Faculty and Staff Accomplishments

The fifth annual Northeastern State University (NSU) Trumpet Festival was held February 4, 2012, in the NSU Jazz Lab. The featured clinician was Vince DiMartino, international soloist and Matson Professor of Music at Centre College. More than 100 trumpeters from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, and Kansas attended the daylong event that was hosted by Dr. Jason Dovel, assistant professor of trumpet.

Dr. Patricia Surman, instructor of flute, was awarded the 2011-12 Yamaha In-Service Fellowship, which will fund a series of outreach concerts with the new music chamber ensemble DuoInteraktiv. She gave a lecture-recital at the 2012 Florida Flute Association's State Convention on learning to perform music for flute and computer. Dr. Surman will be giving a presentation entitled “Approaching Music for Flute and Computer” at the CMS South Central Conference in Ada, OK on March 1st. In February, she will be going on a concert tour with DuoInteraktiv including appearances at Baylor University, the University of North Texas, East Central Oklahoma State University, and Texas A&M Commerce. In November 2011, Dr. Surman was featured performer at the Rochester Flute Fair in Rochester, NY, where she gave a recital of twentieth century American music for piccolo and piano.

Dr. David Madden’s Mock Trial team, consisting of 8 students, competed in a regional tournament in Topeka, Kansas. The team won two trials. One member of the team, Ariel Moss, won a best witness award.

Ms. Amy Proctor, instructor of criminal justice, will be the principal investigator on a $199,041 grant from the Department of Justice (COPs) and the Cherokee Nation. She will be researching the impact of drug trafficking through the Native American Nations within the United States.

Dr. Michael Wilds, Director of the NSU Crime and Justice Institute, organized and sponsored the Gangs 101 (CLEET certified) seminar on February 17. More than 225 law enforcement officers, educators, and NSU students attended the seminar. In addition, Channel 2, Channel 8, Channel 51, KRMG radio station, the Tulsa World, and the Broken Arrow Ledger covered the seminar.
Great news from our Early Childhood Program! **Taylor Kearney** has been selected to receive the DaVinci Fellowship Award from the DaVinci Institute. She will receive a $3000 stipend when she begins her first year of teaching in an Oklahoma School.

**Dr. Ken Jones**, information systems instructor, and **Dr. Michael Landry**, professor of marketing, met with the Supply Chain Advisory Council of the College of Business and Technology November 18 to seek industry comments regarding possible curriculum revisions in the supply chain major. “Our goals are to align ourselves as closely as possible with exactly what industry needs and to prepare our students in those directions,” according to Dr. Landry.

**Dr. Kathleen Reese**, interim associate dean and professor of marketing, and **Dr. Michael Landry**, professor of marketing, attended a daylong Social Media Marketing Conference in Tulsa presented by Skillpath Seminars in October.

**Dr. Abia** was a recipient of $3999 on an OKINBRE grant in January 2012. Dr. Abia was also invited to speak at the Tulsa Community College science seminar series in February.

**Dr. April Adams** participated as a member of the Program Accreditation Committee of the Oklahoma Commission on Teacher Preparation on February 9, 2012. She updated the Northeastern Oklahoma Mathematics and Science Teacher Association (NOMSTA) web site in preparation for the upcoming NOMSTA Conference on March 3, 2012.

**Dr. Cindy Cisar**, department of natural sciences, attended the OK-INBRE Primarily Undergraduate Institution Retreat on Enhancing Interdisciplinary Education through MERLOT (Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching) October, 2011.

**Dr. Cindy Cisar** was a co-presenter at the Oklahoma NSF EPSCoR Advisory Committee meeting on November 16, 2011. White papers for the NSF Research Infrastructure Improvement Program: Track-2 (RII Track-2) were presented to the committee. Drs. Cindy Cisar (PI) and **Jonathan Fisher** (co-PI), department of natural sciences, gave a presentation to the Oklahoma Water Research Advisory Board January 6, 2012 on their grant proposal “Impact of Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent on Nitrogen Cycling by Stream Bacteria”. The proposal was selected by the board for funding.

As a member of the marketing committee for development of a new museum in Northwest Arkansas, **Dr. Michael Landry**, professor of marketing, was involved in a daylong strategy session October 28 in Bentonville, Arkansas. Besides committee members, also participating were the representatives of the museum’s advertising agency and the museum’s interim executive director. Under the coordination of Dr. Michael Landry, recruiters from J. B. Hunt spoke to students at both the Tahlequah and Broken Arrow campuses on October 5 about career opportunities as J. B. Hunt moves its focus from being a trucking to a logistics company. The recruiters also participated in the job fair at the Broken Arrow campus that day.

**Brian Stephenson** presented a poster on his research with **Dr. Cindy Cisar** at Oklahoma Research Day November 4, 2011. The title of his poster was “Efflux Pump Contribution to Fluoroquinolone Resistance in Environmental Bacteria.”

**Dr. Craig Clifford**, professor in natural sciences, was elected Chair of the Community Campus Coalition of Tahlequah. Dr. Joyce Van Nostrand, professor in health professions, was a Co-Chair of the Coalition shortly after its start over a year ago.

**Dr. John de Banzie** organized the Science and Technology Seminar Series. The seminars this semester will include the 200th presentation organized by Dr. de Banzie.
Dr. Jessica Martin and her colleagues M. Sandy (University of California, Santa Barbara), J.N. Carter-Franklin (Genentech), and A. Butler (University of California, Santa Barbara) published an article titled “Vanadium Bromoperoxidase from Delisea pulchra: Enzyme-catalyzed formation of Bromofuranone and Attendant Disruption of Quorum Sensing” in the journal Chemical Communications in November 2011. Article Citation: M. Sandy, J.N. Carter-Franklin, J.D. Martin, and A. Butler. Chem. Commun., 2011, 47 (44), 12086-12088.

Dr. Mia Revels was awarded the “Certificate of Merit” Award by the Oklahoma Ornithological Society at their annual meeting in Edmond, Oklahoma. This award is presented to individuals demonstrating outstanding accomplishments in the field of Birds, Nature, and Wildlife Conservation.

Dr. Erik Terdal secured support for his tropical wildlife ecology research from the Hidden Valley Inn in Belize and placed six wildlife cameras on their 7,200 forested acres. Dr. Frank Yuan-Yeu Yau and Dr. Kevin Yueju Wang are co-authors in a manuscript titled “The Bxb1 recombination system demonstrates heritable transmission of site-specific excision in Arabidopsis”. The manuscript was sent to the peer-reviewed Journal of BMC Biotechnology for reviewing.

Pamela Louderback has been appointed to the SLA Information Outlook Advisory Council. The Information Outlook Advisory Council works with the magazine’s editor to help set editorial direction and determine editorial content. In addition, Pamela has been elected as Vice-President of the Knowledge and Information Professionals Association. KIPA is an evolving umbrella group of diverse knowledge and information professionals who share a common goal of advancing the intelligent sharing of personal and organizational knowledge. Their purpose is to provide a forum for knowledge and information professionals to exchange ideas and share experiences.

Linda West will be presenting a program at the annual Oklahoma Library Association Conference in Norman March 30th about “The Library of Congress Classification.”

January 2012 Grant Awards

Award Name: Get Green for Blue: 2012

Award Dates: January 1, 2012 - September 30, 2012

Award Amount: $14,175.00

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

Purpose of Award: During this one week academy, students will collect and analyze water quality data, determine the threats to water quality, and develop possible solutions. Students will conduct water experiments, take field trips, and explore related career opportunities. Ultimately, students will be transformed into potential researchers, statistician(s) (con't)
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. If you have any questions, contact Monica Barnett at barnettm@nsuok.edu. The deadline for the March issue is March 15. Any information sent after that will be in the following newsletter.