Welcome

Welcome to the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences' second e-Bulletin for the 2013-14 academic year. Here are the recent achievements and awards from our college community, as well as upcoming events.

Please continue to give us your feedback and suggestions for the e-Bulletin, and your news about SBS faculty, staff and student accomplishments, as well any lectures and other upcoming events.

Announcements

- Two new Neuroscience Program courses are now officially in the course catalog: NEUR 3850: Clinical Neuroscience and NEUR 4900: Topics in Neuroscience. Dr. Jordan Hamson-Utley will be teaching NEUR 4900 for the first time in spring 2014, focusing on mild traumatic brain injury. Dr. Jim Hutchins will be teaching NEUR 3850 in the spring as well.

- The statewide iUTAH water research program will be recruiting undergraduate students for their summer research fellowship program, iFellows. Go to iutahepscor.org for more information and application materials. Deadline will be February 3, 2014. Please encourage your students to apply.
• iUTAH will also be offering Research Catalyst Grants for faculty at undergraduate institutions in Utah to undertake research on water-related questions, in partnership with faculty across disciplinary boundaries at their own or other institutions within Utah, including research universities and government agencies. Deadline is likely to be January 24, 2014. Again, please see iutahepscor.org for more details, or contact Dan Bedford, Geography Department.

Faculty Publications
Asterisks (*) indicate co-authors who are WSU students.

Eric Swedin (History) has had his book, When Angels Wept: A What-If History of the Cuban Missile Crisis (Potomac Books, 2010) – which won the 2010 Sidewise Award for Best Alternate History – used as partial basis for two recent documentaries:
- The Emmy Award-winning web documentary site at the JFK Presidential Library (http://www.CloudsOverCuba.com), launched in October 2012

He consulted on both projects and was interviewed on-screen for each. As part of the promotion effort for the second documentary, Dr. Swedin attended the premiere a week earlier at the Newseum in Washington, D.C., where he found seeing his face twenty feet tall on the screen quite disturbing. He was interviewed on six radio programs earlier on the day the documentary aired.

Dr. Swedin has also published three science fiction novels in the past two years, a biography – Bingham Canyon Doctor: The Life and Legacy of Paul S. Richards (University of Utah School of Medicine, 2012) – and an article, “Safety Lessons: The 1938 Burgon’s Crossing School Bus and Train Accident,” Utah Historical Quarterly 81:2 (Spring 2013), 159-168.


Alice Mulder and Bryan Dorsey (Geography) recently published an article that reveals the important role that community activism can play in transportation planning. Their study reviews the planning process and ultimate demise of the hotly debated, proposed gondola system for Ogden:
Brad Reynolds (Criminal Justice) published an article on the connections between gender and virtual interactions:


Faculty Achievements and Presentations:

Alice Mulder (Geography) is the new coordinator of the Environmental Studies minor program. For more information about the program go to: http://www.weber.edu/geography/News_and_Events/Events.html

Rosemary Conover (Anthropology):
- Serves as the campus faculty advisor to the Anthropology Club.
- Spoke on “Greek Coins” at the Club’s meeting for the WSU Greek Festival held September 16.
- Spoke on her 40 years of experience spent in the Social Science Building at its Open House celebration on November 8.
- Escort members of her classes and the Anthropology Club to a special session to observe the non-human primates at Utah’s Hogle Zoo October 5, and learn about the issues surrounding these endangered species.

Bruce Bayley (Criminal Justice) was appointed by Governor Gary R. Herbert in November to serve on the Utah Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Council.

Brad Reynolds (Criminal Justice) has recently given several presentations on online crime:
Henson, B., **Reyns, B.W.**, & Fisher, B.S. (2013). Do digital experiences affect the real world?: Examining the effects of cyberbullying on fear of crime. Presented at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

**Reyns, B.W.**, Henson, B., & Fisher, B.S. (2013). Hacked!: Online routines and recurring online victimization. Presented at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.


**Ron Holt** (Sociology) gave the speech, “Strategic Leadership Failures: Vietnam and Afghanistan” to the Daughters of the American Revolution on November 18th.

**Julie Rich** (Geography), **Alicia Giralt** (Women and Gender Studies), and Joanne Lawrence (Dance Program) are collaborating with the non-profit organization ‘No Poor Among Us’ to build a women’s center in Mozambique. Students can enroll in their cross-listed course this spring entitled “Mozambique: Place, Gender, and Dance” to learn about the country. Students will then have the opportunity to participate in a community engaged learning program in Mozambique to construct a women’s center. This project also involves WSU architecture faculty and design students. Faculty, students, and staff have been instrumental in raising nearly $23,000 of the $50,000 needed to build the center. There will be another fundraiser December 7 and 9, listed in the upcoming events section below.

**Eric Swedin**, **Branden Little**, and **John Sillito** (History) were featured in Standard-Examiner article, “Three Weber State historians dissect JFK's legacy,” on November 22. Each discussed his perspective on the life and term of President John F. Kennedy and offered ideas on how the U.S. and the world were changed because of his time in office, from the time of his assassination to 2013, fifty years later.

**Kathryn MacKay** (History) presented “JFK’s Impact on the Women's Rights Movement” as part of Commemorating the Life and Legacy of JFK, sponsored by the Hinckley Institute of Politics, University of Utah, on November 21.

**Barb Trask** (Neuroscience) and the **Neuroscience Program** hosted NSF Director David Coppola, who met with students and faculty and gave two seminars, titled “Grant Writing for Teaching and Research,” and “Life Lessons: Suggestions for Making the Most of a Scientific Career,” on November 21 and 22.


Russell-Stamp, M. (Psychology), Kowalewski, B. (Sociology and Anthropology) & Parrilla de Kokal, M. (Psychology), (2013). Faculty perceptions of community-engaged learning: Do the pros outweigh the cons? International Association of Research on Service Learning and Community Engagement. Omaha, NE.

Schmolesky, M.T. (Neuroscience/Psychology, November 2013). Scientific careers in federal service and the higher educational system. Alternative careers panel for postdoctoral fellows and graduate students. Presentation given at the University of Utah.


In Memoriam

Keith Fullenkamp, a 2008 Master of Criminal Justice graduate and a Utah Division of Wildlife Resources officer, passed away September 24, 2013. His funeral was held at
the Dee Events Center at Weber State on September 30, and at Keith's request, his ashes were spread at the River of No Return, in Salmon Idaho.

**Grants**

**Schmolesky MT & Trask, B.** (Neuroscience/Psychology, October 2013). Genetic sequencing to understand personality traits and risk-taking behavior. Research Scholarship & Professional Growth Grant, WSU. $4400.

Frost*, T., **Fowler, L. & Schmolesky, M.T** (Neuroscience/Psychology, October 2013). Alan and Jeanne Hall Endowment for Community Outreach Grant. Grant for equipment and materials to support the annual Brain Awareness Week activities.

**Office of Undergraduate Research, National Conference for Undergraduate Research Travel Grants:**


Linford*, D.S., Trask, B. & **Schmolesky, M.T.** (Neuroscience/Psychology, October 2013). The Genetics of Aggression: Are Serotonin Transporter Polymorphisms Associated with Aggressive Behavior?


**Student Achievements**

**Political Science and Philosophy**
The Weber State Ethics Bowl team won the Wasatch Regional Ethics Bowl on November 9 at UVU's Wasatch Campus in Heber City. They will proceed to the national championship in Jacksonville, FL. The team is coached by philosophy instructor Rachel Robison-Greene. Team members Dylan Davis, Nathan Davis, Preston Carter, Benjamin Coster, and Jordon Roberts will compete in the national championship in February.

**Social Work**
On November 7th, a group of social work students (Lindsey Bonney, Heidee Miller, Nick Berg, Val Larkin, and Whitney Hendershot) presented results of a study they
conducted last spring entitled “Wildcat Nation: Open to Diversity?” to President Wight and Special Assistant to the President for Diversity Adrienne Andrews.

**Outreach**

*Psychology*

*Mental Health Awareness Month*

Tricia Dirks*, Ben Eschler*, Nathan Johnson*, Jordan Bybee*, Shawna Sugimoto*, Britanni Delbo* Distributed mental health information at the Student Union (Melinda Russell-Stamp supervisor)

**Social Sciences Open House**

Students and families in the community got an inside look at what social science is all about during the Social Science Building 40th anniversary open house Nov. 8.

Every department or program within the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences held an activity, game, or presentation to give the community a better understanding of what social science students study and pursue as careers.

Attendees had the opportunity to hear presentations about medieval armor, political internships, and social work; handle sheep and human brains, tour the criminal justice lab, make and keep rock paintings and more.

Attendees were invited to linger after the open house for a college reunion where past and present social science Wildcats were able to mingle and reminisce.

Browse the photo gallery available on facebook.com/WeberStateSocialScience. If you or your child is in a picture you would prefer not be posted, please contact us at socialsciences@weber.edu.

*Psychology*

Kai Mendenhall*, David Sleight* and Tricia Dirks* presented mindfulness techniques and yoga. (Theresa Kay, Maria Parrilla, and Melinda Russell-Stamp supervisors)

Melissa Brown*, Ben Eschler*, Taylor Frost*, Ben Eschler*, Houda Nizam*, and Desirae Wood* presented neuroscience demonstrations. (Matthew Schmolesky and Lauren Fowler supervisors)


**The Neuroscience Program**
Faculty and students hosted five hands-on activities at the November 8 Open House:
- neurobiology and anatomy
- sensory systems,
- psychopharmacology
- electromyography and emotional responses
- neurological disorders
The student volunteers who led the activities were Melissa Brown, Ben Eschler, Taylor Frost, Max George, Ben Eschler, Houda Nizam, and Desirae Wood.

**Upcoming Events**

**December 7 & 9** - The Weber State Alumni Singers, in conjunction with humanitarian foundation “No Poor Among Us,” present a Christmas concert and silent auction to raise funds to build a women’s center in Mozambique, 7:30 p.m., Holy Family Catholic Church, 1100 E. 5550 S. in Ogden, open to all, $5 suggested donation, all proceeds benefit the women’s center, Julie Rich jrich@weber.edu.

**December 10** – The Olene S. Walker Institute of Politics & Public service will host former U.S. Senator Robert F. Bennet in a discussion of “Utah Political Process: Getting Elected in Utah,” 7 p.m., Hurst Center Dumke Legacy Hall, free, RSVP at weber.edu/pli.

**December 13** – WSU’s Fall commencement will be held at 1 p.m. in the Dee Event Center. Graduating students must report by 12:30 p.m.; the “Putting Students Through Program” will be held earlier that day, at 9 a.m. in the Shepherd Union Building Ballroom.