



### Letter from the Provost

It is great to be in Oklahoma working with dedicated and talented faculty, staff and students. We hope you take a few minutes to read through this month's listing of a few outstanding contributions to teaching, scholarship and service from our faculty and staff across NSU. While there is no way to recognize all of the professional accomplishments of faculty and staff, every individual effort that goes beyond the call of duty, or all of the daily positive interactions with students, we hope to share what we can on a monthly basis through this newsletter.

Our thanks go to Lindsey Taylor, our outstanding student in Visual Communications and an inspiration to all of us in the Academic Affairs office for her work in compiling this collection.

### Faculty and Staff Accomplishments

**Dr. Terri Baker** published an essay "Settling Oklahoma: Women's Journey Stories" in the November 2009 issue of *Oklahoma Humanities, the Magazine of the Oklahoma Humanities Council.* Additionally, in connection with the program "Museum on Main Street" which is a service that brings Smithsonian exhibits to small town America, Dr. Baker presented programs on "Oklahoma's Pioneer Women's Travel Stories" in Miami at the Miami Public Library and in Durant at The Three Valley Museum.

**Dr. Mimi Bentley** reviewed *Review of Grammars in Contact: A Cross-Linguistic Typology*, Ed. by A. Aikhenvald and R.M.W. Dixon, (17 November 2009), Linguist List Vol-20-3955. <http://linguistlist.org/pubs/reviews/get-review.cfm?SubID=2227955>.

**Dr. Ronald Chioldi**, College of Liberal Arts, has a piano student, Michiko Saiki, who was a finalist in the Delta Symphony Orchestra's annual Concerto Competition. The competition took place in Jonesboro, Arkansas. He also coauthored his fourth textbook on group piano for adults. *Keyboard Musicianship Book 2*, published by Stipes of Champaign, Illinois is in its 9th edition.

**Dr. Craig Clifford**, Department of Natural Sciences, chairs the Inclusion, Collaboration and Shared Leadership Task Force for the University Planning Group. This group is charged with developing this strategic goal (Goal 3) for the revised Strategic Plan.

**Kristopher Copeland's** speech and debate team attended three tournaments last semester and won a total of 8 awards. He also received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Carl Albert State College January 28 in Poteau.

**Dr. Kevin M. David**, Department of Psychology & Counseling, College of Education, published an article in the March 2009 issue of *The Journal of Positive Psychology*. The article, "Maternal Reports of Marital Quality and Preschoolers' Positive Peer Relations: The Moderating Roles of Effortful Control, Positive Emotionality, and Gender", focuses on individual differences in the links between positive marital interactions and children's relationships with their peers. Of primary interest was the finding that children who have difficulty regulating their emotions and behavior seem to benefit the most from positive interactions between their parents.

**Dr. Denise Deason-Toyne** was nominated for the Medal of Excellence for Teaching at a Regional University.



As a recordings reviewer for the International Trumpet Guild Journal, **Jason Dovel's** review of the Royal Academy of Music Symphonic Brass's "Richard Strauss - Complete Music for Brass Ensemble" was published in the October 2009 issue of the *ITG journal* and his review of Charles Lazarus's "Zabaya" was published in the January 2010 issue of the *ITG journal*.

**Jason Dovel** and **Anne Watson** have been invited to be the trumpet and low clarinet clinicians respectively for the all-state band sectionals January 21 and 22 at the Oklahoma Music Education Association convention in Tulsa.

**Dr. Patrick D. Enright** of the Dept. of Languages and Literature gave a review of J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Legend of Sigurd and Gudrun* to the Friends of the Library in Tahlequah on January 14, 2010.

A brief biography and multiple images of five of **Lance Hunter's** murals are featured in a 272 page, hard-back book released in December. *Mural Art 2: Murals on Huge Public Surfaces Around the World* by Kiriakos Losifidis was published by Carpe Diem with the forward written in English and Greek. The book is being distributed internationally and it is available on Amazon.com.

**Dr. Rhea Johnston, Dr. Kathy Hixon** and **Dr. Vanessa Anton** published their article "The Never-Ending Circle of Life: Native American Hoop Dancing from Its Origin to the Present Day" in the *Journal of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance*. They also received a National Dance Association Plaudit Award (in Tampa, FL) for their work.

**Dr. David Linebarger's** poem "Day Care," a contemporary take on Walt Whitman's "A Noiseless Patient Spider," was published in the January/February edition of *Art Times*.

The team of **Dr. Kathi McDowell, Dr. Pamela Christol**, and **Dr. Martha Parrott**, and the team of **Dr. Erik Terdal, Dr. Pamela Christol**, and **Dr. Michael Wilds** were each awarded a Summer Academy Grant from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to provide enrichment activities for area high school students on the BA campus. Drs. McDowell, Christol, and Terdal are faculty in the Department of Natural Sciences, Dr. Parrott and Dr. Wilds are faculty in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science and in the Department of Criminal Justice respectively.



### Dr. Brad Montgomery-Anderson

#### Publications

•Grammaticalization from language contact: the periphrastic passive in Chontal Mayan' *Journal of Language Contact* (accepted, under revision)

•Creating partnerships between the indigenous language community and the university: the Cherokee Education Degree Program' In *Building Communities and Making Connections*, Susana Rivera-Mills and Juan Trujillo (eds.). Cambridge ScholarlyPress(accepted, expected 2010)

•Teaching underlying forms: examples of Cherokee verb games' In *Indigenous Languages Across the Generations – Strengthening Families and Communities*, Mary Eunice Romero-Little, Simon J. Ortiz, and Teresa L. McCarty, with Ran Chen (eds.). Tempe: Arizona State University Center for Indian Education (forthcoming, 2010)

•Native American language ideologies: beliefs, practices, and struggles in Indian country' edited by Paul V. Kroskrity and Margaret C. Field; to appear in *Journal of Sociolinguistics* 34.4. 2010.

• 'Handbook of the North American Indian. Volume 2: Indians in Contemporary Society' edited by Garrick Alan Bailey; *Journal of the West*, 48.2. 2009.

#### Presentations

•Shared morphosyntactic properties of affects and positionals in Chontal Mayan' Annual Conference of the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas, Baltimore, MD. January 2010.

**Dr. Martha Parrott** is sponsoring a **mathematics clinic** at the Broken Arrow campus. NSU education majors are learning how to tutor students in math, and elementary age students are getting the help they need to succeed. It is a service learning project that greatly benefits both groups and generates plenty of goodwill.

**Dr. Spence Pilcher**, Department of Natural Sciences, has pretest/posttest scores for his General Chemistry students that demonstrate effective teaching. On the American Chemical Society First Semester General Chemistry Standardized Exam, his students' results (Mean=32.64) were comparable to the results of students nationwide (Mean=34.37).



**Tom Rink**, Broken Arrow library, attended and presented at the Leadership Summit of the Special Libraries Association and is serving in his third and final year on the Board of Directors of the Special Libraries Association (Past Division Cabinet Chair). Activities included Summit planning, attending board meetings (and reporting), presenting at the First-Timers breakfast, and reporting at both the Division Cabinet as well as the Joint Cabinet.

**Jenifer Rogers**, Technical Services JVL, is the Assistant Director for the Tahlequah Community Playhouse presentation of "The Miss Firecracker Contest" written by Beth Henley. Performances will be February 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21 at the Tahlequah Armory Municipal Center.

**Dr. Tom Salmon** has been notified of the extension of his Funded Research with CooperVision Japan in which he provides consulting and clinical research on the improvement of certain aspects of CVJ contact lenses. As part of his work with CooperVision Japan, Dr. Salmon will attend the meeting of the Japanese Contact Lens Society in Shinjuku, Tokyo in July 2010. Dr. Salmon has published several articles during 2009 that included articles in the *Journal of the Japanese Optometric Association* and *Clinical Experimental Optometry*.

**Drs. Tom Salmon and Roger West** co-authored an article in the publication *Optometry Visual Science*.

**Dr. Stephan Sargent** and **Dr. Mindy Smith** have an article summarizing a research project on the preparation of reading teachers that has just been accepted in the *Yearbook of the Association of Literacy and Educational Researchers*, entitled, "What's Old Is New Again... Is the Foundation of Comprehension Instruction Still Solid?"

**Dr. Stephan Sargent**, **Ms. Meagan Eeg**, and **Dr. Mary Swanson** all recently presented findings of two reading/literacy research studies at the National Reading Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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**David Scott**, **Mike Chanslor**, and NSU Communication BA graduate Jenny Dixon (currently a Ph D student at the University of Missouri) have recently had an article accepted in the academic peer reviewed journal, *Communication Quarterly*. The article is entitled "FAIR and the PBS NewsHour: Assessing Diversity and Elitism in News Sourcing."

**Dr. Donna Shelton** recently completed the Grammar Handbook supplement to the second edition of *iCon brío!*, a first-year university Spanish textbook from John Wiley & Sons. The Grammar Handbook expands upon the explanations included in the textbook for instructors interested in more in-depth grammar practice or the practice of concepts that are not included in the book. In addition to the explanations, the handbook includes original, contextualized exercises that build on the cultural themes of the textbook.





**Dr. Mindy Smith** and **Dr. Stephan Sargent** had the findings of their research study published in the 2010 Winter Edition of *Reading Improvement*, entitled: "Newspapers for Boys? Newspapers for Girls? Newspapers for Everyone!"

**Andrew Vassar** escorted NSU's very first visiting Fullbright scholar, Dr. Muhammed Syamsuddin from Gadjah Madjah University in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, to over forty-five presentations throughout the Tulsa area through a unique program that brought direct access to the Muslim world via contact with the Tulsa Islamic Society, St. John's Episcopal Church, Tulsa, Tulsa Community College and Connors State College. At the end of Dr. Syamsuddin's visit he gave presentations in Miami Oklahoma, on Route 66: on October 8 he shared a double bill at the Miami public library with the famed Michael Wallis, speaking about his Route 66: The Mother Road. On November 24, in lieu of the opening of the Smithsonian Institution's "Journey Stories" travelling exhibit at the Miami Public Library, he had the opportunity to introduce the movie "Bones of the Old Road" at the beautiful Art Deco Coleman Theater in Miami with the filmmakers Jerry McClanahan and Jim Ross. He has been invited back to open the Journey Stories reading series for Miami's Let's Talk About it Oklahoma series with the Odyssey on February 11th.

**Allyson Watson** has been selected by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to serve as a board member on the Executive Council of Advisers for the Gates Millennium Scholars program. This is a tremendous responsibility and awesome opportunity. She is one of 8 representatives selected from across the country. The foundation will provide for her training in Washington DC with the President and council members March 5-7th. She will return on the 7th. She is excited to be representing Oklahoma and NSU! <http://www.gmsalumni.org/alumni-leadership.html>

During the 2009-10 academic year, **Dr. Allyson Watson**, **Dr. Stephan Sargent**, and **Dr. Mike Wilds** have served as visiting faculty for Union Collegiate Academy, a program providing a class addressing topics such as college selection and scholarship research, project-based learning, and leadership skills across different academic disciplines led by instructors from area colleges.

**Anne Watson** has had two clarinet literature reviews in *The Clarinet, Magazine for the International Clarinet Association*. She has also been asked to perform as a featured artist with the Claribel Clarinet Choir (Oostend kerke, Belgium) at the Texas Music Educators Convention in February 2010.

**Dr. Virginia Whitekiller** is the principal investigator on a grant awarded by the National Child Welfare Workforce Institute.

**Mike Wilds** taught forensics to 32 high school juniors and seniors at Union Collegiate Academy from January 4-22. In that the Academy is designed for students planning to attend college, it looks like NSU will net 7-12 of the 32 students!

### Other News

The Criminal Justice and Legal Studies Department will begin operation of a free legal clinic for veterans on the Tahlequah and Broken Arrow campuses on February 1, 2010. Office hours for Tahlequah will be Mondays 1:00PM-2:30PM in room 337 and Broken Arrow 3:00PM- 4:30PM in Room 156G every Wednesday. Department Chair Cari Keller and assistant professor David Madden will offer free legal advice on a range of issues for veterans in both locations. Students majoring in legal studies will assist Dr. Keller and Dr. Madden. Advertising for the project will be done through the University. This effort is the result of a Learning Services project submitted by Dr. Keller.

This semester SPAN 2313, Intermediate Spanish Conversation, is using a wiki rather than a traditional textbook. The wiki allows us to gather resources for current and future use in the course. It is still under construction, but it will eventually include all the vocabulary and major activities for all three units. It also has the instructions for speaking tasks that the students will complete using Google Voice and an online media album called VoiceThread. The wiki may be viewed at <http://span2313.wikispaces.com/>

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If you have any information that you would like to have posted in the April issue of the Academic Times newsletter, please send it to Monica Barnett at [barnettm@nsuok.edu](mailto:barnettm@nsuok.edu). The deadline for the April issue is March 15. Any information sent after that will be in the following newsletter.