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## C O L L E A G U E S !

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our returning and new faculty and staff. The campus, over the course of the summer, with few students and faculty, seemed empty, not representing its usual pulse. Your return and students' presence makes the campus vibrant, ignites energy, and makes the university what it should be: a melting pot of thoughts, exchange of ideas, collaborations, inquiries, and debate.

Someone recently asked me to define SUU. Without hesitation, I said agility. SUU, I believe, is an agile organization that despite challenges continues to prosper, to overcome obstacles, and to steadily move forward. What makes this relentless culture possible are the people. I salute our faculty, staff, and students that make SUU an exciting place to work, learn, and grow.

When I reflect on this past year, I find myself proud of our accomplishments. This past year, we added our fifth graduate program, successfully completed three specialized accreditations, constructed a brand new tutoring center, secured funding approval for our College of Education building, and added many talented and highly educated faculty and staff. We revised our strategic plan, articulated core values, and designed the implementation strategy that could guide us through the next five years. These accomplishments represent unyielding culture and uncompromising character that are hallmarks of our institution.

This coming year, we will implement our newly adopted strategic plan. We will ask every unit to revisit its plan, goals, and objectives and align them with those of the university. This document will pave the path for realization and assessment of our five-year plan and operate as the blue print for our future activities and aspirations. In addition, we will move forward with the submission for approval of new graduate and undergraduate degree programs that have

been inspired and ratified by our faculty, that are fiscally responsible and consistent with our mission, and approved by the institutional governing board.

Three of our programs, this year, will go through specialized accreditation visits. The School of Business, and Departments of Nursing and Music will host their respective accrediting teams to highlight their excellence for scholarship and student learning outcome. We must lend our support to these faculty to showcase their commitment to the national standards of their profession and articulate the excellence we all believe in and practice.

Our progress and momentum, over the past few years, has made people across the state notice and respect SUU. However, this sense of urgency must be unbending. We have a very clear vision of where we are heading and citizens of our region expect that we turn that vision into a reality. Our momentum will not be deterred by resource limitation nor will it yield to distractions that could discourage our focus. Our stride for excellence should be our axiom in every step we take, every course we teach, every scholarly work we undertake, every relationship we develop, and every association we nurture with our internal and external stakeholders.

Our sustained commitment to excellence will overcome any obstacle we might encounter. Our institutional agility will underwrite our continued efforts and progress.

Our people will make the difference.

With my warmest welcome,

Abe Harraf  
Provost

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## IMPORTANT DATES Fall 2005 Semester

### August

- 16 Faculty Contracts begin
- 17 New Faculty Orientation
- 17 Faculty Conference Special Speakers
- 18 Harassment Training
- 18-19, 23-25 College/School/Department Meetings
- 22 Dean and Chairs Academic Leadership Retreat
- 29 Fall Classes begin

### September

- 1 Last Day to register
- 5 Labor Day Recess
- 6 Annual Activity Report, 3 year review, Rank & Tenure Applications, and Post Tenure Review due to Dpt Chair
- 16 Last Day to drop without a "W" on record.
- 19 Annual Activity Report, 3 year review, Rank & Tenure Applications, and Post Tenure Review due to department LRT Committee

### October

- 10 Annual Activity Report due to Dean  
3 year review, Rank & Tenure Applications, and Post Tenure Review due to College/School LRT Committee
- 14 Applications for Leave due to Dpt Chair
- 20 First Block ends
- 21 Second Block begins
- 24 Harvest Holiday Recess

### November

- 1 Applications for Leave due to Dean
- 7 3 year review, Rank & Tenure Applications, and Post Tenure Review due to Dean
- 15 Applications for Leave due to University LRT Committee
- 22 3 year review due to Provost

### December

- 1 Applications for Leave due to Provost
- 5 Rank and Tenure applications due to University LRT
- 9 Last Day of class
- 12 Study Day
- 13-16 Finals
- 15 Annual Activity Report, 3 year review reviewed by Chair with Faculty
- 16 Faculty Contract Ends
- 21 Grades Due
- 31 Post Tenure Review to Provost

## New Additions to Academic Affairs

The Provost's Office welcomes **Dr. Lee Montgomery as Interim Associate Provost and Dale Barbee as Academic Budget and Information Analyst**. Both appointments start Friday, July 1, 2005.

Dr. Montgomery has served as associate dean in the College of Education and as chair of the department of Secondary Education. He joined the SUU faculty in 1989 in teacher education and has provided leadership with NCATE accreditation and the Professional Education Coordinating Committee (PECC). Dr. Montgomery will be responsible for institutional effectiveness and assessment, curriculum, program development, policies, and planning.

Mr. Barbee, a 2004 SUU accounting graduate, has been the accountant for the School of Continuing and Professional Studies. His responsibilities will include academic budgeting, data analysis, and account administration.

Both of the new appointments replace Michael Richards who retired from SUU to accept a position as vice president for academic affairs at the Community College of Southern Nevada in Las Vegas. Michael was instrumental in implementing many new ideas to benefit the university. He will be missed and we wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

Effective July 15, **Lindsey Anderson** began as the new **Registrar** for Southern Utah University. Lindsey comes to SUU with a strong background in higher education and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Computer Science from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. She holds a Master of Education in Adult and Higher Education from Montana State University. Lindsey comes to the university as a program specialist for Banner and user support. Her experience also includes such aspects as transfer articulation, admission standards, retention studies, web page maintenance, orientation programming, and many other functions of the registrar's office. Lindsey replaces Maxine Stolk who retired from the university on June 30, 2005. Maxine has been the Registrar since 1991 and was the assistant registrar for seven years before becoming the registrar. Maxine did an incredible job, especially in the recent transition to the banner system, and she will be missed greatly. The Provost's office is glad to welcome Lindsey on board and knows that she will be an excellent addition to the university.

■ **Michael J. Grady**, Ph.D. (Assistant Professor of Computer Science) attended the MAA Intermountain Annual Conference at Idaho State University. He presented a paper entitled, "Partitions and Groups." The paper details original research on the combinatorics of free abelian groups.

■ **Nancy DeLaet** (Academic College Advisor) attended the Regional X National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) Conference in Denver, Co. Nancy was a presenter at this conference and the title of her presentation was "Advising Tools in Technology."

■ **Eric Freden**, Ph.D. (Associate Professor of Mathematics), together with SUU undergraduate students, conducted research in the area of "Growth in Baumslag-Solitar groups" which he hopes to have published in the proceedings of "Groups St. Andrews-2005" in St. Andrews, Scotland. This joint-research has already been presented at the University of Utah, Brigham Young University, and in Albany New York at the Albany Group Theory Conference.

■ **William Pratt**, Ph.D. (Associate Professor of Integrated Engineering) and **Richard Cozzens** (Professional-in-residence in CAD/CAM), visited the campus of the University of Applied Sciences Solothurn Northwestern in Olten, Switzerland. Dr. Pratt gave a presentation on his research on Wave Composite Material and Professor Cozzens gave a presentation on Web-Based Training. They both met with the administration, faculty and students in a full review of Solothurn's engineering program. Their audiences also included professors and students interested in pursuing the International Partnership program (study abroad) with Olten and SUU.

■ SUU's Integrated Engineering and Technology Department hosted the Utah High School Drafting Teachers Conference this past June. Under the direction of professors **Leo Scott Hansen**, Ph.D. (Assistant Professor of Technology) and **Richard Cozzens** (Professional-in-residence in CAD/CAM) this workshop enhanced the school drafting/Cad programs in the state of Utah. Thirty six teachers from around the state of Utah participated in this workshop.

■ **Derek Hein**, Ph.D. (Assistant Professor of Mathematics), took two undergraduate students to the MAA Intermountain Section meeting, held in Pocatello, Idaho. Both students presented (Benjamin Shore on the

topic of "On the Quotient Rule Integration by Parts Formula" and Matthew Eves on the topic of "Methods for Analyzing Rearrangements of Conditionally Convergent Series"). Professor Hein served as a judge in the Student Integration Bee.

■ **Richard Cozzens**, (CAD/CAM Professional-in-residence), has reached an agreement with a Japanese Engineering Training Organization to have the Inventor Workbook translated into Japanese. This agreement follows the translation agreement for Richard's CATIA V5 Workbook and Advanced CATIA V5 Workbook. Richard has also presented his research and experience on CAD Related Web-Based Training at the following locations this past academic year: Digital Enterprise Conference in Seattle, Washington; ITSON University in Mexico; CATIA Operators Exchange Conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

■ **Jeff Salehi** (Assistant Professor of Engineering), attended and presented two sessions on a research study titled "An Investigation of Distance-Learning Terminal Degrees for Engineering and Engineering Technology Educators" at the annual peer-reviewed International College Electronics Teachers Association (ICETA) conference. He also attended a week-long workshop titled "Industrial Electronics." Professor Salehi will attend and present at the peer-reviewed "International Conference on Engineering Education (ICEE)" in Poland. Jeff's presentation/paper is in the area of engineering and technology education titled "Increasing Enrollment in Engineering Technology Programs through Program Modification and Cross-Utilization of Resources by Multiple Programs."

■ **Mehran Basti**, Ph.D. (Visiting Professor - Mathematics Department), presented a seminar at the MAA meeting held on the campus of Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho. The title of his presentations was "Roots of Polynomials via Differential Equations." This was the first official seminar introducing a new field of research in the mathematics of the 21st century, solving polynomials via differential equations rather than traditional algebraic and Galois methods.

■ **Andreas Weingartner**, Ph.D. (Assistant Professor of Mathematics), successfully passed all required exams during the past 4 years, and has officially been awarded the prestigious title of Associate of the Society of Actuaries.

### History and Sociology Department

■ **Dr. Wayne Hinton** recently signed a contract with Mountain West books for a book manuscript on the history of the Civilian Conservation Corps in the Colorado Plateau region (first draft due August 2005 with publication date of 2006).

■ **Dr. James Vlasich** has two books planned for publication in 2005: Pueblo Indian Agriculture (University of New Mexico Press) and Sports in American Culture (McFarland Press, 2005).

■ **Dr. Larry Ping's** book manuscript on Gustav Freytag has been accepted for publication by Professor Jeff Sammons of Yale University for his inclusion in his monograph series, "Nineteenth Century Studies in German Literature," to be published by European Publisher Peter Lang this Fall.

■ **Dr. Earl Mulderink** taught a week-long seminar for K-12 Social Studies and History teachers here on campus during the week of June 27- July 1. The workshop is sponsored by the Utah State Office of Education and helps participants to maintain their teaching credentials. Earl also taught in June for the Washington County School District's "Utah Teachers' Academy for American History," funded by a \$1 million, three-year grant from the U.S. Office of Education. We have 22 teacher-participants, some of whom are proud SUU graduates.

■ **Dr. Earl Mulderink** completed a substantial consulting project for Prentice Hall Publishing updating and revising the companion web site for the Third Edition of *The African-American Odyssey*, the country's best-selling textbook in that field. A website is designed to deepen students' understanding through a variety of learning exercises that include online quizzes and dynamic web links, and is available at [http://wps.prenhall.com/hss\\_hine\\_aaodyssey\\_3](http://wps.prenhall.com/hss_hine_aaodyssey_3).

### Political Science and Criminal Justice Department

■ **Dr. Michael Stathis** presented two papers at the annual conference of the International Studies Association. The first paper was titled, "The Forgotten War: The First Gulf War, Iran and Iraq 1980-1988" and the second was "Islamic Revivalism: A Modern Political Ideology to Be Reckoned With." Professor Stathis also published two articles in *The Journal of the Utah Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters*, entitled "The Case for the Third Gulf War: Placing the 2003 Iraqi War in a Proper Political Context," and "Absolute Prerogative and the President of the United States in the Era of Weapons of Mass Destruction and Global Terrorism."

■ **Professor Carl Franklin** presented a paper last March, "Choice of Intervention and Prevention for Violent Fan

Behavior at University/College Sporting Events," at the annual conference of the Academy of Criminal Justice Science (ACJS), in Las Vegas, NV. He also presented a paper in October, at a regional conference in San Diego, CA, "Are Local Law Enforcement Officers Prepared to Investigate Computer Crime?" Professor Franklin wrote another book, "Investigating Computer Crime," accepted for publication, and expected to be released in February 2005.

■ **Dr. Lee Trepanier** presented a paper at a scholarly venue in Chicago, IL in September.

■ **Dr. Wayne Williams** presented his paper, "National Children's Alliance: The Utah Children's Justice Center Approach" at the annual ACJS conference last March in Las Vegas. He also presented a paper, "INTERPOL: What Is It? And What's New?" at a regional conference in San Diego, CA last October.

■ The construction of the "Moot Court" has been completed and will be utilized with legal issue courses beginning in the fall. It is located in GC 408, and will be a welcomed addition to the department's programs. Work continues toward the development of a Masters of Public Policy Administration. The Letter of Intent has been approved by the SUU Board of Trustees. Additional work continues for presentation to the Board of Regents.

### Foreign Languages and Humanities Department

■ **Dr. Kirk Fitzpatrick** has two publications out "The Greek Roots of Civil Liberties" and "Treason" in *The Encyclopedia of Civil Liberties in America* by David A. Schultz, John R. Vile, published by M.E. Sharpe.

■ **Dr. Jim Mills** is the recipient of "Best Paper Award in Letters" Utah Academy Meetings - Fall 2004 and he read a paper at the Utah Academy meetings - Spring 2005. Jim was also Chair at the RMMLA - Fall 2005.

■ **Dr. Jim Harrison** is President of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters. Jim will read the paper "Illness as Metaphor" at the RMMLA meetings in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho this fall and is currently translating a Middle High German poem "Der von Stauffenberg."

■ **Dr. Jorge Nisguritzer** read a paper at the Utah Academy Meetings - Spring 2005.

### Psychology Department

■ Utah Campus Contact honored the outstanding efforts of **Dr. Steve Barney** as a Service Learning Engaged Scholar in Salt Lake City on April 5, 2005.

# SUU ANNOUNCES NEW FACULTY

## SUU WELCOMES NEW FACULTY

**Dr. Andrew Bamford** was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Sociology in the Department of History and Sociology. Andrew holds a BS degree from Brunel University, an MA degree from Lancaster University, and a PhD degree from Manchester University, England.

**Professor Matias Martinez Abeijon** was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Spanish in the Department of Foreign Languages and Humanities. He holds MA and PhD-ABD degrees from Ohio State University. This is a replacement position for Jane Peacock.

**Professor Earl Jerome Battle** was appointed Costume Designer, Costumer and Assistant Professor in Theatre. Mr. Battle holds a BS degree from Framingham State College and an MFA degree from Boston University for the Arts. This is a replacement position for Stephanie Breinholt.

**Dr. Bart Reynolds** was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Graduate Studies in Education. Dr. Reynolds holds a BS degree from SUU and MEd and EdD degrees from Brigham Young University. This is a replacement position for Karen Atwood.

**Dr. Colette Calmelet** was appointed Associate Professor of Mathematics. She holds two MS degrees. Her PhD degree was awarded by Vanderbilt University. This is a replacement position for Mehran Basti.

**Dr. Robin Calland** was appointed as a Visiting Assistant Professor of English. Dr. Calland holds BA, MA, and PhD degrees in English from the University of Colorado.

**Dr. Patricia Keehley** was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Political Science in the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice. She holds BA and MPA degrees from the University of South Florida and a DPA degree from the University of Georgia. This is a replacement for Stephen Roberds.

**Dr. Chad Gasser** was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Agriculture. He holds BS and MS degrees from Brigham Young University, and a PhD degree from Ohio State University. This is a replacement position for Dan Dail.

**Dr. Derek Hein** was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Mathematics. He holds BS and MS degrees from Utah State University and a PhD degree from Central Michigan University. Dr. Hein has just completed a one-year appointment at SUU as a Visiting Assistant Professor.

**Dr. Jianlong Han** was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Mathematics. He holds a BS degree from Jilin University, PR China; an MS degree from Nankai University, PR China; and

a PhD degree from Michigan State University. He also fills a new position.

**Professor Owen Anderson** was appointed Assistant Professor of Elementary Education. He holds BS and MS degrees from Utah State University and will receive his PhD in December 2005 from the University of Tennessee in Child and Family Studies. This is a replacement position for Bonnie Bishop.

**Dr. Rachel Dean Smetanka** was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Biology. She holds a BA degree from the University of Minnesota-Deleuth and a PhD degree from the University of Iowa. This is a replacement position for Dave Braegger.

**Dr. Robin S Boneck** was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Accounting. He holds BS and JD degrees from Brigham Young University and an LLM from the University of Denver. This is a replacement position for Katherine Black.

**Dr. Renwu John Zhang** was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Physics. He holds a BS degree from Anhui Normal University, PR China; an MS degree from the University of Science and Technology, PR China; and a PhD degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He fills a new position within the department.

**Dr. Paul J Pillitteri** was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Biology. He holds a BS degree from Westminster College, an MS degree from Kent State University, and a PhD degree from Ohio University. He fills a new position within the department.

**Dr. Jeff Elison** was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Psychology. He holds a BS degree from Kutztown University, and MA and PhD degrees from the University of Northern Colorado. He also fills a new position.

**Dr. Dezhi Wu** was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Information Systems in the Department of Computer Science and Information Systems. She holds a BS degree from Lanzhou University, and MS and PhD degrees from the New Jersey Institute of Technology. This is a replacement position for Chet Barney.

**Mary Pearson** was appointed as a Lecturer of Accounting. She holds BA and MAcc degrees from SUU. This is a replacement position for Craig Isom.

**Helen Schroeder** will be appointed as an Assistant Professor of Mathematics. She holds BS and MS degrees from the University of Iowa. This is a new position.

**Professor Lawrence Johnson** will be appointed as Assistant Professor of Music. He holds MM and DMA-ABD degrees from Northwestern University. This is a replacement for Bart Shanklin.

This has been another extraordinary year in the College of Performing and Visual Arts marked by a number of outstanding activities in the classrooms, on our stages, and in our exhibition spaces. Between September 2004 and May 2005 over 170 events were listed on our CPVA Arts & Entertainment Calendar. Our students and alumni continue to achieve recognition for their outstanding efforts in art, music, theatre and dance in regional and national venues.

## Faculty and Staff

■ **Eric Brown** will be presenting a paper entitled "Contesting the Code: Navigating Reactions to Dan Brown's Book," at the Third International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities, Cambridge, UK. August 2-5, 2005.

■ **Brian Hoover's** painting "The Wraiths of Miller House" won an Award of Merit at this year's "81st Annual Spring Salon" at the Springville Museum of Art, in Springville, Utah. This is a peer juried exhibition. He was also invited by New Visions Gallery, in SLC to exhibit a painting as part of an exhibition titled : "2002 Revisited." The flyer for the exhibition reads: "A reunion of the Utah artists chosen to represent our state during the winter Olympics in Salt Lake City," May 20 through June 12.

■ **Susan Harris's** ceramic artwork was the subject of the feature article in "Ovations," the Winter '05 Quarterly Utah Arts Council News. Susan's work, along with that of 14 other internationally known artists, was featured in the exhibition Evocative Implements from April 9th to May 15th at the Baltimore Clayworks in Baltimore Md. Susan also won a Juror's prize from the Utah Designer Craft Association's Exhibition Building Bridges with Steven Hansen for their collaborative work shown at Shaw Gallery, Weber State University in January.

■ **Dave Richardson** was invited to design an interactive multimedia piece for the online Literary Arts magazine "Born." The piece can be viewed at [www.bornmagazine.org](http://www.bornmagazine.org).

■ **Carol Ann Modesitt** recently attended vocal workshops and master class demonstrations at the

University of Texas in Austin held by renowned singer Renee Flemming.

■ **Dr. Patrick Roulet** was the soloist for the *Golden Age of the Xylophone* with the Bishop Ireton High School Wind Ensemble in Alexandria, VA in March. Patrick was awarded a Faculty Development Grant to participate in a jazz workshop this summer. He has been invited back to the Bellingham Festival of Music for this summer where he will be performing with the Festival Orchestra as Timpanist and Principal Percussionist.

■ **Dr. Virginia Stitt** is the music director for the Green Show at USF this summer.

■ **Dr. Christine Frezza** is having a busy summer composing 120 pieces for USF's *Dr. Faustus*, *Midsummer Night's Dream*, and *Love's Labour's Lost*.

■ **Zak Stevenson** will be the Scenery Supervisor in the Adams Memorial Theatre for USF this summer.

■ **Earl Battle** is working as a cutter, draper and designer this summer at the Utah Festival Opera in Logan.

■ **Rick Bugg** is hard at work producing the 3rd season of the *Neil Simon Festival* in Cedar City. This summer faculty members **Doug Molash** as lighting designer, **Chris Lusk** as costume designer and **Matt Neves** is directing "*Chapter Two*" Simon Festival. **Tina Stevenson** is the Properties Supervisor in the Adams Memorial Theatre at USF this summer.

■ **Kay Andersen** is teaching master classes in Seattle Washington and is both teaching and setting choreography in Mexico City.

■ **Paul Ocampo** is a guest artist with the Repertory Dance Theatre in Salt Lake City this coming season.

■ **Chris Lusk** was awarded a faculty development grant this summer to attend the Association of Theatre in Higher Education's national conference.

### ■ Media Services Reorganized and Moved

The campus budget cuts of 2002 required Media Services to become a self-support organization and operate with the revenues generated. During the last three years the fund balance has been expended and Media Services could not continue without appropriated funding. After a year of careful study, the decision was made to combine the ELC Media Services and the Library Copy Center. The materials and services have moved to the new Media Center in the library. This is a one year trial to determine if a copy center can be a viable operation on this campus. Naomi Bond will staff the Media Center. Rental equipment belonging to the University was transferred to the Student Center. Support the Media Center by sending your binding, printing and paper purchases to the center so this valuable service will continue on campus.

### ■ Sherratt Library recognized

In the May 2005 issue of *College Research & Library News*, the Sherratt Library was listed as one of the 23 college and universities that are using 'the first standards to incorporate outcomes assessment' to access their library services. These standards address twelve topics such as planning, collections, instruction, staff, and facilities. Other universities like Marquette, Indiana University-Purdue and the University of Indianapolis have successfully incorporated these standards into their ongoing assessment. The Sherratt Library uses statistical comparisons to compare our library to ten peer institution libraries in two different groups.

### ■ UTAD to Continue for One More Year

The large academic libraries in Utah have recently purchased programs that will provide desktop delivery of interlibrary loan articles to their patrons and UTAD is no longer a necessity for them. However, the six smallest libraries cannot afford to purchase the desktop delivery programs and will have to rely on UTAD for one more year. Unfortunately, materials available through UTAD will be reduced as Utah State University will no longer provide articles. Articles not available at the other Utah institutions will have to be ordered through standard interlibrary loan procedures.

### ■ Library Media Program Returns to Library

After three years in the College of Education, the Library Media courses and programs will return to the Library. **John Bryner** will also be returning to the library. The curriculum was revised during Spring

Semester and the courses converted to WebCT delivery. Online graduate and undergraduate courses will be offered beginning in the fall.

### ■ Library Reorganization

Effective next year, three librarians will take on new assignments. **Suzanne Julian** will become Access Services Librarian and will supervise Circulation, Reserve, Media Center, Media Collections and Interlibrary Loan. **Scott Lanning**, as Reference and Marketing Librarian, will be responsible for reference, government documents, strategic planning and marketing. **John Bryner** will become Serials and Multidisciplinary Librarian. Acquisitions and cataloging activities for the entire library will be centralized. Karen Beddoes resigned as assistant library secretary in May and was replaced by Jennifer Hunter.

### ■ Two Major Grants Awarded

The library received two grants that will assist in organizing and preserving two important library collections.

#### **The National Park Service National Trails System**

awarded the Library \$27,649 to organize and preserve the Howard R. Driggs Collection. In May 2004, SUU acquired the personal archives of Dr. Howard R. Driggs. During his lifetime Dr. Driggs amassed one of the most valuable historic trails research collections in the country. The collection also contains a wealth of information regarding the western migration and the life of pioneers. The grant will be used to acquire preservation materials, digitize fragile films, and hire additional staff to properly preserve, organize and catalog the collection. The winning proposal was an outcome of an internal award to Matt Nickerson funded through the SUU Faculty Incentive Grant program.

#### **The Utah State Library Division of the Department of Community and Economic Development awarded an LSTA Grant for \$14,416.**

The grant, *Remembering Zion: Digitizing the Crawford Family Collection*, will organize and digitize the photographs and papers of William Louis Crawford and his son, J. L. Crawford. These collections relate to the family's early life homesteading in Zion Canyon and the development of the National Park.

Searchable access to the digital images for both collections will be made available through the Mountain West Digital Library.

## Provost Fund for Faculty Incentive Grants - FY 2006

In the fall, The Provost's Office announced a new funding program for faculty, on a trial basis, which is designed to support large research and institutional projects. The purpose of the program is to encourage faculty to write and submit proposals for large grants as it funds release time to facilitate proposal submission to an external funding agency or to a foundation.

Two awards were made last term. One of the two projects, both of which were funded in February 2005, has resulted in an award of \$57,958. The winning proposal was an outcome of an internal award to Professor Nickerson. Janet Seegmiller will direct the winning project funded by The National Trails System Salt Lake City Office of NPS and Professor Nickerson will serve as a consultant to the project. The web link for guidelines and application is <http://www.suu.edu/academics/provost/grants/RFP/incentive.doc> or contact the Office of Sponsored Research & Grants for more information.

The prospective grant proposal requires a significant amount of time to prepare and is proportionate to the faculty incentive grant which is requested. Incentive grants are used to hire replacement faculty for one course, thereby releasing the proposer to spend one quarter of his/her time on the proposal during one semester. (Or for time in the summer. They are not meant to provide overload payments during the academic year.) Faculty interested in applying for an incentive grant should consult early in the process with the Office of Sponsored Research & Grants.

## Accurate award fund numbers and close-out activities

Grant and contract accounts are assigned fund numbers according to whether they are federal or state awards. Federal awards are numbered in the 100XXX range of numbers; and state awards are in the 200XXX range. If you find yourself in the situation with a grant or contract with another fund number than illustrated, it cannot be tracked correctly. The grants office suggests changing the grant number so it will be recognized appropriately in the financial system and so state and federal reports can accurately reflect grant categories. Please contact us should you need assistance in this matter.

Grants and contracts are now set up according to their award year (not the University year) and will be tracked through the award period. This means a new budget will not need to be set up each University fiscal year. When the award period ends the account will be closed. *Care should be given to make sure that all award funds are spent or returned to the awarding agency within the allowable time period of the grant or contract.* We suggest to Principal Investigators and Project Directors that a review should be made of existing accounts to make sure that all funds have been spent in a timely manner. If you require more information for the time period as you wind down project activities, please contact us for assistance several months in advance of the end date of the awards.

## Sample winning proposals and updated links now on grants page

Professional societies can be an important place to search for research and general support. Award winning proposals, mainly of science and technology projects, can now be reviewed by accessing certain links. In addition to those new links, faculty seeking more funding for research and service activities can now search from a new societies link and from updated foundation and government lists on the grants web page. Numerous new sources have been identified for beginning research support or for travel and conference activities. Sample website entries on the grants page are, for example, Utah Funding Sources (State List) <http://www.suu.edu/academics/provost/grants/utah.htm>

## SUU - new participant in the Colorado Plateau Cooperative Unit

In April, SUU officially became a member of The Colorado Plateau Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit which is a network of five federal agencies and universities in seven states. The interaction among the members of CPCEU helps create more opportunities for research, education, and technical assistance in support of the management and stewardship of the Colorado Plateau's natural, cultural, and social resources. For more information and RFPs, contact Harold Ornes, [ornes@suu.edu](mailto:ornes@suu.edu).

## Upcoming CPVA Events

This summer CPVA is co-sponsoring an exhibition at the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery in cooperation with the Utah Shakespearean Festival. Please stop by the gallery this summer between June 23 and September 3 to view "All the Stage is A World: Creation Stories from the Utah Shakespearean Festival." This exhibition offers fascinating insights about what is involved in creating the world the actors perform in for the 2005 season. The extended gallery hours this summer are Monday through Saturday, from 11am to 8pm.

### Three Eccles Artists/Scholars Visit CPVA in Spring Semester

Thanks to the generous support of the Eccles Foundation we were able to bring in three distinguished artists in the spring semester to work with our students. Art and Design hosted Bruce Dehnert, a well known and very talented potter. He held workshops for the ceramics students and made a presentation at the Art Major Seminar. The SUU Honor Band, made up of high school students from the Southwest, was led by our own James Smart and visiting artist Timothy Reynish. Mr. Reynish, retired from the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester, U.K., conducts band workshops, and clinics around the world. Lastly, the Theatre and Dance department hosted guest choreographer Joe Alegado, a solo dancer for the Jose Limon Dance Company as well as a teacher at the Jose Limon Institute in New York City. His two week residency included master classes for our upper division modern dance students and an informal lecture/discussion about the dance scene in Europe.

## SPRING 2006 IMPORTANT DATES

### January

- 03 Faculty Contracts begin
- 3-6 College/School/Dpt/Committee/ Senate Meetings
- 09 Spring Semester Begins
- 16 Martin Luther King Jr Recess
- 31 Rank and Tenure Applications to Provost

### February

- 1 Scholarship application deadline for continuing and new students
- 20 President's Day Recess

### March

- 03 First Block ends
- 06 Second Block begins
- 13-17 Spring Break Recess

### April

- 14 Good Friday Recess
- 17 No classes
- 28 Last Day of class

### May

- 1 Study Day
- 2-5 Finals
- 6 Commencement
- 8-12 College/School/Department Meetings wrap up
- 10 Grades Due
- 15 Faculty Contracts End
- 29 Memorial Day Recess

### Maymester

May 08 Classes Begin - May 26 Classes End

### First Session Summer

May 30 Classes Begin - June 30 Classes End

### Second Session Summer

- July 04 Independence Day Recess
- July 05 Classes Begin - Aug 08 Classes End
- July 24 Pioneer Day Recess

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