

SUU EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE

Consistently, when alumni speak to us about their experience at SUU, they cite dedicated, caring and professional employees who impacted their lives while on campus, and oftentimes, to this day. SUU employees make achievements daily that directly affect students in all aspects of campus life, and as so many of our alumni can attest to, on their futures. Here is a glimpse of some of the excellence employees of SUU have recently demonstrated.

CAMERON BROOKS

Last semester, Assistant Director of Career Services Cameron Brooks received the Outstanding New Professional Award of the Utah NASPA—(National Association of Student Personnel Administrators). This award is given to an individual who has been in student services less than five years, but who has shown outstanding service to an institution of higher education, and already provided innovative or creative effort within student affairs. In just a year's time at SUU, Brooks' has significantly bolstered the Career Fairs program and the internship program, directly impacting students' careers and livelihood. A native of Alberta, Canada, Brooks brings more than a dozen years of experience in academic and business roles.

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TODD PETERSEN

Assistant Professor of English, Todd Petersen just had a book published. *Long After Dark* is a collection of



short stories that takes readers through Utah, Arizona, Brazil and Rwanda, just to name a few settings. Petersen addresses, provocatively and with poignancy, life situations and the nature of humans in dealing with them. The captivating stories scrutinize the grief of a son over the death of his father, a housewife's depression and a particular struggle of an unwed teen mother.

For more details on this story, see the January 8, 2007, issue of The University Journal newspaper online at www.suujournal.com

S.S. MOORTY

Professor of English literature, Dr. S.S. Moorty has been selected for a Fulbright Scholarship to Baku Salvic University in Azerbaijan to teach senior American Literature. Moorty has been teaching at SUU since 1975, specializing in the work of F. Scott Fitzgerald, Shakespeare, Eastern literatures in translation, American Literary Realism and Naturalism, the Renaissance, and Eastern World View. This is Moorty's third Fulbright Scholarship; he served his first in an Eastern Europe higher education institution in Moldova in 1982. In 1989, he served as a senior Fulbright lecturer to Sanaa



University in Yemen.

For more details on this story, see www.suu.edu/ad/pr/news/viewarticle.aspx?id=370

JON SMITH

Professor of Communication, Dr. Jon Smith, has produced the pioneering documentary *Canyoneering the Colorado Plateau*, a 50-minute video that explores the geology, history and fast-growing popularity of the sport of canyoneering. Jon spent a year adventuring right alongside canyoneers in the national parks and wild wilderness of southern Utah. Equipped with video gear modified for the physical demands of canyoneering, he researched, videotaped, interviewed, hiked, rappelled and swam through stunning scenery. The piece covers issues ranging from the anxieties and thrills of hanging from cliffs to land impact and preservation concerns. But mostly, the film educates and entertains on how and where to do the sport of canyoneering!

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JILL ORMOND WHITAKER ('99 *Broadcasting*) and **MARK WALTON** ('02 *Information Systems*)

To the large credit and talents of Mark Walton, SUU's Director of Web Development, and Jill Whitaker, Webmaster, SUU



has one of the Top 10 Websites in the nation. The National Research Center for College & University Admissions (NRCCUA), the leading organization connecting young people and their families with colleges and universities around the country, released its annual rankings of Admissions Websites last semester on more than 3,000 postsecondary institutions. Southern Utah University has been ranked the ninth best website in the country! That's www.suu.edu Check it out!

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LARRY PING

Professor of History, Dr. Larry L. Ping has had his authoritative book, *Gustav Freytag and the Prussian Gospel: Novels, Liberalism, and History*, published as part of the North American Studies in 19th Century German Literature Vol. 37. Freytag—a prominent historian and novelist in German history—was influential in shaping opinion for his generation of liberals. Ping, who has been teaching Modern European history, the



Third Reich, and ancient Greece & Rome at SUU for the past 16 years, has been scrutinizing Freytag for a quarter of a century. The Volume's editor said that Ping accomplished excellently, a getting-beyond the clichés of German culture, and into the real mentality and motivations of the people.

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