“Commerce in the Late Unpleasantness: Business Aspects of Civil War Railroads” by Dr. Michael Landry, NSU professor of marketing, and Dr. Richard Stone, professor emeritus of Shippensburg University, is slated for publication in June in the Journal of Transportation Law, Logistics, and Policy. Also, an article entitled “Railroad Renaissance: The Post-1970 Short Line Movement,” published in 2001 in Essays in Economic and Business History by Dr. Landry and Dr. John Ozment of the University of Arkansas, is being reprinted in Readings in Modern Railroad Management by the Center for Transportation Studies at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

As part of an April doctoral symposium on supply chain management at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Dr. Landry was involved in roundtable discussions with doctoral students regarding their research. Also, Dr. Landry was scheduled to speak at the May 14 annual Success Expo in Muskogee on the topic of customer service.

Dr. Landry, who is coordinator of the NSU supply chain management program, and Dr. Ken Jones, assistant professor of information systems, took thirty-six graduate and undergraduate students to tour the Wal-Mart grocery distribution center near Bartlesville on April 3. Drs. Landry and Jones also hosted recruiting booths for the supply chain management program at career fairs at NSU-Tahlequah, Muskogee High School, and Indian Capital Technology Center in Muskogee during the spring, 2013, semester.

Terese Martin (second from left), Northeastern State University senior in supply chain management, received a $1,000 scholarship April 9 from the Tulsa Chapter of the National Association of Purchasing Management. The award was part of the activities of the NSU supply chain program’s hosting of the NAPM monthly meeting at the Broken Arrow campus. About thirty were in attendance, including NSU students, faculty, administrators, and NAPM members. Other activities included dinner, a campus tour, and a presentation regarding supply chain careers by NAPM’s Vice Chair K. Scott Mullins of the NORDAM Group (at far right). Also pictured are NAPM Chair Billie Ketchum, of NORDAM, and Membership Chair Nick Jackson of Baker Hughes, Inc. Martin, of Claremore, works for QuikTrip. It was NSU’s second hosting of the NAPM meeting.
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College of Liberal Arts

Mark Bighley, Professor of Music and Chair of the Department of Performing Arts, performed on the Organ Vespers series at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in New York City on Sunday, March 3, 2013. He performed works by J.S. Bach, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, and the contemporary Spanish composer Miguel de la Barca.

Dr. Armstrong-Crandall and 22 NSU Broken Arrow Social Work students attended TU School of Law's Annual Hager Lecture featuring Michelle Alexander who presented "The New Jim Crow".

Dr. Jason Dovel, assistant professor of music, hosted the sixth annual NSU Trumpet Festival on February 16, 2013 in the NSU Center for the Performing Arts. Over one hundred high school, collegiate, and adult trumpet players from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, and Kansas attended this popular event. He is new professional trumpet ensemble, Clarino Collective, an ensemble made up of trumpet professors in Oklahoma, Missouri, and Arkansas, gave their premier performance at this event.

Dr. Virginia Witekiller’s Senior Seminar social work class made the following educational community presentations: Joshua Totill, Katherine Smoot, and Andrea Couparis, presented March 1, 2013, at the Douglas Nutritional Center in Muskogee, on Living Wills and DNR (Do Not Resuscitate); Tammy Simmons, Kimberly Jacob, and Robin Stavros, presented March 6, 2013, at the United Keetowband Band of Cherokee Indians on Nutrition and Health, and Kristin Tanner, Terah Finney, Leighanna Miller and Matt Payne presented on March 12, 2013 at the Tahlequah City Hospital Rehabilitation Unit on Promoting Independent Living through Exercise.

Associate Professor of Art, Lance Hunter, had a painting entitled "Fish Tales" pictured to the right, selected for the 146th International Exhibition of the America Watercolor Society. The exhibition was held from April 2nd to April 21st at the Salmagundi Club on Fifth Avenue in New York City. For most art professionals, the AWS exhibition is considered the premiere watercolor exhibition in the nation. Hunter also recently completed a group of murals in the entrance and reception area of the new Muskogee Wellness Center facility located in the Honor Heights region of Muskogee. Adjunct art instructor, Sylvia Nitti and the couples' daughter helped with sections of that mural project. Hunter received a second place award in Nude 9, a popular annual exhibition and event held in downtown Tulsa in May.
April Hathcoat, Larry Scraper, and Jacque Adam from Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs provided an on-site tour of their Stilwell data collection location for Dr. Christine Hallman’s Weather & Climate course on February 25th. Students learned about monitoring ozone, mercury, and other substances in the air that may impact human health. They had the opportunity to discover how a variety of meteorological instruments work and collect data. This field trip helped students tie what they discussed in the classroom with real world studies in a hands-on way. It was also a wonderful chance to ask experts about instruments, data recording, environmental concerns, and career possibilities.

Dr. Allyson L. Watson was recently recognized for her leadership over the past three years as president of the national Gates Millennium Scholars Alumni Association. Dr. Watson was instrumental in setting the groundwork for the organization and lead tasks to identify key areas of priority, prepare and implement bylaws and structure the organization. Dr. Watson was awarded a limited edition matted Gates Millennium Scholars t-shirt with signatures from the 2012 scholarship class. This is only the fourth award given of its kind. The first award was given to Bill and Melinda Gates and the former Gates Millennium Scholar Executive Director. Dr. Watson also was thanked for the tremendous work on behalf of NSU Gates Scholars. A national survey was conducted from the GMS program and an overwhelming 63% of NSU Alumni stated they are engaged and aware of the Gates Scholars program on campus and in the surrounding community.

Dr. Allyson L. Watson recently presented research at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) 2013 Annual Meeting. She and her co-research team presented, “Leading from the Margins: Examining the Lived Experiences of Black Women in Higher Education Administration.”

Dr. Allyson L. Watson was recently recognized for being a woman of influence at the University of Texas Austin hosted by President Powers. Dr. Watson is a personal mentor to Gates Millennium Scholar and UT-Austin senior Miss Damilola Olatayo. Dr. Watson received a glass blown Texas longhorn to honor her work as a mentor to Damilola and other Gates Millennium Scholars across the country. I have been blessed to have been mentored by amazing women such as our dean of students, Dr. Soncia Reagins-Lilly, the CEO of our university’s alumni association, Leslie Cedar, the president of our scholarship’s alumni association, Dr. Allyson Watson, and most recently the president’s deputy, Ms. Nancy Brazil. Receiving mentoring from them has made all the difference because these individuals embody the types of successes I wish to achieve, and the type of change I strive to make in this world. Their very presence validates my dreams and I know that I am standing on the shoulders of giants."
education

Dr. Tobi Thompson and Mrs. Ingrid Ahrens-Massey provided staff development at Rejoice Christian School in January for their primary teachers. Topics included oral language, phonemic awareness, and phonics.

Dr. Tobi Thompson and Mrs. Ingrid Ahrens-Massey provided staff development for 5th through 8th grade teachers at Lowrey Public School. They spoke on practical strategies to enhance students’ vocabulary.

Mrs. Ingrid Ahrens-Massey presented a workshop on classroom management for the Tahlequah Student Oklahoma Education Association (SOEA).

Dr. Anita Ede was interviewed about setting up learning centers that are developmentally appropriate for children in daycare and preschool. The interview was published at: http://www.ownadaycare.com.

Mrs. Meagan Moreland represented NSU at a two-day meeting to develop the Reading Specialist Examination for the State O SAT (Oklahoma Subject Area Test) Examination.

Mrs. Meagan Moreland and Dr. Stephan Sargent presented a workshop dealing with the Common Core State Standards (http://www.corestandards.org) for the educators of the Catholic Diocese of Tulsa at Bishop Kelley.

Mrs. Meagan Moreland is hosting a reading clinic this spring at NSU-BA for children of Springdale Elementary School (Tulsa Public). Dr. Stephan Sargent is hosting a reading clinic this spring for children of Caney Valley Elementary.

Dr. Stephan Sargent was the lead evaluator for Bixby Public School’s North Central Accreditation Site Visit (http://www.advanc-ed.org) in January.

Dr. Tobi Thompson and Ms. Ingrid Ahrens-Massey conducted a family literacy night for 3rd-8th grade students at Maryetta schools in Stillwell. They focused the presentation on reading comprehension strategies.

Dr. Mary Swanson and Dr. Martha Parrott published an article entitled, “Linking Literacy and Mathematics.”

Dr. Stephan Sargent and Mrs. Meagan Moreland were invited speakers at the Diocesan (Catholic Diocese of Tulsa) Professional In-Service Program this spring in Tulsa.

Dr. Roxanne Fillmore was recently interviewed about how to help children transition to and from daycare and home. The interview was published at: http://www.ownadaycare.com.

Dallas McCutcheon receives the spring 2013 SNAG (Starting New at Golf) award from COE Assistant Dean, Dr. Vanessa Anton. SNAG is an international company that produces equipment and curriculum designed to teach children the fundamentals of golf. Each semester, an outstanding Health and Physical Education intern receives $3,000 in golf equipment (enough equipment to teach 48 students) to take with them as they begin their career as a Health and Physical Educator in the public schools.

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COE Gives the HPE SNAG Award

The SNAG Award is given each semester to one outstanding HPE (Health and Physical Education) intern. One HPE intern each semester receives a Starting New at Golf (SNAG) All Ages Golf Kit donated by an international company. The kit consists of enough equipment for 48 students, including rolling bags, clubs, balls, targets, training tools, launch pads, curricula with lesson plans, and an instructional video. This equipment retails for $2,949.00. The process for winning the award is:

- Students complete a unit in SNAG golf in their HPE Secondary Methods course (they do training with their peers, and then teach a golf unit in the public schools)
- During full internship, students are given the opportunity to apply for the SNAG Award. The application includes a paper which highlights how they would use SNAG to improve their community and their school.

A winner is selected, and the award is presented at the COE’s final intern seminar each semester.

Fall 2012 SNAG Award winner is Kassie Kerns. Kassie’s award was presented by Dr. Vanessa Anton on December 10, at NSU-BA at the final intern seminar. Kassie has been an outstanding HPE teacher candidate, and has represented the College of Education and Health and Physical Education well. Some of her other contributions and accomplishments include two state presentations at the Oklahoma Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (OAHPERD), at UCO, Fall 2012, and she also won both the student outstanding speaker and outstanding poster awards at NSU’s Undergraduate Research Day in the Spring of 2012.

Dr. Stephan Sargent and Dr. Jim Ferrell were external evaluators for Elmore County, Alabama’s accreditation visit of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (http://www.sacs.org).

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Early last semester, Dr. Kenny Paris, Associate Professor, was named Chair of the Department of Psychology and Counseling. Paris joined the NSU faculty in August, 1996 as an Assistant Professor. He served as Faculty Council Vice-President from 1999-2001 and Faculty Council President from 2001-2003. He has served as the Program Coordinator for the M.S. Counseling Psychology program for the past 3 years. Dr. Paris earned his Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Oklahoma and is a licensed psychologist.

Dr. Stephan Sargent and Mrs. Meagan Moreland presented findings of research at the annual convention of the International Reading Association in San Antonio, Texas. Their program was entitled, “Motivational Methods in the Reading Clinic.”

Dr. Stephan Sargent was an external evaluator for St. John County’s (Florida) accreditation visit of the Southern Association of Colleges and Education.

The College of Education, Psychology and Counseling Department, and NSU Substance Abuse Program were well represented by faculty member Dr. Todd Gomez’s founding of the 1st Annual Broken Arrow (BA) Substance Abuse Awareness Information Session, Screening, and Referral four-hour afternoon event held on April 23rd from 1:00-5:00 p.m. The event itself, an outgrowth of a faculty-sponsored Healthy Campus Initiative grant proposal subsequently funded by NSU Student Health Services involved six of Dr. Gomez’s graduate practicum students and counselors in training (CITs). Tables were set up within the first-floor main lobby area of the BA Administrative Services Building to capture student traffic. Refreshments were further procured and produced insomuch to voluntarily entice students to seek out informational pamphlets on alcohol and drugs with information disseminated, a secondary volitional screening for individual and familial alcohol misuse was afforded participants, as was a counseling self-referral mechanism. Outcomes included awareness brochures on Mixing Energy Drinks and Prescription Medication with Alcohol, Women and Native American Alcohol Misuse, Acute Alcohol Intoxication aka Alcohol Poisoning, as well as Collegiate Binge Drinking and National Alcohol and Drug Referral Resources be it for the individual student him/herself or student counterparts experiencing Alcohol or Drug misuse or secondary effects issues among others. The screening to referral ratio was directionally appropriate – each boding well and suggestive of a successful Healthy Campus Initiatives event piloting.

Dr. Gomez expresses appreciation to student attendees, faculty colleagues who supported the endeavor such as Drs. Steven Byers, Kurt Choate, Kelly Dunbar-Davison, Yung Fei Kao, Marlon Morgan, and Cynthia Naff, collaborator and adjunct faculty Mr. Brent Musick BA Student Development Counselor, Ms. Jessica Robert’s campus-life outreach emailing, Mr. Jason Jessie’s college relations recruitment incentives, Ms. Whitney Arbaugh’s housing and residence life giveaways, as well as Ms. Libby Roger’s budgetary funding and logistical support. Each of whose efforts were invaluable and beneficial programming efforts undertaken. As a student-centered academician, practitioner, and supervisor, Dr. Gomez found it a profound privilege to conjoin efforts that had a direct and major impact on BA students’ lives vis-a-vis information and knowledge sharing at minimum and screening and counseling referral at best in what he envisions will become a transformational and sustainable program on the BA campus in terms of Substance Abuse Preventive and Interventive efforts for the foreseeable future and beyond.
Tom Rink:

- Tom Rink was appointed to the Intellectual Freedom Committee of the Oklahoma Library Association.
- Tom Rink serves on the Program Advisory Council for the Criminal Justice Program of Vatterott College (Tulsa Campus).
- Tom Rink was appointed to the Finance Committee of the Special Libraries Association.
- Tom Rink began my term as the Membership Chair for the Leadership and Management Division of the Special Libraries Association.
- Tom Rink continues his second year as a member of the Annual Conference Program Planning Team for the Leadership and Management Division of the Special Libraries Association.

On February 8, 2013, Tom Rink presented at the Leadership Summit of the Special Libraries Association (He was on a panel entitled: "Investing in Ourselves: Finding Inspiration").

On June 9, 2013, Tom will present at the Annual Conference of the Special Libraries Association (He is on a panel entitled: "The Experts Are In! One-Off Career Advice").

On June 10, 2013, Tom will present at the Annual Conference of the Special Libraries Association (He is on a panel entitled: "Rising Stars and Fellows Roundtable").

Kathleen McCay, NSU Libraries Instructional Designer, joined the Comp I and II Textbooks Committee to facilitate recreation of the libraries’ Citation Station APA/MLA styles infographic for use in the second edition of NSU’s Department of Languages and Literature: Engaging Self in Critical Inquiry and Analysis. Dr. Mary Stanley, Editor, which is slated for publication in July 2013.

Sarah Burkhead Whittle spoke at the Community of Oklahoma Instruction Librarians (COIL) annual conference at Langston University in Langston, OK, on July 12. She presented on the Whodunit Library Online Detective Game, developed in fall 2011 by several NSU librarians. The Whodunit game is an interactive learning opportunity in Blackboard that includes course modules, clues, and videos designed to teach information literacy skills and effective ways of using the NSU Libraries. If you are interested in having your students participate in the Whodunit game, contact Sarah at ext. 3262 or burkhead@nsuok.edu.

Linda West and Susan Woitte are attending the Oklahoma Library Skills Initiative Assessment Workshop on June 20-21, 2013 at Langston University. The Oklahoma Library Skills Initiative Project is a collaborative grant involving academic libraries located within seven of Oklahoma’s institutions of higher education.

Karl G. Siewert taught two six-hour classes on Computers and Electronic Resources for the Oklahoma Department of Libraries’ Institute in Public Librarianship. Students were employees of libraries from around the state working toward a professional certification (see http://www.odl.state.ok.us/servlibs/certify.htm). The class on April 9 was at Hardesty Library in Tulsa. The second class was in Weatherford, OK, and had to be rescheduled from April 10 after ice storms knocked out power to the city on May 2.

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Linda West attended a workshop "Toolkit for Demonstrating the Value of Libraries" on May 17th at Oklahoma Christian University sponsored by the Oklahoma Council of Academic Library Directors and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.
John Diamantopoulos presented a talk "An Interesting Student-Posed Question in Linear Algebra" at the O.K.-A.R. MAA Section Meeting in Stillwater, OK on April 4-6, and will have an article appear in their Electronic Proceedings. John was also invited to preside over a section of talks "Classroom Notes" at the annual section meeting.

John Diamantopoulos attended the 25th Annual ICTCM (International Conference on Technology in Collegiate Mathematics) in Boston, MA on March 20-23. John presented a talk "A Few Innovative Uses of the iPad for the Educator: Inside the Classroom and Outside" and will have an article appear in the 2013 Electronic Proceedings of the ICTCM.

John Diamantopoulos was the recipient of a $10,000 EPSCoR Summer Grant. John will collaborate on the project with Dr. Alberto Striolo from the University of Oklahoma in the school of Chemical, Biological and Materials Engineering.

John Diamantopoulos collaborated with Dr. Cynthia Woodburn, Pittsburg State University on an article "Maya Geometry in the Classroom" and submitted it for publication.

Ms. Deborah Hyde presented a poster at Oklahoma Research Day on March 8th in Edmond, OK. The poster was titled: "Comparing Student Satisfaction Between Online and Blended (Hybrid) courses.

Team 1: Connor Allen, Joshua Killer and Skylar Wapato

Team 2: Ryan Berkley, Taylor Pride, and Abraham Middleton

Team 3: Philip Halpern, Taylor Murray and Shanna Vice

Dr. Jude Abia completed the review for the Journal of Chromatography A.

Dr. Jude Abia had a paper accepted for publication in the BioResources journal. The paper is entitled: Development of Polyoxometalate-Ionic Liquid Salts for Processing of Cellulosic Biomass. His work was completed with contribution from NSU undergraduate student Nicholas Hall and graduate student Rashad Ismaylov.

Dr. April Adams and Dr. Pamela Christol were Exhibitor’s at the National Science Teacher Association meeting in San Antonio Texas, April 10-14.

Dr. Jody Buckholtz assisted Onen Rhoades (a Sequoyah middle-school student) silver plate some glass bowls for his National Indian Science fair project.

Dr. Buckholtz assisted in the Leadership Tahlequah tour of the Science lab facility.

Dr. Sapna Das-Bradoo organized and started the “Biology and Chemistry Seminar Series” at the Broken Arrow campus in January 2013. In the spring semester there are four speakers visiting NSU-BA. All the speakers are from various universities in Oklahoma and are experts in the field of Biology and Chemistry.

Dr. Sapna Das-Bradoo gave a presentation at the Science seminar series at TCC’s southeast campus on October 10, 2012. The title of the talk was “DNA replication and cancer”.

Dr. Sapna Das-Bradoo and three NSU students attended the Oklahoma Academy of Sciences Technical meeting on November 9, 2012 at Edmond, OK. Two of her students, Chance Hendrix and Brandy Fultz gave a talk at the meeting in the Biomedical category while a third student, Ian Schalo presented a poster at the meeting. Ian won the “Best of Academy” award for his presentation.

Dr. Sapna Das-Bradoo and three NSU students, Chance Hendrix, Brandy Fultz and Drew Breedlove, attended the Oklahoma Research Day at Edmond, OK on March 8, 2013. All the three students presented research posters at the meeting.

Dr. Pamela Christol presented a workshop in collaboration with Dr. April Adams and Ms. Jordan Collier, B.S.Ed. Honors graduate, at the National Science Teachers Association Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, April 10-14.
Dr. Heather Fenton presented a poster on “Social integration through a student organization to support student success in a part-time practical nursing program” at the 13th Annual Nurse Educator Institute April 15-16, B ranson, M O. She additionally was Chairperson of the CPR and First Aid Skills competition at the Oklahoma H OSA State Leadership Conference, April 11-12.

Karl Kruczek submitted a conference paper proposal to the American Educational Studies Association titled “The Emporium Model for Mathematics Education: A ‘Pail’ that is the Polar Opposite to Dialogical Education?”

Dr. Tiffany Maher was awarded the 2013 Circle of Excellence Award in T eaching.

Dr. Diana M ashburn presented “Self efficacy, self reliance, adherence to self care, and glycemic control among Cherokee with Type 2 Diabetes” at the 21st Annual Nursing Excellence in Leadership and Evidence Based Practice Conference in Fayetteville, A R on April 8.

Dr. Kathi M cDowell attended Oklahoma Research Day on March 8, 2013 at the University of Central Oklahoma. She brought 27 genetics students. They displayed 6 posters representing team projects on Bioinformatic related analysis of disease genes.

Dr. Kathi M cDowell attended a meeting of the External and Internal Advisory Committee and Campus Coordinators meeting for the Oklahoma NSF-STEP on March 8, 2013. She presented the report for Northeastern State University’s program.

Dr. Marvita M cGuire presented about a Medical Laboratory Science career to the Tulsa Pre-Professional Health Club on April 11. Dr. McGuire additionally presented about the NSU MLT to MLS Transitional Degree Program at the Oklahoma Society of Clinical laboratory Science and American Medical Technologist combined State Meeting.

NSU Math Clinic teacher, Ms. Jennifer Martin, is the 2013 Jack L. Haney Service Award recipient. She is the student of Dr. Martha Parrott, Director of the NSU Math Clinic, who nominated Jennifer for the award. In 2012, M s. Molly Crosby was the Jack L. Haney Service Award recipient, also nominated by Dr. Parrott and one of her Math Clinic teachers. Both ladies are recognized for their servant hearts and life-long passion for reaching out to others.

Dr. Mark Paulissen presented a paper entitled: “GROWTH RATES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN GECKO, [HEMIDACTYLUSTRICUS], IN SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA / LAS TASAS DE CRECIMIENTO DEL GECO DEL MEDITERRANEO, [HEMIDACTYLUSTRICUS], EN EL Suroeste de la Louisiana” at the 60th Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Association of Naturalists Meeting held in Lake Charles, Louisiana from April 4-7. He also chaired a session on Amphibian and Reptile Biology.

Ms. Sallie Ruskoski presented about Co-infection of Tick Borne Diseases in H unting hounds at the Oklahoma Society of Clinical laboratory Science and American Medical Technologist combined State Meeting. M s. Ruskoski was also selected for a third place outstanding graduate presentation award at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Missouri Valley Branch of ASM.

Dr. Joyce Van N ostrand announced the award of five years initial accreditation of the Master of Science in Nursing Education by the Board of Commissioners, National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. Dr. Van Nostland and M s. Charlotte Vaughn, Director of the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Connors State College co-hosted the Annual Joint Nursing Advisory Meeting on April 5. Dr. Van Nostland chaired two annual clinical planning meetings for the Greater Tulsa Area, and met as a member of the Clinical Hub taskforce.

Dr. Kevin W ang was awarded the 2013 Circle of Excellence Award in Research.

The Pre-Professional Health Club in Broken Arrow had several guest speakers at meetings recently. Theresa Foster related information about the MLT internship program at St Francis and Dr. Marvita M cGuire described the MLT program at NSU. Dr. Michelle Abraham informed the club of her experiences applying to optometry schools and her practice. Traselynn Anderson, Pharm.D., described the application process for pharmacy school. She also related the variety of jobs available to pharmacists. Dr. Sue W oods is the sponsor of the PPHC.

Dr. Sue W oods attended the Missouri Valley Branch Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology held at OSU-Tulsa on April 4-5.
Dr. April Adams contributed an article entitled, “Using Rubrics to Measure Student Learning: An Example” in the January/February Center for Teaching and Learning Newsletter.

Dr. Jody Buckholtz is an advisor for the Indigenous Scholar Development Center.

Dr. J. Hill and Dr. Jonathan Fisher. Diet analysis of black bass in the Illinois River. Oral presentation delivered on Feb 16, 2013 at the Great Plains Fisheries Student Colloquium at the University of Oklahoma Biological Station, Lake Texoma, Oklahoma.

Dr. Tiffany Maher presented "Soil Health: Minerals" at the Cherokee County Food Policy Council Market Producer workshop.

Dr. Diana Mashburn (Nursing) and Dr. Ron Schaefer (Speech-Language Pathology) were selected as NSU Centurions for 2013.

Dr. Judith Melvin, OT Program Director, was one of many to thank NSU alumni Jesse and Marilyn Galley for a generous gift of $200,000 that will support a multifunctional living skills teaching laboratory on the Muskegee campus.

Ms. Sallie Ruskoski and Dr. Marvita McGuire presented posters at the Clinical Laboratory Educator's Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri on February 14-16, 2013.

Ms. Sallie Ruskoski was awarded the Oklahoma State University Women's Faculty Council Research Award.

Dr. Kevin Wang contributed a book chapter titled “Innate immunity in plants: the role of antimicrobial peptides” in Antimicrobial Peptides and Innate Immunity, by Springer Publishers, USA.

Dr. Kevin Yueju Wang and Dr. Frank Yuan-Yeau contributed a research manuscript "Toothpick genetic transformation on cotyledons of tobacco seedlings with medium or water-prepared Agrobacterium culture" to the Peer-Reviewed Journal: Plant Cell, Tissue and Organs. It is under review process. Three former NSU students, Erica Alonzo, Lindsey Brennan, Barbara Hoffman, and current M.S student Mona Easterling were credited authorship.

Dr. Frank Yuan-Yeau contributed a book chapter titled “The application of site-specific recombination systems for biosafety and genome manipulation in the production of transgenic plants” in Transgenic Plants: Recent Developments, by NOVA Science Publishers, Inc., New York, USA.