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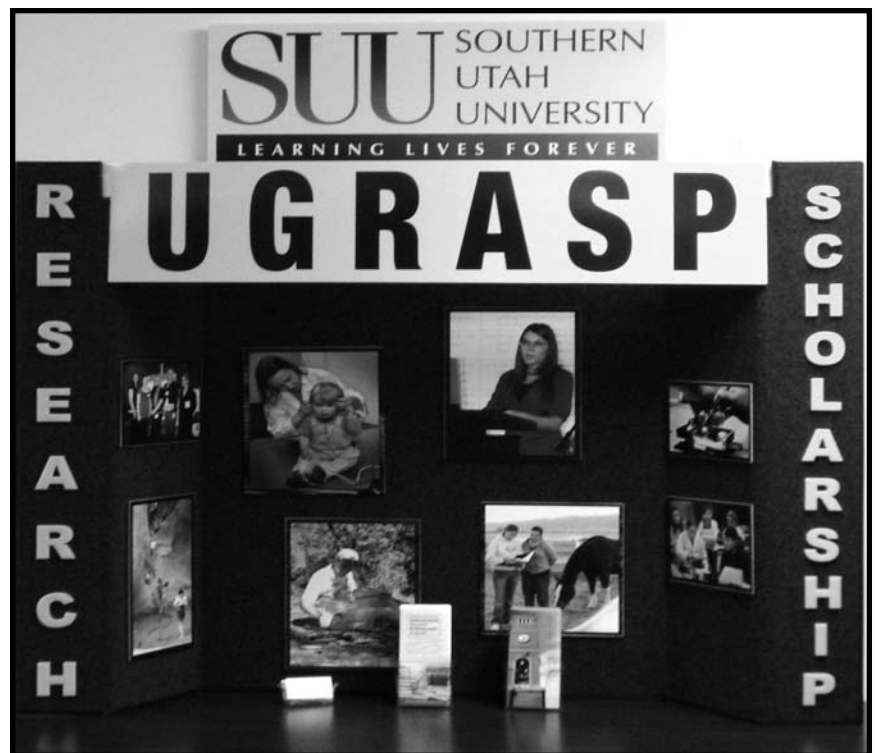
We are excited to announce the new office location of the Undergraduate Research & Scholarship Program, and the Service Learning & Civic Engagement Program. They are now located in the Administration Building, 303 D. This new central location will improve access and expand resources for faculty, staff, and others. It is our hope that utilization of these programs will continue to grow, giving students the edge when applying for graduate schools and job positions. By engaging in the opportunities offered by these programs, students can expect to broaden their book knowledge through conducting original research and serving in the community, putting their skills to the test.

Earl Mulderink, Director of the Service Learning & Civic Engagement Program, has had a busy and successful summer. Through his efforts, the workshop “Toward a More Engaged Campus,” which featured two nationally-known service-learning experts, Nadinne Cruz and Kathleen Rice, was presented to faculty, students, administrators, and community members. We applaud his work and diligence in bringing his program to the forefront of education at SUU.

Lynn White, Director of the Undergraduate Research & Scholarship Program, has also worked with great diligence this summer preparing for the upcoming school year. Her display (shown below) captures just a few of the amazing projects and opportunities that are available within her program.

We encourage faculty members to take advantage of and inform your students of the exceptional opportunities available to them through participation in these programs.

For more highlights on the Undergraduate Research & Scholarship Program, see page 14. Highlights on the Service Learning & Civic Engagement Program can be found on pages 18-19. Additional information is available on their respective websites at: www.suu.edu/ugrasp/ and www.suu.edu/serve&learn/.



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COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS!

Although I did not anticipate serving as your provost during the 2008-2009 year, I am pleased to welcome each of you to Southern Utah University. Over 30 new faculty members from universities throughout the world are joining more than 200 returning, and dedicated faculty. With the best credentialed faculty in SUU's history, I am confident that by working together we will collectively and individually provide a rich learning environment that can make this year one of the best in SUU's history.

SUU has attracted another strong freshman class that will approximate, if not beat, last year's record numbers. ACT scores, high school grade-point-averages, leadership experiences, and diversity of students continue to increase. This entering group of students will interact with a strong group of returning students where retention improvements have been significant. This is a strong indicator of the image that SUU is acquiring among our students, and the efforts of faculty and staff working closely with enrollment management and student services to meet the academic, advising, social, economic, housing, cultural, health, counseling, and religious needs of students.

One year ago I stated that if SUU students are to be competitive in today's world, regardless of their academic program, they must be exposed to at least one of the following: a research experience; a global, study abroad experience; an internship experience; and/or a civic engagement/service learning experience. In addition, a variety of benefits occur where the worth of student leadership opportunities are recognized in one's educational experience. Today, I'm even more convinced than I was one year ago of the need for such experiences. I was pleased that SUU's Board of Trustees strongly supported efforts in the above areas at a retreat earlier this summer. Although we have provided greater opportunities for our students in the above areas, we can do much more. I request that deans and department chairs provide encouragement and support for faculty members in their various disciplines to address the means by which at least one of the above experiences become an integral part of their program. The relevancy of the formal classroom setting is extremely important and must not be under estimated. However, for many of our students, using the knowledge and skills acquired in the classroom has even greater relevancy in the world external to the classroom. Let's not shortchange our students by providing only the classroom experience.

I believe very strongly that an institution of higher education is stronger when there is a genuine appreciation for what others do in a university setting, and a mutual respect for the contributions that others make to the entire educational experience. At times, each of us needs to expand our interests and horizons beyond a narrow focus of expertise. Sometimes we fail to do this. As a result, individually we don't realize our potential in supporting and contributing to the successes of over 100 programs on campus, and collectively the university is not as strong as it can be. I strongly encourage every faculty and staff member who is associated with an academic program to participate in some event outside his or her area of academic interest, or interact professionally or socially with individuals outside their areas of expertise. As SUU gets its message out on the academic strengths that we have, it is also important that a message of loyalty to SUU, and all that SUU represents, is conveyed. Too often as small universities mature, I'm afraid that some of the things that have contributed to its greatness are forgotten and lost.

I'm confident that SUU will continue to build on an educational philosophy that *students are why we are here*, and that everything that is done to enrich the quality of the educational experience will be for our students. We need to realize that our successes are a result of our students. We must do all that we can to bring into the classroom the best and most current concepts applicable to our specific disciplines. We need to utilize relevant traditional methods of teaching, as well as current technology, to enhance the learning environment for our students. Faculty scholarly and creative endeavors are particularly important at SUU when they are relevant to teaching.

University and service assignments need to be balanced among all faculty members. Each faculty member is encouraged to be involved in university service, but no one should become overburdened as varying considerations arise regarding teaching, research and creative work, tenure, and rank advancement. Hopefully, as we recognize a university is a setting for knowledge, differing opinions and beliefs, and strong statements and debates about a variety of issues, we can be respectful and collegial as we "agree to disagree".

Thank you for allowing me to be your provost for two years. I am deeply appreciative for the support that so many have given to me. There are challenges that we face. Some are known. Some will become known. I am convinced that by working as a team, each making his or her unique contributions, the challenges will be addressed successfully.

I hope that your fall semester is rewarding and enjoyable in every respect.

Warmest regards,

Rodney D. Decker
Provost

Calendar of events

August

- 16 Faculty Contracts Begin
- 18-22 Opening Week Meetings
- 22 New Student Welcome
- 25 Fall Semester Begins



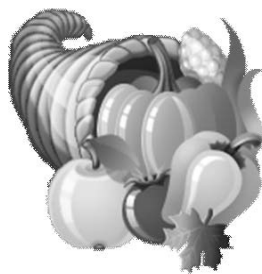
September

- 1 Labor Day
- 2 Annual Activity Report, Three-yr Review, Rank & Tenure Applications & Post-Tenure Review due to Department Chair
- 3 Last day to drop regular session w/o a "W" on record; Drop policy enforced
- 8 Last day to register/add classes
- 15 Annual Activity Report, Three-yr Review, Rank & Tenure Applications & Post-Tenure Review due to department LRT committee



October

- 13 Three-yr Review, Rank & Tenure Applications, & Post-Tenure Review due to College/School LRT Committee; Annual Activity to Dean
- 15 Applications for Sabbatical Leave due to Department Chair
- 15 First Session Ends
- 16 Second Session Begins
- 20 Harvest Holiday
- 24 Last day to withdraw from individual classes with a "W" on record; Drop policy enforced
- 31 Applications for Sabbatical Leave due to Dean



November

- 3 Three-yr Review, Rank & Tenure Applications, and Post-Tenure Review due to Dean
- 14 Applications for Leave due to ULRT Committee
- 19 Three-yr Review due to Provost
- 26-28 Thanksgiving Recess



December

- 1 Rank & Tenure Applications due to ULRT Committee
- 1 Applications for Sabbatical Leave due to Provost
- 5 Fall Class Instruction ends
- 8 Study Day
- 9-12 Final Exams
- 15 Annual Activity Report, Three-yr Review with Department Chair
- 15 New Freshman Orientation
- 25 Christmas
- 31 Post-Tenure Review due to Provost

Provost Faculty Development Grant Awards

In the Spring of 2008, the Provost Faculty Development Grant awarded \$120,076 to applicants. These grants will be used for research & travel from April 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008. The awards for this round are shown below:

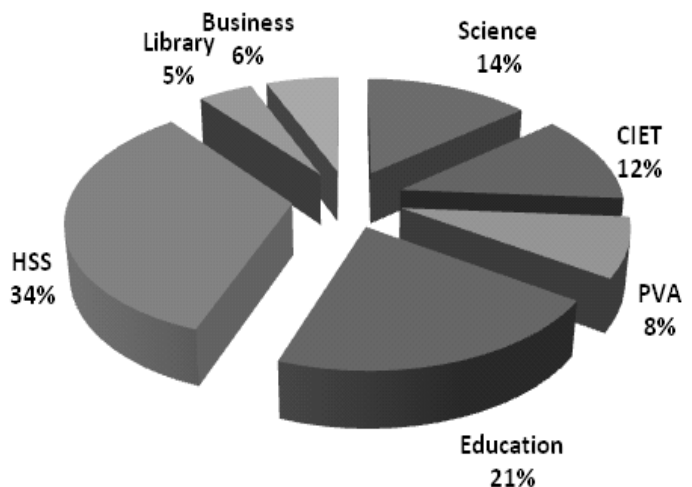
Business	\$ 7,375.00
CIET	\$ 14,654.00
Education	\$ 25,398.00
HSS	\$ 40,525.00
PVA	\$ 9,842.00
Science	\$ 16,740.00

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 Thursday, September 11, 2008 at 3:00pm. Travel dates for this round must fall between October 1, 2008 and March 31, 2009.

For more information on the Provost Faculty Development Grant, visit the Provost website at: www.suu.edu/academics/provost/PFDVL/rfpguide.html.

Spring 2008 Faculty Development Grant Awards



Economics & Finance

Dr. Denise Woodbury was selected as a Fellow of the Allied Academies during the Allied Academies National Meetings, 2008. Professor Woodbury has been elected as Faculty Senate President for the 2008-09 school year.

Dr. Kim Craft has been promoted to Full Professor. Professor Craft recently completed a consulting project estimating shareholder nationality for an investment bank.

Dr. Joe Baker has been selected to give the 2008 Tanner Distinguished Faculty Lecture. Professor Baker's lecture "Class, Ability, Mobility: Is it Better to be Born Rich or Smart?" will be given September 16, 2008 and is open to the public. Dr. Baker will take a research sabbatical during spring semester 2009 to examine the effects of foreign national scientists and engineers on U.S. labor markets.

Dr. David Tufte has completed a consulting project examining the benefits and costs of the proposed Lake Powell pipeline.

Drs. Kim Craft, David Tufte, and Joe Baker are collaborating on research examining job satisfaction determinants of Ph.D. economists. To complete this research SUU has entered into a special data license agreement with the National Science Foundation.

Accounting

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), "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 (2007), and "Developing Resolve to Have Moral Courage: A Field Comparison of Teaching Methods," in the Journal of Business Ethics Education (2007).

Lecturer Mary Pearson received the award, Outstanding Teacher in Who's Who Among America's Teachers. She was nominated by students to be acknowledged in a national teacher's publication.

Dr. Joe Merrill, Dr. Wayne Roberts and Dr. Terry Chambers published "Barriers to Entrepreneurship" in the Allied Academics Proceedings (2007).

Professor Robin Boneck and Professor Jeff Barnes, Advisors to the Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, oversaw student volunteers in preparing over 500 state and federal returns this year.

Dr. Carl Templin and Dr. David Christensen published "Teaching and Assessing Ethics as a Learning Objective: One School's Journey" in the 18th Annual North American Research and Teaching Symposium on Purchasing and Supply Chain Management (April 6, 2008).

Management & Marketing

Dr. Lisa Marie Assante published "Conceptualization of Quality Indicators for Four-year US Based Undergraduate Hospitality Management Programs" in the Journal of Teaching in Travel & Tourism (2008). She presented "Establishing a Hospitality Research Center: Examining Best Practices and Stakeholder Perceptions" at the 2008 Utah Tourism Conference in Salt Lake City, UT (Summer 2008) and received the 2008 Utah Campus Compact Engaged Scholar Award for Southern Utah University.

Dr. Azmi Ahmad co-authored the publication, "Quality Improvement, Faculty Job Satisfaction, and AACSB Accreditation," in the Review of Business Research Journal Volume VII, Number 4, (October 2007).

Dr. Alan Hamlin and Professor Greg Powell published, "Academic Dishonesty at Southern Utah University: Policies, Procedures and Experiences in the School of Business," in the Journal of the Academy of Business Administration (Spring/Summer 2008).

Dr. Alan Hamlin presented "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 (October 13, 2007).

Professor Greg Powell received the 2008 Outstanding Educator Award at Southern Utah University.

Dr. Gerry Calvasina co-presented "Beware the Full Cost Allocation Mistake in Management Decision Making," at the Proceedings of the Allied Academies International Meeting in Tunica, MS (April 3-5, 2008), and "Personal Liability and Human Resource Decision Making," at the Proceedings of the 15th Annual Conference of the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences in Las Vegas, NV (February 21-24, 2008).

Education & Human Development

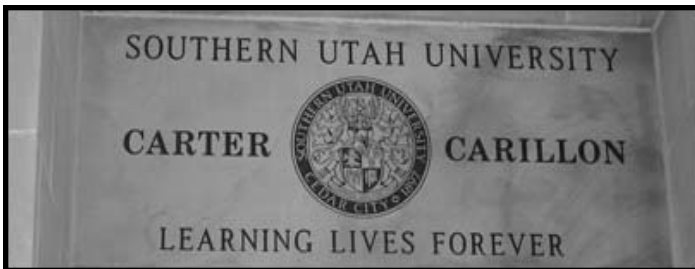
Highlights

Graduate Studies in Education

Dr. Anthony Pellegrini presented his paper, “Standards-based, Project-based Program Activities for Educational Leadership Candidates” at the 18th annual International Conference of Teaching and Learning in Jacksonville, FL (April 15-18th, 2008).

Dr. Katy Herbold presented a reviewed, published paper, “Implications of Hybrid Instructional Delivery for Graduate Studies, Educator Professional Development, and K-12 Secondary and Elementary Public Education,” at the International Conference of the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education in Las Vegas, NV (March 2008). Dr. Herbold also presented “What Do Graduate Students Tell Us About Hybrid Instructional Delivery?” and “Standards-based, Program-wide, Project-based Activities for Graduate Educators” at the 19th Annual International Conference on College Teaching and Learning in Jacksonville, FL (April 14-18, 2008).

Dr. Bart Reynolds presented “Strategies and Illustrations to Enhance On-line Instruction” and “Standards-based, Program-wide, Project-based Activities for Graduate Educators” at the 19th Annual International Conference on College Teaching and Learning in Jacksonville, FL (April 14-18, 2008).



Teacher Education & Family Development

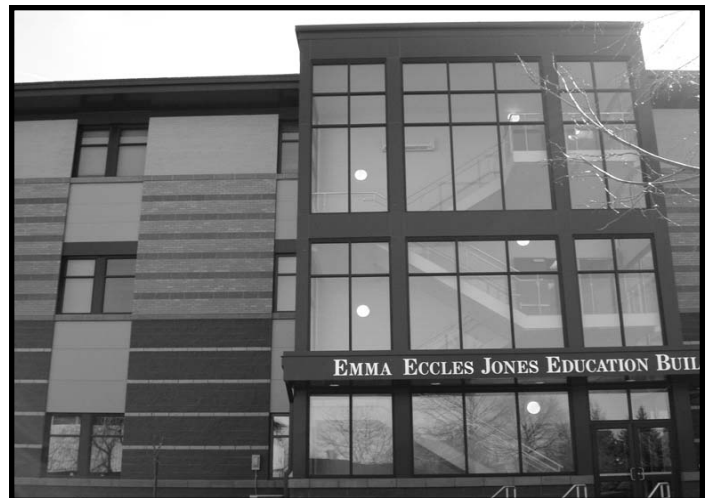
Dr. Genell Harris published “Online Science/Math Collaborative Problem-based Learning for Rural Schools” in the Proceedings from Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education 2008 International Conference (2008), Las Vegas, NV, and “Collaborative Work in Middle School: No Hitchhiking in my Class,” in the April 2008, Middle Ground, a national publication for middle school educators. She also developed the MOCK on the BLOCK workshop for Elementary and Secondary Seniors in Education. The afternoon is spent developing their interview skills with the assistance of several retired administrators who volunteer their time doing individual and group interviews.. The sessions include interviewing skills, questions, and feedback on what they can expect in actual school interviews.

Physical Education & Human Performance

Dr. Julie E. Taylor was the lead investigator and co-author on “Energy Expenditure During Physically Interactive Video Game Playing in Male College Students With Different Playing Experience” in the Journal of College Health. She also presented the paper at the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Conference in Salt Lake City, UT.

Dr. Karyn Spencer published “Brain Lobectomy and Headaches” in the Health for Life MD Column, Newsweek (December 31, 2007). Dr. Spencer also presented “Coping with Vast Changes in Lifestyle During Your First Year of College” at SUU Major's FASSST week in Cedar City, UT. Dr. Spencer has produced two DVD documentaries; “America’s Last Gold Medal Winner in the Decathlon” (2007) and “Case Study of the Life and Death of a Morbidly Obese Individual: IZ Kamakawiwo’ole, Legendary Hawaiian Musician and Entertainer” (2007). She has also produced a CD, “Interviews with the Greatest Athletes in the World: Secrets of Success of the American Gold Medal Decathletes.”

Along with former SUU faculty member from the College of Education, **Dr. Judy Higbee**, **Dr. Julie E. Taylor** also presented at the Southwest District Conference for the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance in Kona, HI (June). The presentation is titled “Fitness and Health Risks among Senior Games Athletes.” Students from PE 4040 and PE 4030 assisted with fitness testing at the Huntsman Senior Games and a Health Fair at SunRiver Community Center in St. George. The results of that fitness testing comparing senior games athletes to age-matched senior citizens was the focus of the presentation.



Computing, Integrated Engineering, & Technology

Highlights

The College of CIET represented SUU on the Utah Cyberinfrastructure Committee, which organized the first Utah Advanced Computing Summer Institute (UACSI). The institute was hosted by SUU (August 12-15, 2008).

During those four days in August the aim was to provide faculty, students and industry representatives from different backgrounds and levels of expertise in High Performance Computing (HPC) with an exciting mixture of tutorials and presentations, and an opportunity to network with peers and experts in the field of HPC.

The institute's keynote and invited speakers were Joseph Thompson from ATK, Michael Resch from the HPC Center Stuttgart, Suzy Tichenor from the HPC Initiative, Council of Competitiveness, Stanley Ahalt from the Ohio Supercomputer Center, Pete Bradley from Pratt & Whitney, Tom Lange from Proctor & Gamble and Clifford Hutton from Whirlpool.



Math

Dr. Andreas Weingartner published “The Distribution Functions of $\frac{\varphi(n)}{n}$ and $\frac{n}{\varphi(n)}$ ” in the Proceedings of the American Mathematical Society (2007).

Dr. Sarah Brown and **Dr. Jianlong Han** presented their joint research titled “Numerical Analysis for the Nonlocal Allen-Cahn Equation,” at the 2007 SIAM Conference on Analysis of Partial Differential Equations in Mesa, AZ.

Dr. Jianlong Han presented “Numerical Analysis for a Nonlocal Phase Field System” at the 2008 CURM conference & MAA Intermountain Section Meeting in Provo, UT (2008).

Dr. Jim Brandt presented “Using Visual Cues in Teaching Exponent Rules” at the Joint Meeting of the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of America in San Diego, CA (2008).

Dr. Seth Armstrong presented “A Phase Space Approach for Numerical Analysis of a Class of Singular Differential Equations” at the Mathematical Association of America, Intermountain Section Meeting in Provo, UT (2008).

Dr. Seth Armstrong, Dr. Jianlong Han and **Dr. Derek Hein** held several review sessions on integration for six students to participate in an Integration Bee at the Mathematical Association of America, Intermountain Section Meeting in Provo, UT (2008). These faculty members took the students to the conference. Two of the six students won \$25 each for finishing in the top 12 of 100 students in the region that participated in the Bee.

Dr. Eric Freden presented “Growth in Baumslag-Solitar Groups” at the conference Discrete Groups and Geometric Structures held in Kortrijk Belgium (May 2008).

Integrated Engineering & Technology

Professional in Residence Richard Cozzens presented “Feasibility of Web-based CAD Training” at ETHICOMP, International Conference, University of Pavia, Mantua, Italy (September 2008).

Professional in Residence Matthew Edwards presented “Technology Education-Empty Classrooms Dying Programs” at ETHICOMP, International Conference, University of Pavia, Mantua, Italy (September 2008).

Computer Science & Information Systems

Dr. Florin Balasa co-published “Computation of the Minimum Data Storage and Applications in Memory Management for Multimedia Signal Processing,” in Integrated Computer-Aided Engineering, (2008). He also co-published the following conference papers “Reducing the Dynamic Energy Consumption in the Multi-layer Memory of Embedded Multimedia Processing Systems,” Proc. of the 14th Workshop on Synthesis and System Integration of Mixed Information Technologies (Oct. 2007), “Mapping Model with Inter-array Memory Sharing for Multidimensional Signal Processing,” Proc. IEEE/ACM Int. Conf. on Comp.-Aided Design (Nov. 2007), and “Efficient Assignment Algorithm for Mapping Multidimensional Signals into the Physical Memory,” IEEE Int. Conf. Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing in Las Vegas, NV (April 2008).

Professor Robert A. Robertson received the Doctor of Philosophy in Information Systems from Nova Southeastern University on June 1, 2008.

Dr. Shalini Kesar published “New Phishes in the Pond: A Wakeup Call for China in the Content of Management of Computer Crime” in the Journal of Technology Transfer and Commercialization, Inderscience Publication (2008). She also presented “Electronic Government and Citizens Perspective Changes” at the 14th Americas Conference on Information Systems (AMCIS), Toronto, Canada (August 2008), “History Repeats Itself: Understanding the Case of Computer Fraud with-in Barings and Société Générale from Criminological Perspective” at the ETHICOMP International Conference, University of Pavia, Mantua, Italy (September 2008), and “Engendering Action to Fill the Gap of Ethnic Minority Employability: A Study on Working for Families Project for

Women in Scotland” at the ETHICOMP International Conference, University of Pavia, Mantua, Italy (September 2008).

Dr. Dezhi Wu had a paper titled “Engaging Students with Constructivist Participatory Examinations in Asynchronous Learning Networks” revised and resubmitted to the Journal of Information Systems Education, forthcoming (2008), a paper titled “Asynchronous Participatory Exams: Examination Innovation Utilizing Internet Technologies” revised and resubmitted to IEEE Internet Computing, forthcoming, (2008), and submitted a full research paper titled “By When Did You Need This Done? Discovering Knowledge Workers’ Time Management Practices” to the 14th Americas Conference on Information Systems (March 2008).

SUU Students Bring Home Five Medals from State Skills USA Competition

Southern Utah University’s Technology students brought home two gold and three silver medals from the SkillsUSA state competition in Salt Lake City. Each year thousands of Utah high school and college students compete against each other in technical and skilled areas in hopes of going on to Nationals.

Dana Meier, electronics engineering technology major, placed 1st in electronics technology; Robert Kerkseik, automotive major, placed 1st in power equipment technology; Travis Houchin, electronics engineering technology major, placed 2nd in electronics technology; Shane Johnson, CAD/CAM major, placed 2nd in technical drafting; and teammates Colin Clark and Wayne Humphries placed 2nd in mechatronics.

SUU’s two state gold medalists will go on to compete at nationals, held June 23-29 in Kansas City, MO. Meier and Kerkseik will compete for top honors in their related field and will be judged on their skills and ability to perform under pressure.

“Each year I encourage all of my ECET students to sign up and participate in the state’s SkillsUSA competition,” said Dave Ward, Associate Professor of Electronics and Technology and Director of Career and Technology Education. “These competitions are rigorous, hands-on contests and shows that SUU students are very well prepared.”

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers, high school students, and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical, and skilled service occupations, including health occupations. SkillsUSA was formerly known as VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America).

Communication

Dr. Paul Husselbee collaborated with undergraduate student Brooke Birk to present “Diffusion of News and the Death of LDS Church President Gordon B. Hinckley” at the 3rd annual Utah Communication Association Convention in Cedar City, UT (March 2008).

Dr. Matt Barton published a review of the book, *A New Engagement? Political Participation, Civic Life, and the Changing American Citizen*, in the Review of Communication (2008), as well as a co-authored article “We Decided to Call it Quits: An Exercise in Applying Duck’s Dissolution Model to Students’ Breakup Stories” in the Communication Teacher (2008). Dr. Barton also presented a co-authored paper, “Understanding the Voice of the Fan: Apologia, Antapologia, and the 2006 World Cup Controversy,” at the Central States Communication Association Conference in Madison WI (2008). This paper has been accepted for publication for a new book, *Sports Mania: Essays on Fandom and the Media in the 21st Century*, McFarland & Company.

Dr. Suzanne Larson presented “Perelman’s Epideictic Strategy and Moveon.org’s opposition to U.S. Involvement in the Iraq War” at the International Promise of Reason Conference, Eugene, OR (2008).

Dr. Jon Smith received three awards for video production during the past year. His documentary, *Canyoneering the Colorado Plateau* won “Best-Long Form Documentary” in the 2007 Broadcast Education Association Festival of the Media Arts, a “Communicator Award,” and Platinum Award from the “Aurora Awards.”

The University Journal and SUTV received three Mark of Excellence awards at the Society of Professional Journalists regional conference in Fort Collins, CO (April). The University Journal, managed by **John Gholdston**, received second place for Best All-Around Non-Daily Newspaper. SUTV, advised by **Dr. Jon Smith**, received second place for Best Television Newscast. **Lee Byers** manages the television station. The regional competition included Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming.

Psychology

Dr. Lynn White published the chapter titled “Creating and Sustaining a Culture of Undergraduate Research: Southern Utah University Psychology Department’s Report on Success,” **Dr Britton Mace** published the chapter titled “Environmental Psychological Research with Undergraduates in National Parks”

both appear in the e-book titled “Developing, Promoting, & Sustaining the Undergraduate Research Experiences in Psychology.” **Dr. Steve Barney** was an editor for the book.

Dr. Jeff Elison co-presented “More Perils of Partialing,” and “Procrastination, Perfectionism and How They Correlate with Shame Coping Styles” at the 78th Rocky Mountain Psychological Association (April 2008).

Dr. Grant Corser and **Dr. Jeff Elison**, with two SUU students presented “Revision of the Shame and Guilt Scale” at the 78th Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association (April 2008).

English

Dr. James M. Aton presented a keynote address, “Settlement in Desolation Canyon, 1880-1940,” at Utah State University’s Spring Runoff Conference, Water Science and Water Management in a Water-Short West (2008). His speech was excerpted from his forthcoming book, *The River Knows Everything: Desolation Canyon and the Green* (USU Press, Spring ‘09).

Dr. Bryce Christensen published “The Future of Poetry is Immense? Why the Arnoldian Vision of Poetry has Found No Fulfillment in 21st-Century America” in the Journal of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters (2007), and “Family and Civilization: Carle Zimmerman Confronts the West’s Third Family Crisis” in *Family and Civilization*, by Carle Zimmerman, edited by James Kurth (Wilmington: ISI Books, 2008). He also presented “Bridge or Canary? The Puzzling Case of Du Fu” at the 38th Annual Joint Conference of the Popular Culture Association and the American Culture Association in San Francisco, CA (2008).

Political Science & Criminal Justice

President Michael Benson, who also holds the rank of professor in the Department of Political Science, was invited to speak at the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library in Independence, MO, in July, to a group of high school history teachers from throughout the United States. His topic was U.S. Foreign Policy during the Truman administration and specifically America’s recognition of the State of Israel in 1948. Dr. Benson has already taught two courses on campus since coming to SUU: one on the U.S. Presidency and another on American Foreign Policy and is slated to teach the capstone course for the MPA program in Fall 2008.

Dr. John Howell has been appointed as the new director of the MPA Program. He also presented “Hurricane Katrina: What Went Right” at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting in New Orleans (January 2008). He and **Dr. Suzanne Larson** also published “Freedom of Speech: Do We Have to Dance With Tyranny?” in the [National Communication Association](#).

History and Sociology

Dr. Mark E. Miller secured a book contract to publish *The Five Tribes of Oklahoma and Unrecognized Tribes: The Anatomy of a Conflict* with the University of Oklahoma Press. Also, he presented “Remembering Michael Meyer” at the 55th Annual Conference of the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies in Flagstaff, AZ (2008), and “Teaching Mormon History in Utah” at the 43rd Annual Conference of the Mormon History Association in Sacramento, CA (2008). He was also a finalist for the Professor of the Year Award at SUU.

Dr. Emily Dean presented “Deconstructing the ‘Collcas’: Re-evaluating the Evidence for Inca State Storage at Cacha,” and chaired a session, “New Horizons in Inca Archaeology,” at the 72nd annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology (2007). She also served as program director for the 48th annual Institute of Andean Studies meetings in Berkeley, CA (2008), and presented “Tinkuy: Critical Encounters Between Ethnography, Ethnohistory, Oral Tradition and Archaeology in the Andes” at the 6th World Archaeological Congress in Dublin, Ireland (2008).

Dr. Shobha Hamal Gurung presented “Invisible Migrants in the Informal Global Economy: The Case of Nepali Women in the US” at the 79th Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association in Portland, OR (April 2008). She also supervised the Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) students at the PSA conference and was the faculty representative, and one of the organizers and coordinators of Women’s Week (2008).

Foreign Languages & Humanities

Dr. James Harrison will present a paper, “Thürling von Ringoltingen and the Advent of the Prose Tradition in Early New High German Literature,” at the RMMLA fall convention to be held in Reno, NV, October 9-11. He also led a group of students on a Study Abroad Program to Vienna and Salzburg, Summer 2008.

Professor Kathryn Rimmasch attended the conference, International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2008, at Western Michigan University.

Dr. Matias Abeijon successfully defended his dissertation on “Identidad, mito y prescripción: una nueva ola de realismo en España. El cine de Iciar Bollaín, Fernando León, Acheró Mañas y Benito Zambrano en el cambio de siglo” and was awarded his Ph.D. in Spanish from Ohio State University.

Dr. Terry Blodgett continues to work on a book he is writing on the early history and origins of the world’s languages. He has just about completed Volume One which studies the Indo-European language origins. He has spoken on this subject in Europe, Australia and in New Zealand, as well as in the United States (featured speaker at the Shenandoah Valley World Linguistics Conference in Virginia). He has already begun collecting materials for his second volume which studies the Polynesian, and American Indian Languages. He traveled to Hawaii to attend a linguistics conference during the summer of 2007 and to present a paper on the Polynesian languages.

Dr. Olga Godoy presented a paper, “El proceso de la creación y difusión de las historias en el episodio de Marcela y Grisóstomo,” at the Summer meeting of AISO (Asociación Internacional Siglo de Oro) (International Association of Golden Age) in July 2008 Santiago de Compostela, Spain. She also presented a paper, “La técnica de aproximación y descubrimiento en Don Quijote de la Mancha,” in another international conference, (Asociación de licenciados y doctores españoles en los Estados Unidos) (Association of Spanish Bachelors and Doctors in the US) in July 2008 in Córdoba, Spain. She also led a group of students on a Study Abroad Program to Granada, Spain, Summer 2008.

Dr. Kirk Fitzpatrick continues to develop the Philosophy Minor at SUU, which currently has 15 students. He currently functions as the advisor to the Philosophy Club at SUU, and the Primary Faculty Advisor for the Golden Key International Honour Society at SUU. He was selected by the Faculty Senate as one of the Distinguished Professors at SUU for the 2007-2008 school year. He presented a paper, “Forbidden Meter in Plato’s Republic,” at the Tanner Center Conference on Democracy (January, 2008) at SUU. He presented an updated version of that paper as an invited speaker to the Philosophy faculty at BYU. Also at BYU, he offered a presentation on the history of moral weakness to the Philosophy Club. He is completing the final edits of his book, *A Philosophical Reader on Moral Weakness*, to be published Spring 2008 by Linus Publications.

Dr. Elise Leahy led a group of students on a Study Abroad Program to Paris and Nice, Summer 2008.

Performing & Visual Arts

Highlights

Art & Design

Professor Eric Brown showcased his large India ink drawing, *Man with Guitar*, at the 84th Annual Salon at the Springville Museum of Art, April 27 through July 6. He led a group of students to London, Paris, Lucerne, Florence, Pisa, Siena, and Rome during Maymester, and participated in an Oxford Roundtable in July.

Professor Brian Hoover was a featured artist this spring on the Beinart International Surreal Art Collective website. He also had a painting accepted into "Expressions West," a juried exhibition of western artists held at the Coos Art Museum, Coos Bay OR (April 25 - July 5).

Dr. Andrew Marvick did research this summer in Paris that involved study of exhibition catalogues at the art auction house, Salle Drouot, and the Bibliothèque Nationale.

Professor Jeremias Paul traveled to Germany to begin a new body of work based on the places where he grew up. He will also prepare for a solo show, which will be on display December 2008 and January 2009 at the Truckee Meadows Community College's Photo/Print Gallery in Reno, NV.

Music

Dr. Keith Bradshaw directed the Heritage Choir of St. George, Utah at the Assembly Hall in Salt Lake City for the Mormon Battalion Flag Day Celebration.

Professor Lawrence Johnson performed the lead role of Gabriel von Eisenstein in Johann Strauss' opera, *Die Fledermaus*, in late July. The unique summer festival, "Music by the Lake," is in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin where many audience members attend the performances by boat!

Drs. Kirill and Anna Gliadkovsky toured in Southern California at the beginning of May as a duo-piano team. Their performances included the Concert Series at Westwood Hills Christian Church in Los Angeles and for a Keyboard Club Concert Series at Leisure World (Laguna Woods, CA).

Dr. Joel Neves was a participant in the Cadaques International Conducting Competition in Barcelona, Spain the week of May 31-June 8.

Dr. Mark Stickney worked as the production manager for the Newport Music Festival, in Newport, Rhode Island for the month of July. It was his 20th season at the Festival.

Professor Xun Sun taught a Conducting Master-Class in Hunan, China this summer. While in China, he acted as a guest conductor for Hubei Opera and Ballet Theatre Orchestra.

Theatre Arts & Dance

Professor Richard Bugg continued as Artistic Director of the Neil Simon Festival, July 14-August 9 in the Heritage Center in Cedar City.

Dr. Christine Frezza chaired a panel entitled, "Engaging the Uncomfortable: the 'Others' Among Us" at the Association of Theatre in Higher Education's (ATHE) national Conference in Denver, CO (August 2008).

Professor Michael Harvey designed scenery for all three shows at the Neil Simon festival this summer. He also designed scenery and projections for a new musical, *The White Star*, a sequel to the musical, *Saturday's Warrior*. The show toured Utah, California and Idaho this summer.

Professor T. Anthony Marrotta went to Europe for the summer for several projects: an international Physical Theatre Symposium in Padua, Italy, a Mime Workshop in London, England, and a leather mask-making workshop at the Sartori Museum near Venice, Italy.

Professor Paul C. Ocampo's choreography, *Why Not?*, was re-staged for the Singapore Dance Theatre's 20th Birthday-A Vision of Dance: 20/20 in Singapore (July 25-27, 2008).

Professor Chien-Ying Wang conducted a dance workshop at National Taiwan University of Arts in July 2008 with her husband **Professor Paul Ocampo**.

Arts Administration

Dean Bill Byrnes lectured for a week in late May at the Institute for Languages and Economics (ISW) in Freiburg, Germany. Also, he was a panelist discussing "Professional Theatre Companies on the University Campus" at the Association of Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE) Annual Conference in Denver, CO (August). Lastly, he finished the 4th edition of his book, *Management and the Arts*, which is due out in September of 2008.

Professor Matt Neves participated in a panel discussion of the Association of Arts Administration Educators, an international organization that promotes the study of arts management, in Madison, WI. He also directed the 35th Anniversary production of the LDS-themed musical, *Saturday's Warrior*, which will be combined with its sequel, *The White Star*, for a unique theatrical evening.

Physical Science

Dr. Robert Eves co-authored "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). Also, he presented "Field Investigations in the Natural History of the Colorado Plateau and Basin and Range: A 10 year Partnership," and "Alliance for Education: A Model in Public Lands Partnership," at the Geological Society of America meeting (April 2007). He served as the Student Employment Coordinator on the Local Committee for the Rocky Mountain Geological Society of America meeting in St. George, UT (2007).

Dr. Mark Colberg co-authored "Characterization of Cements in Moki Marbles as a Possible Source of Arsenic Groundwater in Washington County, Utah" in the Journal of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters. Also, he presented "Evidence for Gneiss Dome Emplacement in the Northern Snake Range Metamorphic Core Complex, Eastern Nevada" and "Evidence for Paleoproterozoic High-pressure Metamorphism and Decompression Melting in the Mojave-Yavapai Suture Zone, Beaver Dam Mountains, Utah" at the joint meeting of the Rocky Mountain Section and the Cordilleran Section of the Geological Society of America held in Las Vegas, NV (March 2008).

Dr. Sue Finstick presented "The Importance of Earth Sciences to Outdoor Education" at the Geological Society of America Rocky Mountain/Cordilleran Joint Section Meeting in Las Vegas, NV (March 2008).

Agriculture & Nutrition Science

Last fall, the program hosted the SUU Land, Livestock, Horse and Range Judging Contest and had over 400 hundred high school students entered. They helped with the Iron County 3rd Grade Agriculture Day that brought nearly 800 people to the Diamond Z Arena for the two day event. They also hosted the Utah State FFA Convention that brought nearly 1200 people to campus, and the Area 9 and 10 FFA Contests and provided help at the Southwest Junior Livestock Show. They completed a willow planting project in New Harmony restoring riparian habitat, and provided a float and hosted the Stock Dog Trials at the Cedar Livestock Heritage Festival. The agriculture students helped in showing cattle at the Utah State Fair. We had several outstanding speakers give presentations at our Ag. Leadership and Ag. Seminar classes, most notable was Steve Connelly, Deputy Administrator for Field Operations for the FSA from Washington D.C.

Professor Artis Grady presented "Childless Single Males' Knowledge of Breastfeeding Benefits and Their Ideas for Supporting a Future Breastfeeding Partner" at the American Dietetics Association Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo in Philadelphia, PA, (2007), and "A Common Thread-Examining Cultures Through Bread" (in conjunction with **Dr. Kathy Croxall** and **Professor Rea Gubler** of the College of Education) at the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences in Reno, NV (2007).

Dr. Cynthia B. Wright presented "Trends in Overweight and Obesity in University Students, 1997-2007" at the American Dietetic Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA (2007), and "A 25-year Comparison of the Impact of Consumer Education on Consumer Attitudes and Behaviors of Students at Brigham Young University" at the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Convention in Reno, NV (2007).

Dr. Chad L. Gasser co-authored "Decreasing the Interval Between GnRH and PGF2alpha from 7 to 5 days and Lengthening Proestrus Increases Timed-AI Pregnancy Rates in Beef Cows" in the journal Theriogenology (April 2008).

Nursing

Professor Donna J. A. Lister completed two years of service as President of the Academic Leadership Committee for The Utah Organization of Nurse Leaders in January 2008. This committee consists of deans and directors for all nursing programs in the State of Utah. As part of this responsibility she also served on the Governing Board of the Utah Organization of Nurse Leaders. She also served as moderator for the Utah Organization of Nurse Leaders Summer Conference held in Salt Lake City, UT (June 6, 2008).

The SUCCESS Academy is an Early College High School whose mission is focused on science and technology. The Spring 2008 Statistics for this program are:

100% of the 27 SUCCESS graduates are going to college
85% are attending and will continue at SUU
44% are female
18% are minority
81% earning an Associate Degree from SUU with their HS diploma
44% are New Century Scholars (3.0 + an Assoc. Degree)
22% have a 3.7 cumulative in all 4 years of HS and 2 years of College courses

Learning Commons Completed

The two-year phased in Learning Commons was completed during the summer. This last phase included moving the reference desk to a more central location on the main level and adding more computers and projectors in the small group study rooms. In the first phase more compact shelving was added and a large number of serials were moved to these shelves. This provided more room for group study on the first floor. This area now has chairs that roll and four computers with two large monitors which help foster collaboration. One of the most exciting parts of the Learning Commons is the use of the open computer lab for class work in the library. A large projection screen was installed and a group of computers were clustered in such a way to allow group instruction. Faculty can reserve this and use the projector to teach their class in the library. This has become a very popular way for faculty and librarians to show hands-on searching of library databases to large groups.

Naming of the Howard R. Driggs Room

As a part of the 2008 graduation celebration, the library named a room in Special Collections in honor of Howard R. Driggs (1873-1963), one of the first faculty members at SUU. In 1897, Dr. Driggs was one of the first four faculty and lectured English. During his distinguished career Dr. Driggs was both a Professor of English Education and historian of the American West. He was well known throughout the country as an author and speaker in both fields. He received his Doctoral Degree from New York University where he was a professor and chair of the English Department from 1927 until 1942. He was also active in documenting and preserving the stories of the American West and marking the pioneer trails. Dr. Driggs wrote over 50 books during his busy life and received many honors and awards, as both an educator and historian. After his retirement from New York University, he continued to serve as President of the American Pioneer Trails Association. SUU honored him for his legacy which is reflected in the Howard R. Driggs Collection now being archived by the library. The extensive collection includes his papers, correspondence, diaries, honors, awards, photographs, memorabilia and poetry. The collection also contains information about the American Trails Association.

Grants Awarded

The Library received a grant from the Marriner S. Eccles Foundation for the purchase of material to improve our main collection. For over fifteen years this foundation has supported the library by providing funding to purchase library material in new curriculum areas and areas of critical need.

Grants have been awarded to the Sherratt Library from the Utah State Historic Records Advisory Board (USHRAB) and the National Park Service to support projects in the Special Collections and Archives Department. Two projects were funded to support the preservation and digitization of records and images unique to southwestern Utah which may be accessed on the Special Collection Images page. As a recognized Regional Repository, SUU will continue to receive financial support from USHRAB for three years.

The National Park Service awarded a grant for development of a GPS interpretive tour at Cedar Breaks National Monument, with Janet Seegmiller, Special Collections Librarian as the Principal Investigator. Faculty and students from English, Communication, the GIS/GPS Lab, Outdoor Recreation, Special Collections, and Geology have been involved in this project over a period of two years. Partners in this grant include Southern Utah University, the Iron Mission State Park, Cedar Breaks National Monument, and community specialists from, in association with Bar Z Adventures of Austin, TX.

Scholarship

Professor Vik Brown presented "A Collaborative First Year Experience: Student Success Personnel, Librarians and General Education Faculty" at the Annual Conference on The First-Year Experience, San Francisco, CA (February 2008).

Dr. John Eye presented "Access to Information vs. Copyright Law: My Right to Know" at the annual Utah Educational Library Media Association Conference in Ogden, UT (March 2008). He also presented, "The Use of Electronic Communication Technologies within Amateur Radio to Inspire and Motivate," at the 6th International Conference on Education and Information Systems, Technologies, and Applications in Orlando, FL (June 2008).

Paula Mitchell, University Archivist, **Professor Janet Seegmiller**, and **Professor Randy Christensen** made local arrangements for the Conference of Inter-Mountain Archivists (CIMA) annual meeting held at Southern Utah University, May 9-11, 2008. During the sessions, members from Idaho, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Wyoming and Canada exchanged information about electronic records, photographs, audio-visual materials, rare books, manuscripts, records management, artifacts, and government documents.

Library

Highlights

Professor Janet Seegmiller presented a paper titled, “Zion National Park History: A View from the SUU Archive,” for the Conference of Inter-Mountain Archivists annual meeting, in Cedar City, on May 9-10, 2008. Zion is almost 100 years old and the SUU archive contains many interesting documents and artifacts that interpret the history of the area before and since it has become a park. She also presented a paper titled, “Melissa Burton Coray Kimball: Washing Her Way West,” for the Mormon History Association Annual Conference in Sacramento, CA (May 24, 2008). Melissa was one of four women who traveled the entire Mormon Battalion route with Company B, from Iowa to California, and eventually to Utah. Professor Seegmiller continues to serve as a member of the Board of Editors of the Journal of Mormon History and peer-reviews 2-4 papers each month for this scholarly journal.

Professor Scott Lanning presented “Managing the Research Process with Zotero” at the Mountain Plains Library Association/Utah Library Association Joint Conference, Salt Lake City, UT (May 2, 2008).

Professor Philip Roché presented “Copyright versus Access” at the Mountain Plains Library Association/Utah Library Association Joint Conference, Salt Lake City, UT (May 2, 2008).

Grace A. Tanner Center

This year’s Grace A. Tanner Lecture in Human Values was given by Stephen Lewis, Canada’s Ambassador to the United Nations from 1984-1988, UN Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa from June 2001 to the end of 2006 and current director of AIDS-Free World. We were fortunate to have a speaker who is so in demand spend the day with us. He reminded us in a very graphic way of the terrible plight of many in Africa and issued a call for involvement that would relieve the suffering.

The Tanner Symposium this year took place on Friday 18 in the Yankee Meadows room of the Hunter Conference Center. The theme this year was media and democracy. Several interesting papers, including three from SUU, were read. Next year’s symposium will focus on democracy and education. More details will be found on the Tanner Center website www.suu.edu/tanner/

The Tanner Center is nearing the end of its two year remodeling. In the fall of 2008 the Center will hold an open house. Keep your eye on the Tanner Center website for dates and times.

Hispanic Center for Academic Excellence

The Hispanic Center for Academic Excellence enjoyed a busy and productive spring semester, with several first time ever events occurring. On February 1, 2008, we held our inaugural Advisory Board Meeting, and were delighted with the informative and productive conversation which took place there. On April 12, we partnered with SUU’s Welcome Center to host a Hispanic College Breakfast, which drew about 65 to hear a bilingual presentation about coming to college at SUU and have a bilingual tour of campus. Also in April, we were proud to host, in conjunction with the Sherratt Library, an exhibit of paintings by Mexican children, called “Éste es mi México.” The paintings, part of a drawing contest which challenges participants to render artistically what being Mexican means to them, has been conducted annually by the Mexican Office of Foreign Affairs since 1997. These bright and beautiful evocations of Mexican culture delighted the public.

Encuentros, the Hispanic Center’s Spanish-English conversation exchange, held Wednesday nights, drew 25 to 30 consistently throughout the semester, with native speakers of both languages attending to converse and help others learn. Encuentros provides a relaxed atmosphere, conducive to productive language practice. It is fun, too! Everyone, from the beginner to the advanced student of either English or Spanish, can progress. Come join us when we begin again in the fall, on September 3rd. Email hispaniccenter@suu.edu to confirm the time and room number.

The Hispanic Center Tutor Project had thirty-one SUU student volunteers serving as tutors this spring, working with English as a Second Language Learners in Iron County Schools on a weekly basis. Now in its third semester, the Tutor Project congratulates Nickelle Carter, Strock Ornes, and Kathy Sherwood, who tutored fall and spring this year, for their faithful service.

Elise C. Leahy, Director



Undergraduate Research & Scholarship Program

The Undergraduate Research and Scholarship Program (UGRASP) witnessed phenomenal growth and success in 2007-08. Once again, SUU put on an impressive show at the Utah Conference for Undergraduate Research (UCUR) at UVSC in February. Ten projects involving 14 students and 9 faculty from the departments of Agriculture and Nutrition, Biology, Chemistry, Nursing, and Psychology were represented at this prestigious event. Plans are already underway for SUU to host the 2010 UCUR state conference and showcase our talents with a home advantage!

On April 23rd, UGRASP held the 9th annual Student-Faculty Scholarship Day (SFSD). With 46 oral and poster sessions, along with two dance performances, it was the largest SFSD in SUU's history! Awards were conferred to student scholars and faculty mentors who excelled in their respective disciplines. Importantly, students representing the colleges of Computing, Integrated Engineering and Technology, Humanities and Social Science, Performing and Visual Arts, and Science suggest that UGRASP is making headway defining research in such broad terms as to include the entire campus community.

UGRASP was fortunate this year to be able to distribute over \$35K to individual students, faculty, and academic departments for projects designed to initiate, promote, or sustain undergraduate research and scholarship. Anecdotal evidence suggests that these grants are affecting a positive impact on the SUU community. An assessment survey will be distributed in May, which will hopefully confirm these suspicions.

The success of SUU's UGRASP is in no small part due to the dedicated efforts of faculty, administration and students who serve on the advisory board and as department Undergraduate Research Liaisons (URLs). URLs have now been established in the departments of Art and Design, Math, Nursing, Physical Science, and Psychology. These individuals not only serve to promote and sustain undergraduate research and scholarship efforts within their own department, but they also bridge the gap between the department and the centralized program. If your department does not yet have a URL and you would like to find out more about the benefits of a URL and the responsibilities involved, please contact Lynn White (ugrasp@suu.edu) for more information.

Where do we go from here? The feasibility of several programs is under investigation. Chief among these are a student mentoring program and a summer fellowship program. Plans are also underway to establish the SUU Undergraduate Research and Scholarship Society (URASS... and yes, we see the humor here) with members from all levels of the campus community: student, staff, faculty, and administration. These and other programs are not feasible without financial support. External sources of funding will be actively identified and sought this summer.

Undergraduate research and scholarship is currently being heralded as a "tour de force" in undergraduate education. Institutions are being measured against their attention to and involvement with these activities. SUU's ambition is to become nationally recognized in this respect, but this can only be realized with your support. Please contact Lynn White, UGRASP director, for ways in which you can contribute to and become a part of its success.

Awards, Advancements & Retirements

Tenure Awards

Dr. Matthew H. Barton, Associate Professor of Communication in the Department of Communication, was awarded tenure. He has been at SUU since 2001.

Professor Carl Franklin, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice in the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice, was awarded tenure. He has been at SUU since 2003.

Dr. Julie Simon, Associate Professor of English in the Department of English, was awarded tenure. She has been at SUU since 1994.

Dr. John Eye, Associate Professor of Library Media in the Library, was awarded tenure. He has been at SUU since 2001.

Dr. Christine Frezza, Associate Professor of Theatre Arts in the Department of Theatre Arts & Dance, was awarded tenure. She has been at SUU since 2001.

Professor Xun Sun, Associate Professor of Music in the Department of Music, was awarded tenure. He has been at SUU since 2001.

Professor Matthew Schmidt, Associate Professor of Human Nutrition in the Department of Agriculture and Human Nutrition, was awarded tenure. He has been at SUU since 2001.

Dr. Michael Grady, Associate Professor of Computer Science in the Department of Computer Science & Information Systems, was awarded tenure. He has been at SUU since 2001.

Associate Professor to Full Professor

Dr. Kevin Robinson, Associate Professor of Elementary Education in the Department of Education & Human Development. He has been at SUU since 1990.

Dr. Thomas Cunningham, Associate Professor of Secondary Education in the Department of Education and Human Development. He has been at SUU since 1994.

Dr. Virginia Stitt, Associate Professor of Music in the Department of Music. She has been at SUU since 1977.

Dr. Kim Craft, Associate Professor of Managerial Economics in the Department of Economics & Finance. He has been at SUU since 1996.

Assistant Professor to Associate Professor

Professor Carl Franklin, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice in the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice. He has been at SUU since 2003.

Dr. Christine Frezza, Associate Professor of Theatre Arts in the Department of Theatre Arts & Dance. She has been at SUU since 2001.

Professor Xun Sun, Associate Professor of Music in the Department of Music. He has been at SUU since 2001.

Professor Matthew Schmidt, Associate Professor of Human Nutrition in the Department of Agriculture and Human Nutrition. He has been at SUU since 2001.

Dr. Emmett Steed, Assistant Professor of Hotel, Resort, and Hospitality Management in the Department of Management and Marketing. He has been at SUU since 2003.

Dr. Michael Grady, Associate Professor of Computer Science in the Department of Computer Science & Information Systems. He has been at SUU since 2001.

Retirements

Dr. Diana Graff, Dean of the Library, has retired. She has been at SUU since 1973.

Professor Ward Gubler, Assistant Professor NTT of Education, has retired. He has been at SUU since 1992.

Dr. Kay Cook, Professor of English and Department Chair of English, has retired. She has been at SUU since 1989.

Dr. Verlina Angell, Associate Professor of Reading Education, has retired. She has been at SUU since 1998.

Faculty Senate - 2008-2009 Executive Committee

President ~ Denise Woodbury

President Elect ~ Steve Barney

Secretary ~ Bart Reynolds

Parliamentarian ~ Virginia Stitt

Financial Officer ~ Mark Colberg

SUU WELCOMES

Business

Dr. David Berri was appointed as a tenured Associate Professor of Economics. He holds a B.A. degree from Nebraska Wesleyan, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Colorado State University.

Dr. Sophitmanee Sukalakamala was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Hotel, Resort, & Hospitality Management. She holds a B.S. degree from Kasetsart University and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Texas Tech University.

CIET

Dr. Gretchen Rimmasch was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Mathematics. She holds B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from Brigham Young University.

Education

Dr. James McCoy was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Graduate Studies in Education. He holds B.A., M.A., M.Ed., and Ed.D. degrees from Brigham Young University and a MBA degree from Westminster College.

Dr. Wendy Murray was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Graduate Studies in Education. She holds a B.S. degree from the University of Oregon, a M.Ed. degree from Central State University, and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Oregon.

HSS

Professor David Admire was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice. He holds a B.A. degree from the University of Washington, and a JD from the Catholic University of America.

Professor Randall C. Allen was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Political Science and Criminal Justice. He holds BA, MPPA, and JD degrees from Brigham Young University.

Dr. James Gustafson was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Spanish. He holds a B.A. degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, a M.A. degree from Purdue University and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Dr. Randle Hart was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Sociology. He holds B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Victoria, and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Toronto.

Dr. Nozomi Irei was appointed as an Assistant Professor of English. She holds a B.A. degree from Evangel University, a M.A. degree from the University of York, and a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Dr. Jezreel Kang-Graham was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Communication. He holds B.S. and M.A. degrees from Boise State University, and a Ph.D. degree (ABD) from Washington State University.

Dr. Rachel Kirk was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Spanish. She holds a B.A. degree from Cornell College, a M.A. degree from Middlebury College, and a Ph.D. degree from the Universidad Antonio de Nebrija.

Dr. James McDonald was appointed as the Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences and Professor of Anthropology. He holds a B.A. degree from the University of Arizona, a M.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin, and a Ph.D. degree from Arizona State University.

Dr. Rosa Alvarez Perez was appointed as an Assistant Professor of French. She holds B.A., M.Phil., and Ph.D. degrees from the City University of New York.

Dr. Luke Perry was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Political Science. He holds a B.A. degree from York College of Pennsylvania, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Massachusetts.

Dr. David Shwalb was appointed as an Associate Professor of Psychology. He holds a B.A. degree from Oberlin College, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan.

NEW FACULTY

Library

Professor Thomas Ricks was appointed as an Assistant professor of Library Media. He holds a B.S. degree from Idaho State University and a MLIS degree from Brigham Young University.

Dr. Ralph Lamar Turner was appointed as an Assistant professor of Library Media. He holds a B.A. degree from Emory & Henry College, a M.A. degree from Eastern Mennonite University & Seminar, and Ed.D., M.Ed., and M.A. degrees from East Tennessee State University.

PVA

Dr. Alec Mariani was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Music Education. He holds a B.S. degree from Westchester State University, a M.A. degree from the University of Kansas City, and a Ph.D. degree from Brigham Young University.

Professor Kyle Peterson was appointed as a visiting Assistant Professor of Photography. He holds a B.A. degree from Bradley University and a MFA degree from the Savannah College of Art and Design.

Professor Wendy Sanders was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts & Dance. She holds a BFA degree from the University of Utah, a BFA degree from Utah State University, and a MFA degree from Brigham Young University.

Dr. Mark Stickney was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Music. He holds a B.A. degree from Gettysburgh College, a M.A. degree from Montclair State, and a DMA degree from Rutgers University.

Professor Brian Swanson was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Theatre: Technical Direction. He holds a B.A. degree from Iowa State University, and an MFA degree (expected) from Yale University.

Dr. Lynn Vartan was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Music Percussion. She holds a B.A. degree from Cal State Northridge and M.M. and D.M.A. degrees from the University of Southern California.

Professor Yuegi Zhang was appointed as an Associate Professor of Graphic Design. He holds a BFA degree from the Tianjin Academy of Fine Arts, a M.A. degree from Saginaw Valley State University, and a MFA degree from the Savannah College of Art & Design.

Science

Dr. Bonnie Bain was appointed as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology. She holds a B.A. degree from California State University, and a Ph.D. degree from the University of New York.

Professor Charles W. Douglas was appointed as an Assistant Professor of Nursing. He holds a M.S. degree from the University of Phoenix.

Dr. Sue Finstick has been appointed as an Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Forensic Science Program. She holds a B.A. degree from DePauw University, a B.A. and M.S. degrees from the University of Montana, and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Dr. Mark Grover was appointed as a Visiting Professor of Biology. He holds B.A. and M.S. degrees from Brigham Young University, and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Virginia.

Professor Lonna Howard was appointed as an Assistant professor of Nursing. She holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from California State University.

Professor Marilee Murray was appointed as an Instructor of Chemistry. She holds a BS degree from Iowa State University, and a M.A. degree from Harvard University.

Dr. Eric M. Roberts was appointed as an Assistant professor of Geology. He holds a B.A. degree from Cornell College, a M.Sc. degree from the University of Montana, and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Utah.

Service Learning &

Service-Learning and Civic Engagement at SUU

The Faculty Service-Learning Committee met monthly through 2007-2008 to develop new programs and sustain older ones. Committee members, meeting minutes, and other materials are found at our website: <http://suu.edu/serve&learn/>. The Committee is pleased to report that SUU now has criteria, policies, and procedures in place to officially designate a course as having a “service-learning” component. In addition, the Committee provided funding to support a variety of educational and professional development opportunities, including a second round of Service-Learning Fellows. Please direct questions and comments about service-learning and civic engagement to Dr. Earl Mulderink or to other members of the committee.

2008 Service-Learning Fellows Named

For the second year, the Faculty Service-Learning Committee is pleased to announce a new group of Service-Learning Fellows. These awards recognize “engaged educators who practice service-learning in an effective manner,” and each recipient received an honorarium of \$750 and a handsome commemorative plaque. More detailed information and relevant syllabi are located at our website. In alphabetical order, the 2008 Service-Learning Fellows are:

Dr. Steve Barney, Associate Professor of Psychology, recognized for developing a service-learning component in Abnormal Psychology, PSY 4310.

Dr. Shawn Christiansen, Associate Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences, honored for service-learning components in two courses, Family Problems and Mediation (FLHD 4100) and Family Life Education (FLHD 4200).

Dr. Briget Eastep, Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Education, commended for developing a service-learning program within an upper-level class, Natural Resource Interpretation and Experiential Education (ORPT 4020).

Prof. Rea Gubler, Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education, recognized for integrating service-learning in an online course, Principles of Effective Parenting (FLHD 3700).

Dr. Jon M. Smith, Professor of Communication and Department Chair, honored for creating long-term service-learning opportunities in Advanced Television Field Production (COMM 4760) and previous courses.



John Leach (center w/ cap) is the student chairperson for the SUU After School Sports Program



Students installing drainpipe for Habitat for Humanity alternative spring break

Civic Engagement

Service-Learning Course Approval

In line with policies approved by the Deans' Council in December 2007, the Service-Learning Committee approved several classes for official designation as "service-learning" courses. Full details about the criteria and application process are found online at <http://suu.edu/serve&learn/course-designation-app.html>. As of Spring 2008, the following courses are to receive a "service-learning" designation:

- Quantity Food Production (HRHM 3110), Professor Lisa Assante (BUS)
- Abnormal Psychology (PSY 4310), Professor Steve Barney (HSS)
- United States History To/Since 1877 (HIST 2700/HIST 2710), Professor Earl Mulderink (HSS)
- Adaptive Physical Education (PE 3090), Professor Jean Lopour

Service-Learning Enhancement Grants

To promote service-learning across campus, the committee established a mini-grant program for requests of up to \$500 per instructor per fiscal year. Online application materials are available through our web site. The following grants were approved through May 2008:

Dr. Cynthia Wright, "Testing and Treating Household Drinking Water in Guaymas, Mexico," March 14-22, 2008; budget of \$499, mainly for equipment and supplies.

Dr. Lisa Assante, "Feeding and Educating the Cub Scouts of Cedar City" April 2008; budget of \$500 for project linked to service-learning in upper-level food preparation course, HRHM 4700.

Dr. Danielle Dubrasky, "Poetry Education for Elementary Schools," May 2008; budget of \$300 to provide poetry books and outreach materials for four area schools.

Alternative Spring Breaks

Three separate "alternative spring break" trips carried over 100 students to new experiences. Nearly fifty students participated in a student-led trip to Guaymas, Mexico, that was highlighted by an impromptu parade and meeting with the mayor of Empalme. Cedar City residents and businesses made substantial donations for this trip, including Wal-Mart which donated several boxes of new clothes. Another alternative trip took fourteen students to Tacoma, Washington, where they worked on a Habitat For Humanity home construction project. Another trip sponsored by the Rural Health Scholars program saw over forty students travel to Guaymas and Hermosillo, Mexico, for service-learning opportunities in hospitals, health clinics, and orphanages.



Academic Administrative Appointments

Dr. Rodney D. Decker has been *reappointed* Interim Provost for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Dr. James McDonald has been appointed Dean of the College of Humanities & Social Sciences.

Dr. John Eye has been appointed Interim Dean of the Library.

Dr. Robert Eves has been appointed Interim Dean of the College of Science.

Dr. Steve Barney has been appointed Chair of the Department of Psychology.

Dr. Kurt Harris has been appointed Chair of the Department of English.

Dr. Kim Craft has been appointed Chair of the Department of Economics and Finance.

Dr. Ronald Martin has been appointed Chair of the Department of Biology.

Dr. Paul Larson has been appointed Interim Chair of the Department of Physical Science.

Dr. Jon Smith has been *reappointed* Chair of the Department of Communication.

Dr. Curtis Bostick has been *reappointed* Chair of the Department of History & Sociology.

Dr. Rick Lambson has been *reappointed* Chair of the Department of Physical Education and Human Performance.

Dr. James Harrison has been *reappointed* Chair of the Department of Foreign Languages & Humanities.

