

The NSU Army ROTC held the Annual Remembrance Stair Climb 2015 and included area ROTC members, first responders, students and residents. The event is held to honor and remember lives lost on September 11, 2001. (Photo Credit: Pete Henshaw)

WHAT'S INSIDE



College of Science and Health Professions

DR. TROY LEE, Assistant Professor in the Occupational Therapy Program, presented "The Value of Student Membership in Your Professional Organizations" to Occupational Therapy Assistant Students at their respective campuses: Tulsa Community College, Brown Mackie-Tulsa, and Connors State College. Additionally, he represented NSU's Occupational Therapy Program at the Oklahoma Academic Fieldwork Educator's meeting on August 7.

On August 12, **DR. DIANA MASHBURN** presented "Promoting Academic Integrity" as a session during Community and Collaboration Day.

DR. DIANA MASHBURN and **DONNA ROBERSON**, Administrative Secretary, attended Dot Net Nuke update web page update training on August 25.



DR. CHRIS BURBA, **DR. SPENCE PILCHER** and two undergraduate research students, **LAUREN LOWE-THOMPSON** and **JESSICA CHENG** (shown above) presented at the 250th American Chemical Society National Meeting & Exposition in Boston, MA, on August 16-20.

DR. DIANA MASHBURN attended the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing Self Study Forum in Atlanta, GA on September 17-18, with assistance of President's Ambassador Network funding and the National League for Nursing Education Summit in Las Vegas, NV on September 29-October 3 representing NSU as President-elect of the Oklahoma League for Nursing.

DR. MARK PAULISSEN presented a paper entitled: "The effect of body size on dominance relationships in juvenile five-lined skinks (*Plestiodon fasciatus*)" at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles held July 30 to August 2 at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, KS. Co-author of the paper was **MS. DEVYN MORAN**, a 2015 graduate of the Biology Program and currently a first year student at the Oklahoma College of Optometry.

DR. MIA REVELS and **DR. SUNEETI JOG** are co-PIs on the Monarch Conservation Science Partnership. This project collects key information on milkweed densities on and near public lands to help inform national strategies for milkweed restoration to aid in the effort to provide adequate habitat for migrating Monarch Butterflies, whose populations are in precipitous decline.

DR. MICHAEL SHAUGHNESSY completed a second field season in North Dakota sampling small mammals and bats. **JACOB WARD**, an undergraduate research student working with Dr. Shaughnessy also conducted research in North Dakota this field season; he was responsible for the passive bat monitoring equipment.

DR. SUE WOODS assisted as a Pre-Professional Health Advisor at the NSU-BA Transfer Day on August 15.



Oklahoma College of Optometry

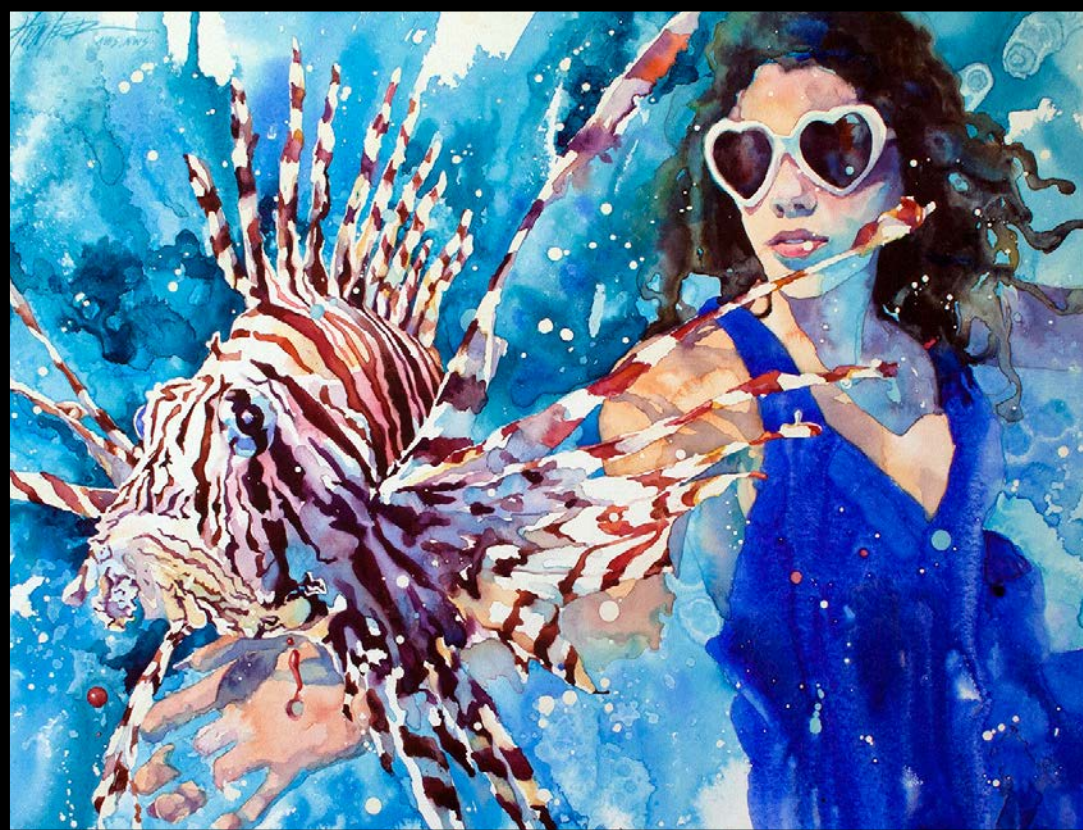
DAVID LEWERENZ, OD, Associate Professor, NSU Oklahoma College of Optometry, presented two continuing education lectures and three research presentations at the Envision Conference in Denver, CO, September 9-12. The continuing education courses were *Demystifying Low Vision Optics*, and *In the Middle: Helping visually impaired patient with their mid-range needs*. Research presentations included *Evaluation of the Optelec Low Vision Diagnostic Tool*, *Prevalence of Conditions Causing Visual Impairment at the Oklahoma School for the Blind*, and *Relocation of the Preferred Retinal Locus with Prism in Subjects with a Central Scotoma*.



Back Row (left to right): Caitlin Wood, Sarah Cook, Anthony Luongo, Kevin Tomasu, Danny Blanco, Dr. Ryan Fenska (Faculty), Cale Fulps, Dr. Bryan Young (Faculty), Evan Dunn, Amy Field, Dr. Anthony Battese (Alumnus). Front Row (left to right): Jackie Duong, Cecilia Billings, Bao-Tran Pham, Lana Fisher, Katie Galbraith, Mandi Whisenhunt, Ashley Zinser, Lauren Hendrickson, Katie Young, Stephanie Uchida.

SVOSH TEAM ROATAN 2015: On July 25th, seventeen NSU Oklahoma College of Optometry SVOSH (Student Volunteer Optometric Service to Humanity) students and three optometrists boarded a flight for Roatan, Honduras. Several students had never been out of the country and most had never done an optometric mission trip before. Everyone was giving up a week of vacation to work overseas. After a year of fundraising and planning, travel totes and suitcases were packed with donated glasses, eye drops and optometric supplies. Over the course of four days at three different clinic rotations, over 1,300 patients were seen. Many left with the much needed glasses (distance, readers, bifocals, sunglasses) or medications they had waited hours in line to receive. The students returned with life-changing stories and gratefulness in their hearts. Thanks to those who attended our fundraisers; lunches, breakfast at Boomerang, dinners at Del Rancho, garage sales, etc.!

College of Liberal Arts



The latest edition in a series of books on contemporary watercolors, *Splash 16: Exploring Textures*, was released nationally by North Light Books this summer. The book featured two watercolors by Art Professor **LANCE HUNTER**. In June, he received the Irma Attridge Award in the National Watercolor Society's Members Exhibition held at the NWS Gallery in San Pedro, California. Hunter also received an Award of Excellence for *Catch and Release: FT IV* in Watercolor USA 2015 held at the Springfield Art Museum.

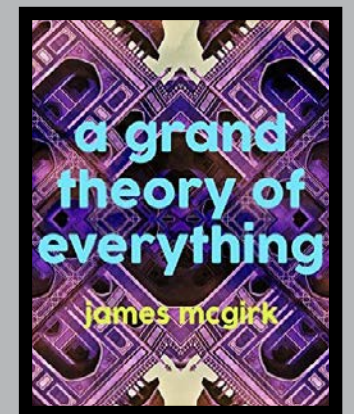
Assistant Professor of Communication, **DR. KRISTOPHER COPELAND**, co-authored an article published in *Educational Policy* in August. Copeland was the conference planner for the 84th Oklahoma Speech Theater Communication Association conference. The conference was held at NSU-BA on September 12th.

Assistant Professor of Art, **SHIN YEON JEON'S**, most recent artwork, *Masquerade*, was selected in the Vision in Clay 2015, juried national exhibition and was displayed from August 20 - September 17 in the LH Horton Jr. Gallery at San Joaquin Delta College, Stockton in CA. Another recent piece by Jeon, *Chalices*, is in the 35th anniversary show of Baltimore Clayworks in Maryland until October 10. Jeon's two person exhibition was featured in the August issue of the Monthly Ceramic Arts magazine, which also featured her 56th publication, "Unique Functional Wares with Abstract Patterns by Matt Hyleck."

In August 2015, Assistant Professor of Music, **DR. JAMES T. LINDROTH**, served as a peer review article editor for SAGE publication for the SAGE Open journal.

In September, Professor of English, **DR. CHRISTOPHER MALONE**, presented a paper dealing with the 20th-century Irish poet William Butler Yeats, called "Yeats's Easter Rising: The Making of a Mask," at the Mapping Yeats Symposium, part of the 2015 Kansas City Irish Festival (September 4-6). In March, Malone's essay "Measuring Learning in Student Writing" was published in *Excellence in Teaching & Learning (Volume 4, Issue 3)*, the newsletter for the NSU Center for Teaching and Learning.

English Instructor, **JAMES MCGIRK**, has a new Amazon Kindle ebook titled, "*A Grand Theory of Everything*." McGirk also has an essay in the most recent Oklahoma Humanities Magazine (The Internationalism issue) titled, "The Stranger." On August 12th, Roads and Kingdoms magazine ran a long feature story called, "*My Grandfather's Impostor*."



College of Liberal Arts

Theatre faculty members **CHRIS MILLER**, **DR. ROBYN PURSLEY**, and **SCOTT PURSLEY** along with students from the NSU Theatre program presented a Panel Discussion on Student Designers in College Theatre at the Oklahoma Speech, Theatre, and Communication Association conference held at NSUBA in September. The NSU Theatre Company presented a children's theatre production of *The Tale of Rumpelstiltskin* (written by faculty member Dr. Robyn Pursley) for over 1,000 elementary school students and teachers during the week of September 14-18.

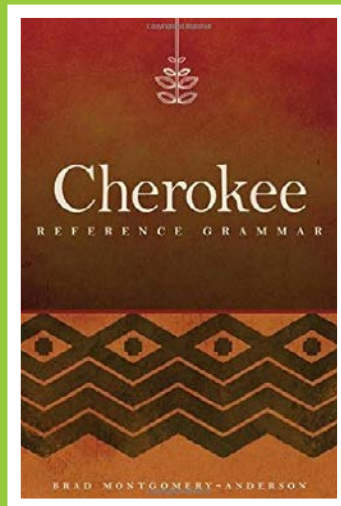
Associate Professor of Theatre, **DR. ROBYN PURSLEY**, was nominated for membership into the Tahlequah Arts Council.

Associate Professor of English, **DR. MELISSA STRONG'S**, article "Gender Trouble in *The Long Day*" was published in *Volume 14, Issue 1 of Americana: The Journal of American Popular Culture 1900 to the Present*. Strong was selected from a pool of over 300 candidates to serve on the Education Advisory Committee to the Digital Public Library of America for the 2015-2016 academic year. The Education Advisory Committee builds and reviews curated collections of primary sources and companion classroom guides. This project is funded by the Whiting Foundation.

Assistant Professor of Music, **DR. JEFFERY WALL**, has been selected as the 2015 Oklahoma Eastern District Honor Choir clinician and conductor. The honor choir performance will be held on October 20th in Muskogee. He was also selected to clinic and conduct the Broken Arrow Schools "Men's Night Out" concert on October 12th.

Professor of Social Work, **DR. VIRGINIA WHITEKILLER**, was a part of the team for the U.S. Children's Bureau that produced the Tribal Workgroup product which was recently recognized by Hermes Creative Awards, an international competition for creative professionals involved in the concept, writing, and design of traditional materials and programs, and emerging technologies. The awards included: (1) *Roadmap for Collaborative and Effective Evaluation in Tribal Communities Narrative* - 2015 Hermes Platinum Award *Roadmap for Collaborative* and (2) *Effective Evaluation in Tribal Communities Handout* - 2015 Hermes Honorable Mention. Whitekiller is co-author with Suzanne Cross and others on "National Child Welfare Workforce Institute (NCWWI) tribal traineeship programs: Promoting diversity in the child welfare workforce, in press for the *Journal on Social Work Education, Child Welfare Workforce Special Edition*.

DR. HSIN-I SYDNEY YUEH and **DR. KRISTOPHER D. COPELAND**, Assistant Professors of Communication Studies published the article "The Embodiment of Intercultural Communication through Course Syllabi" in the peer-reviewed journal *Intercultural Communication Studies* in 2015.



Dr. Brad Montgomery-Anderson, Associate Professor of English, published "Cherokee Reference Grammar" this summer with the University of Oklahoma Press.