

# the Spotlight

## Newsletter

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# Summer is active with opportunity

*By Dr. James Bell, Dean of Faculty*

One common (mis)perception of the educator's life is that summer provides a seemingly endless stretch of days of unbroken rest and relaxation. This is partially true: summer does offer some reprieve from the bustle of committee work and the routine of the long semesters. Still, the stretch between the end of the spring term and the beginning of the fall term is punctuated by, if not filled with, teaching-related activity for many faculty members. For some, summer offers sustained time to undertake research and prepare for the upcoming academic year. Additional coursework toward degree completion is in the plans for others. Yet oth-

er faculty members will continue to teach courses throughout the summer months. The quiet appearance of Northwestern's campus during these hot days may not be indicative of the significant activity that continues for faculty, staff, and students.

A notable area of endeavor is summer travel. For Dr. Kathryn Lane, Dr. Jenny Sattler, and Dr. Kathy Earnest, the summer began with accompanying a group of Northwestern students to Australia and New Zealand. There, they explored the Great Barrier Reef, saw the Sydney Opera House, and experienced local food and culture. Late June and early July will find Mr. Karsten Longhurst and Mrs. Susan Duell accom-

panying students in the university's choral music program to Germany, Austria, and the Czech Republic to perform at a number of venues and participate in the "Jubilate Mozart!" choral festival in Salzburg. In early June, Coach Stockton Graves accompanied six men and four women to the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming.

Many additional faculty members will travel for the purposes of research and professional growth, using this time to expand their expertise and feed the curiosity that initially led them to the academic life. One notable example is Ken Kelsey, who spent almost a month and took more than 6500 photographs in Rome and the surrounding area. Pictures of the Flavian Amphitheater in Rome and Central Thermal Baths in Pompeii will certainly enrich his presentations in HIST 3143/5143: Roman History in the upcoming fall. Professor Kyle Larson's students will similarly benefit from the time that Prof. Larson spends in Santiago, Chile, this summer

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Summer Activity

# Mihai earns Sheffield Teacher of the Year

Dr. Cornelia Mihai, professor of chemistry for 13 years at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, recently was named the John Sheffield Teacher of the Year.

"I was emotionally touched learning that my students appreciated my teaching efforts, and they felt they have to share with me their appreciation," Mihai said about receiving the award. "It is a confirmation that my activity as an educator resonates with my students in a positive way."

Mihai was born in Bucharest, Romania. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering (Technology of Organic Compounds) from Polytechnic Institute of Bucharest, Romania. Mihai also has a master's degree in chemistry and a Ph.D. in Medicinal Chemistry from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

She taught undergraduate-level classes including general chemistry, organic chemistry, principles of drug action and therapeutics, and graduate-level medicinal chemistry classes for more than four years at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Prior to coming to Northwestern, Mihai worked as a research associate at Albany Molecular Research, Inc.; as a research scientist at Integrated DNA Technologies in Coralville, Iowa; and as a post-doctoral research associate at the University of Iowa, Iowa City. She has more than 10 years of research experience and a proven record in synthetic medicinal chemistry, bio-organic chemistry, biocatalysis, and mechanistic and synthetic enzymol-

ogy.

"I have always enjoyed sharing my knowledge in science and my passion for chemistry by tutoring students, and after spending years in research, I have decided to pursue a career as an educator," she said. "A full-time teaching position at a small university such as Northwestern has allowed me to fulfill both my passions to teach chemistry and to mentor students through research."

At Northwestern, she teaches general and organic chemistry. Mihai's passion is overall promoting science, organic and medicinal chemistry, and she hopes to convey her passion to her students at Northwestern and help encourage

them to pursue careers in chemistry, pharmacy and other pre-health fields.

Her favorite parts of being an educator include seeing the students growing and thriving professionally as well as being able to help students reach their career goals and to prepare them to become productive citizens. She enjoys working at Northwestern because of the friendly and supportive atmosphere and the limited class sizes that allow for better interaction between her students, herself and her colleagues.

When not teaching, Mihai enjoys reading good books, watching movies and listening to classical and New Age music.



*Recent Northwestern Oklahoma State University graduate and Student Government Association president Nick Villalobos (left) presented Dr. Cornelia Mihai (right) with the John Sheffield Teacher of the Year award during an annual ceremony.*

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participating in the Molten Capital Residency.

Closer to home, many faculty and staff are engaged in camps that serve public school students from throughout northwest Oklahoma. A few weeks ago, Dr. Leslie Collins, Dr. Chandler Mead, Dr. Bo Hannaford, and Isilei Ofiu partnered with Northwest Technology Center personnel to provide MASH (Medical Avenues in Service and Health) Camp for more than 40 seventh-grade students who are interested in medical professions. Faculty from the Math and Computer Science department and Natural Science department—Dr. Sheila Brintnall, Dr. Tim Maharry, Dr. Steve Maier, Keenan Meeker, Dr. Aaron Place, Dr. Mary Riegel, and Dr. Jenny Sattler—hosted a Math and Science Academy for 42 area elementary students on the first four Fridays in June. Supported by funding from the Fellers, Beisel, and Fisher endowments, the camp was free to all students and featured activities on math- and science-related topics such as cryptography, geometric patterns, hypothesis testing, engineering, and circuitry. The camp culminated in sailboat races attended by parents and

sponsored in part by Starr Lumber. As always, student council and Upward Bound camps have engaged area high school students in preparation for their future pursuits. Upward Bound staff

Jaunita Dotson, Lisa Franz, Megan Stratton, and Darla Adams have coordinated the activities of eight counselors and seven teachers, among them Dr. Frank Martinez, who provide academic support and enrichment for camp participants.

Sports camps staffed by athletics personnel and team members are also a constant at Northwestern each summer. For example, women's basketball coach Tasha Diesselhorst and her staff and players hosted a tournament-style team camp for area high school students earlier this summer.

In addition to participating in camp activities, teams were given coupons to attend area attractions such as the Menagerie, bowling alley, and Rialto Theater. Coach Craig Liddell and a staff of around



*Mary Riegel, assistant professor of mathematics, works with students at the sailboat races held at the end of the Math and Science Academy on campus.*

20, five of whom were Rangers, have held youth soccer camps on the Alva campus as well as in Enid and Ponca City. More than 170 young people attended the three camps. An additional camp for high school students hoping to continue their soccer careers into college drew 32 attendees. A final Elite Camp for high school soccer players will be held on the Alva campus on July 15. (As an aside, on this same day Dean Calleb Mosburg, his staff, and any faculty members able to attend will have the opportunity to meet and welcome the incoming freshman students at Freshman Fun Day.) A variety of other sports camps have been or will be among the summer activities for Northwestern personnel and students.

These examples represent only a sample of the ways in which the Northwestern community continues to serve and grow during the summer months. Clearly, campus life and service do not ever cease. Whatever the remainder of your summer holds, I wish you at least a portion of that rest and rejuvenation that we hear so much about.



*Colosseum (Flavian Amphitheater), Rome, Italy, ca 70-80 CE, as seen by Ken Kelsey, instructor of history and art, on his May trip.*

# 24 admitted into inaugural DNP class

Northwestern's new Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program has filled its first class, which will begin work in August.

Of 30 applicants, 24 were selected as members of the first DNP class. Two of those 24 are Advanced Placement Candidates, for the MSN to DNP. All others are classified as BSN to DNP.

The candidates' "Acceptance of Position" were due back by June 1. Sixty-seven percent of the candidates that were accepted are NWOSU Alumni.

Northwestern is one of only two public universities in Oklahoma to offer a DNP program.

Northwestern's DNP program is a practice-focused doctorate, rather than the traditional research-focused doctorate. This online, accredited program will prepare DNPs who can become certified Family Nurse Practitioners in their home communities and surrounding areas without first earning a master's degree.

"Now is an exciting time to become a family nurse practitioner in Oklahoma," Dr. Shelly Wells, associate professor of nursing and chair of the Division of Nursing, said. "Adding the DNP allows Northwestern to address the national need identified by the Institutes of Medicine's 'Future of Nursing Report' for an increase of doctorally prepared nurses. Nurse practitioners are well-respected primary care providers, and the state of Oklahoma has a great need for many more as access to health care continues to change. We are pleased that Northwestern and the Division of Nursing will be making a positive impact on the health of citizens in rural Oklahoma with the addition of

graduates of the DNP-Family Nurse Practitioner program."



The curriculum consists of 73 credit hours and 1,020 practicum hours. Students may enter on a full-time (three-year plan) or part-time (four-year plan) basis. Additional plans may be considered on an indi-

vidual basis.

Acceptance into the program was competitive as there are a limited number of applicants admitted. This program will accept applications each spring for entry into the fall semester class. Acceptance was determined by reviewing the following criteria for each student: all college transcripts, grade-point average (GPA), résumé written essay and references.

Students in the University's nursing program this semester will not be able to submit an application to the program until a BSN degree has been earned and a registered nurse license obtained. This means current students may have to wait a semester or year to apply, depending on their graduation date. In this case, the DNP application along

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Dear Members of the University Community:

On January 30, Northwestern Oklahoma State University received notification from the Higher Learning Commission that its Institutional Actions Council has approved our request to offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice program. As the DNP represents our first doctoral-level program and a change in the institution's function, approval from the Commission was required.

I want to offer my congratulations to the academic leadership of Dr. Bo Hannaford and Dr. James Bell, and to Dr. Shelly Wells, Dr. Pat Thompson and the faculty of the Division of Nursing. All have spent a considerable amount of time seeking HLC approval of the program and preparing for the arrival of the first class this fall.

I also want to again express the University's appreciation to the Charles Morton Share Foundation and the Wisdom Family Foundation for their support that made the DNP program a reality. This program presents an enormous opportunity for Northwestern to impact the access to quality primary health care in our region.

Janet Cunningham, Ed.D.  
President

# Enid, Alva receive Healthy Campus/Business awards

Two Northwestern locations received certifications from the Certified Healthy Campus.

On March 1, Northwestern-Enid was recognized with a Certificate of Merit at the awards ceremony in Norman. Northwestern-Alva and the J.R. Holder Wellness Center received the Certificate of Excellence for being a healthy campus and as a business.

Certified Healthy Campus recognizes campus sites that make a positive impact on the health of employees and patrons.

The Certified Healthy Oklahoma Program is a free, voluntary statewide certification. The certification showcases businesses, campuses, communities, congregations, early childhood programs, restaurants, and schools that are committed to supporting healthy choices through environmental and policy change. These entities are working to improve the health of Oklahomans by implementing elements, policies, and programs that will help Oklahomans to eat better, move more, and be tobacco free.

The Certified Healthy Oklahoma Program began in 2003 as a collaborative initiative with four founding partners – the Oklahoma Turning Point Council, the Oklahoma Academy for State Goals, the Oklahoma State Chamber, and the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

There are three levels of certification: basic, merit and excellence. The campus application consists of eight standards: integration with the learning mission of higher education; collaborative practice; cultural competence; tobacco, drug, alcohol, and mental health issues; health, wellness, safety; and professional development/continuing education.

Certified Healthy Campus is pro-

vided through the Oklahoma State Department of Health's Center for the Advancement of Wellness, and a branch of the Certified Healthy Oklahoma Programs.

For more information on Northwestern-Enid, contact Office of Student Services at (580) 213-3147. For more information on Northwestern-Alva, contact Office of Student Services at (580) 327-8414.

For more information about overall health wellness or events and exercise schedules at the wellness center, "like" the page on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/JRHolderWellnessCenter](http://www.facebook.com/JRHolderWellnessCenter). For questions contact Richard Burdick, director of the J.R. Holder Wellness Center, at (580) 327-8109 or [rpburdick@nwsu.edu](mailto:rpburdick@nwsu.edu) or Catherine Engelken, assistant director, at (580) 327-8105 or [cgkelly@nwsu.edu](mailto:cgkelly@nwsu.edu).



*Mass communication students attending the NewsTrain event in Norman were, from left, Melissa Noland, Haylee Bates, Savannah Tillman, Nick Perkins and Katy Hart.*

## Eight attend NewsTrain event

Mass Communication faculty and five students attended a NewsTrain event on March 4 at the University of Oklahoma Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication in Norman.

Those attending the event were professors Matt Adair, Allison Zimmerman and Dr. Kaylene Armstrong; students were Haylee Bates, Savannah Tillman, Katy Hart, Nick Perkins and Melissa Noland.

Newstrain is an education program offered around the country by the Associated Press Media Editors. According to the APME Newstrain website, "Programs are designed to provide affordable, high-quality training in the digital skills, knowledge and information journalists need in a rapidly changing media world."

The daylong program featured various experts. Oklahoma investigative journalist Clifton Adcock from Oklahoma Watch discussed data-driven reporting and helped participants learn to use an Excel spreadsheet to organize data. Socrates Lozano, photojournalist for The E.W./ Scripps Co., showed participants how to take useable smartphone video as well as how to use 360-degree cameras to create virtual reality video. Daniel Victor, a senior staff editor at The New York Times, discussed using social media for reporting and using mobile-first, multi-platform for covering breaking news.

# Advisement abounds at Freshman Connection



Many faculty members volunteered their time to advise incoming students at Freshman Connection. Pictured above are Mistie Kline and Brooke Ciolino.

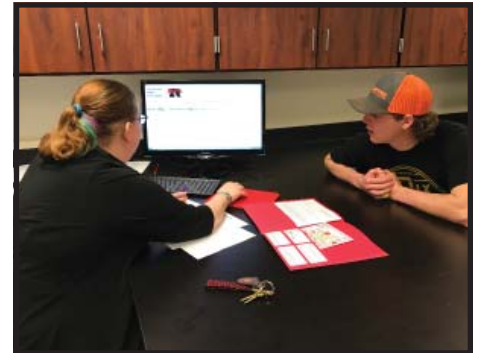
Left: Dr. Christee Jenlink, associate dean, and Roxann Clark, Education Department, assist future students.



Dr. Steve Maier, Chair, Natural Science.



Dr. Steve Thompson, Natural Science.



Dr. Jenny Sattler, Natural Science.



Dr. Cindy Pfeifer-Hill, Natural Science.



Dr. Eric Schmaltz, Social Sciences.



Dr. Aaron Place, Natural Science.



Dr. Steven Palmer, Business.



Dr. Kay Decker, Chair, Social Sciences.



Dr. Dean Scarbrough, Agriculture.

# Red, Black Scroll inducts 32 new members

Northwestern inducted 32 new members into the Red and Black Scroll Honor Society during a ceremony in the Student Center Wyatt Room.

Red and Black Scroll recognizes outstanding scholarship and service among sophomore students at Northwestern. Requirements for membership include completion of 40-59 hours of college credit, a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0, participation in two or more campus organizations or activities, attendance at Northwestern for at least two semesters and non-failure of a college course.

Sponsors are Dr. Dena Walker, assistant professor of mathematics, and Dr. Sheila Brintnall, professor of mathematics.

This year's inductees include Betty Abbey of Accra Ghana, Af-

rica, biology major; Audrey Amis-  
sah of Accra Ghana, Africa, biology  
major; Cheney Bird of Alva, nurs-  
ing major; Samichin Bista of Litipur,  
Nepal, computer science major; Ry-  
ann Blackburn of Balko, elementary  
education major; Madeline Bonine  
of Alva, accounting major; Marylea  
Burgess of Woodward, mathematics  
education major; Ashley Carter of  
Enid, computer science major; Kevin  
Cosper of Cleo Springs, mathematics  
major; Katelyn Cutsinger of Vici, vo-  
cal music major; Shalyn Farrington  
of Beaver, nursing major; Karly Gil-  
lispie of Shattuck, accounting major;  
Rosa Guel of Los Angeles, California,  
psychology major; Cassidy Hackett  
of Edmond, business administration  
major; Pawana Itani of Nepal, nurs-  
ing major; Oluwatoyosi Rhoda Kaffi  
of Nigeria, Africa, nursing major;  
Brianna McClure of Alva, biology

major; Gabriela Morales of Beaver,  
nursing major; Precious Okeke of  
Lagos, Nigeria, Africa, accounting  
major; Courtney Padilla of Guy-  
mon, business administration major;  
Morgan Phillips of Gage, business  
administration major; Aaron Pierce  
of Alva, vocal music major; Patricia  
Pixler of Waynoka, psychology ma-  
jor; Paola Ponce-Villalobos of Bea-  
ver, mathematics education; Lauren  
Reitz of Edmond, nursing major;  
Mary Shaffer of Ringwood, biology  
major; Sumji Sherpa of Sonkhuwas-  
abha, Nepal, nursing major; Sanjita  
Shrestha of Kathmandu, Nepal, com-  
puter science major; Sushil Thapa of  
Kathmandu, Nepal, computer sci-  
ence major; Sadie Vore of Burling-  
ton, elementary education major;  
J.C. Wells of Laverne, mathematics  
education major; and Clarissa Wiley  
of Bristow, biology major.



*Students who were inducted into the Red and Black Scroll Honor Society are (back row, left to right) Sushil Thapa, Sadie Vore, Cheney Bird, Gabriela Morales, Patricia Pixler, Shalyn Farrington, Karly Gillispie, Audrey Amis-  
sah, Marylea Burgess, Precious Okeke, Brianna McClure, Sanjita Shrestha, Sumji Sherpa and Courtney Padilla. Front row (left to right): Aaron Pierce, Katelyn Cutsinger, Paola Ponce-Villalobos, Samichin Bista, Morgan Phillips, Kevin Cosper, Mary Shaffer, Betty Abbey, J.C. Wells, Clarissa Wiley, Madeline Bonnie, Lauren Rietz and Pawana Itani. Not pictured are Dr. Dena Walker, Dr. Sheila Brintnall, Ryann Blackburn, Rosa Guel, Cassidy Hackett and Oluwatoyosi Rhoda Kaffi.*

# Programmers place at Tulsa Exposition

Northwestern's Game Programming teams participated in the University of Tulsa's annual Heartland Gaming Exposition in early April for the fifth time, placing in several categories.

Students from across Oklahoma compete in high school, collegiate and independent developer categories along with competition for the Code Jam Challenge.

Computer science majors who attended included Ashley Carter, Enid sophomore; Matt Day, Woodward senior; Richard Fischer, Kiowa, Kansas, junior; Jackson Gardner, Lawton freshman; Dakota Jantz, Helena junior; Bryce Larkey, Fargo junior; Bruno Miguel, Sao Jose do Rio Preto, Brazil, senior; Jacob Marr, Laverne sophomore; Austin Mount, Garber junior; and Chris Dickenson, Alva senior. Also in attendance was Justin Dobbs, Cleo Springs freshman, business administration major.

Sponsors attending the event included Northwestern instructors of

computer science Mark Bagley and Evan Vaverka, as well as Northwestern alumnus Charles Boldes.

The Code Jam Challenge gives participants five days, before the expo, to complete their interpretation of the given topic by designing, developing and implementing an original game. Northwestern's Code Jam Team consisted of Day, Mount, Larkey and Gardner. The team was awarded "Best Graphics" and "Most Ambitious" for their game, "Glitch," which was designed to "glorify" the programming bug. Sponsors said the team impressed the spectators by the game play and the overall look of their game along with the kind manner in which they articulated their explanations to show the game was great for all ages to play.

Gardner enjoys being a computer science major

and looks forward to the gaming expo and other work that fuels his passion and interests.

"Having the chance to do something like [the expo], to get your mind off of the craziness that is college sometimes, is nice to

me," he said.

Miguel competed as a solo entry for the collegiate-level Game Showcase and placed second overall for his game "Garuna War," which also placed second for the People's Choice Award.

At last year's competition, Miguel won best overall for his work.



*Bruno Miguel went home from the Heartland Gaming Expo with second place overall in the Game Showcase category and the People's Choice Award for his game, "Garuna War."*

This year, he created the Oklahoma Research Day app that was used for the annual Oklahoma Research Day in March. He will graduate this spring and has been accepted to graduate schools in Europe to continue his education. Miguel believes Northwestern and its Computer Science Program have helped prepare him for his future.

"The competition itself helped me a lot because I could apply many

of the studies that we did in class to the game itself," Miguel said. "Northwestern helped me a lot, especially the faculty because they provided me with the facility and the resources...they could assist me and boost my ambition to not only join competitions like the Heartland expo but other aspects of life as well...I'm really pleased with everything here and all of the time I've spent here."

Carter and Fischer also compet-

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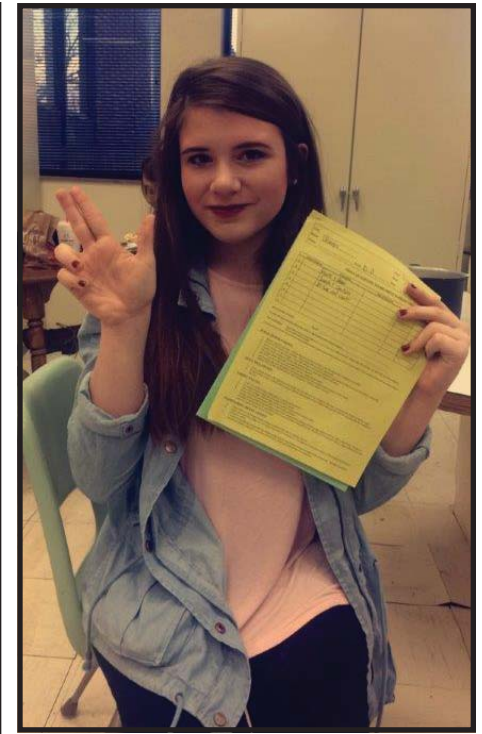


*The Code Jam Challenge team was awarded "Best Graphics" and "Most Ambitious" for their game "Glitch." Team members are (from left to right) Matt Day, Bryce Larkey and Jackson Gardner. Not pictured is Austin Mount.*





*Senior Willow Gahr talks about how Northwestern has impacted her life at the monthly meeting of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. What a great representative of our school.*



*Northwestern hosted its annual speech invitational tournament in January. Freshmen Madi Wilson, above, enjoyed judging at the contest. Fifteen university theatre students assisted with running and judging the tournament.*

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## Programmers place....

ed in the Game Showcase category and placed third for their game, "Arcane Towers."

Bagley was impressed with all of his students' abilities not only to create the games but also to market and promote them to others. He cited Carter and Fischer's project as an example.

"This was their first time to compete and they made a great showing not only in the functionality of their game but also in their showmanship and articulate explanations of the game concepts and mechanics of how to play," Bagley said. "Carter and Fischer are both juniors and will be back to Northwestern to continue their studies in the fall. We have great hopes of them winning it all at some point in the future."

Jantz and Marr also showed their game concept of "Shrapnel" in the Game Contest category. Other participants in the expo include Dickenson with his game concept "Floofaloo" that was made for elementary and middle school-aged audiences.

For more information on Northwestern's Computer Science program contact Bagley at (580) 327-8604 or [mabagley@nwosu.edu](mailto:mabagley@nwosu.edu) or Vaverka at (580) 327-8587 or [epvaverka@nwosu.edu](mailto:epvaverka@nwosu.edu).



*Ashley Carter (left) and Richard Fischer (right) showing their third place award for their game, "Arcane Towers."*

# Larson chosen for residency in Chile

Kyle Larson, assistant professor of art, is headed to Santiago, Chile, in July to participate in the Molten Capital Residency.



*Kyle Larson*

The Molten Capital is an international artist in residence program. The residency is organized with Galeria NAC Director Nicole Andreu Cooper, the Museo de Arte Contemporáneo (MAC) in Santiago, and the collec-

tor Armando Valenzuela.

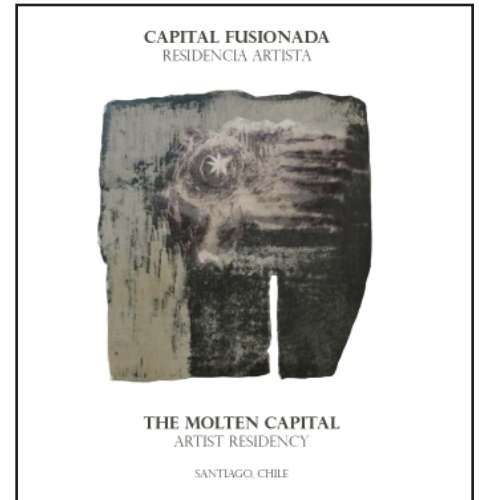
The primary location for the residence is within the Museo Arte Contemporáneo (MAC), Quinta Normal in Santiago, Chile, ([www.mac.uchile.cl](http://www.mac.uchile.cl)). There are also opportunities available for collaborations with participating international artist residencies, galleries, cultural centers, and alternative spaces.

Molten Capital Residency Artists spend their residency period working in a shared studio space with 1 to 2 other artists, culminating in a closing inauguration.

Artists will have the opportunity to give a lecture about their past work at MAC with university students, and a closing lecture about

their investigation in Chile at Galeria NAC ([www.galerianac.cl](http://www.galerianac.cl)).

Events will be held during the residency period that will introduce the artists to collectors and cultural groups.



## Three awarded Guthrie Scottish Rite Scholarships

Three Northwestern elementary education seniors were awarded the Guthrie Scottish Rite Scholarship given by the Guthrie Scottish Rite Charitable and Educational Foundation.

Those awarded in the spring semester are Joshua Frazier from Enid; Nikki Gates from Waynoka; and Cinthia Rodriguez from Tonkawa.

Each semester the scholarships are awarded to teacher candidates who are completing their professional semester.

Dr. Christie Jenlink, associate dean of education and professor of education, Dr. James Bell, associate vice president for academics and dean of faculty, and Dr. Christie Riley, assistant professor of education and director of teacher education for the Division of Education, presented the students their scholarship.

The Guthrie Scottish Rite Charitable and Educational Foundation works primarily with children with language and/or reading disorders.

Recipients are chosen by members of the Teacher Education faculty who have reviewed all applications and voted for the candidate they felt was the best choice.

For more information on the Guthrie Scottish Rite scholarship or the Division of Education contact Jenlink at (580) 327-8450 or email [cljenlink@nwosu.edu](mailto:cljenlink@nwosu.edu).



*Spring semester's Guthrie Scottish Rite Scholarship recipients are (front row, left to right) Cinthia Rodriguez, Nikki Gates and Joshua Frazier, all senior elementary education majors at Northwestern. Presenting the scholarship are (back row, left to right) Dr. Christee Jenlink, Dr. James Bell and Dr. Christie Riley.*

# Lane leads 2017 Study Abroad group

Dr. Kathryn Lane, department chair of English, Foreign Language and Humanities and assistant professor of English as well as a member of the Study Abroad Committee, led students and members of the community on the summer 2017 Study Abroad Program that took them “down under.”

The Study Abroad group, starting May 19 spent 12 days abroad doing activities such as touring the Sydney Opera House and snorkeling in the Great Barrier Reef, along with other memorable adventures. The group returned on May 30.

“Study abroad is a learning experience unlike any other,” Lane said. “The memories that you carry away you keep for a lifetime.”

The Study Abroad Committee is cautious when planning the dates

## *Psychology groups coordinate events, activate Psi Chi*

The Psych Clubs in Enid and Alva have been busy putting together two major events this spring: Enid/Woodward Psych Club, along with the Leadership Club, organized the Backyard Battle. Alva’s Psych Club has organized the community food drive.

In other news, the Northwestern Chapter of Psi Chi has become active again! There were six inductees this spring and are hoping you will join as well!

For more information on Psi Chi, contact Mistie Kline at [mekline@nwosu.edu](mailto:mekline@nwosu.edu).

of the trips to avoid interfering with Alva High School graduation and other summer classes at Northwestern.

“Three-quarters of students who study abroad have a better GPA,” Lane said. “Corporations across the world are looking for students who

have studied abroad. It shows more experience and is an influential piece on your resume.”

To learn more about the study abroad program visit [www.nwosu.edu/study-abroad-program](http://www.nwosu.edu/study-abroad-program) or contact Lane at (580) 327-8470 or [kellane@nwosu.edu](mailto:kellane@nwosu.edu).



*Northwestern’s Study Abroad group visited Europe in May of 2016. This year’s group took a trip to Australia and New Zealand in May of this year.*

# Senior selected for Civic Education Fellow award at State Capitol

Northwestern's Department of Social Sciences has selected the recipient of the Civic Education Fellow award for this academic year.

Jack Nickelson, Mooreland senior and political science major, represented Northwestern at the Oklahoma State Capitol in May. Nickelson worked with Sen. Bryce Marlatt, R-Woodward, during the final weeks of the legislative session.



*Jack Nickelson*

Nickelson stated that he was looking forward to meeting Marlatt and benefiting from the real-world application that can come through an internship.

"It's exciting, but first of all it was an honor to even be considered for something like this," he said. "It just made me really appreciate the hard work that I put into my studies and just makes me want to give back."

Nickelson's minor is in history with an emphasis in global studies.

"I appreciate the way that politics affects everyone's lives," he said. "I appreciate the positive difference that a politician, or someone who works in politics, can make for society as a whole...With the way the world is changing and getting smaller, you need an emphasis on global studies."

Northwestern's Department of Social Sciences provides many opportunities for its students to learn and develop skills for their field outside of the classroom. The Civic

Education Fellowship Program is a prime example. The program was established six years ago to support

departmental students who wish to pursue a career in public service. Each year, qualified applicants may submit a completed application with transcript to Dr. Kay Decker, professor of sociology and chair of the Department of Social Sciences. Applicants are reviewed by departmental faculty, and the selection is determined based on GPA, essay and applicant knowledge of public service.

Civic Education Fellows are provided with a stipend to intern at the Oklahoma State Capitol during the final weeks of the legislative session or may choose to pursue an internship in Congress with one of Oklahoma's elected officials. Students can spend anywhere from one week to three months working in the Oklahoma State Capitol or the United States Capitol learning about legislative and budget-setting processes.

Having graduated in May, Nickelson plans to continue his education to receive his master's degree and eventually pursue a doctorate to serve society by becoming a teacher.

For more information on this internship opportunity or the Department of Social Sciences, please contact Decker at (580) 327-8521 or [kldecker@nwsu.edu](mailto:kldecker@nwsu.edu).

## *Berman to lead Pi Sigma Alpha*

Stacy Berman, Ponca City senior and political science major, was chosen for induction into Pi Sigma Alpha political science honor society at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

Pi Sigma Alpha is the National Honor Society for political science, founded in 1920. Membership recognizes outstanding academic achievement in political science and promotes excellence in political awareness and civic engagement.

"[Stacy] Bergman is a good student and has taken the majority of her coursework at the UC in Ponca City," Dr. Kay Decker, Social Sciences department chair and professor of sociology, said. "She is a non-traditional student with children, and she has worked while

attending college. Bergman is a bright and dedicated student with a bright future."

To be a member in Pi Sigma Alpha students must have a 3.0 GPA in political science along with 12 hours of political sciences courses completed. Students must also be within the top third of their senior class.

For more information on honor societies within Northwestern's Social Sciences Department, contact Decker at (580) 327-8521 or [kldecker@nwsu.edu](mailto:kldecker@nwsu.edu).



# Students gain experience directing plays

Mickey Jordan, Iowa Park, Texas, senior, and Tori Hurley, Sheffield, Iowa, junior, had the opportunity to direct productions on the same stage.

Jordan's play, "The Mice Have Been Drinking Again" by Cleve Haubold, was a short comedy set in 1967. A young happy couple in



*A.J. Bohlman, Tiffany Willson, Taylor Morris and Shaden Foresman in The Mice Have Been Drinking Again.*

a small apartment in San Francisco experience comical mishaps with their scatter-brained roommate.

Hurley's play, "Goodbye to the Clown" by Ernest Kinoy, was a short play about a 9-year-old girl who had trouble distinguishing between imagination and reality. She blames her behavior on a "clown" and imaginary playmate.

The pair had the opportunity to direct their own shows a little earlier than their peers who came before them, all because of suggestions made by graduates during exit interviews.



*Mickey Jordan*

During the interviews, Kimberly Weast, professor of theatre arts, and Tamara Brown, assistant professor of speech and interim chair of the communication department, took the suggestions and found that additional shows could provide valuable experiences to the students prior to producing their senior capstone shows.

Weast believes giving the students more opportunities to direct and design will build on the students' confidence and skills as they go through the production process. She also believes students learning to lead their peers now will benefit them in the future.

Jordan said this was an excellent opportunity for him to direct and get hands-on experience for what it will be like later in his career.

"I love the creative process, and I love how four months ago this was a script in professor Weast's office," Jordan said. "I laughed all the way through it, and I'm so glad to put this show on."

The two student directors began preparations for their productions in early September of last year.

Hurley explained there were numerous aspects of getting their shows ready that can't always be seen by the audience who attends the production. From selecting the play and the actors, holding a number of rehearsals

and gathering stage props to creating the set and finding or sewing costumes, much work comes before the actual show is ever presented to the public.

"It's rewarding to see all the work and effort you've put in come to life on stage," Hurley said. "With all the actors cast, and all the sets



*Katherine Blair, Nick Wygle and Ken Kelsey in Goodbye to the Clown.*

you've designed, it's really amazing."

Cast members for "The Mice Have Been Drinking Again" included: Tiffany Willson, Conway Springs, Kansas, freshman, early childhood education; Shaden Foresman, Laverne sophomore, speech/theatre; Taylor Morris, Lancaster, California, senior, mass communication; Arthur Bohlman, Hooker graduate student; and Jordan.

Cast members for "Goodbye to the Clown" included: Nicholas Wygle, Noble junior, biology; Crosby Dunbar, Owasso freshman, vocal performance; Katherine Blair, Wynoka freshman, music/vocal; Abbie Tillman, Elk City senior, biology; Zach Frische, Northwestern alumnus; Ken Kelsey, instructor of history and fine arts; and Hurley.

For more information about the Northwestern theatre program, contact Weast at [kkweast@nwosu.edu](mailto:kkweast@nwosu.edu) or (580) 327-8462.



*Tori Hurley*

# Music groups present 'Emblems' Spring Concert

The Jazz Ensemble, Symphony Band and Community Band presented their spring band concert "Emblems" on Friday, April 28, in Herod Hall auditorium.

The Jazz Ensemble performed music pieces such as: "Hit the Bricks" by Gordon Goodwin; "Tank!" by Yoko Kanno; and "Embraceable You" by George and Ira Gershwin, which featured vocal music major Katelyn Cutsinger, Vici junior, as a vocalist.

The Community Band was comprised of Northwestern students and 10 community members including Alva High School band members. They performed music pieces such as: "Medieval Legend" by Michael Story, which was directed by instrumental music major Amanda Metcalf, Enid junior; and "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by J.S Bach, which was directed by music major Daniel Pacula, Hennessey senior.

The Community Band also performed "March of the Belgian Paratroopers" by Pierre Leemans and



*The Community Band, directed by Dr. Marc Decker, assistant professor of instrumental music and director of bands, during the Emblems concert.*

"Falling Rain" by James Swearingen.

The Symphony Band presented: "Cenotaph" by Jack Stamp; "Amazing Grace" arranged by Ticheli; and "Pageant" by Vincent Persichetti.

The community band program promotes involvement with both the community and the band students. This organization is open to anyone in the community who can play an instrument including college students not currently enrolled in band.

The band members met Tuesday evenings throughout the semester to

prepare for the concert.

"I was overjoyed to see the level of support in this year's community band," Marc Decker, assistant professor of fine arts and director of instrumental music and music education, said. "The community band was a great success this year. It is a tradition we plan to continue into April of 2018."

For more information about the Fine Arts department at Northwestern or the Community Band Program, contact Decker at (580) 327-8521 or email [mddecker@nwosu.edu](mailto:mddecker@nwosu.edu).

## Science and Religion Workshop held by Natural Science department

Northwestern's Natural Science Department played host to a Science and Religion Workshop in February on the Alva campus.

This event was held for people to learn more about the relationship between religion and science in an informal gathering.

Dr. Aaron Place, professor of biology at Northwestern and the Rev. J.F. Wickey of the United Church of Christ gave short talks about the topics. A discussion time followed the presentations.

Place and Wickey have previously co-authored some children's

books over the same topic and have been friends for years.

This event was held in conjunction with the national event "Evolution Weekend" through the Clergy Letter Project, which is typically in association with Charles Darwin's birthday, Feb. 10. According to the Clergy Letter Project ([clergyletterproject.org](http://clergyletterproject.org)), Evolution Weekend is an opportunity for serious discussion and reflection on the relationship between religion and science.

An ongoing goal has been to elevate the quality of the discussion on this critical topic and to show

that religion and science are not adversaries. Rather, they look at the natural world from quite different perspectives to ask and answer different questions.

This event was not intended to be a debate, Place said. "The point isn't to debate whether or not evolution is true or if it's better or more right than religion; it's about bringing science and religion together to talk about real problems and how we might address them."

For more information contact Place at (580) 327-8673 or [ajplace@nwosu.edu](mailto:ajplace@nwosu.edu).

# Enid campus celebrates 20th anniversary

Northwestern-Enid celebrated with the community its 20th anniversary on Tuesday, April 11. A ribbon-cutting ceremony, dedication and an official reading of the proclamation were all part of the festivities.

To celebrate the anniversary, Bill Shewey, mayor of the city of Enid, read the proclamation that declared April 11, 2017, as “Northwestern Oklahoma State University-Enid Day” during the April 4 City Council meeting. Dr. Wayne McMillin, Northwestern-Enid dean, received the mayor’s proclamation on behalf of Northwestern-Enid accompanied by Candace Reim, Student Services coordinator, and Kimberly Wheeler, senior criminal justice major from Ringwood and member of the Leadership Council.

“It was an honor for the mayor to read the proclamation in front of the Enid City Council,” McMillin said. “It’s been a tremendous 20 years in Enid. I should know, I’ve been a part of it for 19 of the 20 years, first as a faculty member and currently the dean. We’ve had a lot of faces come and go over the years and we’ve made an extraordinary impact for our community, but overall our legacy has been consistent in providing higher education opportunities to the surrounding area.

“We’ve got a dedicated administration, faculty and staff and can’t wait to see what the next 20 years will bring.”

For 20 years, Northwestern-Enid has assisted a diverse population, including adult learners, achieve their career and educational goals by providing local, affordable access to higher education by



*Dr. Wayne McMillin (right), Candace Reim (back right) and Kimberly Wheeler (back left) are congratulated by Mayor Bill Shewey (left) after the council declared April 11, 2017 was “Northwestern Oklahoma State University-Enid Day” at the Enid City Council earlier this month.*

offering upper-level courses leading to the bachelor’s degree and complete graduate degree programs in a positive, student-centered, technology-enriched learning environment that promotes service and excellence.

In 1996, House Bill 2164 provided for the establishment of branch campuses of Northwestern in Enid and Woodward. Governor Keating signed the measure into law on May 30, 1996. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education followed with their approval. Northwestern-Enid was designated to be in the new facility built by the community of Enid in 1994. The University officially opened the branch campus in the location at 2929 East Randolph as “NWOSU” on July 1, 1996.

Northwestern’s role is to deliver

higher education to the citizens of northwest Oklahoma. The modern, spacious, ADA-accessible facility has 86,000 square feet. Northwestern-Enid houses traditional classrooms, ITV classrooms, a computer lab, library, registry/business offices, student services, financial aid, bookstore, campus police, AHEC, wellness room, clinical simulation skills lab, computer testing lab, one polycom meeting room, and faculty offices.

Upper-division courses are offered at Northwestern-Enid for completion of bachelor’s degrees in 12 areas including accounting, business administration, computer science, education (elementary, secondary, special), general studies, history, nursing (RN, LPN Completion), political science, psychology,

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# Hardaway cited as expert in Smithsonian, Pacific Standard

Dr. Roger Hardaway, professor of history, is featured in two new online articles about African American cowboys. Hardaway, a historian with an emphasis on the American West, has been researching and writing about black cowboys for years. In these recent articles, Hardaway serves as a resource person for the authors. His comments are quoted in each essay.

The first article, titled "The Lesser Known History of African American Cowboys," was published in February in the online edition of "Smithsonian," the official organ of the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C. The author is Katie Nodjimbadem, a staff writer for the online version of the magazine. The second article is "How America's Black Cowboy Population Is Fighting Erasure," written by free-lance writer Alissa Greenberg of California. This essay appeared in March in "Pacific Standard" magazine in both its hard copy and online versions. Each article is easily accessible by searching for "African American Cowboys" along with the author's name.

Hardaway enjoyed the interview process and getting to know the authors.

"I was honored to be quoted in both of these significant publications," Hardaway said. "I do not know either of the authors, and I had not heard of them before they reached out to me and asked to interview me. After I agreed, each of them called me and asked me several questions about working cowboys and rodeo stars. I am extremely happy that each of them found reference to my work on the Internet and decided that I was knowledgeable enough about the topic to serve as someone who could speak authoritatively on it."

Hardaway has published several articles and books on the African American experience in the Ameri-

can West. His article "Oklahoma's African American Rodeo Performers" appeared in the summer 2011 edition of "Chronicles of Oklahoma," the state's primary history journal. It was recently reprinted in

the book "Black Cowboys in the American West," which was published by the University of Oklahoma Press. The book has just been chosen to receive an award as the best-edited collection of the past year by the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association.

Hardaway has been a member of the Northwestern faculty since 1990 and has taught U.S. history to more than 4,000 students at the university.

For more information on Hardaway's work contact him at (580) 327-8520 or rdhardaway@nwsu.edu.



*Dr. Roger Hardaway*

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## ...20th Anniversary

social work, sociology and technical management.

Complete master's degree programs in education, counseling psychology, and American Studies and co-ops with two other universities to offer a Master of Business Administration degree are also available.

Many students take advantage of the cooperative agreements between Northwestern and Northern Oklahoma College and make a smooth transition to Northwestern

for completion of their four-year degree. Other students come to finish a degree started earlier in life or transfer in coursework from other institutions.

In honor of the anniversary, Northwestern-Enid held two more events in April. On Saturday, April 15, a children's cheer camp took place and on April 19, Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association played host to the "Baseball, Hotdogs, and Apple Pie" alumni

event at David Allen Ball Park. The Rangers played host to Southern Nazarene University.

The first 120 children, 13 and under, received a free t-shirt. Those in attendance enjoyed free hot dogs cooked by the Rowdy Rangers and free apple pies provided by McDonald's.

For more information on Northwestern-Enid call Student Services (580) 213-3147 or visit [www.nwsu.edu/enid](http://www.nwsu.edu/enid).



# Shimp speaks on John Quincy Adams

On March 28, the Northwestern Institute for Citizenship Studies and the Department of Social Sciences held the annual Presidential Lecture Series for 2017 on “John Quincy Adams.” Approximately 40 people attended.

Speaking on one of America’s best-educated and most well-traveled presidents, who emerged victorious in 1824 after one of the

most controversial and contested presidential elections in U.S. history, Mr. Robert Shimp is a Ph.D. candidate in history at Boston University and works as a Park Ranger at the Adams National Historic Park (NPS) in Boston, Massachusetts.

For more information on this and other events, please call the NWOSU Institute for Citizenship

Studies office at (580) 327-8525 or email [mason@nwosu.edu](mailto:mason@nwosu.edu).



*Dr. Aaron Mason, left, with speaker Robert Shimp from the Adams National Historic Park, Boston, Mass.*

## Art students lead painters at local fundraiser

Visual Arts students Audrey Amissah, Mickey Jordan, Clayton Hill, and Princess Adenuga volunteered to teach a “paint night” to raise funds to help Creature Concerns, Inc., an organization that helps animals in NW Oklahoma and S Central Kansas.

The event took place on Saturday, April 29, at the Alva Public Library. Visual Arts students led the “paint night” participants through a painting of a landscape.

The event was a successful and enjoyable night, raising more than \$600 for Creature Concerns to help save and care for animals.

For more information about Creature Concerns and how you can help, please visit [www.creatureconcerns.org](http://www.creatureconcerns.org).

## OSSAA Regional Speech Tourney back on campus

Northwestern played host to the OSSAA Regional Speech Tournament on March 24.

Many students and employees volunteered as judges at the event.



*Community members hard at work creating pieces of art during the Creature Concerns fundraising ‘paint night.’ Visual arts students led the event.*



*Painters display all the works of art completed during the evening of fun held at the Alva Public Library.*

# Students, faculty raise \$1,025 livestreaming

Northwestern's Computer Science program sponsored a 24-hour livestream in December to raise funds for Marine Toys for Tots Foundation.

Fourteen students, one alumni and three faculty members made the event possible. Evan Vaverka, instructor of computer science; Mark Bagley, instructor of computer science; and Tim Maharry, professor of mathematics and chair of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department, helped raised \$1,025 to be donated by livestreaming gaming events. The students worked in teams and as solo players to help generate content to be watched during the livestream as viewers gave donations.

Students who participated in the livestream included Austin Anderson, Beaver senior, chemistry major; Ashley Carter, Enid sophomore, computer science major; Scott Bartley, Alva senior, computer science major; Matt Day, Woodward senior, computer science major; Chris Dickson, Alva junior, computer science major; Justin Dobbs, Cleo Springs freshman, business administration major; Richard Fischer, Kiowa, Kansas, junior, computer science major; Jackson Gardner, Lawton freshman, computer science major; Dalton Jantz, Helena freshman, theatre major; Dakota Jantz, Helena sophomore, computer science major; Bryce Larkey, Fargo sophomore, computer science major; Jacob Marr, Alva sophomore, computer science major; Austin Mount, Covington junior, computer science major; Manuel Reyes, Tonkawa sophomore, general stud-

ies major; and Davon Stokes, Aline sophomore, computer science major.

Charles Boldes is a recent graduate of Northwestern who also helped.

The charity idea originally came from Day and was made possible with the help of Fischer and Mount to manage and create the livestream feed.

"Northwestern has an amazing Computer Science department and Computer Science Club," Day said. "With the Computer Science Club receiving new gaming computers over the past few months and an all-new robotics lab being put in over the next few months, I'm almost sad that I am graduating in May. Because of the Computer Science program I was able to learn the skills I need to pursue my dream in video game development."

Fischer is grateful for the Northwestern faculty who take part in the students' activities.

"I would like to thank both Bagley and Vaverka, without whom this event would not have been possible," Fischer said. "We students may have been the ones to stay up for the 24 hours playing video games, but our professors were the ones who had to get all of the charity and donating logistics figured out. I would also like to thank Maharry for supporting the event, Dr. [Jennifer] Page for playing along from home for quite a while, and anyone else that I was not aware of, who helped with this event."

Vaverka is thankful for the students who participated and the donors who helped raise funds.

"I'm proud of my students; they did a really great job," he said. "They put up with each other for 24 hours straight overall, and that's a pretty big accomplishment. Overall, they had a good time and really liked doing it, so I think we'll do it again."

In fact, the initial Christmas charity event was met with such success that the group hosted another event at the end of the spring 2017 semester to benefit a different charity.

"A couple of you who were anonymous and a couple had shown your names, thank you either way, we appreciate it," Vaverka continued. "The donations truly benefitted the children who needed it for Christmas, and we know the money will go to good use."

The Foundation was created at the behest of the U.S. Marine Corps and provides support in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding with the Commander, Marine Forces Reserve, who directs the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. The Foundation has supported Toys for Tots since 1991. The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

For more information about Northwestern's Computer Science program, contact Vaverka at (580) 327-8587 or [epvaverka@nwosu.edu](mailto:epvaverka@nwosu.edu).

# Festival of Cultures celebrates diversity

International food, culture, displays and performances were available for enjoyment at Northwestern on Friday, April 14, during the annual "Festival of Cultures."

This event brings Northwestern international students together with campus and community members to share food, performances and information about the students' home countries and cultures. Students performed ethnic dances, songs and more.

"The Festival of Cultures has become a tradition with the International Student Association that

requires a lot of hard work and planning from the students," Becca Cook, international academic adviser, said.

"Not only does it help increase awareness about the various cultures that come to Northwestern, but it helps promote and celebrate diversity at Northwestern."

Countries represented included Nepal, Mexico, Ghana, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Rwanda and more.

The event was sponsored by the International Student Association and the Spanish Club.

For more information contact Cook at (580) 327-8435 or rlcook@nwsu.edu.

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## DNP...

with an application for readmission will need to be submitted.

Registered nurses who hold a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), have completed an accredited graduate-level advanced practice registered nursing education program as a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), and are currently certified in an advanced practice specialty consistent with educational preparation, are eligible to apply to complete the DNP at Northwestern. This program will consist of 34 to 36 credit hours. Advanced practice licensure as a Family Nurse Practitioner as prescribed by the applicant's state of residency is required.

Other MSN-prepared nurses will be considered for admission after review of graduate transcripts and meeting with program faculty.

For questions, please contact Dr. Pat Thompson, DNP program director in Northwestern's Division of Nursing, at prthompson@nwsu.edu or (580) 327-8566.



*ABOVE: International students celebrate the finish of the Festival of Cultures evening.*



*LEFT: Students serve dishes prepared especially for the evening by our students.*

## Larson to exhibit at IAO

Assistant Professor of Art Kyle Larson is exhibiting his recent body of work at IAO gallery in Oklahoma City late this summer.

The exhibition runs from Aug. 18 to Oct. 13, with an opening reception on Aug. 18 from 6-9 pm, and a second reception on Sept. 15 from 6-9 pm.

In the show, Larson's paintings will be paired with Jordan Vinyard's

sculptures. Vinyard is currently an assistant professor of art at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.



# Art Show winners announced by Art Society

The 14th annual Northwestern Art Society (NAS) Art Show rewarded 21 different students with prize money and ribbons this year, and 14 non-students earning ribbons after a month-long exhibition.

All of the winning entries in the campus art show were on display for a Winners Only Show in the Runnymede April 7 for the First Friday Artwalk event.

On display were 68 pieces created by Northwestern students and 54 pieces by current and retired Northwestern employees and alumni.

“This year’s art show was fantastic,” Angelia Case, NAS sponsor, said. “Thank you to everyone who participated this year. We hope to see even more of our students and non-students taking part next year. Believe it or not, only seven of the students who entered did not win something, and every one of the non-students who entered won a

ribbon.”

The student Best of Show winner taking home \$75 and a special purple ribbon is Brianna McClure, Alva sophomore, for a painting in the Figure/Portraiture category titled “Final.” The same painting was voted as the People’s Choice winner by those who attended the Winners Show during the April Art Walk. She earned a special red and black ribbon and \$50 prize from the Runnymede for this honor. McClure is a biology major minoring in visual arts.

The non-student Best of Show winner is Northwestern employee and NAS sponsor Angelia Case. The academic projects assistant

and media specialist won for a pencil drawing titled “Hear No, Speak No, See No?” in the Works on Paper – The Figure/Portraiture category, which earned her a purple ribbon.

The on-campus People’s



*Priscilla Avalos's painting titled "Shadows of Sunset" won the People's Choice award. Voting took place during the 14th annual NWOSU Art Society on-campus art show in the J.W. Martin Library through the month of March.*



*Brianna McClure's painting titled "Final" won her Best of Show in the Northwestern Art Society campus art show, as well as People's Choice at the Winners Show at the Runnymede Hotel during the First Friday Artwalk.*

Choice winner is Priscilla Avalos, Hooker senior majoring in chemistry, for a landscape painting titled “Shadows of Sunset.” She won \$50 and a red and black ribbon for this honor.

Amanda Metcalf, Enid junior majoring in instrumental music, serves the Art Society as its president, and couldn’t be happier for the individuals whose art won Best of Show and People’s Choice honors.

“What great choices,” Metcalf said. “Angelia’s drawing was fantastic. She captured what she wanted and brought it to us. With Brianna’s painting, she brought a different aspect to our show. Her different painting technique was very nice. The People’s Choice winner (Avalos) on campus - wow. Her sunset painting was beautiful.”

Metcalf said that, in her three years helping with the art show, she

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# Ethics training held for social workers

Northwestern partnered with the University of Oklahoma's (OU) Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work to play host to a continuing education training opportunity.

The Ethics Symposium was held on Friday, April 21, at the Woodward Campus Commons Area. The workshop leader was David P. Moxley, Ph.D., professor of social work at the Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work at OU.

Moxley is an experienced trainer and workshop leader who has an ex-

tensive research-informed practice background in aging, developmental disabilities, practice with people coping with serious mental illness, and organizational development. Moxley also serves as the Oklahoma Health Care Authority endowed professor of health.

This symposium brought together practicing social workers, counselors, nurses, teachers and other human service professionals to consider ethical issues participants face in their practice. This was an adult learning

opportunity with dialogue and mutual support through which participants develop ethical guidelines for action.

Three continuing education units (CEUs) were offered that can satisfy licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) and licensed master's social worker (LMSW) continuing education requirements.

"We are ecstatic to be partnering with the OU Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work to provide quality continuing education to the Northwest region," Dr. Kylene Rehder, department of social work chair, said.

For more information about Northwestern's Department of Social Work or the training opportunity contact Rehder at (580) 327-8135 or kdrehder@nwsu.edu.

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## Art Show winners...

has witnessed the quality and diversity getting better each year.

Kyle Larson, assistant professor of art and director of the visual arts program at Northwestern, congratulated all who entered and exhibited work in the show, and praised the Art Society members for continuing to showcase the artwork that the campus community creates. He's especially proud of the success of McClure, who is a student in his visual arts program.

"Brianna McClure's painting 'Final' is a piece that went far above and beyond what her 'final' assignment in the Fundamentals of Two-Dimensional Art required," Larson said. "She utilized what she learned in the Beginning Painting course -- as seen in the veracity of her brush strokes and turbulent mark making -- and developed a painting that is full of movement, atmosphere and contemplative vignettes. Her dedication to her studio practice -- and a week of camping out in the studio and painting non-stop -- paid off nicely."

A complete list of winners from the campus show is available at [www.nwsu.edu/nas-art-show-winners](http://www.nwsu.edu/nas-art-show-winners).

Upon the closing of this year's show, Art Society members now start planning for their 15th annual show next year. Metcalf said she looks forward to increasing the number of entries submitted, and Larson is excited to see the NAS on-campus show continue to grow.

"It's clear that we will soon need a larger exhibition space to hold this show, which is a great problem to have," Larson said.

For additional information about the art show or the Art Society, visit the NAS website at [www.nwsu.edu/art](http://www.nwsu.edu/art), join the club's Facebook group or fan page, or contact Metcalf at [ammetcalf55@rangers.nwsu.edu](mailto:ammetcalf55@rangers.nwsu.edu) or Case at [arcase@nwsu.edu](mailto:arcase@nwsu.edu) or (580) 327-8577. For more information on classes within the visual arts program, please contact Larson at (580) 327-8108 or [kr-larson@nwsu.edu](mailto:kr-larson@nwsu.edu).



*Kimberly Weast went on several recruitment trips this spring including going to Conway Springs HS to see their matinee of "The Legend of Robin Hood..... sort of" on March 31.*

# Grads honored at first pinning ceremony

Twenty-two students were pinned Saturday, May 6, during Northwestern Oklahoma State University's first Division of Education pinning ceremony prior to Spring Commencement.

The ceremony recognized the students, individually, who have completed the teacher preparation program. Each student chose a person who was especially supportive during the educational process to "pin" him or her, signifying the student is now ready to be a teacher who, in turn, is supportive of others.

Students who were pinned included: Scott Batchelder of Orland, California, agriculture education; Brock Buller of Jet, agriculture education; Kent Callison of Mooreland, health and sports science education;

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*Kaci Hansen, left, receives her teacher preparation pin from her mother, JaDena Hanson at a ceremony on May 6.*

## 3 selected as 'Outstanding Students'

Each year the faculty in the Mathematics and Computer Science department at Northwestern Oklahoma State University select outstanding students in the math and computer science programs.

This year's recipients are graduating seniors Kalen Gabel of Beaver, mathematics major; Matt Day of Woodward, computer science major; and Bruno Miguel of San Palo, Brazil, computer science major.

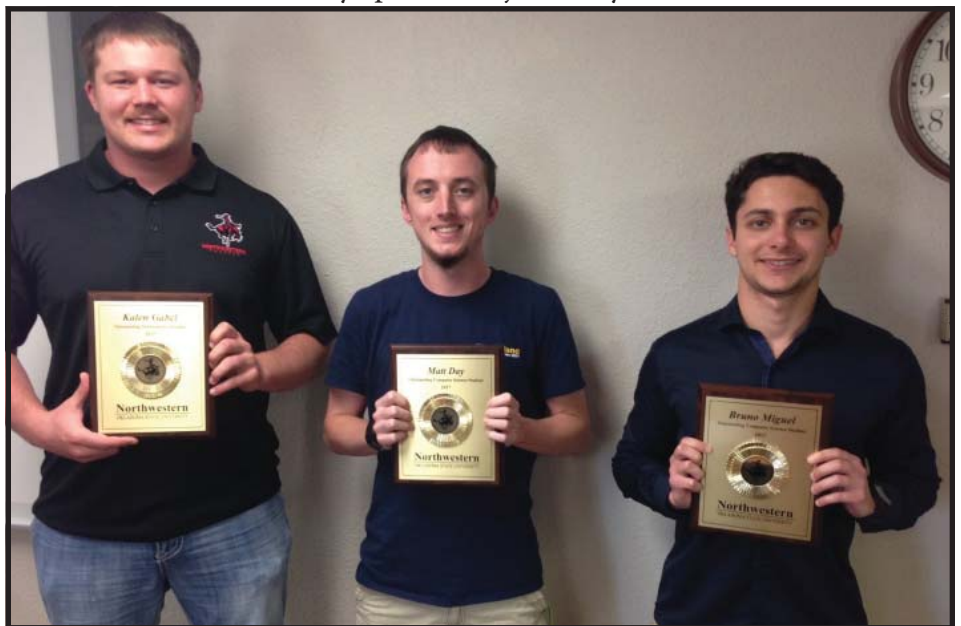
Gabel plans to attend Oklahoma State University in the fall to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering.

Day, who also minored in computer science, will be working full-time with the IT department at Pioneer in Kingfisher.

Miguel has been accepted to various graduate schools in Europe and plans to continue his education in computer science in the fall.

For more information about Northwestern's Mathematics and Computer Science Department contact Dr. Tim Maharry, profes-

sor of mathematics and chair of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department, at (580) 327-8583 or [tjmaharry@nwsu.edu](mailto:tjmaharry@nwsu.edu).



*Students who were recognized for their outstanding achievements in Northwestern's Math and Computer Science Department are (from left to right) Kalen Gabel, Matt Day and Bruno Miguel.*

# High school bands compete in OSSAA event

Northwestern played host to 18 bands that competed in the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association (OSSAA) instrumental music contest on Wednesday, March 1, in Herod Hall Auditorium. Each band was able to select musical pieces from a list compiled by OSSAA personnel.

Participants competing with solos and ensembles performed

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## First pinning...

Rachael Cunningham of Waynoka, undecided post-graduate; Cecely Franz of Alva, early childhood education; Joshua Frazier of Enid, elementary education; Nikki Gates of Waynoka, elementary education; Tina Green of Enid, elementary education; Kaci Hansen of Hinton, early childhood education; Angela Hasenbank of Bentley, Kansas, early childhood education; Dacia Hudelson of Ponca City, elementary education; Elizabeth Kadavy of Kingfisher, elementary education; John Lazenby III of Glencoe, natural science; Mattie Moore of Harrisonville, Missouri, agriculture; Elizabeth Mouser of Stigler, early childhood education; Lauren Nightingale of Enid, elementary education; Ashlye Pool of Fayetteville, Arkansas, agriculture education; Ashley Porter of Enid, elementary education; Cinthia Rodriguez of Tonkawa, elementary education; Sarah Smart of Alva, elementary education; Alexxis Wright of Enid, elementary education; and Codey Yandell of Fairfax, agriculture education.

throughout the day in the Fine Arts Building starting at 8:30 a.m.

Those receiving a "1" at district competition qualified for state competition.

The schools, all in Oklahoma, and their directors, are listed below.

The morning session of bands included Ringwood 7th-12th Grade Band with Director Kyle Stewart; Deer Creek-Lamont High School Band with Director Jeffrey McReynolds; High School Band with Director Keegan Trimble; Oklahoma Bible Academy High School Band (Enid) with Director David Holland; Laverne High School Band with Director Joel Nichols; Okeene Junior and Senior High School Band with Director Meagan Stufflebeam; Newkirk High School Band with Director Joshua Faulkner; Alva Band of Gold with

Director Cara Bradt; and Washington High School Band with Director Christopher Hall.

The afternoon performances included Pioneer-Pleasant Vale Band with Director Sherri Lohman; Pride of Kingfisher Band with Director Mandy Owens; Watonga High School Band with Director Tony Martinez; Pond Creek-Hunter High School Band with Director Craig Engel; Kremlin-Hillsdale High School Band with Director Kaylene Toelle; Waukomis High School Concert Band with Director Sean Newman; Watonga Middle School Band with Director Tony Martinez; Medford High School Band with Director Katherine Flaherty; and Waynoka High School Band with Director Erin Place.

Those receiving a "1" at district competition qualified for state competition.



*Dr. James Bell, Associate Vice President for Academics and Dean of Faculty, right, presents a pin to Michelle Nightingale, mother of graduate Lauren Nightingale. Michelle then pinned her daughter in the May 6 ceremony. Education students chose individuals whom they felt gave them the most support during their education process to signify their service as teachers to, in turn, support others.*

# Northwestern, NWTC partner for MASH Camp

Northwestern and Northwest Technology Center (NWTC) partnered to offer the annual MASH (Medical Avenues in Service and Health) Camp. The camp was held on the campuses of both NWTC and Northwestern-Alva on May 30 through June 1.

Forty-three students from northwest Oklahoma who will be entering the seventh grade learned many different skills including CPR training, first aid skills, wellness assessments and leadership skills.

Students enjoyed three days of learning and fun. Day one included the students engaging in team building and leadership exercises. The group also toured Northwestern's Athletic Training Facility and the Nursing Simulation Lab. Day two included learning CPR and recreating a forensic investigation in the BioMedical Sciences facilities at NWTC. The last day culminated in a tour of Share Medical

Center's emergency room, laboratory, nursing facilities, physical therapy facilities and clinic.

"Northwestern is proud to be a partner in this camp with Northwest Technology Center and wants to thank the Wisdom Foundation for their continued support," Dr. Bo Hannaford, vice president for academic affairs at Northwestern, said. "We wanted to provide opportunities to showcase the different types of careers in the medical field while instilling the importance of math and science related to these careers, and I believe the students received that. We look forward to adding more opportunities to the camp in the future."

During their three-day stint the students were housed in Northwestern's dormitories and supervised by NWTC's Daren Slater, Jennifer Shaw, Andrea Long, Tara Thomas, Melinda Barton and Tammy Mustard. Northwestern

personnel involved in the camp included Dr. Chandler Mead, Dr. Leslie Collins, Isilei Ofiu and Hannaford.

"These middle school students received a great introduction to medical careers," Daren Slater, NWTC assistant superintendent, said. "They learned so much from our partners who provided tours and activities for these students. We also look forward to partnering in the future with Northwestern and the Wisdom Foundation to help students learn more about career possibilities in northwest Oklahoma."

"I loved MASH Camp," said Ryleigh Orcutt, Alva seventh grader. "CPR training was my favorite part. I know that if I have to use it, I will know what to do. I learned a lot about the different opportunities in the medical field."

The Wisdom Foundation, along with NWTC and Northwestern, funded the camp.

# Adams cited as Sherlock Holmes expert

A contributor for the Twin Cities Public Broadcasting Television (TBT) and Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) online forum called "REWIRE" recently interviewed a Northwestern faculty member, Dr. Richmond Adams, assistant professor of English, for his expertise on Sherlock Holmes.

During the spring of 2016, Dr. Adams published his scholarly article titled "No More Greed and Grab: Sherlock Holmes and the 'Decency' of Gentlemen." This work was published in Cinematic Codes Review by the Anaphora Literary Press. In his article he explores Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's great detective through the Victorian lens of a "gentleman" in three quite

different, yet interestingly similar ways across the 20th and 21st centuries.

Kelly Prosen Hara from REWIRE was writing an article over British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)'s popular show called "Sherlock" and used Adams' article as a source to discuss the main character. Hara's article highlights actors who portrayed Sherlock, throughout the years, in various movies and shows that brought with them a variation in the character of Holmes.

"I was quite shocked, very surprised and very honored that I would

be chosen—through a random Internet search—out of all of the people who have written about Sherlock Holmes," Adams said.

He has taught in the field of higher education for 12 years, and this was his fifth published scholarly article during his time at Northwestern.

Find the REWIRE article here: <http://bit.ly/2j3h09e>

Find the journal that published Adams' article here: <http://bit.ly/2ko33EO>

For more information on Adams' work contact him at (580) 327-8428 or [rbadams@nwosu.edu](mailto:rbadams@nwosu.edu).



*Dr. Richmond Adams*



# Doctor of Nursing Practice program receives HLC approval

Northwestern received notification on Jan. 30 from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) that its Institutional Actions Council has approved the university's request to offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program, the final piece needed to offer its first doctoral-level program.

Because the DNP program represents a change in the institution's function, approval from the Commission was required.

"I want to offer my congratulations to the academic leadership of Dr. Bo Hannaford (vice president for academic affairs) and Dr. James Bell (associate vice president for academics and dean of faculty), and to Dr. Shelly Wells (associate professor of nursing and chair to the Division of Nursing), Dr. Pat Thompson (DNP program director) and the faculty of the Division of Nursing," Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president, said. "All have spent a considerable amount of time seeking HLC approval of the program and preparing for the arrival of the first class this fall.

"I also want to again express the University's appreciation to the Charles Morton Share Foundation and the Wisdom Family Foundation for their support that made the DNP program a reality. This program presents an enormous opportunity for Northwestern to impact the access to quality primary health care in our region."

Northwestern is one of only two public universities in Oklahoma to offer a DNP program. The program is a practice-focused doctorate, rather than the traditional research-focused doctorate. This online, accredited

program will prepare DNPs who can become certified Family Nurse Practitioners in their home communities and surrounding areas without first earning a master's degree. The curriculum consists of 73 credit hours and 1,020 practicum hours. Students may enter on a full-time (three-year plan) or part-time (four-year plan) basis. Additional plans may be considered on an individual basis.

"Now is an exciting time to become a family nurse practitioner in Oklahoma," Dr. Shelly Wells, associate professor of nursing and chair to the Division of Nursing, said. "Adding the DNP allows Northwestern to address the national need identified

by the Institutes of Medicine's 'Future of Nursing Report' calling for an increase of doctorally-prepared nurses. Nurse practitioners are well-respected primary care providers, and the state of Oklahoma has a great need for many more as access to health care continues to change. We are pleased that Northwestern and the Division of Nursing will be making a positive impact on the health of citizens in rural Oklahoma with the addition of graduates of the DNP-Family Nurse Practitioner program."

For questions, please contact Thompson at [prthompson@nwosu.edu](mailto:prthompson@nwosu.edu) or (580) 327-8566.



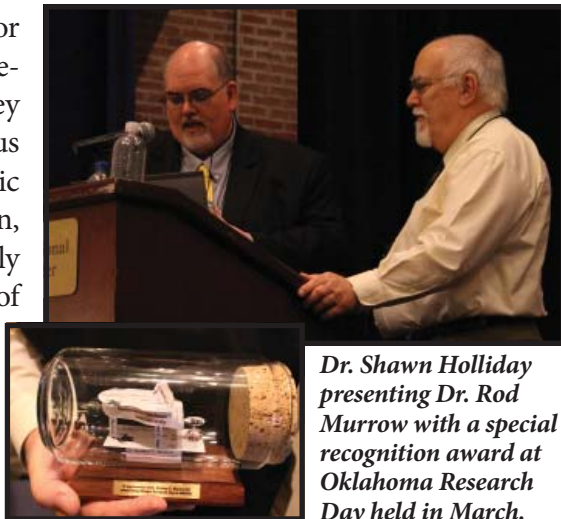
*The University Singers and University Chorale groups with the flamingos that were used for the 'Flocking Flamingos' fundraiser this spring. The funds are being used for expenses related to the students' travel and performance in Europe this summer.*

# 1000+ participate in Research Day at Enid

More than 1000 individuals participated in Oklahoma Research Day (ORD) on March 3 at the Central National Bank Center in Enid. This is the first time for Northwestern to play host to an ORD event.

The morning events started with poster presentations at 9 a.m. The banquet featured comments from Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president, and Chancellor Glenn Johnson from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education preceding featured keynote speaker Kate Blalock, archivist at the Woody Guthrie Center in Tulsa.

A special recognition award for past service was presented to Dr. Rodney C. Murrow, emeritus professor of music at Northwestern, who was previously the associate dean of graduate studies. During his time at Northwestern, Murrow attended an ORD event that brought the



*Dr. Shawn Holliday presenting Dr. Rod Murrow with a special recognition award at Oklahoma Research Day held in March.*

inspiration to start the annual Ranger Research Day for the university's students and faculty. Ranger Research Day then acted as a feeder event for Northwestern students to present at ORD.

Dr. Shawn Holliday, chair of Northwestern's ORD committee, associate dean of graduate studies and professor of English, was excited to have entries from all over the state.

"As coordinator of the event, I am proud to say that we had 947 registrants from colleges and universities around the state, who were sched-



uled to present their research in the areas of business, education and professional studies, fine arts and design, liberal arts, and mathemat-

ics and science.

"This event showcased the creative, innovative, and important research that is conducted

by students and faculty in higher education."

Of 1000+ registrants, 90 were from Northwestern with 21 of the 538 research projects being presented by Northwestern students. Students and faculty who participated in Ranger Research Day last fall at Northwestern were encouraged to present their research and represent Northwestern at

ORD.

Now in its 18th year, ORD has become a premier annual event celebrating student and faculty research, creative activities and scholarship. The event has grown in numbers and in stature with contributions from all of Oklahoma's institutions of higher education, including many collaborative contributions from national and international academic and research institutions.

As a more environmentally-friendly way to host all of the abstracts and general information, Bruno Miguel, a Northwestern junior computer science major from Brazil, developed an app, with assistance from Mark Bagley, instructor of computer science, to be used for Oklahoma Research Day. The app was free and provided information to anyone interested in the conference, its materials and the City of Enid. The app, titled "Oklahoma Research Day," was available for upload on all devices. Holliday worked with VisitEnid to provide more information about the city for the app and incentives for Enid businesses.

Northwestern's jazz ensemble and University Singers performed during the banquet.

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*More than 1000 registered to participate in the 2017 Oklahoma Research Day held in Enid.*

# Pribble earns Licensed Clinic Social Worker credential

Jennifer Pribble, director of Social Work Field Education at Northwestern, recently earned her Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) credential with the Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Workers.

The LCSW clinical credential requires a practicing master's level social worker to be under supervision of an LCSW and passage of the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Licensed Clinical Social Worker Exam.

The primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance societal well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people. Social workers carry out this mission through different licensure levels equivalent to their academic training. Clinical social work practice includes assessment, diagnosis and treatment of behavioral disorders.

Treatment methods include the provision of individual, marital, couple, family and group counseling and psychotherapy.

Pribble is grateful to be able to help others through obtaining her degree and credential.

"Social workers are the largest group of mental health care providers in the United States, and I'm happy to say that I am one of those providers. It is my job as a social worker to empower people to combat mental illnesses, substance abuse and social problems," Pribble said.

In order for Pribble to obtain her clinical credential, she worked as an outpatient mental health therapist for children and families at a non-profit agency in northwest Oklahoma. While there, she completed more than 4,000 practice hours,

3,000 clinical hours and 100 hours of educational supervision with a Board approved LCSW Clinical Su-



*Jennifer Pribble, MSW, LCSW*

ervisor.

Northwestern's Bachelor of Social Work program prepares generalist social work practitioners and qualifies graduates to apply for the Licensed Social Work Associate credential. Social work is one of the few helping professions that licenses professionals at the baccalaureate level.

"I am honored to bring my credentials to Northwestern and support the licensure of BSW social workers graduating from our program," Pribble said.

Pribble earned a Bachelor of Social Work from Northwestern and a Master of Social Work from the University of Oklahoma's Anne & Henry Zarrow School of Social Work.

## *U.S. Air Force Clarinet Quartet visits Northwestern, gives concert*

Northwestern played host to a clarinet quartet named "Mission Winds," which is a component of the United States Air Force (USAF) Band of the West, in February. The concert featured a variety of musical genres, from patriotic selections to jazz and klezmer.

Mission Winds is stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The ensemble is comprised of Eb(e-flat), Bb(b-flat) and bass clarinets.

The USAF Band of the West travels more than 125,000 miles annually and provides hundreds of performances to military and civilian audiences throughout Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Geor-

gia and Florida. Members of the USAF organization are dedicated to their music and performances while they serve their country.

The USAF Band of the West has performed for presidents, heads of state, and dignitaries from around the world, earning an outstanding reputation among America's military bands.

For more information about the USAF band visit [www.band-ofthewest.af.mil](http://www.band-ofthewest.af.mil). Also, for more information about the instrumental music program at Northwestern contact Dr. Marc Decker, assistant professor of fine arts and director of instrumental music and music education, at (580) 327-8521 or email [mddecker@nwosu.edu](mailto:mddecker@nwosu.edu).

# Annual art show provides learning lessons for students

Students in two different humanities classes recently received some in-person lessons in the critique and appreciation of art by viewing pieces entered in the 14th annual NWOSU Art Society (NAS) Art Show in the J.W. Martin Library on the Alva campus.

Members of the Art in Life class taught by Ken Kelsey, instructor of history and fine arts, and the Introduction to Literature class taught by Dr. Kathy Earnest, assistant professor of English, viewed pieces entered in photography, paintings, drawings, mixed media, digital art, cartoon/comics, fiber arts and artisan crafts.

Kelsey said he placed his students into groups so they could pick out their top three pieces from one of the categories and present their findings. He had them look at the various elements of the artwork, originality of the piece, craftsmanship, composition, how the piece was presented through framing/mounting, and how the artist followed the theme of the category entered.

“When we walk in to judge something we have to have certain kinds of standards,” Kelsey said. “Does it make a difference if you’re buying it or if you’re judging it? This just gets them to thinking about it, and this gives them an opportunity to actually do something, not just hear me talking about it...I like to hear each one of them, their voice, and their opinion, that’s critical. I think that’s what the Art Society is providing with this extraordinary on-campus opportunity.”

Earnest said that her class is studying Oklahoma authors, and she wanted her students to see how some of their peers share their perspectives and creativity.

“In class discussions we try to make connections between humani-

ties and student experiences,” Earnest said.

Kaitlin Kokojan, Bison junior majoring in health and sports science, said she honestly didn’t expect to understand or take much interest in the art show, but found she really enjoyed it.

“I found myself looking at pictures and developing emotions from what I had seen in the painting and how it may relate to my life in the past,” Kokojan said.

Jordan Coffman, Alva junior majoring in general studies, found the show to be interesting because several pieces were shown from a different perspective.

“These people are taking everyday objects and people that are shown to the world to be one way but are given a new meaning,” Coffman said.

Alexandria Shepherd, Freedom freshman majoring in pre-med, said the art show gave her an easy opportunity to speak and have a conversation with another student, and she appreciated the fact the NWOSU Art Society took the time and was willing to put the art show up where anyone could see it.

“I’m so happy that our show has offered learning experiences to more students than just our own Art Society members,” Angelia Case, NAS sponsor, said. “I think the creative

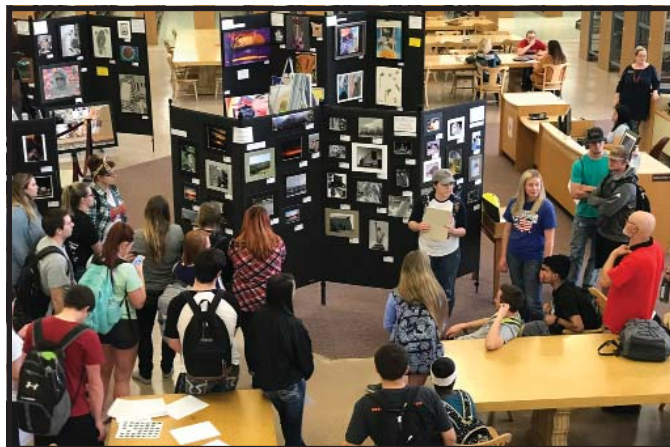
ways that faculty members are using our show are wonderful.”

Case said 28 students produced 136 items in the show, while 116 pieces were created by 14 non-students including four faculty, five staff, four alumni and one retired staff member.

“I’m thrilled with the quality of all the pieces entered this year,” Case said. “I can see a happy trend in the work of our students, especially. While not every piece can win an award, every single person entering should be very proud; they made the judge’s job very difficult!”

“The Art Society is a small but mighty group of students who love to promote the arts,” Case continued. “Our members work to raise funds all year so that we can have this art show for our students and non-students to enter, as well as to enjoy. We also appreciate the support of the Student Government Association for its co-sponsorship of the show.”

For additional information about the art show or the Art Society, visit the NAS website at [www.nwosu.edu/art](http://www.nwosu.edu/art), join the club’s Facebook group or fan page or contact Case at [arcase@nwosu.edu](mailto:arcase@nwosu.edu) or (580) 327-8577. For more information on classes within the Visual Arts program, please contact Kyle Larson, assistant professor of art, at (580) 327-8108 or [krlarson@nwosu.edu](mailto:krlarson@nwosu.edu).



*Students in the Art in Life humanities class look at artwork available at the 14th annual NWOSU Art Society Art Show in the J.W. Martin Library. As a teaching tool Ken Kelsey had the students determine their top three choices in each category and present their findings to the rest of the group.*

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# Oklahoma Research Day...

Others helping to sponsor ORD this year's event included Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE); Oklahoma Experimental Program for Stimulating Competitive Research (EPSCoR) - National Science Foundation; Idea Network for Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) - National Institutes of Health; The Aurora Learning Community Association (ALCA); Cameron University; East Central University; Langston University; Northeastern State University; Southeastern Oklahoma State University; Southwestern Oklahoma State University; the University of Central Oklahoma; and Enid Regional Development Alliance. Several Oklahoma regents and university presidents also attended ORD.

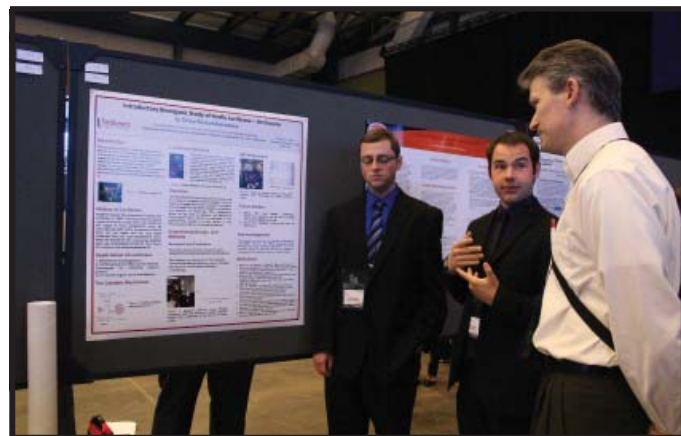
For general information on ORD visit: [www.oklahomaresearchday.com](http://www.oklahomaresearchday.com).

Northwestern plans to play host to this event again in March 2018.

For more information contact Holliday at (580) 327-8589 or [spholliday@nwsu.edu](mailto:spholliday@nwsu.edu).



*Dr. Jennifer Page, seated, works at the On-Site Registration table. More than 1000 participants registered for Oklahoma Research Day. Tim Maharry and Shawn Holliday look on at the activities.*



*Dr. Steve Maier, right, listens as Oklahoma Research Day participants explain their work.*



*University Singers, directed by Karsten Longhurst, perform for Oklahoma Research Day participants.*



*Northwestern Jazz Band, directed by Dr. Marc Decker, entertaining the crowd at the luncheon during Oklahoma Research Day festivities.*



*Dr. Shelly Wells and Dr. Patricia Thompson visiting with an Oklahoma Research Day participant.*

# 16 inducted into business honor society

Northwestern's Division of Business recently welcomed 14 undergraduate students and two faculty to its honor society, Delta Mu Delta. The students have completed more than 60 credit hours and maintained a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher.

This year's business administration majors and invitees to the Mu Xi chapter at Northwestern are student inductees: Cassandra Berry, Cherokee senior, accounting; Desiree Best, Woodward senior; Madeline Bonine, Woodward junior; Brittani Casement, junior, Wichita, Kansas, accounting; Sarah Dysart, Ponca City senior; Clinton Muret, Blackwell senior, accounting; Precious Okeke, Lagos, Nigeria, Africa, junior, accounting; Aleasha Rowe, Blackwell senior; Dylan Schulenberg, Coal Valley, Illinois, junior; Rijan Shrestha, Kathmandu, Nepal, junior; Brianna Wilhite, Cherokee junior; Ramsey Williams, Enid senior; Tara Wilson, Purcell junior; and David Young, Oklahoma City senior.

Honorary faculty inductees are Dr. James Bell, associate vice president for academics and dean of faculty, and Dr. Bo Hannaford, vice president for academic affairs.

Society membership offers multiple benefits including recognition for outstanding academic achievement, networking opportunities and scholarships.

Chelsey Kleinvachter, post-graduate student of Lacrosse, Wisconsin, received the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants – Outstanding Accounting Student Award.

The 2016-17 Division of Business Student Advisory Council Awards went to Bonine; Natalie Fahey, San Jose, California senior; Muret, Rowe, and Manda Wheeler.

Karly Gillispie, Shattuck sophomore, majoring in business administration in accounting received the 2016-17 W.W. Starr Business Scholarship.

The 2016-17 Division of Business Scholarship Awards include:

- Baird, Kurtz, and Dobson Scholarship to Kleinvachter
- Robert R. Brown Scholarship to Gillispie
- Wilma A. Ernest Scholarship to Casement
- Darr B. Sims Memorial Scholarship to Ian Deges of Dodge City, Kansas, fall 2016 graduate majoring in technical management
- Norman Jean Smith Scholarship to Delisa Deges of Dodge City, Kansas,

fall 2016 graduate majoring in business administration

- Helen Vore Sutter Memorial Scholarship to Shrestha

For more information about Delta Mu Delta, contact Dr. Wei Zhou, assistant professor of business and Delta Mu Delta faculty adviser, at (580) 327-8505 or [wzhou@nwosu.edu](mailto:wzhou@nwosu.edu). For more information on academic scholarships and department scholarships, visit <https://my.nwfoundation.com/scholarships>. And for more information on Northwestern's Division of Business, contact Dr. W. David Hawkins, assistant professor of business and chair of the Division of Business, at (580) 327-8440 or [wdhawkins@nwosu.edu](mailto:wdhawkins@nwosu.edu).



*Karly Gillispie (left) receives the W.W. Starr Business Scholarship from Richard Ryerson (right) during Northwestern's Division of Business honor society, Delta Mu Delta's, induction ceremony. Sixteen individuals were inducted into the honor society and many received scholarships.*

# Student teachers enter area schools

Northwestern students leave the university with the knowledge to succeed in a particular field. In their final semester, 22 senior education students have entered area schools to gain hands-on experience through student teaching.

The students returned to campus for seminars in April, and portfolio exit interviews in May.

Listed below are the students, their hometowns and teaching assignments:

**Agriculture education** – Scott Batchelder of Orland, California, to Ringwood High School; Brock Buller of Jet to Chisholm High School; Mattie Moore of Harrisonville, Missouri, to Cherokee High School; Ashlye Pool of Fayetteville, Arkansas, to Fairview High School; Codey Yandell of Fairfax to Drummond High

School

**Early childhood education** – Cecely Franz of Alva to Washington/Longfellow Elementary School (Alva); Kaci Hansen of Hinton to Waynoka Elementary School; Angela Hasenbank of Bentley, Kansas, to Aline-Cleo Elementary School; Elizabeth Mouser of Stigler to Washington Elementary School (Alva)

**Elementary education** – Rachael Cunningham of Waynoka to Longfellow Elementary School (Alva); Joshua Frazier of Enid to McKinley Elementary School (Enid); Nikki Gates of Waynoka to Lincoln Elementary School (Enid); Tina Green of Enid to Hoover Elementary School (Enid); Dacia Hudelson of Ponca City to Kildare Elementary School (Ponca City); Elizabeth Kadavy of Kingfisher to Seiling Elementary School; Lauren

Nightingale of Enid to Prairie View Elementary School (Enid); Ashley Porter of Enid to Taft Elementary School (Enid); Cinthia Rodriguez of Tonkawa to Woodlands Elementary School (Ponca City); Sarah Smart of Alva to Waynoka Elementary School; Alexxis Wright of Enid to Prairie View Elementary School (Enid)

**Health and sports science education** – Kent Callison of Mooreland to Moore High School

**Natural Science Education** – John Lazenby of Glencoe to Alva High School

For more information on Northwestern's teacher education program contact Dr. Christee Jenlink, professor of education and associate dean of the School of Education, at (580) 327-8450 or [cljenlink@nwosu.edu](mailto:cljenlink@nwosu.edu).



*Northwestern's spring semester student teachers and their professors are (front row, left to right) Brock Buller, Mattie Moore, Josh Frazier, Cecely Franz; (second row) Sarah Smart, Ashlye Pool, Angela Hasenbank, Elizabeth Mouser; (third row) Tina Green, Rachael Cunningham, Cinthia Rodriguez, Kaci Hansen, Dr. Christee Jenlink, professor of education and associate dean of education; (fourth row) Elizabeth Kadavy, Nikki Gates, Lauren Nightingale, Dr. Martie Young, professor of education; (fifth row) Ashley Porter, Dacia Hudelson, Alexxis Wright, Dr. Christie Riley, assistant professor of education and director of teacher education; (back row) Kent Callison, Scott Batchelder, Codey Yandell and John Lazenby.*

# Two present at pop culture conference

Two Northwestern professors presented papers at the 2017 Southwest Popular/American Culture Association (SWPACA) Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Feb. 15-17.

Dr. Kathryn “Kate” Lane, associate professor of English and chair of the English, Foreign Language and Humanities Department, presented her paper “Why Jane Can’t Decode Her Own Body: NBC’s ‘Blindspot’ as Re-Visioning of Parler-Femme” for the category titled “Women, Gender, and Sexuality 6: Fantastic Feminisms.”

“I’ve presented at SWPACA

since coming to Northwestern,” Lane said. “It’s particularly helpful in my Pop Culture Comp courses. I also find the pedagogy panels helpful to spark new ideas in my own teaching. I plan to continue participating in this conference (currently I’m an area chair, and I’m proposing a pre-conference workshop for next year) for a long time as it offers invaluable pedagogical innovation.”

Dr. Kathleen Earnest, assistant professor of English, presented her paper “Reflection of a First-Generation College Student through Personal Narrative, for the category titled “Biography, Autobiography,

Memoir, and Personal Narrative 3.”

“I have attended the Southwest Popular/American Culture Association Conference for several years and always enjoy the variety of topics and presentations,” Earnest said. “I usually try to attend sessions which will give me new ideas for my teaching practice and also introduce me to new topics that I don’t usually have time to explore when I get back to my semester routines.”

Lane and Earnest also attended other sessions throughout the conference.

“I attended other sessions on the pedagogy of incorporating pop culture topics into writing assignments for composition coursework,” Earnest said. “This conference gives me an opportunity to experience new ideas and also share a few of my own perspectives when I read a paper at a panel presentation.”

SWPACA promotes an innovative and nontraditional academic movement in humanities and social sciences celebrating America’s cultural heritages. The organization also looks to provide an outlet for scholars, writers and others interested in popular/American culture; to share ideas in a professional atmosphere; and to increase awareness and improve public perceptions of America’s cultural traditions and diverse populations.

For more information on their topics or the English program, contact Lane at (580) 327-8470 or kelane@nwosu.edu and Earnest at (580) 327-8472 or kmearest@nwosu.edu.



*Dr. Kathryn “Kate” Lane (left) and Dr. Kathleen Earnest (right) presented at The Southwest Popular/American Culture Association conference in New Mexico Feb. 15-17.*



# 6 senior art minors exhibit at gallery

Six senior visual arts minors at Northwestern Oklahoma State University exhibited the work they created during their spring 2017 Advanced Studio painting course on Friday, May 5, at the Graceful Arts Center. A reception took place from 6-8 p.m. during the First Friday Art Walk events.

This exhibition represented the culmination of a semester-long exploration of individual themes and methods.

The exhibition remained on display through the month of May.

Students displaying artwork, their hometowns and majors include: Clayton Hill, Alva, psychology; Megan Garnett, Alva, mass communication; Princess Adenuga, Nigeria, biology; Mickey Jordan, Iowa Park, Texas, speech/theatre; Abbie Haskins, Nash, psychology; and Audrey Amissah, Ghana, Africa, biology.

For more information on classes within the visual arts program at Northwestern, contact Kyle Larson, director of the visual arts program, at (580) 327-8108 or [krlarson@nwsu.edu](mailto:krlarson@nwsu.edu)



*Clayton Hill*



*Megan Garnett*



*Princess Adenuga*



*Mickey Jordan*



*Abbie Haskins*



*Audrey Amissah*

# Concert Series finishes season

Northwestern played host to the two remaining acts for the Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series (NWOCS) in March and April.

NWOCS finished off the second half of the season with Enid Symphony Orchestra and the NWOCS Chorale in March and Bella Donna in April.

## **Enid Symphony Orchestra and NWOCS Chorale**

The Enid Symphony Association was established in 1971 to foster the Enid Symphony Orchestra, which was founded in 1906. In 1983 Douglas Newell became the first full-time music and executive director of the Enid Symphony Association.

Performing with the Enid Symphony were members of NWOCS's Chorale, the premiere large choir on campus. The Chorale performs a wide variety of masterworks and contemporary choral works of many styles and genres. Although many of the students in the ensemble are not music majors, all student singers in the ensemble benefit from a generous participation scholarship created from Alva sales tax and the University's dedication to the arts.

Members of the Chorale and University Singers will be touring Austria and the Czech Republic this summer.

## **Bella Donna**

Bella Donna is influenced by the Ozarks, the creak of tree limbs in the winter, and the summer sounds of cicadas. The traditional music that flows through the hills and hollows of the area the group was raised in helped them form their sound

called "Ozark Jazz."

Bella Donna has been busy playing shows through the midwest and parts of the East Coast and West Coast over the past six years. Members recently recorded their second full-length album. Bella Donna is composed of Liz Carney on vocals and guitar; Matt Guinn as lead guitarist; Mike Williamson on bass and cornet; B.J. Lowrance on drums; and Jeremy Chapman on

the mandolin.

The Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series is supported by Northwestern, the Oklahoma Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Charles Morton Share Trust.

For more information about NWOCS, contact Kimberly Weast, chair of the Department of Fine Arts, at [kkweast@nwsu.edu](mailto:kkweast@nwsu.edu) or (580) 327-8462.



**Enid Symphony Orchestra and NWOCS Chorale**



**Bella Donna**

# Choir receives donation from Sonic

One group of 24 students from the Fine Arts Department will soon be on their way for a performing tour in Europe.

Gary Adams, owner and operator of Sonic Drive-In of Alva, and the Marvin and Barbara Jirous Foundation, donated \$1,500 to the choir groups to aid their upcoming trip to Europe. The University Chorale and University Singers will visit Austria, Prague, Czech Republic, Munich, Germany, and other locations along the way.

The groups have worked hard through multiple fundraisers for the trip's expenses. Karsten Longhurst, instructor of music and director of Northwestern's Choral Studies, is proud of his students for their dedication and thankful for support from

the community.

"The community and friends of NWOSU choirs have responded tremendously, and we're so grateful for the community and their support," Longhurst said.

For the second time Adams, a long-time supporter of the choir

groups, specifically gave to the University Chorale to benefit the students and program.

For more information on the Europe trip or the choral and vocal studies program, contact Longhurst at (580) 327-8692 or [krlonghurst@nwosu.edu](mailto:krlonghurst@nwosu.edu).



*The Enid Symphony performed with the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Chorale on March 7, 2017, for the Northwest Concert Series. Professor Kimberly Weast, the Theatre Production I class, and Mr. Karsten Longhurst along with some choir representatives spent several days building platforms and setting up the choir risers and shell for the performance. The Theatre Production I and II classes helped with the two day-load in for the group and helped with strike afterwards.*



Gary Adams (second left) presents the donation for University Chorale and University Singers to students (left) Charlotte Wilczek and Katelyn Cutsinger (right) with director of vocal studies Karsten Longhurst (far left).

# Community Reads events capped by author visit

The Department of English, Foreign Language and Humanities played host to four remaining events in April for the “Community Reads” series to celebrate the visit of spring 2017 Visiting Writer Mary Anna Evans on April 12-13.

Members of the department welcomed Northwestern students, faculty and staff as well as surrounding community members to partake in these events and the reading of novels from the “Faye Longchamp” series by Evans.

“Artifacts” is a mystery from the series featuring archaeologist Longchamp. As part of the “community reads” model, the department organized interdisciplinary speakers on topics related to the novel. These speakers served to frame the novel for those interested in reading it, already into the novel, or just interested in the topic. Familiarity with the novel was not required to attend—or enjoy—any of the framing lectures.

“I’m honored to be chosen out of all the wonderful authors in Oklahoma to be Northwestern’s 2017 Visiting Writer, and having Artifacts chosen for a community read is very special to me,” Evans said. “It was my first book, and it launched a series that has been the highlight of my 14-year career as a novelist. The protagonist of those books, archaeologist [Faye] Longchamp, has come to feel very real to me, and I’m happy to know that she’s being introduced to so many people.”

Neil Garrison (from Yukon)

presented a “Flint Knapping” demonstration on the north side of Jesse Dunn in association with the Community Reads event. Flint knapping is the process of chipping materials to produce sharp points (like arrowheads).

Later, “Artifacts’ and the System: Legal Woes and Literary Tropes” took place. Speakers were Jeff McAlpin, instructor of sociology and criminal justice at Northwestern and Bill Johnson Correctional Center (BJCC) administrative director; and Dr.

Roxie James, Northwestern lecturer.

“Meet the Author: The Alva Community Welcomes Mary Anna Evans at the Graceful Arts Gallery” was held on Wednesday, April 12. This event was specifically tailored for community involvement to meet the author of the “Faye Longchamp” series.

At 7 p.m. the Visiting Writer Series

with Evans herself took place. Evans read from the 10th Longchamp book, “Burials,” which is set in Oklahoma. Evans took questions from the audience and talked about the success of the “Faye Longchamp” series. A book signing followed this event.

From March 7 through April 13, Northwestern’s Natural History Museum had a display specifically tailored to the novel and the archaeology it features. This allowed Northwestern students and the community to participate if they were unable to attend the evening events.

The Visiting Writers Series is a way to bring Oklahoma Writers to northwest Oklahoma every spring to discuss writing and the publishing industry and to share their work. This annual series is made possible through donations and raised funds. Anyone interested in giving a tax-deductible donation to the series or who has questions about it may contact Dr. Kathryn Lane at (580) 327-8470 or [kelane@nwosu.edu](mailto:kelane@nwosu.edu).



Mary Anna Evans



Bethany Morphis waits as featured author, Mary Anna Evans, autographs her book.

# Schmaltz speaks at D.C. conference on letter collection

Dr. Eric Schmaltz, professor of history and co-executive director of the endowed NWOSU Institute for Citizenship Studies, presented in mid-November 2016 at the Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) hosted in Washington, D.C. His paper entitled “Letters to Pauline (Schlegel) Lehl: Family Correspondences from Russia to Oklahoma, 1913-1937” was invited as part of a special academic panel concerning early Soviet-era letter exchanges from Russia and the Soviet Union to North America.

Schmaltz has been investigating a large corpus of 180 handwritten letters mailed between 1913 and 1937 from Russia’s Saratov Province in the Volga Region and elsewhere to rural Ingersoll and Alva, Oklahoma. “Though now virtually forgotten, Ingersoll, which was Volga German immigrant Pauline (Schlegel) Lehl’s initial place of residence, claimed a post office until 1942,” he explained. “Original envelopes stamped and delivered from Russia show that her relatives’ early letters arrived in Ingersoll, and later on in Alva after she was married to her husband, William.”

This extensive body of correspondences from family and friends spanned the period preceding the First World War’s outbreak to Soviet Communist dictator Joseph Stalin’s Great Terror.

The preserved letters offer a glimpse into daily life during one of the most transformative and violent eras in modern world history. Sometimes through subversive writing techniques and coded language to avoid official censors, they related to the outside what was happening inside the old country.

Schmaltz noted that part of the family story is tied to the University of Kansas in Lawrence. “Between 1988 and 1992, this branch of the Lehl family in Kansas was able to enlist the professional services of Dr. Eugenia Felton, a noted Russian linguist of Estonian background who had worked for many years at the university and who is now passed away,” he said. “In 1994, the family reproduced her handwritten translations on typewriter for a self-publication. Around this time, after the Cold

War, the family had the good fortune through a Russian pen pal to reconnect with surviving relatives in the former Soviet Union. After both sides of the family reunited, most of the original letters were returned as a gift to family in Russia.”

In October 2013, immigrant Pauline (Schlegel) Lehl’s granddaughter, retired educator Ella Marie (Lehl) Frederick of Wichita, Kansas, generously donated to Schmaltz one

of only two original typed sets of the entire letter collection for the express purpose of historical preservation. He has now completed a digital scan of all original typed and translated manuscripts, as well as the handful of remaining original documents such as envelopes and letters, for further editing as part of an anticipated published book compilation and related projects.

“This collection represents one of my larger, long-term projects,” Schmaltz said. “It is an enormous honor and privilege to be involved with sharing to the public this incredible family treasure which still bears witness to major historical events nearly one century ago and which embodies the enduring power of the human spirit across space and time.”

This winter and spring, Schmaltz conducted a local and statewide speaking tour concerning the Lehl letter collection. He has given talks at the monthly Brown Bag Lunch and Learn Program at the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center in Enid, Oklahoma (in January), the Central Oklahoma Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR) in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (in February), the Northwest Oklahoma Genealogical Society at the Alva Public Library in Alva, Oklahoma (in March), and the Golden Spread Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR) at the Senior Citizen

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*Dr. Eric Schmaltz*



*Volga German immigrant Pauline (Schleel) Lehl (1893-1982) from Russia in 1913.*

# Schmaltz has publications in U.S. and abroad

During academic year 2016-2017, Dr. Eric Schmaltz, professor of history and co-executive director of the endowed NWOSU Institute for Citizenship Studies, published a number of articles both here and abroad. Many of his publications in the field of ethnic and nationality studies relate to ethnic German communities in Russia and the former Soviet Union and their many descendants dispersed worldwide.

Despite ongoing commitments to serving as editor of the Bismarck, North Dakota-based quarterly journal *Heritage Review* and the NWOSU Institute's annual volume *Civitas: Journal of Citizenship Studies*, Schmaltz was able to produce original, as well as re-

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## Schmaltz speaks...

Center in Shattuck, Oklahoma (in April).

In early June, Schmaltz is invited to discuss related letter topics in his presentation "Germans from Russia in Oklahoma and Family History Research" at the monthly meeting of the Pioneer Genealogical Society held at the Ponca City Public Library in Ponca City, Oklahoma. He will also treat the Lehl letter collection again at the Forty-Seventh International Convention of the Germans from Russia Heritage Society (GRHS) held in mid-July in Bismarck, North Dakota. He also has plans to speak on the topic once more at the annual meeting of the Oklahoma Historical Society (OHS) in April 2018.

print expanded versions of, his own scholarly work. These publications included the article "Carrots and Sticks...and Demonstrations: Yuri Andropov's Failed Autonomy Plan for Soviet Kazakhstan's Germans, 1976-1980" in the *Journal of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia* (Lincoln, Nebraska) as well as a brief article and German translation piece in the *Germans from Russia Oregon and Washington (GROW) Quarterly Newsletter* (Portland, Oregon).

In 2017, a few more of his publications will be appearing in print, including two book reviews in the *Yearbook of the Society for German American Studies* (University of Kansas-Lawrence), the article "What's in a Name?: Russian Germans, German Russians, or Germans from Russia, and the Challenges of Hybrid Identities" in Hans-Christian Petersen and Janis Panagiotidis, eds., *Schriften des Bundesinstituts für Kultur und Geschichte der Deutschen im östlichen Europa. Band 64, 2017* (De Gruyter Publishing, Oldenburg and Berlin, Germany), and two updated Holocaust biographical entries in the new and expanded online edition by Michael Fahlbusch, Ingo Haar, Alexander Pinwinkler, and David Hamann, eds., *Handbuch der völkischen Wissenschaften: Personen—Institu-*

*tionen—Forschungsprogramme—Stiftungen* (De Gruyter Publishing, Berlin, Germany).

Meanwhile, he also has been completing short book reviews for the journals *Heritage Review* and *Civitas*.

After this spring, Schmaltz will be limiting the extent of public speaking and conference engagements to devote more attention to publishing projects.

First, he is developing an article concerning extensive German from Russia family correspondences sent between 1913

and 1937 to northwestern Oklahoma for *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*, which is the quarterly journal of the Oklahoma Historical Society (OHS).

Second, he is completing work on an article regarding ethnic Germans in Russia's Kaliningrad exclave for the online journal *The Eurasia Studies Society Journal of Great Britain and Europe*.

Third, he is seeking the completion of two major scholarly book projects. Both represent longer-term projects. One book is an original study on the cultural and political history of Soviet Germans after Stalin, while the other is an edited compilation of German from Russia letters directed to relatives in northwestern Oklahoma in the early decades of the twentieth century.



*Dr. Eric Schmaltz*

# Seniors participate in Social Work field experience

Social work students from Northwestern were assigned field experience work sites in January for the spring semester. Five senior social work majors entered practicum agencies within northwest Oklahoma, central Oklahoma and Kansas, to complete 420 contact hours, demonstrate 31 practice behaviors and master the program's nine core competencies as outlined by the Council on Social Work Education.

"Social work field experience is critical in developing the practitioner skills each social worker needs to be successful," said Jennifer Pribble, director of field education and

assistant professor of social work.

Each student in field experience is assigned to a field instructor, someone with specific credentials in the agency to reinforce social work ideas, practice behaviors and competencies.

"The field instructor is a key component to the student's field experience," Pribble said. "Field instructors volunteer their time to assist with educating these young professionals. Without their contributions to our students, our program, and the social work profession, the field experience would not be possible."

Listed below are senior students

studying field experience, hometowns and their practicum agency placements:

Dlonra Nolan of Enid, Youth and Family Services-Enid; Jessi Neal of Hobart, CREOKS-Stillwater; Codi Harding of Waukomis, St. Mary's Resilience Behavioral Health-Enid, Kelci Hill of Harper, Kansas, St. Francis Community Services-Wichita, Kansas; Cierra Willyard of Plainview, Texas, Western Plains Youth and Family Services- Woodward.

For more information about Northwestern's social work program, contact Pribble at (580) 213-3148 or at [jlpribble@nwosu.edu](mailto:jlpribble@nwosu.edu).



Dlonra Nolan



Jessi Neal



Codi Harding



Kelci Hill



Cierra Willyard



Professor Kimberly Weast took the theatre majors and minors to Oklahoma City for a weekend trip. The group saw "Assassins" at the Lyric Theatre, "Mr. Burns" at the Oklahoma City Repertory, and the Oklahoma University Contemporary Dance Recital as well as spent Saturday morning touring the Oklahoma City Art Museum.



# 'Heavy Metals' is theme of February concert

The Jazz Ensemble and Symphony Band presented their winter band concert "Heavy Metals" on Tuesday, Feb. 28.

The Jazz Ensemble performed the musical pieces "Brother Ray" by Howard Rowe, "Front Burner" by Sammy Nestico, "High Maintenance" by Gordon Goodwin, "Someone to Watch Over Me" by George Goodwin and "Front Burner" by Sammy Nestico.

The Symphony Band performed musical pieces "Kentucky 1800" by Clare Grundman; "Song for Lindsay" by Andrew Boysen Jr.; "Portrait of a Clown" by Frank Ticheli, conducted by Arthur Bohlmann, graduate student; and "Chaos Theory" by James Bonney, featuring Max Ridgway, ad-

joint instructor of music.

For more information about the Fine Arts department at Northwestern, contact Dr. Marc Decker, assis-

tant professor of fine arts, director of instrumental music and music education, at 580-327-8521 or email [md-decker@nwosu.edu](mailto:md-decker@nwosu.edu).



*The Northwestern Symphonic Band directed by Dr. Marc Decker. Max Ridgway, adjunct instructor, was featured on the piece.*

## Honor Bands make annual appearance

Northwestern played host to the 2017 Red Carpet Honor Band on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24-25, on the Alva campus.

Following a number of rehearsals, nearly 300 middle school and high school students from across northwest Oklahoma performed in a concert Saturday in Herod Hall Auditorium.

The students in grades seven through 12 who participated in the honor bands were selected following a live audition at Chisholm High School this past November.

These students formed three bands: Junior High A Band, Junior High B Band and High School Band. The students rehearsed all day Friday and Saturday morning prior to Saturday's concert. The students demonstrated what they learned over the course of two days in their performances.

Donny Longest from the Konawa public schools served as the guest conductor of the Junior High A band, Jeff Kidwell from the University of Central Oklahoma

was the guest conductor of the Junior High B Band and Frank Pankratz from Canadian High School was the guest conductor of the High School Band.

The 37 schools with participants included: Alva, Blackwell, Buffalo, Cherokee, Chisholm, Cimarron, Crescent, Drummond, Enid High School, Enid Longfellow Jr. High, Enid Waller Jr. High, Fairview, Fargo, Garber, Hennessey, Kremlin-Hillsdale, Laverne, Medford, Mooreland, Morrison, Newkirk, Okeene, Oklahoma Bible Academy (Enid), Perry, Pioneer-Pleasant Vale, Ponca City High School, Ponca City East, Ponca City West, Pond Creek-Hunter, Ringwood, Seiling, Tonkawa, Waukomis, Watonga, Waynoka, Woodward and Woodward Middle School.

Dr. Marc Decker, assistant professor of fine arts and director of instrumental music and music education at Northwestern, enjoyed meeting prospective students from the Oklahoma area.

"We love having the event on our

campus," Decker said. "Essentially it brings in over 300 potential future Rangers to our campus every year."

For more information on Northwestern's instrumental music program, contact Decker at (580) 327-8191 or [mddecker@nwosu.edu](mailto:mddecker@nwosu.edu).

## Make preparations for website update

Work on the new website is progressing. Each department/program page will include course rotations, SLOs, faculty contact info and short bios, scholarships for the department, careers for the major/degree, club page, degrees offered, and a short explanation about the department and the individual programs. Some areas may have additional information to add.

Please prepare this content and save any photos or documents from your existing page if they are to be added to the new site. New headshots and group photos can be taken in the fall if needed.



# 200+ dresses available at Primp for Prom

The annual “Primp for Prom” event was held in March at the Woodward High School Practice Gym and involved approximately 250 donated dresses and more than 50 pairs of shoes.

Each year Northwestern Oklahoma State University’s Department of Social Work and Woodward High School Key Club co-sponsor the event and gather dress and shoe donations, providing them to high school students at no charge. This year more than 10 schools and two states participated in the event.

Members of the Department of Social Work would like to express appreciation to the following, who contributed to the success of Primp for Prom: Woodward High School Key Club members; Anjanette Laverty, Woodward High School counselor;

Northwestern student volunteers; Woodward and Shattuck community members; Woodward High School employee volunteers; and all the generous dress and shoe donors from across northwest Oklahoma.

“The Department of Social Work is always honored to sponsor this event for young women in the

northwest region because it embodies our university and departmental mission to build a sense of community and provide service to others,” Dr. Kylene Rehder, Department of Social Work chair, said.

For more information, please contact Rehder at [kdrehder@nwsu.edu](mailto:kdrehder@nwsu.edu) or (580) 327-8135.



*“Primp for Prom” annual event yields success by having more than 200 dresses donated and 50 pairs of shoes.*

## Chaffee donates 108 dresses for 2018 event

Already preparing for next year’s “Primp for Prom” event, local business owner Nicki Chaffee of “The El-



*The Elegant Toad donated 108 dresses to Northwestern’s annual “Primp for Prom” event in March 2018. The dresses are free for students in area schools to wear for their prom.*

egant Toad” has donated 108 dresses. Chaffee’s donations include dresses in every size, color, style and length for local students to be able to use for their prom.

Dr. Kylene Rehder, associate professor and program director of social work and chair of Northwestern’s Department of Social Work, said the department contacted Chaffee after hearing about her available dress selection, and she enthusiastically donated the dresses she had. Chaffee commented that Primp for Prom was a great program, and she was happy to donate to this project.

“This gracious donation from Alva’s ‘Elegant Toad’ ensures that Primp for Prom will take place next year,” Rehder said. “We are so grateful to [Nikki] Chaffee and her generous heart. The impact of

her donation will guarantee young women in northwest Oklahoma the opportunity to attend prom and other important benchmark events in the future. As we always say, this event is about so much more than dresses. It is about community, opportunity, service and social justice.

“As the event grows, we are always in search of additional clothing racks to display the dresses. We would also like to thank McKenzie Pshigoda, executive director of Shattuck’s Chamber of Commerce and owner of Shattuck All Stars Gym, for her donation of a clothing rack.”

For more information on the annual Primp for Prom event or how to donate dresses, shoes or accessories contact, Rehder at [kdrehder@nwsu.edu](mailto:kdrehder@nwsu.edu) or (580) 327-8135.

# All This and Moonlight was spring production

The Department of Fine Arts presented its spring theatre production “All This and Moonlight” April 20-22, at 2 p.m. in Herod Hall Auditorium.

The play is written by Charles R. Johnson. Kimberly Weast, professor of theatre and chair of the Department of Fine Arts, was the director.

The comedy is about a New York City photographer in the 1980’s named Ned who has problems with his dating life. He goes through the process of letting go of past relationships and finding new ones. The comedic play is for more mature audiences and has a rating of PG.

“This was a delightful play that featured very fast and very fun dialogue,” Weast said.

Cast and crew members, their hometowns, classifications, majors and the roles they played include:

Taylor Morris, Lancaster, California, senior, mass communication, as Ellie; Mickey Jordan, Iowa Park, Texas, senior, speech/theatre, as Ned; Nicholas Wygle, Noble sophomore, biology, as Rick; Madison Wilson,

Enid freshman, speech/theatre, as Alice; Tori Hurley, Sheffield, Iowa, junior, speech/theatre, as Nora; Crosby Dunbar, Owasso freshman, vocal performance, as Andrea; Katherine Blair, Waynoka freshman, music/vocal, as the female understudy; Arthur Bohlmann, Hooker graduate

student, as the male understudy; Alison Smith, Hawkins, Texas, freshman, speech/theatre, was the stage manager.

For more information on this production or the Northwestern theatre program, contact Weast at [kkweast@nwosu.edu](mailto:kkweast@nwosu.edu) or at (580)327-8462.



*Cast members rehearsing for Northwestern’s production of ‘All This and Moonlight’ include: Seated, Mickey Jordan. Madison Wilson (left), Taylor Morris, Nicholas Wygle and Crosby Dunbar.*



*Mickey Jordan and Tori Hurley look at slides while Taylor Morris looks on during a scene in ‘All This and Moonlight.’*



*The Theatre Production I and II students built the set with help from alum Zach Frische. A chameleon scrim was also used for the first time on the NWOSU stage.*

# Legg represents Northwestern at Capitol

Senior biology major Timothy Legg of Mutual was selected to represent Northwestern at Research Day at the Capitol held this spring in Oklahoma City.

Twenty-five undergraduate students representing 19 Oklahoma colleges and universities presented competitive research posters at the Waterford Hotel and met with members of the State Legislature at the State Capitol during the annual event, which is designed to raise awareness of the outstanding research that is taking place at Oklahoma's colleges and universities.

Legg's research, focused on antibiotics, was titled "Antimicrobial Effectiveness of Bothrops moojeni venom." His research took two months and sought to determine the effectiveness of whole snake venom as an antimicrobial, document the effectiveness of venom on each of six medically important bacterial species, and offer possible mechanisms of action to focus future research.

"I chose my research topic for many reasons," he said. "First, I recognized the impending disaster brought about by humanity's squandering of the miracle of antibiotics and realized how valuable new sources could be. Second, I wanted to shed some light on the vast number of human lives saved every day by snake venom (well over 40 million and counting), in hopes of raising conservation awareness and ensuring the phrase 'The only good snake is a dead snake' is never again uttered."

Legg was excited after finding out he received the opportunity to represent Northwestern. He saw it as a chance to network with other

student-researchers and learn about the types of research taking place at other universities. He believes any student interested in furthering their higher education should participate as much as possible in events that provide real world experience and challenges.

"I encourage each and every student who hopes to attend a graduate or doctoral program to participate in as many research opportunities as possible, be it Ranger Research Day, Oklahoma Research Day, or Research Day at the Capitol," he said. "Such programs help you develop skills critical to your higher education and career aspirations. In some cases, you can even make money doing them!"

Legg said his favorite part about being a student at Northwestern is the genuine care and interest the professors take on for each of the student's lives that can only happen at a university like Northwestern.

"Northwestern has helped me live my dream by leveraging some

of Oklahoma's very best natural science professors to deliver a thorough college education that prepared me for the rigors of a physician assistant graduate program," he said.

"I would like to thank Dr. [Aaron] Place and Dr. [Venkata] Moorthy for their advice and guidance during my research project. I would also like to thank them, Dr. [Cynthia] Pfeifer-Hill, and Dr. [Cornelia] Mihai for keeping their courses as challenging as possible. Your adherence to rigorous standards ensures that each of us leaves Northwestern prepared not only for a graduate or doctoral program, but also for life." Research Day at the Capitol is sponsored by Oklahoma EPSCoR, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the National Science Foundation.

For more information on Northwestern's biology and natural science programs, contact Dr. Steven Maier, professor of physics and chair of the Department of Natural Science, at (580) 327-8562 or [sjmaier@nwsu.edu](mailto:sjmaier@nwsu.edu).



*Timothy Legg was selected to represent Northwestern Oklahoma State University at Research Day at the Capitol recently held in Oklahoma City. He presented his research on antibiotics.*

# Hardaway presents for Black History Month

Dr. Roger Hardaway, professor of history at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, presented “The History of African American Cowboys” at the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center in Enid as part of the center’s “Brown Bag Lunch and Learn” outreach program.

February is celebrated as Black History Month in the United States, so Hardaway was asked to speak on a topic about which he has done much research. The heritage center is one of the premiere museums in the state of Oklahoma, operating under the control of the Oklahoma Historical Society. Hardaway is a long-time member of the Oklahoma Historical Society, and this was the third time he has delivered an address at the heritage center.

The Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center highlights the Oklahoma Land Run of 1893 that helped populate much of northwestern Oklahoma. The center, at the present time, also is educating the public on the importance of the Chisholm Trail to this part of the state. The trail, founded in 1867 by Jesse Chisholm and others, is 150 years old this year. It passed through Enid on its way north, and was one of the most important cattle trails leading from Texas to the railroads of Kansas and other states. Once the cattle reached the Great Plains cow towns, they boarded trains for Chicago, where they were slaughtered to help feed the millions of citizens who lived in the eastern United States. Hardaway’s presentation noted some of the African American cowboys who rode the Chisholm Trail in the late 19th Century.

Hardaway has written extensively about the history of African Americans in the American West. He is the co-editor of “African Americans on

the Western Frontier,” a book that is in several hundred academic libraries in the United States. He has published several articles on African American cowboys, including one in “The Chronicles of Oklahoma,” the state’s primary history journal.

He has been a member of the Northwestern faculty since 1990 and has taught U.S. history to more than 4,000 students.

For more information on his work, contact Hardaway at (580) 327-8520 or rdhardaway@nwsu.edu.

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*Assistant Professor of Art Kyle Larson and the Study Abroad Committee are spearheading an NWSU Study Abroad Trip to London, Edinburgh & Dublin for the summer of 2018. Students, faculty, staff and community members are invited to spend 10 days abroad. Additionally, students have an opportunity to earn college credit. Enrollment is open now! To enroll, view a detailed itinerary, and find more information, visit: [efcst.com/1996708yw](http://efcst.com/1996708yw) and [www.nwsu.edu/study-abroad-program](http://www.nwsu.edu/study-abroad-program). If you have any questions, please email group leader Kyle Larson at [krlarson@nwsu.edu](mailto:krlarson@nwsu.edu)*

# 38 nursing students honored at pinning

Thirty-eight nursing students at Northwestern were honored with a traditional pinning ceremony on May 5, the day before their graduation.

Keynote speaker was Rachelle Burleson, chief nursing officer at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center.

Dr. Shelly Wells, associate professor of nursing and chair to Northwestern's Division of Nursing, presented each graduate with a pin. Dr. Leslie Collins, assistant professor of nursing and assistant chair for the Division of Nursing, and Dr. Ramona Bartlow, assistant professor of nursing, gave each student his or her ceremonial nursing cord and recognition for completion of the nursing program.

The new nurses and their families also were guests at a reception in the ballroom following the ceremony.

Those completing their studies are Shasta Alcorn of Enid; Jonathan Allotey of Alva; Shanndi Boor of Medicine Lodge, Kansas; Taylor Brinkley of Weatherford; Riley Bryant of Alva; Julieta Carrillo-Chaparro of Texhoma; Nyki Casillas of Laverne; Aubrey Clark of Independence, Kansas; Rebecca Ellis of Springtown, Texas; Amy English of Woodward; Toni Fowler of Woodward; Angela Goodman of Enid; Kelsey Hammock of Enid; Abby Hand of Ponca City; Lindsay Haas of Coldwater, Kansas; George Holmes of Enid; Kayla Jantz of Enid;

Nissi Jordan of Grand Prairie, Texas; Whitney LeGrand-Wolf of Pawnee; Lorene McGhee of Buffalo; Megan Middleton of Springfield, Illinois; Brooke Ortiz of Alva; Molly Payne of Enid; Cristina Perez-Macias of Enid; Cydni Phelps of Clearlake, Texas; Rebecca Punto of Claremore; Kassy Roberts of Ponca City; Jacqueline Robison of Ponca City; Bryanna Ross of Ponca City; Kristina Schmidt of Cleo Springs; Lane Smith of Laverne; Shelby Smith of Alva; Harley Wares of Freedom; Ashley Watkins of Guthrie; Katie Welch of Fairview; Danielle Williams of Rowlett, Texas; Ashley Wintersteen of Conroe, Texas; and Shannon Wooten of Stillwater.



Northwestern nursing students who received their pins are (front row, left to right) Harley Wares, Abby Hand, Jacqueline Robison, Danielle Williams, Shannon Wooten, Cristina Perez-Macias, Julieta Carrillo-Chaparro, Taylor Brinkley and Shasta Alcorn; second row (from left to right) Bryanna Ross, Kelsey Hammock, Kayla Jantz, Kassy Roberts, Kristina Schmidt, Nyki Casillas; third row (from left to right) Lorene McGhee, Rebecca Ellis, Lane Smith, Shelby Smith, Ashley Watkins, Rebecca Punto, Cydni Phelps, Toni Fowler, Riley Bryant, Jonathan Allotey; back row (from left to right) Megan Middleton, Amy English, Nissi Jordan, Aubrey Clark, Lindsay Haas, Shanndi Boor, Whitney LeGrand-Wolf, Katie Welch, Molly Pain, Brooke Ortiz and Ashley Wintersteen.

# Phi Alpha Theta honor society inducts two

Two Northwestern students have been inducted into the Phi Alpha Theta, Mu-Lambda chapter, honor society.

History majors inducted are Jeran Jones, Enid senior, and Brittany Westervelt, Ponca City junior.

The purpose of Phi Alpha Theta is to promote the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication and the exchange of learning and ideas.

Dr. Roger Hardaway, professor of history, has been the adviser to Northwestern's Phi Alpha Theta chapter since 2004.

Hardaway explained that membership is open to only a few students each year.

"Members do not have to be history majors, but they do have to take several courses in the discipline and also have excellent grades," Hardaway said. "By being selective in its membership, Phi Alpha Theta ensures that being inducted into the organization is truly an honor."

Phi Alpha Theta was organized in 1921 at the University of Arkansas and has more than 850 chapters throughout the United States. Currently, more than 900,000 people, including several Northwestern professors, are members.

"These two students are to be commended for maintaining good grades and for upholding the lofty goals of Phi Alpha Theta," Hardaway said.

The Society's membership requirements are that undergraduate students must have a 3.0 overall grade point average, at least a 3.1 average in their history courses, and 12 completed credits of history classes. Graduate students need to have a 3.5 grade point average in their graduate courses.

Students enrolled at an online university are not eligible for membership. Specific universities may develop higher qualifications as well at their discretion.

All new members will: 1) receive a membership certificate and a one-year subscription to the Society's quarterly historical journal, "The Historian" and 2) have their names published in the publication approximately six months after becoming a member.

This journal has more than 12,500 individual subscribers and 1,000 library subscribers. The society's national headquarters and the journal's edito-

rial offices are located at the University of South Florida. "The Historian" splits the space in its quarterly issues between articles and book reviews. The book review section of the journal has been based at Ohio Wesleyan University since 1994.

For more information on the Phi Alpha Theta organization contact Hardaway at (580) 327-8520 or rdhardaway@nwosu.edu. To learn more about Northwestern's Social Sciences programs, contact Dr. Kay Decker, professor of sociology and chair of Northwestern's Department of Social Sciences, at (580) 327-8521 or kldecker@nwosu.edu.



*In association with the Leviathan Society of the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Department of Social Sciences and Institute for Citizenship Studies, Dr. Aaron Mason, professor of political science, and Dr. Eric Schmaltz, professor of history, accompanied two students one day during the recent spring break to the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum in Independence, Missouri. Northwestern students and professors toured the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum in Independence, Missouri, over spring break. Pictured are (from left) Aly Gerloff, Jacque Ruhl, Dr. Aaron Mason and Dr. Eric Schmaltz.*

# Artist-in-Residence program is successful

During the fall 2016 and spring 2017 semesters, the Visual Arts program facilitated a steady stream of diverse and dynamic artists who lived and created artwork at Northwestern for a month at a time each as an Artist in Residence (AIR).

During the fall 2016 semester, artists Britynn Davis (October AIR) and Anna Valdez (November AIR) stayed at NWOSU.

During the spring 2017 semester, Mandy Messina (January and February AIR), Joe Gegan (March AIR) and Kerry Cottle (April AIR)

participated in the residency. NWOSU AIRs provided feed-



*AIR Britynn Davis' wearable sculpture outdoor workshop.*

back and advice for Visual Arts students and conducted workshops and artist lectures for the campus community and the community of Alva.

Each artist displayed the work he or she created at Northwestern in a culminating exhibition coinciding with the Alva First Friday Art Walks.

To see the amazing contributions the AIRs have provided Northwestern and the campus community, visit, "like" and follow the Visual Arts Program on Facebook @nwosuvisualarts.



*November AIR Anna Valdez with Visual Arts Students and Assistant Professor of Art Kyle Larson during her culminating exhibition at the Graceful Arts Gallery.*



*January/February AIR Mandy Messina with the NWOSU Art Society at her culminating exhibition at the Graceful Arts Gallery in downtown Alva.*



*March AIR Joe Gegan works on his painting in the AIR studio on the Northwestern campus.*



*April AIR Kerry Cottle conducts a color theory workshop with Visual Arts students, April 26th, 2017.*

# New “Civitas: Journal of Citizenship Studies” announced

Northwestern’s endowed Institute for Citizenship Studies (NWICS) and the Department of Social Sciences announce the release of the new double volume of “Civitas: Journal of Citizenship Studies.” Dr. Aaron Mason, professor of political science, and Dr. Eric Schmaltz, professor of history, serve as Institute co-directors and “Civitas” senior editors.

Lengthier than any of the previous three releases, the new compilation consists of volumes four and five and covers the last two academic years. “This past year we had experienced a series of delays in the final compilation and printing because of commitments like hosting the successful summer teachers’ workshop on the American Revolution, as well as necessary but time-consuming document scanning,” Schmaltz noted. “In terms of content and scope, however, this edition represents one

of our finest to date.”

This volume’s main article contributors, Dr. Jon K. Chang, the late George D. Coyan, and J. W. Platt, addressed a wide range of interdisciplinary subjects. Topics include Chang’s examination of the deportation and persecution of Soviet citizens of Korean background in the Russian Far East, U.S. veteran and educator Coyan’s memoirs of his time served in the Second World War, and Platt’s study of the rise and fall of nineteenth-century Central American Federalism. Additionally, Dr. Kathleen Earnest, Mason, and Schmaltz each contributed book reviews on various subjects. The volume’s striking cover features American painter Charles Bird King’s famous portrait of nineteenth-century Cherokee leader Sequoyah.

“Civitas” is an annual, interdisciplinary, peer-reviewed publishing venue aimed at promoting scholarship concerning the humanities and social sciences as they relate to citizenship matters. The journal draws upon the talents and perspectives of a diverse editorial review board from the United States and abroad. It welcomes both qualitative and quantitative submissions by faculty and advanced undergraduate and graduate students from Oklahoma’s regional universities, two-year community colleges, and other institutions of higher education and beyond. At present, North-

western stands as the only regional state university in Oklahoma to operate an endowed institute and to publish its own journal. “This special publishing platform opens research doors to young scholars and others from different fields,” said Mason. “Not many smaller universities make possible that kind of scholarly opportunity.”

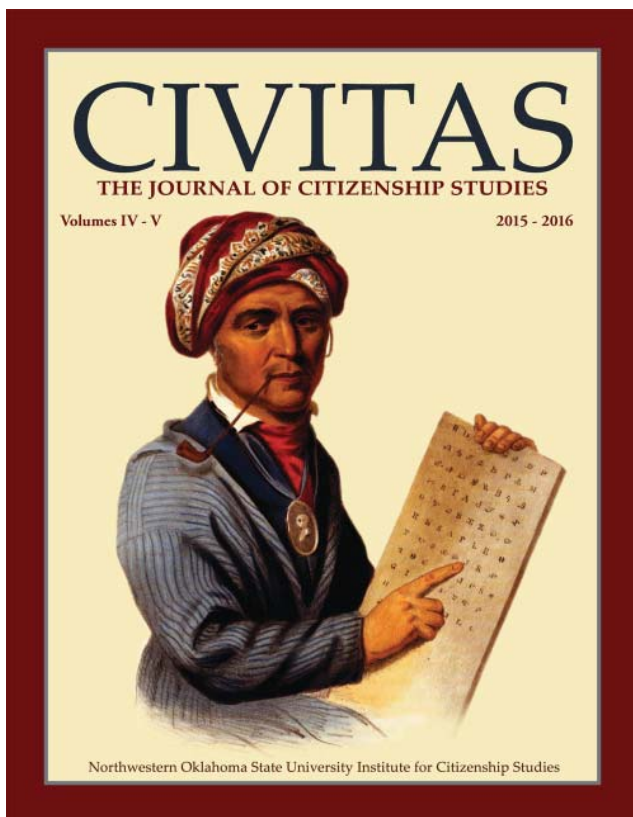
Mason and Schmaltz call upon students from interdisciplinary fields, especially at the graduate level in NWOSU’s American Studies Program, to consider submitting appropriate original research findings or book reviews for potential publication in “Civitas.” Besides university faculty here and elsewhere, independent and local scholars are also invited to contribute their work to the yearly publication. Schmaltz said, “Civitas is important because it provides another means of helping preserve part of our local, regional, and national heritage.”

As is standard procedure, the annual volume compiles contributions done during the previous calendar year. The editors are already making initial preparations for next year’s volume, expected in late summer 2018.

The link to the journal’s digital copy, as well as submission requirements, deadlines, and additional details concerning the journal, is found at [www.nwosu.edu/civitas](http://www.nwosu.edu/civitas).

Journal print copies are also available for sale at the Institute in the amount of \$10 made payable to the Northwestern Department of Social Sciences.

For general information about NWOSU’s Institute for Citizenship Studies, contact (580) 327-8525 or [nwics@nwosu.edu](mailto:nwics@nwosu.edu).





# Social Work students, faculty attend Legislative Day

More than 130 social workers from across the state gathered at the Oklahoma Capitol in February for the National Association of Social Workers, Oklahoma Chapter (NASW-OK) Legislative Day.

Social work students and faculty from Northwestern were in attendance to learn about legislative issues impacting the social work profession and the populations they serve. Legislative Day provides an opportunity for social work students and practitioners to engage in macro-level practice and learn effective ways to advocate on behalf of others. This day assists the students in learning to analyze and formulate policies that advance social well-being and develop ways for effective policy action.

“Legislative Day provides the opportunity for participation in public policy issues and social justice advocacy, both key components of social work education and practice,” said Dr. Kylene Rehder, chair of the department of social work.

The day started with a tour of the Oklahoma State Capitol and a welcome message from NASW-OK Board President Frannie Pryor, followed by Kara Joy McKee, an outreach specialist from the Oklahoma Policy Institute who presented on effectively approaching legislators. A legislative panel comprised of Rep. Carol Bush, Rep. Emily Virgin, Rep. Jason Dunnington, Sen. Adam Pugh and Sen. David Holt was moderated by Andy Moore, executive director of Let’s Fix This, Inc. The day concluded with opportunities to engage with legislators and closing remarks by the executive director of NASW-OK, Mary Jo Kinzie.

Social work students who were

in attendance included: Mirissa Branine, Woodward senior; Jessica Goodballet, Mooreland sophomore; Elizabeth Fox-Shiple, Laverne sophomore; Codi Harding, Enid senior; Dana Kausek, Enid senior; Jessi Neal, Hobart senior; Marsellia Rael, Woodward junior; Levi Sanders, Goltry senior; Lauren Shriver,

Hunter junior; and Denise Tyrell, Enid junior.

Jennifer Pribble, assistant professor of social work, also was in attendance along with Rehder.

For more information about Northwestern’s social work programs, contact Rehder at (580) 327-8135 or kdrehder@nwsu.edu.



Those attending the NASW-OK Legislative Day were Dr. Kylene Rehder, Jessica Goodballet, Marsellia Rael, Elizabeth Fox-Shiple, Codi Harding, Mirissa Branine, Jessi Neal, Jennifer Pribble, Lauren Shriver, Levi Sanders, Dana Kausek and Denise Tyrell.



**Awards Northwestern News Received in 2016:** Oklahoma Collegiate Media Association- First Place: Feature photography, Charles Boldes; General News Writing, Rachel Emerson; News Photography, Nick Villalobos; Front Page Design, Northwestern News; Second Place: Column Writing, Corey Shirey; News Photography, Rachel Emerson; Online Newspaper, Northwestern News; Overall Newspaper, Northwestern News; Third Place: Feature Photography, Charles Boldes; Feature Writing, Natalie Sacket; Honorable Mentions: Sports Reporting, Ryan Shumaker; General News Writing, Rachel Emerson; Editorial Writing, Northwestern News. Oklahoma Press Association - Second, Third and Fourth in the following: Personal Columns, News Writing, Feature Writing, Sports Coverage and Photography.

# Natural History Drawing students exhibit at Museum

On Feb. 3rd, the Northwestern Natural History Museum held an opening reception of the Natural History Drawing Student Art Exhibit.

Illustrations created by the Natural History Drawing class from the fall 2016 semester were exhibited alongside the specimens that inspired them.

Illustrations on exhibit were by Visual Arts Minors Brianna McClure, Tori Hurley, Abbie Haskins, Clayton Hill, Princess Adenuga, and Rachel Davis.



Visitors look at natural history drawings and the specimens that inspired them during the exhibition.

## Nickelson named one of 10 Newman Civic Fellows

Jack Nickelson of Mooreland, senior political science major from Northwestern Oklahoma State University who was awarded the Newman Civic Fellow Award at the university, was recognized during the recent Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education meeting.

Nickelson has excelled in his coursework while helping with his family's farming and ranching operation. He coaches youth soccer and serves as a recreation assistant for his church. He plans to pursue a doctorate in political science and teach at the collegiate level, where he will guide students through the rewards of civic engagement.

Chancellor Glen D. Johnson spoke on behalf of the Regents, praising the students who worked hard to receive this award.

"The State Regents commend these student leaders for making a difference in their communities," Johnson said. "Their civic involve-

ment demonstrates their dedication to making the world a better place. We wish them continued success as they complete their degrees and continue to serve their fellow Oklahomans."

Northwestern's Department of Social Sciences provides many opportunities for its students to learn and develop skills for their field out-

side of the classroom with the Civic Education Fellowship Program being a prime example. The program was established six years ago to support departmental students who wish to pursue a career in public service.

Each year, qualified applicants may submit a completed application

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2017-18 Newman Civic Fellows were recognized during the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education meeting Thursday. Pictured from left to right are: Jack Nickelson, Northwestern Oklahoma State University; Devin Smoot, Southwestern Oklahoma State University; Ashton Shepler, Rose State College; Jessica Villar, Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City; State Regents Chair John Massey; Chancellor Glen D. Johnson; Jayton Thomas, University of Central Oklahoma; Shelbi Gambrell, OSU; Rebecka Snyder, Tulsa Community College; and Katherine Davis, Northern Oklahoma College.

# Nolan named Social Workers' Undergraduate Student of the Year

Dlonra (Dee Dee) Nolan, Enid senior, was named as the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers' (NASW-OK) Undergraduate Student of the Year for 2017. Nolan will be presented the award on Monday, April 10, at the NASW-OK Annual State Conference Awards Reception in Norman.

NASW is the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the world and works to enhance the professional growth and development of its members, to create and maintain professional standards, and to advance sound social practices.

"I am so very honored and grate-

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with transcript to Dr. Kay Decker, professor of sociology and chair of the Department of Social Sciences.

Applicants are reviewed by departmental faculty, and the selection is determined based on GPA, essay and applicant knowledge of public service.

Civic Education Fellows are provided with a stipend to intern at the Oklahoma State Capitol during the final weeks of the legislative session or may choose to pursue an internship in Congress with one of Oklahoma's elected officials. Students can spend anywhere from one week to three months working in the Oklahoma State Capitol or the United States Capitol learning about legislative and budget-setting processes.

For more information on Northwestern's Social Sciences program, contact Decker at (580) 327-8521 or kldecker@nwsu.edu.

ful to everyone at Northwestern who has guided, inspired, and believed in me," Nolan said. "I knew within the first few weeks of class with Dr. [Kylene] Rehder that social work was my purpose, and it has now become my passion. I'm thankful for the rock solid foundation that the Social Work department has provided me and hope to continue to make NWOSU proud!"

Nolan is majoring in Social Work with a minor in English. She is a graduate of Northern Oklahoma College and a veteran of the U.S. Navy. In 2014, she was a recipient of the Geraldine Burns English Award and Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. During her tenure in the Navy, she was awarded three Navy Achievement Medals and Sailor of the Year.



*Dlonra (Dee Dee) Nolan*

In 2015, she served on the board of directors for the Enid YMCA and is a current member of NASW. Nolan was

elected as the undergraduate student representative and currently serves on the NASW Oklahoma Board of Directors. In addition, she serves as president of the Social Workers Association of Tomorrow-SWAT student organization at Northwestern, and for the last two years has arranged and advocated

for student participation in NASW-OK's Legislative Day.

"I have observed her dynamic interpersonal skills, time management, professionalism, appropriate role modeling, and her commitment to social justice in our region and in our state," Rehder, associate professor of Social Work and chair to the Department

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*President Cunningham meeting with the 2016-2017 Love's Cup Business Plan Competition team in early spring. From left: Rachel Lugendo, Haley Pegelow, Juan Villa, Dr. David Hawkins. Sarah Dysart, not pictured.*



(Top) Madison Hofen wins it for Team Matt (Adair) for NWOSU SGA The Voice event! (Bottom right) Great job Team Paige (Fischer) and (bottom left) Team Maybelline (Dena Walker)! The theatre students and Kimberly Weast, Professor of Theatre Arts and Department of Fine Arts Chair, designed and ran tech for the SGA Voice Competition on March 9, 2017.



The Castle Players took a trip to Woodward to watch the production of “Seussical the Musical” directed by NWOSU Speech and Theatre Alumni Charlie Burns. Dr. Dena Walker filled in as sponsor when Kimberly Weast was unable to attend.

## Art students visit Tulsa

Visual Arts Students hopped in a van and traveled to Tulsa on April 8 for an action packed, art-filled day.

The group visited the Gilcrease Museum, the Philbrook Museum, and artist studios at the Tulsa Artists Fellowship building in the Brady Arts District, before having Greek food for dinner and ice cream in downtown Tulsa, then heading back to Alva



Visual Arts Students about to enter the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa.

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ment of Social Work, said. “[Nolan] is the type of social work student who is truly worthy of this recognition.”

Following graduation from Northwestern, Nolan will be entering the Master of Social Work program at the University of Oklahoma Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work.

For more information on Northwestern’s social work program, contact Rehder at (580) 327-8135 or kdrehder@nwosu.edu.



NWOSU Art Society members and friends capped off an end of the year trip with a group painting party in Oklahoma City. Attending were: Bottom: Alanna Negelein. 2nd row: Valarie Case, Shawna Gilbert, Ken Kelsey, Megan Metcalf, Brianna McClure. 3rd Row: Rosy Quai, guest - Robert Yocham, Nicole Marema, Angelia Case and Amanda Metcalf.



*Elementary students who participated in Northwestern Oklahoma State University's (NWOSU) Math and Science Summer Academy were Connor Adair, Keaton Adair, Kylie Adair, Endy Barraza, Asia Blackledge, Blake Buss, Haniyya Cham, Kayla Cotton, River Cunningham, Channing Ferguson, Evan Ferguson, Drake Fuller, Sam Garrett, Jr.; Jackson Gerbine, Myah Graves, Ralston Green, Tucker Hannaford, Calder Jones, Turner Killman, Taylor Kline, Carrington Kline, Brady Lott, Lucas Maharry, Kayla Maier, Tatim Miller, Triniti Miller, Kynlee Murrow, Braxon Nairn, Cadence Nusser, Brody Pfannenstiel, Peyton Pfannenstiel, Quentin Pulver, Nathen Rogers, Payton Smith, Bo Stewart, Demy Stewart, Skyler Wickham, Pryce Williams, and Cooper Whitely.*

## Math, Science Academy successful, fun for students

Elementary students who have completed second through fifth grades had the opportunity to engage in hands-on math and science activities with faculty at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in June.

Elementary students were able to participate in fun and engaging activities that are designed to help build math and science skills. The academy was held during Friday mornings at Northwestern-Alva in the Student Center and Science buildings. The group finished with sail boat races in front of the J.W. Martin Library on campus.

Elementary students that participated were Connor Adair, Keaton Adair, Kylie Adair, Endy Bar-

raza, Asia Blackledge, Blake Buss, Haniyya Cham, Kayla Cotton, River Cunningham, Channing Ferguson, Evan Ferguson, Drake Fuller, Sam Garrett, Jr.; Jackson Gerbine, Myah Graves, Ralston Green, Tucker Hannaford, Calder Jones, Turner Killman, Taylor Kline, Carrington Kline, Brady Lott, Lucas Maharry, Kayla Maier, Tatim Miller, Triniti Miller, Kynlee Murrow, Braxon Nairn, Cadence Nusser, Brody Pfannenstiel, Peyton Pfannenstiel, Quentin Pulver, Nathen Rogers, Payton Smith, Bo Stewart, Demy Stewart, Skyler Wickham, Pryce Williams, and Cooper Whitely.

Math & Science Academy is organized by Northwestern faculty members Dr. Tim Maharry, Dr. Sheila Brintnall, Keenan Meeker, Dr. Aar-

on Place, Dr. Jenny Sattler, Dr. Mary Riegel, and Dr. Steven Maier.

Northwestern students that helped were Megan Brown, Kevin Cospoer, Willow Gahr, Megan Maharry, Paola Ponce-Villalobos, and Matthew Thomas.

Others who helped with the activities were Erin Place and Leah Maier.

This free program is co-sponsored by Northwestern's Department of Mathematics and Science and the Beisel, Fellers, and Fisher Endowments as a way for Northwestern to give back to the community and support STEM development of elementary students.

For more information about the academy, contact Brintnall at (580) 327-8582 or skbrintnall@nwosu.edu.

# Diversity Workshop is well attended

Northwestern's Diversity Committee played host in February to a workshop for faculty and staff called "Achieving Life Balance as a Professional in Higher Education."

Northwestern faculty and staff members were invited to attend the workshop, where they listened to comments from panelists Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president; Dr. James Bell, dean of faculty and associate vice president for academics; Janet Valencia, secretary of the Division of Business; and Dr. Kylene Rehder, associate professor of social work and chair of the Department of Social Work.

"We had a great turnout of faculty and staff at this workshop," Dr. Kay Decker, professor of sociology, chair of Northwestern's Department of Social Sciences and chair of the Diversity Committee, said. "Participants had a great opportunity to share helpful tips and experiences."

Following the panelists' comments, roundtable discussions were available for participants to address a wide range of potential personal and professional issues that can arise in life.

Bell discussed the importance of finding balance and time for one's spouse or significant other when work duties take substantial time after hours.

Rehder discussed the challenges of finishing a terminal degree while managing home life and teaching/advising full time.

Valencia addressed problems often encountered by professionals charged with providing care and attention to aging parents or other family members.

Tammy Brown, assistant profes-

sor of speech and interim chair of the Communication Department, discussed ideas about how to find quality stress relievers in a stressful work environment and how to keep it sane at home.

Dr. Steven Maier, professor of physics and chair of the Department of Natural Science, shared tips for teaching and advising in the digital age of 24/7/365.

Dr. Christie Riley, assistant professor of education and director of teacher education, discussed how to find a balance between personal friendships and maintaining currency with our profession and work obligations.

Dr. Shelly Wells, associate professor of nursing and chair of the Division of Nursing, and Dr. Kate Lane, associate professor of English and chair of the English, Foreign Language and Humanities Depart-

ment, served as co-discussants for the subject of finding time for one's own professional development and keeping things collegial at work.

The Diversity Committee is made up of Northwestern faculty including Marian Bratten-Hall, instructor of education; Dr. Roger Brown, assistant professor of business; Dr. Colleen Golightly, associate professor of education; Dr. Cris Gordon, assistant professor of psychology and chair of the Psychology Department; Kyle Larson, assistant professor of art; Dr. Steve Mackie, assistant professor of education; Dr. Joseph Nnanna, assistant professor of business; Dr. Eric Schmaltz, professor of history; Dr. Wei Zhou, assistant professor of business; Decker and Wells.

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*Northwestern faculty and staff who attended the workshop were able to pick from a range of roundtable discussion topics in which to participate. Those involved with discussion above are: Bailey Trammel, left, Dr. James Bell, Kaylyn Hansen, Dr. Cristina Gordon, Karsten Longhurst, Lawana Newell and Becca Cook.*