, also attended the conference and presented a paper concerning the 2010 production of *The Merchant of Venice* at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

On April 14 John Milbauer will present a lecture entitled Oklahoma County Courthouse Monuments in the Tahlequah public library.

In February Brad Montgomery-Anderson was an invited speaker at Central Connecticut State University’s symposium for International Mother Language Day where he presented a talk on Mayan languages. At the end of March, he gave a talk in Seattle at the annual meeting for the Society for Applied Anthropology on ‘Language Revitalization as a Multi-Front Endeavor.’ The *Southwest Journal of Linguistics* published his article on ‘Alternatives to the applicative in Chontal Mayan.’ Brad also published reviews of the following books: ‘Dying Words’ in *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology*; ‘Language Contact’ in *Journal of Sociolinguistics*, and ‘Native American Language Ideologies: Beliefs, Practices, and Struggles in Indian Country’ in *Journal of Sociolinguistics*.

Tony Oseland coordinated the celebration for the “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day” here in Tahlequah. He was able to get Mayor Ken Purdy to issue an official Proclamation for the City of Tahlequah naming March 30, 2011 as “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day” in the city of Tahlequah and arranged an open house at Blackfox-Hartness American Legion Post 135 in Tahlequah for the 30th where there will be representatives of Northeastern State University, The Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, The Oklahoma Department of the American Legion, Cherokee County Veterans Council, and several other veterans service organizations in attendance. There will also be a veterans service officer available to assist any veteran in filing paperwork with the Department of Veterans Affairs as well as a disaster preparedness presentation.

Robyn Pursley is currently directing the NSU Theatre Company production of *Noises Off* starring NSU alumnus Joe Sears (author of the acclaimed play Greater Tuna). The play runs April 21-23, 2011 at the Shawnee Street Theatre with a special preview performance on April 20, 2011.

Amy Aldridge Sanford gave a presentation about creativity in the college classroom to faculty at SWOSU in early March.

Timothy Saucier is performing the role of the silver tongued attorney, Billy Flynn, in Muskogee Little Theatre’s production of *CHICAGO* the musical. The show is sold out a week before it opens, however there are some seats available an hour before performances, first come first served. There may be an added performance due to popular demand on Wednesday, April 6th.

Paula Settoon has been appointed as the 2011-12 Communications Vice President for the Junior League of Tulsa. Paula is also a member of the Designer Showcase Committee benefiting the Foundation for Tulsa Schools.

Dr. Donna Shelton has been selected to receive the 2011 Excellence in Teaching Award for Higher Education from SWCOLT, the Southwest Conference on Language Teaching, a nine-state organization that holds annual conferences related to all aspects of world language teaching.
Olaf Standley presented at the Tulsa Community Part-Time Faculty Workshop on February 19. His presentation titled "Using Social Media to Engage Your Students" taught others how to integrate social media into the classroom.

At the beginning of March, Olaf Standley represented NSU at Hale High School in Tulsa and spoke with the AVID College Prep students about the importance of a college education. AVID is a national program aimed at preparing high school students for college.

Melissa Strong's article "The Limits of Newness: Hybridity in Octavia E. Butler's Fledgling" has been accepted for publication in the journal Femspec. Her essay "The New (Working) Woman in Gilman's Herland" is featured in the anthology Women and Work, due out this month from Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Over Spring Break, Dr. Anne Watson, founding Ironwood Trio member, was involved in a tour of universities in both Arkansas and Missouri. With the other two Trio members, she performed in recitals and gave masterclasses at each university.

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Dr. Mike Wilds presented at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences March 2011 in Toronto, Canada. His presentation addressed "Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence." The seminar was attended by more than 1,000 academicians located throughout the world.

Dr. Mike Wilds volunteered for three weeks at Union High School to teach "Forensics" to graduating seniors. The goal is to acquaint the high school students with the college atmosphere, thus facilitating their smooth transition from high school to college (preferably NSU). Dr. Cari Keller will continue the transition by teaching classes at Union High School this April.

Shannon Unger successfully defended her dissertation at the University of Memphis over spring break, and will receive her D.M.A. in May. Additionally, she was contracted for upcoming engagements with Light Opera Oklahoma and the Tulsa Oratorio Chorus. Engagements include the role of Dinah in Bernstein's opera Trouble in Tahiti and Assistant Director for The Light in the Piazza with Light Opera Oklahoma, and mezzo-soprano soloist for the entire season with the Tulsa Oratorio Chorus. Future collaborations with Eric Gibson of Light Opera Oklahoma include the First Annual NSU Vocal workshop and Broadway recital on April 1, 2011. Shannon, together with her colleagues, Dr. Ronald Chiodi and Dr. Patricia Surman will present Jake Heggie's song cycle The Deepest Desire for the fundraising concert organized by the Japanese students association. This work was also presented at the College Music Society conference in March.

Sarah Burkhead, Tammy Pavao, and Rachel Whitaker represented the NSU Libraries by attending the workshop "Copyright Issues for Librarians" held at the Stillwater Public Library on February 23, which was sponsored by the Oklahoma Library Association Ethics Committee.

Ms. Meagan Eeg is assuming the role of the 'Technology Column Editor' in The Oklahoma Reader.
Ms. Ingrid Ahrens Massey (Reading/Literacy) is taking students in her undergraduate reading methods course to Cherokee Elementary in Tahlequah weekly. There, they apply the theoretical knowledge gleaned in university coursework.

Dr. Stephan Sargent and Ms. Meagan Eeg are embarking on a major research study in collaboration with Dr. Evan Ortlieb of Texas A&M (Corpus Christi) and Capstone Digital Media dealing with reading attitude of elementary students when using digital books, an area with little prior research.

Dr. Mindy Smith, Ms. Ingrid Ahrens Massey, and Ms. Meagan Eeg took three classes of graduate students to the annual conference of The Oklahoma Reading Association, the state affiliate of the International Reading Association. There, in addition to the wonderful activities at the conference, graduate students heard Dr. Michael Opitz, nationally renowned researcher in the reading field.

If you have any information that you would like to have posted in the April issue of the Academic Times newsletter, please work through your dean’s office. Please submit information in the form of a word document. If you have any questions, contact Monica Barnett at barnettm@nsuok.edu. The deadline for the April issue is April 15. Any information sent after that will be in the following newsletter.

Dr. Mary Swanson and Dr. Tobi Thompson are teaching the first two courses in the Graduate Reading Program's new on-line program.

Dr. Tobi Thompson is publishing a book review of In a Reading State of Mind by Fisher, Frey and Lapp in The Oklahoma Reader. This is a peer-review, state journal of the Oklahoma Reading Association (an affiliate of the International Reading Association).

Dr. Mindy Smith is taking her undergraduate classes to Sandburg Elementary in Tulsa. This not only helps the NSU students merge theory and practice, but also provides a way for Dr. Smith to offer literacy assistance the students at the elementary school, helping real people in real time.

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