I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of our successes in teaching, research, community service, and fundraising and other news within the College of Arts & Sciences in 2012-2013. Of particular note are the funding and research achievements of the Department of Biology, where 12 funded projects, totaling over $1.2 million, supported faculty members and students. Collectively, the Department generated nine articles in peer-reviewed journals and books and 32 presentations at regional and national meetings, with a high level of student participation. In the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice, the Judge Harry J. Wilters, Jr., Lectureship was established. Ms. Verla Ledlow Wilters, and USA Foundation Board members, Judge Robert Wilters and Dr. John Wilters made a gift—matched by the USA Foundation—to establish the Lectureship to honor the late Judge Harry J. Wilters, Jr., who was presiding judge of the 28th Judicial Circuit of Alabama.

Also of note, the Department of Communication took over production of the Vanguard, USA’s student newspaper, and JagTV and JagRadio. Students affiliated with these productions benefit from training in professionalism, quality control, and leadership.

Some other important news and highlights: A change of leadership occurred in the Department of Marine Sciences as Dr. Robert Shipp stepped down from the chair position after 20 years to return to the faculty. Dr. Sean Powers was named Interim Chair and has subsequently become Chair. In the Department of History, Professor William Pencak was selected to fill the newly-created Bert and Fanny Meisler Visiting Professorship of History and Jewish Studies. Dr. Pencak received his Ph.D. in History from Columbia University in 1978. In Mathematics and Statistics, Dr. Madhuri Mulekar, Department Chair, received the National Alumni Association’s Olivia Rambo McGlothen Outstanding Scholar Award. Also in Mathematics and Statistics, Drs. Cornelius Pillen, Daniel Silver, and Susan Williams—all Professors in the Department—were awarded five-year Simons Foundation Collaboration Grants in Mathematics to support travel. This is particularly notable because only 137 such grants were awarded nationwide. In the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice, Dr. Mir Zohair Husain, Associate Professor, received the Andy and Carol Denny National Alumni Excellence in Teaching Award, and Dr. Husain was also chosen as the Phi Kappa Phi Scholar of the Year for 2012. Dr. Ellen Harrington, Associate Professor of English, received the National Alumni Association’s Outstanding Advisor Award for 2012. In the Department of Music, Dr. Ward Miller, Jr., received the Semoon and Youngshin Chang Endowed Award for Humanitarian Services. In the Department of Visual Arts, Ms. Rene Culler, Assistant Professor, received a Fulbright American Scholars Senior Research Grant and travelled to Korea as part of the award, and Mr. Jason Guynes, Professor and Department Chair, completed the three-year mural project located in the Moulton Bell Tower.
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on the campus. In the Department of English, Dr. Sue Walker, Stokes Distinguished Professor of Creative Writing, receiving the prestigious Eugene Current-Garcia Award, a prize reserved for the state’s top literary Scholars, at the annual Alabama Writers Symposium in Monroeville.

In other College news, Dr. Madhuri Mulekar delivered the Dean’s Lecture. At this annual event, the Outstanding Service Award was presented to Dr. Anne Boettcher of the Department of Biology. The Junior Faculty Scholarship and Academic Achievement Award went to Dr. Alexandra Stenson of the Department of Chemistry. The three recipients of the Teaching Excellence Award were Dr. Corina Schulze of the Department of Political Science/Criminal Justice, Dr. Alice Kracke of the Department of English, and Dr. Patrick Cesarini of the Department of English. Dr. Ellen Harrington received the Academic Advising Award.

The College of Arts and Sciences faculty had a productive year of scholarship, research, and creative activity. The following books were published by faculty members – ten of which were peer-reviewed:


Other faculty members published 57 peer-reviewed book chapters. In total, A & S faculty had 200 peer-reviewed journal articles and creative performances during 2012-2013. They made 427 scholarly presentations and had 100 abstracts published. A & S faculty members also wrote 73 book reviews and served on 29 editorial boards for scholarly journals. To help further research productivity, the College was able to award sabbaticals to eight faculty members for the 2012-2013 academic year.

I am pleased to add that 68 professional meetings and colloquia were held in the area during 2012-2013, which represents a significant increase over the total of 46 held in 2011-2012 and the 33 held in 2010-2011.

In terms of Grant Funding, the College continues to do well. From June 6, 2012, through August 15, 2013, faculty members in the College of Arts & Sciences submitted 154 proposals for a total amount of $33,786,336. From among these proposals, 75 have been funded at $11,600,222, 43 proposals are pending, 35 have been rejected, and one withdrawn.

A & S faculty members also supervised 215 students in undergraduate research and 142 students in graduate research. On top of all of this, A & S faculty members still found time to donate over 20,000 hours of time for community and civic service. These numbers indicate how active the College’s faculty members are in terms of teaching, research, and service.
Finally, we congratulate the following Arts & Sciences faculty members who were selected for the Faculty Senate’s 50 Outstanding Faculty Members:

Dr. Robert V. Barrow, Professor of Political Science and Criminal Justice
Dr. Anne Boettcher, Professor of Biology
Dr. Jerry Bush, Professor of Music
Ms. Nadia K. Bush, Instructor in Communication
Dr. Nicole Carr, Associate Professor of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work and Director of Student Academic Success & Retention
Dr. James Connors, Assistant Professor of Earth Sciences and Associate Dean of Continuing Education
Ms. Patricia Davis, Senior Instructor in Chemistry
Dr. Anmarie Guzy, Associate Professor of English
Dr. Michael Hanna, Professor of Communication
Dr. Ellwood Hannum, Professor of History
Dr. Larry Holmes, Professor of History
Dr. Mir Z. Husain, Associate Professor of Political Science and Criminal Justice
Dr. James Kennedy, Professor of Art and Art History
Dr. Elise E. Labbe-Coldsmith, Professor of Psychology
Dr. George Lamb, Professor of Geology
Dr. Heide Lomangino, Assistant Professor of Foreign Languages and Literatures
Dr. Leonard Macaluso, Associate Professor of History
Dr. Nutan S. Mishra, Associate Professor of Mathematics and Statistics
Dr. Sean Powers, Professor of Marine Sciences
Dr. Glenn Sebastian, Professor of Earth Sciences
Dr. Robert Shipp, Professor of Marine Sciences
Dr. George Sun, Associate Professor of Philosophy
Dr. Sankoorikal L. Varghese, Professor of Physics and Associate Dean of Arts & Sciences
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The College of Arts and Sciences is the intellectual center of the University of South Alabama and is the foundation for establishing and building the quality of the University’s academic programs. In the College of Arts and Sciences, students receive broad exposure to all areas of academic inquiry, as well as in-depth knowledge in their chosen field of study. The College provides all undergraduate students at the University, regardless of major, with the fundamentals of a liberal arts education to enhance their knowledge and create an atmosphere in which they develop their own critical thinking, communication skills, and the tools with which to carry out independent inquiry. Such an education promotes a heightened sense of intellectual curiosity, an appreciation of the values and accomplishments of the sciences, arts and humanities, and a sense of awareness and responsibility for the well-being of their society.

In achieving these educational goals, the College of Arts and Sciences will:

- offer a full range of subjects in the humanities, fine arts, social sciences, mathematics, and the natural sciences,
- encourage breadth of learning and training in the fundamentals of scholarship,
- create and apply knowledge in the arts and sciences through dedicated research, teaching, scholarship, and creative works,
- foster educational exchange within the University, the Mobile community, and society as a whole,
- maintain a community of teachers and scholars devoted to the preservation and discovery of knowledge and its transmission to students and to the public,
- promote an intellectual climate that encourages lifelong learning and open and free inquiry,
- encourage and support the application of knowledge in service to the University, the Mobile metropolitan area, and the wider society,
- promote diversity, tolerance, and mutual understanding among all members of the University community and society as a whole,
- emphasize the regional uniqueness of southwest Alabama, including its cultural heritage, its natural environment, and its strategic location as a port city on the Gulf of Mexico,
- prepare students to participate in the larger world beyond the region by giving them an awareness of the complexity of global issues and contexts,
- and prepare students for meaningful and productive careers and contribute to the development of an educated work force responsive to the needs of the region.
The College of Arts & Sciences is the intellectual foundation of the academic enterprise at the University of South Alabama. With more than 450 full and part time faculty, and over 3,500 undergraduate majors, and over 200 graduate students, the College is by far the largest academic unit within the university. More importantly, through the liberal arts general education curriculum, the College plays an integral role in the education of every undergraduate student at USA.

Research and scholarship are essential to the teaching mission of the College. As the University has evolved since its origin in 1963, its mission has expanded to include an emphasis not only on teaching and service but also significant research. The faculty have responded to the challenge to engage in research, and as the University has grown and new faculty have joined its ranks, research has become increasingly important in defining the University of South Alabama and in distinguishing it from other colleges and universities in the Gulf Coast region and the state of Alabama.

The College of Arts & Sciences has played an integral role in sustaining the new direction for the University. Faculty members in the College have demonstrated increasing success in their research and scholarly pursuits. The A & S faculty is second only to the Medical School in the level of extramural funding received, but that is only one measure of the scholarship that has become an expected part of every faculty member’s professional responsibility. Much of the research, scholarship, and creative work of the faculty receive little or no extramural funding, yet it contributes significantly to the intellectual climate and to the growing reputation of the University of South Alabama as a leading research institution in the Southeastern United States.

The College of Arts & Sciences’ rich intellectual climate is driven by a vision of continued excellence, a vision shared by our students, faculty, and administrators alike. This vision of integrating research and scholarship with teaching and service fosters not only further improvements in classroom instruction but also improvements in the quality of life in our community.
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Ms. Gigi Armbrecht, Chair

Gigi Armbrecht is AT&T’s regional director in southwest Alabama. She currently serves as immediate past Chair of the Board of Directors of Girl Scouts of the Deep South Council, the Mobile Area Education Foundation and the United Way of Southwest Alabama. Gigi has a BS degree from the University of Alabama and two MAs from the University of South Alabama. She is a graduate of Leadership Mobile, Leadership Alabama and the WK Kellogg National Leadership Program, Class V. Gigi is a member of the Rotary Club of Mobile – Sunrise and is on the Board of Advisors for the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce and the Advisory Board for Envision Coastal Alabama. Armbrecht has served on a number of community boards and commissions. At present, she sits on the boards of the Mobile Area Education Foundation, United Way of Southwest Alabama and the University of South Alabama National Alumni Association. She is a past chair of Envision Coastal Alabama and sits on the Building Authority for the Alabama School of Mathematics.

Dr. M. Allam Baaheth

Dr. M. Allam Baaheth is the owner of Baaheth Environmental Consultants. His work in analytical and environmental chemistry as well as in engineering, for government and industry, is impressive. He has set up and run two advanced environmental and testing labs, and his Baaheth Environmental Consultants is located in USA’s Research Park. In his career, Dr. Baaheth has 16 process chemistry patents and has managed more than 357 Federal projects and administered environmental and civil engineering-oriented projects. In addition, to his work in chemistry and engineering, he is a strong supporter of the arts at USA; indeed, he has donated a Steinway piano to the Department of Music and has performed recitals at Laidlaw.

Dr. Sarah (Sally) D. Caldwell

Dr. Sarah (Sally) D. Caldwell is an educational consultant, working with school districts and state educational agencies. She is the evaluator on federally funded research and development projects in character education in Missouri, Illinois, Alabama and South Dakota. She earned her B.A. degree in history from the University of Alabama, her MEd from University of Hawaii, and her doctorate in school administration from the University of Missouri – St. Louis. She is the daughter-in-law of the late James F. Caldwell one of the founding executives of USA.

Mr. Gerald Friedlander

Mr. Friedlander is a University of South Alabama alumnus, earning his Certificate in Gerontology in 2008. In the Mobile area for the past three decades, he has been very active in civic and commercial organizations, serving as Board Chair for the United Way of Southwest Alabama, as a business owner and member of the Board of Directors for the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce, and as president of the Mobile Association of Retarded Citizens, MARC. He was co-owner and served as president of Mobile Rug and Shade Company, Inc., from 1980 to 2002. He owned the company from 2003 until August 2006 when he sold the business. Prior to coming to Mobile, Mr. Friedlander served as an attorney in Atlanta, Georgia, from 1964 to 1980, focusing primarily on business and commercial litigation, bankruptcy, and creditors rights. He received his law degree from Harvard, attended the Wharton School of Economics at the University of Pennsylvania, where he received his B.S. in Economics, and he also attended Georgia Tech prior to the University of Pennsylvania.
Dr. Woody Hannum

Dr. Woody Hannum retired from the University of South Alabama in April of 2009. He began working at USA as a part-time instructor in 1969, and he was hired as a tenure-track assistant professor of History in 1972. He went on to gain the ranks of associate professor and full professor and served as associate dean of the School of Continuing Education at USA from 1989 until his retirement. Woody was active in Study Abroad, regularly teaching summer classes for USA in London. He served on numerous University committees, and he has continued to be actively involved in community service in Mobile. He received his B.A. in History from the University of the South in 1965; he received his M.A. in History from the University of South Carolina in 1968, and he received his Ph.D., from the same school in 1972.

Dr. Paul Helminger

Dr. Paul Helminger served as a Professor in the Department of Physics at the University of South Alabama from 1973 to 2012. He earned his Ph.D. from Duke University and his undergraduate degree from North Carolina State University, where he was Phi Beta Kappa. Dr. Helminger was very active in the USA Honors Program and in promoting undergraduate research. He also was active in research at the Ohio State University, working with colleagues there every summer as a visiting scholar from 1991 to 2009. In addition, Dr. Helminger served as a leader, between 1994 and 2012, in the Alabama Science in Motion project that continues to bring a mobile science lab to Alabama schools that lack full science instruction capabilities.

Mr. John McCall

John McCall joined the law firm of Starnes, Davis, Florie, LLP, in 2002, and he is now a partner and practices law out of the firm’s Mobile office. His work has often focused on healthcare and professional medical liability but has also included professional liability, complex commercial litigation, construction litigation, intellectual property, collegiate sports, labor and employment, and telecommunications. In 2011, Alabama Super Lawyers® magazine named John a Rising Star for the state of Alabama. John was admitted to the Alabama Bar in 1999 after completing law school at the University of Alabama that same year. He earned his B.A. from Millsaps College in 1994. He is active in the Mobile community, serving on the Boards of the Friends of the Museum of Mobile and the Mobile Arts Council. Moreover, his family donated the Doy Leale McCall Collection, a gift appraised at some $3.1 million that features historical documents related to Alabama and the Black Belt.

Ms. Patricia McCrory

Patricia McCrory graduated from Davidson High School in Mobile in 1970 and the University of South Alabama in 1974 with a B.A. in Political Science and a minor in English. She worked for the Merchants National Bank (now Regions) for 7 years in customer service and commercial loans. After a brief stay at home with her daughter, she went to work at Kiker Corporation, a commercial roofing and sheet metal contracting company owned by her husband R. Bruce McCrory and his brother, both USA alumni. This was to be a temporary, part-time job. She is now in her 26th year and serves as Controller, handling all of the financial operations of the company. Patricia is a member of Christ United Methodist Church and has served on the Administrative Board, Chairman of the Worship Committee and volunteered in many areas of the children’s ministry.
Mr. William Oppenheimer

William W. Oppenheimer is CEO of Enveloc, Inc., a software development company which specializes in backup and restoration software and services. His previous business experience includes an export management company, specializing in agricultural machinery, founded in 1977. Oppenheimer Exports, Inc., grew to include two overseas sales offices and dealers in over sixty countries. He merged this company with the original family business, OPICO, in 1988, and continues to serve as an officer and board member. His present and past civic involvements include the Mobile Rotary Club (past president and Paul Harris Fellow), Family Counseling Center (past president), Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Habitat for Humanity, Dumas Wesley Community Center, Coastal Conservation Association, and the National Wild Turkey Federation. An elder at Spring Hill Presbyterian Church, he is also an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoys playing blues piano. Oppenheimer, a native of Mobile, received a B.A. degree from Yale University in 1975. He and his wife Nancy have two grown children, Nancy and Harris, and reside in Mobile.

Ms. Rickie Voit

Born October 29, 1949 in Williamson, West Virginia, Rickie Voit attended Ohio University and graduated from the University of Alabama in 1972 with a B.A. in Education. She is a former teacher of 23 years for the Tuscaloosa, Alabama and Mobile County, Alabama, public schools. She is married to Lawrence B. Voit, an attorney with Silver, Voit, and Thompson in Mobile. They have three adult children and two grandchildren. She is active in, or a board member of, the following organizations: Ahavas Chesed Synagogue, Mobile Area Jewish Federation, Jewish Family Services of Mobile, Alabama State Holocaust Commission, Gulf Coast Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education, Mobile Jewish Film Festival, Christian-Jewish Dialogue, Hillel at UA, Mobile Chamber Music Society, and South Alabama United Way Emergency Food & Shelter Committee.
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Student Scholarships

**Arts & Sciences Scholarships**

**Earl P. Andrews Scholarship**
- Timothy Borland
- Thomas Jackson
- Brandi Stewart

**James and Ivel Caldwell Scholarship**
- Kristi Williams

**John S. Keebler, MD Endowed Scholarship for Pre-Med Students**
- Joshua Taylor

**Bruce and Patricia McCrory Endowed Scholarship**
- Dillon Patterson

**Mobile Bay Heritage Award**
- Raven Christopher
- Scotty Kirkland

**Nowlin-Caldwell Scholarship**
- Curtis Johnson

**Albert Schweitzer Memorial Scholarship**
- Mary Jo Bishop

**Frederick Palmer Whidden Scholarship**
- Matthew Chaney
- Dillon Patterson
- Kristi Williams

**Chemistry**

**Chemistry Endowed Scholarship**
- Adirika J. Obiako
- Leann Bosarge
- Katherine A. Seale

**T.G. Jackson Endowed Scholarship**
- Lam Pham

**Wierzbicki-Salter Endowed Scholarship**
- Codey Henderson

**Chemistry Department Scholarship**
- Katie Strickland
- Kang Rui Xiang
- Andrew Pischek
- Dalton Burks

**Communication**

**Michael S. Hanna Communication Scholarship**
- Timothy Borland
- Jimmy Orum

**Dramatic Arts**

**Laidlaw Performing Arts Scholarship**
- Brianna Bond
- Matthew Brewer
- Zachary Fitzgibbon
- Payton Fulford
- Lauren Fussell
- Benjamin Haas
- Michael Herbek
- Ellen Johnson
- Sarah Beth Locklar
- Brandon Mallette
- Colgan Meanor
- Meliah Scarborough
- Makenzie Uganski

**Earth Sciences**

**Eugene Wilson Award**
- Daniel L. Anderson

**Geographic Information Science Award**
- Daniel L. Anderson

**Gamma Theta Upsilon Honor Society Award**
- Carl Jackson

**Glenn Sebastian Award**
- Skyler Sampson

**Victoria Rivizzigno Award**
- Donald Brinkman
- Ryan Brown

**National Theatre Owners of AL Scholarship**
- Matthew Brewer

**AL Lyric Theatre Scholarship**
- Makenzie Uganski

**Box Office Assistantship**
- Evan Wilson
- Victoria Blackmon

**Costume Shop Assistantship**
- Lauren Fussell
- Brittney Harrell
- Christina McCarty
- Aaron Meadows
- Kaley Morgan
- John Ross Thomas

**Scenic Shop Assistantship**
- Kentrell Brazeal
- Paul Furlong
- Matthew Holmes
- Stephanie Kurz
- Jinae Linek
- Alexander Morton
- Daniel Olson
- Alexandria Williams

**Biology**

**Endowed Scholarship in Biology**
- Dillon Patterson

**Chemistry**

**Williams - Phillips-Van Hook Chemistry Scholarship**
- Hyunsoo (Sue) Byun

**National Theatre Owners of AL Scholarship**
- Matthew Brewer
**Student Scholarships**

**K. Elliott Hagler Award**
Anna Garrett  
Daniel Hodge  
Laura Rufin

**Desk and Derrick Award**
Matthew Pastorcich

**Mobile Rock and Gem Post-Field School Award**
Rita A. Northcutt

**Denmark/Isphording Award**
Amber Sanderson

**Wiggs Paleontology Award**
Anthony Helferich

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Travis Price

**Faggard Award**
Anthony Helferich  
Matthew Dixon

**Jim & Liz Connors/Eco-Systems Award**
Ryan Boyd

**ExxonMobile Jr. Scholarship Award**
Michael Brown Jr.

**Dr. Bill Williams Endowment Scholarship**
Catherine Chachere  
Kevin Gilmore  
Robyn King  
Megan Stackhouse  
McKenna Stanford

**English**

Angelia and Steve Stokes  
Undergraduate  
Fiction Scholarship  
Jamie Poole

Angelia and Steve Stokes  
Graduate  
Poetry Scholarship  
China Barber

Angelia and Steve Stokes  
Undergraduate  
Poetry Scholarship  
Dana Johnson

**Foreign Languages & Literatures**

Patricia Lane Dyess Scholarship  
Tracy Terpening

Amelia Wolford  
Jacqueline Quinn Gray Scholarship  
Mary Jo Bishop  
Aspen Schleser  
George Colbourne

Gracielo Blanco Scholarship  
Kristen Blosser

Felecia Cooley Scholarship  
Courtney Kaiser

Margaret Pol Stock Scholarship  
Nicholas Knaebel

Lesser Taught Languages Scholarship  
Curtis Johnson

**History**

Macy Wims Reid Scholarship  
Michael Keeley Bryan
Student Scholarships

Montgomery Carlton Stallworth Scholarship
Jonathan Miles Bubbett

Minnie Lee Wilkins Stallworth Scholarship
Angela R. Tripp
Melton McLaurin Graduate Fellowship
Carol Cleaver

Melton McLaurin Graduate Fellowship
Lee Weldon

Mathematics & Statistics

Victorino S. Blanco Scholarship
Kalyn Hode
Chelsey David
Douglas Wagner

Sushila Mishra Memorial Scholarship
Kurt Trampel, III

Christopher Nash Scholarship
James Pickett
Alexei Pillen
Kurt Trampel, III

Department of Math & Statistics Scholarship
(USA Foundation Endowment)
Stephanie Moye
Thien Hua
James Pickett
Alice Wise

Music

Marching Band Awards
Kiana Adams
Jessica Alexander
Madeline Alexander
Warren Aliegbe

Emily Allen
Shelby Arnold
Patrick Baker
Jennifer Bartle
Dylan Basford
Leanne Bass
Michael Baxter
Allison Beck
Jonathan P. Beckham
Rebecca Bensinger
Karl Bentley, III
Garrick Bilbrey
Vince Blair
Brandon Bodie
Ryan Boehme
Brandi Brown
Jacob Brown
Lindsay Brown
Ethan Bryant
James Bryant
Lauren Burch
Hayley Burgess
Anne Byron-Goslin
Timothy Caldwell
Bryant Camery
Jake Cannon
Rosemary Catlin
Claire Cawthon
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Kayla Cobbs
Bryce Coleman
Robin Coleman
Ronald Coleman
Andrew Conniff
Bayleigh Cook
Andrew Cox
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Charles Culpepper
Sheena-Marie Currie
Mary-Kathryn Dankovic
Chase Davidson
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Department Awards
Brie Adnams            Jessica Head
Jessica Alexander      Carl Head
Thomas "Cam" Alidor    Tyler Herrington
Emily Allen            Elizabeth Holmes
Patrick Baker          Dana Hudson
Jerad Bartimus         L.T. Hughes
Ryan Boehme           Emily Isacson
Timothy Borland       Bejamin Ivey
Shanarious Briggs-Pollard Lare'l Johnson
Jacob Brown            Ian Jones
Jake Cannon            John Kangsumrith
Morgan Carithers       Kathleen Killebrew
Rachel Cathey          Madeleine Kreamer
Robin Coleman          Alex Lang
Andrew Cox             Nicholas Lankster
Laura Crawford         Hayley Logan
Chase Davidson         Nathalie McCarty
Courtney Day           Christopher McCrany
Michael Devery         Jenetta McGee
Stephanie Diaz        Lamarsiok McKeller
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McGlothren Scholarship
Amye Boyles

Pinebrook Scholarship I
Connor Favreau

Pinebrook Scholarship II
Daniel Robinson

Jean and Julius Marx
Scholarship I
Jacques Chouinard
Student Scholarships

Jean and Julius Marx Scholarship II
John Pendleton
Jordan Wells

Jean and Julius Marx Scholarship III
Christopher Kren Jr.

Jean and Julius Marx Scholarship IV
Tyler Hanks

Jean and Julius Marx Scholarship V
Bobbie Story

Political Science & Criminal Justice

David L. Horton Memorial Award For Excellence in Political Science
Anna C. Stanley,

Criminal Justice Outstanding Student Award
Mary E. Davis,

James A. Yance Endowed Pre-Law Scholarship
Zakary Gosa-Lewis
Cody Mason

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The Center for Archaeological Studies (CAS) began a third decade of archaeological research, teaching, and public service in the north-central Gulf Coast region (Dr. Greg Waselkov, Director, and Dr. Phil Carr, Associate Director). In 2012-2013 our faculty, staff, and students engaged in active research on the prehistoric and historical sites of coastal Alabama. Teaching is closely integrated with CAS research, most prominently by the involvement of students in field and laboratory projects, including hundreds of in-service training hours for students enrolled in AN 101 supervised by CAS staff member Ginny Newberry. Public educational outreach remains a priority, as well, with visits by school groups to CAS and the newly-opened USA Archaeology Museum.

Some highlights of 2012-2013 include 29 new research projects, with a total budget of $243,369, and the completion of several multi-year projects. One grant to Dr. Waselkov from the National Park Service’s American Battlefield Protection Program led to discovery of several battle sites associated with the Creek War of 1813-1814, as that war’s bicentennial rapidly approaches. These include the site of Fort Sinquefield in Clarke County and a tentative identification of the Enitachopco battlefield in north Alabama. Waselkov also continued research on a collaborative National Science Foundation grant to study seasonality of coastal occupations along the Gulf Coast between AD 200 and 1100. Bonnie Gums completed a grant from the Alabama Department of Transportation to nominate Union Hall, on the Mobile waterfront, to the National Register of Historic Places. And she and Raven Christopher have been searching for remains of Fort Crawford, which dates to Alabama’s territorial period, in East Brewton, with a grant from the Escambia County Historical Society. Waselkov worked closely with Dr. Alexandra Stenson in the Department of Chemistry on the search for traces of the Black Drink, a caffeinated tea made from the leaves of the yaupon holly. Several students have participated in this project, involving mass spectrometry of food residues preserved in ancient pottery sherds.

Dr. Carr initiated what we hope will be a long-term relationship with the U.S. Forest Service in Alabama with a cooperative archaeological survey of portions of Conecuh National Forest. This project, and another one with the National Resources Conservation Service, are the first fruits of USA’s involvement with CESU. Center faculty and staff were instrumental in adding the University of South Alabama to the Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units (CESU) Network, a national consortium of federal agencies, tribes, academic institutions, state and local governments, nongovernmental conservation organizations, and other partners who work together to support informed public trust resource stewardship. USA is now part of Gulf Coast-CESU, and Tara Potts from the Center attended the annual Gulf-CESU conference to establish ties with potential partner agencies. We routinely pass along CESU announcements to the Office of the Vice President for Research and Academic Development for dispersal to the rest of USA’s community of scholars.

Sarah Mattics and Dr. Waselkov worked together on a series of grants to produce interpretive signage for several historical parks in the region, including Fort Mims and Fort Sinquefield. A similar project resulted in the creation of an original map of all Native American settlements in southeastern North America in 1765 for the new state history exhibits at the Alabama Department of Archives and History in Montgomery.

Waselkov and Carr presented CAS research results at regional and national professional meetings, including the Southeastern Archaeological Conference and meetings of the Society for Historical Archaeology, and the Southern Historical Association. These projects supported six undergraduate students who participated in directed research at the Center, and research by several graduate students from the University of Alabama, the University of Georgia, and the University of West Florida.
Center staff and faculty are extremely active in the community, hosting or presenting at numerous public outreach events. These included hosting the South Central Historical Archaeology conference and the winter meeting of the Alabama Archaeological Society on campus at the USA Archaeology Museum. Waselkov chaired development of a new Cultural Heritage section of the Comprehensive Coastal Management Plan for the Mobile Bay Estuary Program. Bonnie Gums and other Center staff organized volunteer excavation opportunities at several area sites (including Old St. Stephens Park, Fort Mims Park, the site of French colonial Old Mobile, and the Fort Claiborne search). And we gave public lectures all over southern Alabama and southeastern Mississippi on topics ranging from the Old Federal Road, to French colonial Old Mobile, to the archaeology of Dauphin Island. Other activities included hosting monthly meetings of the Southwest Chapter of the Alabama Archaeological Society and leading two tours of the Bottle Creek mound site in the Mobile-Tensaw delta. Other community activities include involvement in the War of 1812 Commission for Alabama, efforts to preserve the 1830s Federal Arsenal at Mount Vernon, a public talk at the Yo Solo performance at the Saenger Theater, and participation in the organizing events of the Dauphin Island Heritage and Culture Association.
The Archaeology Museum opened its doors on October 14, 2012, as 777 enthusiastic visitors joined in the celebration, the culmination of six years of work by faculty, staff and volunteers from the Center for Archaeological Studies. As of August 1, 2013, a grand total of 6,085 visitors have come to see the museum!

Since opening, the Archaeology Museum staff members (Barbara Filion, Education Curator; Dr. Phil Carr, Associate Director; Dr. Greg Waselkov, Director) have been implementing the museum’s mission to be a resource and asset for the people of Alabama while making archaeology matter on the Gulf Coast. By developing innovative programming that engages students of all ages and the public at large, the museum is bringing the Gulf Coast’s rich past to life. Here are some of the public and school programs we have offered:

School Programs

This past school year, field trips have brought 2,557 elementary and high school students to the museum. A wide variety of school programs are offered to appeal to elementary, middle and high school classes and to complement the State of Alabama curriculum. Our tour offerings include: Alabama Prehistory & History, Life In Colonial America, Art & Archaeology, Storytelling Through Time, and Archaeology 101. We also offer these programs in French, and will soon add Archaeology & Science to broaden our appeal and reach more grades. This community outreach benefits the University in many ways, not least as a non-sports-related recruitment tool to attract future students.

In collaboration with South Alabama Research and In-Service Center (SARIC) the museum provides professional development for teachers each summer. We have held two professional development sessions attended by 56 teachers.

Special Programs

The Archaeology Museum hosted a number of special events in 2012-2013. In partnership with the USA School of Engineering and the Mobile Area Education Foundation (MAEF), the museum hosted 480 students in Engaging Youth in Engineering (EYE), February 5-7, which included flint knapping demonstrations with Dr. Carr, a total station workshop with Raven Christopher, and a museum visit with Barbara Filion. On March 23, the Archaeology Museum developed a workshop for Girls Engaging in Math & Science (GEMS), where students built grass bridges like the ones made by the Inca. The Archaeology Museum hosts and tailors programs to fit the needs of various groups such as 4H clubs and the Scouts. Museum staff worked with local Boy Scouts to help them earn Archaeology Merit Badges, and were preparing for Girl Scouts this fall who will earn Archaeology Patches. Over the past year, the museum hosted or organized conferences, including the Alabama Archaeological Society (AAS) annual winter meeting and the South Central Historical Archaeology Conference (SCHAC).

Public Programs

Barbara Filion inaugurated two local versions of national public programming. Nova Science Café (2012-2013 Series) is a national initiative that features engaging conversations with scientists and social scientists in a casual non-academic setting. The intent is to encourage conversation and debate about timely issues and to reach out to all audiences. The Archaeology Museum organizes monthly Science Cafés at True’s Midtown Kitchen, a popular restaurant. This program showcases our talented faculty and staff at the University of South Alabama, creates partnerships with other organizations, and provides national visibility for USA and the Archaeology Museum while attracting a new level of community participation. This year’s series featured 10 speakers and drew a total of 407 attendees.
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Let’s Move! Museums & Gardens program, another national initiative, addresses the present-day obesity crisis by promoting healthy living. The Archaeology Museum is a registered Let’s Move! institution and creates programming aligned with its goals. This year the Archaeology Museum organized an architectural walking tour of the campus’ historical buildings and a biking tour of the Botanical Gardens and the museum’s native plants garden.

Special Theme-days & Events

Additional events sponsored by the Archaeology Museum include: Yo Solo… I Alone – School Performance & Panel Discussion (September 21-22, at the Saenger Theater, in collaboration with The Centre for the Living Arts, with a grant from the Alabama Humanities Foundation), a living history theatre performance on the life of Bernardo de Galvez presented free to over 800 school children; National Archaeology Day (October 21 at the Archaeology Museum); Anthropology Halloween Night (October 30 at the Archaeology Museum, in collaboration with the USA Anthropology Student Club) organized numerous family-oriented activities; and Native American Heritage Day (November 29 at the Archaeology Museum), including an atlatl throwing contest, chunky games, storytelling, and basket weaving.

University Connections

The Archaeology Museum is fulfilling its mission to serve the USA community by offering a quality meeting space where departments hold functions and talks. We are also a resource to enhance classes taught on campus. Professors from Art History, Education, English, Biology, Chemistry, Anthropology, History, and Graphic Design have incorporated the museum into their classes in a range of creative ways.

Partnerships

The Archaeology Museum continuously establishes new strategic alliances and partnerships to help further our goal of becoming a valued community resource. Some organizations we have partnered with over the past year include: Alabama Department of Archives and History, Alabama Humanities Foundation, Aramark – Campus Dish, Centre for the Living Arts, Clarke County History Museum, Dauphin Island Sea Lab, Gulf Coast Exploreum, Mobile Botanical Gardens, Mobile History Museum, Mobile Museum of Art, Mobile Public Library, Monroe County Heritage Museums, True Midtown Kitchen, and University of West Florida. We also have loaned artifacts for a special exhibition on “Louisiana under the French Company of the Indies, 1717-1731” at the Historic New Orleans Collection.
The Coastal Weather Research Center celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2013. The CWRC officially began on January 1, 1988, with a handful of clients, including Ciba-Geigy of McIntosh, Alabama. Ciba-Geigy, now known as BASF, was the Weather Center’s first client, submitting a signed contract several months before the official start of the service. The CWRC held a birthday party in February at the John Counts Room. Administration and faculty were invited to join in the celebration. In addition, several of our longstanding clients of 20 years or more attended the function.

Over the past 25 years, the CWRC has provided funds to students to attend professional meetings. This academic year, the CWRC provided travel funds to Robyn King and Lissette Nunez so that they could attend the 40th AMS Broadcast Meteorology Conference in Boston, Massachusetts.

The Weather Center hosted numerous elementary and high school students from Mobile County this past year. The students learned about severe weather and weather forecasting and how TV weather programs are produced. For example, Barbara Filion, educational curator of the USA Archaeological Museum, brought students from several area schools to the Weather Center over a period of a few weeks. In addition, 20 students from McGill-Toolen visited the Weather Center to learn more about hurricanes and experience the role of weathercasters in front of the CWRC TV cameras.

In February, the 9th annual Southeastern Coastal and Atmospheric Sciences Symposium was held at the new Shelby Building. As before, the CWRC funded an evening reception for students and guests at the Faculty Club and provided travel funds for guest speakers that included John Gordon (National Weather Service MIC Louisville), Dr. Jack Beven (National Hurricane Center), Dr. Robert Rauber (Chair, Atmospheric Science, University of Illinois), Dr. Sharanya Majumdar (Professor of Meteorology, University of Miami) and Chris Franklin (Fox 8 New Orleans).

An important part of the CWRC is our hurricane forecasting service. Our clients extend from south Texas to south Florida and north to the Carolinas. The 2013 season was active with Hurricane Isaac striking Louisiana and Hurricane Sandy hitting New Jersey. Sandy was by far the stronger storm and gave our hurricane team a major workout. One of the CWRC clients is CSX railroads whose rail lines extend to the northeast U.S. As a result, the company required an extraordinary amount of forecasting time. Both Dr. Keith Blackwell and Andrew Murray did an outstanding job monitoring and forecasting Sandy’s unusual track.

In addition to forecasting and teaching, the CWRC staff provide special presentations to civic groups and clients through the year. Dr. Blackwell made several presentations to civic organizations as well as an educational session on hurricanes to employees of Aker Solutions. Dr. Bill Williams also gave talks to civic groups along with a hurricane presentation to a residential-industrial organization in Axis, Alabama. The staff also participated in the Odyssey Program by providing a series of lectures on the basics of meteorology.

Early in the academic year, Pete McCarty (CWRC Manager) and Jason Holmes (CWRC Meteorologist) conducted a training session for the USA Police on radar interpretation. Both Pete and Jason also worked with Jeff Garmon of the Mobile NWS and Bill Guess of USA to renew USA’s Stormready certification. Shortly thereafter, Jason resigned from the CWRC to accept a satellite meteorology position in Washington, D.C. Jason was replaced by Corey Bunn. Corey is a USA graduate in meteorology and will now serve as a forecast and warning meteorologist for the CWRC.
In December, the CWRC published the 23rd edition of the *Mobile Weather and Marine Almanac*. 10,000 copies were distributed free by the almanac advertisers. As before, the Weather Almanac serves as an educational publication of the CWRC providing weather data, tide tables and useful information on hurricanes and other severe weather events. The CWRC also promoted USA meteorology by providing an advertisement on the program in each 2012 and 2013 edition of Weatherwise magazine.

The Coastal Weather Research Center continued to serve a large area of the nation in 2012-2013. More than 110 clients in nine states now receive weather forecasts and/or warnings from the CWRC. During the past year, BAE Shipbuilding in Mobile subscribed to the CWRC along with the Taminco Chemical plants in Pace, Florida, and St. Gabriel, Louisiana. In addition, the town of Surf City, North Carolina, subscribed to our hurricane service for coverage during the 2013 season.
The interdisciplinary USA Programs in Gerontology comprise the Graduate and Undergraduate Certificates in Gerontology and the Interdisciplinary Minor in Gerontology. In partnership with the Area Agency on Aging (AAA), the Legacy Leadership Institute (LLI) offers advocacy training during the summer for age 50+ citizens who want to volunteer in various programs of the AAA and in their communities. USA faculty members and alumni participate as LLI instructors, and current graduate and undergraduate students in Gerontology facilitate LLI activities. This year, the LLI celebrated 12 years of service to seniors in Mobile, Baldwin, and Escambia counties. Christina Knowlton (Graduate) and Jessica McCarty (Undergraduate) were the 2013 program assistants. Instructors for 2013 represented the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission – Area Agency on Aging as well as USA faculty, staff, alumni and retirees. Instructors from USA included: Kathryn Jones and Elizabeth Rugan (USA Libraries), Dr. Konrad Kressley (Political Science and Criminal Justice, retired), James Hunt (Allied Health Advising), Dr. Roma Hanks and Dr. Leo Mundy (Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work), and Ray Weinshenker (USA Alumnus).

The Student Government Association, USA Gerontology Club and Sigma Phi Omega (gerontology honor society), co-sponsored a number of student service events. Students held a Coat Drive and a Shoebox Gift Drive; served senior citizens at the Christmas Luncheon at Via Health, Fitness and Enrichment Center; and participated in the Relay for Life. The Extra Mile Student Service Award, supported by funds awarded to the USA Gerontology Club by the Chris Myers Extra Mile Award, was presented to Aysha Rasool. Christina Knowlton was recognized as Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Gerontology; she also received a partial funding award toward her graduate studies which will begin in fall term 2013.

Center for Generational Studies

The University approved the Center for Generational Studies (CGS) in June 2011, as a partnership between USA and Via Health Fitness and Enrichment Center. The purpose of the CGS is to foster development of a living-learning environment for teaching, research, and service on healthy aging across all generations and intergenerational approaches to solving social and health problems. Intergenerational research and learning have recently been recognized by the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education as essential elements in the academic study of aging; yet there are fewer than five university-based centers in the U.S. that focus on intergenerational research and programs.

The CGS is based in Arts & Sciences, but collaborations across colleges and disciplines were involved in the creation of the CGS, including Medicine, Allied Health, Engineering and Computer Sciences, Continuing Education and Leisure Studies. CGS focus areas include: increasing community based services; professional and volunteer training; multi-generational approaches in research and program delivery; and research to keep people and families healthy across generations. The Gerontology Research Network (GRN), a group of researchers from various disciplines who are interested in aging studies, supports collaboration among researchers through the CGS and throughout the University community.

Current GCS programs and activities include: an internship program with USA students completing research-focused internships in various programs at the Via Center; the USA Intergenerational Recreation and Wellness Course - a partnership with Via and the Mobile Housing Board in which students develop health, education and recreation programs for older adults; intergenerational arts, music and outreach programs with area schools; partnership with the Centre for the Living Arts in the Memory Project and the Futures Project to focus on Mobile’s past and
future through arts and public conversations; and the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program – a partnership with Via utilizing trained volunteers of all ages to help elderly neighbors keep their independence through telephone calls to monitor safety, general health and well-being.

The CGS received grant funding through the USA Department of Family Medicine to establish the Via Wellness Clinic to provide weekly, on-site geriatric counseling for low income elderly in the area. During consultations, a certified Geriatrician and USA medical interns provide assessments in weight, blood pressure, oxygen-level testing, glucose testing, eye and ear testing and medication counseling.

A number of potential research CGS collaborations were initiated – notably with the UAB Division of Gerontology, Geriatrics and Palliative Care; the UAB Minority Health Disparities Research Center; the University of West Florida Center on Aging and the UWF Mental and Behavioral Health Capacity Project; the University of Southern Mississippi; Louisiana State University; the USA Mitchell Cancer Institute, Center for Healthy Communities, Center for Integrative Studies in STEM, and the Coastal resource and Resiliency Center. External funding is pending from an NIH award that was submitted with collaborators from UAB and USM.

The Center for Generational Studies sponsored the First Annual Gulf Coast Intergenerational Conference on November 16, 2012, at the USA Faculty Club. We were fortunate to have nationally and internationally renowned speakers from the field of Intergenerational Studies – Donna Butts, Executive Director of Generations United, Washington, DC; Dr. Matt Kaplan, Penn State University; and Dr. Mariano Sanchez, University of Granada, Spain. Planning is underway for the second intergenerational conference for fall 2013.

For more information about the Center for Generational Studies, contact Dr. Roma Stovall Hanks (251-460-6803) or Barbara Estes (251-470-5229).
DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES
The faculty and students in the Biology department had a successful and active year. Thirteen faculty members taught over 3,000 students in 47 classes. Continuing our emphasis on undergraduate participation in research, 38 students conducted directed studies projects under faculty supervision and two students presented their findings at national and regional meetings. Sixty nine BS degrees were awarded. Some of our graduates will enter medical, dental, veterinary, pharmacy, and optometry schools next fall while several students will enter graduate schools in various areas of biology. Throughout the year, we advised 391 Biology majors and 16 graduate students. Six graduate students completed their research and defended their theses. Three students continue to conduct research in the Biology Honors.

Supported by 12 funded projects totaling over 1.2 million dollars, the faculty and students published 9 articles in peer reviewed journals and books, and made 32 presentations at regional and national meetings. In addition, several faculty members were officers or local arrangements committee members in national scientific societies.

We are excited about the initiation of the Biology Endowment Scholarship which was awarded to Mr. Dillon Patterson.

Service activities including interacting with high school students and answering numerous inquiries about various organisms demonstrate the faculty’s strong interest in the role of the university in the community. In the spring many faculty helped with the Regional Science Fair, Expanding Your Horizons, GEMS (Girls in Science, Engineering, and Math), Women in Science, and participated in the Science Olympiad.

We were able to fill one of the three open positions in the department. We look forward to welcoming Dr. Ylenia Chiari to our department in the fall.

Biology: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Brian Axsmith


Biology: Reviews

Tim Sherman

Editorial Board, Iberoamerican Journal of Microbiology
Biology: Editorship of Books or Journals

Brian Axsmith

Editorial board member for the following Journals:


*Zitteliana*, published by the Mitteilungen der Bayerischen Staatssammlung für Paläontologie und historische Geologie, Munich, Germany.

Kelly Major


John McCreadie

Subject Editor (Ecology, Statistics, IPM)., *Journal of Agricultural and Urban Entomology*

Editorial Board (invited)., *Dataset Papers in Ecology*

Biology: Abstracts

Glen Borchert


Clinton S. Major


Kelly Major


Juan Mata


Sinéad M. Ní Chadhain


Tim Sherman


**Biology: Presentations at Professional Conferences**

Brian Axsmith


Axsmith, B.J., Shuqin, Z., Escapa, I., & Fraser, N.C. (2012). *A New Neocalamites with prickles and attached cones from the Upper Triassic of China*. Botanical Society of America meeting, Columbus, OH.
IQBAL, F., & AXSMITH, B.J. (2012). Palynology of the Late Miocene Mauvilla site, South Alabama. Botanical Society of America meeting, Columbus OH.

STULTS, D.Z., & AXSMITH, B.J. (2012). Late Miocene fruits and seeds from southern Alabama. 29th Mid-continent Paleobotanical colloquium. Yale University, New Haven CT.

Anne Boettcher


Huynh, S., Boettcher, A., & Partridge, C. (2012). Phenotypic variance and condition dependence of permanent and temporary sexually selected traits in the Gulf pipefish. Student poster presented at 14th Annual Undergraduate Symposium, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL.


Boettcher, A. (2013). Undergraduate research: Opening windows and doors. Keynote presentation at 10th Annual Mississippi College-Tougaloo College Undergraduate Research Symposium, Mississippi College, Clinton, MS.
Clinton S. Major


Kelly Major


John McCreadie


Sinéad M. Ní Chadhain


Biology


Tim Sherman


Biology: Grants

Dr. Anne Boettcher

Awarded


Boettcher, A. (2012, May). 14th Annual Undergraduate Research Program at the University of South Alabama, National Aeronautics and Space Administration-Alabama Space grant Consortium Outreach Program, $20,000.


Active


Glen Borchert

Awarded

Clinton S. Major

Awarded


Active


Juan Mata

Awarded

Borchert, G., (2013, January). Sequencing of the American Shitake, Lentinula raphanica, Genome. University of South Alabama Faculty Development Council (Mata, J.L., co-PI). $ 5,000

Active

BIOLOGY

John McCreadie

Awarded


Active


Sinéad M. Ní Chadhain

Awarded


Active


Tim Sherman

Awarded


Active


Department Chair: Dr. David Forbes

Professors: Dr. James Davis Jr., Dr. David Forbes, Dr. Andrzej Wierzbicki

Associate Professors: Dr. Robert Barletta, Dr. Jason Coym, Dr. Norris Hoffman, Dr. Alexandra Stenson, Dr. Richard Sykora

Assistant Professors: Dr. David Battiste, Dr. Richard O’Brien, Dr. Donald Perine, Dr. W. Matthew Reichert, Dr. Larry Yet

Senior Instructor: Mrs. Patty Davis

Instructors: Mrs. Jennifer Coym, Mrs. Diane Roe

Secretaries: Ms. Rebecca Hoffman, Mrs. Allison Patterson, Mrs. Variest Randle

Financial Clerk: Mrs. Charlotte Rogers

Stockroom Manager: Mrs. Ruth Cochran

Chemistry: Highlights

Last year the Department of Chemistry graduated seven chemistry majors. Of this group Priscillia Ajaegbu will begin her post-baccalaureate career as a clinical chemist in Montgomery, Dalton Burks is currently pursuing employment in the local chemical industry with plans on applying to graduate school in the chemical sciences, two have plans to continue their studies (Nathan Williams (Jones Law School in Montgomery). and Frankie White (graduate school (Environmental Toxicology))., Anthony Thames has plans to teach at the high school level, and two (Maelynn La and Shey Music). have plans to pursue next year their admission in the health professions.

All our chemistry majors were involved in the Directed Studies Program and participated in local and national professional meetings. Of the 34 papers delivered at local/national/international professional meetings, 14 had undergraduate students listed as co-authors. Of those attending and presenting at the American Chemical Society National Meetings, the costs of conference participation for chemistry majors was, in a substantial part, covered by the Department of Chemistry.

The Department continued funding scholarships for chemistry majors which provided $1,500 of paid tuition per student per year and awarded Chemistry Scholarships to 2 new chemistry majors during the last academic year. During the 2012-2013 academic year there were 6 chemistry majors supported by the Chemistry Scholarship program. (Adirika J. Obiako, Leann Bosarge, Katie Strickland, Kang Rui Xiang, Andrew Pichek, and Dalton Burks). Also during the academic year 2012-2013, two additional awards to our chemistry majors were made. The recipient of the TG Jackson Endowed Scholarship was Lam Pham, the Wierzbicki-Salter Endowed Scholarship was Codey Henderson, and the recipient of the Williams-Phillips-Van Hook Scholarship was Hyunsoo Byun.

During the 2012-2013 academic years, five faculty members (Mrs. Patricia Davis, Dr. David Forbes, Dr. W. Matthew Reichert, Dr. Richard Rogers, and Dr. Alexandra Stenson). were named Top Profs by the USA Chapter of the Mortar Board Society for 2012. During the same period through the College of Arts & Sciences 2013 Merit Awards Program Dr. W. Matthew Reichert was the recipient of the Junior Faculty Award for Scholarship and Academic Achievement and Dr. David Forbes was the recipient of the Dean’s Lecture Award. Of the many high school students conducting research in the Department, Vivian Ho (mentor Dr. W. Matthew Reichert)., Zhergio Mone (mentor Dr. W. Matthew Reichert)., and Cheyanne Paul (mentor Dr. David Forbes). all were recognized for their accomplishments. Vivian and Cheyanne were named finalists as part of the Alabama Junior
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Academy of Science Paper Reading Competition. Cheyanne was then named Third Alternate by the Gorgas Scholarship Committee as part of the 2013 Alabama Science Scholar Search. Between the two venues, she was awarded over $13K of scholarship funds. Zhergio was recognized as Best in Show (Dean’s Award). at the 2013 Mobile Regional Science and Engineering Fair which means he was awarded a four-year, full-tuition scholarships to the University of South Alabama.

Concurrent with the University’s 50th Year Celebration, three faculty members were given unprecedented recognition of their teaching, research, and service activities. Dr. Norris Hoffman and Dr. Richard Sykora each recognized for outstanding research, scholarly activity, and creative works in the University’s 50 in 50 list. Dr. Hoffman was recognized for “Synthesis of Complexes for Converting the Coal Gas into Commercial Materials,” and Dr. Sykora was recognized for “Research on Lanthanides, or Rare Earth Metals.” Mrs. Patricia Davis was named as one of South’s 50 Outstanding Faculty Members. These recognitions are most deserving especially when considering all that they have done and how they have made a difference.

During the last year, our faculty members had 42 research papers published/accepted in peer-reviewed professional journals or book chapters. Six of these papers had undergraduate students from our Department as co-authors. As stated above, the faculty members from the Department of Chemistry participated in many international/national professional meetings and local research symposia, delivering 34 papers. The Chemistry faculty also participated in a host of professional workshops. During the last academic year, the Department of Chemistry faculty members were PIs/Co-PIs on 3 new awards from external agencies totaling $ 435K and one new award from internal support totaling $ 1.5K. Notable was recent award from The Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation to Dr. Alexandra Stenson for the proposal titled “Chromatographic and Mass Spectral Characterization of Environmental Mixtures.” Dr. Stenson was one of seven in the nation to be named a Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar. In addition to these awards, the Department of Chemistry faculty members were PIs/Co-PIs on 15 active awards through external agencies totaling $ 2.8M. External funding was provided by the federal government (DOD, NSF, USDA)., local agency (MAWSS)., private organizations (Henry Dreyfus Foundation)., and chemical industry (Chevron-Texaco). During the last academic year, 51 students (5 graduate students through the Environmental Toxicology Program, 1 graduate student through the Math program, 5 Honors students, 2 high school students through the UCUR Volunteer Program, 3 post bachelor students, and 40 undergraduate students). were involved in undergraduate research in our Department and were supervised by our faculty.

Our active Chemistry Seminar Program provided a platform for scientific exchange that involved visiting and local speakers, faculty members from other departments, and industrial scientists. Through these and many other activities, the Chemistry Department maintains its close and frequent interactions with the local schools and local chemical industry.

Chemistry: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Robert E. Barletta

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Jason W. Coym


James H. Davis, Jr.


David Forbes


Norris Hoffman


Richard O’Brien


W. Matthew Reichert


Alexandra Stenson


Richard Sykora


Andrzej Wierzbicki


Chemistry: Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

James H. Davis, Jr.


Richard O’Brien


W. Matthew Reichert

Larry Yet


Chemistry: *Peer Reviewed Books*

David Forbes


Chemistry: *Non Peer Reviewed Books*

Larry Yet


Chemistry: *Reviews*

Alexandra Stenson

Whelton, A.J., & **Stenson, A.C.** (June 2012). [Final report, identification of big creek lake contaminants responsible for drinking water disinfectant byproduct (DBP) formation at the E.M. Stickney and H.E. Myers water treatment plants]. Submitted to the Mobile Area Water and Sewer System, Mobile, AL.

Chemistry: *Abstracts*

Robert E. Barletta


David Battiste


James H. Davis, Jr.


David Forbes


W. Matthew Reichert


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Alexandra Stenson


Richard Sykora


Chemistry: Presentations at Professional Conferences

Robert E. Barletta


David Battiste


Jason W. Coym


Jennifer R. Coym


David Forbes


Richard O’Brien


W. Matthew Reichert

Alexandra Stenson


Richard Sykora


Larry Yet

Eberhardt, B.T., Lee, K., Patel, A., Piazza, G., Reid, K.D. & Yet, L. (2013, March). Phosphodiesterase 10A inhibitors selectively inhibit colon tumor cell growth. Poster presented at the meeting of the University of South Alabama Faculty Development Council Spring Research Forum, Mobile, AL.
**Chemistry: Grants**

Robert E. Barletta


David Battiste


Jason W. Coym


James H. Davis, Jr.


West, K.N. (PI), **Davis, J.H., Jr., & Reichert, W. M.** (Co-PI). (2011, August). MRI: Acquisition of an intelligent gravimetric analyzer to characterize gas absorption properties of ionic liquids for energy and environmental applications. National Science Foundation, $361,923.

David Forbes

**Forbes, D.C.** (2010, July). RUI: Catalysis using decarboxylation of carboxymethylbetaine functionality, National Science Foundation, $247,000.

Norris Hoffman


W. Matthew Reichert


West, K. N., Davis, J. H., Jr., & **Reichert, W.M.** (2011, August). MRI: Acquisition of an intelligent gravimetric analyzer to characterize gas absorption properties of ionic liquids for energy and environmental applications. National Science Foundation, $361,923.
Alexandra Stenson


Richard Sykora

**Sykora, R.E.** (2009, June). CAREER: Exploring the structures and materials applications of lanthanide cyanometallates. National Science Foundation, $625,000.
COMMUNICATION

Department Chair: Dr. James Aucoin

Professors: Dr James Aucoin, Dr. Gerald Wilson

Associate Professors: Dr. Patricia Mark, Dr. Steven Rockwell, Dr. Richard Ward

Assistant Professors: Dr. Joseph Glover, Dr. Brett Lunceford, Dr. Reginald Moody, Dr. April Taylor

Senior Instructor: Ms. Genevieve Dardeau

Instructors: Ms. Nadia Bush, Ms. Dana Coleman; Ms. Nekita Huling, Ms. Katherine Rigsby, Mr. John Sellers, Ms. Megan Sparks

Secretaries: Ms. Tonette Adams, Ms. Margaret Haig

Communication: Highlights

The Communication Department has had another outstanding year. Our programs continue to have a strong showing. Enrollments held steady at more than 350 undergraduates and more than 30 graduate students. The strong number of enrollments indicates recognition of the quality of our programs and the attraction of communication careers. Indeed, the fastest growing area is the mass communication field, including advertising, journalism, public relations and digital cinema/television. Our faculty has done much this year to expand our outreach, assess our quality, and update our curriculum as we work toward creating a program worthy of accreditation by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. We hope to become an accredited program within the next three years.

This year, our department offered the fourth annual high school public speaking contest, which was attended by 76 area high school students. Faculty members Megan Sparks, Nekita Huling, and April Taylor organized the event and several other faculty members contributed to making the event a memorable occasion. Our high school newspaper contest and journalism day were held for the 13th year this year, attracting 30 high school students from four area high schools. Faculty members James Aucoin, Richard Ward, John Sellers, part time instructor, Johnny Davis and graduate student Sara Sobolewski conducted workshops. We also offered for the third time our Michael S. Hanna Scholarship, presenting two scholarships. Our department also continued our bi-weekly research colloquium, organized by faculty member Brett Lunceford. Moreover, our students won internships locally and nationally, with students placed at Bayfest, Lagniappe, Red Square Agency, Mobile Museum of Art, City of Gulfport, MS, and Local News 15.

Spring graduation saw the presentation of the third department student awards, recognizing 24 students for their academic, research or creative achievements. Rosalind Rountree, a communication graduate student, was awarded the top USA social science thesis award this year. Richard Ward directed her thesis, “De Chirico meets Frankenstein: The influence of Pittura Metafisica on the style of Son of Frankenstein.”

Many of our faculty and students contributed to our third annual report that will be given to graduating students and sent to alumni and industry leaders. We also publish newsletters, one for current students and faculty, and one for alumni. Faculty member Nadia Bush edited the year-end report. Articles were written or coordinated by Mary Beth Lursen and Daniel Moran.

Funded by the Jean O’Connor-Snyder Internship Program and in collaboration with the USA African-American Studies Program and the Mobile Area League of Women Voters, graduate students Luke Buckley and Derrick Rodgers produced and filmed a documentary focusing on the activities and the people who were involved in the civil rights movement in Mobile. The documentary has been screened in area high school classes and at
Bishop State Community College, and has won the documentary division of the South Alabama Film Festival.

Members of The Vanguard staff, Cassie Fambro and Jake Howell were honored with awards from the Society of Professional Journalists. Other student media achievements included the second year of publication of Due South, a student lifestyles magazine for the USA campus and JagTV and Jag Radio have increased their offerings to students.

Our faculty members continue to receive excellent ratings from their students in our semester opinions of instruction. Michael Hanna, Professor Emeritus of Communication and Nadia Bush were named as two of the 50 Outstanding Faculty members by the Faculty Senate. In addition, faculty members have been active in publishing, presenting their scholarship at conferences, and serving the community. This activity is documented below.

We continue to offer technology and software in video and research courses that meet professional standards. Our three computer laboratories provide support for our research course, computer applications of communication technology, and industry-standard writing and publishing courses. We continued this year to upgrade the video equipment as far as funding allowed.

Other Activities of Communication Faculty:

Communication faculty published a total of 4 articles in peer reviewed journals and 4 book reviews, and presented 17 paper/panel presentations at national and regional scholarly conventions. One faculty member, Brett Lunceford, is editor of a peer-reviewed journal, the Journal of Contemporary Rhetoric.

The department received a $2000 grant from the Mobile County Commission and Pearson Education provided $200 for prizes to students who participated in the High School Public Speaking Contest. More than $1000 in funding was received for advertising students to attend their annual American Advertising Federation regional competition in Baton Rouge. We were awarded an $8,000 grant in conjunction with the USA African American Studies Program for a video production in partnership with the League of Women Voters.

Our faculty served the university and community in a wide variety of activities. James Aucoin and John Sellers serve as board members of the John Will Memorial Scholarship Trust. Steven C. Rockwell serves as a board member for the Playhouse in the Park and on the Child Policy Council for the James T. Strickland Youth Center.

Student groups under the direction of Nadia Bush and Reginald Moody participated in service learning, providing a PR campaign for the Mobile Police Department. Nadia Bush’s Advertising Campaigns Class participated in the regional competition of the American Federation of Advertisers, our students’ third time to compete in this national event.

A number of faculty members provided significant service as advisors to student groups. Nadia Bush spearheaded the effort to bring a chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America to campus. Genevieve Dardeau served as advisor to the Lambda Pi Eta Communication Honor Society; April DuPree Taylor advised the Abeneefoo Kuo Honor Society; Patricia Mark and Nadia Bush advised the student chapter of the American Federation of Advertisers; Serving on the Board of Student Communications are James Aucoin, Richard Ward, and John Sellers. Advisor for The Vanguard was John Sellers; Richard Ward advised JagTV and part time faculty member Matt Logan advised Jag Radio. James Aucoin continues as financial supervisor for USA student media.
**Communication: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

Brett Lunceford


Reginald Moody


**Communication: Peer Reviewed Books**

Brett Lunceford


**Communication: Non Peer Reviewed Book Chapters**

Brett Lunceford


**Communication: Non Peer Reviewed Books**

Gerald Wilson


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Communication: Reviews

James Aucoin


Communication: Editorship of Books or Journals

Brett Lunceford


Communication: Juried Performances, Productions and Recitals

Richard Ward

Ward, R. (2012, November). The Sad Waltz, Sun & Sand Film and Music Festival, Juried, Biloxi, MS

Communication: Other Performances, Productions and Recitals

Genevieve Dardeau

Dardeau, G.M. (2013). Recitation of death poetry for Odyssey Class, USA Continuing Education, Mobile, AL.

Dardeau, G.M. (2013). Faculty Fridays: Student oral reports. USA College of Education, Mobile, AL.

Communication: Presentations at Professional Conferences

April Taylor


Nekita Huling


Brett Lunceford


Lunceford, B. (2013). *Current issues with state associations*. Participant on panel presented at the meeting of the Southern States Communication Association, Louisville, KY.

Lunceford, B. (2013). *Meet the editors*. Participant on panel presented at the meeting of the Southern States Communication Association, Louisville, KY.


Megan Sparks


April Taylor


Communication: Grants

James Aucoin


Patricia Mark

Mark, P. (2012 April). Alabama Education Foundation $500

Mark, P. (2012 April). AAF Mobile-Bay $300

Reginald Moody

DRAMATIC ARTS

Department Chair: Dr. Leon J. Van Dyke

Professors: Mr. Lyle B. Miller

Associate Professors: Ms. Rebecca F. Britton

Assistant Professors: Mr. Todd Fulton Burns, Ms. Karen R. Baker

Secretaries: Mrs. Janet L. Lambard

Dramatic Arts: Highlights

As a public arm of our creative activities, Theatre U.S.A. produces each year a “season of plays,” on our mainstage. This year our focus was The Art of the Story with showy, familiar, experimental, modern, classic, tragic, and romantic examples of our art. Children of Eden was our opening co-production with the music department and brought Eden and the Arc (including the flood) to our stage.

Design elements happened to be particularly important in the first semester (2012), productions as Brittney Harrell’s vara-form masks, as accomplished with her costume-shop crew under Designer Rebecca Britton’s guidance, was entered and, in fact, won the Kennedy Center/ American College Theatre Festival regional and national “Allied Design and Technical Award.” To give a sense of the scale of the competition, the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival encompasses the students from around the country and was started in 1969 by Roger L. Stevens, the Kennedy Center’s founding chairman. The Kennedy Center American College Theater (KCACFT). has grown to be a national theater program involving 18,000 students from colleges and universities nationwide, which has served as a catalyst in improving the quality of college theater in the United States. U.S.A.’s Department of Dramatic Arts has participated in the program since the late 70’s, and the KCACFT itself has grown to be a network of more than 600 academic institutions throughout the country, where theatre departments and student artists showcase their work and receive outside assessment by KCACFT respondents.

The second show was Dead Man’s Cell Phone by Sarah Ruhl and directed by Leon J. Van Dyke in its Alabama Premiere production. For it every designer of record was a student. They included: Stephanie Kurz, Scenery; Kaley Morgan, Costumes; and Tara Gebhard, Lights. The audience for it was treated to an episodic investigation of the modern condition as we all experience it in a digital (but finite) age.

Second semester brought two important classics. Burial at Thebes a great modern retelling of Antigone by Nobel Laureate Seamus Heaney, was the opening production. Respect for the laws of family and God, add distinct to the laws of nations is a timeless tale. Lyle B. Miller’s setting and lighting for the production, as well as Brittney Harrell’s costumes complimented each other beautifully, and clearly rose to the task of re-interpreting a great classic. Our season ended with a production, in its own way another classic, the lament of unrequited love seen in Cyrano De Bergerac, directed by Fulton Burns. It too, was beautifully costumed and supported with its own famous nose as created in our own costume shop by Adrian Vaughn, once again as supervised and supported by Rebecca Britton’s designs for costumes.

Along with design, the largest spring conference for educational and professional theatre is the S.E.T.C. at which Karen Baker, our new Assistant Professor presided over its stage management Olympics, and Rebecca Britton acted as our liaison landing the convention, itself, for Mobile in the spring of 2014. Over 4,000 actors, professional company representatives, design and technical professionals, university representatives, community theatre producers and participants, students from universities and high schools, commercial exhibitors, those who practice theatre as a vocation and those who...
hold it as their avocation will gather next year in Mobile for the nation’s largest theatre convention. As such, we certainly believe Professor Britton’s work represents the department and in this case the University and city very favorably.

In conjunction with the job search arm of the 2013 S.E.T.C. Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, the following students from our department have been placed in summer internships or contract jobs: Lauren Ashley Butler - Lexington Children’s Theatre (full year’s production position); Ellen Johnson - Tecumseh Outdoor Drama - (Sugar Loaf Mountain, Ohio); Ben Jacobs - Tecumseh Outdoor Drama; Kristina McCarty - Shenandoah Summer Music Theatre; Aaron Meadows - Port House Theatre (Kent State University); Brittney Harrell - Arkansas Repertory Theatre (full year position); John Ross Thomas - Santa Fe Opera; Daniel Olson - N.J. Shakespeare Festival, return invitation

This listing represents a very positive development for our students who wish to pursue professional careers, as summer internships provide a recognized bridge for such work, and allow for several to complete their internship expectation connected to completing their B.F.A. degrees.

A summary of recognizably notable activities of members of the Dramatic Arts Department would be remiss should it not include techniques that represent aspects or techniques fundamental to our art form. One such technique for example is stage fighting, and employing it, Fulton Burns certainly leads our work in this skill with his certification work and affiliated work with both Dueling Arts International and the Society of American Fight Directors. As certified by those organizations he led small sword, quarter staff, broad sword, and rapier and dagger workshops, as well as served as Fight Director for a wide list of productions which included Romeo and Juliet, Children of Eden, Pirates of Penzance, The Three Musketeers, Taming of the Shrew, and Peter Pan. These productions ranged from Mississippi Community College; Jacksonville, Florida; Kennesaw State University; and of course our own campus. Our students taking classes with Mr. Burns were also certified or awarded qualification in the aforementioned weapons. Rebecca Britton also had students whose work and research was widely recognized in the community as well as on our own main stage. Her students produced work in projects such as mask construction using foam sculpted molds, facial anatomy in animals, Greek and Japanese costumes, paper Mache mask construction, latex makeup appliance, and French fashion in both dress and Millinery during the 17thCentury.

Together, the academic year represents fine examples of artistry, creative endeavor, important historical and technical research, and skill in practicing what we teach and preach.

Dramatic Arts: Editorship of Books or Journals
T. Fulton Burns


Dramatic Arts: Juried Performances, Productions and Recitals
Karen R. Baker


Rebecca F. Britton

University of South Alabama, Theatre USA

T. Fulton Burns


Burns, T.F. (Dueling Arts International Certified Associate Instructor). (2012, Summer). Rapier & Dagger Certification Test with Dueling Arts International [Department of Dramatic Arts]. Mobile, AL: University of South Alabama

Burns, T.F. (Director). (2013, Spring). *Cyrano de Bergerac* [Department of Dramatic Arts Production]. Mobile, AL: University of South Alabama


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Lyle B. Miller


Leon J. Van Dyke

Van Dyke, L.J. (Director). (2012, November). *Dead Man’s Cell Phone* [Theatre USA, Student Production] Mobile, AL: University of South Alabama.

**Dramatic Arts: Other Performances, Productions and Recitals**

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Burns, T.F. (Master of Ceremonies). (2012, Fall). *USA Holiday Spectacular*. Mobile, AL: Mitchell Center at University of South Alabama


Dramatic Arts: Presentations at Professional Conferences


Karen R. Baker


Burns, T.F. (Featured Extra – The Professor). (2012, Summer). *Yellow Day* (Film). Mobile, AL.


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Rebecca F. Britton

**Britton, R.F.** (2013). *Create that perfect hat workshop.* Presented at the Southeastern Theatre Conference, Louisville, KY

T. Fulton Burns

**Burns, T.F.** (2013, Winter). *Small sword: Stage combat workshop of small sword techniques.* Taught at Dueling Arts International Certification Workshop at Cal-State Fullerton University, Fullerton, CA

**Burns, T.F.** (2013, Winter). *Broad sword: Stage combat workshop of broad sword techniques.* Taught at Dueling Arts International Certification Workshop at Cal-State Fullerton University, Fullerton, CA

**Burns, T.F.** (2013, Winter). *Quarter-staff: Stage combat workshop of quarter-staff techniques.* Taught at Dueling Arts International Certification Workshop at Cal-State Fullerton University, Fullerton, CA

**Burns, T.F.** (2012, Summer). *Three person single sword: Stage combat workshop of three person swashbuckling techniques.* Taught at the Atlanta Stage Combat Workshop for the Society of American Fight Directors at Kennesaw State University, Atlanta, GA

**Burns, T.F.** (2012, Summer). *Cage mixed weapons: Stage combat workshop of combining the chance techniques of John Cage with mixed weapons.* Taught at the Atlanta Stage Combat Workshop for the Society of American Fight Directors at Kennesaw State University, Atlanta, GA

**Burns, T.F.** (2012, Summer). *Shield & staff class: Stage combat workshop of all new shield & staff techniques.* Taught at the Atlanta Stage Combat Workshop for the Society of American Fight Directors at Kennesaw State University, Atlanta, GA

**Burns, T.F.** (2012, Summer). *Advanced rapier & dagger class: Stage combat workshop of advanced rapier & dagger techniques.* Taught at the Atlanta Stage Combat Workshop for the Society of American Fight Directors at Kennesaw State University, Atlanta, GA

**Burns, T.F.** (2012, Summer). Basic rapier & dagger class: Stage combat workshop of basic rapier & dagger techniques. Taught at the Atlanta Stage Combat Workshop for the Society of American Fight Directors at Kennesaw State University, Atlanta, GA

**Burns, T.F.** & Mann, S. (2012, Summer). *Basic firearms class: Stage combat workshop of basic firearms techniques & safety.* Taught at the Atlanta Stage Combat Workshop for the Society of American Fight Directors at Kennesaw State University, Atlanta, GA

**Dramatic Arts: Grants**

T. Fulton Burns


Earth Sciences: Highlights

Earth Sciences is pleased that several of our faculty were recognized in conjunction with the University of South Alabama’s 50th anniversary. Both Dr. Glenn Sebastian (Emeritus-Geography) and Dr. Jim Connors (Geology, now Associate Dean of Continuing Education) were in the 50 outstanding faculty and Dr. Sytske Kimball (Meteorology) was one of the 50 outstanding researchers. Additionally, Dr. Bill Williams (Emeritus-Meteorology) was a featured faculty member in the Commemorative book. Mrs. Mary Anne Connors and Dr. Mimi Fearn participated in the University of South Alabama’s Quality Enhancement Plan pilot program using team based learning, and Mrs. Connors received her certificate of teaching pedagogy at the end of the year. Meteorology faculty secured almost $150,000 in external funding this past year as well as led the department in publications and presentations. Earth Sciences had over thirty students doing some type of undergraduate research this past year. In the service arena, departmental faculty devoted time to the Mobile Regional Science and Engineering Fair, Science Olympiad, SARIC workshops for teachers, GEMS workshop (Girls Exploring Math and Science), Odyssey, and served on several advisory boards in the community. Earth Sciences honored 60 graduates for 2013-2013 at the annual spring awards ceremony.

Geography

Dr. Lary Dilsaver (Emeritus professor). retired this year, and Geography welcomed Dr. Frances Mujica as a full-time instructor, soon to be assistant professor. Dr. Mujica’s expertise is in medical geography, and this year, she and Mr. Sam Stutsman presented a poster at the Association of American Geographers meeting on food deserts in Mobile. Ms. Karen Jordan’s on-line Atmospheric Processes and Patterns class closes every semester and is the only on-line natural science option for USA. Dr. Fearn mentored three Earth Science students competing in the EPA Campus Rainworks Challenge with teammates from Civil Engineering. Although they did not win the national contest, the team designed an impressive solution for managing storm water in the ravine between the Library and the Humanities Building.

Dr. Carol Sawyer, Dr. Mujica, and Ms. Jordan took Geography majors to the Southeastern Association of American Geographers annual meeting in Asheville, North Carolina. Students not only attended the meeting but also enjoyed excursions to Biltmore mansion, Mt. Mitchell, and the graduate department at the University of Tennessee.

In 2012-2013, there were 50 Geography majors and 22 graduates. Geography recognized 11 different students at the spring awards ceremony with Logan Anderson receiving four separate awards including the Wilson Award for most outstanding graduating senior and the Geographic Information Science Award. Gabrielle Hudson shared the Wilson Award. Ryan Brown and Donald Brinkman shared the Victoria Rivizzigno Award, also for an outstanding senior, and Skyler Sampson won the Glenn Sebastian Award for juniors.
The Geographic Information Science Certificate is a popular option for majors in several departments. In 2012-2013, twelve students completed the six courses needed to earn their GIS Certificate. Geography has proposed a minor in Geographic Information Technology (GIT) for the upcoming year. It will include several new GIT classes not previously offered.

Geology

The number of students choosing to major in Geology continues to be strong. The program has 72 majors and graduated 25 students in 2012-13. Several opted to pursue graduate degrees at universities in Texas, Alaska, and Colorado. Many graduates are employed by geological firms that specialize in petroleum exploration, the petroleum service industry, mineral exploration or water resources.

Geology faculty and students were active at geological conferences this year with three presentations at the Southeastern Regional GSA meeting in Puerto Rico. Dr. Doug Haywick effectively directed CoTL (Conference on Teaching and Learning), this spring as well as taught in two different learning communities this past year.

Haywick and two former Geology majors coauthored a paper on the Salt Mountain Formation with David Kopaska-Merkel at the Geological Survey of Alabama that was published in a special Bulletin of the Alabama Museum of Natural History. The study was based in part on the research completed by Elizabeth Root, a former University Honors student that began her graduate work at Auburn University in 2012.

The 2012 Field Geology course had 26 students, one of the largest enrollments ever. For the first time, Cheaha State Park near Anniston, Alabama, was utilized as the mapping site for the first week of the summer course. The remainder of the capstone course was conducted in Texas and New Mexico.

At the spring awards ceremony, Geology recognized eighteen different individuals with Patrick Glass winning the George Lamb Award for outstanding graduating senior. Matt Dixon and Tony Helferich received the Faggard Award for outstanding juniors, Angelique Northcutt earned the Mobile Rock and Gem Club Post Field School Award, and Ryan Boyd received the Jim and Liz Connors/Eco-Systems Award for outstanding hydrology student.

Finally, the Geology program is happy to announce that we have successfully recruited a new faculty member. Dr. Alex Beebe will join us in the fall of 2013.

Meteorology

Meteorology revised their curriculum this year to better serve students interested in graduate school. Dr. Chad Shafer had an impressive list of eight presentations at professional meetings plus two more at the USA sponsored SeCAPS (Southeastern Coastal and Atmospheric Processes Symposium). The Meteorology Club coordinates and hosts SeCAPS annually.

Dr. Wes Terwey, along with three students and his colleague at the University of Wisconsin - Madison, continue to push forward on their NSF-funded research on sheared convective processes and will be publishing at least two papers in the next year, as well as publishing an important piece of software for meteorological researchers.

Meteorology had 70 majors and 14 graduates in 2012-2013. At the spring ceremony, Meteorology awards went to Bradley Simpson (ExxonMobil Senior Academic Award), and to Michael Brown (ExxonMobil Junior Scholarship Award). Catherine Chachere, Kevin Gilmore, Robyn King, Megan Stackhouse, and McKenna Stanford received Dr. Bill Williams Endowment Scholarship Awards.
CHILI

The Center for Hurricane Intensification and Landfall Investigation continues to provide students with internship and research opportunities. CHILI’s network of weather stations (USA Mesonet) provides real time detailed weather data to the meteorology community, as well as serves as part of a broader network of United States weather stations.

CWRC

Coastal Weather Research Center, under the direction of Dr. Bill Williams and managed by Mr. Pete McCarty, published their 23rd edition of the Mobile Weather and Marine Almanac for public distribution. Dr. Blackwell’s hurricane forecast team delivered round-the-clock forecasts and detailed assessments for five tropical storms and four hurricanes including Hurricane Isaac’s landfall in Louisiana/Mississippi and devastating Hurricane Sandy on the East Coast. Dr. Blackwell guided the President’s office concerning the risks posed to the University of South Alabama by Isaac. CWRC provides a valuable example for meteorology majors of the real world demand for weather information.

Corey Bunn, a recent graduate of the USA meteorology program, joined the CWRC staff in October as a forecast meteorologist. The CWRC also added several new clients in the past few months and now provides forecasts and warnings to 114 businesses and governmental operations in nine states.

Earth Sciences: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Doug Haywick


Carol Sawyer


Chad Shafer


Earth Sciences: Non Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

Keith Blackwell

FIRE HSCIENCE

Wes Terwey


Earth Sciences: Reviews

Frances Mujica


Earth Sciences: Abstracts

David Allison


Doug Haywick


Chad Shafer


**Earth Sciences: Presentations at Professional Conferences**

Keith Blackwell


Mary Anne Connors


Doug Haywick


Sytske Kimball


Frances Mujica


Chad Shafer


**Earth Sciences: Grants**

Sytske Kimball


Carol Sawyer

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Chad Shafer


Wesley Terwey

Department Chair: Dr. Steven Trout

Professors: Dr. Steven Trout, Dr. Sue Walker

Associate Professors: Dr. Nicole Amare, Dr. Larry Beason, Dr. Patrick Cesarini, Dr. Robert Coleman, Dr. Annmarie Guzy, Dr. John Halbrooks, Dr. Ellen B. Harrington, Dr. Cristopher Hollingsworth, Dr. Becky McLaughlin, Dr. Linda Payne, Dr. Christopher Raczkowski

Assistant Professors: Ms. Carolyn Haines, Dr. Richard Hillyer, Dr. Kern Jackson, Dr. Justin St. Clair, Ms. Jesmyn Ward

Instructors: Mrs. Vickey Daley Dr. Julian Knox, Dr. Derek Lowe, Mrs. Pamela Meyers, Mrs. Christine Norris, Ms. Karen Peterson, Mrs. Debra Roy, Dr. Linda Spain, Dr. Stephanie Volf

Secretaries: Ms. Sonia Seals, Mrs. Arnedra Wilson

English: Highlights

The 2012-2013 academic year brought a shower of academic honors for the USA Department of English. During the annual Alabama Writers Symposium in Monroeville, Sue Walker, Stokes Distinguished Professor of Creative Writing, received the prestigious Eugene Current-Garcia Award, a prize reserved for the state’s top literary scholars. No less impressive was Annmarie Guzy’s recognition as one of the top fifty USA faculty members of the past fifty years, and the appearance of works by Frye Gaillard (our acclaimed Writer in Residence), Carolyn Haines, Sue Walker, and Jesmyn Ward on the list of outstanding scholarly or creative achievements from the university’s first half century. Moreover, the USA Mortarboard Society honored three extremely talented teachers—Derek Lowe, Karen Peterson, and Sue Walker—as Top Profs.

All of this recognition, which surpassed even the slate of honors bestowed upon faculty members last year, coincided with achievement in every imaginable area—classroom teaching, student mentorship, research and scholarship, creative writing, external funding, community service, you name it.

Teaching

As USA prepared for its 2013 SACS accreditation visit, the English Department became, through the efforts of Karen Peterson, closely identified with a quality enhancement initiative that otherwise focused largely on STEM disciplines. Karen experimented successfully with team-based learning in her classes, and her colleague Pam Meyers learned all she could about this promising pedagogy. Other faculty members piloted teaching techniques and activities no less innovative than team-based learning. Here are just a few of the many examples from this year: Cris Hollingsworth experimented with reading journals in his literature classes; Derek Lowe continued to utilize Turnitin.com as a teaching tool (and shared his conclusions about its value through a presentation at the Department’s annual Composition meeting).; Kern Jackson led his students on a memorable field trip along Alabama’s Civil Rights Trail; Steven Trout team-taught a course on literary journalism with Communication professor Jim Aucoin, and Annmarie Guzy, along with colleagues from several other departments, taught in a day-long interdisciplinary workshop held for first-year Honors students at the U.S.S Alabama Memorial Park.

Student honors and achievements are the best indicators of teaching excellence, and this academic year saw no shortage of them, especially in the area of undergraduate research. Mentored by Nicole Amare, English major Justin Parmer placed first in an international professional communication poster competition; another talented major, Rachael Fowler, delivered a well-received piece of creative nonfiction at the Sigma Tau Delta Conference in Portland, Oregon, and edited a new edition of Literary Mobile, an anthology of great writing from
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the Azalea City published by Negative Capability Press. Two Honors students in the English BA program—Bailey Hammond and Emily Melvin—defended excellent undergraduate theses. And, of course, the quality of this year’s Oracle (Rachael Fowler, Editor in Chief). reflected well on the entire department.

Professional Development

Since May 1, 2012, the English Department faculty has produced five books, three peer-reviewed articles, one peer-reviewed book chapter, one non-peer-reviewed book chapter, one journal issue, and three scholarly book reviews. The total number of performances, readings, and scholarly paper presentations for the academic year comes to forty.

Highlights this year include Nicole Amare’s groundbreaking book (co-authored with Alan Manning). titled A Unified Theory of Information Design: Visuals, Text, and Ethics, Justin St. Clair’s brilliant monograph titled Sound and Aural Media in Postmodern Literature: Novel Listening, and two new novels by Carolyn Haines—Bonefire of the Vanities, the latest installment in her successful Sarah Booth Delaney Mystery Series, and The Darkling, an appropriately darker book published under the nom de plume R.B. Chesterton. Larry Beason published a new edition of the McGraw-Hill Handbook of English Grammar and Usage (co-authored with M. Lester), and several faculty members made significant progress on books that will appear in the next year or so, including Sue Walker, who wrapped up her study of James Dickey’s ecological poetics, Richard Hillyer, whose careful study of the word “care” was accepted for publication by Palgrave, Jesmyrn Ward, who completed Men We Reaped (a memoir of her life in DeLisle, Mississippi), and Steven Trout, who submitted the finished manuscripts for two co-edited books, one a collection of essays on Ernest Hemingway’s early life and writings, the other an anthology of American First World War short stories. John Halbrooks received a well-deserved sabbatical this year, which he devoted to the writing of a book that will trace the concept of heroism (and its absence) across several centuries of British literature, and Chris Raczkowski learned that his sabbatical application for Spring 2014 was approved; Professor Raczkowski will devote his leave to his own promising book project, a study of literary modernism and crime.

Major peer-reviewed articles and book chapters by members of the Department of English came out this year as well. Larry Beason published an impressive article titled “Grammar Interventions in Gaming Forums: Intersections of Academic and Non-Academic Standards” in the edited collection Rhetoric/Composition/Play through Video Games: Reshaping Theory and Practice of Writing. Annmarie Guzy’s “Can Faculty Afford Honors?” appeared in the Journal of the National Collegiate Honors Council and reflected her ongoing study of the politics and pedagogy of Honors education. And, finally, Ellen Harrington’s latest article “Suicide, Feminism, and ‘the miserable dependence of girls’ in “The Idiots,” The Secret Agent, and Chance” took center stage in a most prestigious venue—namely, The Conradian: The Journal of the Joseph Conrad Society (UK).

“Captivity Writing Unbound,” a three-day academic conference organized by Pat Cesarini and Becky McLaughlin and held on the USA Baldwin County Campus in October, 2012, boosted the reputation of the USA Department of English on a national, even international, level. This scholarly gathering succeeded in every imaginable way, creating a palpable sense of community among its more than thirty presenters and featuring a host of provocative papers in multiple disciplines, ranging from English Studies to Health Care. Michelle Burnham (University of Santa Clara), provided a superb keynote address, together with an excellent talk on the main USA campus, and a collection of essays drawn from the conference is now underway, ably edited by Professors Cesarini and McLaughlin.
This was a good year for external funding as well, thanks to the efforts of Kern Jackson, the Director of the USA African-American Studies Program. Dr. Jackson’s accomplished grant-writing netted more than $8,000, more than half of which went to support a presentation on Martin Luther King Day by acclaimed public intellectual Michael Eric Dyson.

Finally, a host of presentations by faculty members and guest scholars contributed to a robust intellectual atmosphere within the English Department. Sue Walker delivered this year’s Hamner Lecture to a packed lecture hall, offering a glimpse into her forthcoming study of James Dickey; Becky McLaughlin gave an entertaining sabbatical lecture at the Satori Coffee shop, Justin St. Clair discussed his new book on sound and postmodern literature at an event organized by the USA chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, and Carolyn Haines and Steven Trout read from recently published books at a launch event held in the USA Faculty Club. As one of the departments supporting the USA Center for the Study of War and Memory, English helped bring Arab-Studies scholar Robert Rook (Towson University) to campus and hosted a riveting presentation by Philip Beidler (University of Alabama), the foremost expert on American literature of the Vietnam War.

Community and University Service

During the past academic year, the fulltime faculty of the Department of English contributed more than 3,000 hours of professionally-related service to the Mobile Bay area. The total for non-professionally related community service comes to 12,883 hours.

Standout service activities for the year include another successful slate of presentations in the Writing Outreach Program (directed by Nicole Amare), another season of wonderful performers brought to Mobile by the Independent Music Collective (sponsored by Justin St. Clair), another Daddy’s Girls Weekend publishing symposium (organized by Carolyn Haines), and another well-attended English Honors Convocation, which recognized more than a dozen English majors and graduate students for their achievements. Winners of the Department’s Composition competition received their prizes during the annual Composition banquet at Red Lobster, where a new award for best part-time faculty member was unveiled and bestowed upon Elizabeth Jones.

As usual, various individuals in the department made a real difference on the USA campus and beyond. Karen Peterson once again travelled to Montgomery to help represent our university during Higher Education Day, and she enjoyed a successful second year as Director of the USA Center for Service Learning. Sue Walker, Carolyn Haines, Jesmyn Ward, and Linda Busby-Parker organized and/or participated in many events designed to showcase the work of our Creative Writing students, including a set of well-attended readings at the Satori Coffee shop.

As this merely partial list of activities and accomplishments clearly indicates, the USA English Department enjoyed a very good year.

English: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Annmarie Guzy


Ellen B. Harrington

Justin St. Clair


English: Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

Larry Beason


English: Peer Reviewed Books

Nicole Amare


Justin St. Clair


English: Non Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Sue Walker


English: Non Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

Carolyn Haines


English: Non Peer Reviewed Books

Carolyn Haines


Larry Beason


English: Reviews

Nicole Amare


Robert Coleman

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Steven Trout


Richard Hillyer


Sue Walker


Jesmyn Ward


English: Editorship of Books or Journals

Steven Trout


Robert Coleman


Carolyn Haines


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English: Other Exhibitions

Sue Walker


English: Recordings

Carolyn Haines


Steven Trout


English: Presentations at Professional Conferences

Nicole Amare


Larry Beason


Patrick Cesarini


Annmarie Guzy


Carolyn Haines


John Halbrooks

Ellen B. Harrington


Cristopher Hollingsworth


Julian Knox


Becky McLaughlin

**McLaughlin, B.** (2012). *A new way to be free?: Amputation, live burial, and the captive body of the amoptemnophile.* Paper presented at “Captivity Writing Unbound” Conference, University of South Alabama Baldwin County Campus, Fairhope, AL.

Karen W. Peterson


Justin St. Clair


Steven Trout


**Trout, S.** (2013). *Adolphe Blondheim, the Missouri capitol building, and the memory of the First World War.* Paper presented at the International Great War Centennial Conference, the National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial, Kansas City, MO.

**Trout, S.** (2013). Undergraduate research in humanities departments. Panel presentation at the meeting of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, Fairhope, AL.

Stephanie Volf

**Volf, S.** (2013). *A “medicyne of words”: Healing through the Book of Hours.* Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO.

Sue Walker


**Jesmy Ward**

Ward, J.W. (2013). *Activism and the Creative Arts*. Keynote speech at the Creative Arts Festival, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS.

**English: Grants**

**Kern Jackson**


**Justin St. Clair**

St. Clair, J. (2013, March). 100% Aural: David Foster Wallace and the Sound of What Comes Next, University of South Alabama Faculty Development Council, $3,500.
Department Chair: Dr. Isabel Z. Brown

Associate Professors: Dr. Isabel Z. Brown, Dr. Zoya Khan, Dr. Mihaela Marin, Dr. Susan McCreedy, Dr. Federico Pérez –Pineda, Dr. Harry Roddy,

Assistant Professors: Dr. Christine Rinne Eaton, Dr. Roberto Robles-Valencia

Instructors: Ms. Kristy Britt, Ms. Jenny Faile, Ms. Terri Rice

Secretary: Ms. Katrina B. Kennedy

Foreign Languages & Literatures: Highlights

New Directions, New Recognitions and One Farewell

This year was a year for welcoming a new faculty member in Spanish and the year that the department became a member of the national honor society for foreign language majors, Phi Sigma Iota. It was also the year that bid farewell to a popular teacher, inspired researcher and much-loved colleague. Finally, it was a year that saw the beginning of what the department hopes to be a long-term relationship with the Universidad de Castilla La-Mancha in Cuenca, Spain.

Roberto Robles-Valencia joined the faculty in August. Originally from Burgos, Spain and with a Ph.D. in Spanish from the University of Michigan, Roberto Robles-Valencia’s research interests include the conceptualization of nationalism as it is reflected in the contemporary Spanish novel and cinema. Roberto Robles-Valencia has quickly established himself as a favorite among his students and will be leading the Study Abroad program to Cuenca, Spain.

In conjunction with Zoya Khan, Foreign Language major with a double concentration in Russian and Spanish Nicholas Knaebel, (who is also studying Chinese!), the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures became a member of the Chi Omega chapter of Phi Sigma Iota, the International Foreign Language Honor Society. A beautifully elegant ceremony in April commemorated the initiation of eighteen distinguished students, the first class of Phi Sigma Iota members for USA.

As part of our continuous effort to internationalize the department beyond study abroad programs, the department searches out opportunities for faculty-led programs. Student and faculty exchanges are also part of the objective of this effort. Our new colleague, Roberto Robles-Valencia will be initiating what the department hopes is a long-standing relationship with Cuenca, Spain and the Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha. Aside from a strong curriculum in Humanities the Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha distinguishes itself by having a first rate fine arts program in addition to programs in architecture, engineering, health sciences and law.

After twenty-nine years of service to the department, esteemed colleague Joe Mozur retired at the end of the academic year. Joe Mozur has been a beloved colleague and teacher serving as an inspiration for colleagues and students alike with his many qualities including patience, leadership skills, kindness, integrity and sheer optimism. He will be greatly missed.

Individual Successes and Ongoing Faculty Development Projects

Kristy Britton continues to represent the department as the treasurer of the International Association of Language Learning Technology organization. In her capacity as the Director of the department’s Language Resource Center (LRC), Kristy Britton was invited to consult at Samford University as that university plans to remodel its LRC. During spring break 2013, Kristy Britton volunteered as a translator for a medical mission in Guatemala. Kristy Britton collaborated in two three-hour presentations and
two one hour presentations on different aspects of technology tools for foreign language learning at international conferences.

Isabel Z. Brown is searching for a publisher for the second novel she has translated from Spanish into English. Isabel Z. Brown translated Dominican writer Carmen Imbert Brugal’s novel Volver al frío (Going Back to the Cold), as part of her effort to bring Dominican writers’ work to the world of English readers. Additionally she gave a paper on Junot Díaz in Panama City, Panama as part of the South Eastern Council on Latin American Studies 60th international conference.

Jenny Faile, who currently sits on the Board of the National Association of Self-Instructional Languages Program (NASILP), gave a paper titled “Incorporating Foreign Language Skills in the SILP Classroom: A brief look at the importance of Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening, and Cultural Awareness” at NASILP’s annual meeting in Washington D.C.

Although on sabbatical all year Zoya Khan made her presence known in two ways over the course of the year. On the one hand, she had a paper accepted to be published in The Bulletin of Spanish Studies titled Pirate Utopias: From the Archive to Homelessness in Edmundo Paz Soldán’s Fictions. She also attended national and international conferences and has made substantial progress toward her planned monograph on contemporary Bolivian literature studying the rise and fall of neoliberalism in contemporary Bolivian literature and films. On the other hand, Zoya Khan worked with Spanish and Russian major Nicholas Knaebel to establish the department’s membership in Phi Sigma Iota as mentioned above.

Mihaela Marin gave a paper titled Consommer: Femmes et nourriture dans le paysage urbain zolien at the Nineteenth Century French Studies Colloquium held at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. She also gave a talk at the USA Museum of Archeology’s Mobile Science Café titled Medical Terminology and Metaphor: the Birth of Psychiatry in 19th –century France.

As both Director of USA’s International Studies Program (IS) and as a professor in the department Susan McCready had a full year. Among many other activities related to IS, Susan McCready revitalized the Model UN program for IS majors. As part of her research activities in the department Susan McCready had an article published in Lingua Romana titled Revisiting Mérimée in Performance / Revisiting the Canon of French Romantic Theater as well as a review published in The French Review. Susan McCready continues her work with the Nineteenth Century French Studies Association. Among other assignments she served as a judge for the recently created Lawrence Schehr memorial Prize honoring our late colleague in French (1954-2011). who taught at USA from 1983 – 1995 before ultimately taking on the chair position in the French Department at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. (Larry Schehr was also Associate Dean of the Humanities from 2003 – 2006 at UIUC.). Susan McCready has also been honored by being invited to address the Dix-Neuviémistes, a British version of the Nineteenth-Century French Studies Association. Finally, Susan McCready continues her work on the MLA Division Executive Committee for Nineteenth-Century French Studies.

Federico Pérez-Pineda gave two papers on the subject of course redesign. He also participated in a publisher sponsored workshop. The first paper that Federico Pérez-Pineda gave was in collaboration with Isabel Z. Brown. Their paper was titled Course Redesign: Using Polycom Video-Conferencing Technology in High Enrollment Spanish Courses. Students Megan Heatherly and David Bingham contributed to the presentation by addressing the audience’s questions on the practical implementation of the videoconferencing system. Federico Pérez-Pineda’s second paper was...
presented at the international annual conference of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese in Puerto Rico. The title of that paper was: *Optimizing Educational Outcomes and Course Redesign: Teaching Spanish via Polycom Technology*. Federico Pérez-Pineda continues to meet monthly with a community book club reading and discussing Spanish and Latin American Literature works of fiction.

Terri Rice represented the department by helping to set up and run the USA booth at the Mobile International Festival. Terri Rice was also kept busy organizing retirement celebrations for Joe Mozur and citizenship parties for adjunct professors Sana Elkhattabi and Fabián Balmori.

Christine Rinne Eaton has had two articles accepted for publication. A *Reconsideration of the Domestic in GDR Literature* will appear in the *Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference Review* and *Denying an Ideal: Maid servants in the Works of Sacher-Masoch and Freud* will be appearing in the *Journal of Austrian Studies*. Christine Rinne Eaton has also had two book chapters accepted for publication including *Marieluise Fleißer in Routledge Encyclopedia of Modernism and Synthesis, Gender and Race in Alice Salomon’s Kultur im Werden* (1924). appearing in *Sophie Discovers Amerika: German-Speaking Women Write the New World*. Christine Rinne Eaton continues to work along with Susan McCready and Kristy Britt with USA’s Learning Community program.

Roberto Robles Valencia gave two papers over the academic year. The first one was at the Mid-America Conference on Hispanic Literature in Nebraska. The title of his paper was: *La estética del cine quinquí historizada. Vicente Aranda*. The second paper he gave was at the annual Kentucky Foreign Languages, Literatures and Culture Conference. Its title was: *Nationalism as a Response to the Present Crisis. The ‘Disaster of Annual’ Revisited and the ‘Return’ of the Nation in a Post(?) National Era*. Harry Roddy introduced the art of poetry translation to two advanced students of German: Ryane Buck and Twila Tschan. The culmination of their work was a group presentation to the USA’s College of Arts and Sciences Humanities Colloquium. The title of their presentation was: *What to be Said, or Better Left Unsaid? Günter Grass and the Limits of Free Speech*. Harry Roddy continues to serve as Program Committee Chair for the South Atlantic Modern Language Association and he is also in his third year as a Research Ambassador for the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD).

Scholarships

The *Margaret Pol-Stock Scholarship* went to Nicholas Knaebel. The award was established by the late Margaret Pol Stock’s family to recognize excellence in more than one foreign language. Mr. Knaebel has a double concentration in Russian and Spanish. He is also a student of Chinese and plans to study abroad in China in the summer of 2013.

The Patricia Lane-Dyess Scholarship went to Tracy Terpening. The Patricia Lane-Dyess scholarship is awarded to a student with excellence in any foreign language who also demonstrates financial need. The scholarship was established by the Lane-Dyess family in honor of the late Patricia Lane-Dyess who served as a secretary in the department for over ten years.

The Jacqueline Quinn Gray Scholarship award for excellence in French was established by Bernard J. Quinn and his family in honor of his late mother Jacqueline Quinn Gray. This year’s winners are: Mary Jo Bishop, George Colbourne, and Aspen Schlesser.

The *Goessling Endowed Scholarship* award for excellence in German was established by the Erwin Goessling family in honor of Dr. Goessling. Dr. Goessling was the founder of the German section of the Department of Foreign Languages and...
Lectures. This year’s award went to **Ryane Buck**. The **Lager Russian Scholarship** recognizes excellence in Russian. This award was established by the Lager family in honor of Dr. Robert Lager who taught Russian and Latin for the department. The award this year went to **Amelia Wolford**.

The **Graciella G. Blanco** Scholarship award went to **Kristen Blosser**. Dr. Blanco founded the Spanish section of the department. Dr. Blanco and her family established the Blanco endowment. The award recognizes excellence in Spanish.

The **Lesser Taught Languages Scholarship** was earned by **Curtis Johnson**. This scholarship was established by an anonymous donor for the purpose of facilitating study abroad to a student with demonstrated excellence in one of the Lesser Taught languages. Mr. Johnson studies Portuguese and plans to study in Brazil during the fall of 2013.

The **Felicia Cooley** award went to **Courtney Kaiser**. This award recognizes excellence on the intermediate level of Spanish for a student who plans to study abroad after completing the intermediate level. **Ms. Cooley** is an alumna of USA.

**Scholarships in International Studies**

Initiated in 1994 by USA Professor Emeritus James Caldwell the **James and Ivel Caldwell Scholarship** recognizes the highest achieving scholar who is an International Studies major or a major in a related field. The scholarship is specifically designated for study abroad. This year’s James and Ivel Caldwell Scholar is **Kristi Williams**. **Ms. Williams** plans to study in Dijon, France during the summer of 2013.

The **Nowlin-Caldwell Scholarship** was established by Dr. Barry and Michelle Nowlin. Open to all USA students the scholarships provides assistance for study abroad. This year’s scholar is **Curtis Johnson** who was the winner of the Lesser Taught Language Award. Mr. Johnson will study in Brazil in the fall of 2013.

**Study Abroad**

In partial fulfillment of the requirement for a major in Foreign Languages and Literatures and/or as part of the Alternative Master’s program in a foreign language twenty students studied abroad over the past academic year. Foreign Language majors each receive a $1,000 award for study abroad. This money is taken from the Foreign Language Professorship Fund which is graciously made available to the department by the USA Foundation.

Argentina – **Jessica Houston, Elizabeth Peake,** and **Laury Valdes** all studied in Buenos Aires.


Ecuador – **Zachary Parker** studied in Guayaquil for a semester.

France – **David Bingham, Amber Hester** and **Laura Williams** studied in Dijon. **Michael Brandon Kieffer** studied in Montpellier for one semester.

Germany – the Passau exchange student for 2012-2013 was **Ryane Buck. Anna Liebrich** was the German exchange student. **Ms. Liebrich** has spent two semesters at USA.

**Mexico** – **Katherine Brown** studied in Guadalajara.

Peru – **Kristen Blosser** studied in Lima for a semester.

Russia – **Ethan Desko** and **Nicholas Knaebel** studied in St. Petersburg and Moscow.

Spain – **Zoya Khan** conducted a faculty-led program to Madrid. **Dorothy Graves, Heather Davis** and **Caroline Welles** were the majors who accompanied **Zoya Khan. Zoya Khan** was also the one to recommend the Universidad Castilla-La Mancha in Cuenca, Spain as the next home base for the study abroad program for Spain.
Members of Phi Sigma Iota.

The first class of members in Phi Sigma Iota the National Honor Society for Foreign Language students included: Kristen Blosser, Ryane Buck, William Crittendon, Mishon Elmer, Laura Fliegel, Kelli Green, Elizabeth Guy, Dominika Houseirova, Jessie Houston, Patrick Houston, Michael Brandon Kieffer, Nicholas Knaebel, Aspen Schlesser, Evan Sox, Surabhi Vinod, Amelia Walford, Ariane Wiedner, and Olivia Yetter.

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There were eighteen students in this year’s senior seminar, the department’s capstone course that showcases students’ cultural knowledge after a study abroad experience. A twenty page research paper and a public presentation of one’s research are part of the course requirements. This year’s award winning research paper was written by Ryane Buck who has a double concentration in Russian and German. The title of her paper was: Perpetuating the Soviet Myth in Children’s Television. 1960 – 1990. The two runner-up papers were by William Almeida From Ascetic to Aesthetic: the Catharsis of Ernesto ‘Che’ Guevara and Michael Brandon Kieffer’s Street Art in France. The best five presentations were also recognized. In order of recognition they were: Ryane Buck for Perpetuating the Soviet Myth in Children’s Television. 1960-1990; Kristen Blosser for Indigenismo in Argueda’s Todas las sangres; William Almeida for From Ascetic to Aesthetic: the Catharsis of Ernesto ‘Che’ Guevara; Katherine Brown for Subcomandante Marcos and the ELZN: Hero or Bandit?; and Dorothy Graves for Sin Nosotras: Latin American Women Immigrants in Spain.

Foreign Languages & Literatures: Presentations at Professional Conferences

Kristy Britt


Isabel Z. Brown


Brown, I. Z. (2013). Memory and Place: Yunior’s Triangulated Quest in Drown and This is how You Lose Her. Presented at the 60th annual meeting of the South Eastern Council of Latin America Studies, Panama City, Panama, March 6-10, 2013.
Jenny Faile


Zoya Khan


Mihaela Marin


Federico Pérez–Pineda


Roberto Robles-Valencia


Department Chair: Dr. Clarence L. Mohr

Professors: Dr. Clarence L. Mohr, Dr. Daniel Rogers

Associate Professors: Dr. Martha Jane Brazy, Dr. Donald DeVore, Dr. Marsha Hamilton, Dr. Mara Kozelsky, Dr. Henry McKiven, Dr. Harrison Miller, Dr. Michael Monheit

Assistant Professors: Dr. E. Claire Cage, Dr. Mollie Nouwen, Dr. Michele Strong, Dr. Rebecca Williams

Instructors: Dr. Robert Faust

Secretaries: Ms. Michelle I. Cagle, Ms. Deborah Thomaston

History: Highlights

Scholarships

This year the History Department awarded three major scholarships.

The Macy Wims Reid Endowed Scholarship for an outstanding junior or senior history major, was awarded this year to Michael “Keeley” Bryan.

The scholarship is made possible through the generosity of Dr. Lois Wims, formerly Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and the sister of the late Macy Wims Reid. Dr. Wims, who is now the Dean of Social Sciences at Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, New York, made a special trip to Mobile to attend this year’s ceremony and present the award.

The Montgomery Carlton Stallworth Scholarship for an outstanding junior history major was awarded to Jonathan “Miles” Bubbett.

The Minnie Lee Wilkins Stallworth Scholarship for an outstanding junior history major was awarded to Angela Tripp.

Both of the Stallworth scholarships, are made possible through the generosity of the late N. Jack Stallworth whose bequests to the USA Foundation also support a departmental lecture series in Southern history.

Public Service and Outreach Activity

N. Jack Stallworth Lecture:

On October 31, 2012 the Department of History hosted the fourth N. Jack Stallworth Lecture in Southern History. The lecture was endowed through a generous bequest to the USA Foundation from the late N. Jack Stallworth. The son of Minnie Lee Wilkins Stallworth and Montgomery Carlton Stallworth, Mr. Stallworth was a lifelong Mobilian, well known in Mobile business circles having owned and operated several business ventures and restaurants over the years. He was a graduate of Castle Heights Military School in Tennessee and of Louisiana State University with a degree in forestry. Jack Stallworth was instrumental in founding the America’s Junior Miss, the Mobile Chapter of the English Speaking Union, and the Camellia Ball. With his grand leadership of the Mobile Carnival Association, he became known as “Mr. Mardi Gras.” His love of Mobile, Southern life, and history, led him to provide, through the USA Foundation, funding to establish and support the N. Jack Stallworth Lecture in Southern history.

The 2012 Stallworth Lecture, entitled, The Political Status of Women and the Laws of War in the American Civil War, was delivered to a large and attentive audience in the Recital Hall of the Laidlaw Performing Arts Center by Stephanie McCurry, Professor of History at the University of Pennsylvania. Professor McCurry is the author of Masters of Small Worlds: Yeoman Households and the Political Culture of the Antebellum South Carolina Low Country (Oxford University Press, 1995), which received numerous awards including the John Hope Franklin Prize of the American Studies Association and the Charles Sydnor Award.
of the Southern Historical Association. She is also the author of articles and review essays that have appeared in the Journal of American History, Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society, and The Women’s Review of Books, as well as in anthologies, including Divided Houses: Gender and the Civil War (Oxford University Press, 1992), and, most recently, an essay “War, Gender and Emancipation in the Civil War South,” published in William Blair and Karen Younger, eds., Lincoln’s Proclamation: Race, Place and the Paradoxes of Emancipation (University of North Carolina Press, 2009).

Her new book, Confederate Reckoning: Power and Politics in the Civil War South was published by Harvard University Press in April 2010. The book has won many awards, including the 2011 Frederick Douglass Prize from the Yale University Gilder Lehman Center, the 2011 Avery O. Craven Award and co-winner of the Merle Curti Award both from the Organization of American Historians, and was a finalist for the 2011 Pulitzer Prize in History.

Howard Mahan Lecture:
On March 21, 2013 a members of the USA community gathered in the Recital Hall of the Laidlaw Performing Arts Center for the 12th annual Howard Mahan Lecture, delivered by Wendy Goldman, Professor of History at Carnegie Mellon University. Goldman is a political and social historian of Russia and the Soviet Union. She is the author of two books on Stalinist terror, Inventing the Enemy: Denunciation and Terror in Stalin’s Russia, and Terror and Democracy in the Age of Stalin: the Social Dynamics of Repression, which focus on the dissemination of repression and the issue of mass participation in the terror. She is also the author of Women at the Gates: Gender and Industry in Stalin’s Russia, a study of Soviet women and industrialization in the 1930s, and numerous articles on Soviet social history. Her book, Women, the State and Revolution: Soviet Family Policy and Social Life, 1917-1936, won the Berkshire Conference Book Award in 1994 for the best book in any field of history written by a woman. Her books and articles have been translated into Russian, Spanish, Italian, German, French, Czech, and Japanese. Her topic for the Mahan Lecture was Life on the Homefront: the Soviet Experience in World War II. Professor Goldman’s lecture was very well received and provided valuable context for contemporary understanding of diplomatic.

Writer in Residence: Frye Gaillard Writer in Residence Activities – 2012-13


Film: In the Path of the Storms, a film adaptation of Gaillard’s 2008 book by the same title, aired in October, 2012 on Alabama Public Television. Winner of 2013 Regional Emmy for Documentary Film. (Gaillard served as script consultant and narrator).


Thesis Committees: Isabel Machado, History; Jamie Poole, English; Mike Odom, English; Charlotte Eldridge, senior project, Interdisciplinary Studies.
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HISTORY

April 25  Lurleen Wallace Community College, Greenville, AL.
May 15   Troy State University-Dothan, Dothan, AL.
June 6   Keynote address, Austin Peay University Writers Conference, Clarksville, TN.
June 9   Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship, Fairhope, AL.
June 24  Super Teacher Institute, Monroeville, AL.

Awards: Induction into the UMS-Wright Arts Hall of Fame; University of South Alabama Fiftieth Anniversary awards recognition; Regional Emmy for In the Path of the Storms documentary

Instructional Improvements and Innovations
New Courses and Formats: In keeping with the University’s current emphasis on new modes of instructional ‘delivery,’ the department has continued to expand its on-line course offerings. During the past year several faculty have taught “blended” classes which combine face-to-face lectures with on line assignments. We are assessing the results of this approach.

Faculty Changes
In 2012-2013 the department conducted two highly successful searches for new faculty colleagues

In the Fall of 2013 we will welcome Dr. Leanne Good, a specialist in Medieval history who will join us as an assistant professor and Dr. William Pencak, a senior scholar in the field of U. S. colonial and American Jewish History.

Professor Good received the Ph.D. from UCLA where she is currently a lecturer in early Medieval history. She has published one encyclopedia article, several book reviews, and has a chapter submitted for inclusion in a forthcoming scholarly anthology. She is currently revising her dissertation on the transition from Agilolfing to Carolingian Bavaria ((700-900), with a view toward publication in book form. By virtue of her training and research interests Good is well equipped to meet the needs of the History Department and to complement courses now offered in classical languages.

Professor William Pencak will fill the newly created Bert and Fanny Meisler Visiting Professorship of History and Jewish Studies. Pencak received the Ph.D. in History from Columbia University in 1978. He is a prominent scholar with numerous publications and many years of teaching experience at Pennsylvania State University. His book Jews and Gentiles in Early America, 1654-1800 (Univ. of Michigan Press, 2005) was the runner up National Book Award for American Jewish History.

Activities of Phi Alpha Theta
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Michelle Strong
The History Club and USA chapter of the History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta, experienced another eventful year in 2012/2013. The group held one election and two organizational and recruitment meetings. Five new members were inducted into Phi Alpha Theta. Members also conducted the annual poll for the Favorite History Professor of the Year Award, which was presented to Dr. Mara Kozelsky. Three graduate students: Blake Graham, Isabel Machado, and Nadine G. Mendelsohn-Ziskind, presented papers at the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, which met with the Southern Historical Association in Mobile, Alabama, 2012. Faculty Advisor, Dr. Michele Strong chaired one of the panels. Ms. Carol Cleaver, a second year M.A. student, presented a paper at the Global Gulf Graduate Conference at Tulane University during the Spring of 2013.

Other Phi Alpha Theta activities included: (a). Two Historic Tours:(Fall). Walking Tour of Mobile—Conducted by University Post Master, Mr. Rose, and accompanied by Dr. Strong, Dr. Faust, and Dr. Cage, and (Spring). Tour of Mobile Carnival.
Museum, accompanied by Dr. Strong, Dr. Faust, and Dr. Miller; (b). Two Hollywood Vs. History Movie Nights: (Fall). Hollywood vs. History—“Dirty Pretty Things”—Dr. Strong Q&A, and (Spring). Hollywood vs. History—“Order of Myths” – Mr. Kirkland Q&A

Mr. Grant De Francisco stepped down as President of the History Club/Phi Alpha Theta to pursue a medical degree after graduating from USA in the spring, 2013. We are grateful for his service and wish him all the best in the future. Elections for new officers will be held in the fall of 2013.

Departmental Awards to Students and Faculty
With the assistance of Professors Hamilton, Brazy, Michelle Strong and the members of Phi Alpha Theta our annual spring Awards Day reception took place on April 22, 2013 in the Alumni House. In addition to the Wims and Stallworth Scholarships mentioned above the following awards were announced.

Joseph A. Nigota Outstanding History Professor
In 2010 the History Department voted to rename the Outstanding History Professor Award in honor of our deceased colleague, the late Joseph A. Nigota, who received the award no less than eleven times over the course of his forty-three year career. The award is determined on the basis of a popular vote open to all students in history classes. The 2013 winner is Dr. Mara Kozelsky

National Colonial Dames Award for Best Paper on History of the Colonial Period
Carol Cleaver for “The Revolutionary Era American Family and its Historical Representations: The Case of George Wythe and his ‘Faithful Servant’”

W. Robert Houston Military History Award
Dr. Houston taught at USA from 1968 until 2010 and developed the department’s program in military history. Damen Wood

E. Lewis B. Curtis Award for Outstanding Scholarship
Lewis Curtis joined the USA History faculty in 1967 and taught until his death in 1974. He was a gifted teacher who held the love and respect of his students. Ramy Bolis, Theresa Corbin, Blake Denton, Wade Long, Paul Page, Matthew Sneddon

Rod Hickman Service Award
Dr. Hickman was a founding member of our Phi Alpha Theta chapter, a bibliographer and a talented student of history. Grant DeFrancisco

Robert L. Brunhouse Award for Outstanding History Graduate Student
Dr. Brunhouse came to Mobile when USA opened. He brought the gift of excellence in historical research and writing to his colleagues and students. Carol Cleaver

Howard F. Mahan Award for Outstanding Graduating History Major
Dr. Mahan is the founding chair of the History Department and one of the original faculty members at USA. He retired in 1993, but continues to share his wit and wisdom at department functions. Elizabeth McDonald

Richard M. Meikle Award for Outstanding Junior History Major
Dick Meikle received his BA from USA in 1994 and won this award in 1993. After his death, the department voted to name the award after him. Gabriel Gold-Vukson, Alexandria Santa Cruz

Department Student/Alumni News
Katrina Anderson (BA 2004), is a doctoral student at the University of Delaware and is conducting research on her dissertation entitled, “Traveling the British Atlantic World: Free Women of African Descent and Emancipation in the Black Atlantic, 1770-1865,” which, in part, focuses on the role of travel and how it allowed free black women to dispel myths and assumptions, challenge societal norms and
create opportunities for themselves as women and as people of African descent. Katrina also recently published a book review this past January in the Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography.

Kharen Andrews (BA 2008). is currently a Library Associate and Assistant Branch Manager at the Dauphin Island Parkway Library. During her off hours, Kharen continues her nationwide search for a job in Conflict Management and Mediation—a field in which she received a Masters in from Kennesaw State University three years ago. She notes, that the job market is rough—no funding!

Delene Case (BA 2001, MA 2004). is a doctoral candidate in German Studies at UMASS- Amherst. She is currently writing her dissertation entitled, “Heroes, Jews, and Antifascists: Tropes of Children and Youth in DEFA’s Historical Film,” which focuses on the state-run East German film studio, DEFA, and its depiction of children and youth who were persecuted under the Third Reich. Delene anticipates defending her dissertation next spring. In the meanwhile, she is keeping her fingers crossed that she will get an Instructor position at Mount Holyoke College starting this summer.

Travis Davis (BA 2011). has enrolled in the MA program in Social Justice Education at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Nick Gossett (BA 2006). has an MA in Russian Area Studies and an Ed. D. in Foreign Language pedagogy. He will return to USA in Fall 2013 to take a one-year position Foreign Languages teaching Russian.

Walter Gribben (BA 2006). completed his residency in medical pediatrics at St. Louis Women and Children’s Hospital and is getting married.

Wade Long (Current MA student). has accepted a position with the Bayside Academy.

Erin McGough (BA, MA 2009). will be starting the MS program in Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason beginning in Spring 2014. She was also admitted to a similar program at American University. Since receiving her M.A., Ms. McGough has helped refugees through her work in Ethiopia, Phoenix, Arizona, and Mobile.

Angel Padgett (BA 2011). has enrolled in an MA program in Education Administration at Kansas University.

Kelly Partridge (BA 2012). completed a two-month course to teach English as a Second Language in Prague and is now living in York, England.

Matthew Peterson (BA 2011). is finishing his second year at Harvard Law School. This summer he will be working for the Boston firm of Howard Friedman which specializes in Civil Rights law with an emphasis on police brutality.

Kim Proctor (BA 2011). is Coordinator for the 80/20 initiative of the Mobile Area Education Foundation. This initiative strives to reach a high school graduation rate of 80% in Mobile County by 2020.

LaToya Rogers (BA 2006). reports that she is still an historian at heart! After having completed a Masters of Science in Nursing while living in Indianapolis, she has recently moved back to Dallas, Texas where she and her sister own and operate a children’s learning center that focuses on math and reading.

Sean Scarcliffe (BA 2006; MA 2010.), is a Captain in the Army, currently stationed in Washington state.

Wayne Sirmon (MA 2009). is Chair of the Alabama Bicentennial Commission on the War of 1812.
Roslyn Spencer (BA 2003). is Director of Programs for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of South Alabama which has placed nearly 3,400 children with mentors in Mobile and Baldwin Counties, and is an award winning agency nationally. Last year, Roslyn secured $70,000 worth of multiple grants to help sustain the financial viability of the agency. Roslyn is also working on her Masters in Public Administration with a concentration in Non-Profit Management at Troy University.

Angela Tripp (Current BA student). will attend the Middlebury Arabic School at Mills College in Oakland, California this summer.

History: Peer Reviewed Books

Rebecca Williams


History: Reviews

Marsha Hamilton


Harrison Miller


Clarence L. Mohr


Mollie Nouwen


Daniel Rogers


History: Presentations at Professional Conferences

E. Claire Cage


Marsha Hamilton


Henry McKiven

McKiven, H.M. (2012). The Doy Leale McCall Collection at the University of South Alabama: a major new source for the study of the nineteenth-century South. Presented panel discussion at the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Mobile, AL.
Clarence L. Mohr

Mohr, C.L. (2012). “The Doy Leale McCall Collection at the University of South Alabama: a major new source for the study of the nineteenth-century South”. Chaired professional panel at the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Mobile, AL.

Mollie Nouwen


History: Grants

E. Claire Cage


Mollie Nouwen

Department Chair: Dr. Sean Powers

Professors: Dr. Just Cebrian, Dr. Kenneth Heck, Dr. Ronald Kiene, Dr. Kyeong Park, Dr. Robert Shipp, Dr. John Valentine

Associate Professors: Dr. William Patterson

Assistant Professors: Dr. Ruth Carmichael, Dr. Alice Ortmann

Research Assistant Professors: Mr. Robert Condon, Mr. J. Marcus Drymon

Academic Counselor: Ms. Nancy Merrill

Grant Operation Specialist: Ms. Angela McKinnell

MARINE SCIENCES

Marine Sciences: Highlights

After 20 years Dr. Robert Shipp stepped down as chair of the Department. As the founding Chair of Marine Sciences, Dr. Shipp spearheaded the formation of the Department and led the faculty and graduate students of the Department through its first two decades of research, teaching and service. The Department now boasts a faculty whose scholarly productivity is on par with the leading marine sciences research programs around the nation. As a faculty member Dr. Shipp is now able to dedicate his time fully to his reef fish research and service activities. The fruits of his labor are evident in the publication of the second edition of Dr. Bob Shipp’s Guide to the Fishes of the Gulf of Mexico.

Two new faculty members joined our Department as Research Assistant Professors, Dr. Robert Condon and Dr. J. Marcus Drymon. The positions, partially funded by the Office of the Vice President for Research, are designed to increase the research capacity of the program. Dr. Robert Condon is a biological oceanographer whose research focuses on energy flow in coastal and oceanic food webs. Dr. Condon recent research highlights the role of gelatinous zooplankton (jellyfish) in marine ecosystems. Dr. J. Marcus Drymon’s research focuses on marine fisheries. Specifically, Dr. Drymon’s research examines the ecological importance and fisheries management of elasmobranchs (sharks and rays). Both researchers are expected to generate substantial extramural grant support for the University as part of their faculty appointments.

Departmental faculty continued their high rate of scholarly research this year. Faculty members averaged close to four peer-reviewed publications a year and had extramural grant expenditures of $250,000 per faculty member. Many of our faculty members devoted much of their time to investigations of the effects of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. Journal articles that describe the effects of the oil spill on the oceanic food web from microbes to marine mammals have been published this year and will continue to be published over the coming years by our faculty members.

The Department will also serve a major role in the newly established Center for Environmental Resiliency, an interdisciplinary organization designed to develop solutions to pressing environmental problems within the context of creating resilient and sustainable communities and ecosystems. The Center was made possible by a $250,000 gift from Dr. and Mrs. Stokes. Dr. Powers has been named the Director of the Center and will oversee its development. The societal, ecological, and economic damages associated with the Deepwater Horizon incident were of a magnitude not seen in our lifetime and have lingered as a result of poor planning, indecision and uncertainty. Efforts of the Center for Environmental Resiliency will be designed to better prepare our region for environmental perturbations from episodic events (oil spill, hurricanes) as well as the long term effects of climate change.

Our graduate students continue to excel in their professional development as the next generation of
marine scientists. For the past academic year, 38 graduate students were enrolled in our program. Six students graduated during 2012-2013: three Ph.D. and three M.S. Next year, the department will celebrate the graduation of its 50th Ph.D. and 100th M.S. level scientists. Two of our graduate students, Allison Rellinger and Andrea Kroetz, won national and regional best student paper awards at scientific conferences further illustrating the exceptional quality of our students. Our program remains highly competitive with five applicants for each admission spot, ensuring a bright future for our Department.

Our faculty members continue to serve the University and the nation in various scientific capacities. Three of our faculty members were prominently featured in the University’s 50th anniversary celebration. Drs. Robert Shipp and Sean Powers were recognized as two of the 50 outstanding faculty members over the University’s first 50 years. Research performed by Drs. Shipp and Ron Kiene was recognized as two of the 50 major research accomplishments of the University. Dr. Ken Heck was elected President of the Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation (CERF), an organization of over 1500 scientists studying nearshore ecosystems throughout the world. Dr. Ruth Carmichael has served as the President of the Gulf Estuarine Research Society for the past year, the regional CERF organization. Dr. Shipp continues to play a major role in marine resource management as a member of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council and the Alabama Conservation and Natural Resources Advisory Committee. Drs. Patterson and Powers serve as members of the Scientific and Statistical Committee for the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Committee.

Scholarships
Due to budget restraints no scholarships awarded during the last year to any students.

Marine Sciences: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Ruth Carmichael


Just Cebrian


Kenneth Heck


Ronald Kiene


Differences in urbanization are not reflected in the δ¹⁵N of seagrass leaves at a global scale. *Marine Pollution Bulletin.*

Sulfate reducing communities have the potential to reduce seagrass restoration success. *Aquatic Botany.*

Dispersed oil disrupts microbial pathways in pelagic food webs. *PLOS ONE 7:* e42548


Robert Shipp


Marine Sciences: Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

Kenneth Heck


Sean Powers


Marine Sciences: Non Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

Kyeong Park

Marine Sciences: Non Peer Reviewed Books

Robert Shipp


Marine Sciences: Reviews

William Patterson


Marine Sciences: Abstracts

Just Cebrian


Ronald Kiene


Kiene, R.P., Motard-Côté, J., Oswald, L., Kieber, D.J. (2013). Dissolved DMSP in seawater – a dynamic pool with a refractory component. ASLO 2013 Aquatic Sciences meeting, February 17-22, New Orleans, LA.


Kyeong Park


Darrow, E.D., Carmichael, R., Calci, K., & Burkhardt, W., III (2013). Sedimentary organic matter source shifts due to land use change in a northern Gulf of Mexico estuarine system. Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO)., New Orleans, LA.


D. Dalrymple, Carmichael, R., & Walton, W., (2012). Potential for increased nitrogen removal by native triploid eastern oysters. Gulf of Mexico Graduate Student Symposium (GSS)., Dauphin Island, AL.


Ronald Kiene


Tyssebotn, I.M., Kinsey, J.D., Kieber, D.J., Kiene, R.P., Rellinger, A.N., Oswald, L., & Motard-Côté, J. (2013). Late summer concentrations and biological turnover rates of acrylate and dimethylsulfoxide in the Gulf of Mexico. ASLO 2013 Aquatic Sciences meeting, February 17-22, New Orleans, LA.

Motard-Côté, J, Kieber, D.J., & Kiene, R.P. (2013). Microbial cycling of dimethylsulfiniopropionate and dimethylsulfide production along a salinity gradient in the northern Gulf of Mexico. ASLO 2013 Aquatic Sciences meeting, February 17-22, New Orleans, LA.

Rellinger, A.N., Kiene, R.P., & Kieber, D.J. (2013). The effects of prolonged darkness on DMSP and other biogeochemically-relevant constituents in Phaeocystis antarctica. ASLO 2013 Aquatic Sciences meeting, February 17-22, New Orleans, LA.


Alice Ortmann


Ortell, N., Gundersen, K., & Ortmann, A.C. (2012). Thaumarchaeota contribute significantly to the total prokaryote community in bottom waters from two distinct seasonally hypoxic zones in the Northern Gulf of Mexico, (oral). Bays and Bayous 2012, Biloxi, MS.

Ortmann, A.C., Linder, C., Shelton N., & Condon, R. H. (2012). Addition of dispersant or dispersed oil results in bacterial communities significantly different from those exposed to crude oil, (oral). Bays and Bayous 2012, Biloxi, MS.


Presley, D., & Ortmann, A.C. (2012). Low abundances of Bacteroidales 16S rRNA genes in Little Lagoon, AL suggest detection of culturable coliforms may be due to environmental strains of bacteria, (oral). Gulf Estuarine Research Society, Dauphin Island, AL.


Kyeong Park


Park, K. (2012). A modeling study of transport and retention of oyster larvae in Alabama coastal water. Invited seminar, Chungnam National University, June 1, Daejoen, Korea.


Park, K. (2013). Transport and retention of oyster larvae in Alabama coastal water: a field and modeling study. Invited seminar, University of Southern Mississippi, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, March 8, Ocean Springs, MS.
Park, K. (2013). *A modeling study of transport and retention of oyster larvae in Alabama coastal water*. Invited seminar, Texas A&M University at Galveston, Department of Marine Sciences, March 28, Galveston, TX.


William Patterson


Sean Powers


Ronald Kiene


**Active**


**Kyeong Park**


**Active**


**Park, K.** (PI)., Ortmann, A.C., & MacIntyre, H.L. (2010 - 2013). Residence time as a factor controlling HABs and fecal coliform bacteria in Little Lagoon, AL. (02/01/2010-06/30/2013), Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium, $295,160.

**Completed**


Alice Ortmann

**Ortmann, A.C.** (2013, March). Determining the predominant nitrogen and sulfur transformations in salt marshes using a metagenomics approach, USA Faculty Development Council, $4,994.


Kyeong Park
MARINE SCIENCES


William Patterson

**Patterson, W.F., III** (2013). Data Management in Support of NOAAAs Integrated Ecosystem Assessment for the Gulf of Mexico through the NGI Ecosystem Data Assembly Center: DISL’s QData Management Center. Northern Gulf Institute. $68,622/1 yr.


**Patterson, W.F., III** & Carlson, J.H. (2012). Examining vertebrae elemental signatures as nursery-specific tags of blacktip shark in the Gulf of Mexico. NOAA Fisheries. $10,000/1 yr.

**Active**

Kellison, T., Barnett, B., & **Patterson, W.F., III** (2012). Estimating potential nursery sources for south Atlantic red snapper populations using otolith chemistry. NOAA-NMFS Marine Fisheries Initiative. $64,700/1 yr.

Barnett, B.K. & **Patterson, W.F., III** (2012). Distinguishing three cohorts of juvenile red snapper, Lutjanus campechanus, in the northern and southern Gulf of Mexico using otolith chemical signatures. NOAA-NMFS Marine Fisheries Initiative. $75,800/1 yr.

Murawski, S. & 20 co-PIs including **Patterson, W.F., III** (2012). Center for Integrated Modeling and Analysis of the Gulf Ecosystem (C-IMAGE). $11,000,000/3 yr; USA budget $471,966/3 yr.

**Patterson, W.F., III**, Hollander, D., Kane, A., & James, M. (2012). Effect of Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill On fish communities associated with artificial reefs off northwest Florida. Florida Department of Environmental Protection. $352,053/1 yr; USA budget $152,544/1 yr.


**Powers, S. P.** (2010-2012). Scientific support for oyster damage assessment associated with the Deepwater Horizon Incident. NOAA, Natural Resource Damage Assessment, via Industrial Economics, Inc. $500,000 (DISL).


**Shipp, R.** (2011 – 2012). Seasonal Hypoxia Forcing a Change in Microplankton Community Structure, Northern Gulf Institute via University of Southern Mississippi, $47,224.
MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS

Department Chair: Dr. Madhuri Mulekar

Professors: Dr. J. Scott Carter, Dr. Madhuri Mulekar, Dr. Cornelius Pillen, Dr. Vasily Prokhorov, Dr. Alvin Rainosek, Dr. Daniel Silver, Dr. Susan Williams, Dr. Xin Min Zhang

Associate Professors: Dr. Joshua Barnard, Dr. David Benko, Dr. Stephen Brick, Dr. Jörg Feldvoss, Dr. Nutan Mishra, Dr. Yorck Sommerhäuser, Dr. Bin Wang

Assistant Professors: Dr. Yuriy Bulka, Dr. Maria (Audi). Byrne, Dr. Huybrechts Bindele, Dr. Gabriella Segalla-Pickett

Professorial Lecturer: Dr. Francis Jellett

Senior Instructors: Ms. Cynthia Crumb, Ms. Sonna Farmer, Mr. Kent Murdick

Instructors: Mr. Robert Casey, Dr. Jacob Dasinger, Ms. Kun Huang

Secretaries: Ms. Sandra House, Ms. Cynthia Schneider

Mathematics and Statistics: Highlights

The academic year 2012-13 was filled with bittersweet events. The department lost three established faculty to larger schools with Ph.D. granting programs and one faculty to an alternate career choice; however, we gained two promising faculty, Huybrechts Bindele and Yuriy Bulka. Huybrechts Bindele joined the department of Mathematics & Statistics after completing the Ph.D. at the Auburn University; Yuriy Bulka came from the University of Alabama via Georgia College and State University. The department also lost an excellent instructor, Cyndi Crumb, who joined the department in 1990 and announced her retirement at the end of the current academic year. She is leaving a legacy of teaching with the younger faculty in the department as well as several teachers in local high schools who will continue to carry the knowledge she instilled in them.

Summer 2012 started with the exciting news that Cornelius Pillen, Daniel Silver, and Susan Williams were awarded five-year Simons Foundation Collaboration Grants in Mathematics to support travel. This is a remarkable feat for this department considering only 137 such grants were awarded nationwide. Once again, J. Scott Carter, Cornelius Pillen, and Vasily Prokhorov obtained funding from Alabama Space Grant Consortium to support the Mobile Mathematics Circle, a program for the middle and high school students that has been effectively offered by the department for over a decade. Huybrechts Bindele received a grant from the American Statistical Association’s Section for Statistical Programmers and Analysts to attend the Joint Statistical meetings. In collaboration with investigators from the College of Education and the Mitchell Cancer Institute, several mathematics and statistics faculty successfully developed proposals which were funded. Cornelius Pillen and Vasily Prokhorov collaborated with faculty from College of Education to get funding from Alabama State Department of Education to support high school teachers’ education. Madhuri Mulekar collaborated with faculty from the College of Education and obtained funding to improve the mathematical knowledge of middle school teachers. Bin Wang collaborated with scientists from the Mitchell Cancer Institute and received funding from the National Institute of Health to support research related to cancer progression. Additionally, Joshua Barnard and Jörg Feldvoss received funding from the College of Arts and Sciences Support and Development Program to support research.

The department also had a successful year in terms of other scholarly activities. Eleven faculty published 24 journal articles and a book, and seven faculty published 24 reviews. Yorck Sommerhäuser published a volume on Hopf algebras in the Memoirs of the American Mathematical Society. In addition to the newly acquired grant funding, faculty also had six current grants supporting the mission of the department. Faculty gave 35 presentations at different conferences, many of which were at
the international level, and 14 presentations in the departmental colloquium series. Thirteen of these presentations by J. Scott Carter, Madhuri Mulekar, Daniel Silver, Yorck Sommerhäuser, and Susan Williams were invited by events held overseas in Lisbon (Portugal), Gumi (Korea), Milano (Italy), Chennai (India), Chandigarh (India), Daegu (South Korea), Busan (South Korea), and Mulhouse (France). It is noteworthy that J. Scott Carter, Madhuri Mulekar, and Daniel Silver served as editors, associate editors, and academic editor of internationally reputed journals and Joshua Barnard was co-organizer of a multi-institute collaborative conference which was funded through a National Science Foundation grant. Something new this year was a seminar series organized by graduate students in the department which had some amazing talks that were well-received by students and faculty alike.

Two activities that occupied a lot of faculty time this academic year were hiring for four vacant positions, and the self-study part of the academic program review process. The department was successful in filling three empty positions, the search for one position was unsuccessful, and one position remains frozen.

In Fall 2012, the department offered 92 sections of 31 different courses serving 2,879 students. In Spring 2013, the department offered 91 sections of 35 different courses serving 2,886 students. Compared to the previous academic year, the department experienced about an 11% drop in enrollment in the Fall semester, and about a 7% increase in Spring semester. Aligning with the university’s emphasis on different instructional modes, the department has continued to expand online/blended course offerings. Steve Brick developed blended versions of Discrete Mathematical Structures (MA 267), and Calculus and its Applications (MA 120). Joshua Barnard developed a blended version of History of Mathematics (MA 410).

Math Circle, a program offered by the department for middle and high school children continues to grow. J. Scott Carter, Cornelius Pillen, Vasilyi Prokhorov, and Elena Galaktionova continue to spend countless hours preparing programs for these students to increase their mathematical curiosity and to improve their problem solving skills. Expanding the idea of Math Circle to Math Teachers’ Circle, Cornelius Pillen and Vasilyi Prokhorov offered four sessions for math teachers during the Spring semester. Last Summer, Cornelius Pillen along with Elena Galaktionova offered a 3-day workshop on problem solving for middle school mathematics teachers.

During the summer of 2012, undergraduate student, Kurt Trampel III was accepted into Louisiana State University’s Summer Math Integrated Learning Environment (SMILE) program. His positive experience with this program has encouraged more students to consider this summer program. Kalyn Hode, Chelsey David, and Douglas Wagner were awarded Victorino Blanco Scholarships; Kurt Trampel III was awarded the Sushila Mishra Memorial Scholarship; and James Pickett was awarded the Christopher Nash Scholarship. In April, the department held the Chris Nash Math Competition, after which Alexi Pillen was presented an award for achieving the highest score. Stephanie Moye, Thien Hua, James Pickett, and Alice Wise were awarded the Department of Mathematics and Statistics Scholarships.

On the sad note, in December 2012, one of our retired colleague and leader, Suzanne McGill, passed away. She came to the University of South Alabama in 1972 and went on to chair the department from 1986 to 1993. Although she retired from the university in 2007, she continued to work with the Mobile Area Education Foundation on developing K-12 programs to engage youth in doing mathematics. As the department chair, she was the driving force to obtain external funding to support the graduate program in mathematics. Starting with the Department of Education’s Graduate Assistantships in Areas of National Need program,
she along with Richard Hitt obtained several grants which provided about $200,000 per year of support for the graduate program for a decade. Under the guidelines of some of these grants, graduate students taught Precalculus courses under the direction of full time faculty members. This program greatly improved success rates in these courses by creating an active collaboration of faculty members working to find effective means for presenting material and interacting with students. Suzanne McGill was known in the university and its surrounding area as an expert in grant writing, and her assistance led to securing many grants in the community. She will be missed by the faculty in the department as well as the community that she served.

Mathematics and Statistics: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

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Mathematics and Statistics: Non Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Maria Byrne


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Mathematics and Statistics: Reviews

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Mathematics and Statistics: Abstracts

Cornelius Pillen


Mathematics and Statistics: Other Performances, Productions and Recitals

Daniel Silver

Arranged an appearance at Satori Coffee House in January by the JACK String Quartet, performance and discussion of mathematics in Iannos Xenakis’s composition Tetras.

Mathematics and Statistics: Recordings

J. Scott Carter

The Following educational videos were posted on youtube:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1lcIoc4t7fU
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eKWKAZ-ot-w
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GkZig5y6I5o
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1V3Uhss5S-0
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lGT5Zp0M6qw
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h_mZYbFTMOw

Daniel Silver

Two-week graduate short course given jointly with S.G. Williams at L.S.U. in Summer 2009 has been posted by L.S.U. on YouTube

Mathematics and Statistics: Presentations at Professional Conferences

David Benko


Huybrechts Bindele


J. Scott Carter


Jörg Feldvoss


Feldvoss, J. (2012). Restricted Lie Algebras with maximal 0-PIM, Talk presented in the Special Session on Representations of Groups and Algebras at the 2012 Fall Western Section AMS Meeting at the University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ.

Feldvoss, J. (2012). Pythagorean Triples and Hilbert’s Theorem 90, Talk presented at the 2012 Florida Local Chapter MAA Meeting at the University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL.

Nutan Mishra

Mishra, N. (2012). Construction of neighbor designs with v=2m, Paper presented at the meeting of the DAE-2012, at University of Georgia, Athens, GA


Madhuri Mulekar


Cornelius Pillen

Pillen, C. (2012). Cartan invariants for finite groups of Lie type, defining characteristic. Fall Western Meeting of the AMS, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ.


Pillen, C. (2013). Cartan invariants for finite groups of Lie type in the defining characteristic. Southern Regional Algebra Conference, Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, LA.
Daniel Silver

Silver, D.S., & Williams, S.G. (2012). Symbolic and algebraic dynamics of knots and links (two-part joint talk.). Invited seminar presentation, Kyungpook National University, Daegu, South Korea.


Yorck Sommerhäuser


Bin Wang


Susan Williams

Williams, S.G., & Silver, D.S. (2012). Symbolic and algebraic dynamics of knots and links (two-part joint talk.). Invited seminar presentation, Kyungpook National University, Daegu, South Korea.


Mathematics & Statistics: Grants

Joshua Barnard


Huybrechts Bindele


J. Scott Carter


Jörg Feldvoss

Feldvoss, J. (2013, January). The Toral Rank Conjecture for Nilpotent Lie Algebras, Support and Development Award of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of South Alabama, $2,300.

Madhuri Mulekar


Cornelius Pillen


Vasiliy Prokhorov


Daniel Silver


Bin Wang


Susan Williams

MUSIC

Department Chair: Dr. Greg L. Gruner

Professors: Dr. Andra Bohnet, Dr. Jerry Alan Bush, Dr. Tracy Heavner, Dr. Robert Holm

Associate Professors: Dr. David Durant, Dr. Jeannette Fresne, Dr. Thomas Rowell, Dr. Peter Wood

Assistant Professors: Dr. Ward Miller, Dr. Rebecca Mindock, Dr. Laura Moore, Ms. Linda Zoghby

Instructors: Dr. Luis Rivera, Mr. Will Petersen

Secretaries: Ms. Peggy Doyle, Mr. Bob Gilmore

Music: Highlights

The Department of Music had a successful year with regard to concerts, presentations, research/creative activity, guest performances and recruiting. Some of the academic year’s highlights include: the fourth season of performances by the Jaguar Marching Band which included a performance at the Superdome for the New Orleans Saints, the USA Concert Choir was featured again with the Mobile Symphony Orchestra in a production of Alexander Nevsky, talented vocal students performed with the Mobile Opera in their productions, guest performers included the St. Louis Brass Quintet, greatly increased music major/minor enrollment, greater student retention and participation in music ensembles for the 2012-13 academic year, the donation of two new Steinway grand pianos to the department’s inventory, and numerous faculty as well as nationally and internationally recognized guest artist performances. Both instrumental and vocal music students enjoyed regional and national recognition in performance, competitions, auditions and composition. Department of Music graduates continue to be accepted into top-flight graduate music programs or have been successful in their performance, music education, or music industry careers. Performance, composition, and research/creative activity by the music faculty continued in a number of international, national, and regional venues as well as a variety of community arts and innovative education and technology programs. The Department of Music continues to enjoy partnerships with the Mobile Symphony Orchestra, Mobile Opera, Mobile Pops Band, Mobile Arts Council, and the Mobile and Baldwin County Public Schools.

Andra Bohnet, Professor of Music, maintains an active performance schedule in both the classical and more eclectic musical realms. Highlights included presentations of workshops and concerts at the conventions of the International Native American and World Flute Association and National Flute Association. She continues a collaborative relationship with Windward Flutes of Nova Scotia, working as an artistic consultant on tuning and design of their Irish style flutes. Mithril performed with two symphony orchestras this year – the Missouri Symphony Orchestra in July and Johnson City Symphony (TN) in December and also performed concerts in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Georgia and Florida in addition to others closer to home. Along with the Silverwood Quartet and colleagues from the USA Music Department, she recorded and produced the CD Songs of Robert Burns, a setting by Brian Joyce, which was premiered on campus in February 2012. And, of course, Dr. Bohnet continues to perform frequently on and around the USA campus and as the principal flutist with the Mobile Symphony Orchestra.

Jerry Alan Bush, Professor of Music, presented a solo piano recital on campus on October 30, 2012 and fulfilled a variety of professional engagements during the academic year. Among these are numerous solo presentations, lecture-demonstrations and master classes. At the request of organizations in both cities Dr. Bush maintained his association with professional keyboard institutes in Atlanta and New Orleans with an ongoing schedule of master classes in performance. He served as both a juror and master clinician for the State Finals of the Mississippi Music Teachers Association Keyboard Competitions and as an adjudicator for additional keyboard auditions.
in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. He presented a series of master classes, individual lessons and two solo performances for the 2012 Piano Workshop at the University of South Alabama in July 2012 and will again make presentations for this event in 2013. University students of Dr. Bush have to date accrued more than 740 honors and awards, including numerous prizes in competitive auditions and graduate assistantships and fellowships at a number of noted music schools both within and beyond the southern region. Dr. Bush, who is completing his forty-second year on the faculty of the Department of Music, has been named one of the "50 Outstanding Faculty" in the history of the university.

David Z. Durant, Associate Professor of Music, was selected to present his composition Bay at the New York City Electroacoustic Music Festival at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. His work The Rack was selected for the 60 X 60 East Coast Mix and was premiered at Harvard University. Durant composed with Rita A. Durant Heartbeats of American Royalty which he conducted on the Second New, Experimental, and Improvised Music Concert—an annual concert that he inaugurated and directs. Also on that program he premiered and performed his composition Bats in the Morning for Piano, and USA students Cameron Alidor and L.T. Hughes performed Durant’s compositions A Storm’s a Comin’ for Bass Trombone and The Sound was in the Wind and Surf for Trumpet, respectively. Durant’s composition Music for the Umbrella Ballet was used in the USA Drama Department’s production of Dead Man’s Cell Phone directed by Drama Department Chair Dr. Leon Van Dyke. The concert version of this piece was performed on the USA Eighth Annual Electroacoustic Music Concert—an annual production that he inaugurated and directs. Also on that concert was the second performance of The Rack, works by Durant’s composition students, a guest composer, and classic electroacoustic works from the 1940s – 1970s. Durant also sponsored a Mobile visit and a percussion and improvisation masterclass by Tatsuya Nakatani. Durant began work on composition commissions for solo piano, trumpet and computer, and clarinet and computer which will be premiered in the 2013-2014 season.

Jeannette Fresne, Associate Professor of Music, offered 84 hours of integrated arts training through the Arts in Education program funded by Alabama Commission on Higher Education, No Child Left Behind legislation and Alabama State Council on the Arts. Teachers participating in the program received an additional six hours of mentoring in their classroom. The Arts in Education inservice program consists of three separate programs: one for middle school English and Social Studies teachers (48 hours); one for elementary classroom teachers (48 hours); and a reunion session for all past-participants (3 hours). Arts in Education exceeded $1.5 million in grants during its eight years. With the assistance of Dr. Paige Vitulli in visual arts from the College of Education, approximately twenty instructors, and a longtime partnership with the Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts, the program continues to be highly rated. In addition to presenting at the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education, their 24th international conference, and guest lecturing, Dr. Fresne worked closely with a graduate from Malaysia on articles and grants. She is faculty adviser for the National Association for Music Educators – Collegiate division. In addition to teaching and supervising student teachers, Dr. Fresne chairs the Graduate Degree Planning Committee, which developed and gained approval from the Alabama Commission on Higher Education to begin the Master of Music degree in the fall of 2013.

Greg Gruner, Professor of Music, remains active in composition, arranging, and conducting in addition to his teaching and administrative duties as Chair of the Department of Music. Dr. Gruner guest conducted throughout the region and retired as the Conductor and Music Director of the Mobile Pops Band in July. He composed new fanfares for the USA Herald Trumpets for Commencement ceremonies and for the University of South Alabama 50th Anniversary Celebration. Gruner also arranged
several pieces for the President’s Holiday Concert. As an arranger, he has written a number of pieces for the Mobile Pops Band and middle and high schools throughout the region.

Tracy Heavner, Professor of Music, had an active year presenting and publishing research and participating in performance related activities. In the area of research, Dr. Heavner presented a study entitled *Incorporating Computer Technology in the Music Classroom* at the Journal of Art and Sciences International Conference held in Paris, France. The abstract and full-length manuscript was published in the conference proceedings. He also had a study entitled *Teaching Jazz Improvisation Via the Internet* published in the International Journal of Arts and Sciences. Another study, *The Jazz Ensemble: Teaching Students Incorporating Principles of Comprehensive*, was presented at the Louisiana Music Educators Association Conference in Baton Rouge. In addition, he authored a saxophone pedagogy book entitled *Saxophone Secrets: 60 Performance Strategies for the Advanced Saxophonist*, published by Scarecrow Press of New York, which contains unique strategies he developed throughout his career as a teacher and performer. In the area of performance related activities, Dr. Heavner served as an adjudicator for the 2013 Jazz Society of Pensacola Student Jazz Competition and the Arizona Band and Orchestra Directors Association State Jazz Festival in Phoenix, Arizona. He also served as the clinician and director of the 2012 Louisiana All-State Jazz Band for a performance in Baton Rouge. In addition, Dr. Heavner conducted and performed with the USA Jazz Ensemble, USA Jazz Combo and served as a studio musician for LiveHorns, recording horn lines and saxophone solos for various artists’ CDs. He also recorded the Alabama All-State Band saxophone etudes for the USA All-State Band podcast. Lastly, Dr. Heavner became an endorser with a major woodwind reed manufacturer, RICO reeds, which will sponsor him as he presents saxophone workshops while promoting RICO products. Dr. Heavner already endorses Cannonball saxophones, Beechler saxophone mouthpieces and Yamaha flutes.

Robert Holm, Professor of Music, had an active year in 2012-2013 including a duo performance with USA trumpeter Peter Wood at the International Trumpet Guild Convention in Georgia plus five other out-of-state recitals. Dr. Holm performed on four occasions regionally and was featured as soloist with the Mobile Piano Ensemble in a performance of Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*. Thirteen regional collaborative performances were given, four with the Archduke Trio (comprised of Holm, violinist Enen Yu and cellist Guo-Sheng Huang). Three additional recitals were given with the Archduke Trio as well as two recitals with USA benefactor and trumpeter Allam Baaheth. On campus, Holm appeared with pianist Laura Moore and the USA Orchestra as a duo performing *Bach's C major double concerto*. Also, on campus, Holm presented three solo recitals, collaborated with USA faculty on five recitals, performed on seven student recitals, played on the Chamber Winds Concert and performed twice with trumpet majors in trumpet studio recitals. Holm directed three senior piano recitals and advised 11 students. Holm served on the Interim Director of Percussion search which interviewed two candidates and later chaired the full-time Director of Percussion search, which interviewed three candidates. Holm performed regularly as principal pianist with the Mobile Symphony, weekly at Dauphin Way Baptist Church, including large-scale productions including the *Mobile Passion Play*, the *Christmas Choir Concert* and *Keyboard at Christmas*, and performed with the Mobile Pops Orchestra. In addition, Dr. Holm served as adjudicator for collegiate students twice in Mississippi and for college and pre-college competitions three times in Florida. Holm performed with 29 students at the Alabama All-State Supersolo competition in Mobile and was accompanist for the studio recitals of violinist Enen Yu, flutist Susan McKinnell and vocalist Betty Morris. Master classes were given on five occasions in Mobile and presentations were given for the Mobile Music Teachers Association, for the Odyssey Program at USA and before a Mobile Symphony concert. Holm directed, taught and performed at the 2nd annual
Piano Workshop and served as faculty for Mobile Symphony's Chamberfest.

Ward Miller, Assistant Professor of Music, in his fifth year of service at the University of South Alabama, once again spent a large part of his professional and personal time recruiting, administering, directing, and arranging and writing for the University of South Alabama Jaguar Marching Band. With the all-time largest ensemble in our history (245 members), Dr. Miller has made us proud to have one of the most successful new collegiate marching band programs in the last 25 years. Indeed, the Jaguar Marching Band reached a new milestone this year when they were asked to perform half-time at a New Orleans Saints football game. The positive feedback from the community and region has increased the visibility of our Department of Music, and the number and quality of students majoring in music has dramatically increased. As such, we have seen a commensurate augmentation in the quality and quantity of our students and ensembles in the Department of Music. The marching band’s recruiting reach was most visible in our third annual Jaguar Marching Honor Band, where over 600 high school students applied to perform with us at a football game; over 400 students joined us for that monumental halftime performance. Dr. Miller’s outreach was of particular value to secondary music educators preparing their ensembles for festivals and competitions, as his comments and clinical work with their ensembles helped them to refine those upcoming performances. These visits also form the backbone of our spring recruiting for both music majors and non-majors alike. Dr. Miller had an article, “Detecting Important Alto Clarinet Lines,” published in the Ala Breve, the Journal of the Alabama Music Educators Association. On campus, Dr. Miller oversaw the Basketball Pep Bands, a competitively auditioned body of students that has grown to 76 members (two bands of thirty-eight apiece). He also taught and directed the USA Symphony Band, an auditioned ensemble that serves as the second concert band ensemble in our program. His teaching responsibilities also included Brass Methods for the instrumental music education majors. He has continued to act as Associate Conductor for the USA Wind Ensemble, a group of students of whom we are all very proud.

Rebecca Mindock, Assistant Professor of Music, has maintained an active performance schedule during her third year as a faculty member at USA. She has continued to perform locally as Second Oboe/English Horn with the Mobile Symphony Orchestra and regionally as the Principal Oboist of the Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra in Biloxi, Mississippi. She has also performed as Principal Oboist of the Wyoming Symphony Orchestra, marking her eighth season as a member of that ensemble. She has performed as a substitute musician on a significant number of the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra’s Masterworks Series concerts this season, as well, and has also subbed with the Meridian Symphony Orchestra in Meridian, Mississippi. Dr. Mindock performed guest faculty recitals and gave master classes at both the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi and Casper College in Casper, Wyoming. This year’s “USA Double Reed Day,” an event now in its third year, had 36 participants present who travelled in from four states. Those participants partook of reed making classes, master classes, a large double reed ensemble music reading session, and all attended a recital given by the event’s guest artists, Johanna Cox and Gabriel Beavers of Louisiana State University. The event was highly successful and Dr. Mindock has already begun planning for next year. Dr. Mindock wrote a feature about the first two Double Reed Days at USA that was published in the International Double Reed Society’s journal, The Double Reed, in December 2012, and she intends to submit another feature highlighting this year’s event in the near future. This year saw the final culmination of Dr. Mindock’s long term recording project of music for oboe, bassoon, and piano trio with the “Three Wood Trio,” comprised of colleagues Dr. Kirsten
Laura Moore, Assistant Professor of Music, has been active as a conductor, pianist, and choral clinician in her position as the Director of Choral Activities at USA in 2012-2013. The two USA choirs sang four public performances on the Musical Arts Series, and performed at the President’s Holiday Concert. Special performances included the world premiere of Brian Joyce’s “Missa Brevis” by the University Chorale, and the presentation of Prokofiev’s “Alexander Nevsky” by the USA Concert Choir with the Mobile Symphony in April 2013. Dr. Moore served as the Chorus Master for the Mobile Opera Chorus season, in works as diverse as Donizetti’s Don Pasquale and Puccini’s La Fanciulla del West. She also accompanies vocal soloists in monthly recitals as part of the Mobile Opera’s “Night of Song” outreach program. Dr. Moore has served as collaborative pianist with faculty and students on multiple vocal and instrumental recitals on the campus. She performed as soloist in the USA Orchestra’s performance of the Bach “Concerto for Two Keyboards.” In addition to her work on campus, Dr. Moore has also served as a choral adjudicator in district contests in Alabama and Mississippi, and as a choral clinician at Mobile area high schools. She was invited to accompany clinics at the state ACDA conference in Tuscaloosa, and the national ACDA conference in Dallas. Dr. Moore is the state Registrar for Alabama NATS, and also serves the Mobile community as president of the Schumann Music Club, and president of the Davidson High School PTSA.

William H. Petersen, University of South Alabama Assistant Director of Bands, Assistant Director of Athletic Bands and Tuba-Euphonium Professor, has maintained a busy schedule in his first full year of teaching at the University of South Alabama. Within the athletic band arena, Professor Petersen has worked to build the Jaguar Marching Band in terms of performance quality, marching precision, and recruitment. Mr. Petersen, took over drill design duties for the Jaguar Marching Band in September of 2012 and wrote drill for half of the Jaguar Marching Band’s second show: Alabama Jubilee, culminating in a spectacular fireworks display while the band created the outline of the state of Alabama. Ensuing press from this show included front page images in the USA Vanguard Homecoming Issue. The Jaguar Marching Band’s final show of the year, an Armed Forces Salute was created solely by Professor Petersen, including both the arrangements and drill design. The show, a picture show salute to the Armed Forces, received a standing ovation in Mobile and significant regional press coverage as part of the JMB’s Exhibition performance at the NFL’s New Orleans Saints game in mid-November. Mr. Petersen actively was involved in recruitment during the fall semester, including clinics for various high schools and administration of the USA Marching Honor Band that welcomed nearly 500 high school student-musicians to perform with the Jaguar Marching Band. Mr. Petersen was actively engaged as a performer during the 2012-2013 school year, establishing himself within the Mobile area as a freelance tubist. Highlights of the fall semester included two solo performances with the USA Wind Ensemble on the popular Tuba Concerto by Edward...
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of Dramatic Arts’ production of Children of Eden. A frequent performer at USA events, Dr. Rowell performed the National Anthem for the dedication of Shelby Hall, performed a concert for U.S. Senator Richard Shelby, USA President Gordon Moulton, and the USA Board of Trustees, and appeared in the USA President’s Holiday Concert. Rowell was featured as part of a collaborative recording of Brian Joyce’s Songs of Robert Burns released by Flying Frog Records on September 24, 2012, in conjunction with his annual faculty recital. Dr. Rowell also performed in recital for the Mobile Schumann Club with Dr. Laura Moore in Robert Schumann’s Dichterliebe. In addition to his work at USA, he performed frequently on behalf of Mobile Opera in fundraising and promotion events, and performed the role of Nick in Mobile Opera’s March, 2013 production of Puccini’s La Fanciulla del West. He also appeared with the Northwest Florida Symphony as tenor soloist for Beethoven’s 9th Symphony in April, as well as directed USA Opera Theatre’s production of Gilbert and Sullivan’s The Pirates of Penzance. Dr. Rowell continues to conduct Bella Voce, Mobile’s premiere women’s chorus, and presented two concerts with the organization this year.

Peter Wood, Associate Professor of Music, was very active in 2012-2013. In addition to playing trumpet in the Mobile Symphony Orchestra and performing two faculty recitals on the USA campus, he also played guest trumpet recitals at Northern Kentucky University, the University of Louisville, Berry College (where he also taught a trumpet master class), and the University of Georgia. He taught orchestral section workshops at Troy University and at USA. In May 2012, he traveled with the USA Trumpet Ensemble to Columbus, Georgia to attend and perform at the 37th annual conference of the International Trumpet Guild. While there, he conducted the USA Trumpet Ensemble and performed both as a soloist and as a member of several professional trumpet ensembles. He was selected in October to become the Publications Editor and a member of the Board of Directors for the International Trumpet Guild. Dr. Wood hosted a variety of trumpet and brass artists on the USA campus this year, including Jens Lindemann and the St. Louis Brass, among others, who visited to work with trumpet students and perform for our community. He implemented a system of group trumpet lessons, in which students gained experiences in peer teaching, solo performing, and orchestral section playing. His trumpet ensemble was more self-motivated than ever, and they held weekly extra rehearsals to prepare an audition recording for the National Trumpet Competition, one of the most respected competitions of its kind in the world. Dr. Wood continued to be very active in community affairs, coaching the brass section for the Mobile Symphony Youth Orchestra and assisting with area school music programs. Several thousand people from all over the state and country logged onto the USA Music Department’s series of Alabama All-State Preparation Podcasts that Dr. Wood helped produce. Wood started the year as editor of the “Recording Reviews” column for the International Trumpet Guild Journal, in which he authored four reviews himself, before being promoted to the Publications Editor position.

Linda Zoghby, Assistant Professor of Music, has prepared and presented two of her students, Michael Devery and Jaleesa Gibbs, in their Senior Recitals and one student, Emily Muncaster, in her Junior Recital at the University. Ms. Muncaster was chosen to be the entertainment at the Annual Alumni Meeting and Dinner at the Mitchell Center. Her students participated in the opera The Pirates of Penzance, presented by the Department of Music, and one student is an intern with the Allied Arts Council. Ms. Zoghby appeared as soloist in December for the President’s Holiday Concert, and was guest soloist at the Cathedral Basilica, Corpus Christi and Saint Mary’s Churches in Mobile. She has a private studio for students in Mobile and surrounding areas, and two of them were accepted into summer programs in Georgia and Florence,
Italy. In addition to her teaching, Ms. Zoghby served as Repertoire Judge at the National Association of Teachers of Singing Alabama Auditions.

**Music: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

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**Music: Non Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

Ward Miller


**Rebecca Mindock**

MUSIC

Music: Reviews

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Peter Wood


Music: Compositions/Arrangements

Greg L. Gruner


Gruner, G.L. (manuscript, 2012). Faculty Fanfare. Original Composition. USA Herald Trumpets/Commencement Band. Mobile, AL.


Will Petersen


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Luis Rivera


Music: Abstracts

Jeannette Fresne


Tracy Heavner


Music: Juried Performances, Productions and Recitals

Andra Bohnet

National/International


Music: Editorship of Books or Journals

Peter Wood


Regional


Community


Chamber Music Performances: Regional


Chamber Music Performances: Community


Orchestral Performances: Regional


Orchestral Performances: Community

MUSIC

Jerry Alan Bush


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Tracy Heavner


Rebecca Mindock

**Formal Recitals, Concerts:**


**Professional Ensembles: National**


Professional Ensembles: Local/Campus


LaurA MOORE

Regional


Local


MOORE, L. (Conductor). (2012, November 27). Children and Women's Hospital Tree Lighting Ceremony [USA University Chorale]. Mobile, AL.


MUSIC

Will Petersen

Local/Campus


Luis Rivera

**Formal Recital: National - Guest Performer**


**Formal Recital: Regional – Guest Performer**


**Professional Ensembles: Regional Performer in Ensemble**


Thomas Rowell

**Formal Recitals, Concerts: Local/Campus - Solo**


**Rowell, T.L.** (Solo, Tenor). (2013, December 6). *Soloist for USA President’s Holiday Concert.* [Student Production]. Mobile, AL: University of South Alabama.


Rowell, T.L. (Solo, Tenor). (2013, March 11). Soloist for Mobile Opera’s Night of Song preview for Puccini’s La Fanciulla del West. [Professional Production]. Mobile, AL: Mobile Opera

Rowell, T.L. (Solo, Tenor). (2013, March 18). Soloist for Mobile Opera’s preview for Puccini’s La Fanciulla del West for USA Department of Music Recital Class. [Student Production]. Mobile, AL: University of South Alabama.

Formal Recitals, Concerts Collaborative


Rowell, T.L. (Solo, Tenor). (2013, February 1). Soloist for Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia’s American Musicale Recital. [Student Production]. Mobile, AL: University of South Alabama.

Professional Ensembles: Regional - Soloist with Ensemble


Peter Wood

Formal Recitals: Regional


Professional Ensembles: Regional


MUSIC


Music: Other performances, Productions and Recitals

Andra Bohnet

Formal Recitals: Local/Campus


Formal Concerts


Directed Student Concerts


Jerry Alan Bush


David Durant


MUSIC


Durant, D.Z. (Composer). (2012). *The Sound was in the Wind and Surf for Trumpet*. Mobile, AL. University of South Alabama.


Greg L. Gruner

Community Ensemble: Local/Campus


Faculty Recitals: Local/Campus


Gruner, G.L. (Trombone). (2013, March 26). *Peter Wood Faculty Recital [USA Faculty Brass Quintet]*. Mobile, AL: University of South Alabama.

Directed Student Ensemble Concerts: Local/Campus


MUSIC

Tracy Heavner

Master Classes


Directed Student Ensemble Concerts: Local/Campus


Robert Holm

National


Regional: Solo


Regional: Collaborative


MUSIC

Campus: Collaborative


Ward Miller

Local


Directed Student Ensemble Concerts


**MUSIC**


**Rebecca Mindock**

*Faculty Recitals: National - Solo*


**Collaborative: Regional - Solo**


**Collaborative: Local/Campus - Solo**


**Collaborative**


**Mindock, R.A.,** et al. (Oboe). (2013, February 28). *USA Chamber Winds Faculty Recital*. Mobile, AL: University of South Alabama.

**Master Classes: National**


**Master Classes: Regional**


**Directed Student Ensemble Concerts:**


Collaborative Student Recitals:


Laura Moore

Choir Concerts


MOORE, L. (Conductor). (2012, October 1, 2). Fall Concert [USA Concert Choir and University Chorale]. Mobile, AL: University of South Alabama.


Faculty Recitals


Student Recitals:


**MUSIC**

**Instrumental Concerts**


**Workshops**

Moore, L. (Clinician). (2012, October 27). *All-State Choir Workshop for SSA, TTBB, and SATB choirs*. Mobile, AL: University of South Alabama

**Music Directing**

Moore, L. (Music Director/Piano). (2012, June 1-3, 8-10, 15-17). *La Cage aux Folles* [Joe Jefferson Playhouse]. Mobile, AL.

Moore, L. (Music Director/Piano). (2012, September 28,29,30 and October 4,5,6). *Children of Eden* [USA Theatre]. Mobile, AL: University of South Alabama

Will Petersen

**Athletic Bands: Local - Campus**


Petersen, W.H. (Tuba – Collaborative). (2013, March 26). Peter Wood Faculty Recital [Faculty Recital]. Mobile, AL: University of South Alabama Laidlaw Performing Arts Center.

Luis Rivera

Faculty Recitals: Local/Campus - Solo/Collaborative


Local/Campus - Guest Performer


Master Classes: National


Master Classes: Regional


Directed Student Ensemble Concerts: Local/Campus


Directed Student Recitals: Local/Campus


Thomas Rowell

Faculty Recitals: Local/Campus - Solo

Faculty Recitals: Collaborative

Rowell, T.L. (Solo, Tenor). (2013, January 29). Guest soloist for USA Faculty Member Rebecca Mindock’s Recital with Bob Holm, piano. [Professional Production]. Mobile, AL: University of South Alabama.

Operas and Musicals: Director/Producer/Musical Director


Musical Theatre Roles


Conductor: Community Ensemble


Music: Other Exhibitions

Ward Miller


Music: Recordings

Andra Bohnet


Tracy Heavner


Ward Miller


Rebecca Mindock


Will Petersen


Luis Rivera


Thomas Rowell


Music: Presentations at Professional Conferences

Andra Bohnet


David Durant


Tracy Heavner


Ward Miller


Laura Moore

Moore, L. (Presenter). (2012, June 29). *Brief Overview of French Art Song [USA Piano Workshop]*. University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL.


Luis Rivera


Peter Wood


Music: Grants

Jeannette Fresne


Luis Rivera

Rivera, L. (2013, January). New World Percussion for Quartet, and Nongak – A New Duet for Percussion Instruments, College of Arts and Sciences Support and Development Award, $1,000.


Rivera, L. (2013, April). Omar Carmenates Masterclass, Pearl/Adams Instruments ($50), Vic Firth Sticks/Mallets ($50), Remo Drumheads ($50), Sabian Cymbals ($50).


PHILOSOPHY

**Department Chair:** Dr. John Coker

**Associate Professors:** Dr. Eric Loomis, Dr. Kevin Meeker, Dr. Ted Poston

**Assistant Professors:** Dr. Allan Hillman, Dr. Susan Youngblood

**Secretary:** Ms. Patsy Jordan

**Philosophy: Highlights**

This year my colleagues were highly productive in the area of Professional Development. Overall, our faculty has performed admirably in the areas of Teaching, Professional Development, and Service.

I wish to note that Dr. Eric Loomis received a Mortar Board Award for teaching.

**Philosophy: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

Ted Poston


**Philosophy: Peer Reviewed Book Chapters**

Kevin Meeker


Ted Poston


**Philosophy: Reviews**

John Coker


Allan Hillman


Eric Loomis


Kevin Meeker


Ted Poston


Philosophy: Editorship of Books or Journals

Ted Poston


Philosophy: Presentations at Professional Conferences

John Coker


Allan Hillman


Hillman, A. (2013, April). Invited Speaker on “God & Evil”. Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, AR.

Kevin Meeker


Ted Poston


Philosophy: Grants

Ted Poston

Department Chair: Dr. S. L. Varghese

Professors: Dr. R. Kent Clark, Dr. Paul Helminger, Dr. C. Merrill Jenkins, Dr. S. L. Varghese

Associate Professors: Dr. Albert A. Gapud, Dr. Justin M. Sanders

Assistant Professors: Dr. Romulus Godang, Dr. Jeremy Scott

Senior Instructors: Mr. Michael Boleman, Ms. Marija Novovic

Secretary: Ms. Betty Eubanks

Professor Emeritus: Dr. Paul Helminger

Physics: Highlights

The University of South Alabama Physics has continued at a sustained level of excellence in Teaching, Research, Service and Outreach, for the reporting period May 1, 2012- April 30, 2013, in spite of the challenging economic times the state and the country have been facing. The Department continues to use the plasma display to update various exciting Teaching, Research, Service and Outreach activities, thereby providing a ‘welcoming venue’ for all visitors. The department continues to maintain superior quality of its teaching labs along with other facilities, with appropriate additions as well as replacements of equipment.

In conjunction with the retirement of Dr. Paul Helminger, a University-wide reception was organized; well attended by faculty, staff, students and administrators. During the reception, an endowed award- Paul Helminger Endowed Physics Award- was established. Dr. Helminger was nominated, recommended and appointed to Professor Emeritus rank at the University of South Alabama.

Subsequent to the retirement of Dr. Helminger, a national search was conducted for a tenure track faculty position. Since the initial search failed, another search for a one-year temporary faculty person was successfully completed resulting in the hiring of Dr. Jeremy Scott. After the completion of the year in the faculty, Dr. Scott’s appointment was extended for a second one-year term to teach laboratories and lectures. Another national search was conducted for a tenure-track position. The search was successful resulting in the hiring of Dr. Jacob Burress, as Assistant Professor of Physics.

Faculty continued to use web support such as Mastering Physics and Wiley Plus in various courses, Drs. Albert Gapud and Merrill Jenkins leading the efforts. Dr. Kent Clark continued teaching Introduction to Astronomy, as a blended course.

Dr. Justin Sanders attended the Annual Meeting of the Alabama Section of American Association of Physics Teachers held in Huntsville. Dr. Sanders serves as president of the Alabama Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers. Dr. Albert Gapud and Sanders received ‘Top Professor’ Awards from the Mortar Board.

Due in part to the faculty’s extra efforts, both inside and outside the classrooms, such as problem-solving sessions, demonstrations, astronomical viewings, use of the internet, the department’s free tutoring program, and the participation in the University’s Supplemental Instruction Program, the retention rate in physics remained at a high level. Mr. Michael Boleman and Ms. Marija Novovic participated in the Natural Science Assessment of the General Education Requirements in Calculus Based Physics I & II Labs, while Drs. Clark and Gapud pursued Calculus Based Physics Lectures, respectively. Assessment activities continued vigorously with Mr. Boleman, Assessment Committee Chair, providing leadership.

Mr. Joshua R. Plummer continues his fourth year of a four year Physics Freshman Scholarship. Ms. Jie Zhou was selected to continue the Physics Faculty Honors Fellowship for 2013-14. Aaron L. Anderson and Jeffrey W. Mizell were chosen...
for the USA Foundation Physics Scholarship for 2013-14. The faculty also selected Mr. Nathan T. Greenwood and Mr. Andrew D. MacRae as recipients of the 2013-14 Promising Student Awards. Ms. Jessica A. Alexander, Mr. Connor J. Favreau and Mr. Ozarfar Gafarov, Graduating Seniors, were recognized by presenting them with Graduating Senior Gifts.

Faculty selected Ms. Jie Zhou to receive the first Paul Helminger Endowed Physics Award. Ms. Alexander and Mr. Favreau were chosen to receive the Outstanding Physics Major Awards.

Students were recognized for their superior performance in the introductory physics sequences. In the Algebra/Trigonometry Based Physics Sequence, Mr. Lucas M. Lindsey and Ms. Christina M. Tygielski were selected for the outstanding physics student award, while Mr. Anthony M. Helferich and Mr. Thad D. Perry were selected for honorable-mention certificates. For the Calculus Based Physics Sequence, Mr. Matthew J. Robson was selected for the outstanding physics student award, and honorable-mention certificates went to Mr. MacRae, Mr. Bryan Ricksecker and Mr. Brandon M. Rittelmeyer.

Several physics majors worked with various faculty members on several research projects. Ms. Alexander presented a paper at the 2013 March APS meeting. Mr. Gafarov presented a paper at the 79th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Section of the American Physical Society. Ms. Zhou presented a paper at the 22nd Annual USA/USM/SELU Mini-Conference on Undergraduate Research in Mathematical Sciences. Students also made poster presentations in the 14th UCUR Undergrad Symposium and 20th USA Research Forum. Additionally, Dr. Sanders took several physics majors to the Deep South Regional Star Gaze.

In addition to the research and related activities on campus, faculty collaborates and consults with external researchers: Dr. Gapud with Researchers at Oak Ridge National Labs and University of Kansas; Dr. Godang continues his collaborative BABAR research at SLAC as well as Belle II collaboration in Japan representing the U.S. Team, while Dr. Jenkins continues his collaborative research in the CMS experiments at CERN.

Physics faculty continued to be engaged in productive research as evidenced by publications, which are peer-reviewed, by procurement of research grants both intra-mural and external, by presentations, participation in professional gatherings and refereeing for journal publications. Refereed publications appeared in such prestigious journals as Physics Letters B, Physical Review D and Physical Review Letters. Brief reporting of some of the research work has appeared in abstract form in publications such as the Bulletin of American Physical Society. Faculty members involved in these activities were: Drs. Gapud, Godang, Jenkins and Sanders.

Dr. Gapud served on the Goldwater Scholarship Nomination Committee. Dr. Clark along with Dr. Sanders and Mr. Rodney Mollise continue to edit and publish the “Journal of Double Star Observations.”

Dr. Godang serves on the Berkeley Particle Data Group, High-Energy Physics Literature Database and Scientific Database for ASIA. Drs. Godang and Jenkins currently serve on the Belle II Collaboration.

Physics faculty members successfully pursued both internal and external funding for research activities. Dr Gapud continues with an NSF-RUI grant. USDOE Grant in support of Dr. Jenkins and Dr. Godang for USA High Energy Physics Group continued through April 2013. Dr. Gapud procures research equipment from the Oak Ridge National Laboratories. Dr. Godang received Arts & Sciences’ Support and Development Award for Physics Colloquia.
Research results were presented either by the USA physics faculty or their collaborators in local, regional, national and international meetings, and faculty members attended several conferences. **Dr. Godang** presented a paper at the 36th International Meeting on High Energy Physics held in Melbourne, Australia. He also presented a paper at the International Hadron Collider Physics Symposium in Kyoto, Japan. Dr. Jenkins presented a paper at the 79th Annual SESAPS Meeting in Tallahassee, Florida. **Dr. Clark** co-organized the 22nd Annual Mini-Conference on Undergraduate Research in Sciences and Mathematics with faculty and students attending and participating. Several faculty members attended the 20th Annual USA Research Forum - **Drs. Jenkins and Sanders** presented posters.

Physics faculty continues to serve as reviewers for American Physical Society, Journal of Double Star Observations – **Drs. Clark, Godang and Sanders** acting as reviewers. Mr. Rodney Mollise serves as Contributing Editor for the Sky and Telescope Magazine. **Dr. Sanders** continues to serve as the Topic Editor for the International Conference on the Application of Accelerators in Research & Industry.

The Physics Department had four successful colloquia and two public lectures, **Drs. Godang, Gapud and Ms. Novovic** leading the efforts.

As in the past, USA physics faculty members were very active in outreach programs in significant ways. Serving the university community in particular and the public in general, the department’s plasma display was kept operational and the information current by **Mr. Boleman. Dr. Clark**, the Project Director of the Alabama Science in Motion (ASIM). at USA continued leadership in this capacity. The ASIM grant for USA was renewed. **Ms. Robin Chestnutt**, ASIM Physics Project Specialist, organized several teacher workshops and took the SIM projects to classrooms in Mobile and surrounding counties. The program continues to make a very positive impact on the community. **Dr. Sanders** serves as a Co-PI on a grant from the National Science Foundation in support of ‘Pathways to Science’.

The 19th Annual Physics Teacher/Student workshop, organized by **Dr. Varghese** and the recruiting committee (Dr. Clark, chair), with great support from the department secretary, **Ms. Betty Ebanks**. Participants expressed a great deal of satisfaction, as indicated by survey results and conversations with various teachers/students. **Drs. Gapud, Jenkins and Scott** made presentations to the teachers, while in parallel sessions **Mr. Boleman, Ms. Chestnutt, Ms. Novovic, Dr. Sanders and Dr. Varghese** engaged the students with hands-on experiments, presentations about physics careers and research laboratory tours. The student sessions concluded with Physics Demos presented by Physics majors and **Dr. Godang, Dr. Andrzej Wierzbicki**, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences welcomed the participants and presented Certificates. Overall 30 students and 15 teachers attended the workshop.

The “Tuesday Evening Physics” program organized by **Dr. Clark** had another banner year. **Drs. Clark, Gapud, Godang, Jenkins, Sanders and Scott** provided 6 sessions with an average of 49 students per session attending- a total of 95 students attended these sessions. **Ms. Novovic** participated in the ‘Girls Exploring Math and Science’ Conference.

**Dr. Sanders** continues to serve as USA’s advisor for the Society of Physics Students and Sigma Pi Sigma Physics Honor Society- both very active. The Astronomy Club, started seven years back with student initiative remained very active, **Dr. Clark** serving as the advisor.

**Drs. Godang, Jenkins and Sanders** were judges in the Regional Science Olympiad. **Drs. Sanders and Varghese** judged in the Mobile Regional Science Fair. **Dr. Varghese** served as the judge for the Yale Science and Engineering Award. **Drs. Sanders and Varghese** served as Faculty Marshal.
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and Lead Faculty Marshal respectively, for the USA graduation ceremonies. Drs. Gapud, Godang and Helminger were selected to represent Outstanding Research, Scholarly Activity and Creative Works at the University of South Alabama- 50 in 50. Dr. Varghese was selected one among Faculty Senate 50 Outstanding Faculty Members from Current and Past Faculty.

Physics: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Michael Boleman


Romulus Godang


C. Merrill Jenkins


Justin Sanders

Physics: Non Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Romulus Godang


C. Merrill Jenkins

Jenkins, C.M. (2012). CMS AN 2012/438, CMS Analysis Note, “Search for vector-like bottom quark partners in single lepton final states”. This is an internal CMS analysis note intended for circulation within the collaboration to review the analysis before the results are published.

Physics: Non Peer Reviewed Books

R. Kent Clark


Physics: Reviews

Romulus Godang


Physics: Abstracts

Romulus Godang


Godang, R. (2012). Searches For Low-Mass Higgs in Upsilon Decays [Abstract]. The 9th International Workshop on Heavy Quarkonium 2013 will take place at IHEP, Beijing, P. R. China.


C. Merrill Jenkins


Justin Sanders


**Physics: Juried Performances, Productions and Recitals**

Romulus Godang

Supervisor and Co-leader at the 2013 Science Olympiad Competition at Spring Hill College

**Physics: Presentations at Professional Conferences**

R. Kent Clark


Romulus Godang

Godang, R. (2012). BABAR Speaker Bureau representing US Institution, SLAC, CA. I organized practice talks for the BABAR speakers who are presenting talks in conferences

Godang, R. (2012). Chair of the BABAR Paper Review Committee Meeting, SLAC, CA. I chaired the BABAR analysis for a publication

Godang, R. (2012). KEK Flavor Factory Workshop, KEK, Japan


Godang, R. (2012). *Decays and Spectroscopy at BABAR,* International Hadron Collider Physics Symposium in Kyoto, Japan

Godang, R. (2012). *Branching Fraction of Semileptonic B0 Meson.* Poster presentation at 19th Annual USA Research Forum, Mobile, AL

Godang, R. (2012). *CP Violation and Hot Topics From BABAR.* Physics Colloquium, Kyoto University, Japan

Godang, R. (2012). *The Nobel Prize in HEP and the B-Factory experiments.* Physics Colloquium, National University of Singapore, Singapore

C. Merrill Jenkins


Justin Sanders


Physics: Grants

R. Kent Clark


Albert Gapud

Gapud, A.A. (2009, September). RUI: Core size effects on flux-flow resistivity: Collaborative project to launch a program exploring flux dynamics in weak-pinning systems, National Science Foundation (Research at Undergraduate Institutions), $185,779. STATUS: One-year, no-cost extension. Project end date extended to 31 July 2013 (Active).

Romulus Godang


C. Merrill Jenkins

Jenkins, C.M. (Pl.), & Godang, R. (2012 January). “Experimental High Energy Physics at the University of South Alabama: A One-Year Request to Continue Activities for CMS, BaBar, and Belle II”. This is a one-year proposal that was awarded to bridge the time until our group can submit an application to be evaluated under the three year comparative review next year. This grant began on April 15, 2012 ($70,000). and will end on April 14, 2013. (Active).

Justin Sanders

**Department Chair:** Dr. Nader Entessar

**Professors:** Dr. Nader Entessar, Dr. Ethan Fishman

**Associate Professors:** Dr. David Bowers, Dr. Samuel Fisher, Dr. Mir Zohair Husain, Dr. Ronald Nelson, Dr. Keith Nicholls, Dr. Thomas Shaw

**Assistant Professors:** Dr. Stephen Costanza, Dr. Sarah Koon-Magnin, Dr. Corina Schulze

**Instructors:** Ms. Jennifer Johnson

**Secretary:** Ms. Dell Connell

**Political Science & Criminal Justice: Highlights**

The Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice had a productive year of teaching, research and service. Faculty attended workshops and participated in a number of local, regional and national conferences. They produced significant publications and research papers.

The Center for Public Policy was reactivated under the directorship of **Dr. Stephen Costanza. Dr. Thomas Shaw** assumed the directorship of the USA Polling Group, and **Dr. Keith Nicholls** took an administrative leave to become the Assistant Director, Community Health Work Training Program, Coastal Resource and Resiliency Center, at the University of South Alabama. **Dr. Thomas Shaw** was successful in securing about $58,000 in new or ongoing funded grants.

Two of our faculty (**Dr. Corina Schulze** and **Dr. Mir Zohair Husain**) were recipients of teaching awards during the academic year 2012-2013. **Dr. Corina Schulze** received the “Teaching Excellence” Award from the College of Arts and Sciences. **Dr. Mir Zohair Husain** was the recipient of this year’s Andy and Carol Denny National Alumni Excellence in Teaching Award. He was also chosen as the Phi Kappa Phi Scholar of the Year for 2012. In addition, **Dr. Zohair Husain** and **Dr. Robert Barrow** were among the “50 Outstanding Faculty Members” chosen by the Faculty Senate on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the University of South Alabama.

This year, the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice inaugurated the Harry J. Wilters, Jr. endowed lectureship on constitutional law and professional ethics. The late Harry J. Wilters, Jr. was a legendary judge and lawyer in Baldwin County. Through a generous gift from the family of Judge Harry Wilters, Jr. (Mrs. Verla Ledlow Wilters, Dr. John Wilters, and Judge Robert Wilters), which was matched by the University of South Alabama Foundation, the Department established this annual lectureship. The first Wilters lecture was held on the Baldwin County campus of USA on April 3, 2013. The inaugural lecture was delivered by Dr. Charles W. Gamble, Dean Emeritus and Henry Upson Sims Professor Emeritus of Law at the University Of Alabama School Of Law.

**Dr. Ronald Nelson** serves as the pre-law advisor for the University and represented the Department during the USA Day activities. Dr. Nelson has been heavily involved in developing and offering polycom courses for the benefit of our students who take courses in Baldwin County. Dr. Nelson’s research focuses on the intersection of law, politics and society. Dr. Nelson serves as the co-chair of USA’s Humanities and Social Science Colloquium.

**Dr. Thomas Shaw** has been an active researcher in his field and has continued to serve with the Health Disparities Research Group (HDRG) to examine and address problems of health disparities in the local and regional community. He also serves as the Director of the USA Polling Group.

**Dr. David Bowers** has continued to do research on youth violence and has produced a number of technical reports for the Alabama Department of Youth Services. He has been active in presenting papers at academic conferences in his field.
Dr. Stephen Costanza has published a number of articles in academic journals and presented papers at academic conferences. Dr. Costanza has re-launched the Department’s Center for Public Policy and has submitted grant proposals in conjunction with the local law enforcement agencies.

Dr. Sara Koon-Magnin has published articles in academic journals and has several manuscripts under review. In addition, she has presented papers at academic meetings and participated in a variety of extracurricular activities at the University of South Alabama. She has also been involved in offering courses via the Gender Studies Program and has participated as a member of the Learning Communities.

Dr. Mir Zohair Husain taught a variety of courses for a number of programs (including the Honors Program and the Weekend College), during the academic year 2012-2013. In addition, Dr. Husain has been a prolific speaker, giving talks to a number of community groups. He has also been active in submitting paper and book proposals. As stated above, this year Dr. Husain was the recipient of three University-wide awards.

Dr. Samuel Fisher serves as the Director of our Department’s MPA program and is a participant in the University’s Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). Dr. Fisher serves as the treasurer and the webmaster for the American Council for Quebec Studies and participates as a table leader, AP readings in U.S. government and an AP syllabi auditor. He also was interviewed by local and state radio stations on issues relating to elections and Alabama politics.

Dr. Keith Nicholls was appointed as the Assistant Director, Community Health Work Training Program, at USA’s Coastal Resources and Resiliency Center. Dr. Nicholls will be on administrative leave from our Department while serving in that capacity.

Dr. Ethan Fishman continues to teach courses on political philosophy, American political thought and American presidency. His current research focuses on the subjects of statesmanship and environmental policy. Dr. Fishman serves as the Department’s faculty advisor to Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, and as the advisor to the USA Jewish Students Association.

Dr. Corina Schulze is an active researcher who has presented several papers at academic conferences and has published journal articles and book chapters. She is involved in a number of University and community organizations. She participates in both Gender Studies Program and African-American Studies Program and offers courses through these two programs. Dr. Schulze also serves as the Department’s faculty advisor to Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society. As stated above, this year Dr. Schulze received the College of Arts and Sciences “Teaching Excellence” Award.

Ms. Jennifer Johnson serves as the lead instructor for Criminal Justice classes offered on the USA’s Baldwin County campus. The program continues to grow, both in the number of students enrolled and courses offered in Criminal Justice.

Dr. Nader Entessar presented papers at national conferences and was an invited speaker at the U.S. State Department’s Foreign Service Institute. Dr. Entessar serves as a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Third World Studies, Journal of Central Asian Studies, American Foreign Policy—Annual Editions, Journal of Iranian Research and Analysis, Digest of Middle East Studies, Journal of Political Science & Public Affairs, and Encyclopedia of the Developing World. He had more than twenty interviews with the Voice of America, BBC, Public Radio International, and SBS-Radio in Melbourne, Australia, as well as printed interviews in several newspapers. Dr. Entessar has also published a number of articles, book chapters and reviews in academic publications.
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This year, the following students were recognized for academic achievements:


Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society Inductees: Michael J. Ambrose, Mary E. Davis, Justin N. Davis, Brian M. Gignilliat, Sheena C. Ivey, Nancy A. King, Daniel J. Lawrence, Christina Y. Norwood, Erin D. Pettis, Brea N. Reese, Amelia E. White.


James H. Boyd Memorial Award for Excellence in Public Administration: James M. Burton Jr.

David L. Horton Memorial Award for Excellence in Political Science: Anna C. Stanley.

Criminal Justice Outstanding Student Award: Mary E. Davis.

James A. Yance Endowed Scholarship for Pre-Law Students: Zakary Gosa-Lewis and Cody Mason.

Political Science & Criminal Justice: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Stephen Costanza


Nader Entessar


Samuel Fisher

Ethan Fishman


Sarah Koon-Magnin


Ronald Nelson


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Political Science & Criminal Justice: Presentations at Professional Conferences

David Bowers


Stephen Costanza


Nader Entessar


Samuel Fisher


Mir Zohair Husain


Sarah Koon-Magnin


Koon-Magnin, S., Rinne, C., Haywick, D., & Carr, N. (2012). What are Learning Communities and How Do They Operate at USA? Conference on Teaching and Learning, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL.


Ronald Nelson


Corina Schulze


Thomas Shaw

Shaw, T., Hanks, R.S., Shaw, T., Scire, G., Pham, D.H., Song, M., Estes, B., et al. (2013). An intergenerational model to address the problem of hepatitis-b among elders and encourage health careers among youth in a rural Vietnamese community on the Gulf Coast. Poster presented at the annual meeting for the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education. St. Petersburg, FL.


Shaw, T.C. (2013). The Impact of the BP Oil Spill in Different Communities: An Analysis of the Spill’s Affects on Urban and Rural Areas. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.
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Corina Schulze


Sarah Koon-Magnin


Thomas Shaw


Shaw, T. (April, 2013). Exxon Valdez Alaska Oil Spill Follow-up Survey. Dr. Steve Picou, University of South Alabama. $18,000.
Psychology Highlights

The Psychology Department had another successful year in all areas of research, teaching and service. Perhaps the most significant accomplishment of the year is the fact that the doctoral program in combined clinical/counseling psychology reached a point where the program can apply for accreditation. Application for accreditation requires a self-study that is submitted to the American Psychological Association Committee on Accreditation. This self-study was completed in the fall semester of 2012 and the self-study received a positive review. This resulted in a number of questions that had to be responded to prior to getting approval to schedule a site visit. The response to the self-study was submitted in the spring semester of 2013 and the site visit is now scheduled for the first week in June of 2013. We are anticipating a successful site visit. If the outcome is positive this would mean that the doctoral program would be accredited by the American Psychological Association and all doctoral students would be graduating from an accredited program. One of the very positive outcomes that has contributed to the program getting a site visit in the shortest amount of time is that all students who have applied for internship have received offers. This has been an outcome that has exceeded our expectations and speaks to the quality of the program. To accomplish this outcome, Lydia Temonia’s position was increased to full time which has been a significant benefit.

The other very significant event occurring in the Psychology Department is the fact that we will be moving into our new space during the summer of 2013. This has been a multi-year project and one we have been looking forward to for some time. During the spring semester of 2013 the space previously occupied by Communications and Allied Health Administration was renovated and we are scheduled to move into that space at the end of June 2013. This area will provide the additional space for most of our instructional needs as will provide better and larger research space than currently exists within the department.

The experimental graduate program is also undergoing significant change. After languishing for a number of years, the experimental faculty have been proactive in terms of enhancing the direction and viability of the program. The experimental program has altered its name to Behavioral and Brain Sciences. The program is also actively working on establishing the orientation and training program students will follow as well as becoming more active in recruiting students into the program. The recruitment effort has been very successful as five students have been accepted into the program for the 2013-2014 academic year and four of the five students have indicated that they will start the program in the fall semester.

The Applied Behavior Analysis concentration is continuing to evolve. The concentration has been increased to a required four courses sequence. Dr. Zlomke has been instrumental in contributing to this program and since her involvement in the program several students have successfully passed the certification examination which is a major achievement.
The undergraduate program continues to be a very popular major attracting close to 400 majors. Providing instruction to these majors represents a major mission of the department. In addition to educating the next generation of psychologists, the courses offered in psychology are popular with students majoring in other fields. The first course in psychology, Introduction to Psychology, provides instruction to approximately 2000 students during the academic year. To meet this large demand for instruction in psychology, a number of these courses have been taught in a blended format which combines in class instruction with instruction over the internet. This method of instruction is continuing to evolve but it does offer a more efficient mode of instruction although it does require students to take more of the responsibility for learning the material.

The psychology department is pleased to report that again this year we have acknowledged the outstanding performance of several undergraduates and one graduate student with a certificate of accomplishment and a small monetary award. The two outstanding undergraduate students are Selena Jackson and Jennifer Feibelman and the outstanding graduate student is Anneliese Boettcher. Joshua Taylor received the Pinnacle scholarship.

Psychology faculty have also been very active pursuing their research programs. This scholarly activity has resulted in 15 articles published in peer reviewed journals, 8 articles “in press”, 11 book chapters, 51 presentations at professional association meetings, one book and one book review. These research activities have been supported by approximately $250,000.00 in grant funding. This does not consider the large oil spill settlement which is being administered by Dr. Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling. The psychology faculty are also active in contributing to the profession of psychology by serving as reviewers from many journals and as editor, or associate editor of a journal.

### Psychology: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

#### Charles Brown


#### Joshua Foster


#### Benjamin Hill


Elise Labbé


Martin Rohling


Jack Shelley-Tremblay


Timothy Slattery


Phillip Smith


Lisa Turner


Mark Yates


**Psychology: Peer Reviewed Book Chapters**

Joshua Foster


Benjamin Hill


Elise Labbé


Martin Rohling


Jack Shelley-Tremblay


Psychology: Non Peer Reviewed Books

Charles Brown


Psychology: Reviews

Benjamin Hill


Psychology: Editorship of Books or Journals

Charles Brown


Benjamin Hill

Hill, B.D. Statistical Editor for Mindfulness

Elise Labbé


Martin Rohling

Rohling, M.L. Associate editor for the National Academy of Neuropsychology – Book Series
Psychology: Abstracts

Joshua Foster

Foster, J.D. (2013, January). Do laws that memorialize crime victims (e.g., Jessica’s Law) have advantages at the ballot box? Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.


Martin Rohling


Psychology: Presentations at Professional Conferences

Charles Brown


Larry Christensen

Christensen, L. (2013). An Insider’s Look at the Department Chair Position. Panelist. Presentation at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, Atlanta, GA.

Christensen, L. (2013). Issues and Challenges in Establishing a Doctoral Program. Presentation at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, Atlanta, GA.

Joshua Foster

Foster, J.D. (2013, January). Do laws that memorialize crime victims (e.g., Jessica’s Law) have advantages at the ballot box? Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.


Benjamin Hill


Elise Labbé


Lauren Powell


Martin Rohling


Jack Shelley-Tremblay


Timothy J. Slattery

Leinenger, M., Bélanger, N.N., Slattery, T.J., & Rayner, K. (2012, November). Bilingual interlingual homograph processing: The relative influences of semantic and language contexts. Poster presented at the 53rd annual meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Minneapolis, MI.


Phillip Smith

Van Orden, K.A., & Smith, P.N. (2013, April). Developing fearlessness about death through repeated exposure to painful and provocative events. Paper presented at the annual convention of the American Association of Suicidology, Austin, TX.


Wolford, C., Granato, S., Selwyn, C., Anderson, A., Alonzo, M., Newhams, N., & Smith, P.N. (2013, April). Suicide ideation and attempts in women seeking shelter from control-based intimate partner violence. Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Association of Suicidology, Austin, TX.


Lisa Turner


Kimberly Zlomke


Psychology: Grants

Benjamin Hill

Hill, B.D. (2012, February). Summer 2012 professional development award. USA College of Arts and Sciences, $3,000
Rohling, M. & Hill, B.D. (2010, August). Funding for a graduate research assistant for the 2012-2013 academic year, CNS Vital Signs, $30,000. (Active).

Phillip Smith

Smith, P.N. (2012, March). Faculty Development Summer Research Grant, University of South Alabama Faculty Development Council, $1,500.

Smith, P.N. (2012, March). Professional Development Award, University of South Alabama College of Arts & Sciences, $5,000.

Smith, P.N. (2013, March). Interpersonal Thoughts & Beliefs in Clinical Outpatients: A Longitudinal Study, University of South Alabama Faculty Development Council, $5,000.


Kimberly Zlomke


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**Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work: Highlights**

This was an excellent year for the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work. Faculty continued the departmental tradition of high productivity, excellence in teaching and involvement of students in research and community-based service.

Publications included seven (7) peer reviewed journal articles and four (4) more in press; Six (6) peer reviewed book chapters and one (1) more in press; two (2) books; and six (6) non peer reviewed publications. **Dr. David Gartman’s** book, *Culture, class, and critical theory: Between Bourdieu and the Frankfurt School*, was published by Routledge in 2012. **Dr. Mark Moberg’s** book, *Engaging anthropological theory: A social and political history*, was published by Rutledge in 2013. **Dr. Moberg** also edited two multi-issue volumes of Human Organization during this reporting period. In addition, faculty members produced four (4) abstracts and one (1) other exhibition and gave forty-four (44) professional presentations.

The faculty continues to be successful in securing external funding for research. Twenty grants/contracts were awarded to faculty in Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work this year and fourteen (14) grants/contracts remained active from previous award periods.

The Department has an outstanding record of community service and community-based research. Community service involving academic expertise was reported on twenty-seven (27) projects; thirty-two (32) students were involved in faculty-led research; and non-academic service was reported for an additional fifteen (15) organizations in the community. Faculty participated in sixteen (16) conference events in the Mobile area.

**Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

**Valerie L. Bryan**


**Philip J. Carr**


Christopher R. Freed


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Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work: Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

Valerie L. Bryan


Michael R. Daley


Christopher R. Freed


Lesley A. Gregoricka


Gregory A. Waselkov


Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work: Peer Reviewed Books

W. David Gartman


Mark A. Moberg


Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work: Non Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

C. Kenneth Hudson

Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work: Editorship of Books or Journals

Mark A. Moberg


Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work: Abstracts

Valerie L. Bryan


Roma S. Hanks


Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work: Other Exhibitions

Gregory A. Waselkov


Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work: Presentations at Professional Conferences

Valerie L. Bryan

Blanton, S., Myers, J., Pruden, M., Bryan, V., & Stefurak, J. (2013, March). The Massachusetts Youth Screening Inventory-2 project at the Mobile County Juvenile Court and Strickland Youth Center. Paper presented at the University of South Alabama Spring Research Forum, Mobile, AL.


Philip J. Carr


Christopher R. Freed


Michael R. Daley


W. David Gartman


Lesley A. Gregoricka


Gregoricka, L. (2013). Geographic origins and diet during the Bronze Age in the Oman Peninsula. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, Knoxville, TN.


Laurie F. Haas


Roma S. Hanks


Carr, N.T., & Hanks, R.S. (2013, April). Stories from childhood: Variation of self-reported age of onset of misbehavior of women in the Deep South. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.

C. Kenneth Hudson


Douglas A. Marshall


Mark A. Moberg


Kimberly M. Pettway

Fawcett, D., & Pettway, K. (2013). *The HIV/AIDS spectrum project – Expanding the knowledge and capacity of mental health providers and social workers to address the mental health and psychosocial issues confronting people infected and affected by HIV and AIDS*. Paper presented at the meeting of NASW AL-Chapter 2013 Annual State Conference, Mobile, AL.

Pettway, K. (2013). *Team building: Becoming a better me to build a stronger we*. Paper presented at the meeting of the International Association of Administrative Professionals, Mobile, AL.

Gregory A. Waselkov


Waselkov, G.A. (2012, November 9), Dancing woman of the shell mask for the symposium Bridging History and Prehistory. Symposium presentation at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Baton Rouge, LA.

**Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work: Grants**

*Awarded*

Valerie L. Bryan

Bryan, V. (2012, October). Health Disparities Research Group, University of South Alabama Center for Healthy Communities, $5,250. [Evaluation Consultant]


Philip J. Carr

The Center for Archaeological Studies received funding for a total of 43 projects totaling $243,369.


Laurie F. Haas


Roma S. Hanks


C. Kenneth Hudson


Gregory A. Waselkov


Active

Valerie L. Bryan

Bryan, V. (2012, October). Health Disparities Research Group, University of South Alabama Center for Healthy Communities, $5,250.[Evaluation Consultant]


Christopher R. Freed


Lesley A. Gregoricka


Roma S. Hanks


Hanks, R.S. (2012, June). Leadership Institute for Older Adults – Y10, SARPC-AAA, $10,000.

C. Kenneth Hudson


Gregory A. Waselkov


Department Chair: Mr. Jason Guynes

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Instructors: Ms. Kara Burns, Ms. Megan Moore

Secretary: Ms. Lisa Kittrell

Visual Arts: Highlights

The Department of Visual Arts again had an impressive year with numerous developments and exciting events. The Department was particularly pleased to welcome Christina Lindeman as a new faculty member in art history and Megan Moore as a new faculty member in Printmaking.

Faculty sponsors and student organizations continued to play important roles in the Mobile arts community. Object, the ceramic students’ organization, assisted with the annual Soup-A-Thon fundraiser and demonstrations at Arts Alive, and the Department of Visual Arts, in conjunction with the English Department, published the Oracle Fine Arts Review. The Department was also pleased to conduct two art sales this year. The events were an impressive display of the outstanding talent in the department with an abundance of artwork available for purchase and a strong turn out from the community.

Faculty in the Department continued to maintain impressive levels of professional activities and to achieve recognition for their work. The department has been especially involved with SECAC, the Southeastern College Art Conference. SECAC is the second largest conference for academic and professional art scholars in the United States. Jason Guynes served as First Vice-President and President Elect of the organization while Dr. Elizabeth Richards, and Diane Gibbs presented papers at the annual meeting.

The art history faculty were very productive during the year. Christina Lindeman received a grant from the Francis Haskell Memorial Fund for her research titled, Publisher, Agent and Art Dealer Christian Heinrich Rost. Kara Burns received her PhD from the University of Arizona and presented a paper at the 113th Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America in Seattle, WA titled, Understanding Orpheus: An Examination of Bacchic Imagery on Orpheus Mosaics in Late Roman Britain. And, Elizabeth Richards had her article, Martha Rosler and Mary Kelly: Materializing Blame published in Women’s Art Journal.

Studio faculty were again active on local, national and international levels. In the graphic design area Diane Gibbs, and Matthew Johnson completed many design projects and commissions, and, Diane Gibbs received two international awards for her design work.

Tony Wright exhibited his ceramics work in twelve national juried exhibitions and received one Best in Show award. Megan Moore had work in five national/international juried exhibitions and had two, two-person exhibits. Benjamin Shamback had works in numerous juried and invitational shows and completed a solo exhibition in Scottsdale, AZ. In addition, he teamed up with colleague, Matt Johnson, to produce a yardage book for the Azalea City Golf Course in Mobile. Rita Skiadas had work included in two national exhibitions and one local show. Rene Culler received a Fulbright American Scholars Senior Research Grant and travelled to Korea as part of the award. Matthew Patterson had two solo exhibitions and had work included in two national juried exhibitions. Jason Guynes completed a three-year mural project located in the Moulton Bell Tower on the campus of the University of South...
Alabama. All faculty members in the Department of Visual Arts were extremely productive, and a comprehensive list of activities follows.

**Visual Arts: Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

Elizabeth Richards


**Visual Arts: Reviews**

Rene Culler


**Visual Arts: Abstracts**


Rene Culler


Tony Wright


**Visual Arts: Juried Exhibitions**

Rene Culler

**Culler, R.** (2012, October). Ventanas de Barcelona. KSCA International Autumn Exhibition, catalog. Juried, Group Exhibition, Dankook University, Jookjeon, KOREA.

**Culler, R.** (2013, January). Neo-Lavender Form. 12 x 12, Juried Group Exhibition, Todd Art Gallery, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN.

**Culler, R.** (2013, April). Lotus Blossom. 21st SE Regional Juried Art Exhibition, Arts and Design Society, Juried, Group Exhibition, Northwest Florida State College, Mattie Kelly Arts Center Galleries, FLA.

**Culler, R.** (2013, April). Alabama Suite: Two Becomes Five. 22 in. x 22 in. Mixed Media, Regional Juried Exhibition, Group Exhibition, Slidell, LA.

Diane Gibbs


Matthew Johnson

Johnson, M. (2012, September). Photo: And a Smile. 1650 Gallery, Exhibit Title: It’s a Sign, The Medium is the Message National Juried Online Exhibition, Los Angeles, CA.


Megan Moore


Matthew Patterson


Ben Shamback


Shamback, B.J. (2013 February 1-March 1). The Figure Now, Fontbonne University Fine Arts Gallery, National Juried Exhibition, Juried by Steve Huston and Nathan Lewis, St. Louis, Missouri

Shamback, B.J. (2012, October). International Painting Annual 2, Manifest Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center, International Juried Exhibition in Print, Juried by Manifest Jury Panel, Cincinnati, Ohio

Margarita Skiadas


Tony Wright


Visual Arts: Other Exhibitions.


Culler, R. (2012, July). Rice Fields. 14th Namseoul International Workshop Exhibition, Group Exhibition, Namseoul University, Cheonan, KOREA.
Culler, R. (2012, August). Multiple works. Fire and Earth: Han Kook Sketches. Galley Iang, Namseoul University, Solo invitational exhibition, Seoul. KOREA.


Culler, R. (2012, November). Multiple works. Rene Culler; Work in Glass as part of the University of South Alabama Glass Program Exhibition, University of South Alabama Baldwin County Administration Building Gallery, Group Exhibition, Fairhope, AL.

Culler, R. (2013, January-February). Multiple works. Vessels 40: Surface and Color, University of South Alabama Library Gallery, Solo Exhibition, Mobile, AL.

Culler, R. (2013, March). Multiple works. Color Pots, University of South Alabama Baldwin County Administration Building Gallery, Solo Exhibition, Fairhope, AL.

Diane Gibbs


**Gibbs, C.D.** (2012, May – April 2013). Website Updates [Client, Grant Family]. www.grantfamilymatters.com (this is a password protected site, to view please call me directly). May 2012 – April 2013. Denver, CO.


**Gibbs, C.D.** (2011, May – April 2012). Contracts & Insertion Orders; Editorial Calendars; Two Sets of Media Kits; Invoice Forms; Proposals; Office Forms; Business Cards; Folders for Conventions; Monthly E-blasts, Advertisements for two magazines; Facebook image preparation, banners, and cover photos for two Facebook pages; Manage Blog Monthly from May 2012 – February 2013. [Client, Integrated Digital Publishing]. May 2012 – April 2013. Mobile, AL.


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**Guynes, J.E.** (2012, October). University of South Alabama Moulton Bell Tower Mural, Mobile, AL.

**Guynes, J.E.** (2012, September). 1x4: Artacopia, Group Invitational Exhibition, Mobile, AL.

**Guynes, J.E.** (2012, November). The Drawing Show, University of Mobile, Group Invitational Exhibition, Mobile, AL.

**Guynes, J.E.** (2012, October). Organizer and Curator, 1x4: Artacopia, University of South Alabama Visual Arts Gallery, University of Mobile Gallery, Alabama School of Math and Science Gallery, and Springhill College Eichold Gallery Mobile, AL.

**Guynes, J.E.** (2013, February). Mural Commission, Dr. and Mrs. David Martin, Mobile, AL.

**Johnson, M.** (2013, March - April). Website design and programming [Client, South Central Steel, Inc.]. Birmingham, AL.


**Johnson, M.** (2013, February). Shipping Box Sticker [Client, Brookstone Foods]. Mobile, AL.


VISUAL ARTS


Megan Moore


Moore, M.E. (2012, September). 1x4: Artacopia, Group Exhibition, Mobile, AL.

Matthew Patterson


Ben Shamback


Shamback, B.J. (December 2012). Azalea City Golf Course Yardage Book, 20 illustrations, Azalea City Golf Course, Mobile, AL.

Shamback, B.J. (September 20-October 16, 2012). Paintings on Copper: Benjamin Shamback, Bonner David Galleries, National Solo Exhibition, Curated by Kristi Manuelito and Clark Olsen, Scottsdale, AZ.


Margarita Skiadas


Tony Wright


Wright, T. (August 20 – September 21, 2012). Artacopia, University of Mobile, Martin Hall Gallery, Local Invitational Group Exhibition, Mobile, AL.
Visual Arts: Recordings

Diane Gibbs


Visual Arts: Presentations at Professional Conferences

Kara Burns


Diane Gibbs

**VISUAL ARTS**


**Gibbs, C.D.** (2013). *Social Media Explained*. Presentation at Faculty Friday at the University of South Alabama. Mobile, AL.


Elizabeth Richards

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