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World War II Symposium

Northeastern State University hosted a World War II Symposium this fall at the Broken Arrow campus. The symposium featured presenters sharing firsthand accounts of their experiences during World War II.

The first evening of the Symposium focused on Pearl Harbor. Ed Vezey, the last survivor of the U.S.S. Oklahoma who still lives in the state, shared his story aboard that ship. Arles Cole shared his story of surviving the attack on the West Virginia.

The second evening focused on the battles in Europe. Speakers ranged from a glider pilot in Operation Market Garden to infantry soldiers in the Battle of the Bulge.

The third session examined the battles in the Pacific. Attendees heard a broadcast from Tokyo Rose and viewed videos of kamikaze planes. First-hand accounts of the battles of Okinawa and Iwo Jima were shared.

The final evening focused on the D Day invasion, VE Day and VJ Day. Soldiers who were on the beaches at Normandy sixty-seven years ago gave first-hand accounts of that invasion. Operation Downfall, the planned land invasion of Japan, was also discussed.

Japanese Educators visit NSU

Three Japanese educators visited the Broken Arrow campus of Northeastern State University. College of Education Dean Debbie Landry greeted the guests. They toured the Reading Lab under the direction of Dr. Stephan Sargent. Dr. Melissa Mahan and Nadia Hall visited with the guests about student services and enrollment management. Dr. Linda Wilson showed various learning styles manipulatives in the Oklahoma Institute for Learning Styles.

The riveters were featured in the fourth session. Women who built the airplanes at Spartan and Douglas in Tulsa shared their stories. Mr. Kim Jones from the Tulsa Air and Space Museum told the story of the Tulsamerican.

The POW’s were honored in the fifth session. Men who served in German camps shared their stories. Someone who lived across the street from the German POW camp outside of Bixby, Ok, shared her childhood story.

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Northeastern State University graduate students who are part of the Institute of Museum and Library Services grant assisted the Broken Arrow Public Schools Indian Education department with their summer Culture Camps. According to Professor Barbara Ray, they provided reader’s theater scripts for Indian legends and worked with students as they shared traditional Indian legends. They assisted students in researching tribal information by finding Internet sites on their laptops. Craft activities involved assisting with creating treasure boxes with artifacts such as dream catchers, medicine bags and beaded necklaces. Volunteers were pleased to find that many students took great pride in working on projects that reflected their Native American heritage.

Dr. Barbara Ray coordinated a group of middle school students on the Oliver Middle School campus at the pond. Nature activities involved learning about the topography of the area, the water cycle, and collecting water and mud samples. They graphed water samples in small groups. Candidates were able to take several ideas back to their classrooms. Outdoor classrooms are a great way to engage students with authentic learning activities involving math and science. It was a wonderful learning experience for all and served to connect the library media students with students who are part of the Broken Arrow Schools’ Indian Education.

Meagan Moreland is reaching out to Springdale Elementary School (Tulsa Public) and Caney Valley School District to provide clinical reading services to students at the NSU-BA Reading Clinic. On Friday, September 7th, Mrs. Ingrid Massey and Dr. Tobi Thompson coordinated a review for the Oklahoma Subject Area Test (OSAT) for approximately fifty teacher candidates. Assisting them were Dr. Stephan Sargent, Dr. Mindy Smith, Mrs. Meagan Moreland, and Dr. Mary Swanson.

Dr. Stephan Sargent was part of a North Central Accreditation visit in North Carolina in early October.

Dr. Stephan Sargent, Dr. Mindy Smith, Dr. Mary Swanson, and Mrs. Meagan Moreland are all attending and presenting findings of research at the Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers in Grand Rapids Michigan in early November. In honor of Fire Prevention Month, Dr. Stephan Sargent and Mrs. Meagan Moreland had Broken Arrow’s Fire Chief, Jeff VanDolah, visit the NSU-BA Reading Clinic. He read stories to the students and also shared ideas for fire prevention.

During late October, Dr. Stephan Sargent and Mrs. Meagan Moreland had the Dalmatian Organization of Tulsa (DOT) bring Dalmatians to NSU-BA Reading Clinic. The children in the Reading Clinic read books they had been practicing to the Dalmatians.

Dr. Barbara Ray accompanied 13 of the library media candidates in the Institute of Museum and Libraries Services grant to the AASL Fall Forum in Greenville, South Carolina, October 12-13.

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The event was an excellent opportunity for professional development, networking, and getting to know those in the cohort. Having nationally known speakers such as Henry Jenkins speaking on technology and how to reach our students gave us ideas for using technology in new ways. Hearing Kristin Fontichiaro speak about how she engages students with technology and seeing examples created by students were inspiring. The theme “Transliteracy and the School Library Program” stressed the importance of media literacy and meeting our students where they are. A participatory culture engages all parties as it values the ideas of everyone. Information is passed along as social connections are made. Jenkins’ model of the 4 C’s encourages us to Create, Collaborate, Circulate, and Connect. Isn’t that our goal as we teach?

Northeastern State University graduate students who are part of the Institute of Museum and Library Services grant, "Training 21st Century Library Media Specialists to Serve in Racially Diverse and Economically Disadvantaged Communities: Information and Management (Project I'M READY), assisted the Broken Arrow Public Schools Indian Education department with their summer Culture Camps. They provided included reader's theater scripts for Indian legends and worked with students as they shared the Indian legends. They assisted students in researching tribal information by finding Internet sites on their lap tops. Craft activities involved assisting with in creating treasure boxes with artifacts such as dream catchers, medicine bags and beaded necklaces. Volunteers were pleased to find that many students took great pride in working on projects that reflected their Native American heritage.

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Thirteen NSU Health and Physical Education students, with faculty sponsors Dr. Vanessa Anton, Ms. Dee Gerlach and Dr. Kathy Hixon, presented four sessions at the Oklahoma Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance's annual state convention held at UCO on October 15-16, 2012. HPE students Daniel Landaverde (Team Leader), Ryan Dvorak, Dallas McCutcheon, Cristy Nitz, John Petree, and Alan Stroup taught Native American Stickball during two presentation sessions, and Kassie Kerns (Team Leader), Danny Campbell, Chad Davidson, Preston King, Tyler Lannen, and Chance Bates taught Golf during two sessions to university students, PE teachers, university faculty and other professionals from across the state.

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.

If you have any questions, please email Susan Marrs at perrysu@nsuok.edu. Any information sent after that will be in the following newsletter.
Amy Aldridge Sanford, associate professor of communication, was awarded the Josh Lee Service Award at the Oklahoma Speech Theater Communication Association 85th annual convention in Oklahoma City on September 8, 2012. A committee of peers within the state decides this award. Dr. Justin Walton from Cameron University said, “She has devoted countless hours to our profession through her leadership and guidance at both the state and regional level.” Amy has been past president of the Oklahoma Speech Theater Association and is currently member of the executive council of the Central States Communication Association.

The Speech and Debate Team, under the direction of communication instructor Kristopher Copeland, is off to a successful start this season, winning seven invitational awards in its first tournament and eight in its second. The team won the 3rd place Individual Events Sweepstakes overall award in its first tournament. Individual award winners are Steven Tyler English, Kendra James, Molly Turner, and Anthony Woodall.

Liberal Arts News

Jason Dovel, assistant professor of music, has been appointed Employment Editor for the International Trumpet Guild. He was a guest artist at the Midwest Trumpet Festival at Pittsburg State University in Kansas, October 14-15. He took eight NSU students to the festival and the NSU Baroque Trumpet Ensemble (Oklahoma’s only such ensemble) performed on the “Student Spotlight” concert. He also performed with the Arkansas Philharmonic (Oct. 27), Tulsa Symphony Orchestra (Sept. 22), and Symphony of Northwest Arkansas (Sept. 16). D. Dovel, played trumpet in the Ash Lawn Opera in Charlottesville, Virginia during July and August 2012. He won this position as a result of a national audition. Also during summer 2012, he participated in the Oboerlin Baroque Performance Institute (Oberlin, Ohio) and the Historic Brass Society Conference (New York, New York). His private student, Anne Linebarger (daughter of Dr. David Linebarger, associate professor of humanities) won the prestigious International Trumpet Guild Young Artist Award in March 2012.

Christine Hallman, assistant professor of geography, is the Cherokee County coordinator for CoCoRaHS (Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow network). This organization is a community-based network of volunteers and citizen scientists that use low-cost measurement tools to collect local precipitation data all over the United States. Participants use a standardized rain gauge (~$35) to collect measurements, and then submit data via the internet. A variety of individuals and organizations (e.g. National Weather Service, USDA, emergency managers, farmers, teachers, etc.) utilize this precipitation data to map and analyze precipitation patterns. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact Dr. Christine Hallman (hallmanc@nsuk.edu) or visit http://www.cocorahs.org/.

Connie Henshaw, instructor of English, is contributing to a new project on the status of women in Oklahoma during the 1800’s. Henshaw is co-editor with Terri M. Baker of Women Who Pioneered Oklahoma: Stories from the WPA Narratives, a University of Oklahoma Press publication is now in its third printing. The book was chosen for Harvard’s main collection and the Schlesinger Collection on the History of Women in America. Women Who Pioneered Oklahoma explores the lives of 100 black, white, and Native American women who settled in Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory in the 1800’s. Paige Cornwell, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, is project reporter for the publication “Native Daughters,” a collection of stories, profiles, and multimedia works about Native American women in Oklahoma. Cornwell is exploring the historical and social context for women in 1800’s Oklahoma and requested an interview with Henshaw at the suggestion of Dr. Brad Agnew. Henshaw is honored to collaborate and expand the understanding and audience for Oklahoma’s “founding mothers.”

Ande Kidanemariam, associate professor of sociology, was the 2012 recipient of the Reddick Award for the best article published in the Journal of Third World Studies in 2011. The article, entitled “Rethinking Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in Africa: The Quest for an Integrated Model,” appeared in the fall 2011 issue of the journal. Dr. Kidanemariam was honored at the annual meeting of the Association of Third World Studies in October.

Ben Kracht, professor of sociology, presented the paper “It Would Break Our Hearts Not to Have Our Kiowas: War Dancing, Tourism, and the Rise of Powwows in the Early 20th Century” at the Oklahoma Historical Society Annual Meeting in Miami in April. Dr. Kracht also presented “Kiowa Powwows” at the Inverness Village Retirement Community in Tulsa in June.

Donna Shelton, professor of Spanish, is one of three authors of the new edition of ¡Con brío!, a first-year, university-level Spanish textbook that will be published in November 2012 by John Wiley & Sons, Inc. She also revised and expanded the Grammar Handbook, an online supplement for ¡Con brío! that she authored in 2009. Two oil paintings by Associate Professor of Art Lance Hunter were chosen for the MOAK 2012: 4 State Exhibition opening at the Springfield Art Museum on November 17, 2012. The MOAK exhibition is open to artists residing in Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Kansas and it has been held annually since 1990 at the museum. The juror for the 2012 exhibit was Kevin Murphy, the Curator of American Art at the Crystal Bridges Museum in Arkansas. Seventy-three artists were selected by Murphy for the exhibit. Hunter was one of only five artists selected from Oklahoma and one of only six artists selected to have more than one piece included in the exhibit. The two oil paintings by Hunter, “Continental Drift” and “Without Reason” will be on display at the museum until January 13, 2013. A watercolor by Hunter was purchased for the permanent collection of the Springfield Art Museum in 2010 from the Watercolor USA National Exhibition.

Vaughn Roste, Assistant Professor of Music, published “The Three Extant Masses of Claudio Monteverdi” in the August 2012 edition of the Choral Journal. From an unknown original number of masses that Monteverdi (1567-1643), only three survive - and Roste’s article discussed each in turn. The Choral Journal is peer-judicated and is considered to be the top-ranked academic journal in the world in the choral field.

Dan Savage, Associate Professor of Political Science, and Jeonghun Min, Assistant Professor of Political Science, have had their article “The Influence of Socio-Economic Characteristics on the Political Attitudes of American Indians,” accepted for publication in the Social Science Journal. Their article, “The Political Attitudes of Voters in Eastern Oklahoma,” was published in Oklahoma Politics in November 2012.

Shannon Melody Unger, Assistant Professor of Music, was the featured alto soloist in the Memphis performances of Sir Michael Tippett’s oratorio A Child of our Time with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra and the Rhodes College Singers on November 2nd, 2012.
Dr. Art Gilbert, Professor of Accounting and William F. Tolbert, Endowed Chair in Business, co-authored two manuscripts which have recently been accepted for publication. “E-readiness and Entrepreneurship: A Cross Country Study of the Link Between Technological Infrastructure and Entrepreneurial Activity,” co-authored with Dr. Richard Constand of the University of West Florida, is currently in press at the *The Journal of Entrepreneurial Finance*. “Does ‘IT Doesn’t Matter’ Matter?: A Study of Innovation and Information Systems Issues,” co-authored with Drs. Roger Pick and Sidne Ward of the University of Missouri at Kansas City, is forthcoming in *Review of Business Information Systems*.

He was also asked to serve as an *ad hoc* reviewer for *MIS Quarterly* on an article which bridges the disciplines of Accounting and Management Information Systems.

Earlier this year, Dr. Gilbert arranged to have Dr. Joe Hair, a distinguished academician in the field of Marketing and lead author of the popular text *Multivariate Data Analysis*, come to the NSU Broken Arrow campus to present a one-day workshop for faculty on structural equation modeling using the AMOS software package.

Linda West, Interim Executive Director of Libraries, attended a meeting of the Oklahoma Council of Academic Library Directors on September 20th at OSU-Tulsa where she shared recent developments in the libraries. She shared information about the recent construction of two student success and development centers in the John Vaughan Library.

DeLores Sumner, assistant professor of Library Services and Linda West met on September 12th with the Director of the Indigenous Scholars Development Center and an outside evaluator to talk about library contributions to the grant and the current and past scholarly research that has been conducted in the John Vaughan Library Special Collections Department.

Jenifer Rogers, Linda West and Keith Head (Student) delivered almost 500 books donated from the library collections to the new Capitola “Cappi” Wadley Center on September 21. Most of the books were transferred from the Muskogee campus library where they were no longer needed.
Dr. John Diamantopoulos was invited back by Excelsior College in NY on October 5-6, to be one of ten faculty from around the country to take part in a standards setting process. The faculty rigorously defined what was meant by various levels of "success" for a student in the content area (Pre-Calculus/Algebra) and helped determine "cut scores" for credit by examination in lieu of taking the online course.

David Lewerenz, OD, FAAO, provided two presentations to the American Optometric Association annual meeting in Chicago, IL on June 28 on patient management and on legal blindness and visual disability determination. He presented to the New Jersey Society of Optometric Physicians on age-related macular degeneration and retinitis pigmentosa in Atlantic City, NJ on September 22. Presentations to Department of Rehabilitation Services workers were provided at the DRS Expo on October 5 covering low vision devices and the new Oklahoma law which allows driving with bioptic telescopes.

Dr. Richard Castillo:

In September I attended the Fall meeting of the National Commission on Vision and Health in Alexandria, VA, where I serve as a commission member. We met with the Assistant Secretary of Health, and the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research. Also, this past weekend I attended the National Board of Examiners ABS Part I Exam Construction Meeting, where I serve as chair of the systemic disease committee.

Ms. Kathryn Schoonover-Redden, Director of Research and Sponsored Programs and Ms. Susan Foster, Director of Grants and Contracts presented at the National Council of University Research Administrator’s 6th Annual Pre-Award Research Administration International Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia. Their presentation titled "Building Your Own Lifeboat: Research Administration at Smaller Institutions" discussed the teamwork and leadership involved in directing two separate pre-award/post-award departments.

Award Name: Cherokee Language Degree Program 2012-2013
Award Dates: 10/01/12 - 09/30/13
Award Amount: $100,000
Funding Agency: Cherokee Nation

Purpose of Award: To continue funding of an undergraduate program that will produce teachers who are fluent in speaking, reading, and writing the Cherokee Language. Culture and heritage will also be a part of the Bachelor of Arts in the Cherokee Education degree.

Project Director: Dr. Leslie Hannah
Project Faculty Coordinator: Mr. Wyman Kirk