The College of Liberal Arts, comprised of the Department of Behavioral Sciences, the Department of Fine Arts, the Department of History and Social Sciences, and the Department of Languages and Literature, is a large and diverse academic unit charged with servicing a considerable percentage of the University’s basic curriculum. This past school year the faculty members in the College of Liberal Arts were particularly active. The college faculty produced over twenty journal, book, and other scholarly publications. The faculty members also presented over forty scholarly presentations regionally, nationally, and internationally. The college also added a new Theater Director, Mr. Kris Kuss, and a new lecturer in English, Dr. Samantha Lay.

Department of Behavioral Sciences

Key Achievements (Faculty and Departmental)
The Department of Behavioral Sciences moved to Spieth Hall in the spring 2015 semester.

Papers/Books/Articles:

Dr. Mark Davis
Published one journal article, has one journal article in press for a fall publication date, and published an edited book project with two colleagues.

Presentations:

Dr. Mark Davis


The role of emotion in intergroup relations. Keynote address given at the 1st World Congress on Facial Expression of Emotion, Porto, Portugal (2014, October).

Dr. Nicole Farris
Presented two research projects at the Southwestern Social Science Annual Meeting in Denver, CO.

“Narrowing the Pipeline? Assessing the Underrepresentation of Female STEM Faculty” Presented at the 9th Annual International Conference on Sociology Meeting, Athens, Greece- May 2015.


“Narrowing the Pipeline? An Ethnographic Approach to Studying the Underrepresentation of Women in STEM” To Be Presented at the Southwestern Social Science Annual Meeting: Denver, CO- April 2015.

Presented research at two conferences. The first was a research presentation at the at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology in Long Beach, CA, and the second was a research presentation at the first International Convention on Psychological Science in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities i.e. Panelist, Judge, Accreditation team:

Dr. Mark Davis
Served as the Interim Dean for the College of Liberal Arts, in addition to being the Chairperson for Behavioral Sciences.

Currently the Vice President for the International Society on Facial Expression of Emotion, and he was the Chair of the Organizing Committee for the 1st World Congress on Facial Expression of Emotion held in Porto, Portugal last October.

Dr. Nicole Farris
Presented research and was a session panelist at the Annual International Conference on Sociology in Athens, Greece. In addition, mentored several students’ research projects that were accepted and presented at the same conference.

Served as the secretary and was elected as the President-Elect for the UWA chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.

Serves in multiple roles for the Southwestern Social Science Association: is on the nominating committee, Chair for the Women’s and Gender Studies Sessions on Gender, and serves as the president for the Women’s and Gender Studies session.
Dr. Kelly Pivik  
Moved to Assistant Professor of Psychology this year

Publications:

Dr. Mark Davis  


Dr. Nicole Farris  
Was the first editor on a book publication with Springer Publishers


Department of Fine Arts

Presentations:

Dr. Manley Blackwell  


Buchannan, Janet, and Blackwell, Manley. “Recital of Music for French Horn and Piano.” Senior Recital at the University of Alabama, 1 March 2015.

Dr. Manley Blackwell and Mr. Erik Larson  
“Recital of Music for Oboe and Piano.” Part of the “Terrific Tuesday” Concert Series at Shelton State Community College, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 24 March 2015.
Mr. Erik Larson
Presented two guest lectures at the University of North Carolina Pembroke on October 10, 2014.


Ms. Jessica Smith
Presented three art exhibits:
The River Campus Art Gallery, Missouri Southeastern State University
The Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation (Watkinsville, GA)
National Juried Exhibition at Harper College (Palatine/Chicago, IL).


Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities i.e. Panelist, Judge, Accreditation team:

Dr. Manley Blackwell
Was an adjudicator for the Mobile Music Teachers Association District Auditions at The University of South Alabama on April 18, 2015.
Department of History and Social Sciences

Key Achievements (Faculty and Departmental)

The most obvious achievements in the Department revolve around publications and presentations by the entire faculty. Drs. Burnes, Griffith, and Haveman all had publications or work accepted for publication. Dr. Burnes co-authored a book on the cultural history of Alabama; Dr. Griffith has written a chapter for a book on honor and is seeking to expand that chapter into a book-length study of Winston Churchill; and not only is Dr. Haveman’s first book on Creek Indians in the process of publication, but he has also submitted another manuscript to the University of Nebraska Press. In addition, Dr. Haveman has written a chapter in a book on the history of women in Alabama. Also, Dr. Gentsch’s project on the Shiloh battlefield is in the revision process with the US Parks Department.

The faculty members of the Department have kept up an impressive schedule of scholarly presentations. Dr. Burnes presented papers on Alabama history and heritage at three conferences; Dr. Dumas presented papers at two archaeological conferences; Drs. Gentsch and Schellhammer presented their papers at a conference on the First World War; and Dr. Griffith chaired a panel on Alabama politics at the Alabama Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

A number of faculty members in the Department hold important offices in state-level professional organizations. Dr. Burnes is the treasurer for the Alabama Historical Association. In addition, Dr. Burns has been appointed by Gov. Robert Bentley to the Maritime Advisory Council and Cahawba Advisory Commission. Dr. Dumas serves as Chair of the Council on Alabama Archaeology and 3rd Vice-President for Membership/Development, Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. Dr. Gentsch continues to serve as the treasurer of the Alabama Association of Historians while Dr. Riser serves on the board and Dr. Schellhammer serves as president-elect of the same organization. In addition, Dr. Riser also serves on the board of the Alabama Historical Association.

Finally, two faculty members serve as editors of state-level professional journals. Dr. Dumas is editor of The Journal of Alabama Archaeology and Dr. Riser is editor of The Alabama Review.

Scholarly Research:

Dr. Tina Jones
Completed and submitted chapter for Their Life and Times, a collection of famous Alabama women to be published by the University of Georgia. Chapter title: “Using the Language of Music: the Life and Times of Ruby Pickens Tarrt.”
Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities i.e. Panelist, Judge, Accreditation team:

Dr. Tina Jones
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 – Arts Committee, Community Associate
President, Sumter County Fine Arts Council

Presentations:

Dr. Valerie Burnes:

Chaired a panel on minority experiences in Alabama at the Alabama Historical Association Annual Meeting, Mobile, Alabama, 10 April 2015.

Burnes, Valerie. “What is the Black Belt: Geography and its Social Implications in West and Central Alabama.” Presented to the honors class of Brophy Preparatory School of Phoenix, AZ, 8 April 2015.

Dr. Ashley Dumas

Dr. Jeff Gentch

Dr. Mark Griffith
Chair and Participant in the Roundtable on Alabama Politics at the Alabama Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

Dr. Tina Jones

“Rocks, Where we are Going, We do not Need Roads!: A Discussion of Assessment.” ALAIR annual meeting; Eufaula, AL April 10, 2015.

Jones, Tina Naremore and Angel Jowers. “Strike up the Band!: SACSCOC is Coming to Town.” Southern Association of Schools and Colleges Annual Meeting; Nashville, TN. December 7, 2014.

Jones, Tina Naremore and Amy Jones. “iCommunicate: Striking the Right Chord with the QEP.” Southern Association of Schools and Colleges Annual Meeting; Nashville, TN. December 8, 2014.

Dr. Richard Schellhammer
“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 (14-14 November 2014).

Publications:

Dr. Valerie Burnes

“Lakewood” (Sumter County), added to Alabama Register of Landmarks & Heritage, Alabama Historical Commission

Craig-Wilson House (Dallas County), added to Alabama Register of Landmarks & Heritage, Alabama Historical Commission.

Dr. Jeff Gentsch
Published review of Winston Groom's Shiloh, 1862 for Michigan War Studies Review, April 2015.
Dr. Mark Griffith

Dr. Chris Haveman
Rivers of Sand: Creek Indian Emigration, Relocation, and Ethnic Cleansing in the American South (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, forthcoming, February 2016).


The Last Big Drove: Indian Removal and Van Buren, Manuscript submitted to University of Nebraska Press.

Funded Grants:

Dr. Tina Jones
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 2015 Sumter County Relay for Life. The Media Maniacs divided into three teams. As individual teams, Media Maniacs I was awarded Fight Back Champion Team and Media Maniacs III was awarded 2nd place for fundraising for a University Team. The entire Media Maniacs received a Silver Fundraising designation raising over $3000.

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.

Alabama Humanities Foundation – Smithsonian’s Museum on Main Street Grant to bring HomeTown teams to Sumter County.

Department of Languages and Literature

Key Achievements (Faculty and Departmental)
In March, UWA Integrated Marketing Communications students placed in the following categories at the 2015 Southeast Journalism Conference:

1st Place: Best Undergraduate Journalism Research Paper: Hayley Taylor
1st Place: Best Television News Feature Reporter: Tierra Robinson
1st Place: Best Public Service Journalism
3rd Place: Best Multimedia Journalist: Amanda Nolin
3rd Place: On-site News Photography: Ashleigh Winters
3rd Place: On-site Television News Anchoring: Callie Murphy
3rd Place: On-site Public Relations Competition: KaDarrius James, John McClung, Jordan Story
4th Place: Best Special Event Feature Reporter: Tierra Robinson
6th Place: Best Television News Feature Reporter: Hannah Riley
6th Place: Best Advertising Design: Michaela Perry
7th Place: Best TV Video News Program: Studio 96
9th Place: Best Multimedia Journalist: Tierra Robinson

In June, a search was held for a lecturer and Dr. Samantha Lay was hired.

**Scholarly Research:**

**Dr. Alan Brown**
Conducted research for book *Images of Sumter County.* Research involved combing local museums and archives for photographs and information. (May 2014 and January 2015).

Conducted research for presentation of *Panic in the Year Zero* for Dr. Lesa Shaul’s “Dystopian Literature” class on February 17, 2015.

Traveled to Columbus, Mississippi, to conduct research for book *Haunted Golden Crescent.* (April 7, 8, and 11).

Conducted research for presentation of *The Bodysnatcher* (October 28, 2014), *Baby Doll* (November 18, 2014), and *Vertigo* (February 23, 2015) for the University Film Series.

**Papers/Books/Articles:**

**Dr. Alan Brown**
Book *Images of Sumter County* was published by the Arcadia Press on April 3, 2015.

Wrote a book review of *Papist Devils* by Robert Curran for the *St. Austin’s Review*.

**Presentations:**

**Dr. Alejandro Azocar**


**Dr. Alan Brown**
Read a paper titled “Poe’s Plagues: Mass Death in the Gothic South” at the Mississippi Philological Association on January 23, 2015.
Read a paper titled “Hemingway in Key West: Birth of the Myth” at the annual meeting of ACETA in Fairhope, AL, on March 14, 2015.


Dr. Debbie Davis

Dr. Amy Jones
*iCommunicate*: Developing, Marketing, and Assessing the QEP. Presented at the Annual meeting of the Alabama Association for Institutional Research (ALAIR). Eufaula, Alabama. 9-10 April, 2015.

Jones, Amy H. John McWhorter: Txtng is killing language. JK!!! Presented at the TED Talks Tuesdays meeting held by the UWA College of Education. Livingston, Alabama. 14 October, 2014.

Dr. Amy Jones and Dr. Tina Jones
“*iCommunicate*: Striking the Right Chord with the QEP.” Presented at the Annual SACSCOC meeting. Atlanta, Georgia. 6-9 December, 2014.

Mr. Greg Jones

Dr. Kendrick Prewitt
“Smoking What We Sell”: Two Observations, One Confession, and a Gentle Plea for a Broader View of the QEP at UWA.” Mississippi Philological Association, Starkville, MS, January 2015.

Dr. Stephen Slimp
“Karl Löwith, Jacob Burckhardt, and the Meaning of History” 25th Annual Conference of the Association of Core Texts and Courses, 11 April, 2015, Plymouth, MA.

Dr. Joe Taylor
Associated Writing Programs in Minneapolis.
Alabama Writers in Monroeville in May 2014.

**Dr. Elizabeth Threatt**


**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities i.e. Panelist, Judge, Accreditation team:**

**Dr. Alan Brown**
Served as President of the Alabama Folk Life Association for 2014/2015.

Served as Recording Secretary for the Sumter County Fine Arts Council for 2015/2015.

**Dr. Ana Capanegra**
Participated in the ACFTL Workshop 4-Day OPI Assessment – Spanish (28 hours of Professional Development) from June 9 – 12 at Brigham Young University

Participated in regular training sessions on the use of Blackboard Learn for Online classes, University of West Alabama, Livingston, AL.

Designer and developer of hybrid courses for Beginner & Intermediate Level

Creator and developer of interdisciplinary Spanish Minor

Creator and developer of online Spanish classes

Spanish Club. Introducing students to the culture of the Spanish language through movies and “Tertulias” set up every four weeks during the semester.

**Dr. Debbie Davis**
Vice President (2014-2016) and Treasurer (2015-2016), Alpha Delta Kappa, International Sorority of Women Educator’s.

**Dr. Amy Jones**
Southeast Journalism Conference Faculty Delegate, Co-Chair of the Broadcasting Committee, and Public Relations Judge.

Alabama Council of University Faculty Presidents, President-Elect
Mr. Greg Jones  
Judge for Feature Writing, South Eastern Journalism Conference, Lafayette, Louisiana. 21 February 2014.


Dr. Elizabeth Threatt  
2015/2016 Co-Chair of Women and Gender Studies for Southwest Social Science Association

Current faculty editor of The Sucarnochee Review

“This November” and “Ode to My Appendix”. East Coast Literary Review. Spring 2015. (Poetry Publication)

Professional Consultant:

Dr. Alan Brown  
Wrote a manuscript review of the article “It’s Not about You: Loon Games on Walden Pond” for The Journal of American Culture.


Wrote a manuscript review of Ghosts of Georgia for the University of Georgia Press.

Dr. Ana Capanegra  

Awards and Honors

Dr. Alan Brown  
Received the Nellie Rose McCrory Service Excellence Award in March 2015.

Funded Grants:

Dr. Alan Brown  
In January 2015, $1800 grant request for the Sucarnochee Folklife Festival was funded by the Alabama State Council on the Arts.
Dr. Joe Taylor
*Belles Letters 2*, from Alabama State Council of Arts.

**Publications:**

**Dr. Alejandro Azocar**


**Dr. Alan Brown**

Book review of *Papist Devils* by Robert Curran for *St. Austin’s Review*.

**Dr. Ana Capanegra**

**Dr. Elizabeth Threatt**
Co-authoring an edited manuscript with Dr. Nicole Farris: *International Handbook on the Demography of Marriage and the Family*. Contracted with Springer.

**Workshops Conducted:**

**Dr. Alan Brown**
Presented a workshop on comma usage to the Mississippi Writers’ Guild on July 26, 2014.

**Dr. Elizabeth Threatt and Dr. Amy Jones**
Faculty (and students) in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics were authors or co-authors of approximately 20 papers or articles in scientific publications. They also delivered over 40 presentations at professional meetings. NSM faculty held a number of significant positions in professional organizations, including associate editor positions for two professional journals and the presidency of the Alabama Academy of Science. The College also hosted the 92nd Annual Meeting of AAS. Perhaps most significantly, faculty in the College helped bring in approximately 1.5 million dollars in external funding.

**Scholarly Research:**

**Ms. Chengke Liu**
Cloned different genes from fungi and made constructs to express those genes in fungi to proceed the NSF proposal.
Worked with Dr. Rick Nelson at The Noble Foundation for the manuscript

Reviewed manuscript for BMC Research Notes Journal

**Dr. Ketia Shumaker**
Visiting researcher and UWA student interns mentor/advisor on the Hardwood Genomics Project at Penn State University funded by the National Science Foundation. (Summer 2014)

Visiting researcher and UWA student interns mentor/advisor on the Plant Detection of Herbivore Feeding Project at Penn State University funded by the United States Department of Agriculture. (Summer 2014)

**Papers/Books/Articles:**

**Dr. Brian Burnes**
Bebak, Julie, Bruce Wagner, **Brian Burnes**, and Terry Hanson. 2014. Farm size, seining practices, and salt use: risk factors for Aeromonas hydrophila outbreaks in farm-raised catfish, Alabama, USA. Preventive Veterinary Medicine, accepted August 5, 2014.


**Dr. Brian Keener**
Estes, D., A. Floden, T. Witsell, J. Shaw and **B. Keener**. Untangling the Viny Viornas: Taxonomic studies in the genus &nbsp;Clematis (Ranunculaceae).


**Dr. Kevin Morse and Dr. Andrew Rindsberg**

**Dr. Mustafa Morsy**


**Dr. Andrew Rindsberg**


Coauthor of presentation at Association of Southeastern Biologist Annual Meeting in Spartanburg, SC. Apr 2014.


“Ichnotaxonomy of Incomplete Trace Fossils” [abs.]. *In Šimo, Vladimír, Starek, Dušan, Fekete, Kamil, Olšavcký, Mário, Šurka, Juraj, and Tomašových, Adam, eds., 5th Workshop on Ichnotaxonomy,


Presentations:

Dr. Janis Beaird and Dr. Jeffery Merida
Fatimah Alhassan, Janis Beaird and Jeffery Merida, The Effects of Omega-3 Fatty Acids on the Growth of Murine Tramp-C Prostate Epithelial Cancer Cells. University of West Alabama Undergraduate Research Symposium at the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (URS@NSM), March 10, 2015.


Laila Alonazi, Janis Beaird and Jeffery Merida, The Effects of Orange Extract on the Growth of Murine Tramp-C Prostate Epithelial Cancer Cells. University of West Alabama Undergraduate Research Symposium at the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (URS@NSM), March 10, 2015.


Laila Ghazwani, **Janis Beaird and Jeffery Merida**, The Effects of Ganoderma Mushroom Extract on the Growth of Murine Tramp-C Prostate Epithelial Cancer Cells. University of West Alabama Undergraduate Research Symposium at the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (URS@NSM), March 10, 2015.


Tamara Smoot, **Janis Beaird and Jeffery Merida**, The Effects of Pomegranate Extract on the Growth of Murine Tramp-C Prostate Epithelial Cancer Cells. University of West Alabama Undergraduate Research Symposium at the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (URS@NSM), March 10, 2015.

Tamara Smoot, **Janis Beaird and Jeffery Merida**, The Effects of Pomegranate Extract on the Growth of Murine Tramp-C Prostate Epithelial Cancer Cells. Alabama Academy of Science (AAS) Annual Meeting, March 11-12, 2015, University of West Alabama.


**Dr. Brian Burnes**


**Dr. Jing Chen**
Most likely path to the shortfall risk under the optimal hedging. 2015 Annual Meeting of the Alabama Academy of Science. March 11-12, University of West Alabama.

**Dr. Yun Ho Kim**
Dr. Yun Ho Kim and Mr. Carey Moore
Thinking outside the box: the effect of an informal setting on students. 2015 Annual Meeting of the Alabama Academy of Science. March 11-12, University of West Alabama.

Dr. John McCall
Bonham, Caitlyn, McCall, J. Annual variation in fish assemblages using brackish pools on a northern Gulf of Mexico barrier island. 2015 Alabama Academy of Science Annual Meeting, March 11-12, University of West Alabama.

Shirley, Hannah, McCall, J. Seasonal changes in fish communities in nearshore habitats in Santa Rosa Sound, FL. 2015 Alabama Academy of Science Annual Meeting, March 11-12, University of West Alabama.

Dr. Kevin Morse
Invited by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management to provide estimate for performing quality assurance protocols on their taxonomic identifications.

Poster presentation with students Brianna Davis and Graham Berry for UWA URS@NSM entitled “Species of mosquitoes found in Livingston, AL”

Dr. Mustafa Morsy


**Dr. Andrew Rindsberg**


**Dr. Hazel Truelove**

A Qualitative Study of Mathematical Practices by Pre-Service Mathematics Teachers. 2015 Annual Meeting of the Alabama Academy of Sciences. March 11-12, University of West Alabama.
Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities i.e. Panelist, Judge, Accreditation team:

**Dr. John McCall**  
Local Arrangements Chair, 92nd Annual Meeting of the Alabama Academy of Science.  
President, Alabama Academy of Science

**Dr. Mustafa Morsy**  
Associate Editor of the BMC Research Notes.  
Associate Editor of the Journal of Investigative Genomics  
Peer Reviewer/Panelist of grant proposal for the National Science Foundation DUE and BIO Directorate.  
Session Chair, 28th National Council on Undergraduate Research Conference

**Dr. Andrew Rindsberg**  
Served on Alabama Academy of Science Local Organizing Committee, January – March 2015

**Professional Consultant:**

**Ms. Rita Bonner**  
Served as a professional consultant at Sumter Academy in the facilitation of the ALEKS computer based math program.

**Dr. Kevin Morse**  
Arranged and executed Professional Services Contract between UWA and Jefferson County for Cahaba River TMDL Biological Assessments in the amount of $14,800.  
Hired and supervised undergraduate student, Katie Edmondson, to help sort and pick benthic macroinvertebrates.
Awards and Honors:

Ms. Rita Bonner
Gilbert Award honoree during the 2014-2015 academic year.

Funded Grants:

Dr. Jeffery Merida
Re-awarded $40,000 Grant for PBI Bloom Project.

Dr. Mustafa Morsy
Bio-BOOM: Boosting Crop Production using Alabama-specific Symbionts. USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant –Farm Bill Program, May 2014; $25,000.

Confirmation of the roles of fungal genes in plant stress tolerance. The National Science Foundation, Aug 2013, $548,000.

Dr. Mustafa Morsy, Dr. John McCall and Dr. Lee Stanton
Biology Opportunities and Scholarships for Success (BOSS). The National Science Foundation S-STEM, Aug 2013, $609,000.

Dr. Ketia Shumaker
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).

Continued collaborations with faculty member, Dr. Carlyon Copenheaver, at Virginia Tech University on a United States Department of Agriculture Interdisciplinary Climate Education grant proposal
Funding extended by the National Science Foundation to support Ketia Shumaker and two UWA undergraduates as summer research interns at Pennsylvania State University (awarded in 2014 for summer 2015).

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).

Mr. Micky Smith
$4000 grant to fund Sumter/Marengo Water Festival.
Workshops Conducted:

Dr. Andrew Rindsberg
“Fossils of the Black Belt: a Hands-on Fossil Workshop for Teachers.” Annual Fall workshop, led together with David C. Kopaska-Merkel (Geological Survey of Alabama) and James P. Lamb (UWA), 21 October 2014.


Dr. Hazel Truelove and Dr. Jing Chen
Hazel Truelove and Jing Chen – “Magic with Cards”, Science Saturday Event, UWA.

College of Business
Achievement Report

MBA Program
First three graduates of the program – May 2015
57 Students currently registered in the program, 31 enrolled.

Lauren Miller and Qiuqi Hong (MBA students) received “Best Presentation” at the International Conference on Learning and Administration in Higher Education – Academic Business World. Nashville, TN. 20-22 May 2015. Title - "An Analysis of Graduate vs. Undergraduate Opinions of Business Students Regarding Plagiarism."

International Programs
26 Chinese arrived August 2014, 32 will arrive August 2015
20 Chinese graduated May 2015
100% of applicants were accepted to attend graduate school

COB Summary
7 faculty participated in scholarly research
6 faculty published 16 articles in professional journals or conference proceedings
1 faculty published 2 books
10 faculty made 30 professional presentations
6 faculty made 30 recruiting presentations to high schools and community colleges
11 faculty held 25 positions in professional organizations
3 faculty provided consulting services
6 faculty received awards and honors
6 faculty secured $500,000 for 8 grants.
6 faculty conducted 11 workshops.

Accounting Finance and Economics

Scholarly Research:

Dr. Linyuan Cai
Public Policy: Welfare and Taxation
Bank Insurance in China

Dr. Joo Young Lee
Lee, Joo Young, and Lee, Youn Mi. “Economic Impacts on Family Issues.” January 2015 to Present.


Papers/Books/Articles:

Dr. Joo Young Lee


Presentations:

Dr. Uchena Akpom

**Dr. Mitzi Green, Dr. Janie Gregg, Dr. Aliquippa Allen and Dr. Uchenna Akpom**
Co-authored presentation with Dr. Janie Gregg, Dr. Aliquippa Allen and Dr. Uchenna Akpom that Dr. Gregg and Dr. Akpom presented for the March 2015 Southwest Academy of Management conference: “Assessment: Keeping It Focused and Simple”

**Dr. Joo Young Lee**

**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities i.e. Panelist, Judge, Accreditation team:**

**Dr. Linyuan (Adam) Cai**
Taught GMAT material to UWA students applying to graduate school
Guidance of Chinese students in the Finance major including: writing graduate school recommendations, developing volunteer positions for students to gain experience as teaching and research assistants, and providing assistance for students taking the GMAT
Served on the COB and University Academic Council

**Ms. Kristy Chapman**
Attended the ASCPA’s Accounting Educator’s Conference
Took accounting seniors to the Annual Accounting Interview Day sponsored by the ASCPA in Montgomery, Alabama. While there, students interviewed for positions with a variety of CPA firms.
Served on the UWA College of Business Publicity Committee
Served as Faculty Senate Representative
Accounting Club Co-Sponsor

**Dr. Mitzi Green**
Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) Site Visit, Team Chair, Philadelphia University, Philadelphia, PA, February 2015.

**Dr. Joo Young Lee**
Continues to serve as an editor for “Seoul Studies” a registered academic journal by Korean Research Foundations, since August 2011.

**Professional Consultant:**

**Ms. Kristy Chapman**
Served as a volunteer Professional Consultant for Toxey Baptist Church, Toxey, Alabama.
**Funded Grants:**

**Ms. Sharon Stipe**  
The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program received a grant of $3,300 from Impact Alabama and the IRS. The grant was awarded to fund the VITA program which provides free income tax assistance and preparation to the UWA and west Alabama communities. Located in Livingston and Demopolis, AL, the VITA clinic provides UWA accounting students an opportunity to participate in a practicum learning environment while helping VITA clients. The clinic provided income tax assistance to over 325 clients during the 2015 income tax filing season. This grant has been renewed by the IRS and Impact for the 2016 income tax filing season.

**Workshops Conducted:**

**Dr. Uchenna Akpom, Dr. Janie Gregg, Dr. Mitzi Green and Dr. Aliquippa Allen**  
“Assessment: Keeping It Focused and Simple.” Professional Development Workshop at the annual meeting of the Southwest Academy of Management, Houston, Texas, 12 March 2015.

**Business Administration and Management and Marketing**

**Presentations:**

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


“We’ve Heard the Call, Crafted the Response, and Made the Connection between the Classroom, Business, and Social Media.” ACBSP Region 3 Conference, Oct 9-11, Greensboro, NC – Region 3 “Best Presentation.”

Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities i.e. Panelist, Judge, Accreditation team:

Dr. Aliquippa Allen
Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) Region 3 President-elect
Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) Marketing Committee
Alabama Committee of Excellence (ACE), Sustainability Committee
UWA Strategic Planning Committee
University Academic Council
UWA’s Gilbert Award Committee member
Search Committees (Director of International Programs, UWA Presidential Search Committee, COB Administrative Assistant)
COB Assessment Committee
COB Strategic Planning Committee
Homer Awards Committee member
Resource Chairperson, Demopolis Area Habitat for Humanity, INC
Grants Chairperson, Demopolis City School Foundation
Executive Committee Member, Demopolis City School Foundation

Judge:
Feb 2015 – Judge – Toastmaster’s Area 25 Contest, Livingston, AL
Apr 2105 – Judge – Toastmaster’s Division 77 Contest, Birmingham, AL

Volunteer:
Feb 2015 – Guest Speaker, Brown Technical Center, Livingston, AL
Dec 2014 – Coordinator, Angel Tree (support needy families) Christian Chapel Baptist Church, Demopolis, AL

Attendee/Participant:
May 2015 – Participant, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Meeting
Mar 2015 – Alabama Association of Higher Education in Business Conference, Point Clear, AL
Mar 2015 – UWA Spring Preview Day, Livingston, AL
Mar 2015 – Ultimate Women's Power Luncheon - Congresswomen Sewell & Johnson, Birmingham, AL

February – UWA NetSupport Software Training, Livingston, AL

Jan 2015 – Toastmaster International Training Seminar, Birmingham, AL

Nov 2014 – UWA Fall Preview Day, Livingston, AL

Aug 2014 – State Superintendent of Education Town Hall Meeting, Demopolis, AL

Aug 2014 – WEAVE training, Livingston, AL

**Dr. Janie Gregg**

President – Southwest Academy of Management 2014-2105. SWAM is the Southwestern regional organization representing the Academy of Management. The Academy of Management is the premier organization representing management academicians and practitioners in the USA and other countries in the world. AoM also publishes the Tier 1 journals in management used to determine strength of research in most AACSB and ACBSP university evaluation programs in the management field.


**Awards and Honors:**

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

Best Presentation: (2014). “We’ve heard the call, crafted the response, and made the connection between the classroom, business, and social media.” Region 3 ACBSP conference, Oct 9-11, Greensboro, NC – Region 3.

**Dr. Janie Gregg**


**Funded Grants:**

**Dr. Aliquippa Allen**

Mentor Partnership: National Young Famers Educational Association (NYFEA) and the University of West Alabama -- $50,000.00.

Alabama Department of Public Health Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program and the University of West Alabama - $5,000.00.
Dr. Janie Gregg
Sam’s Step-up for Small Business Grant. Obtained via Enactus to help two small businesses in Livingston. $1,500.

WalMart Women’s Economic Empowerment Grant. Obtained via Enactus to offer computer classes to older women in the surrounding area. $1,500.

Workshops Conducted:

Dr. Aliquippa Allen

“How Do We Tell “Our Story,” West Alabama Mental Health Annual Conference, Oct 24, Demopolis Higher Education Center, Demopolis, AL. (2014)

“Public Speaking” Marengo County Youth LEAD, Demopolis, AL. (2014)

Dr. Janie Gregg, Dr. Mitzi Green, Dr. Aliquippa Allen and Dr. Uchenna Akpom
#*#*%*@* Assessment %$#&@*: Keeping it Focused and Simple. Conducted workshop for College of Business Faculty as training for Assessment Committee on the use of tools created for assessment for ACBSP accreditation in our College of Business.

CIS/Technology

Scholarly Research:

Dr. Balu Gokaraju and Dr. Donald Yessick
Organized a field trip for the students to Robotics Technology Park at Decatur, AL and consulted with the collaborators at the park for grant writing questions of EDA solicitation listed in first item towards Robotics Labs Development at UWA. February 19 2015.

“Integration of Automated Intrusion Detection and Web Service Alarm System using ARM Microprocessor,” This project work has potential of turning the opportunity for entrepreneurship and patent application. Spring 2105.

Papers/Books/Articles:

Dr. Shaheen Ahmed


Dr. Donnie Cobb, Dr. Balu Gokaraju, Dr. Adrian Doss and Dr. Donald Yessick

Dr. Adrian Doss


Dr. Balu Gokaraju and Dr. Donald Yessick

Dr. Balu Gokaraku, Dr. Donnie Cobb, Dr. Shaheen Ahmed and Dr. Donald Yessick

Presentations:

Dr. Shaheen Ahmed

Dr. Shaheen Ahmed, Dr. Donnie Cobb Dr. Adrian Doss, Dr. Balu Gokaraju and Dr. Donald Yessick

Dr. Donnie Cobb
CIST Presentation to UWA 101 class 9:05am. September 10, 2014
CIST Presentation to UWA 101 class 10:10am. September 10, 2014
CIST Presentation to UWA 101 class. September 11, 2014
CIST Presentation to UWA 101 class. September 22, 2014
CIST Presentation to UWA 101 class. September 25, 2014
CIST Presentation/Recruiting Sumter Academy, September 29, 2014
CIST Presentation UWA Educational Outreach Summit Demopolis, AL October 8, 2014
CIST Presentation UWA Fall Preview Day. October 11, 2014
CIST Presentation Demopolis High School, October 28, 2014

D. Cobb, C. Caudle, Presentation/Recruiting to Regional Career Fair Thomasville, AL. November 8 – 9, 2014
CIST Presentation and Recruiting to Linden High School, February 6, 2015
CIST Presentation and Recruiting to Marengo Academy High School, February 6, 2015
CIST Presentation to UWA 101 STEM Class, February 9, 2015
Presentation and Recruiting Shelton Sate Community College. February 18, 2015
CIST Presentation to Demopolis Rotary Club, February 25, 2015
CIST Presentation and Recruiting Shelton State Community College. February 26, 2015

CIST Presentation and recruiting at Pickens County High School. April 6, 2015
CIST Presentation and recruiting at Gordo High School, April 7, 2015
CIST Presentation and recruiting at Hale-Perry County Career Fair. April 8, 2015
Presentation and Tour of CIST department to Mannington Wood Floors HR. Department, April 23, 2015.

**Dr. Donnie Cobb, Dr. Balu Gokaraju, Dr. Shaheen Ahmed, Dr. Adrian Doss and Dr. Donald Yessick**


Presentation of “Using GIS for Recruiting in Higher Education” to Alabama Association for Institutional Research (ALAIR) Conference, Eufaula, AL. April 9, 2015.

Presentation of “Using GIS for Recruiting in Higher Education” to Tuscaloosa GIS User Showcase, Tuscaloosa, AL, April 10, 2015.

**High Schools, Community Colleges, Business and Industry:**

**Dr. Donnie Cobb and Dr. Wayne Bedford**

CIST Presentation/Meeting with Anderson Hospital Information Technology Dept for UWA internships. January 23, 2015.

**Dr. Donnie Cobb, Dr. Adrian Doss, Dr. Balu Gokaraju, and Dr. Donald Yessick**

Presentation at Livingston Community Center for Sumter Central Career Fair, April 29, 2015.

**Dr. Donnie Cobb and Dr. Balu Gokaraju**

Presentation and Demonstration of the Engineering Technology Labs to Demopolis Fall, 2014.

**Dr. Donnie Cobb, Dr. Balu Gokaraju and Dr. Donald Yessick**

Presentation and Demonstration of the Engineering Technology Labs to Demopolis High School Students Fall 2014, at Guy Hunt.

Presentation about the Industrial Maintenance, Engineering Technology programs and courses and Demonstration of the Engineering Technology Labs to Wilcox Community College – March 4, 2014.

Presentation about the Industrial Maintenance, Engineering Technology programs and courses and Demonstration of the Engineering Technology Labs to Westervelt and Cemex Industry – March 13, 2014.

Presentation and Demonstration of the Engineering Technology Labs to Foster Farms – March 18, 2014.

Presentation and Demonstration of the Engineering Technology Labs to Pickens Co. HS April 11, 2014.


Presentation and Demonstration of the Engineering Technology Labs to Mr. Raymond Smith from Dept. of Labor office at Atlanta, GA as a part of site visit regarding DOL grant award. July 28, 2014.
CIST Presentation and Demonstration of the Engineering Technology Labs to Greene County High School, February 10, 2015.

Presentation at Livingston Community Center for Sumter Central Career Fair, April 29, 2015

Presentation and Demonstration of the Engineering Technology Labs to prospective students and parents, May 2015.

Presentation about the Industrial Maintenance, Engineering Technology programs and courses and Demonstration of the Engineering Technology Labs to RockTenn Industries, May 12, 2015.

Presentation and Demonstration of the Engineering Technology Labs to Wilcox county government officials such as Mayor etc. May 2015.


**Dr. Donnie Cobb, Dr. Balu Gokaraju, Dr. Donald Yessick and Dr. Ken Tucker**  

**Dr. Donnie Cobb and Mr. Curtis Jones and Ms. Veronica Triplett**  

**Dr. Donnie Cobb and Mr. Curtis Jones**  


**Dr. Adrian Doss**  


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

**Dr. Balu Gokaraju**  
Presentation and Demonstration of the Engineering Technology labs for the Spring Preview Day at Guy Hunt Hall on April 6th, 2015.

**Dr. Balu Gokaraju and Dr. Donald Yessick**  
Organized demonstration of Mechatronics and Robotics for the Division of Online Programs workshop in Higher Ed Center, Demopolis, AL in Fall 2014.


Organized demonstration of Mechatronics and Robotics at the Career Fair of Sumter County School District conducted at the Community Center of Livingston, on April 30, 2015.


Assembled the mechatronics and robotics projects for a two day workshop at the Thomasville Career Fair. January 2105.

Presentation and Demonstration of the Engineering Technology Labs to South Fresh Farms, May 2015.

**Dr. Donald Yessick**  
Mechatronics and Robot Demonstration, Robotics Expo at Sumter Central High School, Fall 2014.

**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities i.e Panelist, Judge, Accreditation team:**

**Dr. Shaheen Ahmed**  
2014 International Annual Meeting of Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (HFES), Chicago, IL. Article presentation, chairing a sessions, co-chair two sessions, and mentoring a PhD candidate.

17th Annual Applied Ergonomics Conference, Orlando, FL. Two Posters Presentation, Round-Table Speaker, and Session Chair.
Manuscript Reviewer:
Sleep Health: Journal of the National Sleep Foundation.

Proceedings of Human Factors and Ergonomics Society Annual Meetings.

Society of Automotive Engineers, SAE

Journal of Advances in Mechanical Engineering

Book Reviewer: Human Factors and Ergonomics for Taylor and Francis Publisher

Accreditation Evaluator for Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering (ATME)

**Dr. Donnie Cobb**
Presiding officer “Basileus” Epsilon Pi Tau International Honor Society for Professions in Technology November 2014 ATMAE Conference and Epsilon Pi Tau induction ceremony.

**Dr. Balu Gokaraju**
Nominated for NSF Computer Science Panelist for CE-21 proposal solicitation issued by NSF.

Invited Judge for Poster Presentation Session in the Undergraduate Research Symposium conducted by College of NSM at UWA.

Holding the position of Secretary for the Phi Kappa Phi Chapter at UWA.

Faculty Search Committee for filling the position of Tenure Track Assistant Professor for Instructional Leadership in the College of Education.

In coordination with the Phi Kappa Phi Chapter Committee, organized Phi Kappa Phi Faculty Colloquium in Fall 2015.

In coordination with the Phi Kappa Phi Chapter Committee, organized Phi Kappa Phi student social meeting in Fall 2015.

Developed course curriculum and laboratory for TY-272 Faultable Industrial Motor Controls and troubleshooting.

Developed course curriculum and laboratory for TY-282 Advanced Programmable Logic Control Programming.

Developed course curriculum and laboratory for TY-283 Microprocessor and Micro-controller Programming course.

Attended GIS of Alabama first annual conference in Gulf Shores, AL on April, 2015.

Attended Week Long Training workshop with Festo Industries for Mechatronics on Oct, 10 2014.
Mr. Curtis Jones
Served as a Team Leader Evaluator for National Automotive Education Training Foundation (NATEF). Evaluated the Baldwin County Automotive Program. October 2014.
Recertification as a Master Automobile Technician from the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE). May 2015.

Dr. Donald Yessick
Chair, Standard 5 Committee, UWA COB, March 10, 2014 – May 8, 2015.
UWA Senator, CIST COB, UWA Faculty Senate
Faculty Handbook Committee, UWA Faculty Senate
CIS Faculty Search Committee, Summer 2015
Attended Week Long Training workshop with Festo Industries for Mechatronics on Oct, 10 2014.

Professional Consultant:

Dr. Balu Gokaraju
“Proposal Submitted for Implementation of Scholarly Collaboration Network Software design” was conducted for corporate industry IgnoSolutions Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi, India.

“Feasibility Study for Drone Fleet Management for the Corporate Industry eMcredible Mobile Solution Pvt. Ltd., California, USA.

Statistical Report submitted to the Division of Nursing for their Proposal of increase the threshold of pre-test NCATE entrance exam based on 6 years of grade performance based statistical data.

Collaborated with V. Triplett of CBES, College of Business for the Proposal of National Summer Transportation Initiative for summer 2015.

Dr. Donald Yessick
Co-developed a Java/Fortran solution to find the global minimum of a one dimensional function using the function expression and desired interval to minimize the function in cooperation with Noureddine Hannoun of the University of Science and Technology Houari Boumediene. Algeria


Latosha Caves et al, Monkey Ball, a 3D video game in Scratch created by students in Latosha Caves technology and robotics class, Sumter Central High School used in Engineering Expo, April 28, 2015.

Researched creation of 3D video games in Scratch for Latosha Caves, Sumter Central High School.
Developed new course: CS375 Java GUI development
Awards and Honors:

Dr. Donnie Cobb
Loraine McIlwaine Bell Trustee Professor Award 2014-2015 Academic Year.

Presiding officer “Basileus” Epsilon Pi Tau International Honor Society for Professions in Technology November 2014 ATMAE Conference and Epsilon Pi Tau induction ceremony.

Dr. Adrian Doss
2015 Academic Business World International Conference – Best Presentation Award.

Dr. Balu Gokaraju
Mentor for Sumter County High School Robotics Team, which participated in BEST Robotics Competition on Oct 19, 2014.

Invited and Inducted by the “MultiDisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute” (MDPI) to be an official Reviewer to the Journal “Sensors.”

Nominated by the National Science Foundation as a Panelist for the Computer Science Disciplines of NSF in April 2015.

Invited talk through Faculty Spotlight at the Office of Sponsored Programs, UWA.

Dr. Donald Yessick
Mentor for Latosha Caves Sumter County High School Robotics Team, which participated in BEST Robotics Competition on Oct 19, 2014.


Funded Grants:

Dr. Balu Gokaraju
Gokaraju B., (Co-PI) ($500,000) “Simulation, Modelling and Visualization of Urban Infrastructures and Human Behavior under Extreme Conditions” in collaboration with Oakridge Research National Labs, Tennessee, University of Knoxville, Tennessee, Mississippi State University, MS. Submitted to NSF in Spring 2105.


Gokaraju B., (Co-PI) (~ $294,525), Engaging Mathematics Preservice-Teachers of West Alabama through Engineering Resources (EMPOWER, in Collaboration with Faculty from College of Education, UWA. Submitted to NSF in Fall 2014.
Gokaraju B., (Co-PI) (~ $1.49 Million) 3D Mathematics through tinkering and engineering reinforcements (3D MATTERs), in Collaboration with Faculty from College of Education, UWA. Submitted to NSF in Fall 2104.

Dr. Balu Gokaraju and Dr. Donnie Cobb
Gokaraju, B., Principal Investigator, Cobb, D., Co-Principal Investigator “ESRI and PCI Geomatics Natural Resources Imagery Grant for $100, 000,” Annual Report Submitted, June 2, 2014.

Dr. Balu Gokaraju and Ms. Veronica Triplett
B. Gokaraju, (PI) V. Triplett (PA), and S. Turner ($60,000) “Motivating African-American Youth through 3-D technology And Engineering (MAY-DAE) for STEM career pathways (MAY-DAE for STEM)” In co-ordination with CBES, COB. May 2015.

Award of $30,000 from Alabama Department of Transportation, Contributed Proposal Narrative and Equipment Budget narrative and collaborated with V. Triplett (PI) of CBES, College of Business for the Proposal of National Summer Transportation Initiative for Summer 2015.

Dr. Balu Gokaraju, Dr. Wayne Bedford, Dr. Donnie Cobb, Dr. Ken Tucker, Dr. Donald Yessick, Mr. Curtis Jones and Mr. Dale Acker
($150,000), Presentation and Demonstration of the Engineering Technology Labs to Alabama Power Co. on May 30, 2014 that led to a donation for Mercedes Benz Automotive Technician Certificate Program partnership.

Dr. Balu Gokaraju and Dr. Donald Yessick
B. Gokaraju (PI) and D. Yessick, ($1.1 Million) “The University of West Alabama, THE WEST ALABAMA ECONOMIC GROWTH INITIATIVE,” Proposal submitted to the Economic Development Authority (EDA), in December 1, 2104.

“Integration of Automated Intrusion Detection and Web Service Alarm System using ARM Microprocessor.” This project work has potential of turning the opportunity for entrepreneurship and patent application. Spring 2105.

Dr. Balu Gokaraju and Dr. Donald Yessick
Yessick, D., and Gokaraju B., (CO-PI) and ($220,000) submitted a grant proposal to Alabama department of Board of Education “Advanced Industrial Maintenance Training program” in co-ordination with Demopolis City Schools (DCS), March 2014 to July 2016.

Dr. Balu Gokaraju and Dr. Donald Yessick and Mr. Ken Walker
($ 200,000) are awarded by Alabama Department of Board of Education, CTE, for “Advanced Manufacturing and Production Technology Training program” in co-ordination with Greene County Career Center, April 2014 to July 2016.
Workshops Conducted:

Dr. Donnie Cobb
Two week workshop for STEM learning and project experience for National Summer Transportation Initiative (NSTI) project conducted by CBES, College of Business at UWA. Summer 2014.

Dr. Balu Gokaraju
2 week workshop towards STEM learning and project experience for National Summer Transportation Initiative (NSTI) project conducted by CBES, College of Business at UWA. June 2015.

2 hour workshop conducted on June 18th, 2015 for Upper Bound Students at UWA.

3 day robotics workshop conducted for UWA Campus School in July 2015.

Dr. Balu Gokaraju and Dr. Donald Yessick
2-Day Workshop organized for presentation and demonstration of the Engineering Technology Labs, projects and programs to the project Engage STEM students for two days in April 2015.

Science Saturday Workshop conducted in coordinated with College of NSM in Fall 2014.

Julia S. Tutwiler College of Education
Summary of Achievements

The Julia S. Tutwiler College of Education (COE) wishes to report the Summary of Achievements by its faculty during the 2014-2015 academic year. Faculty had a total of eighteen publications of research and scholarly work. Faculty made over fifty presentations at national, state and regional meetings. Faculty also conducted twenty one workshops in their field of expertise throughout the service area. Five new grants were awarded to the COE ($185,010 total) and three previously awarded grants are being continued.

Staying true to its mission, COE faculty members continue to provide service to partnership schools with each faculty member volunteering a minimum of twenty hours in the classroom and at school related functions each year. In addition to institutional service, faculty serve in leadership capacities in numerous professional organizations.

Notably, the Southeast Athletic Trainers Association (SEATA) renamed the SEATA District Award to the R.T. Floyd District Award and the University of West Alabama named the Athletic Training Center the R.T. Floyd Athletic Training and Sports Medicine Center. Likewise, Brad Montgomery was inducted into the Alabama Athletic Trainers’ Association’s Hall of Fame.
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

National Presentations:

Dr. Esther Howard, Dr. Andrea Minear & Dr. Melina Vaughan

Dr. Lynn Kelley

Dr. Amanda Pendergrass
The colors of us. Presented with the Elementary Community at the annual meeting of National Council of the Social Studies (NCSS): Boston, MA. (2014, November)

Dr. Jodie Winship
Attitudes are Contagious! Presented at the Nation Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference, San Diego, CA (April, 2015).

Regional Presentations:

Dr. Erica Tanner and Dr. Nisha Warbington
Creating Community in a Virtual World: Ways to Enhance Connectivity for Online Students. Presented at Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference in Birmingham, AL. (2014).

State Presentations:

Dr. Mae Daniel and Dr. Dana Rolison
Making the difference with differentiated instruction. Presented at Mississippi Reading Association Annual Conference, Biloxi, MS. (2014).


Dr. Esther Howard


Dr. Lynn Kelley

Kelley, L. and Freeman, L. "Using the Common Core to Integrate Social Studies and Literacy" presentation at the annual Teaching and Learning Conference, McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA. 2014.

Dr. Erica Tanner
Oh, the Things You Must Know: Effective “Close Read” Strategies for Young Readers Presentation at Mississippi Early Childhood Association Conference in Hattiesburg, MS. (2014).

Dr. Melina Vaughan


*Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities i.e. Panelist, Judge, Accreditation team:*

Dr. Lynn Kelley, Dr. Andrea Minear & Dr. Dana Rolison
Reading Fair Judges at multiple schools throughout the school year

Dr. Erica King
MSERA Annual Conference Proposal Reviewer; CEC TED Annual Conference Proposal Reviewer.

Dr. Lynn Kelley
Reviewer for Social Studies Research and Practice socstrp.org

Delegate to the NCSS House of Delegates: Elementary Community of the National Council for the Social Studies; Outgoing NCSS Community Chair.

Dr. Andrea Minear

Dr. Amanda Pendergrass
NCSS Early Childhood/Elementary Community Vice-Chair; Association for Childhood Education International Article Reviewer; Birmingham-Southern College Tenure Reviewer.
Dr. Erica Tanner
Reviewer for the Southern Early Childhood Association’s publication Dimensions; Reviewer of new children’s literature for the Southern Early Childhood Association; Reviewer for the Annual Conference of the Mid-South Educational Research Association.

Dr. Jodie Winship
Past President, Alabama Council for Exceptional Children

Funded Grants:

Dr. Melina Vaughan
Piloting and Implementation of edTPA within the College of Education at the University of West Alabama. ALSDE Grant Award: $15,000. (Spring 2015).

Dr. Andrea Minear, Dr. Esther Howard, Ms. Annie Upchurch, Dr. Amanda, Pendergrass, Dr. Jodie Winship & Dr. Melina Vaughan
First Class Pre-K, UWA Campus School. OSR Grant Award: $119,000. (Spring 2015).

Publications:

Dr. Reenay Rogers, Dr. Jodie Winship, & Dr. Yan Sun

Dr. Melina Vaughan & Dr. Esther Howard

Dr. Esther Howard & Dr. Melina Vaughan

Dr. Lynn Kelley

Kelley, L., and Brown, T. (2015). While you were sleeping. Social Studies Research and Practice. vol.10-3.socstrp.org

Dr. Lynn Kelley and Dr. Jodie Winship
Scholarly Research:

Dr. Martha Hocutt

Dr. Ann Hollingsworth

Dr. Ann Hollingsworth & Dr. Reenay Rogers

Dr. Yan Sun

Dr. Celeste Wheat

Wheat, C. A. & Hill, L. (Under review, 2015). The role and influence of mentors and role models on university women leaders’ career paths to the university presidency. Under review with *The Journal of Higher Education*

Papers/Books/Articles:

Dr. Ann Hollingsworth


Dr. Reenay Rogers, Dr. Jodie Winship and Dr. Yan Sun

Dr. Yan Sun
Sun, Y., Teslow, J., & Strobel, J. (under review). Assessing K-12 Engineering Education

**Presentations:**

**Dr. Barry Green-Burns**
Counseling Families of Deployed Military Personnel presented at the annual Alabama Counseling Association Meeting. (November, 2014)

**Dr. Martha Hocutt and Dr. Reenay Rogers**

**Dr. Ann Hollingsworth**

**Dr. Ann Hollingsworth and Dr. Barry Green Burns**

**Dr. Pam Rochester**
Presentation at the Military Child Education Workshop, Meridian, MS. (2015)

**Dr. Reenay Rogers**


**Dr. Reenay Rogers and Dr. Jan Miller**
*Don’t Just Stand There: Start Flipping! Tools and Tips for Creating a Flipped Classroom* presented at the Georgia Educational Technology Conference. (2014)

*There’s an App for that! 20+ Apps Educators Can’t Live Without* presented at the Georgia Educational Technology Conference. (2014)
Engage Online Learners with Lecture Capture – accepted at Campus Technology Fall Forum with Dr. Jan Miller (Accepted-not presented) (November, 2014).

Dr. Susan Cordell & Dr. Reenay Rogers
Make Connections! Increase Your Professional Learning Network with Technology. Session accepted by the ALNBCT (Alabama National Board Certified Teachers) Network for presentation at annual conference, January 24, Birmingham, AL. (Accepted-not presented) (2015).

Dr. Yan Sun

Dr. Nisha Warbington
"Grand Slam! Fun Features in Blackboard" Presented at University of West Alabama Online Faculty Training (July 2014).

“Team Management through Team Building" Presented at Sumter County Board of Education Professional Development (August 2014).

"Creating community in a virtual world: Ways to enhance connectivity for online students" Presented at Southern Association of Counselor Education Supervision Conference (October 2014).

Dr. Celeste Wheat & Dr. Martha Hocutt


Dr. Celeste Wheat
The Role and Influence of Mentors and Role Models on Women’s Career Paths to University Leadership. Paper accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Mid-South Educational Research Association (MSERA) Conference, Nashville, TN. *This paper was accepted for presentation at the MSERA, but not presented. (2014, November 5).

Creating Collaborative and Experiential Learning Environments. Presented at The University of West Alabama’s Annual Online Teaching Conference. Livingston, AL. (2014, July 24)
Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities i.e. Panelist, Judge, Accreditation team:

Dr. Susan Cordell  
Appointed by the ALSDE to the 2014-2015 Library Media Task Force. The task force is charged with revising the state’s school library media standards.

Dr. Martha Hocutt  
Served as a Board Member – UA/UWA Regional In-Service Center.

Dr. Reenay Rogers  
Served in the following professional capacities:  
Peer Reviewer for Florida Educational Technology Conference Sessions

Peer Reviewer for research paper submissions at International Society for Technology in Education

Grant Reviewer for 21st Century Community Learning Centers.

Dr. Pamela Rochester  
Served as a Board Member for the Elizabeth Louise Ramsey Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Dr. Yan Sun  
Served as:  
Editorial Board member of Journal of Pre-College Engineering Education Research (J-PEER)  
(reviewed paper “AN INTERACTIVE APPROACH FOR INFORMING PRE-COLLEGE STUDENTS ABOUT ENGINEERING FIELDS - THE IIT PRETRANS PROGRAM”)

Reviewer for IGI publication (reviewed the chapter the chapter "The Impact of Pre-service Teachers’ Reflection on their Instructional Practices")

Professional Consultant:

Dr. William Green-Burns  
Served for the last two years and currently as a member of the Sumter County DHR Quality Assurance Team.

Dr. Debbie Hildreth  
Consulted with the Instructional Coach at a Tuscaloosa Elementary School to plan upcoming book study.

Dr. Martha Hocutt  
Served as Panel Chair, Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) No Child Left Behind Content Mastery Grants and as Reviewer for Journal of Interactive Online Learning.

Dr. Nisha Warbington
Provided professional consultations with Tuscaloosa County Schools, Capitol School, and Sumter County Board of Education.

**Awards and Honors:**

**Dr. Celeste Wheat**  
2014 Nominee for the Alpha Delta Kappa, International Honorary Organization for Female Educators at The University of West Alabama Chapter.

**Dr. Reenay Rogers**  
Inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

**Funded Grants:**

**Dr. Celeste Wheat, Dr. Martha Hocutt & Dr. Yan Sun**  
Received the Steelcase Education Active Learning Center Grant (2015). Steelcase Education fund for creation of an active learning classroom in Lyon Hall at the University of West Alabama. Primary Investigators: Dr. Celeste Wheat and Dr. Martha Hocutt. (Funded, up to $50,000.00).

**Dr. Reenay Rogers**  
Continued to serve as Co-Principal Investigator on Project Engage- U.S. Department of Education MSEIP grant.

**Dr. Celeste Wheat**  
Served the Mid-South Educational Research Association (MSERA) as a Member of Graduate Student Advisory Committee, which recommends and conducts activities to encourage graduate student membership and participation.

**Workshops Conducted:**

**Dr. William Green-Burns**  
Conducted the following workshops:  
- Fall 2014-Bullying Prevention groups for 4th and 5th grades Sumter Academy  
- Workshop for Faculty @ Sumter Academy August 2014  
- Bullying Prevention Groups for two 4th Grade classes @ Livingston Elementary School Spring 2015  
- January 2015-Workshop-for the Men’s and Women’s Tennis Teams.

**Dr. Debbie Hildreth**  
Currently chairing Leadership Institute Committee in preparation of proposed event in spring, 2016.

**Dr. Martha Hocutt**
Conducted iPad Training for Project Engage Students.

Dr. Ann Hollingsworth
Counseling Special Populations (Military Children, English as a Second Language students), UWA Online Outreach Summit, Demopolis, AL. (2014, November)

Raise the Bar with Online Group Work – UWA Division of Online Programs Annual Conference, University of West Alabama, Livingston, AL. (2014, July)

Dr. Ann Hollingsworth, Dr. Reenay Rogers, Dr. Jan Miller & Dr. Celeste Wheat

Dr. Celeste Wheat
Conducted the following workshops:
- Professional Preparation Workshop for Teacher Interns. Presented at The University of West Alabama. Livingston, AL, 8 October 2014.
- In-service Training for Residence Life Assistants. Careers in Student Affairs. Presented at The University of West Alabama. Livingston, AL, 8 October 2014.
- Career Preparation Workshop Series. Workshops presented to Dr. Nicole Farris’ classes at The University of West Alabama. Livingston, AL, fall 2014 and spring 2015.

Department of Physical Education & Athletic Training

Presentations:

Dr. Gunars Cazers
Provided the following presentation:
- “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
Provided the following presentations:
- “The Elbow and Forearm” 30th Southeast Athletic Trainers’ Association Athletic Training Student Symposium, Atlanta, GA.
- “Enhancing Life Long FUNction” Livingston Book Club, Livingston, AL
“Taping, Wrapping & Bracing Challenges on a Limited Budget” Injuries in Football Course, Andrews Research & Education Foundation, Pensacola Beach, FL.

“Ethics of Athletic Training” & Group Discussion Moderator, Gulf South Conference Athletic Trainers Meeting, Columbus, GA.

University of Southern Mississippi Athletic Training Student Workshop, Hattiesburg, MS. Presented on the following topics: “The Evaluation Process,” “The Ankle and Lower Leg,” “Developing Equipment and Supplies on a Minimal Budget.”

“How to Use NATA Foundation Position Statements in Athletic Training,” 3rd Annual UWA Athletic Training Alumni Reunion, Livingston, AL

“Ethics of Athletic Training” & Group Discussion Moderator, 3rd Annual UWA Athletic Training Alumni Reunion, Livingston, AL.


Mr. Brad Montgomery
Provided the following presentation:

Dr. James Robinson
Provided the following presentations:
The Effect of Concussion on Academic Performance of Division II Student-Athletes, March 2015. J. Farris, B. Hynds, A. Henderson & J. Robinson, PhD. University of West Alabama Undergraduate Research Symposium, Livingston, AL.


Athletic Trainers’ Ability to Recognize and Aid in the Treatment of Mental Health Disorders, March 2015. E. Watkins, B. Rodden, ATC & J. Robinson, PhD. 40th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium & Members Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities i.e. Panelist, Judge, Accreditation team:

Dr. Gunars Cazers
Began as College Council Chair-Elect, Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (ASAHPERD).
**Dr. R.T. Floyd**
Served as Director of the 2015 Southeast Athletic Trainer’s Association Athletic Training Student Annual Competencies in Athletic Training Workshop, President, National Athletic Trainers Association Research and Education Foundation Board.

Served as 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.

**Mr. Brad Montgomery**
Served as Chairman as Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers.

**Dr. James Robinson**
Served in the following professional capacities:
- President Phi Kappa Phi
- Board member Livingston Country Club
- Membership coordinator Livingston Lions Club

**Dr. Natasha Satcher**
Began as Chair-Elect for Recreation Council-Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (ASAHPERD).

**Awards/Honors:**

**Dr. R. T. Floyd**
Southeast Athletic Trainers Association (SEATA) renamed the SEATA District Award to the R.T. Floyd District Award.

The R.T. Floyd Athletic Training & Sports Medicine Center Dedicated by the University of West Alabama.

**Mr. Brad Montgomery**
Was inducted into the Alabama Athletic Trainers’ Association’s Hall of Fame.

**Dr. James Robinson**
*Received the following honors and awards:*
Winner-Richard and Madoline Thurn Award for Undergraduate Research. University of West Alabama Undergraduate Research Symposium. College of Natural Science and Mathematics.
Blue Key Honorary Faculty Inductee

Phi Kappa Phi Partnering for Success, University of West Alabama Delegate, Biennial Convention, St. Louis, MO

**Funded Grants:**

**Dr. R.T. Floyd**
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 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.
Continued a St. Vincent’s Birmingham Sports Medicine Grant for athletic training personnel. Funded for $20,000.

**Ms. Amy Menzies**
Received a grant for 1-PowerFlex School Sample Pack funded by Andover Healthcare, Inc, Salisbury, MA for $610.

**Dr. James Robinson**
Received a grant from the Professional Disc Golf Association Innovation Grant Program for $500.

**Workshops Conducted:**

**Dr. Natasha Satcher**
Conducted the following workshops:
Reflection of Women of Color Workshop - Mississippi State University
Health and Fitness Workshop, Livingston, AL

**Community Service:**

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

**Dr. R. T. Floyd**
Provided athletic training and sports medicine consultation to area schools, physicians, physician assistants, physical therapists and people in the West Alabama service area.

**Mr. Brad Montgomery, Ms. Whitney Smith and Mr. Ben Stewart**
Taught CPR/AED Professional Rescuer to the Athletic Department Staff and the Athletic Training faculty, staff and students.
Publications:

**Dr. Gunars Cazers**


**Dr. James Robinson**

“The University of West Alabama Strength and Conditioning Tutorial Volume 3” May 2015. [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5xxvhjaJJJbOaI7ZgtsdLA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5xxvhjaJJJbOaI7ZgtsdLA)

Library

**Summary of Achievements**

**Scholarly Research:**

**Ms. Breagan Abernathy**

Ongoing: UWA Yearbooks Collection-Alabama Mosaic
http://digital.archives.alabama.gov/cdm/search/collection/uwa

Digitized approximately 5,300 pages of university archives including 26 yearbooks, 6 boxes of the Ruby Pickens Tartt Collection, & the Masquer’s Scrapbook

Research on mentoring in the library & information profession. Article submitted and currently under review.

**Ms. Shelia Limerick**

College student publications and archival importance

Conservation and preservation

Processing archival collections

Digitizing archival collections

**Papers/Books/Articles:**

**Ms. Shelia Limerick**

Faculty Advisor, *The Sucarnochee Review*, Volume 21, 2013/14

**Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities i.e. Panelist, Judge, Accreditation team:**

**Ms. Breagan Abernathy**
Chair, Professional Education Committee- Instruction Section: Association of College and Research Libraries
Chair, Handbook Committee- New Member Round Table: American Library Association.

Member, Membership and Mentoring Committee: Southeastern Library Association

Member, Online Content Committee: Network of Alabama Academic Libraries

Attended “CONTENTdm: A complete solution for managing digital collections”- OCLC Online Webinar.


Attended “Historical Records Grant Workshop”- Alabama Department of Archives & History, Demopolis, AL

**Ms. Shelia Limerick**
Member, Digital Content Committee, NAAL

Member, UWA Faculty Senate Subcommittee on the Faculty and Professional Staff Handbook

Secretary, Faculty Senate Committee

Member, Friends of the Ruby Pickens Tartt Public Library

Member, American Library Association

Vice President for Programs, Sumter County Fine Arts Council

**Professional Consultant:**

**Ms. Breagan Abernathy**
Presented a program on the history of the Livingston Book Club utilizing university archives

Wrote and received $500 grant from the Presbyterian Historical Society to digitize church records of First Presbyterian Church, Livingston, AL.

Advisory Board Member of the Sumter County Fine Arts Council
Awards and Honors:

Ms. Breagan Abernathy
Inducted into the Alpha Pi Chapter of the Alpha Delta Kappa Education Sorority

Workshops Conducted:

Ms. Breagan Abernathy
Partnership with Ruby Pickens Tartt Library-led a 4-week beginning computer class for adults