The Outdoor Experience
This issue of Summit, and its online equivalent, highlights how faculty have embraced our experiential education focus. The sweeping range of SUU faculty engagement and support of students, publications, presentations, exhibitions, and research projects is emblematic of our mission to be a “dynamic teaching and learning community inspired by our unique natural surroundings.”

This issue of Summit features programs from our new Harry Reid Outdoor Engagement Center. For example, an interdisciplinary faculty retreat to the Grand Canyon challenges the way participants approach teaching. The College of Humanities and Social Sciences Dean, Dr. James McDonald, previews exciting plans for future symposia sponsored by the Center. The work of Art and Design Department faculty member Ron Spears, a Zion Artist in Residence, exemplifies our faculty’s creative responses to the opportunities in our unique location.

Many of the projects featured in Summit illustrate the faculty collaboration inherent in our experiential education program, now dubbed the EDGE (Education Designed to Give Experience). The EDGE program is becoming a model other universities and colleges are emulating.

This university has always been known for its engaged faculty, so it is important to remember Summit highlights what many faculty will tell you is business as usual. It is truly rewarding to work with faculty dedicated to a wide range of creative and scholarly activity that is much more than “business as usual.”

Regards,

Brad Cook
SUU Provost
2012 Service Learning Fellows

For the sixth successive year, the Faculty Service-Learning Committee announced a new group of Service-Learning Fellows to recognize “engaged educators who practice service-learning in an effective manner.” Each Fellow received a $750 honorarium, a handsome commemorative plaque, and public recognition through SUU’s University Journal, press releases, and web site provided plentiful positive publicity. 2012 honorees were:

- Dr. Matt Barton, Department of Communication
- Professor Nica Clark, Department of Agriculture and Nutrition
- Dr. Britt Mace, Department of Psychology

Publications and Presentations

Pam Brasin (Associate Director) presented two posters at the 15th Annual Continuums of Service Conference in Seattle in April 2011.

Pam Brasin and Amy Brinkerhoff (former SUU VISTA, now Coordinator of the Volunteer Center of Iron County) presented on SUU’s oversight of the Iron County Holiday Assistance program at the Utah Campus Compact Engaged Faculty Institute, February 3-4, 2012, Moab, UT.

Dr. Earl Mulderink presented a poster about SUU’s Experiential Education Program at the AAC&U Conference, October 13-14, 2011, Long Beach, CA.

Dr. Earl Mulderink presented a poster at the 15th Annual Continuums of Service Conference in Seattle in April 2011. In addition, he served on the program planning committee and facilitated a roundtable discussion about A Crucible Moment, a “national call to action” published in January 2012 by the American Association of Colleges and Universities.
Leadership and Awards

**Professor Carrie Trenholm**, the Beverly Taylor Sorenson Chair in Elementary Arts Education, was named SUU’s Civically Engaged Scholar.

**Casey Bowns** and **Marissa Foster**, who oversee SUU’s Motor Pool & Receiving, were honored as SUU’s Civically Engaged Staff.

Projects

**Dr. Earl Mulderink** traveled in January with Rural Health Scholars (RHS) students to Nicaragua and during Spring Break to Panama. In addition, he organized a trip with eight SUU students in May-June 2012 entitled “History and Service-Learning in Ghana,” when students engaged in some service work in an orphanage, a medical clinic, and an elementary school.

**Pam Branin** organized SUU’s “Service Saturday” on August 25, 2012. Approximately 1800 freshmen participated, giving them the opportunity to get socialized to Cedar City, appreciate the value of service, and feel a part of the institutional vision and values. Student activities included a door-to-door food drive for the Iron County Care and Share, assembling literacy packets, working with Special Olympics athletes and their families, landscaping projects, habitat reclamation, carwashes, and other activities.

**Pam Branin** also oversees several student-led programs at SUU, including AfterSchool Sports Program; Alternative Spring Breaks; Bread and Soup Nite, a monthly dinner that raises money for the HOPE pantry; the HOPE (Help Our People Eat) pantry, which provides food for approximately 100 students a month and is one of the first student food pantries in the country; the Paiute Center Reading/Tutoring program; the Service Hall Living Learning Community; Special Olympics; Sub-for-Santa; weekly story time at the Cedar Library in the Park; and fitness and swim programs for East Elementary and Head Start. For more information on these programs, visit the center website (listed above).
Creative Engagement Center

The Creative Engagement Center manages the "Creativity and Innovation" track within the SUU EDGE Program and advises students who have chosen a Creativity and Innovation EDGE Track. In addition to curricular matters, the Center and its advisory council also develop and oversee creativity-based co-curricular activities. We also provide access to networks and resources for SUU students, faculty, and community members.

Tyler Richardson worked on harnessing wind energy for his EDGE project for the Creative Engagement Center.

Free-standing Windmill Project
Harry Reid Outdoor Engagement Center

The Harry Reid Outdoor Engagement Center (HROEC) aims to involve SUU students and faculty in the outdoors at three levels. The first is recreational—“pure fun,” as director Briget Eastep terms it. The second level is that of skill development: providing opportunities for life-long learning, technical skills, leadership, and outdoor skills. The third level is that of career development; for instance, furthering an interest in geology, agricultural sciences, outdoor recreation, and so forth.

Publications and Presentations

Dr. Briget Eastep, Dr. Todd Petersen (English), and Seth Ohms (IIC Coordinator), presented “Intergovernmental Internship Cooperative: A National Model” at Southern Utah University, July 2012. This was a presentation meeting with over 65 land managers and educators, for John Wessells, Director of National Park Service’s Intermountain Region.

Dr. Briget Eastep attended a meeting for the Color Country Youth Initiative in July 2012, at SUU. Twenty six educators and land managers from Southern Utah gathered to assess the viability of a coordinated outdoor youth initiative.

Dr. Briget Eastep presented “Rigor in Experiential Education!?” at the Rocky Mountain Regional Association for Experiential Education Conference, Durango, CO, in April 2012.

Dr. Briget Eastep and Dr. Todd Petersen presented “SUU’s Experiential Learning Curriculum” at the Utah System of Higher Education’s Educated Persons Conference, Snowbird, UT, in October 2011.

Dr. Emmett Steed (Hotel, Resort, Hospitality management), Dr. Wayne Roberts (Marketing) and Dr. Briget Eastep published a research report, “Southern Utah Visitors Profile Survey,” with the Utah Office of Tourism, Salt Lake City, UT, 2011.

Leadership and Awards

HSS Dean Dr. Jim MacDonald is the first Harry Reid Distinguished Fellow for Outdoor Engagement (see an interview with Dean MacDonald in the print version of Summit).

Steve McCarthy, Seth Ohms, and Ryan Young established grants with regional National Parks Service, Bureau of Land Management, Dixie National Forest, Kaibab National Forest, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Utah Division of Workforce Services for over $700,000.
Dr. Danielle Dubrasky, Associate Professor of Creative Writing, took her poetry class on an evening excursion to Cedar Breaks National Monument on Friday, September 14, 2012. The trip was coordinated by the Harry Reid Outdoor Engagement Center (HROEC). The students watched the sunset and then gathered at the Star Pad to watch the stars come out. The students were given time to reflect on their feelings and their experience. Later, Briget Eastep, coordinator of the HROEC, pointed out some constellations and discussed their cultural significance. Afterward, each student wrote a poem about a constellation. Once revised, these poems will be exhibited in the library in February, 2013. As Shawn Domgaard, a senior communication major, explained to SUU News, this engagement with the outdoors “helped me to write and also stimulate ideas, without being in a classroom. It was a very unorthodox way of learning from an academic stance, but it was very effective.”

Dr. Briget Eastep, as HROEC director, also oversees the SUU Pacesetters Outdoor Program, an outdoor leadership club that allows students to lead wilderness orientation programs and the Intergovernmental Internship Cooperative (IIC), which places students from a variety of fields into outdoor internships.

SUU students in Danielle Dubrasky’s Intermediate Poetry class listen to Briget Eastep, director of the Harry Reid Center for Outdoor Engagement, speak on the geology of Cedar Breaks National Monument.
Leadership Engagement Center

This is the first year for the newly launched Leadership Engagement Center. The primary function of the LEC is to support students who are launching their EDGE Projects with a focus on leadership. Secondary to that, the LEC serves as an interactive, dynamic influence for SUU and the community to increase leadership understanding and skills in individuals, groups and organizations.

Projects

“Leading Men and Ladies,” features movies with moments of excellent leadership. Participants identify exemplary moments of leadership in the featured film and discuss them.

The Leadership Center is planning a study abroad opportunity for Maymester 2013, “Rebels of the Renaissance,” which will take students and other interested participants to various cities in Italy to study the leaders from that time and place whose leadership has had lasting change in the world.

Center Highlights

The LEC is hard at work preparing for its first Leadership Conference, to be held February 28 and March 1, 2013. This conference will feature student and professional presenters from a variety of leadership perspectives, including speech and presentation, women’s leadership, business leadership, educational leadership, and student leadership.

To learn more about the Leadership Engagement Center or find out more about LEC events, stop by 561 W. University Blvd. or visit the LEC social media sites: On Facebook, Suu Lec; twitter.com/SUULEC; or suulec.blogspot.com. Calling 435-586-1910 will put you in touch with Brandy Holm, Student Liaison, Cindi Endter, Program Specialist, or Interim Director, Dr. Katy Herbold.
Academic Conference

SUU's Sargon Heinrich Global Engagement Center and the Women and Gender Studies program co-sponsored a conference, "Human Trafficking: People, Places, & Voices," April 11-13, 2012. The conference was open to the public and over 500 people attended. Anuradha Koirala, 2010 CNN Hero of the Year and founder of Maiti Nepal, an organization that helps victims of gender exploitation (including sex trafficking, child prostitution and other forms of abuse), was the keynote speaker. At Thursday Convocation, Koirala described her personal experience of abuse, and how that led her to found Maiti Nepal. She described the widespread problem of sex trafficking in Nepal, a problem compounded by gender discrimination, lack of jobs and education for women, open borders and poverty. Other conference speakers included academics, artists, and activists from around the world, as well as over 40 SUU students.

Based in part on the success of the conference, Maiti Nepal agreed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with SUU; this document will lead to further collaboration and opportunities for SUU students and faculty. Provost Brad Cook explained to SUU news reporter Holly Linford that "This conference was just a conversation starter. It was a call to action. We want our students and faculty to be engaged in real issues where they will do something to create change."

American Cultural Center

SUU has also received a grant from the U.S. Department of State to establish an American Cultural Center in China, at the Hunan Normal University (HNU) campus in Changsha. This grant is part of a group of grants intended to foster cultural exchanges between the U.S. and China. This center will be one of 22 in China, created in response to Chinese cultural centers in the U.S. Starting in March 2013, the American Cultural Center of Changsha will offer lectures, service projects, film screenings, English language tutoring sessions and other activities designed to enhance Chinese understanding of American culture, history, values,
and institutions. These activities will be coordinated by both HNU and SUU. The center will also provide SUU students and faculty with opportunities to travel to China and attend or teach classes at the center. **Dr. Kevin Stein**, Associate Professor of Communication, spent four weeks as an instructor at the Changsha campus in May, 2012. He was the first SUU faculty member to teach at HNU, although several HNU faculty have taught at SUU. Stein plans to spend the 2013-14 academic year teaching in China.

### International Teaching and Research by SUU Faculty

- **Dr. Jon Smith**, a Communication professor, taught, filmed, and produced documentaries for a year as a Fulbright Scholar in Swaziland.
- Two SUU deans, **Dr. Deb Hill** of the College of Education & Human Development and **Dr. Jim McDonald** of the College of Humanities & Social Sciences, had their applications accepted to be Fulbright Specialists, and they are currently awaiting assignment.
- The engagement center facilitated the attendance of 5 SUU students and 2 faculty to the Insight Dubai Conference on women's issues worldwide: [http://dwc.hct.ac.ae/insight-dubai/](http://dwc.hct.ac.ae/insight-dubai/)
- Several SUU faculty were also invited as guest lecturers at partner institutions. Among them was Communication Professor **Dr. Kevin Stein**, who taught at Hunan Normal University in Changsha, China, for four weeks. Business Professor **Dr. Alan Hamlin** and the dean of the School of Business, **Dr. Carl Templin**, taught in Vienna and Paris, respectively. Dean **Shauna Mendini**, along with several other faculty members from the College of Performing & Visual Arts, made trips to Beijing and Wuhan, China, to conduct workshops and collaborate on projects.

### Upcoming activities in 2012-13 in the Global Engagement Center:

- Facilitating the attendance of 5 SUU students to the Education Without Borders conference in Abu Dhabi: [http://ewb.hct.ac.ae/](http://ewb.hct.ac.ae/)
School of Business Highlights

The School of Business raised over $4 million towards a new business building on campus.

Dean Carl Templin advises the Phi Beta Lambda Club, which spearheaded the creation of the Teddy Bear Den, a collaboration between the March of Dimes and SUU. In Spring 2012, SUU students brought home first place in the PBL National Competition for their Community Service.

Accounting

Publications and Presentations

- **Professor Jeff Barnes** presented “Ethics and Tax Practice and New Tax Legislation” at conferences in Salt Lake City and St. George Utah in November and December of 2011.
- **Dr. David Christensen**, **Professor Greg Powell** (Marketing), and Dr. David Rees co-authored “Teaching Notes to Small Things First Things—A Pedagogical Tool for Accounting Students,” forthcoming in *Mountain Plains Journal of Business and Economics*.
- **Professor Mary Pearson** presented on “Money Management” at the LDS Women’s Conference in April 2012.
- **Professor Mary Pearson** presented on “Personal Income Tax” to SUU Faculty and Staff in 2012.

Professional Development

- **Professor Jeff Barnes** presented his dissertation “Organizational Leadership and Ethical Climate in Utah’s Certified Public Accounting Profession” for acceptance to University of Phoenix’s School of Advanced Studies, August 2012.

Service Learning

- **Professors Robin Boneck** and **Jeff Barnes** advised and co-advised the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program) on SUU campus during Spring semester. Approximately 715 federal and state returns were filed electronically by 58 participating accounting students, providing 2,177 hours of volunteer service.

Economics & Finance

Publications and Presentations

Awards

Dr. Joe Baker received the “SUU Outstanding Educator Award” for 2011-12

Dr. David Berri received the “SUU Outstanding Scholar Award” for 2011-12

Management, Marketing and Hospitality

Publications and Presentations


Awards and Leadership

Dr. Lisa Assante is a reviewer for *Journal of Business and Management*, *Journal of Hospitality Management and Tourism*, and 2012 *Annual ICHRIE Conference & Marketplace Proceedings: Tourism, Leisure, Recreation*

Dr. Lisa Assante founded the 1st Annual HRHM Alumni Mad Hatter Tea for the SUU Hospitality Management Guild, Spring 2012

Dr. Alan Hamilton served as Faculty Senate President 2011-2012

Dr. Amy Moore served as the Associate Editor for the *Applied Economics Research Bulletin* and is currently Editor for the *Applied Economics Research Bulletin*.

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Service Learning

Dr. Lisa Assante’s HRHM 4601 course provided consulting for Red Mountain Resort, Ivins UT. HRHM 3110 partnered with Chartwell’s to sponsor “Tropical Fusion: A Night in Paradise” in Spring 2012; in Fall 2012, the same course sponsored a clue-style dinner for an expected 450 guests.
Teacher Education & Family Development

**Publications and Presentations**


**Professor Rea Gubler**, **Professor Artis Grady**, and **Dr. Kathy C. Croxall** presented “Keepers of the Flame: Connecting Professionals Through In-Service Training” at American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) Annual Conference and Expo, Indianapolis, Indiana, June 2011.

**Professor Rea Gubler** presented “One Common Thread, Bread: Exploring Cultural Habits and Celebrations via a Universal Form of Sustenance” at the Utah Child Care Professional Development Institute, Salt Lake City, UT, June 2011.


**Dr. Michiko Kobayashi** presented “International Students’ Perceptions of Online Learning: Benefits and Challenges” at the Society of Information Technology & Teacher Education, Austin, TX, 5 March 2012.

**Dr. Mike McGarvey** presented “Brain-based Teaching” at the 103rd National Rural Education Association, Hilton Head, SC, 30 October 2011.

**Dr. Nicole Wangsgard**. “Success Comes in Cans!” *New Teacher Advocate* 19.3 (2012).
Dr. Nicole Wangsgard presented “How to Proactively Prepare Students with E/BD for Postsecondary Education Programs” at the 35th Annual Conference on Severe Behavior Disorders of Children and Youth, Phoenix, AZ, October 2011.

Dr. Nicole Wangsgard presented “Unique Strategies for Helping Middle School Students with E/Bd who are Struggling Readers, Understand Text Structures” at the 35th Annual Conference on Severe Behavior Disorders of Children and Youth, Phoenix, AZ, October 2011.

Dr. Nicole Wangsgard presented “Proactively Preparing Students with Disabilities for Post-Secondary Education: The Individual Transition Plan” at the Seventeenth Annual Utah Paraeducator Conference, Provo, UT, November 2011.

Peggy Wittwer presented “Survival Science” at the Utah Science Teachers Association Conference at Thanksgiving Point, UT, February 2012.

Awards and Leadership

Dr. Shawn Christiansen completed his second master’s degree, in social work, at the University of Utah and passed a licensing exam as a Certified Social worker.

Dr. Michiko Kobayashi was a UGRASP Summer Fellow, 2011-12, and served as a mentor for a joint research project with Hokkaido University of Education (HUE) in Japan.

Dr. Kim Mendenhall completed her doctorate in Special Education, Adaptating Core Curriculum to Enable Practical Tier II Interventions in Reading (ACCEPT Intervention), at the University of Utah.

Professor Carrie Trenholm was named SUU’s Civically Engaged Scholar for 2012.

Professor Carrie Trenholm received Utah State Office of Education Grant for the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program ($54,000) to provide mentoring and professional development with 12 specialists (7 music, 1 theatre and 4 visual artists in Southern Utah).

Professor Carrie Trenholm received $14,000 from Art Works for Kids for outreach to rural schools.

Professor Carrie Trenholm received $6,000 from Utah Division of Arts and Museums for two guest artists Bill Haymes and Beverly Mangham and the Satellite Salon Series.

Peggy Wittwer received a National Forest Service Grant for “More Kids in the Woods,” Middle School Outdoor Engagement Camp, Cedar Mountain Science Extreme (2012).
Peggy Wittwer received $33,000 from the Utah State Legislature for Cedar Mountain Science Center (2012).

Peggy Wittwer received $24,618 for PMIS: Middle School Summer Science Program with Cedar Breaks (2012).

Peggy Wittwer 2011-2012. Director Cedar Mountain Science Center and Cedar Mountain Science Extreme, Outdoor Science Camps for Elementary and Middle School Students, Professional Development for Public School Teachers. *Provide outdoor experiences for 8-15 year old youth.

Physical Education & Human Performance

Publications and Presentations


Dr. Briget Eastep created an assessment process for ORPT students that will clearly communicate expectations and how to exceed in the program by documenting students' accomplishments in: 1) Leadership, 2) Stewardship, 3) Problem solving using an interdisciplinary base, 4) Risk Management, 5) Administration & Organization, 6) Communication, 7) Tools, technology and processes appropriate for their emphasis, and 8) Value the field of outdoor recreation and their role in it. Each student will track their progress in tasks books which will culminate in an Optimal Resume.

Awards and Leadership

Dr. Briget Eastep was named the Director of the Harry Reid Center for Outdoor Engagement (2012).

Dr. Julie Taylor was elected Vice-President of the Faculty Senate.

Dr. Julie Taylor was awarded a UGRASP Grant and organized a summer research group comprised of undergraduate SUU students. The students who participated in this experiential learning opportunity assisted in designing the research project, collecting data and analyzing results. Students were engaged in all aspects of the study. The purpose of the study was to compare the accuracy of caloric expenditure measures using a BodyBugg device, a Polar Heart Rate monitor and measures of oxygen consumption with two modes of submaximal exercise (rowing and jogging).

Graduate Studies in Education

Publications and Presentations

Dr. Bruce Barker presented “Research-based Best Practices in Online Teaching and Learning” at the International Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching, May 30-June 3, 2012, in Washington D.C.


Dr. Katy Herbold presented “More than Disembodied Producers of Electronic Messages: What Professional Educators in Graduate Online Courses Prefer” at the Society of Information Technology & Teacher Education, Austin, TX, 5 Mar. 2012.

Dean Deb Hill presented “Community of Learners: Alliance for Education with National Parks” at Improving University Teaching, Bielefeld, Germany, 20 July 2011.

Dean Deb Hill, Professor Karen Houser, and Peggy Wittwer presented “Engaging Higher Education in Implementing the Common Core” at the ASCD Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, 25 March 2012.

Dr. Prent Klag and Jim McCoy presented “Making Learning Memorable: Ten Ways to Increase Student Academic Achievement” at the Utah Education Association Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, UT, October 24, 2011.

Dr. Prent Klag and Dr. Jim McCoy presented “Reinvigorating Pre-Service Teacher Education: The Development of an Innovative University, School District, and Community Partnership School” at Western Association of Schools & Colleges 2012 Academic Resource Conference, Costa Mesa, CA, 19 April 2012.

Dr. Prent Klag presented “Engaging the School Community in Innovative and Meaningful STEM Activities” at the National Science Teachers Association’s STEM Forum & Expo, Atlantic City, NJ, 17 May 2012.

Dr. Lee Montgomery presented “Fighting Fire with Fire: Using Technology to Crack Down on Cyber-Bullies” at 17th Annual Character Education Conference, St Louis. 23 June 2011.

Dr. Lee Montgomery presented “Teaching Online: A Beginner’s Survival Kit” at the 23rd International Conference of the Society for Informational Technology in Education, Austin, TX, 5 March 2012.


Dr. Tony Pellegrini was an invited presenter at the 65th Annual Summer Conference of the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration, Portland, OR, 2 August 2011. He presented “Assessing the value in educational leadership/supervisory/degree/endorsements: Intrinsic and extrinsic variable that affects candidate’s perception of the value of program post-certification/degree.”

Awards and Leadership

Dr. Bruce Barker served as an NCATE Board of Examiner Team member for accreditation review at the University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau, and the University of South Carolina at Aitkin (2011-12).

Dr. Katy Herbold was named Director of the Leadership Engagement Center (2011).

Dr. Katy Herbold was awarded $10,000 from the C. Charles Jackson Foundation for Showcase Experiential Education Projects (February 2012).

Dr. David Lund performed TEAC audits for Wilmington College Education Program, Wilmington, OH, and St. Francis College Teacher Education Program, Brooklyn Heights, NY (2011-12).
Communication

Publications and Presentations

Dr. Matt Barton presented “Listening to Unheard Voices: Nurses’ Experiences with the NRS Pain Scale” (part of a collaborative work with his grad students) at the National Communication Association Conf in New Orleans, in 2011.


Ellen Treanor (Professional in Residence) was invited to the Heritage Resource Bank Meeting in Atlanta to discuss marketing communication for non-profits.

Ellen Treanor spoke as a special guest/panel member at the La Femme film festival in Hollywood on Marketing using Social Media.

Awards and Leadership

Dr. Jon Smith was a Fulbright Scholar in Swaziland in southern Africa for the 2011-2012 school year. He taught journalism and broadcasting classes at the University of Swaziland-Kwaluseni. He also conducted research and production on documentaries involving national parks in Swaziland and also religion and culture in Swaziland. While in Swaziland he screened his documentary “Jimmie Jones – Redrock Painter” that was co-produced by Dr. James M. Aton. The screening at the U.S. Embassy was featured as an “American Matinee” of the Gold Lion Film Festival.

Projects

Ellen Treanor (Professional in Residence) completed the on-line presence for the Happy Factory non profit based in Cedar City which supplies toys to third world countries.
English

Publications and Presentations

Dr. James M. Aton spoke at the Moab River Rendezvous, November 12. He discussed his award-winning book on the environmental history of the San Juan River, *River Flowing from the Sunrise*.


Dr. Kyle Bishop was the keynote speaker at *Invasion Montreal*, the First International Academic Conference on Zombies in Montreal, Canada, July 2012.

Dr. Kyle Bishop presented “We are the walking dead!: Human Monstrosity and the Victimization of the Twenty-first Century Zombie” at the Popular and American Culture Association in the South Annual Meeting in New Orleans, 2012.

Dr. Kyle Bishop presented “I always wanted to see how the other half lives”: The Contemporary Zombie as Seductive Proselyte” at the International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts in Orlando, 2012.

Dr. Kyle Bishop was a featured speaker as part of the Raising the Undead: The Image of the Zombie in Transnational Popular Culture Colloquium at Brown University, where he presented “Walking Dead U: How the Zombie Renaissance Makes Zombie Studies Possible”; he was also a featured speaker at the Thunderbird Film Festival at Southern Utah University, and the World Horror Convention 2012 in Salt Lake City.


Professor Charles Cuthbertson presented on Planet of the Apes at the International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts in Orlando, 2012.
Dr. Danielle Dubrasky’s poem “Snow in March” has been accepted for publication in Cave Wall Press.


Awards and Leadership

Dr. James M. Aton was named the first recipient of the Trustees Award of Excellence (2011).

Dr. Danielle Dubrasky won the Utah Arts Council First Place Poetry Prize in the Original Writing Competition for her 10-poem series “The Sandman,” 2011

Dr. Danielle Dubrasky was a fellow at the Virginia Center for Creative Arts in April, 2011.

Projects

Dr. Danielle Dubrasky gave a poetry reading at Ken Sanders Rare Books in Salt Lake City on Saturday, February 25, at 7:00. The reading featured poets from a recently published poetry anthology, Fire in the Pasture.

Foreign Language & Philosophy

Publications and Presentations

Dr. James Gustafson presented “Youtube to the Rescue: Visual Retellings of Short Story in the Foreign Language Classroom” at the Global Reflections on Narrative Conference in Prague, Czech Republic, 2012.

Dr. Jim Harrison presented “Schopenhauer’s Musical Metaphysics and their Realization in Wagner’s Ring Cycle” at the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association, Scottsdale, AZ.

Dr. James Messina presented “Coexistence, Community, and Communio Spatii: Kant Contra Newton and Leibniz” at Cornell University as part of the Upstate New York Workshop on Early Modern Philosophy, 2011.


**History, Sociology, Anthropology**

**Publications and Presentations**

Dr. Shobha Hamal Gurung presented “Working with Community Partners: Experiences and Insights” to the Utah Campus Compact Moab Faculty Retreat, February 2012.

Dr. Shobha Hamal Gurung presented “Women’s Agency and Activism: From Local to Global Community” at the United Nations Headquarters, part of a panel presentation co-sponsored by the Sociologists for Women in Society and the Commission on the Status of Women NGO Forum, March 2012.

Dr. Shobha Hamal Gurung presented “From Migration to Citizenship: Transnational Workers, Families, and Children” at the Second ISA Forum of Sociology, August 2012, in Buenos Aires, Argentina.


Dr. Randle Hart presented “Beyond the Realm of Average: Collective Strategies for Supporting Student Excellence in a Liberal Arts Context” at the SUU Faculty LunchBytes, 2011.


Dr. Michelle Orihel presented “Newspaper Debates over the Democratic-Republican Societies in 1790s America” at the Joint Meeting of the Canadian Society for Eighteenth Century Studies and the Northeastern American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, 2011.

Dr. Larry Ping. “Gustav Freytag, the Reichsgründung, and the National Liberal Origins of the Sonderweg.” *Central European History* 45.4 (December 2012).

**Awards and Leadership**

**Dr. Emily M. Dean** received SUU’s Outstanding Educator Award in 2011.

**Dr. Randle Hart** received the SUU Distinguished Educator Award, 2011-12.

**Dr. Michelle Orihel** received the following research fellowships: the Robert L. Platzman Memorial Fellowship from the University of Chicago Special Collections, 2011; Andrew W. Mellon research Fellowship from the Virginia Historical Society, 2011; Research Fellowship from the Filson Historical Society, 2011.

**Projects**

**Dr. Curtis V. Bostick** helped devise a new minor in Shakespeare Studies this past academic year. He also contributed to the ongoing project, the Tuning Project, funded by the Lumina Foundation. With chairs and representatives from other Utah universities, a new set of learning objectives for History majors was devised in collaboration with university professors, secondary education principals and select employers. Involving education and business representatives and experts has enabled our committee to formulate objectives which should greatly aid graduates to find successful employment and to more clearly design and implement relevant, stimulating curricula.

**Dr. Emily M. Dean** co-directed the Archaeology Field-school in June 2011 (this year students excavated at Fort Harmony and surveyed public lands in the Cedar area), and -- generously funded by a FSSF research grant -- investigated late Inca occupations in the Cuzco, Peru region in July and August. Recently, she and Barbara Frank renewed a $25,000 collaborative grant with Bryce Canyon National Park. This two year project trains and employs SUU students to help conduct archaeological surveys in the park. Emily is excited about the prospect of helping to design and implement a new Anthropology major in the coming year.

**Dr. Shobha Hamal Gurung** was instrumental in organizing the Human Trafficking Conference at SUU in April 2012. Her connection with CNN Hero of the Year, Anuradha Koirala, made it possible for Koirala to attend the conference as the keynote speaker.
Political Science & Criminal Justice

Publications and Presentations

- **Dr. David Admire** gave a series of seminars in Wellington, NZ, in 2011.
- **Dr. Carl Franklin**. "A Quantitative Analysis of the Public Administrator’s Likely Use of Eminent Domain After Kelo." *Review of Management Innovation and Creativity*, 4.11, 2011
- **Dr. John Howell**. "Katrina +6: What Have We Learned?" *Journal of Global Intelligence and Policy*, 5.7, Spring 2012.
- **Dr. John Howell**. "The Regressives: Unraveling the Progressive Movement" was published in the 2011 edition of the *Journal of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters*.
- **Dr. John Howell** and **Dr. Luke Perry**. "Should They Stay or Should They Go? Modern Clashes Over Secession" *Critical Issues in Justice and Politics*, Volume 4 Number 1, 2011.
- **Dr. John Howell**. "Equality, American Style" was published in American Studies Journal, a publication of the American Studies Centre of Chernivski National University in Ukraine. The journal is sponsored and supported by the Leavitt Institute for International Development.
- **Dr. Michael G. Stathis** presented “The Imperial Temptation of Barack Obama: Barack Obama and the United States as a Superpower” at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association April 21-23, 2011 in San Antonio, Texas

Projects

- **Dr. Michael G. Stathis** teamed with Dr. David Admire in directing a study abroad program entitled “Crimes Against Humanity: Genocide and War Crimes” and involved excursions in Germany, France, and the The Hague in the Netherlands. He also continues to be a regular guest on *SITREP* for the British Forces Broadcasting System.

Psychology

Publications and Presentations

- **Dr. Steve Barney** presented a teaching demonstration entitled *The Neuroanatomical Olympics* at the Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association.
Dr. David Schwalb, Barbara J. Schwalb, Michael E. Lamb, eds. Fathers in Cultural Contexts. Published by Routledge September 2012


Dr. Garrett Strosser, Dr. Steve Barney, and Dallas Hall presented “Measuring and Defining Exaggeration as a Trait” at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Reno, NV, 2012.

Dr. Garrett Strosser presented “When Private Attitudes are Not as Negative as Public Attitudes: Integrating Methodologies to Assess Attitudes Towards Atheists and Religious Believers” at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, San Diego, CA, 2012.


Awards and Leadership

Dr. Steve Barney served as president-elect for SUU faculty senate.

Dr. Steve Barney was elected as President Elect of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association.

Dr. Steve Barney was honored as the Mentor of the Year by the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association.

Projects

Dr. Garrett Strosser, Dr. Grant Corser, and Dr. Lynn White led a Maymester study abroad to Ireland, entitled “Leprechauns & Three Leaf Clovers: Understanding the Cultural Influences on Health and Social Behavior.” What made this trip “unique” is that they traveled to virtually every corner of the Republic of Ireland to learn about its culture. By visiting a country abroad, they sought to gain a true appreciation for cultural similarities and differences in attitudes and behaviors related to health and social behavior. They sought to expand students’ cultural awareness in general, decrease ethnocentric beliefs and attitudes, and to enhance their personal and professional growth.
Art & Design

**Publications and Presentations**

**Professor Susan Harris** lectured on “Reliquaries for the Ancient Future” at Renmin University, Beijing China, May 2012.

**Dr. Andrew Marvick** presented a paper at CCA in Los Angeles in February. The paper argued for formal connections between the Symbolist Fernand Khnopff and the Neo-Plasticist Piet Mondrian. He has been invited to present at CAA again next spring in New York City, and to contribute to a collection, The Symbolist Roots of Modernism, scheduled for 2013 by Ashgate Publishing Ltd.

**Dr. Andrew Marvick** presented a paper at the second international colloquium of ALMSD at Allerton House in Monticello, Illinois, which made the case for broader links among Symbolists and Modernists working in Europe between 1885 and 1925. He is now working to suggest similar connections between Viennese Secession design and non-objective art shortly after the turn of the twentieth century.

**Professor Deborah K. Snider** and **Dr. Lynn Vartan** (Music) collaborated on “Common Threads” Satellite Salon: Community Quilt Project, in September 2012

**Projects and Exhibitions**

**Professor Susan D. Harris**’ artwork was accepted into the very prestigious Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City, Missouri, and one work of art was illustrated in the just published *The Best of 500 Ceramics: Celebrating a Decade in Clay*, Lark Crafts, Sterling Publishing Co, Inc. 2012.

**Professor Susan D. Harris** had a solo exhibition, *Mythical Objects*, at Salt Lake City’s Art Access Gallery in July 2011, and was featured in a two-person exhibition (with Brian Hoover), *Mythical Cycles*, at the South Dakota School of Mining Technology Apex Gallery, August-September, 2011.
Professor Jay Merryweather participated as part of an International Group of Artists in ISM a 10-year anniversary show at Grand Central Art Center in Santa Ana, California. Jay held a solo Exhibition of 10 new paintings called “There is No Excellent Beauty” at Bunny Gunner Gallery in the Greater Los Angeles Area.

Professor Jay Merryweather’s firm, Merryweather Studios, contracted with Esri, an International GIS and Mapping Company, to produce original artwork, video, and music for Esri’s 2012 user conference in San Diego, California. He worked with Julia Marton-Lefèvre, director-general of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), designing a dynamic presentation that addressed the problem of endangered species loss.

Professor Deborah K. Snider had a juried presentation, entitled “From Pink to Red Hot: Valuing the Scale of 21st Century Art Education,” at the National Art Education Association Convention, in New York City, March 2012.

Professor Deborah K. Snider exhibited “The End is Near: An International Contemporary Collage Exhibition” at Utica College, New York, in April 2012.

Professor Deborah K. Snider exhibited at a national juried art exhibition at Arc Gallery, San Francisco, in May 2012 on a “Consequences” theme and at Hammond Regional Art Centre, Louisiana, in August 2012 on “Art Educator as Artist” theme.

Professor Deborah K. Snider exhibited at an international juried art exhibition at the Taiwan Art Quilt Society, June–December 2012, on the theme “Rivers & Streams.”

Professor Deborah K. Snider served as curator for “Everything in Between: Art, Quilts, Fabric Collage, and Embroidery,” an international invitational exhibition at the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery, SUU, from September –November 2012.

Ben Sowards (Artist in Residence) completed 17 paintings for the forthcoming book titled Seven Miracles That Saved America (Shadow Mountain Publishing), two covers for new Hardy Boys series books (Simon & Schuster) and the portrait of Walter Gibson for SUU’s Science Building.

Awards and Leadership

Professor Deborah K. Snider coordinated and presented at fall 2011 “Event for Educators” through StateWide Art Partnership and coordinated the first annual Southern Utah Fall Regional Art Education Conference through the Utah Art Education Association in October 2011.

Professor Ron Spears was Artist-in-Residence at Zion National Park. This was an opportunity to further develop the University’s Student Artist-in-Residence Program in partnership with Zion National Park. In addition, Ron’s paintings were displayed in a solo exhibit at the Park’s Human History Museum (see further story in the print version of Summit magazine)
Music

Publications, Presentations and Performances

**Dr. Keith Bradshaw** joined two music chairs from other universities to give a presentation on assessment at the National Association of Schools of Music convention in November 2011.

**Dr. Thomas Herb**’s book *Teaching Improvisation in ... Concert Band??* was published in Sept. 2011 and contributed to the *Teaching Music Through Performance In Band: Solo Edition* book. In conjunction with the publication of his book, Dr. Herb presented a discussion of the book at the UMEA conference in February 2012.

**Dr. Thomas Herb** published ten composer biographies in *Teaching Music Through Performance in Concert Band* (December 2011).


**Dr. Virginia Stitt** attended the International Double Reed Conference and performed woodwind quintets on bassoon at Kammermusik in Santa Fe, New Mexico, as well as participating in master classes, coaching and recitals. She attended the Thomas Stacy (of the New York Philharmonic) Seminar on English Horn in Carmel, California, where she participated in master classes and recitals.

**Professor Xun Sun** conducted the Henan Symphony Orchestra of China in Concert on May 19, 20 and 21, 2012. As a conductor and faculty member, he taught in The First Stradivarius International Advanced Strings Summer camp in Salt Lake City, Utah.
Dr. Lynn Vartan has performed on two recent CDs, *The Music of Chinary Ung, Volume 3*, Bridge Records, 2011, and *10 Freedom Summers, A Tribute to the Civil Rights Movement* by Wadada Leo Smith, 4 CD set, May 2012. She was a performer for the Los Angeles International New Music Festival, May 2012, and was singled out by the music critic for *The Los Angeles Times*. “solo snare drum was fabulously performed by Lynn Vartan.” The SUU Percussion Ensemble won a “call for tapes” for the 2012 Utah Music Educators Conference and was the featured performer at this convention.

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Dean Shauna Mendini and Professor Kay Andersen were the first guest artists from America invited as “Artists in Residence” for the Wuhan Conservatory, in Wuhan China, for the conservatory’s dance program, in May 2012. They shared western dance forms with the Wuhan Conservatory in Wuhan, China, teaching modern dance, tap dance and dance for musical theatre.

Professor Paul C. Ocampo taught ballet class for the American College Dance Festival at the University of Utah March 2012.

Professor Peter Sham was the 2011-2012 winner of SUU’s highest honor, “The Board of Trustees Award for Excellence.”

Professor Peter Sham became the art director for Steele Spring Productions in May 2012, a play and musical licensing company out of Los Angeles, California.

Professor Chien-Ying Wang’s piece “Benevolence” was chosen to be performed by SUU students at the ACDF Gala Concert at Kingsbury Hall, University of Utah.

Projects

Professors Peter Sham and Brad Carroll’s Lend Me a Tenor The Musical had an Original Cast Recording released after its critically successful run in London. The production was nominated for many major awards, including one Olivier Award nomination, the UK’s equivalent of the Tony Award. The musical will have first-class productions in Germany, Austria, Finland and Spain in 2012-2013, and are in negotiations for a pre-Broadway tour and run in 2014.

Arts Administration Graduate Programs

Publications and Presentations

Professor Bill Byrnes, Associate Provost & Director of Strategic Planning, presented “Leadership and Organizational Management in the Arts, at the USITT-SW conference-OSU, in Stillwater, OK, in January 2012. This presentation was three-hour workshop covering leadership and management practices to help improve the effectiveness of people working behind the scenes in the arts. The theory and practice of managing groups, project management, and leadership best practices were discussed and framed around ways workshop participants could immediately put these ideas to use.
Professor Bill Byrnes gave the keynote presentation at the USITT-SW conference-OSU, in Stillwater, OK, in January 2012. His presentation was titled “The Role USITT Can Play in your Life Journey, or Why You Should Expect the Unexpected” and outlined the important role a membership organization like USITT can have in shaping career development and expanding professional networks.

Professor Bill Byrnes, along with Eric Imely from Cal State-Long Beach, and Ken Novic from the Geffen Playhouse in Los Angeles, presented “Profit vs. Nonprofit? An In-depth Look at the For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Business models,” at the USITT Annual Conference and Stage Expo, in Long Beach, CA, in March 2012.

Professor Bill Byrnes published, “The Utah Shakespeare Festival: An Evolving Arts Leadership Partnership,” in Approaches to Arts Leadership—International Case Studies, edited by Jo Caust, Tilde Press, Melbourne, Australia, Fall 2012. This is a comprehensive case study outlining the history and evolution of the leadership of the Utah Shakespeare Festival and the transition to a new organizational structure using Co-Artistic Directors.

The 4th edition of Professor Bill Byrnes’ Management and the Arts is being translated into Korean and Japanese.

Awards and Leadership

Professor Bill Byrnes was a visiting lecturer at the ISW Business School in Freiburg, Germany, from May 19-26, 2012. He gave seven lectures on various topics in arts and culture management and worked with staff and students at ISW to establish internships in the United States in arts and sports management.

Professor Bill Byrnes is a blind reviewer for Sage Open, a scholarly open-access journal.

Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery

Presentations and Publications

Reece Summers (Gallery Director) presented at Association of Academic Museums and Galleries and American Association of Museums annual conferences. He completed a course at the Summer Leadership Institute held by the Kellogg School of Management.
College of Science and Engineering

Agriculture and Nutrition

**College Highlights**

Jana Lunt, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, working with other WMG COSE faculty members, recently received a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant in the amount of $580,000.00, to be distributed over five years. This award is the largest NSF grant awarded to SUU in recent years. The funding, which was awarded by the Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM) program was awarded to Dr. Lunt and her team to recruit and sustain a cohort of financially needy and academically talented students in the STEM disciplines. Besides providing these students with scholarships, the grant will allow this cohort of students to work together in study groups, mentoring arrangements, and internships/research. The ultimate goal of the program is admission to

**Publications and Presentations**

- **Dr. Chad Gasser** presented “Managing the Beef Cow Biological Cycle”, *4th Annual Cowman’s Reproduction Workshop*, September 22 2011, Alton UT.
- **Professor Artis Grady, Rea Gubler** (Education) and Kathy Croxall of Western Kentucky University presented “Keepers of the Flame: Connecting FCS Professionals Through Annual In-service Training Meetings” at the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annul Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, in June 2012.
- **Professor Artis Grady** and Jaimette McCulley, from Fontbonne University, presented “Nutrition and Hydration for Physical Performance: Guidelines for Teens and Adults” at the National webinar sponsored by the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) in January 2012.
- **Professor Artis Grady** presented “ChooseMyPlate - Updates, Background and Resources” *Utah Association of Family & Consumer Sciences Conference*, November 5 2011, Midway UT
- **Professor Dean Winward** presented “Utah Pesticide Law and Safety Update” at the Utah Section of the *Society for Range Management*, November 3, 2011, Richfield.
- **Dr. Cynthia B. Wright** presented “Using Visual Plate Waste to Measure the Impact of the Reorganization of a Hospital Food Delivery System” at the *Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo*, November 25 2011, San Diego CA
graduate school or placement in a career within their disciplines.

Donna J. Lister, Ph.D., Chair and Associate Professor of Nursing reports Southern Utah University success on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCBSN) National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Four of the past five graduating classes have achieved a 100% first time pass rate. Over the past seven completion terms (with one graduating class each May and one each December), the average pass rate for SUU Nursing students has been 94.99%. The Utah State and national average pass rates have been 89.27% and 89.90%, respectively, for that same time period.

The results of the Educational Testing Service (ETS) Major Field Exams in chemistry taken by graduating seniors from the chemistry programs within Department of Physical Science have been exemplary. Over the past ten years, SUU students have performed well enough that our program/institutional average has averaged the 91st percentile on this nationally normed examination. This past year’s scores were particularly impressive, allowing our program to produce the following percentile rankings in the chemistry sub-fields: Organic Chemistry – 99th, Inorganic chemistry 97th, and Analytical chemistry 97th. These results are a strong indication of the rigor of the SUU chemistry program, the competence of SUU students, and the dedication of its chemistry faculty.

### Biology

#### Publications and Presentations

R. C. Adams, **Dr. Terri Hildebrand**, and **Dr. Paul Spruell** presented “Identification of Bacteria Found in Water Samples Extracted from Primary Irrigation Waterways in Iron County, Utah” at the National Council of Undergraduate Research (NCUR), March 29-31 2012, Ogden UT.

R. C. Adams, **Dr. Terri Hildebrand**, **Dr. Paul Spruell**, J. Cole-Rasch, and **Dr. Jonathan Karpel** presented “Application of Medium-Throughput Mutagenesis Techniques in the Molecular Laboratory Environment” at the 18th International C. elegans Conference, June 22-26 2011, UCLA.

R. C. Adams, **Dr. Terri Hildebrand**, **Dr. Paul Spruell**, J. Cole-Rasch, **Dr. Jonathan Karpel**, K. Beal, T. Laursen, and **Dr. Paul Pillitteri** presented “Coaches Opinions on the use of Genetic Screening for Assessment of Collegiate Athletes” National Council of Undergraduate Research (NCUR) March 29-31 2012, Ogden UT.

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**Dr. Betsy Bancroft**, K. E. Slabaugh, J. Hunt, J. Ferrin, and Z. Limb presented “The Effects of Temperature Change and Water Fluctuation on Growth in Amphibian Larvae” at the National Council of Undergraduate Research (NCUR), March 29-31, 2012, Ogden UT.


**Professor Debra Hanson**. “Introductory Microbiology,” Fountainhead Press, 2011.

### Awards and Leadership

**Dr. Terri Hildebrand** received two NPS Grants through the Colorado Plateau Cooperative, one for Correlation between Wetland Vegetative and Microbial Community Diversity of Bryce Canyon National Park’s Southern Region. May 2011-December 2012.
Dr. Ron Martin received a grant from Dixie National Forest for native plant restoration, August 2011-June 2012 ($333,536).

Dr. John Taylor received an NPS Grant through the Colorado Plateau Cooperative to implement cooperative study to understand bat ecology of Pipe Spring National Monument and the Kaibab Paiute Reservation. September 2010-December 2013 ($40,000). He also received a CFDA Title: Fish, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Resource Management grant for the Cedar City Field Office Bat Habitat Inventory and Population Monitoring, September 2011-November 2012 ($20,000).


Computer Science & Information Systems

Publications and Presentations

Dr. Nathan Barker and Professor Constance Nyman presented “Test Time vs. Test Performance” at WorldComp (FECS’11), July 18, 2012, Las Vegas, NV.

B. Clement and Dr. Nathan Barker presented “Using Microsoft Kinect to improve CNC machining cuts and reduce the loss of raw material” at the National Council of Undergraduate Research (NCUR), March 29-31 2012, Ogden UT

Dr. Shalini Kesar and Nidhi Sharma(UK) presented “Lessons Learnt from Working for Families Project in Scotland” at EthicComp 2011, September 2011, in Sheffield UK. Findings of this paper have helped in proving feedback to the international project and also to the new initiative in Women, Education, and STEM.

Dr. Shalini Kesar presented “Indian Government and Information Security: A Case Study in India’ at EthicComp 2011, September 2011, in Sheffield UK.

Dr. Shalini Kesar presented “Underlying Reasons for Gender Imbalance in Computing” at the 3rd Annual Global Information Technology Management World Conference, June 18, 2012, Bangalore, India.

Dr. Shalini Kesar presented “Management of Information Security from Criminologist Perspective” at the 13th Annual Global Information Technology Management World Conference, June 18, 2012, Bangalore, India.

Dr. Shalini Kesar, Dr. Rachel Kirk (Spanish), Professor Richard Cozzens (Engineering) and Dr. Robert Robertson presented “Transferring Creativity in to the Classroom” at the AABBS Conference, Las Vegas, NV, February 2012. The presentation was a multi-disciplinary workshop to highlight creativity and innovation teaching within SUU in different disciplines.

Dr. Eric Freden (Math), Dr. Robert Robertson, and Dr. Dezhi Wu, presented “Empowering Patients through Mobile Patient Education Systems” at EthicComp 2011, September 2011, Sheffield UK. Their paper was also published in the conference proceedings.

Dr. Nasser Tadayon presented “Adaptive Curriculum in Computer Literary Courses” at WorldComp (FECS ’11), July 17 2011, Las Vegas, NV.


Dr. Dezhi Wu presented “An Investigation of iPad User Experiences in a Road Safety Training” at the International conference on Information Systems (ICIS 2011), December 2011, Shanghai, China.

Dr. Dezhi Wu presented “Identifying Usability issues in Personal Calendar Tools” at the 3rd International conference on Networked Digital Technologies, July 2011, Macau, China.

Dr. Dezhi Wu, Jay Kansagra, and Chris Kelly presented “An Investigation of Current Social Engineering Issues and Solutions” at the Annual conference on Undergraduate Research, April 2012

Awards and Leadership

Dr. Shalini Kesar is the Southern Utah University representative to the Utah Women and STEM Education Network. This group aims to primarily learn more about what each Utah college/university is doing with recruiting and retaining female students in STEM programs; and provide institutional representatives with ideas on what they can do on their campuses; and help to provide a forum for discussions around uniting campus efforts.

Dr. Shalini Kesar is a member of the editorial board for the Journal of Research on Women and Gender and part of the STEAM SUU and North Elementary School partnership, where she will help launch North Elementary Computer Club (for 3rd through 5th grade).
Dr. Dezhi Wu received the Association for Information Systems Challenge Award from the Association for Information Systems Technologies in December 2011. The Technology Challenge award was designed to honor the most significant contributions to the development of AISWorld, AIS’ popular list serve, in the preceding year, in the form of a website. Exceptional sites honored demonstrate an extraordinary contribution in two or more of the following areas: teaching and learning; research; service or other professional activities; creating an IS community of scholars.

Dr. Dezhi Wu was awarded “Association for Information Systems SIGHCI Outstanding Service Award” to recognize her exceptional efforts with AIS Special Interest Group on Human-Computer Interaction in Dec. 2011.

Dr. Dezhi Wu received a National Science Foundation Fellowship from UC Berkeley for a summer research program, June 2012.

Grants

Dr. Shalini Kesar, with Dr. Helen Hu from Westminster College, received an NSF Grant for "Introductory Computer Science Course for Utah High Schools" in August 2012. As a member of the Senior Key Personnel/Committee of NSF Grant, Dr. Kesar will assist Dr. Hu with recruiting schools from the Iron County School District. This NSF grant aims to pilot the Exploring CS course at their high schools, where SUU is a partner with other universities in Utah.

Engineering Technology & Construction Management

Publications and Presentations

Professor Richard Cozzens presented “Social Media: An Effective Web-Based CAD Training Tool” at EthicComp 2011, September 2011, Sheffield, UK.


Professor Richard Cozzens presented “YouTube: An Effective CAD Training Resource” at the 119th Annual Conference of the American Society for Engineering Education, June 2012, San Antonio, TX.
Professor Matthew Edwards presented “Raising the Standard of Living in Underdeveloped Countries: Can Technology Help?” at EthicComp 2011, September 2011, Sheffield, UK.


Grants

SUU has been awarded as the lead institution to a grant, the TICE (Technology Intensive Concurrent Enrollment) Grant. Professor Richard Cozzens is the Project Director. We have a 12 member team working the grant that represents most of the colleges and universities in the state as well as several distinguished high school teachers. We are developing a concurrent class that will allow high schools to give technology credit as well as pre-engineering credit to the students. We are including several new and innovative tools via Canvas. We will be presenting this project at the Summer UACTE Conference and the Annual ASEE (American Society of Engineering Education) National Conference in Atlanta.

Integrated Engineering

Publications and Presentations

Dr. Glen Longhurst presented “Enhance the Teaching of Engineering” at the 119th Annual Conference of the American Society for Engineering Education, June 2012, San Antonio, TX.


Dr. Thad Morton published “How to obtain velocity fields from observed streamline patterns” Journal of Scientific and Mathematical Research February 2012, 64-65.

Dr. John Murray presented “Taking it to the Streets: Sustainable Communities for the 21st Century” at the American Society for Engineering Education Region IV Conference, March 2012, Ogden UT.

Projects

Dr. John Murray is one of the faculty advisors for DesignBuildBLUFF, an interdisciplinary project that allows SUU undergraduate engineering students to work with graduate students in architecture at the University of Colorado, Denver, to build energy-efficient homes for Navajo families in Bluff, UT. (See feature article in the print version of Summit).
Mathematics

Publications and Presentations

Dr. Seth Armstrong presented “A Nonstandard Discretization Method for Numerical Analysis of a Lotka-Volterra Food Web Model” at the MAA Intermountain Section Meeting, April 2012, Salt Lake City, UT.

Dr. Said Bahi presented “Dimensions of Service Quality in Higher Ed: Underlying Structure of Students and Faculty Perception” at the MAA Intermountain Section Meeting, April 2012, Salt Lake City, UT.


Dr. Jim Brandt and Dr. Gretchen Rimmasch presented “Small Group Discussion and Student Evaluation of Presented Proofs” at the 15th annual Conference on Research in Undergraduate Mathematics Education, February 2012, Portland, OR.

Dr. Jim Brandt and Dr. Gretchen Rimmasch presented “Doing Mathematics: Perspectives from Mathematicians and Mathematics Educators” at the 15th annual Conference on Research in Undergraduate Mathematics Education, February 2012, Portland OR.

Dr. Sarah Brown Duffin presented “Numerical Analysis for the Relaxation of a Nonlocal Allen Cahn Equation” at the American Mathematical Society Western Section Meeting, October 2011, Salt Lake City, UT.

Dr. Eric Freden published “From Indexed Languages to Generating Functions”, AMS/MAA Joint Mathematics Meeting, January 2012, Boston, MA.

Dr. Jianlong Han presented “A Numerical Approximation for a Nonlocal Evolution Equation with Kac Potentials” at MAA Intermountain Section Meeting, April 2012, Salt Lake City, UT.

Dr. Derek Hein presented “On Decompositions of $\lambda\Kin$”, Midwest Conference on Combinatorics, Cryptography and Computing, October 2011, Las Vegas, NV.

Dr. Mark Meilstrup presented “Archipelago Groups” at the Workshop on the Topology of Wild Spaces and Fractals, July 2011, Strobl Austria.

Dr. Andreas Weingartner published “The Distribution Functions of $\sigma(n)/n$ and $n/\varphi(n)$, II” in the Journal of Number Theory 132(2012): 2907-2921.

Nursing

Publications and Presentations

Professor Aja James presented “Flight Nursing” at the Cedar City Rotary Club monthly meeting, 2012.

Professor Donna J. A. Lister presented “Type A Behavior: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly (Maximizing Performance While Minimizing Sabotage)” at the AACN 2011 Summer Seminar, July 2011, Portland, OR.

Professor Donna J. A. Lister presented “Preparing Nurses of the Challenges of the Future” at the AACN 2011 Fall Semiannual Meeting, October 2011, Washington, DC.

Professor Rebecca Rasmussen and Professor Shelly Sanderson presented “Using Pop Culture as a Creative Teaching Strategy” at the Academic Leadership Committee, Salt Lake Community College, April 2012.

Professor Janet Warner presented “Beyond the Basics: Innovative Simulation Topics for Health Care Educators” at the NLN Simulation Workshop, April 2012, Boise ID.

Physical Science

Publications and Presentations

Dr. James Chisholm presented “A Recipe for Seeds: Growing SMBHs from PBHs” at the Section meeting of the American Physical Society, October 2011, in Tucson, AZ.


Dr. Mark Colberg presented “New Constraints on the Paleoproterozoic
Assembly of the Southwestern Margin of Laurentia: High (ultra-high?) Pressure Metamorphism in the Mojave-Yavapai Suture, Utah, Nevada and Arizona” at the Geological Society of America, Annual Meeting, October 9-12, 2011 Minneapolis, MN.

Dr. Jennifer Hargrave presented “Fossil Avifauna of the Pleistocene Fossil Lake Formation (Oregon): Can Birds be Used as a Proxy to Determine Paleoclimatic Conditions?” at the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology 71st Annual Meeting, November 2-5 2011, Las Vegas, NV.

L. Milne, B. Losee, B., J. Harris, and Dr. Jennifer Hargrave presented “Can I Bi-a-Valve? Investigating Origins of Mysterious Casts Found in the Moenave Formation at the Dinosaur Discovery Site, St. George Utah” at the National Council of Undergraduate Research (NCUR), March 29-31 2012, Ogden, UT.

Dr. Paul R. Larson and Dr. C. Frederick Lohrengel presented “Teaching Climate Classification Using the Köppen System” at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, March 28, 2012, New York, NY.

Dr. Johnny S. MacLean presented “A Trisected Environmental Geology Course” at the Geological Society of America Annual Meeting, October 9-12, 2011, Minneapolis, MN.


Roger E. Leavitt, R.E., Skyler B. May, and Dr. Johnny S. MacLean presented “Preliminary Field Investigation into the Relationship Between Hoodoo Formation and Footwall Shearing of the Ruby’s Inn Thrust Fault, Bryce Canyon, Utah” Geological Society of America Annual Meeting, October 9-12, 2011, Minneapolis, MN.

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K. Richards and Dr. Johnny S. MacLean presented “Two Phases of Contractional Deformation in the Carmel Formation, Cedar City, Utah” at the Geological Society of America Annual Meeting, October 9-12, 2011, Minneapolis, MN.

Dr. Johnny MacLean teaches students in the Valley of Fire
Matthew Nickerson (Library), Dr. Todd Petersen (English) and Dr. Johnny S. MacLean presented “The Wild Metropolis: Partners in the Parks, Experiential Education, and the Honors Paradigm” at the National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference, October 19-23, 2011, Phoenix, AZ.


A. Tirre, L. Samha, Dr. Radhika P. Nair, and Dr. Hussein Samha presented “Effect of Concentration on Molecular Distribution of Cyanine Dyes in Aqueous Solutions” National Council of Undergraduate Research (NCUR), March 29-31, 2012, Ogden, UT.


Dr. J. Ty Redd, Dr. Hussein Samha, S. Natoli, J. Christensen, and J. Brewer presented “Synthesis and Photophysical Properties of Novel 1,8-Naphthalimides” at the 243rd National Meeting of the American Chemical Society, March 27 2012, San Diego, CA.


Projects

Professor David Maxwell consulted on the following projects: Sulphurdale Geothermal Resource Area, Utah Geological Survey, Parcel Management Updates and Edits, Iron County; Brian Head, Master Trails Project.

Dr. Hussein Samha is a textbook evaluator for McGraw-Hill

Dr. MacKay Steffensen is a textbook evaluator for Wiley & Sons

Dr. Kim Weaver provided analytical services to XECO Corporation for their quality control in making circuit boards.

Leadership and Awards

Dr. J. Ty Redd is the Team Advisor for Bioorganic Reaction Animations Team

Dr. Elaine Vickers won 1st place in juvenile fiction from the Utah Arts Council ($1,000).
Publications and Presentations

Karl Stevens (Director of SUU Online) presented “A Case Study of Professors’ and Instructional Designers’ Experiences in the Development of Online Courses” at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Continuing Higher Education, Austin TX, November 2012. This presentation was part of his doctoral research, focusing on the experiences had by professors and instructional designers during the online course development process, and whether those experiences had any effect on the process itself. Finding suggest there is value in fostering a positive culture within the work environment. Communication, mutual respect, commitment to excellence, and enjoyment are all essential to the successful development process. A recommendation is that managers attempt to assign professor and instructional designer partners that share common design and pedagogy goals.

This project has been accepted for publication in The Journal of Continuing Higher Education.

Projects

Susan Durfee led a week long youth camp at Camp Kesem, August -10, at Navajo Trails High Adventure Camp, Bicknell, UT.
Presentations and Publications

**Lindsay Fullerton** (Academic Advising) presented “Communicating Clear Messages to Students” at the Utah Advising and Orientation Association, in May 2012. As part of the Utah Advising Community the annual conference is only successful if members are willing to present new ideas and topics for all to learn from. This presentation was filled beyond room capacity with over 25 attendees sitting on the floor to attend the session.

**Lindsay Fullerton** and Adam Black (Utah Valley University) facilitated a workshop, “Networking Session: Personalized, Intentional Advising” at the Utah Advising and Orientation Association, in May 2012. The conference holds networking sessions where individuals are invited to host discussion groups on topics that their institution is effective at. It is excellent that SUU was recognized within the state as a leader in the area of Intentional Advising.

**Dr. David J. Lunt** (University College) and Mark Dyreson (Penn State) published “The 1904 Olympic Games: Triumph or Nadir?” in *The Handbook of Olympic Studies*, ed. Stephen Wagg and Helen Lenskyj. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012. 48-59. This chapter deals with the 1904 Olympic Games and devotes special attention to the role of science and to the worries of declining American exceptionalism in the context of the 1904 Olympic Festival in St. Louis, Missouri. The beginning of the Progressive Era marked an important moment in US history as Americans faced challenges of industrialization, urbanization, and the emergence of a working class. Without wild frontiers to hone the American spirit, Americans turned to sport to train their youth in appropriate vigor. The 1904 Olympic Games provided an occasion to showcase the advanced nature of American science and American culture against the nations of the world.

**Dr. David J. Lunt.** “Chasing the Fleet-footed Hero: Alexander at the Tomb of Achilles” in *Ancient World*, 42.2 (2011): 157-165. In 334 BCE, Alexander the Great visited the tomb of Achilles near the site of ancient Troy. At the monument, Alexander ran a race with his companions in honor of the mythic hero. I argue that Alexander, in a fashion consistent with ancient Greek ritual and belief, used the race to invite the spirit of Achilles to manifest itself. By inviting and honoring the dead Achilles to his presence, Alexander was enlisting the hero’s supernatural powers in the fledgling Macedonian campaign against the Persian Empire.
Honors Program

Presentations and Publications

- In November 2011, two Honors Faculty members, Dr. Todd Petersen and Dr. Johnny MacLean, along with Director Matt Nickerson attended and presented at the National Collegiate Honors Council Conference held in Phoenix, AZ. Petersen and Nickerson presented “Partners in the Parks Excursion: Montezuma Castle National Monument” and MacLean, Nickerson, and Petersen presented “The Wild Metropolis: Partners in the Parks, Experiential Education and the Honors Paradigm”

- Honors Director Matthew Nickerson joined Dr. Julia Combs (English) to present at the February 23rd Lynchbytes: “Take Ten, Writing in the Disciplines”

- In April 2012, Honors Program Director Matt Nickerson and Dr. Todd Petersen attended the international TEDx Summit in Doha, Qatar. Recognized for their unique approach to user generated content and integrating TED into university curricula, they participated in several college/university seminars and panels.

- Also in April, Dr. Kyle Bishop and Dr. Johnny MacLean accompanied 9 honors students to the Western Regional Honors Conference in Albuquerque, NM. Bishop presented “Living Harry Potter: Recreating Hogwarts through Study Abroad”

- Honors Director Matt Nickerson and Dr. Johnny MacLean travelled to the National Collegiate Honors Council Conference in Boston, MA, in Fall 2012. Nickerson presented “The More the Merrier! Allowing Each Student to Choose His or Her Own Textbook.” MacLean presented “Honors and the National Parks: Assessing the Academic Rigor of Experiential Education.”

- Honors Director Matt Nickerson organized a Partners in the Parks excursion for attendees of the NCHC conference. Over 25 participants experienced presentations by National Park Rangers and behind the scene tours of multiple historic sites throughout Boston, MA.
Conferences and other Programs

- The Honors Program hosted 7 MAD Lectures throughout the academic year. MAD lectures are an opportunity for faculty, students, and members of the community to share their passion during a one hour presentation open to all members of the SUU community. Presenters included: Dr. John Murray, Dr. Kyle Bishop, Dr. Mackay Steffensen, Dr. Bradley Cook, and Prof. Michael Bahr.

- The Honors Program co-hosted the annual TEDxSUU event along with the Center for Creativity and Innovation. The two night event featured SUU faculty, SUU Students and members of the community. Presenters included: Prof. Ellen Treanor, Prof. Shalini Kesar, Prof. Peter Sham, Prof. Michael Bahr and Prof. Alisa Petersen.

- During the summer, the Honors Program co-sponsored 8 Partners in the Parks Projects. Partners in the Parks is an outdoor experiential learning program that provides week-long projects led by University faculty and park rangers in National Parks and Monuments across the country. The projects are designed to broaden participants understanding of the overall value of national parks to our country and its citizens.
On Fourth Annual Gala

The fourth annual Friends of the Library Gala was held October 13, 2012. The gala was themed “All Aboard” and celebrated the anniversaries of three organizations that played critical roles in developing and promoting southern Utah: the Utah Parks Company, Union Pacific Railroad, and the Sherratt Library’s Special Collections.

The Utah Parks Company (UPC) celebrates its 90th anniversary this year; the Union Pacific Railroad was begun 150 years ago and had a branch in Cedar City (which helped ferry tourists through Southern Utah’s parks); and the Library’s Special Collections was begun 50 years ago by Library Director Tom Challis and Special Collections librarian Inez Cooper.

The gala featured hors d’ouvres in the library lobby, an exhibit of Union Pacific photos, and remarks by former UPC employees Mary Ellen Edmunds and her brother Paul Edmunds. Following the speeches, the SUU Jazz band played hits from the 1940s and 50s and guests enjoyed birthday cake.

Howard R. Driggs Lecture

Dr. Claudia Lauper Bushman, a noted American historian, presented the fourth Howard R. Driggs lecture on March 21, 2012. Her presentation was entitled “Lost, Stolen, or Strayed: The Unrecorded Life.” Her lecture was part of SUU Founder’s Week.

Faculty Publications and Presentations

Professor Vik Brown, Dr. John Eye and Professor Verlene Schafer presented “Advocacy: A critical 21st Century Skill” at the Utah Educational Library Media Association conference, in March 2012.

Professor Randy Christensen and Professor Richard Eissinger presented “Eliminate the Yawns! Take the Boring out of Library Instruction” at the 15th Annual American Association for School Librarians Conference, October 2011.

Professor Randy Christensen and Richard Eissinger presented "Entertaining Activities to Invigorate Instruction" at 1st Annual SUECON Conference (Southern Utah Education, a regional conference for K-12 teachers, administrators, librarians and technologists, October 2011.)
Professor Richard Eissinger presented “Winning Screen Capture, Screen Cast, and Screen Share Programs” at the Utah Coalition for Educational Technology, March 2012. The presentation focused on use of screen capture and screen casting for use in classroom instruction.

Dr. John Eye presented “Basic Copyright Law and How to Decide Fair Use” at the Utah Rural Schools Association Conference, July 2011.

Dr. John Eye presented “Dispelling the Myths Surrounding Copyright Law” at the 15th Annual American Association for School Librarians Conference, October 2011.

Professor Stephen Irving presented “Intellectual Freedom in the World of Social Media and Google” at the Mountain Plains Library Association. A short historical review of intellectual freedom issues and the right to access information and how end user agreements and government legislation are changing the IF landscape for librarians and patrons. What tools are available for librarians to advocate for intellectual freedom in their library and how to share them with staff and patrons.

Professor Matt Nickerson presented “The Reading and Writing Connection” at the Winter Writing Conference, Iron County School District, January 2012.

Professor Verlene Schafer publishes “The Book Report” in the Library Newsletter three times yearly to provide program information and develop community for distance students in the Library Media Program.

Professor Janet Seegmiller presented “Early Trails Associations Marked the Spanish Trail, 1930-1950” at the Old Spanish Trail Annual Conference, Richfield, UT, June 2012. Records of earlier Old Spanish Trails associations and accomplishments are in the Sherratt Library Special Collections. This presentation called attention to our regional repository and archives collections.

Professor Janet Seegmiller published “Selling the Scenery: Chauncey and Gronway Parry and the Birth of Southern Utah’s Tourism and Movie Industries,” in the Utah Historical Quarterly, Summer 2012. Summarizes the life’s work of two Cedar City brothers who created the first national park tours and went to Hollywood to attract the movie makers to come and film in Southern Utah. This grew out of a larger project Seegmiller has been working on. Since 2004, Special Collections has been a major partner with the Frontier Homestead State Park and the Iron County Historical Society in the Utah Parks Company History Project. Seegmiller is co-chair with Ryan Paul who is an adjunct prof in history.
and museum curator at the state park. We conceived the idea when we were officers in the Historical Society. We have attended six employee reunions for Bryce Canyon, Zion, North Rim and Cedar Breaks, recorded about 130 oral histories (most of them on video), scanned 1800 photographs which are on the library website, etc. My paper on Gronway and Chauncey Parry came out of the project as we interviewed their children and researched the first Utah Parks Circle tours. It was originally presented at the Utah State Historical Society annual. Seegmiller and Paul plan to publish a book, Sing-Away: Fifty Years of Working and Playing for the Utah Parks Company.

Projects

Professor Janet Seegmiller and Paula Mitchell (University Archivist) completed a major Colorado Plateau CESU grant awarded by Zion National Park. Over a three-year period, 108 oral histories recorded in Zion National Park have been transcribed and the audio and video recordings digitized to increase access to these vital histories of the CCCs, Paiute weavers, and Utah Parks Company. These oral histories are a valuable resource for both the national park and the southern Utah region. The recordings capture personal experiences of men in the CCCs who built the park buildings, bridges, trails, etc. and saved the Virgin River from erosion. Most of the men are now deceased, but we know how they did their work and conditions for young men in the 1930s because of this project. I’m hoping we can get some of the recordings to the families of these men who may not even know that they were done. The recordings we have of UPC employees similarly capture experiences of college-age employees who made the tourist experience memorable for thousands of visitors between 1924 and the early 1970s. Many of the employees were students at BAC/CSU and earned their tuition working in the parks. These individuals were highlighted at the Library Gala. These transcriptions are available in SUU Special Collections.
With national participation in undergraduate research reaching an all-time high, SUU is taking a leadership role by including research as a major emphasis in its new academic roadmap. The Undergraduate Research and Scholarship Program (UGRASP) eagerly anticipates the many ways in which students might best be served by the program.

Perhaps the most direct contribution of UGRASP is to provide funding for undergraduate research and scholarship conduction and dissemination. Grant awards of up to $500 are available to students from all disciplines across campus.

UGRASP also facilitates student dissemination of the work in written, verbal, and performance venues. For example, SUU students and faculty can look forward to our annual Student-Faculty Scholarship Day (SFSD). Now in its 13th year, the day long, campus-wide event is scheduled for March 20th, in the Sharwan Smith Center. To facilitate participation, classes will be suspended for the day and students and faculty from every discipline across campus are invited to display their work at the SFSD. The caliber of work presented here is tremendous. Online submissions will begin in February.

Another highlight of the yearly activities of UGRASP includes the annual Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research (UCUR) in the spring. Based off the prestigious National Conference on Undergraduate Research, UCUR is a statewide conference dedicated to the dissemination of student research and creative activity. This year Utah State will be hosting the state-wide event. UGRASP will cover all expenses for students who present at this conference.

Last but in no way least, UGRASP continues to provide funding for undergraduate research and scholarship conduction and dissemination. Grant awards of up to $500 are available, and both students and faculty are eligible. Help spread the word.
Presentations and Publications

**John Shafer** and **Lynne Brown** presented “Financial Literacy with SSS students” at the regional ASPIRE Conference, Billings, MT, October 2012. US Dept of ED grant requires that SSS students are given skills and knowledge in economic and financial literacy. SSS staff at SUU have developed a seminar on this topic and are sharing our program with other TRIO programs (federal outreach programs) in the region.

**Kim Roeder** published “Make the Leap: Mid-Career changes Can Bring Benefits, Opportunities” in *Campus Activities Programming*, 45.4 (October 2012): 52-55. Campus Activities Programming is the official publication of the National Association of Campus Activities (NACA). Kim’s piece is located in the professional development section of the magazine, and provides advice to professionals in the field about considering work opportunities that will expose them to new cultures and challenges.

Projects and Grants

**Lynne Brown** and **Mark Davis** (Advancement Office and Student Support Center) received a grant award from AT&T for the AT&T College Prep Program for Native American and Hispanic Youth. Planning starts in fall 2012 and the program will begin operation during the summer of 2013. This program will offer a summer college prep week on the SUU campus for Native American and Hispanic high school junior and senior students. We hope to encourage these groups to attend college after high school. The program will use SUU students as interns and mentors.

**Jake Johnson** and **Dr. Bill Heyborne** (Advisors to the Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society) participated in the Red Rock Relay fundraising effort. Eleven students from SUU’s Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa completed the 187-mile Red Rock Relay to raise funds for the honor society and the Canyon Creek Women’s Crisis Center. On October 3, 2012 the members presented the CCWCC with a check for $1,080 which will go to the Center’s efforts to create an outreach center for the public. The gift coincided perfectly with the programs being held for Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October).

Awards

**Carmen Alldredge** won the Friend of ASPIRE award at the ASPIRE regional conference, Billings, MT, October 2012. Carmen is being recognized with the top regional ASPIRE award for a non-TRIO person who has supported the ideals and goals of TRIO programs and students.
Faculty Scholarly Support Fund Grants

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Congratulations to the following faculty on being awarded grants for their research, presentations, and other special projects. For more information go to http://www.suu.edu/academics/provost/pfdvl/

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