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COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS!

For almost six months I have been honored to serve as your provost. This has been an enlightening and challenging opportunity for me. There is a perspective that one acquires serving as provost that is very different than being a full time faculty member or less than full time administrator. I'm hopeful that I've been able to bring some of the good points associated with years spent as a faculty member, department chair, and dean to the provost's office that have been beneficial for academics. During these last few months I've appreciated even more the dedication, teaching strengths, scholarship, and friendly orientation toward students by the best credentialed faculty in the history of Southern Utah University. I strongly encourage the faculty and staff to build on their academic strengths, but also emulate the collegiality and camaraderie among university employees that built a foundation for SUU to be what it is today. After almost forty-three wonderful years of association with SUU I cherish student and academic successes realized at SUU. I also have been rewarded beyond words with friendships, and cherished memories of faculty, staff, student, and community interactions that have created a team mentality which I fear is being weakened. I encourage departments, schools/colleges, and the university to support more than just classroom and traditional academic pursuits associated with one's specific training. Great personal and institutional benefits result when faculty, staff, and administrators actively support some of the social, cultural, and athletic events that occur on a university campus. I encourage all SUU employees to engage in more social interactive settings that may involve a program, department, college, or the entire university. SUU cannot fully realize its mission if there is not a close relationship between the academic side of an exceptional private/public institution of higher education and the many other aspects of a rich and rewarding life that are important parts of the total university experience. I am concerned that as SUU has reached for the stars to realize its academic strengths, some of the values and contributions of former employees and community supporters are being forgotten -- or pushed aside

as unimportant. I encourage all individuals who are interested in SUU for even a greater commitment to build on our institutional strengths, and also select from the past the personal and institutional values and characteristics that have created lifelong loyalties to BNS, BAC, CSU, SUSC, and SUU.

Last August I requested faculty members to encourage their students to engage in an internship experience, research experience, international experience, or service learning experience as part of their academic program. There has been a favorable response to this request. Currently 40 classes have a service component that involves 2,000 students. Some 250 students have received internship credits during the past academic year. The Undergraduate Research & Scholarship Program is demonstrating significant growth and receiving well deserved recognition for faculty and student research collaboration. SUU's International Outreach is rapidly growing. In 2008, over 100 students will be involved in one of 10 study abroad programs offered by SUU. SUU has established partnerships with 16 foreign schools, and is working with 5 prospective partner schools. The Hispanic Center is a long term project to develop rapport with Hispanic families and provide support for an educational experience. SUU will continue to build on successes in each of the above areas.

As I review the academic side of the house at SUU, I am again profoundly struck, although not surprised, at the many and varied strengths of our faculty. It pleases me to cite just a few examples: 90 percent of our tenured and tenure track faculty hold terminal degrees, exceptional teaching and scholarly/creative endeavors, and community and university service. The academic standards that we have set for our students and faculty need to be high. I am pleased that SUU can proudly say they are realizable due to exceptional and caring faculty and staff who work with students to enable them to reach their potential.

I wish each of you a productive and enjoyable semester. Thanks for making SUU what it is today.

Warmest regards,
Rodney D. Decker, Provost

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College Highlights ~ Calendar of Events
Faculty Development Grant Awards

calendar of events

January

- 1 New Years Day
- 3-4 College/School Committees/Senate Meetings/Retreat
- 7 Spring Semester Begins
- 15 Last day to drop regular session w/o "W" on record. Drop policy enforced.
- 18 Last day of registration and adding classes.
- 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No Classes
- 30 Rank and Tenure applications due to Provost.



February

- 1 Scholarship application deadline for continuing and new students
- 8 Fifth Week Reports Due
- 15 Fall 2008 Graduation paperwork for graduation due to Registrar for Dec. completion.
- 18 Presidents Day - No Classes
- 29 First Session Ends



March

- 3 Second Session Begins
- 7 Last day to withdraw from an individual class with a "W" on the record. Drop policy enforced.
- 17-21 Spring Recess
- 21 Good Friday
- 24 Easter Recess - No Classes



April

- 15 Deadline for awarding department and endowed scholarships
- 25 Spring Class Instruction Ends
- 28 Study Day
- 29-30 Final Exams



May

- 1-2 Final Exams
- 3 Commencement
- 5 Three-week Maymester Begins
- 7 Grades Due
- 23 Three-week Maymester Ends
- 26 Memorial Day - No Classes
- 27 Summer School First five-week session begins



Provost Faculty Development Grant Awards

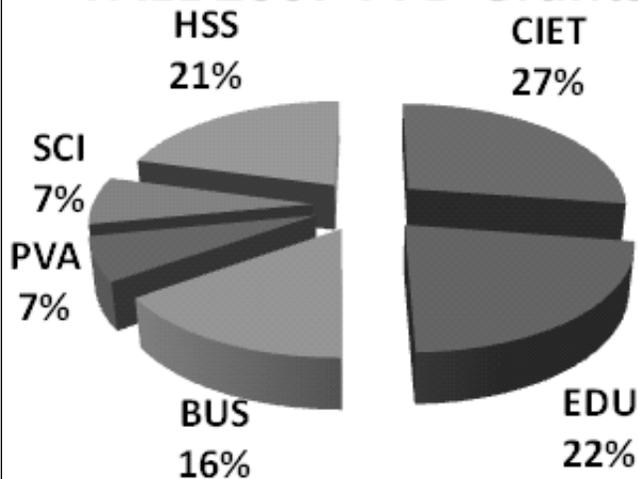
In the Fall of 2007, the Provost Faculty Development Grant awarded \$28,363 to applicants. These grants will be used for research & travel from January 1, 2008 to March 31, 2008. The awards for this round are shown below:

Business	\$ 4,381.00
CIET	\$ 7,763.00
Education	\$ 6,343.00
HSS	\$ 5,877.00
PVA	\$ 1,911.00
Science	\$ 2,088.00

A complete list of all grants, by college/school and by faculty can be viewed on the Provost website.

The deadline for the next round is Friday, January 18, 2008 at 3:00pm. Travel dates for this round must fall between April 1, 2008 and June 30, 2008. For more information on the Provost Faculty Development Grant, visit the Provost website at www.suu.edu/academics/provost/PFDVL/rfpguide.html.

FALL 2007 PFD Grants



Economics & Finance

Dr. Rhead Bowman, Professor of Managerial Economics, who taught at SUU for 29 years, has retired.

Dr. Frank Jacobson, who has a background in international business and has taught in California, has joined the Economics and Finance faculty. Dr. Jacobson teaches economics.

Dr. Denise Woodbury has been appointed to the Board of Directors for the Valley View Medical Center Foundation. Dr. Woodbury is president-elect of the SUU Faculty Senate and will serve as President next academic year.

Dr. David Tufte is the new editor of the Mountain Plains Journal of Business and Economics.

Dr. R. Kim Craft represented the SUU School of Business at the national meeting of the American Association of Colleges and Schools of Business in Los Angeles. AACSB is the premier accreditation institution for business schools internationally and accredits SUU.

Dr. Joe Baker has had a paper accepted by the Journal for the Education of the Gifted. Dr. Baker's paper examines the labor supply effects of merit scholarships.

Drs. Baker, Craft and Tufte developed a cost model of the proposed Lake Powell Pipeline Project. The model simulates per capita and per household costs of the project through the year 2039.

Accounting Department

Dr. David Christensen was awarded the Exemplary Use of Technology Faculty Award from the Utah System of Higher Education.

Professor Jeff Barnes, Dr. David Christensen and **Dr. David Rees** published "Identifying Strategies That Encourage Resolve to Exhibit Moral Courage" in the Mountain Plains Journal of Business and Economics (2007). They also published "Developing the Resolve to have Moral Courage - An Experiment with Accounting Students" in the Journal of Accounting, Ethics & Public Policy (2007), "Betty Vinson, Cynthia Cooper, and Moral Courage: A Case Study in Accounting Ethics At WorldCom" in the Mountain Plains Journal of Business and Economics 8 (2007), and presented "How to Develop Resolve to Have Moral Courage" at the Utah Center for Ethics and Social Policy - Winter Symposium on

Moral Courage: Implications for Policy and Practice in St. George, UT (Mar. 8) and at the Annual Conference of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters in Cedar City, UT (Apr. 13).

Professor Robin Boneck received the Faculty Service-Learning Fellow Award from Southern Utah University (2007).

Professor Jeff Barnes received the Outstanding Accounting Professor Award from the School of Business (2007). He also received the Faculty Service-Learning Fellow Award from Southern Utah University (2007).

Management & Marketing

Dr. Alan Hamlin received an award as the Best Review for the Journal of the Academy of Business Administration at the Academy's annual conference in Denver, CO (Apr. 2007). He also presented a co-authored paper, "A Comparison and Content Analysis of Professor Reactions to Scenarios of Academic Dishonesty at Three American Universities," at the annual conference of the Mountain Plains Management Association, Kearney, NE (Oct. 2007).

Dr. Carl Templin, Dr. Amy Moore, and Kim Patterson presented "Gender Differences and Determinants of Success in Mixed - Motive Negotiations" at the 18th Annual North American Research/Teaching Symposium on Purchasing and Supply Chain Management, in Tempe AZ, March 29-31, 2007.

Dr. Gerald Calvasina co-authored the publications, "Making More Informed Hiring Decisions: Policy and Practice Issues for Employers," in the Journal of Legal, Ethical and Regulatory Issues (2007), and "Reining in Retaliation: Policy and Practice Issues for Employers," in the Journal of Business and Behavioral Sciences (2007).

Professor Greg Powell and **Dr. Alan Hamlin** presented "Academic Dishonesty at Southern Utah University: Policies, Procedures and Experiences in the School of Business" at the Annual Conference of the Academy of Business Administration in Denver, CO (Apr. 2007).

Dr. Lisa Assante co-authored "Conception of Quality Indicators for four-year US-based Undergraduate Hospitality Management Programs" in the Journal of Teaching in Travel & Tourism (2007).

Through the collaborative efforts of the College of Computing, Integrated Engineering and Technology and the Advancement Office, SUU was awarded funding from the Governor's Office of Economic Development, Centers of Excellence, in June 2007, for Integrated Engineering and Technology faculty member, Dr. Nick Winowich's (PI) (Dr. Des Penny, co-PI) proposal: The Center for High End Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Process Optimization.

In 2007, High Performance Computing (HPC) workshops were held by CIET in collaboration with the Centers for High Performance Computing at the University of Utah (UofU) and Utah State University (USU). Two-day training workshops were presented at SUU by the UofU's CHPC Staff Scientist of Scientific Applications, Dr. Martin Cuma, on May 14 & 15 and by Dr. Thomas Hauser, Director of the HPC at USU on August 16 & 17.

Math

Dr. Saïd Bahi and **Dr. Jim Brandt** carried out statistical research for a local company to improve the lifetime of their products. Recommendations, based on survival analysis research, were presented in an initial report to the management of the company in June. Two SUU undergraduate students were involved in this work.

Dr. Marty Larkin served on the Mathematics Core Revision Steering Committee from January 2007 through September 2007. Working from a charge from the Utah State Board of Education, the Steering Committee completed a full revision of both the USOE (Utah State Office of Education) Elementary Mathematics Core (May 2007) and the Secondary Mathematics Core (August 2007). Dr. Larkin also planned, organized, and administrated the UCTM (Utah Council of Teachers of Mathematics) Reachout Conference held in Cedar City on Sept. 22, 2007. Attendees included K-12 teachers from Washington, Iron, Sevier, Garfield, Beaver, and Millard Districts and SUU pre-service teachers.

Dr. Colette Calmelet and **Diane Sepich**, Research Assistant Professor, Biological Sciences, Vanderbilt University, authored and presented "Cellular Intercalation and Anisotropic Adhesion at the Formation of the Zebrafish Notochord" at the VICBC (Vanderbilt Integrative Cancer Biology Center) 3rd Annual Workshop in Nashville, TN (July 17, 2007).

Dr. Derek Hein presented "The Design Conjecture: A Survey" at the 6th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Statistics, Mathematics and Related Fields in Honolulu, HI (January 18, 2007). Dr. Hein published a paper with the same

title in the conference proceedings of the conference available on CD ROM, ISSN: 1550-3747.

Dr. Eric Freden presented "Growth in Baumslag-Solitar Groups: Subgroups and Rationality" at the Combinatorial and Geometric Group Theory with Applications Conference held at the University of Dortmund, Germany (August 27-31 2007).

Integrated Engineering & Technology

Dr. L. Scott Hansen completed the 2nd edition to his book series in 2007. *Learning and Applying Autodesk Inventor* (ISBN (978-0-8311-3340-5) was published in August; *Learning and Applying Solid Edge V20* (ISBN (978-0-8311-3312-2) was published in September and *Learning and Applying SolidWorks 2007-2008* (ISBN (978-0-8311-3339-9) was published in October. Dr. Hansen's books are currently published by Industrial Press.



Professional in Residence Richard Cozzens's book, *CATIA V5 Workbook*, has been adopted by two more universities: the University of Texas at Arlington and Penn State University. The book was first published in 2000 and is now in its 8th edition. Throughout the past seven years the book has been used by over 150 colleges and universities around the world.

Professor Jeff Salehi was one of the six presenters at the International College Electronics Teachers Association/International Electronics Technician Articulation Committee Conference sponsored and organized by Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, CA (May 2007). His presentation was on "Alternative Strategies to Attract Students into Electronics Programs." In June, he was a co-presenter at a week-long regional Electronics workshop held at SUU for Utah State Community College and high school Electronics instructors. His presentation was on two directives which will be implemented in the U.S. in the near future: "Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment," known as RoHS or Lead-Free RoHS, and "Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment," known as WEEE.

The Old Main Renovation Project and the Emma Eccles Jones Education Building Project are nearing completion. It is anticipated that both buildings will be open for classes beginning in January, 2008. The dedication of these buildings is scheduled for Founder's Day, March 14, 2008.

Graduate Studies in Education

Dr. Katy Herbold was appointed the new Chair of the Department of Graduate Studies in Education. This appointment will begin November 1, 2007. Dr. Herbold is replacing Dr. Kevin Robinson who was recently appointed Executive Director of the School of Continuing and Professional Studies. Dr. Herbold is uniquely qualified for this position. Her past leadership experience, combined with her knowledge of program and department needs, will enable her to move forward in this challenging role.

Dr. Verlinda Angell and **Dr. David Lund** will co-chair a reading conference this year in the Hunter Conference Center. The date for the conference is February 15-16, 2008. This year the 28th annual conference will be "Leave a Literacy Legacy: Focus on Word Study." They will be bringing Shane Templeton, a word study scholar and author, to keynote the conference along with a team of teachers to instruct elementary teachers from around the state and region.

Dr. David Lund participated in the Oxford Roundtable, "Literacy: Educational Strategies and Initiatives." The roundtable was held at St. Anne's College, Oxford University, Oxford, England, from July 8 - July 13, 2007. Dr. Lund presented the paper "21st Century Literacy: Finding and Using Emerging Technologies for Instruction." He also attended the National Reading Conference Annual Meeting, "Reclaiming our Legacies, Conceiving Our Futures: The Spirit of Sankofa for Literacy Research and Pedagogy," held in Austin, TX, Nov. 28 - Dec. 1, 2007. He presented the papers "Digital City: Stepping Out and Moving Through its Cyber Streets," and "Keeping Up with Technology: A Discussion of how to Help Literacy Educators Manage and Take Advantage of the Constant Changes in Technology-mediated Literacy Experiences."

Dr. Bart Reynolds presented the paper "Strategic Networks in Rural School Districts: An Examination of the Structure and Content of Rural Public School Administrator Relationships" at the 2007 UCEA Conference, "Fostering Compassion and Understanding Across Borders: An International Dialogue on the Future of Educational Administration" in Alexandria, VA (Nov. 15-18, 2007).

Teacher Education & Family Development

Dr. Prent Klag participated in the 2007 Utah Education Policy Forum held in Salt Lake City, UT (November 12, 2007). Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond was the keynote speaker. Dr. Richard Kendell, Utah's Commissioner of Higher Education, served as moderator. Topics included school choice, vouchers, education finance, and teacher quality. Dr. Klag also participated in Governor Huntsman's Education Summit held November 13, 2007 at Salt Lake Community College.

Physical Education & Human Performance

Iron County Schools was awarded over \$43,000 in Federal money from the Carol M. White PEP Grant for this school year as the final part of a 3 year grant called iPAC (Initiative for the Promotion of Active Children). The grant was written by **Dr. Rick Lambson**, SUU PEHP Department Chair and iPAC Director, and Assistant Directors of iPAC, **Dr. Julie Taylor**, SUU Assistant Professor of PEHP and **Wayne Mifflin**, ICSD. The funds are provided to educational agencies for the expansion and improvement of K-12 PE programs. Nearly \$300,000 has been spent on new equipment, assessment software, workshops, in-service training, and after school programs. SUU faculty and PE major students have played an important role in the success of this program. **Dr. Rick Lambson**, **Dr. Julie Taylor** and **Julie Lund**, SUU PE major and assistant supervisor of the iPAC After School Activity Program (ASAP), presented a paper summarizing the success of the iPAC program at the UAHPERD Convention in Park City, UT on November 10, 2007.

Dr. Karyn Spencer, Assistant Professor of Physical Education and Human Performance, gave a presentation at the SUU Major's Fair and FASST seminar on November 1, 2007. Her presentation, "Coping with Vast Changes in Your Life," shared data from a recent study showing the increase in depression and the causes that impact a freshman's first year at college.

Dr. Briget Eastep published "Partnering to Serve a Region and Educate the Next Generation" in the Journal of Recreation and Leisure. She also presented the paper at the Intermountain Leisure Symposium in Provo, UT (2007).

The students of class PE 4740 Organization and Administration of Activity Based Programs, served over 250 SUU and community participants this semester through an array of programs that they have planned, implemented, and evaluated: Intramurals, Teen Outdoor Recreation Programming, and a Community Halloween Festival.

Dr. Art Challis received the Gold UBEE Award at the Utah Broadcaster's Association for the Best Sportscast on Friday, October 26, 2007.

Dr. Kevin Stein, Assistant Professor of Communication, and **Scott Church**, Master of Arts in Professional Communication student, presented "Success Strategies by Candidates in Presidential Debates, 1960-2004" at the National Communication Association in Chicago, IL (2007).

Dr. Suzanne Larson will present "Problem-Based Service Learning as a Platform for Serving and Learning" at the Western States Communication Association in Denver, CO (Feb. 2008). She is also serving her second year on the Executive Council for the Western States Association and has been nominated as an at-large delegate to the Legislative Session.

English

Dr. James M. Aton received the 2006-07 "Professor of the Year Award" from the SUU students of Sigma Tau Delta, the National English Honor Society.

Dr. Kurt Harris published "Beyond the Scope of the 'I' in E. E. Cummings's Leaf Poem" in *Words into Pictures: E. E. Cummings' Art Across Borders*, a collection of essays edited by Zénó VERNYK and Jiri FLAJSAR, and published by Cambridge Scholars Publishing (2007). Dr. Harris also directs the London Study Abroad Program and accompanied ten SUU students to London in July 2007. In addition, as part of Cedar City's The Big Read, in March 2007, Dr. Harris was invited to present a lecture entitled "A Child's-Eye View of Social Justice: Harper Lee and Charles Dickens."



Dr. Kurt Harris in London

Dr. Bryce Christensen published "Awakened by a Dream: How the Theo-centric Eschatology of Quevedo's Los Sueños Deconstructs Socio-centric Ideologies" in *The International Journal of the Arts in Society* (2007), and *Winning* (a novel) through Whiskey Creek Press (2007). The novel has been reviewed in *Midwest Book Review* and in *American Library Association Booklist*. He also presented "Scientific Sleuth vs. Devout Detective: What the Contrast Between Sherlock Holmes and Father Brown Teaches About Modernity" at the 61st annual convention of the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association in Calgary, Canada (2007), and received the "Best Paper" award in the Letters (American/British Literature) category at the 2007 Awards program of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters, held at the Stewart Library, Weber State University (October 12, 2007).

Dr. Jessica Tvordi gave two lectures on William Shakespeare's *Coriolanus* as part of the Utah Shakespeare Festival's Camp Shakespeare and Camp Shakespeare for Seniors educational programs in August. Additionally, in October she collaborated with HSS student senator, Rachel Simmons, on a SUUSA bill, "Actors for Academics," which provided funding for three actors from USF's fall production of *The Tempest* to discuss Shakespeare in performance with her 4000-level Shakespeare class.

Dr. Todd Petersen published *Long After Dark*, a collection of short stories and a novella with Zarahemla Books (2007). He also presented "Partners in the Park" at the National Collegiate Honors Council Annual conference in Denver, CO (November 2007), presented a short film "The Operator," taught a film production master class at the National Collegiate Honors Council annual conference in Denver, CO (November 2007), and received an Arty Award for his book *Long After Dark* from Salt Lake City Weekly (Sept. 2007).

Psychology

Dr. Steve Barney's Abnormal Psychology class contributed over 300 hours of community service working with people who have mental illnesses during Fall Semester 2007. Dr. Barney incorporates a service learning project into his course curriculum which ties class content to real world issues and problems. He also authored two chapters to be published in an upcoming book entitled *Creating a Culture of Undergraduate Research in American Institutions of Higher Education*. His first chapter is about cultural change processes in higher education and his second details how he has designed his Principles of Assessment class to include undergraduate research projects as part of an authentic assessment of students' learning. Dr. Barney also served as a section editor for this book.

Dr. John Ault and **Dr. Steve Barney** published, "Convergent Validity and Reliability of Hartman's Color Code Personality Profile" in the International Journal of Selection and Assessment (2007).

History and Sociology

Dr. Mark E. Miller presented "The Five 'Civilized' Tribes and Unrecognized Tribes: The Genesis of a Conflict" at the 47th Annual Western History Association Conference in Oklahoma City, OK (2007).

Dr. Michael Ostrowsky has recently received a book contract with LFB Scholarly Publishing. His book will be published in *Criminal Justice: Recent Scholarship*, a series which explores many facets of criminal justice from various perspectives. Dr. Ostrowsky's new book will be sold as a research tool in hard cover to, primarily, a library market. Also, Dr. Ostrowsky will be presenting his research at the Pacific Sociological Association's Annual Conference in Portland, OR in April, 2008.

Dr. Shobha Hamal Gurung published "Human Trafficking" in *Encyclopedia of Race and Racism, Vol.2* (August 2007). She also gave a guest lecture on "Gender, Religion, and Hinduism" in the Sociology of Religion class at Southern Utah University (Sept. 2007), and was invited as a Guest Lecturer on "Religion in Women's Everyday Lives in Nepal: Between Empowerment and Oppression" in the Classical Sociological Theory class at the University of Nevada Las Vegas (October 2007).

Dr. Larry Ping published a review of *Mark H. Gelber, ed. Confrontations/Accommodations: German-Jewish Literary and Cultural Relations from Heine to Wassermann*. (Tübingen: Niewmayer, 2004) in German Studies Review (October 2007). Also, he presented "Gustav Freytag's Bilder aus der deutschen Vergangenheit and the Meaning of German History" at the Thirty-first Annual Conference of the German Studies Association in San Diego, CA (2007).

Foreign Languages & Humanities

The recently approved Philosophy minor program began offering classes at SUU Fall 2007.

Dr. James Harrison presented a paper, "Wolfram and Wagner: Time, Redemption and Good Friday in Parzival and Parsifal," at the fall meeting of the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association in Calgary, Canada. He also completed a two year term as President of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, and led a group of students on a Study Abroad Program to Vienna and Salzburg, Summer 2007.

Dr. Terry Blodgett was invited to attend an International Humanities Conference and to make a presentation in the Linguistics section entitled, "Where in the World do the Polynesian Languages fit in the World-Wide Family of Languages," in Honolulu, HI (May 2007).

Dr. Hector Garza took a group of thirteen Study Abroad students to Granada, Spain in June 2007. They took language and culture classes and stayed with local families.

Dr. Cynthia Pena published an article entitled, "Variaciones sobre tema mexicano, de Luis Cernuda y ¿Águila o sol?, de Octavio Paz: el tema de lo mexicano," in a Special edition about Mexican Literature in Hostos Review - Revista Hostoniana de Literatura - CUNY - NY (2007).

Dr. Olga Godoy presented a paper, "La técnica de aproximación y descubrimiento en Don Quijote de la Mancha," at the Fall SAMLA Convention in Atlanta, GA (2007). Also, she will be the new Program Director for the Spanish Study Abroad to Granada, Spain, Summer 2008.

Dr. Kirk Fitzpatrick received Best Paper in the Division Award, given by the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters (2007). He also presented a paper entitled, "The Particular Premise in Aristotle's Account of Akrasia," to the Utah Idaho Philosophy Conference (2007-2008), and "Forbidden Music in the Republic," at the Tanner Center Conference on Democracy and Culture (2007). Also, he published a peer-reviewed journal article, "Democracy is Anarchy in Plato's Republic," in the collection of essays, Democracy, Pluralism, and Utah (2007), and will publish a peer-reviewed journal publication of "Soul Music in Plato's Republic." Dr Fitzpatrick was also instrumental in the creation and proposal of a philosophy minor.

Dr. Elise Leahy presented a paper, "Writing and Identity in Texts by French Beur Writer Magyd Cherfi," at the Rocky Mountain European Scholars Consortium in Phoenix, AZ (October 22, 2007). Also, she led a group of twelve students on a four week Study Abroad trip to Paris and Nice, France in May and June of 2007. The students studied French at a school called France-Langue with sites in both cities and lived with French families. The trip also featured a course called "French Cultural History," which Professor Leahy taught and which involved visiting museums, churches, cathedrals, castles, markets and other monuments. Professor Leahy is planning to organize another Study Abroad trip for May of 2008.

Art & Design

Professor Susan Harris and **Professor Brian Hoover** had artwork on display at the Museum Gallery at Old Main East Gallery on the campus of Northern Arizona University. The exhibition was entitled "Mythical Objects Redux" and was on display November 2 through December 15.

Professor Susan Harris is currently preparing a new body of ceramic work for the upcoming exhibition, *The Objects of our Friendship*, a very large regional show of contemporary ceramic art from five Arizona, Utah, and Idaho artists. The exhibit will be hosted by the Southeast Idaho Museum of Art in Idaho Falls, and is slated to open May 15, 2008.

Professor Jeremias Paul traveled with nine students to the Southwest Region Conference for the Society for Photographic Education, which is being held in Tucson, AZ (November 15th to 18th). This year's regional conference explored the theme of collaboration in photography by featuring the work of several noteworthy practitioners working collaboratively. Not only was the conference an excellent opportunity for the students to network with peers in the photographic community, but it also allowed them to explore Tucson's art scene. In the spirit of the theme of collaboration, students also contributed to the SUU photography club's new website with live updates and coverage of their experiences at the conference.

Professor Eric Brown had three ancillary materials published by Prentice Hall for use with Marilyn Stokstad's textbooks, *Art: A Brief History: 3rd Edition*; *Art: A Brief History: Instructor's Manual*; *Art: A Brief History: Student Study Guide Plus*, and *Art: A Brief History: Test Item File*. Eric also had a work accepted into the Twenty-Second Annual Religious and Spiritual Art of Utah Exhibition at the Springville Museum of Art. The show ran October 31 - December 27, 2007.

Dr. Andrew Marvick presented his paper, "Realist vs. Modernist Form and their Reception in the Landscapes of Fern and Khnopff," at the 49th Annual Midwest Modern Language Associations at the convention in Cleveland, OH (Nov. 2007). Meanwhile his paper, "Delacroix's Critique of Poe's Sublime," will be presented by his co-writer (and brother) Professor Louis Marvick (University of Nevada, Reno) in Honolulu on January 12th, 2008 at the 6th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities.

Professor Dave Richardson delivered a multimedia presentation entitled, "Write, Dance, Design: Cross Disciplinary Case Studies in Design," at the Intent/Content American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA) Education Conference in Nashville, TN

(May 31-June 2, 2007). The presentation displayed graphic design projects that were interdisciplinary and interactive collaborations between SUU's departments of Art and Design, Theatre and Dance, and English.

Dr. Arlene Braithwaite and seven art students traveled to the Escalante Canyon Art Festival in October. Students painted on location, and received instruction and advice from professional artists. Two students, Kate Montoya and Mitch Grimshaw, sold the work they created in the Plein Air Painting Competition Exhibition. Arlene won the \$2,000 Grand Prize for her pastel painting "Morning Light on Calf Creek Cliffs."

Music

Dr. Keith Bradshaw took the Heritage Choir of St. George on a very successful tour of the mid-west, singing in cathedrals, churches, and historic sites. The choir also performed two concerts in the Cox Auditorium on the Dixie State Campus under Dr. Bradshaw's direction. Keith also composed a new piece entitled, *The Ballad of Hazel and Brown*, which premiered at the Western Soundscapes concert on October 15th in Thorley Recital Hall. The piece was performed by Lawrence Johnson, with piano accompaniment by Rachel Roulet and Tracey Bradshaw.

Professor Carol Ann Modesitt researched the life and music of George Gershwin during the summer and wrote an original script with Gershwin music throughout called *Crazy for George*. The SUU Opera Theatre students performed the work November 9th - 10th, 16th - 17th, in Thorley Recital Hall. She performed a solo faculty recital in September entitled *Poetry via Voice*, and was featured in several Orchestra of Southern Utah Recitals during the fall.



Jessica Dansie in Crazy for George

Dr. Dan Frezza, CPVA Academic Advisor, appeared with the SUU Wind Symphony at their Halloween Concert October 30, 2007 in the Ballroom at the Sharwan Smith Center as narrator in Stephen McNeff's *Ghosts*.

Dr. Kirill Gliadkovsky, new faculty member in music, has been very busy with a full concert schedule this fall. On September 14th, he performed a piano solo recital at Grace Baptist Church, Santa Maria, CA as part of the Santa Maria Philharmonic Music Series. On October 5th, he conducted a piano masterclass at Uintah High School Auditorium in Vernal, UT followed by a solo recital on October 6th in the same location. On October 8th, he performed a piano solo recital in the new Roosevelt Junior High School Auditorium, Roosevelt, UT and he conducted a masterclass in the same location the next day. His October schedule concluded at the Utah Music Teachers State Conference in Salt Lake City, UT. On November 2nd and 3rd, Kirill was a judge at the Nevada Music Teachers Piano Competition Finals, Reno, NV, and November 4th to the 7th he attended the World Piano Pedagogy Conference in Las Vegas, NV. On January 6th, Kirill will be a piano soloist with the Musica Nova Symphony Orchestra at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts, Scottsdale, AZ performing the *Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 2* (Full original version). On January 17th, he will be performing a solo recital for the Music Series at Lancaster Performing Arts Center, Lancaster, CA.

Professor Lawrence Johnson performed a faculty voice recital entitled, *The Serenade*, in October and was accompanied by Rachel Roulet on piano. The delightful program focused on young men romancing their sweethearts through some of the most beautiful and beloved gems in the vocal repertoire.

Dr. Mark Stickney will be taking the Southern Utah University Wind Symphony to St. George to perform at the Utah Music Educators Association (UMEA) Conference in February of 2008. It has been more than 20 years since one of the major instrumental ensembles has been invited to perform at the state music conference. During spring semester 2008, Mark will also guest conduct for the Weber District Honor Band in Ogden, UT, and the Los Gatos Middle School Band in Los Gatos, CA.

Professor Xun Sun was a guest conductor for *Contrast: A Festival of Modern Music*, hosted by Lviv Philharmonic Orchestra in Ukraine on September 21, 2007. Xun is also continuing as the Music Director for the Orchestra of Southern Utah in the 2007-08 season.

Theatre Arts & Dance

Professor Kay Andersen was the Keynote Speaker for the Utah Dance Education Organization Fall 2007 Conference, "Educate and Celebrate." He led conference participants in a session entitled, "The Unique Gesture," based on dance improvisation. The session encouraged participants to move and connect as a dance community by sharing their unique qualities as dancers, choreographers, educators, and administrators. As a part of National Dance Week in the Netherlands (Oct.), Kay taught daily tap dance technique classes as well as choreographed for the workshop participants. The piece was performed as part of the culminating performance that ended the Festival. The Festival, in Maastricht, was one of several held throughout the Netherlands celebrating national and international artists.

Professor Richard Bugg recently completed a successful three-year tenure as Chair of the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival, Region VIII. He will continue to serve on the Board of Directors for KCACTF for an additional three years as past chair and webmaster. Richard also completed his fifth successful season of the *Neil Simon Festival*, which included the appearance of celebrity Eddie Mekka. Richard is already preparing for the Neil Simon Festival's 6th season. To keep his hand in the film world, Richard just finished performing in a training film for the LDS church. He is also preparing to offer acting workshops at one or more of the other KCACTF regional festivals around the country.

Professor Michael Harvey made his debut at SUU with his designs for the scenery and lighting for the *Henry V* production in the Adams Memorial Theatre September 27 - October 6.

Professor Peter Sham reprised his role in USF's annual production of *A Christmas Carol: On the Air*, December 8-22, 2007. The holiday show celebrated its fourth season. In addition, his work, *Lend Me a Tenor: The Musical* (also written with SUU adjunct **Professor Brad Carroll**), continued to receive major offers from New York producers and a Broadway deal was reached late fall. Peter also directed Shakespeare's *Henry V* in the Adams Theatre in his capacity as a faculty member in the department. Peter is the Associate Chair for the Theatre Arts and Dance department.

Dean Bill Byrnes is serving as the Director of the 21st Century Task Force for the United States Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT). He is working with the USITT board of directors, staff, and a consulting firm to coordinate an organizational assessment and the development of a strategic plan for USITT.

Physical Science

Dr. Bruce Howard co-authored a manuscript entitled, "Structure of the Antiviral Assembly Inhibitor CAP-1 Complex with the HIV-1 CA Protein," in the Journal of Molecular Biology 373(2), 355-366 (October 2007).

Dr. Sue Finstick presented "Group Mapping of Local Geologic and Environmental Hazards" at the Geological Society of America Annual Meeting in Denver, CO (2007).

Dr. Terry Alger presented "Factors Influencing Performance on ACS Examinations in General Chemistry" at the Western Regional Conference of the American Chemical Society in San Diego, CA on Friday, October 12, 2007.

Dr. Robert Eves co-authored an article, "Integration of Field Studies and Undergraduate Research into an Interdisciplinary Course: Natural History of Tropical Carbonate Ecosystems," in the Journal of College Science Teaching (2007). Dr. Robert Eves also presented "Investigations in the Natural History of the Colorado Plateau and Basin and Range: a 10-year Partnership" at the 59th Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Section-Geological Society of America in St. George, UT (2007).

Dr. Hussein Samha presented "Quenching of the Excited State of the J-Aggregate of Cyanine Dyes in Bilayer Vesicles of Phospholipids Using Methyl Viologen" at the 42nd American Chemical Society Midwest Regional Meeting in Kansas City, MO (2007).

Dr. Mackay Steffensen co-authored a book chapter entitled, "Single-Molecule Covalent Chemistry in a Protein Nanoreactor," in *Single Molecules and Nanotechnology*, Rudolf Riegel & Horst Vogel, eds., Springer Series in Biophysics; Springer-Verlag: Berlin (2008).

Agriculture & Nutrition Science

Dr. Cynthia Wright published an abstract of her research, "Trends in Overweight and Obesity in University Students, 1997-2007," in the Journal of the American Dietetics Association (2007). She also presented a poster on her research entitled, "A 25-Year Comparison of the Impact of Consumer Education on Consumer Attitudes and Behaviors of Students at Brigham Young University," at the 98th annual meeting of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences in Reno, N (2007). Dr. Wright also presented "Where Food, Nutrition & Technology Meet" at the Utah Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Conference in Midway, UT (2007).

Biology

Dr. Terri J. Hildebrand and **Dr. Fredric R. Govedich** co-authored a laboratory manual, *Evolution and Biodiversity of Life* (Fountain Head Press), available to students for the first time in Fall 2007.

Dr. Terri J. Hildebrand has joined the editorial staff for Western North American Naturalist (formerly Great Basin Naturalist), a journal that focuses on the biological natural history of Western North America. She also attended the annual meeting of the American Society of Botany in Chicago, presenting the poster "Response of Lycopodium Dendroideum (Lycopodiaceae) to Canopy Remove and Stem Damage."

Dr. Jonathan Marshall published "Patterns of Selection in Anti-Malarial Immune Genes in Malaria Vectors: Evidence for Adaptive Evolution in LRIM1 in Anopheles Arabiensis" (Aug. 2007). Also, he presented two posters, "Exploring the Origin and Genetic Isolation of Mosquito Populations on Sao Tome and Principe," at the New England Molecular Evolutionary Biologists XVIIIV Conference, November 3, 2007, in Queens NY. and, "Exploring the Origin and Genetic Isolation of Anopheles Gambiae from the Islands São Tomé and Principe: Implications for Testing Transgenic-based Vector Control," at the annual meeting for the Society for the Study of Evolution at Christchurch, New Zealand (June 2007).

Dr. Charlotte Pedersen received the EPA Educational Grant for desert mound mine using plants to remove arsenic. She also attended a symposium on human identification in Hollywood, CA with three students from the MSFS program (Oct. 2007).

Dr. Paul Pillitteri received equipment grants from three companies for use in student research. The hand/forearm strengthening devices are currently being used in a training study that is serving as an undergraduate research project for four students. The project is testing the efficacy of the devices over a four week training period.

Nursing

Professor Donna Lister presented a Podium Presentation at the Utah Organization of Nurses Leaders Summer Education Conference on Academic Initiatives to Prepare the Workforce of the Future in Salt Lake City, UT (June 8, 2007) She also gave a poster presentation at the Nursing Economics Nurse Faculty/Nurse Executive Summit in Scottsdale, AZ (Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 2007).

Library Highlights

During the summer, the GPS Ranger with an interpretive program on Cedar Breaks National Monument was introduced to visitors at the park. SUU's Special Collections librarian, **Professor Janet Seegmiller**, and **Dr. Jon Smith, Professor David Maxwell, Dr. Robert Eves** and a number of SUU students were involved in providing the history, photographs, audio and video programs for the Ranger and will continue to provide programming using a National Park Service grant. Park visitors were excited about the enhanced interpretation made available with this remarkable device. Professor Seegmiller also wrote a grant to the Utah State Historic Advisory Board grants program to digitize and provide access to more than 600 photographs from our photograph archives.

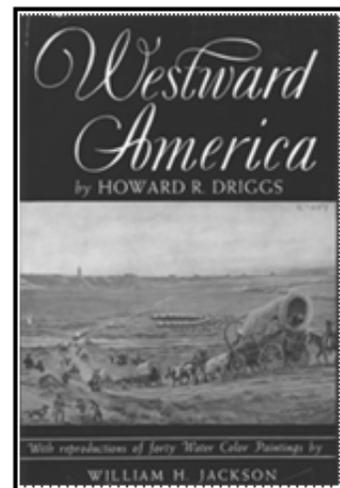
Professor Matthew Nickerson was an invited speaker at the preeminent international meeting on speech recognition technologies and applications, SpeechTek 2007, in New York, NY, August 2007. His presentation was entitled "Synthetic Agents that Speak and Listen." He was also conference chair for the 7th Annual Wooden O Symposium, co-hosted by the Sherratt Library and the Utah Shakespearean Festival. The proceedings of this conference are published in the [Journal of the Wooden O](#), a joint publication of the two sponsors. Copies of this journal are available by contacting the Southern Utah University Press at www.li.suu.edu/press.



Dr. Diana Graff is serving the last year of her appointment to the American Library Association section on Libraries Interiors, Furnishings and Equipment. The role of this committee is to study, evaluate and recommend in matters relating to library furniture and equipment for all types of libraries.

Professor Randy Christensen presented a paper entitled "Teach Me More! Fun & Gaming in Libraries," at the Internet Librarian 2007 Conference in Monterey, CA, on October 29-31, 2007. His interactive session demonstrated educational gaming as a way to add interest and excitement to library instruction.

Professor Janet Seegmiller presented a paper on the American Pioneer Trails Association at the 25th Anniversary Convention of the Oregon California Trails Association in Gehring, NE. She also met conference attendees in the OCTA Bookroom to discuss the Howard R. Driggs Collection and sell collector's edition copies of *Westward America*, a history written by Driggs and illustrated by William Henry Jackson in 1941. Both editions of this book are available from the SUU Press. www.li.suu.edu/press



Professor Phil Roche, Access Services Librarian, recently had an article, "Copy That! Reaping the Potential Benefits from Incorporating a Copy Center within Access Services," accepted in the [Journal of Access Services 5](#) (2007).

New faces in the library:

Karen Wais replaced Alisa Peterson as Media Collections assistant.

Trecia Loveland replaced Naomi Bond as the Copy Center assistant.

Tammy Buehler replaced Trecia as the night time/weekend assistant at the Circulation desk.

Honors Program Highlights

May 12-18, 2007, the Honors Program hosted nineteen Honors students from across the country for a six day experiential learning activity at Bryce Canyon National Park. This program served as the pilot project for Partners in the Parks, a nation-wide initiative being co-sponsored by SUU and the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC). Only a few months after completing the Bryce Canyon trip, the National Park Service selected Partners in the Parks as an official 2016 Centennial Initiative project for 2008-2009. The accompanying grant could bring as much as \$179,000 to the project depending on federal legislative appropriations. The Honors Program will be supervising seven more projects in 2008, four at national parks outside of Utah.



Honors students from across the country backpacking at Bryce Canyon National Park

October 31, 2007, Honors Hall (Juniper C-3) hosted trick or treating for neighborhood children. The residents dressed up in friendly costumes and provided a safe, fun atmosphere for Halloween activities in a safe, indoor environment especially designed for young children. This valuable service project offered great opportunities for strengthening town-gown relationships with parents living near our campus.

April 14-17, 2007, seven Honors students traveled to the Western Regional Honors Conference in Anaheim, CA, to present papers and participate in panels chosen through a peer review process. Their presentations represented both undergraduate research projects as well as case studies reviewing unique and successful projects/courses undertaken by SUU's Honors program. While at the conference, the students attended numerous presentations and panels by fellow Honors students from across the Western U.S. learning about undergraduate research projects and gathering valuable information from other successful Honors programs. This valuable educational opportunity was funded in part through a travel appropriation from SUUSA.



Professor Matt Nickerson & Students in California

Undergraduate Research & Scholarship Program

UGRASP

Now in its second year of operation, the Undergraduate Research and Scholarship Program (UGRASP) is in full swing. If last year's accomplishments are any indication, this year promises to be a resounding success. In the 2006-07 academic year, just under \$10 000 was awarded to instructors, students, and their mentors to help fund research and scholarly activities. Some of this money enabled thirteen students from across campus to present their projects at the inaugural Utah Conference for Undergraduate Research (UCUR) held at the University of Utah in February. Undergraduates from almost every institution of higher education were represented at the conference, and SUU proved to be a worthy contributor. The importance and value of the conference was recognized by Governor Jon Huntsman, Jr., who declared the week of January 30 through February 5, 2007, Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement Week.

The momentum generated by students and faculty in pursuit of excellence continued through the spring semester leading up to the 8th Annual Student-Faculty Scholarship Day at SUU in April. SUU's chapter of Alpha Chi (a national undergraduate/graduate honor society), the Honor's Program, the Service Learning Scholars Program, and UGRASP combined their efforts to make this event arguably the most successful yet. Thirty-nine projects with sixty-six student and forty-three faculty (co)authors were presented from Art and Design, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, English, Math, Nutrition, Physical Education and Human Performance, Physics, Political Science and Criminal Justice, and Psychology. Special recognition awards totaling \$2480 were dispersed to the student authors and mentors of thirteen projects at the Awards and Recognition Ceremony the following week.

UGRASP, aided by the valuable contributions of students, faculty, and administrators on the advisory board, continued its efforts to involve the entire campus in its quest to foster a community of scholars across all disciplines. To this end, faculty Undergraduate Research Liaisons (URLs) were created in several academic departments. URL's are a vital part of UGRASP as they encourage and support undergraduate research and scholarship within their own department and serve as a bridge to the centralized UGRASP office. Together, URL's and UGRASP are helping to prepare our students to become the scholars, scientists, and leaders of tomorrow.

What's in store for 2007-08? Welcomed increased financial support from central administration has allowed UGRASP to expand its grant program. With the diligent help of faculty reviewers, students and course instructors can apply for funds to cover research and scholarly activity related expenses. Mentors can receive money for travel to conferences where their students are presenting, and UGRASP will support faculty who wish to attend conferences or workshops focusing on how to initiate, promote, or sustain undergraduate research. With department support, faculty may apply for a Department Initiative Grant to find ways to encourage and facilitate undergraduate research and scholarship for their majors. A partial list of funding ideas include: department brochures/displays which summarize undergraduate research and scholarship opportunities within the department, a professional video production of this information, equipment/software which would be widely used and support undergraduate research and scholarship, and a department symposium to "kick start" things.

As it did last year, UGRASP is preparing to send students to UCUR, organize the 9th Annual Student Faculty Scholarship Day, and plan an Awards and Recognition Ceremony commensurate with the academic excellence of our talented students and faculty. Somewhere in the thick of all this, UGRASP will be creating a student mentoring program, a Student Society for Undergraduate Research and Scholarship, and attempting to find external support for the program. UGRASP would like to encourage students and faculty from all disciplines across campus to get involved in undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative expression. Opportunities are there for everyone. To find out more, please visit the web site: www.suu.edu/UGRASP. Feel free to contact Dr. Lynn White, UGRASP director, at 586-7913 should you desire further information or if you have any questions.

Service Learning & Civic Engagement

In our continuing effort to promote and reward service-learning endeavors at SUU, we encourage everyone to explore our ever-expanding web site at <http://suu.edu/serve&learn/>. There, you can find a variety of helpful information and materials, including links to service-learning syllabi and other online teaching resources, along with an information packet for the undergraduate Service-Learning Scholars program and the 2008 Service-Learning Fellows program. Soon, we expect to add application forms and criteria for funding "mini-grants" and travel that relate to course-based service-learning activities. Our goal is to assist all instructional efforts at SUU associated with service-learning.

Our committee has some new faces this year, and we have been reinvigorated by new members: Lisa Assante (BUS), Scott Hansen (CIET), Jeff Hanson (PVA), Terri Hildebrand (SCI), and student representative Kelsey Bills. They join our diligent and continuing committee members -- Briget Eastep (EDU), Steve Barney (HSS), Karl Stevens (SCPS), Matt Nickerson (Honors Program and Library), and Pam Branin (S&L Center). We have met several times in Fall 2007; full meeting minutes are available at our web site.

Among the highlights of news to report is that we will once again support a university-wide Service-Learning Fellows program. All faculty and instructional staff who employ the pedagogy of service-learning are invited to apply for a \$750 honorarium. As stated in the online application, "the purpose of this award is to recognize engaged educators who practice service-learning in an effective manner." Last year, five awards of \$750 each were granted to Professors Jeff Barnes and Robin Boneck (Accounting, BUS; they split the cash award); Dr. Steve Barney (Psychology, HSS); Dr. Heath Earl (Psychology, HSS); Dr. David Lund (Elementary Education, EDU); and Dr. Cynthia Wright (Agriculture & Nutrition Science, SCI). For consideration in the 2008 Service-Learning Fellows program, applications (available online at our web site) must be submitted by March 7, 2008. This year's Fellows, who will also receive a handsome commemorative plaque, will be announced at the Student and Faculty Scholarship Recognition Event on April 23, 2008.

Our committee wishes to thank Jill Wilks for making a concerted effort to integrate a service-learning component into this year's version of UNIV 1000, the Freshman Year Seminar. Our aim was to introduce the concepts and experiences of service-learning to all new SUU freshmen. A large number of UNIV 1000 students participated in service opportunities during FASSST Week in October 2007 through activities overseen by Pam Branin. Students completed three queen-size quilts for donation to the Canyon Creek Women's

Crisis Center; they collected twenty children's fleece blankets, with ten going to the Family Support Center in Cedar City and another ten headed to an orphanage in Mexico; they assembled sixty-three alphabet books for donation to the LDS Humanitarian Services; they created 300 holiday cards for active military personnel serving in Afghanistan and Iraq; and they constructed several hundred holiday ornaments to be donated to the Angel Trees for Iron County Holiday Assistance. Thanks to everyone who helped out!

As part of SUU's continuing civic engagement efforts, Pam Branin reports that the Service & Learning Center again was the proud sponsor of Iron County's annual "Make A Difference Day," held on the last Saturday in October. Hundreds gathered in support of "Our Troops Rock." Participants could engage in several service activities: assembling care packages, writing holiday cards, signing banners, and running or walking a 5k/2k trail race. Each participant carried a small rock with the name of an active troop member from Utah's 116th or 145th Units. At the event's conclusion, the rocks were assembled into a small monument at the Coal Creek Park trailhead with a short patriotic program. Close to 200 of the participants were SUU students, including the event chairperson, Shannon Mullin, and a handful of Communication students who filmed the event for a DVD that will be sent to our troops with holiday cards and packages.

As we look at the remainder of 2007-2008, the Service-Learning Committee is hard at work on a number of ongoing initiatives that include:

- * Implementing a curricular review policy and criteria for the designation of "service-learning" courses.
- * Enhancing our web site for "one-stop shopping" for any one eager to learn more about the pedagogy of service-learning.
- * Promoting and publicizing the varieties of civic engagement activities on campus and in the community.
- * Developing a strategic plan for service-learning and civic engagement efforts.
- * Creating an advisory board to better connect campus and community.
- * Examining ways to become a more "engaged campus," possibly by pursuing the elective Carnegie classification of "Community Engagement."
- * Improving campus support and community visibility for all relevant programs, faculty, and staff.

If you have questions about any aspects of service-learning at SUU, please feel free to contact the appropriate committee member or Earl Mulderink (mulderink@suu.edu).

Hispanic Center for Academic Excellence

During fall semester, Encuentros, the Hispanic Center's Spanish-English conversation exchange, was held Wednesday nights at 6:30. We spend 30 minutes speaking English and 30 speaking Spanish, with native speakers of both languages attending. Activities are tailored to meet the needs of individual participants. With our casual atmosphere, everyone who comes has fun and learns a lot. Anyone interested from the university or community is welcome to join us as we continue during spring semester. Beginners and advanced speakers are invited. Email hispaniccenter@suu.edu to confirm the meeting time and day for spring.

This fall, the Hispanic Center Tutor Project had thirty-two SUU students volunteer to serve as tutors in the English as a Second Language Program in Iron County Schools. They went to eight elementary schools, both Cedar City Middle Schools and both High Schools. Most tutors go to the schools as volunteers; however, those who spend at least three hours per week doing service during a semester can also earn college credit if they sign up for HSS 2120. Email hispaniccenter@suu.edu if you'd like to get involved.

For this academic year, one of my chief goals was to get students more involved in Center activities. A small group of energetic and inspired students is participating; they are planning to reach out to local Hispanic high school students this spring, with the hopes that the latter may come to SUU to study in the future. (Some of the SUU students are pictured.) On the evening of November 14th, we hosted our first campus wide Social and were very pleased to draw a big crowd including students, faculty, staff, and people from the community. We thank all who came to get acquainted with Center activities for their support. We look forward to a busy spring semester, including the inaugural meeting of the Center's Advisory Board, which includes business, social service, religious and educational leaders from throughout the state.

Elise C. Leahy, Director

Members of the Hispanic Center



Organizational Changes

Dr. Kevin Robinson has been appointed as Executive Director of the School of Continuing and Professional Studies.

Dr. Katie Herbold has been appointed Director of Graduate Studies in the College of Education.

Dr. David Rees has been appointed as the Dean of Graduate Studies.

New Faculty

Dr. Kholoud Al-Qubbaj Samha was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Humanities. She holds a BA degree from A Naja National University, Nablus, Palestine, and MA and PhD degrees from New Mexico State University.

Dr. Paul Spruell was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Biology. He holds a BS degree from the University of Illinois, an MS degree from Michigan State University, and a PhD degree from Washington State University.

Dr. John M. Murray was appointed as an Associate Professor of Engineering. He holds BS and MS degrees from the University of south Florida, and a PhD degree from Clemson University.

Office Of International Outreach

The Office of International Outreach has experienced several exciting changes and additions this academic year, including tremendous growth in our summer program offerings, new international partnerships and exchange programs, a name change from the Office of International Programs, and a move under the Provost's Office.

Summer Study Abroad Programs

SUU's faculty-led summer study abroad program offerings have nearly doubled for 2008 with nine programs available to students, five of which are completely new. These programs represent a variety of majors and locations, from Photography in Salzburg, Austria to Medical Spanish in Guadalajara, Mexico. SUU's summer programs are about \$2,000 cheaper on average than similar programs offered through other universities, and students from both SUU and other Utah universities have begun applying for these programs. All summer program information is available at <http://www.suu.edu/scps/studyabroad/summer.html>

Semester Exchange Study Abroad Programs

To date, SUU has partnered with 14 international universities to offer affordable, high-quality semester study abroad opportunities for our students, and professional development opportunities for our faculty. SUU is currently investigating and pursuing partnerships in Hong Kong (Business), Australia (Performing and Visual Arts), Great Britain (various majors), and Finland (Education, Biology). Semester program information is available at <http://www.suu.edu/scps/studyabroad/semester.html>.

One of the most exciting additions to SUU's international offerings this year is a double degree program with SUU partner ESCM in Tours/ Poitiers, France. Through this program, SUU business students who study at ESCM for one academic year and take the outlined curriculum will receive two bachelor's degrees when they graduate from SUU - their SUU degree and a Bachelor of Arts in International Management from ESCM. SUU is the first university in Utah to have such a program, and is now working on a second double degree agreement with another institution to accommodate student demand.



Elise Leahy & Students in France

Community Involvement

President Benson announced on November 6th the creation of a Community Support for International Programs committee, which Cedar City lawyer Matthew Graff has agreed to chair. The goals of this committee will be to raise scholarship money for SUU students to study abroad, and to encourage community members to connect with our international exchange students, giving both the community and the students experience with foreign cultures.

*James Harrison & Students
in Vienna, Austria*

