2013-2014 Faculty Achievements
College of Liberal Arts
Summary of Achievements

Department of Behavioral Sciences

The Department added one new faculty member, Dr. Edward Snodgrass, and Dr. Kelly Pivik is now a Tenure Track Assistant Professor of Psychology.

Dr. Mark Davis

Dr. Mark Davis had two book chapters published, one book editor publication, and three journal articles submitted for publication this year. He also presented two research projects this year. The first was a poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology in Austin, TX, and the second was a research talk presented at the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues in Portland, OR. The projects were in collaboration with Dr. Kelly Pivik and current/former students. Dr. Mark Davis was also invited to speak at the University Fernando Pessoa, Porto, Portugal. Finally, Dr. Mark Davis serves as the Regional Vice President for the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the Vice President for the International Society on Facial Expression of Emotion, and he is the Chair of the Organizing Committee of the 1st World Congress on Facial Expression of Emotion to be held in Porto, Portugal in October.

Scholarly Research:


Papers/Books/Articles*:


Presentations at Professional Meetings:

Dr. Mark Davis and Dr. Kelly Pivik

Davis, Mark D., Pivik, Kelly, Hewitt, Alexis C., Hudson, Amber, Black, Breanna, Senkbeil, Josh, & Warlick, Craig “An investigation of language accent’s influence on emotional reactions and perceptions of intelligence.” Poster presented at the 2014 Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP), Austin, TX.

Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:
Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society: Southeast Regional Vice President
International Society on Facial Expression of Emotion: Vice President
1st World Congress on Facial Expression of Emotion: Chair of Organizing Committee

Awards and Honors:


Dr. Nicole Farris

Dr. Nicole Farris was co-author on two book publications, including the first editor on a book under contact with Springer Publishers. Dr. Farris also had research accepted to be presented at the International Sociological Association annual meeting in Yokohama, JP. She also presented research at the American Sociological Association annual meeting in New York, NY, at the Southwestern Social Sciences annual meeting in San Antonio TX, and at the Southern Demographics Association in Montgomery, AL.

In addition to the publications and presentations, Dr. Farris has served as the President-Elect for the UWA chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, she served as the secretary for the UWA Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi. She also serves in multiple roles for the Southwestern Social Science Association. She serves on the nominating committee, she is the chair for the Women’s and Gender Studies Sessions on Gender, and serves as the president for the Women’s and Gender Studies session.
**Papers/Books/Articles**:  

**Presentations at Professional Meetings**:  
“Narrowing the Pipeline? Assessing Female Participation in STEM” Accepted for Presentation at the International Sociological Association Meeting: Yokohama, Japan- July 2014.

“It’s All in the Game: Using HBO’s *The Wire* to Teach Urban Inequality” Presented at the Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting: San Antonio, TX- April 2014


“Trends of Bisexuality in America” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting: New York, NY- August 2013 (with D’Lane R. Compton and Yu Ting Chang)

**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities**  
Elected as Phi Kappa Phi President-Elect, UWA Chapter (May 2014)  
Elected as Phi Kappa Phi Chapter Secretary, UWA Chapter (June 2013)  
University of West Alabama Research Grant Recipient ($1000) 2013

**Committee Member:** Nominations Committee, Southwestern Social Sciences Association (2013-2014)  
President of Southwestern Social Science Association Women’s and Gender Studies Session, 2014-2016  
Program Chair for Women’s and Gender Studies Session, Southwestern Social Science Association, 2013-2014  
Chair for Women’s and Gender Studies Sessions on Gender and the Family for the Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meetings, 2014

**Dr. Kelly Pivik**  
Dr. Kelly Pivik was moved to Associate Professor of Psychology this year. In addition, she presented research at two conferences. The first was a poster presentation at the at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology in Austin, TX, and the second was a research talk presented at the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues in Portland, OR. She also delivered an invited talk for the UWA Commemoration of the Holocaust.
Presentations at Professional Meetings:
“Propaganda and prejudice in the Holocaust.” Invited address as part of a Commemoration of the Holocaust, sponsored by the University of West Alabama. April, 2014.

Department of Fine Arts

Dr. Manley Blackwell

Presentations at Professional Meetings:


Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:
Served as Adjudicator for the Alabama Federation of Music Clubs District Festival. Forest Lake Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. February 15, 2014.

Served as Adjudicator for the Huntsville Music Teachers Association District Auditions. First Baptist Church, Huntsville, Alabama. April 12, 2014.

Mr. Nick Davis

Exhibitions:
Monster Makeover IV, Tuscaloosa Arts Council, Tuscaloosa, AL

West Alabama Juried Art Show, Tuscaloosa Arts Council, Tuscaloosa, AL

9 x 12 Works on Paper Show 2013, Fort Worth Community Arts Center, Fort Worth, TX

Project Daydream, Firehorse Pottery Studio, Northport, AL

Spring Art and Photography Show, Coleman Center for the Arts, York, AL

Project Daydream, Tuscaloosa Arts Council, Tuscaloosa, AL

Off the Wall, Bell Conference Center, Livingston, AL

Untitled Exhibit of Local Artists, Sumter County Chamber of Commerce, Livingston, AL
**Awards and Honors:**
Cash Award: West Alabama Juried Art Show, Tuscaloosa Arts Council, Tuscaloosa, AL

**Ms. Jessica Smith**

**Scholarly Research:**
Summer 2014 Artist Residency in Vallauris, France

**Exhibitions:**
Art of the State, Tennessee Valley Museum of Art, Tuscumbia, AL (Jurors: Jere Allen and Ron Dale)

Experience Transformation, Baltimore Clayworks at Creative Alliance, Baltimore, MD (Curators: Sarah McCann and Brett Freund)

San Angelo National Ceramic Competition, Museum of Fine Arts, San Angelo, TX (Juror: Léopold Foulem)

Choose Your Own Adventure, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI

Elit-Tile, Museo de Arte Moderno, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic 20” x 20” x 20,” Union Art Gallery, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA (Juror: Shana Barefoot)

Sumter County Art Show, Coleman Arts Center, York, AL (Juror: Matthew Fluharty), 3rd Place Award

Alabama Artists Roots & Wings, Carneal Gallery, Selma, AL (Jurors: Jean Rainer Belt and Jaime Adams), 2nd Place Award

**Presentations at Professional Meetings:**

**Awards and Honors:**
University of West Alabama’s Phi Kappa Phi Great Minds Award

**Funded Grants:**
Individual Artist Grant, Alabama State Council on the Arts

**Mr. Willie Williams**

Actor (*Henry Wells*). “Monumental Mysteries: Face In the Courthouse Window”, television show produced by the Travel Channel which featured the historic Pickens County Courthouse in Carrollton, Alabama. Episode aired nationwide, 11 July 2013.


**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:**

Member of the Southeastern Theatre Conference, Inc.

Member of the UWA Black Faculty & Staff Association.

**Workshops Conducted:**

---

**Department of History and Social Sciences**

In 2013-2014, the Department of History and Social Sciences succeeded in publishing four issues of the *Alabama Review* with Rob Riser as editor. The Department also hosted a semester-long program, “UWA Remembers and Commemorates the Holocaust,” in the Spring 2014 semester. The program included a series of lectures and films as well as hosting a teacher workshop, “Echoes and Reflections,” and an art exhibit, “From Darkness into Life.”

Five members of the Department hold officer positions in state professional associations. Three of the History faculty members hold officer positions in the Alabama Association of Historians: Jeff Gentsch (treasurer), Rob Riser (board member), and Richard Schellhammer (president-elect). In addition, Ashley Dumas serves as Chair, Council on Alabama Archaeology as well as 3rd Vice-
President/Membership, Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. Valerie Burnes serves as Treasurer of the Alabama Historical Association.

Dr. Valerie Burnes

Papers/Books/Articles*:

Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:
Has been active in historic preservation, completing a National Register nomination for the Lincoln Normal School in Marion, AL for presentation to the Alabama Historical Commission in spring 2015.

Began work on Alabama Register and National Register nominations for Lakewood in Livingston and the Lambert House in Orrville.

Provided a tour of Cedarwood (1818) for the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation Lyceum and the OLLI (Osher Lifetime Learning Institute) presentation on the move and restoration of Cedarwood in Greensboro, AL.

Serves as the Alabama Regional Contact for the Lone Arrangers Roundtable of the Society of American Archivists and sits on both the Maritime Advisory Council and Cahawba Advisory Commission.

Awards and Honors:
Recognized as a “175 Faces of Judson” Inductee, one of the top 175 Judson College graduates, in celebration of Judson' 175th anniversary as well as receiving a $1,000 HRAB Local Records Preservation Grant with Amy Christiansen and a $500 Ala-Tom RC&D grant for Patchwork History Quilt project.

Dr. Ashley Dumas

Papers/Books/Articles*:
Presentations at Professional Meetings:

Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:
Conducted a four-week archaeological excavation at Fort Tombecbe, May 19- June 13, 2014.

Professionals Consultant:
Served as editor, of the Journal of Alabama Archaeology.

Dr. Jeff Gentsch

Presentations at Professional Meetings:
“The World’s Largest Stage: The Eastern Front, 1944 – A Geographic Overview,” at the “1944: 70 years on” conference at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, Great Britain. In addition, Jeff Gentsch had a paper on German field artillery accepted for The Legacy of World War One Conference, Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia, PA (13-14 November 2014).

Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:
Continues to lead guided tours for Shiloh National Military Park’s Anniversary hikes in April.

Dr. Mark Griffith

Presentations at Professional Meetings:
Presented a paper, “Churchill, Movies, and Writing” at the annual meeting of the Association of Core Text Meeting, Los Angeles, California, 11 April, 2014. In addition, Mark Griffith has been commissioned to write a chapter on “Churchill and Honor” for a Chapter in a book that is due 15 April 2015.

Dr. Chris Haveman

Papers/Books/Articles*:
Book on Creek Indians is in production at University of Oklahoma Press.

Dr. Richard Schellhammer

Papers/Books/Articles*:
Has had a paper accepted for the fall of 2014, “The Road to Oblivion: The Loss of Historical Memory of the Great War in Film,” The Legacy of World War One Conference, Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia, PA (13-14 November 2014).

Presentations at Professional Meetings:
Presented two paper, “The ‘Truth’ of Historical Films,” at the Film & History Conference, Madison, WI (29 October – 2 November 2013) and “The Cooperative Relationship of Consumer and Producer
in Art,” Twentieth Annual Association for Core Texts and Courses, Los Angeles, CA (10 April – 13 April 2014).

**Professional Consultant:**
Served as one of the editors for *Finding Family: From Fact, Fiction & Folklore* by Shirley Booth-Byerly.

---

**Department of Languages and Literature**

In June, 2013, we took 14 students as part of the Reed Literary Odyssey to tour Rowan Oak and see two live Shakespeare productions in Oxford, MS. We are currently planning our next excursion to Monroeville and Montgomery.

In October and April, we held Poetry at the Lake events.

In October, we hosted playwright and alumnus Joe Musso for a workshop on playwriting. He also taught one of our theater classes.

In October, we had a reading and autograph signing for Alan Brown.

In November and April, we hosted the fifth and sixth installments of the Callaway Schoolhouse Fiction and Poetry Reading and Workshop, featuring faculty members from the University of Alabama creative writing program. This is a recurring program, every semester, providing support for our student writers.

In April, we hosted the Black Belt Symposium, which featured the graphic novelist/memoirist Lila Quintero Weaver.

In April, we had readings for two Livingston Press authors: Valerie Miner and B.J. Leggett.

In March, UWA Integrated Marketing Communications students placed in the following categories at the 2013 Southeast Journalism Conference:

1st Place in Best Multimedia Journalist: Shelby Campbell

1st Place in Public Relations: Hayley Taylor, Caleb Walters, and Shelby Campbell

2nd Place in Best College Video News Program: Tiger Pause (beating Troy and Ole’ Miss)

3rd Place in Best Television News Reporting: Callie Murphy

6th Place in Best Advertising Staff Member: Amanda Nolin for *muse*

6th Place in Best Television News Feature Reporting: Hannah Riley

9th Place in Best College Newspaper Website: *muse*

35 Schools competed, and submitted a total of 440 entries in 15 competition categories.
Dr. Alejandro Azocar

Papers/Books/Articles*: 


Dr. Alan Brown

Scholarly Research:
Conducted research for Ghosts of Florida’s Gulf Coast. The manuscript was mailed to Pineapple Press in Sarasota, Florida, in February, 2014.

Conducted research for The Haunted South. The manuscript was mailed to the History Press in Charleston, South Carolina, in May 2014.

Conducting research for Historic Photographs of Sumter County. The manuscript will be sent to Arcadia Press in Charleston, South Carolina, no later than September 15, 2014.

Papers/Books/Articles*:

“Edgar Allan Poe’s Use of Gothic Conventions in ‘Ligeia’” will be published in a volume titled Ligeia by Edgar Allan Poe. It will be published by Layman Poupard Publishing, LLC.

Entry on William Heath was included in The Encyclopedia of Alabama in 2014.

Book review of Patrick Foley’s Missionary Bishop: Jean-Marie Odin in Galveston and New Orleans will be published in the St. Austin Review.

Book review of Diane Williams’ Mississippi Folk and the Tales They Tell: Myths, Legends, and Bald-Faced Lies was published in The Clarion Ledger on April 2, 2014.


Presentations at Professional Meetings:
Read a paper titled “Sleeping with Ghosts” at the annual meeting of Paranormal Kicks Cancer in St. Augustine, Florida, on September 31, 2013.

Read a paper titled “Using Peer Review in Remedial English” at the annual meeting of the Alabama Association of Developmental Education at Shelton State College on October 11, 2013.

Told ghost stories at Aldersgate Nursing Home in Meridian, Mississippi, on October 15, 2013.
Delivered a presentation on ex-slave narratives from Alabama to the Livingston Book Club on October 16, 2013.

Delivered a presentation on “College School Spirits” to the Chattahoochee Valley Historical Society in Valley, Alabama, on October 20, 2013.

Hosted the UWA Film Series presentation of Alfred Hitchcock’s *The Birds* on October 21, 2013. Told ghost stories to the Primrose Club on October 24, 2013.

Served as tour guide for “The Haunted Grove,” a fund-raising event for East Mississippi State Hospital between October 28 and October 30, 2013.

Delivered the James Colquitt Faculty Colloquium lecture, “Hemingway in Key West, Florida,” on November 12, 2013.

Delivered a presentation titled “Alabama’s College Spirits” at the Homewood Public Library on October 31, 2013.

Gave a ghost tour of New Orleans to the UWA Honors Students on November 23, 2013.

Gave a ghost tour of Key West, Florida, to the International Students on December 19, 2013.

Read a paper titled “The Yellow Wallpaper: Another Diagnosis” at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Philological Association at Mississippi State University in Starkville, Mississippi, on February 21, 2014.

Delivered a presentation titled “The Evolution of *The Miracle Worker* to the Horizons senior citizens group at Alexander City on February 23, 2014.

Hosted the UWA Film Series presentation of *The Stranger* on February 12, 2014.

Co-hosted the film “Dallas Buyers Club” with Dr. Lesa Shaul. The film was shown to the Honors Students on February 23, 2014.

Spoke to the Primrose Club at the Ruby Pickens Tartt Library on the subject of ex-slave narratives from Alabama on February 28, 2014.

**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:**

Served as Secretary for the Sumter County Fine Arts Council during the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year.

Chaired the McIlwain Bell Trustee Professorship Committee on October 10, 2013.

Served on the Committee for Faculty Affairs for the 2013/2014 school year.

Elected President of the Alabama Folklife Association in January 2014.
**Professional Consultant:**
Asked to participate in an evaluation of the Alabama Humanities Foundation by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

**Funded Grants:**
Received a grant for $1,400 for the Sucarnochee Folklife Festival from the Alabama Humanities Foundation on December 10, 2013.

**Workshops Conducted:**
Directed the Medicine and Literature workshops at the VA Hospital in Tuscaloosa during the Fall 2013 semester.

---

**Dr. Robert Clark**

**Papers/Books/Articles**: Two works in progress:

Article: “Haruki Murakami’s *IQ84* and the Theorization of American Literary Minimalism.”


**Presentations at Professional Meetings:**

Clark, Robert C. Moderator. Panel discussion, “The Non-Fictional Mailer and Dreiser: An American Tragedy and The Executioner’s Song,” at the annual American Literature Association conference in Washington, DC. The panelists were Jerome Loving and J. Michael Lennon. 23 May 2014.

---

**Dr. Debbie Davis**

**Scholarly Research:**
Continue scholarly work on British crime fiction, particularly the novels of Ruth Rendell and Barbara Vine. Preparing an essay to submit to *Clues: A Journal of Detection* that is an academic journal whose Executive Editor is from the University of Salford, UK and whose Editorial Board includes representatives from universities around the UK and USA.

Continue to work on an article to submit to *The Journal of Commonwealth and Postcolonial Studies* that concerns works written by subcontinent Indian women.

**Presentations at Professional Meetings:**
“My Summer Vacation in Venice, Florence, and Rome: The Italian Renaissance in Art, Architecture, and Literature.” Slideshow and presentation presented at the October meeting of the Alpha Delta
Kappa International Sorority of Women Educators, University of West Alabama Chapter, Livingston, October 1, 2013.

“Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein and the 19th Century Scientific Debate between Vitalism and Materialism.” Guest lecturer with power point presentation in Drs. John McCall and Lesa Shaul’s HR-200 (Honors Forum) class, February 12, 2014.

**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:**
Elected Vice-President for the 2014-2016 academic years in ADK, International Sorority of Women Educators.
Judged the UWA talent show, sponsored by one of the campus fraternities, March 19, 2014.

**Awards and Honors:**
Nominated and initiated into Phi Kappa Phi Collegiate Honor Society, Spring 2014.

**Dr. Tim Edwards**


**Dr. Amy Jones**

**Papers/Books/Articles*:**


**Presentations at Professional Meetings:**


Jones, Amy H. & Tina N. Jones. “iCommunicate: Striking the Right Chord with the QEP.” Accepted for presentation at the Annual SACSCOC meeting. Atlanta, Georgia. 6-9 December, 2014.

Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:
Alpha Delta Kappa, Alabama Alpha Pi Chapter President
Southeast Journalism Conference Faculty Delegate, and Co-Chair of the Broadcasting Committee
Alabama Council of University Faculty Presidents, First Vice President
Arkansas College Media Association Judge

Awards and Honors:
Recipient of the 2014 Loraine McIlwain Bell Trustee Professor Award
Recipient of the 2014 Nellie Rose McCrory Service Excellence Award
Recipient of the 2014 American Cancer Society Volunteer Leadership Award

Workshops Conducted:
Conducted iCommunicate workshops for the following University organizations and groups: Project BLOOM participants, Upward Bound participants, the Office of Sponsored Programs, and multiple freshman seminar courses.

Mr. Greg Jones

Presentations at Professional Meetings:


Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:
Judge for Feature Writing, South Eastern Journalism Conference, Lafayette, Louisiana. 21, February 2014.
Awards and Honors:

Dr. Tina Jones

Scholarly Research:
Working on a chapter for Their Life and Times, a collection of famous Alabama women to be published by the University of Georgia. (Ruby Pickens Tartt)

Presentations at Professional Meetings:
“Universities and Local History: Building Connections.” American Association of State and Local History Annual Meeting; Birmingham, AL Sept. 20, 2014.

Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:
President, Black Belt Heritage Area Board of Directors

President, Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation (statewide partner of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, editor of the Trustee newsletter

Member of the Black Belt Action Commission, Marketing Tourism Committee

Member of the Alabama Folklife Association Board of Directors (board development committee)

Member, Southwest Alabama Tourism Board

Member of the Friends Board for the Alabama Department of Archives and History

Black Belt Community Foundation – Community Associate

Jones, Tina Naremore. “‘Miss Ruby’: The Life and Career of Ruby Pickens Tartt.” Alabama Heritage, Number 113, Summer 2014.

Funded Grants:
Service Learning Grant for Media Maniacs: Creating and Effective Public Relations Campaign. Monies were used for the JN 320 Mass Media Writing Course and their Relay for Life service learning project. Team Media Maniacs was named best UWA team at the 2014 Sumter County Relay for Life.

Alabama Humanities Foundation, Audacious Alabama Women: Politics, Petticoats and Prisons. The grant was awarded to the Seasoned Players in Birmingham and I serve as the Humanities Scholar for the project. We have done five performances of My Name is Julia. (Livingston, AL, Sumter County Fine Arts Council Feb. 23, 2014; Camden, AL, Black Belt Treasures, April 14, 2014; Wilcox County High School, April 15, 2014; Thomasville, AL, Kathryn Tucker Windham Museum, June 6, 2014; and Athens, AL, Athens State University, Aug. 19, 2014.)
National Endowment on the Arts. The grant was awarded to Alabama Public Television for their series Journey Proud. For this project, I am named as a humanities advisory scholar.

**Awards and Honors:**
Successfully submitted nomination of Ruby Pickens Tartt for induction into the Black Belt Hall of Fame, induction March 2014.

**Workshops Conducted:**

Dr. Kendrick Prewitt

**Professional Consultant:**

**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:**
Discussion leader, David Mamet’s *State and Main*, Arkansas chapter of American College of Physicians annual Reading Retreat, Heber Springs, AR, April 2014.

---

**College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics**

**Summary of Achievements**

**College Summary**

NSM faculty were very active in scholarly activities in 2013-2014.

College faculty were authors or co-authors on 11 papers published in scholarly journals.

NSM faculty gave 11 invited presentations.

NSM faculty were authors or co-authors of some 25 presentations at scientific meetings. This includes mentoring of undergraduate research, presented by our students at local, state, national, and international meetings.

**Outreach**

As always, the College of Natural Science and Mathematics was very active in outreach activities during the 2013-2014 academic year. The College hosted the 13th Annual West Alabama Elementary Science Olympiad in which area youth participate in science activities.

The College hosted the 16th Annual West Alabama Regional Science Fair in March, with Dr. Roger Campbell serving as director. High school and junior school students from our eight-country service area competed for the right to represent the area in state and national ISEF fairs.
In March, the College hosted the 3rd Annual University of West Alabama Undergraduate Research Symposium (URS@NSM). This event continues to grow, with the number of entries increasing to 18 (up from 15 in the previous year).

The College continued its sponsorship of our Science Saturday program, in which College faculty invite area youth into their laboratories for weekend activities. The College hosted six Science Saturday events in 2013-2014.

In 2013, NSM initiated a series of Science Coffee Shops, seen as an analogue of the Science Saturday activities for grown-ups. Our goal in this series is to introduce the activity of our faculty to the community in an effort to stimulate interest and interaction. This year, Science Coffee Shops were hosted by Drs. Mustafa Morsy, Brian Burnes, John McCall, Brian Keener, and Andy Rindsberg.

The 2013-2014 year ended with a very significant achievement in grant-writing when Drs. Mustafa Morsy (PI), Lee Stanton (co-PI), and John McCall (co-PI) were notified that the $600,000 NSF proposal for the BOSS Scholarship project had been funded. That news was soon followed by the notification that Dr. Morsy’s $580,000 NSF to investigate the role of fungal endophytes had also been funded.

The Alabama Plant Atlas, a collaborative project among nine state herbaria resulting in a website documenting the flora of Alabama, has grown to include the digital records of 124,000 plant specimens, of which, 55,000 are also imaged.

The University of West Alabama Herbarium (UWAL) has grown to become a regionally recognized and respected facility now housing over 20,000 botanical specimens primarily documenting the flora of Alabama especially the west-central part of the state. In addition to being used by certain biology classes, the herbarium is visited each year by several scholars and conservation workers.

**Biological and Environmental Sciences**

The 2013-2014 year ended with a very significant achievement in grant-writing when Drs. Mustafa Morsy (PI), Lee Stanton (co-PI), and John McCall (co-PI) were notified that the $600,000 NSF proposal for the BOSS Scholarship project had been funded. That news was soon followed by the notification that Dr. Morsy’s $580,000 NSF to investigate the role of fungal endophytes had also been funded.

**Dr. Brian Burnes**

**Publications:**


Bebak, Julie, Bruce Wagner, **Brian Burnes**, and Terry Hanson. *Risk factor for Aeromonas hydrophila outbreaks on a catfish farm.* Fish Farming News, Auburn University, Summer 2013.

**Presentations:**
“*Sources of E. coli in Lake Martin.*” Alabama Water Resources Association Conference, Perdido Beach, Alabama (2013).


“*Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment of Factory Creek in Sumter County, Alabama.*” Sumter County Soil & Water Conservation Committee Meeting, Livingston, Alabama.

Grayson, Tara and **Brian S. Burnes**. 2013. A pilot study of the effects of environmental and physiological stress on the conjunctival bacteria of college student contact wearers. 2nd Place Winner - University of West Alabama Undergraduate Research Symposium, Livingston, Alabama.


Newburn, Jon Tyler and **Brian S. Burnes**. 2013. *Epidemiology of Aeromonas hydrophila on Alabama catfish farms.* University of West Alabama Undergraduate Research Symposium, Livingston, Alabama.


**Awards and Honors:**
Named a Fellow of the Alabama Academy of Science.

**Dr. Brian Keener**

**Papers/Books/Articles***:


**Dr. John McCall**
Assumed the presidency of the Alabama Academy of Science, and UWA will host the 2015 meeting of this organization.
Alabama Academy of Sciences 2013. An examination of fish communities in an Alabama salt marsh with consideration of impacts from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill disaster. Rachael Maulorico and John McCall.

Mentored research projects and accompanied student presenters at 2012 meeting of Alabama Academy of Science.

**Grants:**
- Differentiation of Isolated Populations of a Salt Marsh Fish $1000 - UWA Faculty Research Grant
- Biology Opportunities and Scholarships for Success (BOSS) Project $600,000 - Submitted to NSF in August 2013 (Co – PI)

**Dr. Jeffery Merida**

**Funded Grants:**
Re-awarded $40,000 for the PBI Bloom Project. Conducted a summer laboratory techniques workshop with students from area high schools.

**Dr. Kevin Morse**

**Presentations at Professional Meetings:**
Association of Southeastern Biologists Annual Meeting (April 11, 2013) – Charleston, WV. Poster Presentation by Samford University undergraduate student

The persistent effects of abandoned mine drainage on water chemistry and benthic macroinvertebrates in Black Creek, a tributary of the Black Warrior River in Western Jefferson County, AL. Victoria Underwood¹, Elizabeth G. Dobbins¹, Kevin J. Morse² ¹Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, Samford University, Birmingham, AL; ²Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, University of West Alabama, Livingston, AL


Supervised undergraduate research involving a mosquito survey of UWA and surrounding area.

Wrote letter of support for Stephen Liverman’s Black Belt Prairie grant proposal.

Reviewed “Chapter 6 - Ecology: Preserving the Animal Kingdom” in the upcoming 9th edition of Miller & Harley: Zoology for KHLowery Consulting, who was representing the publisher.

**Professional Consultant:**
Professional consultant activities with PondMD, a pond/lake management company, regarding aquatic ecology.

**Funded Grants:**
UWA Service Learning Grant recipient ($1,000) for “Public Health Issues - Determining Sources of E. coli in the Cahaba River.”
**Dr. Mustafa Morsy**

**Invited Talks:**
Department of Biological Sciences, University Tulsa, Tulsa, OK, October 11, 2013
Department of Biological Sciences, Damanhour University, Egypt, October 7, 2013
Department of Biology, Saba Pasha University, Egypt, October 6, 2013
Department of Biological Sciences, Auburn University, Auburn, AL, September 13, 2013
UWA Science Coffee Shop, University of West Alabama, Livingston, September 11, 2013

**Presentations:**


Armuelles H., and **Morsy M.** (2013) Southern Section of American Society of Plant Biologist, Little Rock Arkansas April 6-8. (Oral presentation)


Bonham C., Armuelles H., and **Morsy M.** (2013). Usage of Viral and Fungal Symbionts to Improve Crop Production. Undergraduate Research Symposium at Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Livingston, AL, March 12, (Student awarded the Presidents’s award).

Millwood J., Bonham C., and **Morsy M.** (2013). A Fungus Containing Virus Could Be the Answer to Farmers’ Woes. Undergraduate Research Symposium at Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Livingston, AL, March 12. (Students awarded the Dean’s award).


**Funded Grants:**
Plant heat tolerance through cross kingdom interaction. The National Science Foundation, Physiological and Structural Systems Program. Total award: $114,000 (2011-2014), PI (subaward from Penn State University).

Identification of Fungal Endophyte Valuable to Crop Production. The University of West Alabama Research Grant Program. Total award: $1000 (2013-2014), PI.

Molecular and Microbial Biology: A Discovery-Based Biology Class for Freshmen. The University of West Alabama Teaching Excellence Program. Total award: $1000 (2013-2014), PI.
Dr. Andrew Rindsberg

Publications:


Presentations at professional meetings:


Dr. Ketia Shumaker

Scholarly Research:
Visiting researcher on the Hardwood Genomics Project at Penn State University (Summer 2013)

Poster presentation given at the Cold Springs Harbor Laboratories Genomics Conference, December 4-7, 2013.

Grants:
Continued Funding of the National Science Foundation Comparative Genomics of Environmental Stress Responses in North American Hardwoods Grant, Co-Principal Investigator, includes funds to support two UWA undergraduates as summer interns at Pennsylvania State University $3,691,273 (2011-2015)

Continued funding on a consulting project to fund two UWA undergraduates as summer interns at Pennsylvania State University through a grant funded by the United States Department of Agriculture Grant entitled “Plant Detection of Herbivore Feeding Cues: A Comparative Approach towards Understanding Host Evasion $459,924 (2013-2014).
Received funding from the United States Department of Education under the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program, Co-Principal Investigator, UWA’s Project Engage freshmen retention program, $235,543 (2012-2015).

Continued collaborations with faculty member, Dr. Carlyon Copenheaver, at Virginia Tech University on a United States Department of Agriculture Interdisciplinary Climate Education grant proposal.

**Dr. Lee Stanton**

**Papers/Books/Articles***:

**Presentations at Professional Meetings**:
“Frog in a Well: The arduous relationship between science and technology.” Invited lecture for the Phi Kappa Phi Inter-college Panel on “The positive and negative impact of technology.” May 1, 2013.

“Pursuing Sustainability”. Invited lecture for JN-370 Television Production, for Dr. Amy Jones. February 2013.

**Department of Mathematics**

Supervised events at the Science Olympiad

Judged numerous science fairs at area high schools and middle schools

Judged the West Alabama Regional Science Fair

Participated in the Undergraduate Research Symposium

**Ms. Rita Bonner**

**Awards and Honors**:
Recognized with the William E. Gilbert Award for Outstanding Teaching.

**Ms. Kim Giles**

**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities**:
Hosted the AISA District Middle School Mathematics Tournament and the AISA District High School Mathematics Tournament.
Dr. Tom Ratkovich

Papers/Books/Articles*:

Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:
Named to the Graduate Faculty at the University of Alabama, and served on two Ph.D. committees.

Served on two doctoral dissertation committees at the University of Alabama

Dr. Jeng Chen

Presentations:
Presented a Science Saturday Event: “Mathematics in the Cards”

Dr. Frank Rogers

Papers/Books/Articles*:
Published an E-novel: *Heartless: A Journey to Second Earth*, published by Synergebooks

Grants:
Participating in the STEM grant Project Engage

Mr. Micky Smith

Funded Grants:
Secured a $4000 grant for the Sumter/Marengo Water Festival

Dr. Hazel Truelove

Awards and Honors:
Completed her Ph.D. at the University of Alabama

Received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award in Secondary Mathematics at the University of Alabama

Grants:
Participating in an IMPACT grant sponsored by the University of Alabama.
**Physical Sciences**

Supervised events at the Science Olympiad

Judged numerous science fairs at area high schools and middle schools

Judged the West Alabama Regional Science Fair

**Dr. Roger Campbell**

**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:**
Served as director of the West Alabama Regional Science Fair

---

**College of Business**

**Summary of Achievements**

**International Programs**—The COB has made great strides in internationalizing its curriculum by entering into agreements with Guangdong University of Finance in Guangzhou, China to provide a dual degree program with UWA in all business disciplines, but especially Accounting and Finance, and with Dalian University of Technology to provide both dual and single degree programs. We have also entered into Memorandums of Understanding with several other Chinese universities (most recently Dalian Maritime University, Jiaying University and Jiaotong University), as well as assuming a lead role in pursuing cooperative education programs with the Montreux School of Business in Switzerland, and the International Business School in Budapest, Hungary.

**Certificate Programs**—The College of Business added in Fall, 2013, an Automotive Technician Certificate Program, and in Spring 2014, a Welding Short Certificate Program, both designed to help meet the anticipated demand for employment in these fields, and to provide students with a broad range of technical skills and knowledge that will expand their career opportunities and income.

**MBA Program**—With ACHE and SACS approval, the College of Business implemented in Fall 2013 the Master of Business Administration degree with two concentrations, general business and finance. The College of Business’s first graduate degree will require successful completion of 33 hours of credit. The required studies include business administration, management, marketing, accounting, economics, statistics, computer information systems, and other business and finance elective courses. Courses are offered Monday through Thursday evenings (one course per evening) from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Wallace Hall.

**Alabama Fire College**—Beginning Fall 2013, the College of Business implemented an agreement between UWA and the Alabama Fire College to offer two new degree programs through its Bachelor of Science in Technology degree, fire science and emergency medical services. 32-42 hours of technical credit will be transferred from the Fire College to the College of Business to meet partial degree requirements. Additionally, the Associate of Applied Science degree in Fire Science and Emergency Medical Services was approved by ACHE in June, 2014.
**Department of Labor Grant**—Through a collaborative effort of the College of Business, Division of Outreach Services, and Office of Sponsored Programs, UWA was awarded a $2.2 million U.S. Department of Labor Grant to establish a comprehensive industrial technology training model to produce highly skilled and qualified workers. This Applied Manufacturing Technology program is designed to facilitate workforce development in the Black Belt region.

**Delta Regional Authority Grant**—The College of Business was awarded a $100,500 grant from Delta Regional Authority to purchase automotive technology equipment as part of the Applied Manufacturing Technology Training Program.

**VITA Program**—The IRS sponsored Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program provided professional tax preparation services to over 250 low income citizens in the UWA service area this past tax filing season, completely free of charge. The VITA program brings together COB accounting faculty and students to provide this valuable service to citizens who otherwise would lack the expertise to file their taxes themselves, or lack the financial resources to hire someone to do it for them.

**Center for Business and Economic Services**—A $210,000 APCO Foundation Grant which established the Center for Business and Economic Services, continues to provide business research and analysis, feasibility studies, economic impact analyses, strategic planning, leadership training, and other business and economic service activities to existing business and industry and local public institutions in the Black Belt region.

**James Suttles Entrepreneurship Institute**—Through the $350,000 donation which established the James Suttles Entrepreneurship Institute, the JSEI continues to assist with launching new entrepreneurial endeavors, creating viable and sustainable small business ventures, retaining and expanding existing small businesses, and building capacity through skills training and workforce development throughout UWA’s service area.

**Miscellaneous**—The COB assumed a leadership role, was involved in, or provided assistance to, such varied activities as the Demopolis Higher Education Center, regional economic development activities, business and community outreach projects, the UWA Foundation Capital Campaign, various alumni events, internships, certificate programs, political and governmental meetings, Fulbright Scholar sponsorships, AERN Sumter Chamber Partnership, mock interviews, various workshops, seminars and training sessions, and so on.

**Dr. Ken Tucker**

**Presentations at Professional Meetings:**
Montreaux School of Business, Switzerland—UWA, COB, MBA, ACBSP

International Business School, Budapest, Hungary—UWA, COB, IP

Alabama Community Leaders Network Annual Conference—Leadership
Guangdong University of Finance, International Experts Lecture Series—Key Leadership Characteristics
Guangdong University of Finance, International Experts Lecture Series—The East Asian Dollar Standard (developed by Joo Young Lee, Adam Cai and Anna Cai)

Mercedes Benz International—COB; Industrial Maintenance & Technology; Automotive Tech

Demopolis Area Business Council—3R’s Process

Mobile County Alumni Association—College of Business & MBA Accounting Club—Leadership & Interpersonal Effectiveness

Finance & Accounting Majors—Leadership, Communication, Teambuilding

York-Livingston Rotary Club—MBA program

Lauderdale Bar Association—COB and MBA

**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:**
Accreditation Council of Business Schools and Programs—Site Visit Evaluator; Global Business Education Committee

Black Belt Commission Workforce Development & Skills Training Committee—Co-chairperson

UWA Foundation Board of Directors

Marengo County Economic Development Authority Board of Directors

UWA Rodeo Board of Directors

Marengo County Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors

UWA-Marengo County Alumni Association

Region 6 Workforce Development Council

UWA Leadership Development Program Mentor

Sumter County Chamber of Commerce

Alabama Community Leadership Network

Alabama Tombigbee Regional Commission

Alabama Association of Regional Councils

Central Alabama Business Deans Summit

Demopolis City Schools Foundation
Alabama Association of Higher Education in Business

Demopolis Chamber of Commerce

Strategic Initiative Response Force

Economic Development Association of Alabama

Demopolis Higher Education Center Advisory Board

**Professional Consultant:**
Bryan W. Whitfield Memorial Hospital Labor & Delivery Task Force—Facilitator

Alabama Grassroots Initiative, York—Facilitator

Economic & Community Development (Roles, Responsibilities, & Relationships); Demopolis City, Chamber of Commerce, Business Council, and Industrial Development Board—Facilitator

**Awards and Honors:**
Alabama Communities of Excellence Board of Directors & President

Visiting Scholar—Capella University

Alabama Council on Economic Education Board of Directors

Alabama Quality Awards Board of Examiners

**Workshops Conducted:**
7 Habits of Highly Effective People—Sumter & Marengo Chambers of Commerce

Leadership Marengo—Leadership; County Government

Marengo Youth Lead—Leadership; County Government

---

**Accounting, Finance and Economics**

**Dr. Uchenna Akpom**

**Papers/Books/Articles***:


**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:**


**Mr. Adam Cai**

**Scholarly Research:**
Monetary Economics, Public Policy: Welfare and Taxation, Virtual world experiments, Inflation and output tradeoff

Developed and taught GMAT material to UWA students applying to graduate school. Over 50% of students in the graduating Finance Major will be attending graduate school in Fall 2014.

**Presentations at Professional Meetings:**
Presenter at Public Choice Society Conference, March 8, 2014

**Ms. Anna Cai**

**Scholarly Research:**
Human Capital Spillovers, Trade, and Economic Growth; East Asian Currency Policies

Development of new finance major courses at UWA, and coordination of curriculum to adjust to changes in the GDUF-UWA dual degree program, including a restructuring of the curriculum

**Ms. Kristi Chapman**

**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:**
Accounting Educators Conference sponsored by the Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants

**Professional Consultant:**
Volunteer Professional Consultant for Toxey Baptist Church.
Dr. Mitzi Green

Presentations at Professional Meetings:

Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:
Served on one accreditation team visit with Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP); Monroe College, Bronx and New Rochelle, New York, March 2014; accepted position of ACBSP mentor to Bay State College, Boston, Massachusetts

Dr. Joo Young Lee (with co-authors)

Scholarly Research:
“Financial Crisis and Crowding-Out Effect with Contagion-Effect”, October 2013 to present
“A New Standardized Analysis for National Competitiveness”, August 2009 to present

Papers/Books/Articles*:

Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:
Served as an editor for “Seoul Studies,” a registered academic journal by Korean Research Foundations, since August 2011.

Ms. Sharon Stipe

Professional Consultant:
Assisted nonprofit organizations with IRS nonprofit Form 990 filing requirements

Funded Grants:
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA); Impact Alabama and Internal Revenue Service providing assistance to more than 250 tax clients in local area with free income tax assistance at UWA. ($4,100)

Business Administration, Marketing and Management

Dr. Aliquippa Allen

Scholarly Research:
Presentations at Professional Meetings:
UWA Honor’s Banquet Guest Speaker

Guest Speaker, Brown Technical Center

Guest Speaker, Upward Bound Program, Sumter High School

Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:
Leadership Marengo Steering Committee, Resource Chairperson

Demopolis Area Habitat for Humanity, Grants Chairperson

Demopolis City School Foundation, Executive Committee

Air Force Reserve Officer Training

Toastmaster’s International Advisor

Alabama Association of Habitat Affiliates

Alabama Community Leadership Network

Alabama Power Nonprofit Conference

Funded Grants:
Demopolis Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. ($65,000)

Workshops Conducted:
Facilitator: “York Leadership Initiative Community Circle”

Co-presenter: “Economic Development and Sustainment seminar”, Leadership Marengo

Presenter: “Leadership and Management Training Seminar” Demopolis Higher Education Center, West Alabama Business & Industry

Dr. Aliquippa Allen, Dr. Russ Henley and Dr. Adrian Doss

Papers/Books/Articles*:

Dr. Janie Gregg

Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:
Moderator for All-Academy Session at SWAM 2014:“Forecasts and Earnings”
President - Southwest Academy of Management   March 2014-March 2015.

President-Elect Elect - Southwest Academy of Management   March 2013-14

**Funded Grants:**
Enactus & Sam’s Club Step-up for Small Business Grant - ($1500)

Enactus & Walmart Women’s Economic Empowerment Grant – ($1500)

**Dr. Janie Gregg and Dr. Adrian Doss**

**Presentations at Professional Meetings:**

---

**CIS/Technology**

Mr. Shaheen Ahmed

**Papers/Books/Articles*: (with co-authors)**

**Presentations at Professional Meetings:**


Teaching Philosophy, Presented at the Grand Design Luncheon at the University of West Alabama.

**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:**
17th Annual Applied Ergonomics Conference, Orlando, FL--Presented Two Posters/Abstracts, Round-Table Speaker, and Session Chair.

**Awards and Honors:**
Best Evaluator, Best Speaker UWA Toastmaster Club, Livingston, AL

---

Dr. Wayne Bedford

**Presentations at Professional Meetings:**
Southwest Academy of Management (SWAM) Conference, New Orleans, LA, September 2013. Presented “Academic Integrity: Critical Findings at a Small Southern Regional University” with Dr. Janie Gregg and Dr. Tim Edwards.

**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:**
ACBSP UWA Champion

**Dr. Donnie Cobb**

**Workshops Conducted:**
GIS/GPS workshops for business and state/government agencies Feb. 20, 2014

3D CADD Training for Sumter Central HS for Robotic competition

**Dr. Donnie Cobb, Dr. Balu Gokaraju and Mr. Shaheen Ahmed**

**Papers/Books/Articles**: “Using GIS for Recruiting in Higher Education” November 2014 ATMAE conference

**Mr. Richard Day**

**Professional Consultant:**
Apple Beta Test participant - Apple OS X 10.9

**Dr. Adrian Doss**

**Papers/Books/Articles**: (with co-authors):

**Awards and Honors:**
Mississippi State Guard. Promotion to the grade/rank of: O6 Colonel

**Dr. Adrian Doss, Dr. Aliquippa Allen and Dr. Russ Henley**


**Dr. Balu Gokaraju**

**Workshops Conducted:**
Workshop towards STEM learning and project experience for National Summer Transportation Initiative (NSTI) project
Dr. Balu Gokaraju and Dr. Donnie Cobb

Funded Grants:
Co-Principal Investigator “ESRI and PCI Geomatics Natural Resources Imagery Grant. ($100,000)
Automotive Equipment Grant, Delta Regional Authority, November 2013. ($ 100,500)

Dr. Balu Gokaraju, Dr. Don Yessick and Mr. Ken Walker
Advanced Manufacturing and Production Technology Training program for Greene County Career Center. ($ 200,000).

Dr. Balu Gokaraju and Dr. Donald Yessick

Workshops Conducted:
Java Programming Workshop as Community Service to Sumter County High School, Spring 2014.

Dr. Donald Yessick

Professional Consultant:
Updated the Choctaw County Webpage for faster loading

College of Education
Summary of Achievements

Department of Curriculum and Instruction

The Department of Curriculum and Instruction provided over 200 hours of service to schools throughout Alabama and Mississippi during the 2013-2014 academic year.

Dr. Mae Daniel, Dr. Erica King and Dr. Dana Rolison

Presentations at Professional Meetings:

Dr. Esther Howard

Presentations at Professional Meetings:

**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:**

MsECA Special Committee Appointment, Mississippi Early Childhood Association

MsECA Summer Blast Off Conference Planning Committee, Mississippi Early Childhood Association

Director, UWA Early Childhood Education Conference

**Dr. Esther Howard and Dr. Andrea Minear**

**Presentations at Professional Meetings:**


**Dr. Lynn Kelley**

**Presentations at Professional Meetings:**


**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:**

Delegate to the NCSS House of Delegates in the Elementary Community of the National Council for the Social Studies

Outgoing NCSS Community Chair of Early Childhood/Elementary Community of the National Council for the Social Studies

**Dr. Lynn Kelley and Dr. Jodie Winship**

**Papers/Books/Articles***:


**Dr. B.J. Kimbrough**

**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:**

Reviewer for Current Issues in Education’s Professional Journal

Coordinator, Eboni Andrews Curtis Memorial Scholarship, Marengo High School
Judge, Sumter County Public Schools Alumni Association’s Annual Oratorical Contest

Secretary- Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated

Board Member, Unity Impact Community Development Corp., Inc;

Board Member, West Alabama Child Seat Safety Nonprofit Organization

Education Advancement Foundation Advisory Committee, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

Dr. Erica King

Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:
Proposal Reviewer, Session Presider, and Evaluation Committee- 2013 Mid-South Educational Research Association Annual Conference

Dr. Andrea Minear

Papers/Books/Articles*:

Funded Grants:

Dr. Ashley Pendergrass

Presentations at Professional Meetings:


“Mean Jean the Recess Queen.” Session presented at the National Council of Social Studies, St. Louis, MO, November 2013.

**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:**
National Council for the Social Studies Early Childhood/Elementary Community Vice-Chair
Manuscript reviewer for Childhood Education (AECI publication) June 2014

Dr. Ashley Perry

**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:**
Conference planning committee member, Alabama Autism Conference, The University of Alabama, 2013-present

Reading Fair Judge at Southeast Middle School and Russell Christian Academy

Member of United Way of West Alabama Young Leaders Society, Tuscaloosa, AL., 2014

Representative at the International Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Convention, 2014

Member of the Board of Directors for United Cerebral Palsy of West Alabama

Dr. Dana Rolison

**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:**
Reviewer for Current Issues in Education’s Professional Journal

Reading Fair Judge at Southeast Middle School and Russell Christian Academy

Dr. Erica Tanner

**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:**
Reviewer for the Southern Early Childhood Association’s publication Dimensions.


Reviewer for the Annual Conference of the Mid-South Educational Research Association

Session chair for the 2013 Annual Conference of the Mid-South Educational Research Association
Dr. Erica Tanner and Dr. Erica King

Papers/Books/Articles*: Tanner, E.J & Knight, L.D. (2014). Reflective Teaching or Program Fidelity: Sacrificing One for the Other. Manuscript in editing phase and publication options are being explored.

Presentations at Professional Meetings: “Quality Asynchronous Discussion: A Case Study of Professor Impact. Presentation at the Mid-South Educational Research Association’s Annual Conference in Pensacola, FL, November 2013

Dr. Melina Vaughan


Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities: Kappa Delta Pi – University of West Alabama Counselor & Lead Association


Funded Grants: (2013). Assessment and Professional Development for University of West Alabama (UWA) Campus School Teachers to Enhance Teacher-Student Interactions through the utilization of the Classroom Assessment Scoring System. UWA Teaching Excellence grant award. $1000

(2013). Introduction to Teaching and Learning (ED 300) and Dr. Seuss Day at Livingston Jr. High. UWA Service Learning award. $1000

Dr. Jodie Winship

Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities: President, Alabama Council for Exceptional Children

Vice President, Alabama Division of Autism and Developmental Disabilities

CEC Pioneers Division National Mentoring Program

Director, UWA Annual Stem Conference
Dr. Jodie Winship, Dr. Erica Tanner and Dr. Erica King

Presentations Made at Professional Meetings:
“Classroom chats: With or Without Me.” Presentation at the United States Distance Learning Association’s Annual Conference in St. Louis, MO, May 2013.

Dr. Jodie Winship and Dr. Jeffery Merida

Funded Grants:
(2011-present). Project Bringing Learning Opportunities through Outreach and Mentoring Winship, J. (2012- present). Project Engage (Faculty Mentor and Leadership Team)

Department of Instructional Leadership

Dr. Susan Cordell

Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:
Held several positions including Alabama School Library Association Treasurer; member, Scholarship Committee; member, Peer Review Panel for ASLA Journal. Dr. Cordell also served the Alabama Library Association as Chair, Children’s and School Libraries Division; voting member, Executive Committee

Awards and Honors:
Received the 2013 Herman Moore LAMP Award of Exceptional Service “for significant contributions over an extended period of time to Alabama libraries” by the Alabama Library Expo.

Dr. Susan Cordell and Dr. Reenay Rogers

Papers/Books/Articles*:


Presentations at Professional Meetings:
Make Connections! Increase Your Professional Learning Network with Technology Florida Educational Technology Conference (Poster Session) (January 2014)
Dr. Barry Green-Burns

Presentations at Professional Meetings:
Test Accountability Does Not Have to Equal Anxiety, Annual Conference of the Alabama Counseling Association, November 20, 2014

Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:
Received 11 Hours continuing education in the following areas:
1 hour “Counseling the Elderly: American Counseling Association April, 2014
5 hours-State of Alabama Annual Career Development Conference April 2014
5 Hours-“Ethics Policies 2014.” Region 3 Alabama Counseling Association April 2014.
Served as Counselor for Kappa Delta Pi Spring 2014.

Professional Consultant:
Served as the Counselor for the Campus School and the Sumter Academy Football team.

Helped establish a Bullying Prevention Program for Sumter Academy and conducted a Bullying Prevention Group for the 5th Grade at Sumter Academy.

Dr. Barry Green-Burns and Dr. Ann Hollingsworth

Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:
Co-Chairpersons for Sumter County Department of Human Resources Quality Assurance Committee.

Dr. Barry Green-Burns, Dr. Dana Rolison, Dr. Mae Daniel and Dr. Erica King

Papers/Books/Articles*:

Dr. Martha Hocutt

Papers/Books/Articles*:

Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:
Served as UA/UWA In-Service Center Board member
Search Committee member for AMSTI Director and Elementary Science Specialist, and UWA Liaison for College Prep Alabama.

**Professional Consultant:**
Served as a reviewer for the *Journal of Interactive Online Learning, September 2013.*

**Workshops Conducted:**
Held several workshops for UWA faculty and staff including Blackboard Blast!, Promethean Board Training, Blogs, Wikis, Journals and More, Respondus Clicker System, The Flipped Classroom, and Animations.

---

**Dr. Ann Hollingsworth**

**Papers/Books/Articles**:  


**Presentations at Professional Meetings:**

**Professional Consultant:**
External Consult with SAMSHA Grant awarded to Counseling Services, UWA. Dr. Hollingsworth also held weekly consultation with Quitman High School (Quitman, Clarke County, MS) Special Education Class on Citizenship, Life Skills, and Behavior Management.

**Funded Grants:**  
Awarded an UWA Service Learning Grant for School Year 2013-2014.

**Workshops Conducted:**
Held bimonthly workshops on Stress Management with Wesley House Community Center to Adult Life-Skills program.

---

**Dr. Ann Hollingsworth and Dr. Debbie Baker-Dean**

**Presentations at Professional Meetings:**
Dr. Denise Knight

Scholarly Research:
Ongoing Study: Effectiveness and Impact of PRAXIS Preparation Workshops on Student Pass Rates.

Papers/Books/Articles*:

Presented at The University of West Alabama Fall 2013 Joint Commission Meeting: COE Program Advisory Councils and University Council for Teacher Education.

College of Education Assessment and Evaluation Overview (December 3, 2013). 

Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:
ALSDE NCATE/CAEP Partnership Advisory Group
Russell Christian Academy School Board
Southern Regional Education Board – State Team Representative
USDE i3 Grant Reviewer
AACTE 2013 Annual Meeting Program Reviewer
Learning Forward 2013 Annual Conference, Elevate Your Practice, Program Reviewer
Book Reviewer for Eye on Education: The 6 Keys to Teacher Engagement: Unlocking the Doors to Top Teacher Performance by Cathie E. West
Dissertation Committee – The University of Alabama on behalf of Marsha Cannon
NCATE/CAEP National Board of Examiners.

Professional Consultant:
Awards and Honors:
Nominated and selected to the NCATE/CAEP National Board of Examiners
Excellence in NCATE Leadership – Department of Instructional Leadership and Support
Phi Kappa Phi ‘Great Mind’ Award, College of Education Nominee, Spring 2014.

Dr. Denise Knight, Dr. Susan Cordell, Dr. Martha Hocutt, Dr. Barry Green-Burns, Dr. Ann Hollingsworth, Dr. Jan Miller, Dr. Reenay Rogers

Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:
Worked on preparing for the NCATE/CAEP Reaffirmation Visit.

Dr. Denise Knight and Dr. Jan Miller

Scholarly Research:
Ongoing research project: Comparative Analysis of PRAXIS Scores of New Instructional Leadership Students for Program.

Papers/Books/Articles*:
“That’s a Chop! Developing Leadership through Teamwork!” article in the Student Leadership Challenge e-newsletter (2013)


Dr. Jan Miller

Awards and Honors:
Was a 2014 CAEP Site Visitor Nominee

Workshops Conducted:
Conducted numerous workshops including Good to Great: What Great Schools Do Differently!; Team Work - Together Everyone Achieves More!; It's all about ME! Improving Student Motivation; Teach Like a Champion; Instructional Rounds; and Preparing for the Common Core.

Dr. Jan Miller and Dr. B.J. Kimbrough

Presentations at Professional Meetings:
Dr. Pamela Rochester

Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:
Served as a judge for the Elizabeth Louise Ramsey Memorial Scholarship.

Professional Consultant:
Provided a courtesy consultation with the Director of Counseling at Konawaena High School, Hawaii regarding confidentiality of student information learned during counseling sessions. Dr. Rochester also assisted in developing training materials regarding students’ right to privacy laws to be used with the counselors of that school.

Awards and Honors:
Was chosen to represent my professional community in the 2013 Edition of Covington Who's Who 100 Industry Professionals.

Dr. Reenay Rogers

Presentations at Professional Meetings:
*It’s “T” Time! Time to Take Your Online Classes to ExTraordinary with Tegrity!* 2013 Online Faculty Professional Development Meeting (2013).

*Animate to Invigorate!* Georgia Educational Technology Conference (November 2013).

*Blogs, Wikis, Facebook, and More! Instructional Uses for the Classroom* Georgia Educational Technology Conference (November 2013).

*Animate to Invigorate!* Florida Educational Technology Conference (January 2014).

Accepted discussion group presentation at SACSCOC Annual Meeting Presentation Title: *Bring Your Online Courses to Life Using Lecture Capture* (December, 2013).

Accepted presentation at Creating Futures through Technology Presentation title: *Get Connected! Increase Your Professional Learning Network with Technology* (March, 2014).

Accepted presentation at Creating Futures through Technology Presentation title: *Blogs, Wikis, Facebook, and More! Instructional Uses for the Classroom* (March, 2014)

Accepted presentation at the Alabama Science Teachers Association Presentation title: *Engage in STEM!* (2014)

Accepted presentation at the Alabama Science Teachers Association Presentation title: *Take the STEM Challenge* (2014)

Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:

Served as a proposal reviewer for Florida Educational Technology Conference (2013) and as a Social Media Ambassador for ISTE (2014).
**Professional Consultant:**
Consulted with Holy Spirit Catholic High School administration during the academic year 2013-2014.

**Funded Grants:**
Served as Co-Principal Investigator on Project Engage- U.S. Department of Education MSEIP grant.

---

**Dr. Reenay Rogers and Dr. Susan Cordell**

**Papers/Books/Articles*:**
Grant Writing to Support STEM. In Vera Gubnitskaia & Carol Smallwood (Eds.) How to STEM: Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in libraries. Scarecrow Press. (2014)

---

**Dr. Reenay Rogers and Dr. Ann Hollingsworth**

**Scholarly Research:**
Received IRB approval and began collecting data for a study on the use of wikis to increase collaboration in higher education.

---

**Dr. Erica Tanner and Dr. Denise Knight**
Reflective Teaching or Program Fidelity: Sacrificing One for the Other. Manuscript in editing phase and publication options are being explored (2014).

---

**Dr. Nisha Warbington**

**Scholarly Research:**
Researching “Field Experiences in the Online Settings; Enhancing Connectivity in the Online Classroom.”

**Presentations at Professional Meetings:***
Was accepted to present at 2014 Southern Association of Counselor Education Supervision Conference and the 2014 University of West Alabama Online Training

**Professional Consultant:**
Served as a consultant for Tuscaloosa County Schools and the Capitol School

---

**Dr. Celeste Wheat**

**Papers/Books/Articles*:**
*Women’s Aspirations and The University Presidency: Subtle Barriers and Pipeline Issues for Female Administrators.* Book prospectus under review by Temple University Press.


Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:
Served on the Mid-South Educational Research Association (MSERA) Graduate Student Advisory Committee, which recommends and conducts activities to encourage graduate student membership and participation.

Awards and Honors:
Won the 2013 John R. Rachal Dissertation Award from the Educational Studies and Research Department at The University of Southern Mississippi.

Workshops Conducted:
Conducted a workshop on Career Opportunities and Trends in Student Affairs and Higher Education at The University of Southern Mississippi. Hattiesburg, Mississippi, 14 February 2014.

Department of Physical Education and Athletic Training

The Athletic Training Faculty & Staff with assistance from the physicians at Andrews Sports Medicine & Orthopaedic Center provided pre-participation physical examinations for approximately 220 high school and junior high athletes.

Dr. Gunars Cazars

Publications:

Presentations:
“Life History of an Exemplary American Female Physical Education Teacher.” Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, St. Louis, Missouri, 2 April 2014.

Dr. R. T. Floyd

Publications:


**Community Service:**
Provided athletic training and sports medicine consultation to area schools, physicians, physician assistants, physical therapists and people in the West Alabama service area.

**Presentations:**
“The Elbow and Forearm” 29th Southeast Athletic Trainers’ Association Athletic Training Student Symposium, Atlanta, GA.
Panel discussant for “Priorities for Action on a National Level,” Safeguarding Student-Athlete Health and Welfare Conference, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga, TN
“Athletic Trainer Employed by Educational Program,” Best Practices for Intercollegiate Sports Medicine Management, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

“Ethics of Athletic Training” & Panel Discussion Moderator, Alabama Athletic Trainers’ Association, Birmingham, AL.

University of Southern Mississippi Athletic Training Student Workshop, Hattiesburg, MS. Presented on the following topics: “The Evaluation Process,” “The Ankle and Lower Leg,” “The Back.”

**Awards and Honors:**
The UWA Athletic Training & Sports Medicine Center renamed The R.T. Floyd Athletic Training & Sports Medicine Center by the University Of West Alabama Board Of Trustees.

Inducted into The Society of the Golden Key, The University of West Alabama

Selected as 1st recipient of the University of West Alabama Distinguished Professorship followed by Resolution from the University Of West Alabama Board Of Trustees

**Funded Grants:**
Continued implementation of an Athletic Training Outreach Grant from E. Lyle Cain, Jr., M.D., Champion Sports Medicine, and St. Vincent’s Birmingham. Funded for $330,000 for five years.

Continued a St. Vincent’s Birmingham Sports Medicine Grant for athletic training personnel. Funded for $20,000.

**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:**
Served as Director of the 2014 Southeast Athletic Trainer’s Association Athletic Training Student Annual Competencies in Athletic Training Workshop

President, National Athletic Trainers Association Research and Education Foundation Board
Elected President of the Alabama Council of University Faculty Presidents for 2014-2015

Served as chair of the Higher Education Partnership Board of Directors.

Represented the National Athletic Trainers Association Research and Education on Athletic Training Strategic Alliance

Served as webmaster for the National Athletic Trainers Association Research and Education Foundation District websites, Southeast Athletic Trainers’ Association, Alabama Athletic Trainers’ Association, and Alabama Council of University Faculty Presidents.

**Dr. R.T Floyd and Ms. Whitney Smith**

**Funded Grants:**
Continued implementation of a Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center grant for utilization in funding our athletic training students to travel to Meridian for clinical experiences. Funded for $15,000.

**Ms. Laura Hernandez**

**Presentations:**
“Case Study: Spontaneous Pneumothorax”, Gulf South Conference Athletic Trainers Meeting, Birmingham, AL.

“NATA & NATA Foundation Position Statement on Preventing, Detecting, and Managing Disordered Eating in Athletes”, Gulf South Conference Athletic Trainers Meeting, Birmingham, AL.

**Ms. Danielle Lovoy**

**Presentations:**
“Nutrition,” Alabama Athletic Trainers Association High School Symposium, Mortimer Jordan High School, Kimberly, AL

**Ms. Amy Menzies**

**Funded Grants:**
Received a grant for 1-PowerFlex School Sample Pack funded by Andover Healthcare, Inc, Salisbury, MA for $610.
Mr. Brad Montgomery

**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:**
Served as Vice Chairman as Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers and was elected as Chairman, effective January 2014.

Mr. Brad Montgomery and Ms. Whitney Smith

**Community Service:**
Taught CPR/AED the Professional Rescuer to the Athletic Department Staff and the Athletic Training faculty, staff and students.

Dr. James Robinson

**Publications:**
“The University of West Alabama Strength and Conditioning Tutorial Volume 2” May 2014. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QMeHrl5P80c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QMeHrl5P80c)

**Presentations:**

Athenic Trainers’ Ability to Recognize and Aid in the Treatment of Mental Health Disorders, March 2014. E. Watkins, B. Rodden, ATC & J. Robinson, PhD. University of West Alabama Undergraduate Research Symposium, Livingston, AL.

**Workshops Conducted:**
Student-Athlete Mental Health Awareness Symposium (SAMHA)-The SAMHA symposium was designed to increase knowledge and skills among faculty, staff, and students in identifying and aiding in the treatment of student-athletes who may have or may be at risk for a mental health disorder. Faculty and staff development and student case study was presented. Guest Speaker Dr. Doug Hankes Director of Auburn Counseling Services and Auburn Athletics Sports Psychologist. Funded by the UWA Teaching Excellence Grant.

**Awards and Honors:**
Winner-Richard and Madoline Thurn Award for Undergraduate Research. University of West Alabama Undergraduate Research Symposium. College of Natural Science and Mathematics.

**Funded Grants:**
Received a University of West Alabama Teaching Excellence Grant. Funded for $1,000.00.

**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:**
SEACSM National Conference Invited Chair of Poster Free Communication III P58-P85
Free communication abstract reviewer for 2014 National Conference SEACSM in Greenville, SC.

Reviewed 20-25 abstracts for appropriate criteria

President-elect Phi Kappa Phi

Board member Livingston Country Club

Membership coordinator Livingston Lions Club

Ms. Whitney Smith

**Workshops Conducted:**
Accredited Clinical Instructor Workshop (August 3, 2013) created to train all athletic trainers providing direct supervision of athletic training students during clinical experiences, on and off campus.

---

**Nursing**

*Summary of Achievements*

The Division of Nursing conducted two workshops for local nurses.

Ms. Marsha Cannon

**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities**
i.e. Panelist, Judge, Accreditation team:
Alabama State Nurses Association District 2 Representative

---

**Library**

*Summary of Achievements*

Ms. Joyce Brannan

**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:**
Family History Library Director, LDS Family History Center, LDS Church, Demopolis, Alabama

**Workshops Conducted:**
Presented a workshop “Setting up a Basic Family Tree” at the Family History Center at the LDS church in Demopolis.

Presented a workshop “Basic Research Techniques Using Family Search” at the Family History Center at the LDS church in Demopolis.
Ms. Shelia Limerick

Scholarly Research:
College student publications and archival importance
Conservation and preservation

Processing archival collections

Digitizing archival collections

Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:
Participated in “Digital Directions 2013,” a conference exploring challenges, considerations, and best practices for digitization, which was conducted at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor by the Northeast Document Conservation Center, July 21-23, 2013

Sumter County Fine Arts Council – member, Board of Directors; Chair, Programs Committee

Friends of the Ruby Pickens Tartt Public Library – Executive Committee member

Alpha Pi Chapter, Alpha Delta Kappa – member (organization raises money for annual scholarship, collects items needed by residents of Harriet’s House in Demopolis)

Livingston United Methodist Church – secretary, LUMC Administrative Council and LUMC Board of Trustees

Dr. Neil Snider

Papers/Books/Articles*:

Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities:
Director, Sumter County Fine Arts Council.

Trustee, Ruby Pickens Tartt Library.

Grants:
Worked with Christin Loehr in writing a grant for 2,000 that the Black Belt Community Foundation award for the York Presbyterian Church to hold a multi-cultural harvest musical program in November.

Mr. John Upchurch

Scholarly Research:
Began preliminary research for article on academic library services to ESL students
Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities
i.e. Panelist, Judge, Accreditation team:
Chairperson, Ex Libris Users of North America-Southeast (EL-UNA-SE) Users Group