Five criminal justice faculty published articles in the Contemporary Law and Justice Journal Volume 13, a peer-reviewed journal published by NSU’s Crime and Justice Department.

Dr. Frank Zeigler, “The Digital Revolution of Crime Detection: Police Drones and Rapid DNA”

Dr. Pam Mertens, “The Prevalence and Impact of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder on Incarcerated Females”

Dr. Mike Wilds, “Privacy Implications: Cell Phone Searches Incident to an Arrest”

Dr. Adam Langsam, “Trafficking in the Commercial Sexual Exploration of Children: A Criminal Justice and Public Health Issue”

Dr. Buster Hall, “Rescue Operations in the Aftermath of an EF-5 Tornado”

Associate Professor of English Dr. Brian Cowlishaw won first place in the 2013 Creative Writing Contest of the India Association of Tulsa. He was honored in November at the Diwali Cultural Festival and his article is published in the journal Darpan.

Communication Assistant Professor Dr. Hsin-I Sydney Yueh won the Outstanding Dissertation Award for Language and Social Interaction Division (LSI) of National Communication Association, November, 2013 in Washington D.C. The dissertation is titled, “The Tactic of the Weak: A Critical Analysis of Feminine Persuasion in Taiwan.”
Art Associate Professor Lance Hunter's painting titled "Rayna" (pictured left below) received the Charles and Ruth Sanderson Memorial Award in the Kansas Watercolor Society National Exhibition 2013. This was the second highest award presented at the exhibition. The KWS exhibit was held at the Wichita Center for the Arts from November 22 - January 5. The KWS National Exhibition 2013 featured more than 85 of the finest watercolor paintings in the nation, chosen by national watercolorist, Paul Jackson. Hunter had three paintings selected for the exhibit.

Theatre Assistant Professor Timothy Saucier was the head adjudicator for The Arkansas Thespians' One-Act Preliminary Festival in Russellville, AR on October 24-26, 2013. Two NSU Theatre graduates, Amanda Tharp and Callie Harris, accompanied him as adjudicators. In total, eight high school theatre companies from Northwest and Central Arkansas were adjudicated and provided with written critiques of their one-acts and recruitment materials for NSU Theatre Company.

NSU Speech and Debate team won 6 awards at the Green Country Swing Tournament hosted by Tulsa Community College. Kendrea James took 1st place in Prose during the first tournament and 3rd place in Prose in the second tournament. Ben Hanneman took 6th place in Informative speaking. Anthony Woodall took 4th place persuasion, 6th place After Dinner Speaking, and 6th place Extemp. The team is coached by Dr. Kristopher Copeland, Assistant Professor of Communication Studies.

Assistant Professor of History Denis Vovchenko has had two recent publications. “Triumph of Orthodoxy in the Age of Nationalism: the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the Sublime Porte, Russia, and Greece (1856-1890),” is in Modern Greek Studies Yearbook, 28/29 (2012/2013): 255-266. “Creating Arab Nationalism? Russia and Greece in Ottoman Syria and Palestine (1840-1909),” is in Middle Eastern Studies, 6, 49 (2013): 901-918

Assistant Professor of Music Dr. Jeffery Wall presented a pedagogical interest session for choral conductors and educators at the Arkansas Music Educators Association fall conference in Hot Springs November 7-8. The session was titled, "The 3Ms: Movement, Metaphor, & Musicanship."

Assistant Professor of Music Dr. Anne Watson has been selected to perform as a soloist and with her trio, Ironwood, at the 2014 Clarinet-Fest© convention, in Baton Rouge, LA. There were over 200 applicants and less than one-third were chosen to participate.

Dr. April Adams reviewed two Secondary Science Education programs for NSTA/NCATE.

Dr. April Adams, Dr. Pamela Cristol, and Dr. Martha Parrott conducted a professional development workshop for teachers as a part of the Liberty Public Schools Math and Science Mini-Grant.

Dr. April Adams consulted on STEM curriculum for the Jay Public Schools Math and Science Mini-Grant.

Dr. Mark Paulissen co-authored two notes on whiptail lizard biology in the December 2013 issue of HERPETOLOGICAL REVIEW. One note was on Differential rates of Hybridization between closely related species; the other note was on the Diet of the Hybrids. Both notes were co-authored with Stanley Trauth (Arkansas State University), James Cordes (LSU-Eunice) and James Walker (University of Arkansas).

Dr. Mark Paulissen and NSU Fish & Wildlife graduate Brian Becker conducted a course on ‘Snake Identification’ as part of the Women in the Outdoors’ Program at Lake Tenkiller State Park in November.

Dr. Sue Woods attended the OSU-COM Pre-Medical Advisor Conference on Nov. 8th. OSU faculty and administrators described the current curriculum changes at OSU-COM. Speakers from Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the University of Maryland discussed the National Experiment in Undergraduate Education (NEXUS).
Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Anthony Rothfork has published an article entitled, “Creating a ‘Healing Environment’ for Mr. Small Small” on the webpage of CPI (http://www.crisisprevention.com). CPI is an international training organization committed to best practices and safe behavior management methods that focus on prevention. Through a variety of specialized offerings and innovative resources, CPI educates and empowers professionals to create safe and respectful work environments. This enables professionals to enrich not only their own lives, but also the lives of the individuals they serve.

Jessica Breske, won the 2014 CEC Outstanding Undergraduate Award, from the Council for Exceptional Children. Jessica is the past President of the Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC) Chapter at NSU. Dr. Lisa Tritschler and Mr. Anthony Rothfork, Assistant Professors of Special Education, are faculty sponsors for the Tahlequah Chapter of SCEC.

COE Edubots Qualify for 2014 World Championship

NSU’s Edubots competed at the Vex Robotics Competition on Saturday January 11, 2014, at Sequoyah High School. For the Vex game “Toss Up,” NSU’s team crafted two robots for the matches. Of the four colleges competing, NSU was the only college of education. The other three were engineering schools from Edmond OK, Austin TX and Houston TX. NSU placed third in the 22 match tournament. Each match consisted of one minute of automatic programming (Autonomous) and then one minute of driver control. The Edubots also won the Judges Award of Excellence. The team’s coaches were Dr. Renee Cambiano, Barbara Fuller, and student coach, Savanna Atchison. The Edubot team members were: Brandon Baldridge, Megan Bloom, Mike Cambiano, Laura Myers and James Townsend.

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. To avoid confusion, please wait until you have all the information for your article before emailing it so we won’t have to decide which is the corrected copy.

If you have any questions, please email Susan Marrs at perrysu@nsuok.edu. Any information sent after that will be in the following newsletter.
Research on Teacher Effectiveness and Teacher Preparation in Urban Schools

In school settings, which include suburban and rural settings, district priorities emphasize a standardized curriculum, highly qualified teachers as content experts and zero tolerance policies. Obviously, a curriculum informed by evidence-based research, high quality teachers, and safe educational climates are critical elements of quality educational experiences (Shealey & Watson, 2011). The component of research and reform in urban schools does not, however, delineate the specific need for teacher preparation programs to produce highly effective teachers for urban school settings despite their racial or cultural background.

Dr. Watson has authored and co-authored several research pieces around this literature.


Other Historical Research on Teaching


Research on Faculty Gender and Race in Teacher Education


Recent Research Publications


Hawaii International Conference on Education
Honolulu, Hawaii
January 4-8, 2014
The HICE conference boasts national and international participation and has focus areas in specialized educational research.

The Association of Teacher Educators Conference
St. Louis, Missouri
February 14-18
The ATE conference is a specialized conference with a primary research focus centered around teacher education and educator preparation.

The American Educational Research Association Conference
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
April 3-7, 2014
The AERA annual conference is the leading research conference on education nationally and internationally. Over 13,000 submitted with a 15% acceptance rate.
**Grant News**

**Award Name:** Violence Prevention Project 2013-2016  
**Award Dates:** 10/01/13 - 09/30/16  
**Award Amount:** $297,778

**Project Director:** Ms. Sheila Self  
**Funding Agency:** U.S. Department of Justice-Office of Violence Against Women  
**Purpose of Award:** This project will develop and implement an education response plan related to domestic dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on campuses. This program will assist in enhancing prevention programs on campus therefore increasing both campus and community response to these incidents of violence.

**Award Name:** Alternative Education Delivery Program 2014  
**Award Dates:** January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014  
**Award Amount:** $300,000

**Project Director:** Dr. Karen Patterson  
**Funding Agency:** U.S. Department of Education  
**Purpose of Award:** To create a Speech-Language Pathology training program that is more readily accessible through combination of evening, weekend, summer and technology-based courses. To provide financial support for graduate students in the Speech-Language Pathology program with the stipulation of an employment commitment in the public schools as a condition for receiving assistance.

**Award Name:** Cherokee Chief John Ross (2014)  
**Award Dates:** 01/01/2014 - 03/31/2014  
**Award Amount:** $1,000

**Project Director:** Dr. Brad Agnew  
**Funding Agency:** Oklahoma Humanities Council through the National Endowment for Humanities  
**Purpose of Award:** Funds will be used for travel and honorarium fees for Dr. Gary Moulton to visit the Tahlequah campus and give a presentation about Cherokee Chief John Ross.
Grant News

Award Name: Cooper Vision 2014 Year 2 of 3
Award Dates: January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014
Award Amount: $41,100

Project Director: Dr. Thomas Salmon

Purpose of Award: Dr. Salmon will provide Cooper Vision Japan with reviews of scientific, clinical, and other information throughout the year through monthly newsletters, a feature article and reviews of articles, professional meetings and contact lens news.

Award Name: Robert Glenn Rapp Music Scholarship
Award Dates: August 15, 2014 - In perpetuity (endowed scholarship)
Award Amount: $50,000