2012-2013 Faculty Achievements

College of Liberal Arts
Summary of Achievements

The College of Liberal Arts has enjoyed another successful year. The following paragraphs summarize the weighty and varied achievements of the departments and their faculty.

Department of Behavioral Sciences

The Department of Behavioral Sciences added two new graduate program offerings. The first program was a Family Counseling option added to the Master of Science in Continuing Education program. The second program was a Master of Science in Experimental Psychology. The Department of Behavioral Sciences also added a minor in Social Work, and we finalized a dual degree program in Sociology/Social Work in collaboration with the University of Alabama’s School of Social Work.

Dr. Mark Davis presented two research projects at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology annual convention. The projects were in collaboration with former student, Craig Warlick. Mr. Warlick is currently in the Counseling Ph.D. program and the University of Kansas. In addition to Mr. Warlick, Dr. Davis’s research project also included Alexis Hewitt (current student) and Dr. Kelly Pivik (Instructor in Psychology). Dr. Mark Davis was also invited to speak at the University of Alabama and at the University Fernando Pessoa, Porto, Portugal (online and on campus). Finally, Dr. Mark Davis chaired the committees for the Family Counseling option, the Master of Science in Experimental Psychology, and the SACS reaffirmation Institutional Effectiveness subcommittee. The details of Dr. Davis’s presentations follow: Davis, M.D., Hewitt, A.C., Warlick, C., & Pivik, K. (2013, January). An investigation of language accent as a symbolic intergroup threat. Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA; and Warlick, C., Davis, M.D., Hewitt, A.C., Cauthron, J.L., & Garris, J. (2013, January). A comparison of the Potentiality for excessive sexual behaviors of collegiate students and collegiate student-athletes. Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.

Dr. Russ Davis presented research at the Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting: Homonegativity and the Moderating Impact of Higher Education: The Confluence of Race, Place, and Grace Davis, R. (2013, March)–presented at the Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. Dr. Davis also serves as a Mid-South Sociological Association student research paper competition reviewer.

Dr. Nicole Farris was co-author on two research publications, and she is the first editor on a book under contact with Springer Publishers. Dr. Farris also had research accepted to be presented at the American Sociological Association annual meeting in Denver, CO, she co-presented research at the Population Association of America annual meeting in New Orleans, LA, she co-presented research at the Southwestern Social Sciences annual meeting in New Orleans, LA, and she was a discussant and program chair in the Women’s and Gender Studies Session on Gender and Media at the Southwestern Social Sciences annual meeting in New Orleans, LA. In addition to the publications and presentations, Dr. Farris has served as the chair for the Women’s and Gender Studies Sessions on Gender and the Family for the Southwestern Social Science Association annual meetings for the last few years. She also serves as a committee member on the Southwestern Social Sciences Association’s Nominating Committee. Her publications and presentations for 2012-2013 are listed below:


“The Boomerang Age? A Qualitative Analysis of Previously Launched Adults.” Accepted to be presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting: Denver, Colorado- August 2012.

Dr. Dana K. Harmon was a co-author on two publications this year. She presented research and co-chaired a round-table discussion at the Annual Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference in Washington D.C.. Finally, Dr. Harmon contributed the majority of the work to the addition of the Social Work minor and the finalization of the Sociology/Social Work Dual Degree program with the University Of Alabama School Of Social Work. Dr. Harmon’s scholarly achievements are captured below:


Dr. Mark Davis
Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society: Southeast Regional Vice President
Psi Chi national honor society in Psychology--Co-Faculty Chair, UWA
Association for Psychological Science (APS)
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)
Society of Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)
American Psychological Association (APA)
UWA SACS reaffirmation Institutional Effectiveness subcommittee chairperson
UWA Master of Science in Experimental Psychology proposal chairperson
UWA Family Counseling MSCE option proposal chairperson


Davis, M.D. (2012, August). Overview of research activities at Intergroup Perceptions, Emotions, and Attitudes Research Lab (IPEARL). Invited on campus speaker: The University of Alabama Social Psychology program, Tuscaloosa, AL.

Dr. Russ Davis


Mid-South Sociological Association: Student Research Paper Competition Reviewer

Alabama Poverty Project: Statistical and Research Consultant

Auburn University Montgomery, Center for Demographic Research: Research Associate

Dr. Nicole Farris

McDonald, Heather and D. Nicole Farris. The University of West Alabama ADVANCE Catalyst for Institutional Transformation Grant (In Progress)


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

“Bisexuality in America: A Preliminary Analysis” Presented at the Southwestern Social Sciences Annual Meeting: New Orleans, Louisiana- March 2013 (with D’Lane R. Compton and Yu Ting Chang)

“The Boomerang Age? A Qualitative Analysis of Previously Launched Adults.” Accepted to be presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting: Denver, Colorado- August 2012

Discussant, Women’s and Gender Studies Session on Gender and Media, Southwestern Social Sciences Association Annual Meeting, 2013

Program Chair for Women’s and Gender Studies Session, Southwestern Social Science Association, 2012-present

Chair for Women’s and Gender Studies Sessions on Gender and the Family for the Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meetings, 2011- present

Committee Member: Nominations Committee, Southwestern Social Sciences Association (2013)

Inducted into Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society (March 2013)

University of West Alabama Research Grant Recipient ($1000)

University of West Alabama Teaching Excellence Grant Recipient ($250)

Facilitator, Greene County High School Intervention Making Proud Choices (January 2013)

Participant, Sumter County Project Training of Educators Making Proud Choices

**Dr. Dana K. Harmon**

*Manuscripts under review:*


*Manuscripts in preparation:*


*Research Project*

Working on IRB proposal, etc. about African American, motherless daughters


Developed a Social Work minor
Approval of Sociology/Social Work Dual Degree Program

Assists in mitigation work with death penalty cases

Department of Fine Arts

The UWA Fine Arts Department had another year of transitions and development. Unfortunately, Anthony Johnson had to depart mid-year due to family issues. His absence left a large hole to fill in the Fine Arts Department and currently the search is ongoing for a replacement technical director. However, Audrey Hamilton-Shelton completing her MFA in Costume Design and being hired as a lecturer strengthened the Fine Arts Faculty. While she works between the Departments of Fine Arts and Languages and Literature, she is primarily servicing the Theatre Program.

The UWA Concert Choir and Singers maintained their substantial number or participants, but funding was secured to increase the scholarship amounts. This increase was driven by the excellence, and myriad, of performances the Choral Programs have put on in the past several years. The Choral Programs have performed for the UWA Fall and Spring Commencement exercises, the UWA Tree Lighting Ceremony, the Bank of York 100th Anniversary Celebration, The Face in the Courthouse Window, and numerous other off-campus events. The UWA Choir, under the direction of Mr. Willie Williams, put together one of the finest Christmas Concerts in recent memory, with attendance reaching over 400 for the event. In addition, the UWA Choir performed their Legacy Celebration to commemorate Black History Month both on campus and in participation with Livingston First Baptist. Mr. Williams was also busy performing in Theatre Tuscaloosa’s production of Ain’t Misbehavin’ and directing The Face in the Courthouse Window in Carrollton.

The UWA Theatre program has continued to expand and increase its presence on The University of West Alabama’s campus. This past season included a standing room only production of Eurydice, and a riotous set of performances of Spooky Dog and the Teenage Gang Mysteries. The Theatre Department has continued to see an increase in participation and interest in its programming. Even though both productions were staged in the Hunt Annex, total attendance was almost 700. Of particular note this year was the fact that two UWA students completed the Interdisciplinary Arts Degree, both of whom had a focus in theatre. In addition, the following students have completed the Theatre Minor: Tazra Pitts, Kirsten Cunningham, and Allyshondria Lee. The first phase of the Bibb Graves renovations were also completed in the fall and plans are underway to complete the second phase of those renovations.

The Art Program has also been coordinating the student showcase, as well as actively pursuing showcases for their own work. This year’s Student Art Show saw an exceptionally large crop of quality
work and the exhibit was extremely well attended. **Mr. Nick Davis** also coordinated the purchase and installation of two new sculptures in the UWA Sculpture Garden.

The Fine Arts Faculty has also been very active within their disciplines. **Mr. Nick Davis** displayed his work with **Jessica Smith** in an exhibition entitled *Mishmash*, at Webb Hall Art

Mr. Davis also served as Director of the Sumter County Fine Arts Council’s Sculpture Exhibition, as a Juror for the Neshoba County Fair Art Exhibition in Philadelphia, MS, and as Chair of the Art Committee for Sucarnochee Folk Life Festival. In addition Mr. Davis gave a presentation entitled “On the Manner of Re-addressing Clouds and participated in a panel discussion at the *Pecha Kucha*, Southeastern College Art Conference in Durham, NC.

**Dr. Manley Blackwell** served as adjudicator for the following music festivals; “Alabama Federation of Music Clubs District Festival” in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and the Alabama Music Teachers Association District Auditions in Birmingham, Alabama. In addition, Dr. Blackwell has been busy performing for numerous university events, several recitals in conjunction with the University of Alabama’s music program, and for the Sucarnochee Revue program.

In keeping with the tradition of saving the best for last, **Ms. Jessica Smith** has been exhibiting her work not only in the states, but also overseas. She has had her work exhibited at the Kermeikon Ceramica Multiplex, Museum of Ceramic Art, Kapfenberg, Austria, in a solo exhibit entitled “Catawampus”, at the Kentuck Art Center in Northport, AL, in the “Arts Alive” exhibit at the Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts in Florence, AL, in the “Art and Photography Show”, at the Coleman Arts Center in York, AL, she won the Second Place Award in the “Small Favor” exhibit at The Clay Studio in Philadelphia, PA. She also displayed her work at the NEOS Invitational Exhibition, Scottish Sculpture Workshop in Aberdeenshire, Scotland and is currently an Artist-in-Residence at the Hafnarborg-Hafnarfjörður Center of Culture and Fine Art in Iceland.

Finally, the Fine Arts Department has continued to upgrade its facilities, including the purchase of new uniforms, audio-visual equipment, and on-going efforts to document the history and growth of all the Fine Arts Programs.

**Dr. Manley Blackwell**


Blackwell, Manley and Fleming, Susan. “‘Chansons de Bilitis’ by Claude Debussy.” Performance of the song cycle for mezzo soprano and piano as part of the “Less is More” Chamber Music Series at the University of Alabama School of Music, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 23 October, 2012.

Blackwell, Manley and Molina, Osiris. “‘Premier Rhapsodie’ by Claude Debussy.” Performance of the duo for clarinet and piano as part of the “Less is More” Chamber Music Series at the University of Alabama School of Music, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 23 October, 2012.


Adjudicator, Alabama Music Teachers Association District Auditions, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, 13, April 2013.

Mr. Nick Davis
Exhibitions:  
- Mishmash, Webb Hall Art Gallery, Livingston, AL
  - Two-person exhibition with Jessica Smith

Spring Art and Photography Show, The Coleman Center for Arts and Culture, York, AL (Juried Exhibition

Pecha Kucha, Southeastern College Art Conference, Durham, NC
- Lecture and Panel Discussion chaired by Jason Guynes
- Presentation titled “On the Manner of Re-addressing Clouds

Juror, Neshoba County Fair Art Exhibition, Philadelphia, MS

Mr. Arthur Grothe
Currently developing a play in conjunction with Dr. Mark Davis.

Currently writing a full-length play and pursuing avenues for production.

Member of AFTRA

Produced and Directed Eurydice at the University of West Alabama

Produced, Designed, and Directed Spooky Dog and the Teenage Gang Mysteries at the University of West Alabama

Member of Phi Kappa Phi

Board Member – Coleman Center

Board Member – Sumter County Fine Arts Council

“Whose Line is it NOW” – Improv Comedy Workshop with Creative Arts LLC

Ms. Jessica Smith
Kermeikon Ceramica Multiplex, Museum of Ceramic Art, Kapfenberg, Austria

Catawampus, solo exhibit, Kentuck Art Center, Northport, AL

Mish-Mash, two-person exhibit, Webb Hall Gallery, The University of West Alabama, Livingston, AL

Arts Alive, Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts, Florence, AL (Juror: Edward Noriega)

Art and Photography Show, Coleman Arts Center, York, AL (Juror: Darius Hill) Second Place Award
In 2012-2013, the Department of History and Social Sciences began publishing to great success the *Alabama Review* with **Dr. Rob Riser** as editor, assisted by GTA **Luke Utsey**. Other notable department activities included hosting the wildly successful 2013 **Black Belt Symposium**. The department also hosted two visiting researchers from other universities: Dr. Mark Hersey of Mississippi State, who was in residence for a week in March, and Dr. Edward Baptist of Cornell University, who visited in late June.

**Dr. Chris Haveman** received word that his book manuscript had been accepted for publication by the University of Nebraska Press in Fall 2014 and also published an article in *Native South*: “‘Last Evening I Saw the Sun Set for the Last Time’: The 1832 Treaty of Washington and the Transfer of the Creeks’ Alabama Land to White Ownership.”

**Dr. Rob Riser** published an article in the *Alabama Law Review*, “Clement Clay Torbert and Alabama Law Reform,” published a book review in the *Journal of Southern History*, led a CLE seminar for the Alabama State Bar Association at their annual meeting, and delivered a paper at the 2013 meeting of the American Historical Association.

**Dr. Valerie Burnes** attended the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s Rosenwald Conference and placed an article in *Alabama Heritage*: “History on the Move: The Past, Present, and Future of Cedarwood.” She was awarded a Federal Highway Administration grant for the Alamuchee Covered Bridge and attended several professional meetings. In April, she was elected Treasurer of the Alabama Historical Association.

**Dr. Ashley Dumas** continues to serve as editor of the *Journal of the Alabama Archaeological Society*. She presented papers at two national meetings: “French Diplomacy, Native Factionalism, and Revitalization in the Wake of the Great Peace of Montreal: Fort Toulouse and Creek Indian Neutrality” was presented at the French Colonial Historical Society annual meeting and “The Mabila Project Map: Refining the Distribution of Sixteenth-Century Sites along the Alabama River Drainage in the Context of Revitalization” was presented at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference. She also published a book review in the *Midcontinental Journal of Archaeology* and secured an Alabama Historical Commission grant for Fort Tombecbe.

**Dr. Mark Griffith** also attended several professional meetings in his field of political science.

**Dr. Valerie Burnes**

Submitted an Alabama Women’s Hall of Fame nomination for Ida Wallis Elliott, founder of the first women’s Chamber of Commerce in the United States and successful entrepreneur and preservationist in the first three decades of the 20\(^{th}\) century.
Completing an article on Elijah Jones, an African-American who served in WWI and was the first doctor in Alabama to perform successful open heart surgery, and the first doctor in Talladega, AL to own x-ray equipment.

Article written for/published in the “Black Belt Connection” about the move, restoration and use of the Campbell House at UWA; article in the “Black Belt Connection” about the move, restoration and use of Cedarwood at UWA.

Writing an article for the Public History Journal about the structures on the Mobile Historic Home Tour.

Attended the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s “Rosenwald School Conference” on the identification and restoration of these important schools in African-American and southern history.

Preparing a book proposal for the University of Alabama Press to discuss the importance of the Civil Rights Movement in Perry County on the overall Civil Rights Movement.


“Life, Death and Barbecue: The Barbecue Clubs of Sumter County, AL” at the Alabama Historical Association Fall Meeting/Pilgrimage in Livingston, October 13, 2012.

Member of the Alabama Historical Association executive committee; elected treasurer of the Alabama Historical Association in April 2013.

District representative appointed by the governor to the Cahawba Advisory Committee.

District representative appointed by the governor to the Maritime Advisory Committee.

Secretary, UWA chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.

Arranged visit and was interviewed by Fred Hunter for an “Absolutely Alabama” TV spot about the BBQ Clubs of Sumter County – the documentary appeared on Fox 6 in Birmingham.

Interviewed by “Lights, Camera, Alabama” for a documentary on the history and historical context of Cedarwood.

Consultant for the move of a 1820s house in Dallas Co. Provided advice for prepping the building for the move, as well as relocation and restoration advice.

Arranged filming of Alabama State Council on the Arts documentary about the BBQ clubs of Sumter Co.

Served on the Alabama State Council on the Arts grant committee its Folklife Apprenticeship grant program.

Chair caning demonstrator- Clarke County Pioneer Days; Sucarnochee Folklife Festival.

Graduate School Marshal at commencement - Auburn University

Alamuchee Covered Bridge project, funded by the Federal Highway Administration - $96,000; Children’s Patchwork History Project - $1,500; $10,000 grant from the Alabama Historical Association for the restoration of Cedarwood; my research was used by the development office to secure $215,000 in
funding to move/restore Elizabeth Church and Christian Valley Church; $4,000 travel grant received from the Corporation for National and Community Service to facilitate travel for our VISTA workers.

Organized the 2012 Alabama Historical Association fall pilgrimage to Livingston.

Arranged for the visit/talk of author B.J. Hollars who presented his book “Opening the Doors: The Desegregation of the University of Alabama and the Fight for Civil Rights in Tuscaloosa.”

Organized the Black Belt Hall of Fame induction.

A workshop on how to properly archive materials is in the planning stages to take place at both UWA and Judson College.

**Department of Languages and Literature**

In June 2012, the department organized a trip to Asheville, NC, to tour the houses of Carl Sandburg and Thomas Wolfe and the Biltmore House as part of the Reed Literary Odyssey program. Nine students attended. In June 2013, the department is taking fourteen students as part of the same program to tour Rowan Oak and see two live Shakespeare productions in Oxford, MS. October saw the annual Poetry at the Lake event. In November, the department hosted the fourth installment of the Callaway Schoolhouse Fiction and Poetry Reading and Workshop, featuring faculty members from the University of Alabama creative writing program.

In March, the department held its first “How I Got My Job” seminar, with two alumni panelists.

Finally, also in March, UWA Integrated Marketing Communications students placed in the following categories at the 2013 Southeast Journalism Conference: Nicholas Finch: 3rd place in Multi-media Journalism; Jordan Story: 2nd Place in Graphic Design and Layout.

Individual faculty members remain extremely active in their fields. Dr. Alan Brown conducted extensive research for *Haunted Big Bend Florida*, which will be published by the History Press in September 2013. He also published *The Big Book of Texas Ghost Stories* (Mechanicsburg, PA: Stackpole Books, 2013) and “The Gothic Movement” (*Edgar Allan Poe in Context*. Ed. Kevin J. Hayes. Cambridge, England: Cambridge UP, 2013). Dr. Brown also presented the follow papers at professional meetings: “America’s Most Haunted House” (annual meeting of Paracon, Pensacola, FL, August 24, 2012); ‘Creating Audience Awareness in Compensatory English through Re-Writing” (annual meeting of the Alabama Association of Developmental Education, November 2, 2012); “Poe’s ‘The Oval Portrait’ and Hawthorne’s ‘Portrait of Edwin Randolph: A Literary Relationship” (annual meeting of the Mississippi Philological Association, February 9, 2013); and “*To Kill a Mockingbird* and the Civil Rights Movement” (annual meeting of ACETA, Birmingham, AL. Samford University, March 9, 2013. Finally, Dr. Brown held several significant posts during the 2012-13 year: Board member of the Alabama Folklife Association; manuscript reviewer for “Rhetorical Relocations to the Land of Liberty in the *Narrative of William Wells Brown, a Fugitive Slave*” for the *Journal of American Culture*; a successful grant writer for two awards: $823.70 from the University Research Grants Committee for a ghost story collecting trip on October 18-20, 2012, to the Big Bend of Florida and $1,800 from the Alabama State Council on the Arts for the Sucarnochee Folklife Festival. Dr. Brown also taught eight “Literature and Medicine” workshops at the VA Hospital in Tuscaloosa, AL, between 18 and June 20, 2013 (and sponsored by the Alabama Humanities Foundation) and a workshop on figures of speech at the monthly meeting of the Mississippi Writer’s Guild on February 23, 2013.
Dr. Tim Edwards wrote the foreword for *Evelyn Scott’s Contribution to American Literary Modernism, 1920-1940*, by Pat Tyre (Lampeter, Ceredigion, Wales: Mellen, 2013, i-iv) and presented a paper titled “Under a Banished Sun: Cormac McCarthy’s Cosmology in *The Road*” at the Mississippi Philological Association (Hattiesburg, MS. 9 February 2013).


Mr. Greg Jones presented two papers: “Eliminating Writer's Block in Remedial Students: How to Build Writing Confidence While Teaching Transitional Words and Phrases.” Presentation at the 26th annual conference of the Alabama Association for Developmental Education, Montgomery, Alabama, 2 November 2012; and “Chuck Wendig: The Face of Post-Modern Hybrid Self-Publishing, Or How to Develop a Platform and Brand That Guarantees Book Sales So You Can Tell Traditional Book Houses to Go to Hell.” Paper presented at the Mississippi Philological Association annual meeting, William Carey University, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, 8 February 2013.


Dr. Alan Brown
I conducted extensive research for my book *Haunted Big Bend Florida*, which will be published by the History Press in September 2013.
Before I taught the revised version of my Gothic Literature Course (EH 598-01), I had to read and research two books: *American Gothic Tales* (ed. William Abrahams) and *The Woman in Black* (by Susan Hill).

In May 2013, I conducted research for a course I am planning to teach in the Spring 2013 semester titled “Hardboiled and Noir Crime Fiction in Novels and Film.”


On August 24, 2012, I read a paper titled “America’s Most Haunted House” at the annual meeting of Paracon in Pensacola, FL.

On November 2, 2012, I read a paper titled “Creating Audience Awareness in Compensatory English through Re-Writing” at the annual meeting of the Alabama Association of Developmental Education.

On February 9, 2013, I read a paper titled “Poe’s ‘The Oval Portrait’ and Hawthorne’s ‘Portrait of Edwin Randolph: A Literary Relationship” at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Philological Association.

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I was elected to serve on the Board of the Alabama Folklife Association on March 12, 2013.

I reviewed a manuscript titled, “Rhetorical Relocations to the Land of Liberty in the *Narrative of William Wells Brown, a Fugitive Slave*” for the *Journal of American Culture*.

I received a grant of $823.70 from the University Research Grants Committee for a ghost story collecting trip I took on October 18, 2012, to the Big Bend of Florida.

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Dr. Tim Edwards


Dean, College of Liberal Arts

Chair, Academic Integrity Committee
Chair, Freshman Studies Committee
Chair, Student Media Committee
Chair, Honors Program Committee
Chair, Library Committee
Chair, SACS Faculty Committee

Treasurer and Vice-President for Membership, Evelyn Scott Society

**Dr. Amy Jones**


2013 Southeast Journalism Conference On-Site Competition Judge

Associate Reviewer for the International Journal of Sport and Society

UWA Integrated Marketing Communications students placed in the following categories at the 2012 Southeast Journalism Conference:

Nicholas Finch: 3rd place in Multi-media Journalism
Jordan Story: 2nd Place in Graphic Design and Layout
$4,990, Alabama Strategic Alliance for Health
Project Outdoor Fitness Fever (OFF): The OFF program includes the free checkout of bicycles for all Sumter County Residents. Funds will be used to purchase more bikes for the existing program.

Mr. Greg Jones


Dr. Kendrick Prewitt


Dr. Lesa Shaul

Published poems:
---. “Cashing In.” Birmingham Arts Journal. 9.3. 10-12.


College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Summary of Achievements

Department of Mathematics

参与了科学奥林匹克

在该地区的高中和中学评价了多个科学展览

评判了西部阿拉巴马区域科学博览会

吸引了10名新成员加入Kappa Mu Epsilon荣誉协会

实施了精算科学数学课程

主办了AISA区域中等数学锦标赛

主办了AISA区域高中数学锦标赛
Dr. Tom Ratkovich
Has a joint paper entitled “Quiver Algebras of Coverings and Twisted Tensor Products” in COMMUNICATIONS IN ALGEBRA

Dr. Jeng Chen
Has a paper entitled “Critical Path for an Optimal Hedging Strategy” in CONTEMPORARY MATHEMATICS

Mrs. Hazel Truelove
Achieved ABD status

Awarded the Outstanding Graduate Student in Secondary Mathematics at Alabama

Participating in the IMPACT grant project

Dr. Frank Rogers
Participating in the STEM project

Mr. Micky Smith
Secured a $4000 grant for the Sumter/Marengo Water Festival

Physical Sciences

Dr. Roger Campbell
Was in charge of the District Science Fairs in area schools and also the Regional Fair

Dr. Yun Ho Kim
Presented “A Study of Zanthoxyllum clava-herculis L. in the Black Belt: Essential Oil Extraction” at Tuskegee University

Biological and Environmental Sciences

Faculty attended six regional and national meetings and maintained their activity in the affiliated organizations

Faculty presented three workshops at regional and national meetings

Supervised research students presented four workshops at regional and national meetings

There were two grant requests submitted

There are two grant requests in development

There are four grants in progress

The Department continued to sponsor the growing Undergraduate Research Symposium

Dr. Janis Beaird
Oversaw the Science Olympiad

Dr. Brian Burnes
Currently President of the Alabama Academy of Sciences
Dr. Mustafa Morsy
Oversaw monthly Science Saturday presentations

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, 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.

Finance Major—The College of Business added in Fall, 2012, a Finance Major to its BBA degree offerings to help meet the anticipated demand for this major (nationally and internationally) and provide students with a broad range of finance knowledge and a skill-set that will expand their career opportunities and income.

MBA Program—The Alabama Commission on Higher Education approved in June, 2013 for UWA to offer 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 36 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 will be 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 will implement 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.

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.

VITA Program--The IRS sponsored Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program provided professional tax preparation services to over 240 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—Through a $210,000 APCO Foundation Grant which established the Center for Business and Economic Services, Director Billy McFarland 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
West Alabama Mental Health Association Annual Conference, Keynote speaker

Alabama Community Leaders Network Award Conference-Leadership

Alabama Council of Economic Education Black Belt Economic Forum, Keynote speaker

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)

Legacy Hospice Clinical Directors-Teambuilding

Legacy Hospice Management Team-Teambuilding

Mercedes Benz International-COB and Industrial Maintenance and Technology

Alabama Public Television, On the Job-Technology programs

Kiwanis Club—China partnerships; MBA

Sumter County Chamber of Commerce Breakfast for Business-COB

York-Livingston Rotary Club-MBA program

Accreditation Council of Business Schools and Programs-- Site Visit Evaluator; Global Business Education Committee

Marengo County Commission Chairperson

UWA Foundation Board of Directors; Investment Committee

Marengo County Economic Development Authority Board of Directors

UWA Rodeo Board of Directors

Association of County Commissions of Alabama, Finance/Taxation & Administration Committees
Marengo County Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors
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
Demopolis Chamber of Commerce
Economic Development Association of Alabama
Association of County Commissions of Alabama 2012 Excellence in County Government Award
Alabama Quality Award Commitment to Excellence Award, Education Sector
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
7 Habits of Highly Effective People—Sumter & Marengo Chambers of Commerce
Leadership Marengo—Leadership; County Government
Distinguished Young Women of Alabama
Marengo Youth Lead
Marengo County Extension Service—Strategic Planning
Phi Mu—Keys to Success

Accounting, Finance and Economics

Mr. Adam Cai
Scholarly Research:
Human Capital Spillovers, Trade, and Economic Growth
East Asian Currency Policies
Monetary Economics
Virtual world experiments
Inflation and output tradeoff
Exchange rate analysis


Cai, Linyuan. “Money Demand, Risk, and a Better Measure of the Monetary Aggregate.” Paper to be presented


Development of New Finance Major Courses at UWA

Development of New Finance Major Curriculum at UWA

Mentor for Tide Together, a program that assists first-generation doctoral students at the University of Alabama

Ms. Kristi Doggette-Chapman
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 as a volunteer Professional Consultant, for Toxey Baptist Church, Toxey, AL.

Dr. Joo Young Lee


Served as an editor for “Seoul Studies,” a registered academic journal by Korean Research Foundations, since August 2011.


Ms. Sharon Stipe
Awarded $8,085 in grant funds from the IRS through Impact Alabama to administer the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Clinic for the UWA, Sumter County, and West Alabama communities. The VITA clinic had a banner year, providing free income tax assistance to more than 260 clients. The clinic is provided through an accounting class in the College of Business at UWA.
Business Administration, Marketing and Management

Ms. Aliquippa Allen
Leadership Marengo Steering Committee member

Nov 2012 Facilitator, Leadership Marengo Youth League, Economic Development Seminar

Nov 2012 Facilitator, Leadership Marengo, Economic Development Seminar

Jan 2013-Air Force Reserve Officer Training

Oct 2012-Youth Day Speaker, Christian Chapel Baptist Church, Demopolis, AL,

Demopolis City School Foundation Executive Committee & Grants Chairperson

May 2013- William E. Gilbert Award, Excellence in Teaching

Co-presenter, “Economic Development and Sustainment seminar”; Leadership Marengo Seminar, Nov 2013, Linden, AL

Co-presenter: “Economic Development and Sustainment seminar”; Youth Leadership Marengo Seminar, Nov 2012, Demopolis, AL

Dr. Janie Gregg


Gregg, Janie R., Jan Miller, and Jake Williams, Project Management Institute. “Grant Writing and Grant Opportunities at Project Management Institute” Professional Development Workshop Southwest Academy of Management, Albuquerque, NM. March 2013.

Gregory Dess, University of Texas – Dallas, Frances Fabian, University of Memphis, Janie R. Gregg, University of West Alabama, Duane Ireland, Texas A & M, J. Kay Keels, Coastal Carolina University, Steven Tallman, University of Richmond, Lee Tyner, University of Central Oklahoma. “Research & Teaching & Service, Oh, My!” Doctoral Consortium Workshop/Panel Discussion. Southwest Academy of Management. Albuquerque, NM. (March 2013)

Program Chair, Southwest Academy of Management 2012-2013.
President-Elect, Southwest Academy of Management 2013-2014.
Secretary, Alabama Academy of Science 2012-2013.
Paper Reviewer for Southern Management Association Fall 2013 Conference (Strategy Track and Public Administration Track)
Consulted along with SIFE/Enactus students for three small businesses in Livingston and Linden, Treasures Boutique, Café on Monroe, and Melody’s Boutique providing marketing, management, accounting, and financial assistance.
Awarded SIFE/Enactus –Wal-Mart Women’s Economic Empowerment Grant- $1500
Awarded SIFE/Enactus - Sam’s Step Up for Small Business Grant-$1500
Awarded SIFE/Enactus - Lowe’s Community Improvement Project Partnership-$2000

**Dr. Russ Henley and Dr. Adrian Doss**


**CIS/Technology**

**Dr. Wayne Bedford**
Presentation at Mercedes-Benz HR Meeting August 2012
Presentation at Mercedes-Benz HR Meeting March 2013
Inter-College Discussion Panel May 2013, “Robots: Impact of Technology on Business and Industry”
ACBSP-UWA Champion
Article Reviewer: Southwestern Association of Management (SWAM)
Article Reviewer: Journal of Information Systems Management
Article Reviewer: Journal of Online Learning and Teaching (JOLT)
ACBSP Region 3 Teaching Excellence Award 2012
Phi Kappa Phi Great Minds Award 2012-2013
McIlwain Bell Trustee Professor Award 2013
Dr. Donnie Cobb
August 2012 Presentation to Mercedes and Tier 1 Suppliers

September 2012 Presentation to ISE, Tuscaloosa, AL

September 2012 Presentation to Johnson Controls, Cottondale, AL

March 2013 Mercedes and Tier 1 Suppliers, Vance, AL

May 2013 Presentation to Westervelt, Aliceville, AL

May 2013 Presentation to Johnson Controls, Cottondale, AL

May 2013 Presentation to Inteva Products, Cottondale, AL

May 2013 Presentation to Formel D, Brookwood, AL

November 2012 ATMAE Conference, Nashville, TN-Awarded membership to Epsilon Pi Tau International Honor Society for Professions in Technology

UWA Leadership Development Program--2013 Spring/Summer semesters

Volkert Engineering for $1,200

Awarded ESRI and PCI Geomatics Natural Resources Imagery Grant for $100,000-Partnered with Dr. Balakrishna Gokaraju

Mr. Richard Day
Development of a new CIS course that would integrate computer programming and 3D printing technology.

ACM (Association of Computing Machinery) - Professional Member

BCS (British Computer Society) – Chartered IT Professional Fellow (FBCS CITP)

IEEE (Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers)-Senior Member

Apple Computer-Beta test programs of pre-release software

U.S. Department of Education, Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program (MSEIP) $235,543

U.S. Department of Labor, Trade Adjustment Assistance / Community College and Career Training Grants Program $2,195,132

Dr. Adrian Doss
2013 Panel/Session Chair, Southwest Academy of Management, Albuquerque, NM

2012 Distinguished Paper Award, Mustang International Business Conference, Oklahoma City, OK

Commendation – Mississippi State Guard


**Dr. Adrian Doss and Dr. Russ Henley**


**Dr. Balu Gokaraju**


Curriculum design and consultation to the Division of Outreach Services for the National Summer Training Initiative by Dept. of Transportation. July, 2013.
Awarded First Prize in Overall BEST Robotics Championship at Tuscaloosa by mentoring the high level robotics team at Sumter Central High School on Oct. 13, 2012.

Honored with invitation to the “Upsilon Pi Epsilon” Honor Society for the Computing and Information Disciplines.

Honored with invitation to the “Phi Kappa Phi” Honor Society for Academic and Professional excellence.

Awarded $ 4000 (Co-PI) for Cross College Research by MSU towards “Development of a Graphics User Interface (GUI) Based Research Tool for Decision Support System for Wildfire Management and Prevention.”

Awarded $ 800,000 (Co-PI) equivalent computational resources through director discretionary awards by Oakridge Research National Laboratory, Tennessee towards “Hybrid CPU/GPU Parallelization of a Template Matching Solver for Temporal Change Detection in Urban Planning”. Feb 2013.

Dr. Balu Gokaraju, Dr. Adrian Doss and Dr. Russ Henley

Dr. Balu Gokaraju, Dr. Wayne Bedford and Dr. Donnie Cobb
Gokaraju, B., Bedford, W. D., Cobb, D. W., Participated in various professional site meetings with regional industries, (i.e Mercedes Benz, Johnson Controls Inc., ISE Innovations, Westervelt Renewable Energy Inc.), and Shelton State Community College for partnership opportunities.


Dr. Balu Gokaraju, Dr. Wayne Bedford, Dr. Donnie Cobb and Dr. Donald Yessick
“Curriculum Design for Certificate Programs, Associate Degree Programs and B.S degree program” in Industrial Technology.

Dr. Balu Gokaraju and Dr. Donnie Cobb
Awarded UWA research grant for $1000 (PI) towards “Development of Research based GIS Simulation Tool for Automatic Change Detection in Urban Datasets using Multi-Temporal and Multi-Sensor Satellite Data.”

Awarded $ 100,000 (PI) equivalent laboratory software, data and training resources by ESRI and PCI natural resources imagery grant program towards “Multi-Temporal and Multi-Sensor Data Fusion Model for Urban Disaster Management and Land Cover Change Mapping of Tuscaloosa, AL using RADARSAT-2 and RapidEye satellite datasets.”
**Dr. Balu Gokaraju, Dr. Donnie Cobb and Dr. Donald Yessick**
Awarded 2.2 million dollars (Co-PI) Trade Adjustment Assistance/Community College and Career Training grants program to establish comprehensive industrial technology training model for TAA-eligible workers and other adults.

**Dr. Balu Gokaraju and Dr. Donald Yessick**
Dr. Gokaraju and Dr. Yessick, applied for NSF National Robotics Initiative (PI) ($623,000) “Development of Advanced Food Processing Co-robotics Technology Research and Training Program for K6-16 education”. Dec 2012.

Dr. Gokaraju and Dr. Yessick, applied for NSF Computing Education for the 21st Century (PI) ($450,000) for developing integrated k6-16 pipeline education outreach and curriculum development of high performance scientific computing. March 2013.


Mentors for the High Level Robotics Team at Sumter Central High School for BEST Robotics Competitions. Sep 2012.

**Dr. Donald Yessick**

Awarded First Prize in Overall BEST Robotics Championship at Tuscaloosa by mentoring the high level robotics team at Sumter Central High School on Oct. 13, 2012

**College of Education**
**Summary of Achievements**

The Julia S. Tutwiler College of Education is proud to announce its most significant faculty achievements in the 2012-2013 academic year. The recent survey of faculty in the College of Education indicated notable achievements in regard to scholarly research; presentations at national and state professional conferences; national, state and local awards and honors; successful grant writing; and workshops conducted both on campus and at partnership schools.

The College of Education sponsored several professional development events on campus including: the Early Educator’s Conference, the Alabama Independent Schools Association Conference, the Invention Convention, the West Alabama Library Symposium, and the annual Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Conference. In addition, workshops were conducted at partnership schools upon request.

Faculty in the College of Education served as the principal investigator for $1,313,610 in grants. Funding from the grants will enhance outreach to community schools, recruit and retain minority students in the STEM fields, enhance clinical experiences, enhance literacy, and support Athletic Training personnel.
The Department of Curriculum and Instruction faculty are involved in numerous professional organizations and provided many workshops and other services to Partnership Schools and other entities during the past academic year. Each faculty member volunteers a minimum of 10 hours per semester (providing instruction to students in school settings). Faculty coordinated the UWA Early Childhood Education Conference and the UWA STEM Conference, also. The list below is a brief synopsis of the numerous workshops and service provided by faculty in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

**Dr. Mae Daniel**

*Research Interest:*
Lap Literacy, Teacher Perceptions of Wellness, Reading: Shared literacy, Universal Design for Learning Differentiated Instruction


*Pending:*

*Memberships:*
Higher Education Partnership
Mississippi Reading Association
National Association for the Education of Young Children
Southern Early Childhood Association
Mississippi Early Childhood Association
Alabama Counseling Association
Alabama School Counselor Association
Dr. Esther Howard


Vaughan, M. & Howard, E. “Teachers have CLASS.” Presentation at the Mississippi Blastoff Conference, Early Childhood Institute, Mississippi State University, Oxford, MS, 2013.


Member of the following:

National and Regional Associations:
Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA)

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

National Association for Early Childhood Teacher Education (NAECTE)

Phi Kappa Phi (PKP)

State Associations:
Alabama School Library Association (ASLA)

Higher Education Partnership (HEP)

Mississippi Early Childhood Association (MsECA)

Member-At-Large North Central Mississippi Region

Regional Conference Planning Committee

Annual Conference Planning Committee
State Initiatives Task Force

University Coordinator, Read Across America

Water Festival, Planning Committee Member

Alabama Folklife Association

Alabama Folklife Teaching Institute, Presenter, UWA, Livingston, AL Career Day

Guest Speaker, Livingston Elementary School, Livingston, AL

**Dr. Lynn Kelley**


Accepted for summer 2013 publication:
Kelley, L. and **Winship, J.** “Follow that map.” *Social Studies Research and Practice*. [socstrp.org](http://socstrp.org)

Currently conducting research on:
A newly designed questioning graphic organizer (Kelley, 2009).

Are Cartoons Real? Second graders perception of animated videos.

**Creative Projects:**
Social Studies/Literacy Project with Dr. Lee Freeman (UA).

UWA/UA Democracy Research Project (2006-present)

**Published Research**

Accepted for summer 2013 publication:
Kelley, L. and **Winship, J.** “Follow that map.” *Social Studies Research and Practice*. [socstrp.org](http://socstrp.org)

**Presentations at State Conferences:**

Kelley, L. and Freeman, L. ”Creating a Literacy Rich Classroom on a Budget” presentation at the annual Teaching and Learning Conference, McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA. 2012.

Kelley, L. and Fowler, L. “Hide and Seek and Find: QR Codes for the Classroom.” presentation at the annual Teaching and Learning Conference, McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA. 2012.

**Presentations at National Conferences:**
Kelley, L. and Brown, T. “Wow!! What is it?: Designing developmentally appropriate, inexpensive, open-ended engagement activities and boxes for young children.” NAEYC. Atlanta, GA, November, 2012.

*Board Member:*
Office of Research and Teaching in the Disciplines (UA)

Social Studies Council of Alabama

Reviewer: Served as a reviewer for Social Studies Research and Practice [socstrp.org](http://socstrp.org)

Delegate to the NCSS House of Delegates:
Elementary Community of the National Council for The Social Studies
(Attended and Voted at Meetings at NCSS, December, 2012)

The HOD (House of Delegates) sessions assembled on Friday, November 16 at 3:45 p.m., and Saturday, November 17 at 8:00 a.m. at the Washington State Convention Center, Ballroom 6E. These assemblies are a vital part of NCSS, and function as a forum for discussion and debate about essential issues impacting the social studies and NCSS.

*Outgoing NCSS Chair:*
Early Childhood/Elementary Community of the National Council For The Social Studies
(Assisted in Business Meeting, Served as Moderator for Community Presentation, and Worked at the Community Table at NCSS, December, 2012)

*Regional Director: (This role is on hold pending funding.)*
Project Citizen

*Representative Democracy*

*Member of:*
Social Studies Council of Alabama

American Educational Research Association

Black Warrior Reading Council

College and University Faculty Assembly of the National Council for the Social Studies

Elementary Community of the National Council for the Social Studies

National Association for the Education of Young Children

National Council for the Social Studies

*Liaison for the College of Education*
BLACK BELT ECONOMICS FORUM, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 28, 2012, University of West Alabama, Livingston, Alabama. (Served as a liaison for the College of Education working with Ms. Wanda McAbee and Mr. Johnnie Aycock from the Alabama Council on Economic Education to plan and implement this conference. The planning tasks included: securing computer labs and classrooms for the training sessions, testing software on the computers, going to partner schools to promote the conference, contacting police department about parking, planning food, checking on hotels, and setting up classrooms, display tables, and signs. During the conference, I served as a hostess and an aide.)
Using Notable Books to Integrate Social Studies and Literacy (submitted 9/24/12).

Lego Robotics Club at Woodland Forest Elementary School with Dr. Laurie Fowler. Students build and program Lego Robots. They reflect on their experiences in Lego Robotics Journals. (Friday afternoons, Woodland Forest Elementary School, Tuscaloosa, AL)

Russell Christian Academy Book Fair, Russell, MS. 11/8/2012, 8:20am to 1:45pm. (Accompanied Junior Block students as they judged the elementary students’ book fair projects by interviewing students.)

Accompanied Second and Third Grade Teachers on Field Trips

Demonstrated Notable Tradebook Lessons to Kindergarten, First and Second Grade Teachers

Published Notable Tradebook Lessons with Kindergarten and Second Grade Teachers

Volunteered in Kindergarten and Second Grade Classrooms

Worked with the Tuscaloosa County GATE Program

READ Across America, Livingston Junior High School

Dr. B.J. Kimbrough

Satcher, N. & Kimbrough, B. (2012). The impact of service learning on the development of pre-service physical education students.


Current Issues in Education, Arizona State University, Manuscript Reviewer

Evaluator, Education Conference at Athens, Greece

Lead Teacher- ED 502

Co-chair, NCATE/CAEP- Standard Two

Chair, SACS Student Support Services Committee

Member of the following:
Phi Kappa Phi

Alabama Reading Association

Mississippi Reading Association

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development

Mid-South Educational Research Association

International Reading Association
Higher Education Partnership

**Community Leadership and Service:**
Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated

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

West Alabama Child Seat Safety Nonprofit Organization, Board Member

Education Advancement Foundation

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

**Public Service:**
Coordinator, Eboni Andrews Curtis Memorial Scholarship, Marengo High School

Judge, Sumter County Public Schools Alumni Association’s Annual Oratorical Contest- February 1, 2013

**Dr. Erica King**


King, E. & Tanner, E. (2012). Tailoring higher order thinking skills to elementary writing. Presented at the Mississippi Reading Association Conference in Biloxi, MS, December, 2012.


Proposal Reviewer for the 2013 Mid-South Educational Research Association Annual Conference

**Dr. Andrea Minear**


Accepted for Presentation:

International Reading Association
American Educational Research Association

Higher Education Partnership
Mid-South Educational Research Association
Alabama Association of Colleges for Teacher Education

**Institutional Service:**
UWA Campus School Curriculum Coordinator
UWA Campus School Advisory Counselor

COE C&I Search Committees

Marketer for Online Programs

Lead Teacher for courses for the COE

UWA Faculty Advisors– Teachers of Tomorrow (TOTS) UWA Student Association

Minear, A., Faculty Advisor, Living Learning Community, Teachers of Tomorrow

Best LLC Award – Teachers of Tomorrow

Best Student Leader – Teachers of Tomorrow, Allie Carson

Best Faculty Leader – Teachers of Tomorrow, Dr. Andrea Minear

**Dr. Dana Rolison**

National Presentations:


State Presentations:

International Reading Association
National Association for the Education of Young Children
Southern Early Childhood Association
Mississippi Early Childhood Association
Higher Education Partnership
Alabama Counseling Association
Alabama School Counselor Association
Mid-South Educational Research Association
Alabama Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
Alpha Delta Kappa
Reviewer for Current Issues in Education’s Professional Journal

Institutional Service:
Graduate Council
SACS Leadership Team/ Chair Online Programs Committee
PRAXIS II Committee Chair
The University Council on Teacher Education
Reading Specialist for UWA Elementary Education Department
Scheduling Committee
Department of Curriculum and Instruction Course Review Committee
Marketer for Online Programs
Lead Teacher for multiple courses for the COE
Dr. Erica Tanner
Ongoing research study being conducted with Dr. Erica King entitled Improving the quality of asynchronous discussions: Does professor participation play a role? Data will be collected throughout the 2013 spring and summer terms. We plan to submit proposals for presentation and publication once the data has been collected and analyzed.

Although research indicates that both synchronous and asynchronous communication approaches have value and should be implemented in online courses, it cannot be overlooked that synchronous discussions are often favored by students. On the other hand, the complexity of personal schedules makes it difficult to include synchronous communications on a regular basis in distance learning programs. The implications of this difficulty led the researchers to believe that additional study should be conducted to determine how participation and engagement in asynchronous discussions can be improved.


Tanner, E., King, E. and Winship, J. (2012). Synchronous or asynchronous: What is the difference between the two, and how can instructors make the most out of the virtual classroom? Research paper presented at the Mid-South Educational Research Association’s Annual Conference in Lexington, KY, November 2012.

King, E. & Tanner, E. (2012). Tailoring higher order thinking skills to elementary writing. Presented at Mississippi Reading Association Conference in Biloxi, MS, December 2012.


Reviewer for the Southern Early Childhood Association’s publication Dimensions.


Reviewer for the 42nd Annual Conference of the Mid-South Educational Research Association

Ashland Place United Methodist Church houses a preschool program that services students from 3-4 years of age for the express purpose of preparing them for the school experience that begins in kindergarten. I am serving on an advisory committee with five other individuals to revamp and restructure the program to ensure this goal is being met.
**Dr. Melina Vaughan**

*Currently conducting research on:*

Teachers have CLASS (Vaughan, 2012-2013) promoting teacher-student interaction within the classroom based on the 10 dimensions of the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) and Implementation of hybrid methods of teaching in the college classroom

*Creative Projects:*

Environmental Education (presentations and research with Dr. Howard & Dr. Minear)

*Presentations at State Conferences:*

Vaughan, M., and Howard, E. “Teachers have CLASS” presentation at the Mississippi Blastoff Conference, Early Childhood Institute, Mississippi State University, Hattiesburg, MS. 2013.

Howard, E. & Vaughan, M. “Dirt in My Past” presentation at the Mississippi Blastoff Conference, Early Childhood Institute, Mississippi State University, Hattiesburg, MS. 2013.

Vaughan, M., and Howard, E. “Teachers have CLASS” presentation at the Mississippi Blastoff Conference, Early Childhood Institute, Mississippi State University, Oxford, MS. 2013.

*Presentations at National Conferences:*

Submission to National Association for the Education of Young Children (fall 2013) waiting acceptance

Vaughan, M. and Howard, E., “Teachers with CLASS”

Counselor/Leader Kappa Delta Pi, University of West Alabama, College of Education

Member of Alpha Delta Kappa, University of West Alabama

University of West Alabama Campus School Steering Committee member (Spring 2013)

University of West Alabama Office of Sponsored Programs, campus committee advisor for College of Education (2012-2013)

University of West Alabama Research Committee Member for College of Education (fall 2012)

University of West Alabama, Chair of proposed 1st grade addition, Campus School

*Member:*

National Association for the Education of Young Children
Southern Early Childhood Association
Mississippi Early Childhood Association

UWA Campus School teachers (training) & proposed addition of 1st grade classroom – research & meetings pertaining to proposed implementation (spring 2013), Committee Chair

UWA Teaching of Excellence Award -Using Notable Books to Integrate Social Studies and Literacy (coauthor – fall 2012)

“UWA Campus School Teachers Have CLASS”, 4 sessions conducted, approximately 2 hours per session (spring 2013) training based on the Classroom Assessment Scoring System

READ Across America, Livingston Junior High School (ED 300 student participation) (spring 2013)
Dr. Susan Cordell

Scholarly Research:
Professional learning networks in school librarianship; exposing preservice teachers to the role of the school librarian in academic achievement


Alabama School Library Association
Peer Reviewer, Alabama School Library Journal
Treasurer

Alabama Library Association
Chair, Children’s and School Libraries Division
Chair-elect, Children’s and School Libraries Division

Participated in Turning the Page 2.0: Building Your Library Community Train-the-Trainer Seminar (2012), Chicago, IL (selected on competitive basis). Sponsored by The American Library Association.

Alabama School Library Association Grant to support West Alabama Library Leadership Symposium 2013 $1,000.

Dollar General Store Literacy Grant for Summer Reading for Campus School, $2,000 (member of grant committee).


Dr. Barry Green-Burns
Holistic Wellness: Preparing our youth for the future, Public Health Times, Spring 2013. Co-authored with Dr. Dana Rolison, Dr. Erica King and Dr. Mae Daniel.
Consultant:
Was appointed to the Quality Assurance Committee for Sumter County Department of Human Resources

Served as the Counselor for the Campus School

Served as the Mentor for our Muskie Scholar

Learning to Focus Through Self-Hypnosis for the UWA Softball Team

**Dr. Ann Hollingsworth**

Hollingsworth, M.A. & Dean, D. (2012, November). Distance Counseling Strategies for PTSD from Kindergarten to the Battlefield, Mississippi Counseling Association Annual Conference, Gulfport, MS.


Co-Chairperson for Sumter County Department of Human Resources Quality Assurance Committee

Co-Presented with **Dr. Barry Green-Burns**. Successful Preparation for the Graduate Comprehensive Examination for UWA students.

**Dr. Denise Knight**
Research in Progress:
Comparative Analysis of PRAXIS Scores of new Instructional Leadership students for Program Effectiveness

Impact of PRAXIS Preparation workshops on student pass rates

Ed.D. Program Development – Instructional Leadership

NCATE/CAEP 2014 Reaffirmation Visit Preparation

*Educational Leadership: A Bridge to Improved Practice, 5/E – Pearson Education*, Co-author of PowerPoint resource for textbook


Alabama Independent Schools Association Conference. Knight, D., and **Miller, J.**, (October 1, 2012). “Leaders are Like Shoes”. Montgomery, AL

The University of West Alabama Online Programs Annual Conference. Knight, D., (July 26-27, 2012). “Lights, Camera, Assessment!” Livingston, AL

Consultant:
Certified Master Facilitator – *The Student Leadership Challenge*
The Leadership Challenge – ‘Ask an Expert’ Roster

AdvancEd/SACS – Mississippi Quality Assurance Review Team

East Mississippi Center for Educational Development - Trainer

Educate Alabama – State Trainer

Southern Regional Education Board – Certified National Trainer – Root Cause Analysis

Alabama Independent Schools Association

Sumter Academy

Choctaw County High School

Russell Christian Academy

Southern Regional Education Board – State Team Representative

Nominated and selected to the NCATE/CAEP National Board of Examiners


East Mississippi Center for Educational Development. Knight, D., (October 25, 2012). “Improving Student Motivation by Increasing Student Engagement”. Meridian, MS


**Dr. Jan Miller**

Research in Progress:

Comparative Analysis of PRAXIS Scores of new Instructional Leadership students for Program Effectiveness

Impact of PRAXIS Preparation workshops on student pass rates

Ed.D. Program Development – Instructional Leadership

NCATE/CAEP 2014 Reaffirmation Visit Preparation

ALSDE/SREB – Semester Internship Experience VS 10 Day Residency

*Educational Leadership: A Bridge to Improved Practice, 5/E – Pearson Education*

Co-author of PowerPoint resource for textbook

Alabama Independent Schools Association Conference. **Knight, D.**, and Miller, J., (October 1, 2012). “Leaders are Like Shoes”. Montgomery, AL

East Mississippi Center for Educational Development. Miller, J. (June 14, 2012). “Teach Like a Champion”. Meridian, MS

East Mississippi Center for Educational Development. Miller, J. (June 27, 2012). “Instructional Rounds to Improve Instruction”. Meridian, MS

East Mississippi Center for Educational Development. Miller, J. (July 5, 2012). “Improving Student Motivation”. Meridian, MS


Mississippi Association of School Superintendents. Miller, J. (July 11, 2012). “Effective Usage of Data Rooms to Drive Instruction”. Biloxi, MS


Southern Regional Education Board – State Team Representative

AACTE 2013 Annual Meeting Program Reviewer

Learning Forward 2013 Annual Conference Program Reviewer

Faculty Senate President – The University of West Alabama

SACS Leadership Team – The University of West Alabama

NCATE/CAEP Board of Examiners

QEP Leadership Team

*Consultant:*
Certified Master Facilitator – *The Student Leadership Challenge*

The Leadership Challenge – ‘Ask an Expert’ Roster

AdvancEd/SACS – Mississippi Quality Assurance Review Team

East Mississippi Center for Educational Development - Trainer

Educate Alabama – State Trainer

SREB – Master Facilitator

Alabama Independent Schools Association

Sumter Academy
Choctaw County High School
Kemper County School District
Meridian Public School District
Louisville School District

Nominated and selected to the NCATE/CAEP National Board of Examiners

ALSDE Residency Grant (6 Instructional Leadership Candidates received a semester long residency to shadow an administrator) $150,000

NSF Grant – Project PIECE – Pending funding


Dr. Pamela Rochester
Who's Who Selection

I was chosen to represent my professional community in the 2012 Edition of Covington Who's Who 100 Industry Professionals.

I have been selected by Covington’s Committee as a candidate based not only on my current standings, but also focusing on criteria from professional directories, associations, and trade journals. The Committee believed my profile made a fitting addition.

This publication is reserved for 1 professional per industry in each state! I will have a multi-page listing dedicated to me and my achievements. The Committee saluted me for the achievement as being selected to the 100 Industry Professionals.

Dr. Reenay Rogers

Research:
Study on The Impact of Sound Amplification Systems on Fourth Grade Reading Achievement
Study of Mentoring on College Retention of STEM Students and Study of the Impact of I-pad Use on College Retention of STEM Students

Journal Article Published:

Book Chapter Published:

Alabama Educational Technology Conference (June 2013)
Presentation title: Make Connections! Increase Your Professional Learning Network with Technology
Alabama Educational Technology Conference (June 2013)
Presentation title: *Animate to Invigorate! Classroom Uses for Animation*

Alabama Educational Technology Conference (June 2013)
Presentation title: *Blogs, Wikis, Facebook, and More: Instructional Uses for the Classroom*

Alabama Independent School Association (2012)
Presentation title: Animate Your Classes and Excite Your Students!

Alabama Independent School Association (2012)
Presentation title: Differentiation of Instruction through the Use of Technology

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

Accepted presentation at Creating Futures Through Technology (March, 2013) Presentation title: Animate Your Classes and Excite Your Students!

Co-PI on Project Engage- U.S. Department of Education MSEIP grant

Hosted an Invention Convention Fall 2012

Hosted a STEM Challenge Spring 2013

Hosted two panel discussions: STEM Careers & STEM Graduate Schools

Hosted two field trips: Space and Rocket Center Huntsville & Alabama Nature Center, Millbrook

Accepted to conduct workshop at Mid-South Educational Research Association (November, 2012) **Title:** Collaborate! Share Your Files and Increase Collaboration

Accepted to conduct workshop at Mid-South Educational Research Association **(November, 2012)** Title: Animate Your Classes and Excite Your Students

**Dr. Nickeda Shelton**
Alabama Counseling Association in November 2012

School Counseling Program Advisement and Consultant at Verona Elementary (April – June, 2013)

Women and Mental Health: Your View of You – February 2013 for The Woman 2 Woman Ministry Group

**Dr. Nisha Warbington**

Scholarly Research:
Field Experiences in the Online Setting

2012 Southern Association of Counselor Education Supervision Conference “Virtual Possibilities: Counseling Supervision in an Online Setting”

2012 Alabama Counseling Association Conference “Activities That Build: Games for Group Guidance”

Consultant, Tuscaloosa County Schools
Conducted workshop: Blackboard Collaborate Training, Bullying 101, Boundary Training for Spiritual Leaders

**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. R. T. Floyd provided athletic training and sports medicine consultation to area schools and people in the West Alabama service area.

Brad Montgomery & Whitney Smith taught CPR/AED the Professional Rescuer to the Athletic Department Staff and the Athletic Training faculty, staff and students.

**Dr. R. T. Floyd**


“The Elbow and Forearm” 28th Southeast Athletic Trainers’ Association Athletic Training Student Symposium, Atlanta, GA

University of Southern Mississippi Athletic Training Student Workshop, Hattiesburg, MS, Presented on the following topics: “Hip & Thigh Anatomy,” “Hip & Thigh Evaluation,” “Ankle and Leg Anatomy & Injuries”


Director of the 2013 Southeast Athletic Trainer’s Association Athletic Training Student Annual Competencies in Athletic Training Workshop.

Elected President, National Athletic Trainers Association Research and Education Foundation Board, effective June 27, 2013

Vice-President for District Relations, National Athletic Trainers Association Research and Education Foundation Board

Editing, publication and electronic distribution of three NATA Research & Education Foundation eBlast News Executive Committee, 2 meetings, 1 conference call

National Athletic Trainers’ Association Board of Directors committees:

Outcomes Advisory Panel, 1 Meeting

Served the following Southeast Athletic Trainers’ Association committees

SEATA Annual Symposium Oversight Committee member
SEATA Athletic Training Educators' Conference Committee member

SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium Committee member

SEATA Communications Committee member

Development, editing, publication and electronic distribution of 8 SEATA eBlast News

NATA Research & Education Foundation, liaison to SEATA Executive Board

Maintenance and continuous updating of website for the Southeast Athletic Trainers’ Association membership.

Maintenance and continuous updating of website for the Alabama Athletic Trainers’ Association.

Continued development and updating of the “College & University Repository for Policies, Procedures, & Administrative Forms” web site for college and university athletic trainers to house administrative forms, policies, procedures, position statements/stands, consensus statements, etc. related to all aspects of athletic health care in the intercollegiate setting.

Updated and maintained an educational testing website for the Southeast Athletic Trainers’ Association Athletic Training Student Annual Symposium.

Maintained and updated ten “National Athletic Trainers Association Research and Education Foundation” websites for state representatives and members of each district to access information and forms relative to supporting the NATA Foundation.

Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) Technology Committee

Editing, publication, and distribution of eBlast News for the following state associations:

Alabama Athletic Trainers’ Association, 2 editions

Athletic Trainers’ Association of Florida, 11 editions

Kentucky Athletic Trainers’ Society, 1 edition

Tennessee Athletic Trainers’ Society, 10 editions

Organized a 6.6 hour continuing education conference for the Gulf South Conference Athletic Trainers, Birmingham, AL

Higher Education Partnership Board of Directors and Chair

1 -Board Meeting

Alumni Leaders Advocacy Banquet

Higher Education Partnership Day

Sports Medicine and Athletic Training consultant to over 40 area high schools, 3 junior colleges, and several area physicians and hospitals.
The University of West Alabama Nellie Rose McCrory Service Excellence Award

Induction into the National Athletic Trainers’ Association Hall of Fame

Renewal of Athletic Training Outreach Grant funded continued for $330,000 for five years. Funding contracts signed with E. Lyle Cain, Jr., M.D., Champion Sports Medicine, and St. Vincent’s Birmingham.

Continued implementation of 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.

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

University of Southern Mississippi Athletic Training Student Workshop, Hattiesburg, MS.

Ms. Amy Menzies
Continued researching previous research thesis/poster presentation on The Effects of Caffeine Consumption on Core Body Temperature in the Physically Active during Exercise for potential publication.

Submitted grant application for UWA Teaching Excellence Grant to attend the 2013 NATA Athletic Training Educators’ Conference: Model Practice & Future Decisions in Dallas, TX.

Presented “The Graston Technique” at the ASMI/University of West Alabama Athletic Training Alumni Meeting, Livingston, AL July 14, 2012

Presented “Case Study (Sickle Cell Trait & Rhabdomyolysis) & Questions/Answer Session” at the UWA Athletic Training & Sports Medicine Center Preventing Catastrophic Injury in High School Athletics Symposium, Livingston, AL, July 28, 2012

Committee Member: UWA Athletic Training Program Self Study Committee; 2012-2013 Academic Year

Committee Member: Assistant Physical Education Professor; 2012-2013 Academic Year

Faculty Advisor: Iota Tau Alpha Athletic Training Honor Society; 2012-2013 Academic Year

Committee Member: UWA Assistant Volleyball Coach; Fall 2012 season

Mr. Brad Montgomery
January 2012 “Injuries in Adolescent Throwers”, Thomasville Youth League Sports Camp

2012 Vice Chairman, Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers

2012 Member of Alabama Board of Athletic Trainers

Taught American Red Cross CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer to all athletic department staff 2012

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Dr. James Robinson
Gained approval from The University of West Alabama Oversight Committee to conduct research entitled Effects of Long-Term Exercise Interventions on the Physiological and Psychological Wellness of Women in West Alabama’s Black Belt Region.


Judge, 2nd Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium of College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics March 12, 2013.

University of West Alabama Service Learning Grant ($1,000.00. Funded $275.73)

Dr. Natasha Satcher
Presenter, Mid-South Education Research Association, Lexington, KY. Topic: The impact of service learning on the development of pre-service physical education students.

Conducted: Career Youth Empowerment Explosion, Livingston, AL

Ms. Whitney Smith


Committee Member, UWA Athletic Training Program Self Study Committee, 2012-2013 Academic Year

Inducted into the Alabama Kappa Chapter of the Alpha Epsilon Delta Honor Society

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.

Accredited Clinical Instructor Workshop (July 29, 2012) created to train all athletic trainers providing direct supervision of athletic training students during clinical experiences, on and off campus.

Ms. Shonna Tatum
Faculty Advisor

Health and Wellness Committee

Emergency Preparedness Committee

NCATE Committee

Developed on Campus:
Fall 2012
“Eating Clean in College” flyer available at the UWA Fitness Center includes healthy ways to eat right on campus. Added a “Smoking Cessation” flyer this year.
Women’s Health Info Day- PE 251 Concepts of Fitness class participated in community service to pass out healthy info.

UWA Health Fair, Blood Drive, Community Flu Shots- 26 booths, 300 participants, 45 donors, 80 flu shots.

Healthy Recipe in Dorms- conducted healthy recipe demonstrations.

In EX246 and EX241, the class used the flip camera to video the functional progression of exercises and the muscles involved in the movement.

CPR0 certifications for coaches, athletic trainers, nursing students, Intramural and fitness center faculty and staff, doctors and Campus police, doctors, and dentists in Sumter County.

Spring 2013
“Love Your Heart” program impacting high blood pressure. Blood Pressure checks in three buildings across campus.

UWA April Blood Drive Coordinator

Lifeguard Training (Sumter, Marengo, Wilcox, Choctaw) City Pools

UWA Lifeguard Training for campus pool.

Healthy Recipe in Dorms- conducted healthy recipe demonstrations

In EX246- the class used the flip camera to take photos of simple exercise progression to the most challenging exercises.

Nursing
Summary of Achievements

Ms. Mary Hanks
Presented: “Economic Implications of Hypertensive Disease” at the UWA nursing workshop on October 2, 2012 on the UWA campus.

Ms. Chineda Hill
Presented: “Legal/Ethical Implications of Chronic Disease” at the UWA nursing workshop on October 2, 2012 on the UWA campus.

Ms. Lynn Lashley
Library
Summary of Achievements

Ms. Joyce Brannan
Family History Library Director, LDS Family History Center, LDS Church, Demopolis, AL

Completed online training session with Family Search Organization for an overview of some of the new resources, databases, and search enhancements

Presented a workshop in Demopolis, AL on using Family Search Family Tree

Presented a genealogy overview demonstration in Demopolis, AL

Ms. Shelia Limerick
College student publications and archival importance

Conservation and preservation

Processing archival collections

Digitizing archival collections

Served on the Committee on Preservation of University History

Advised The Sucarnochee Review staff in editing a forthcoming new issue

Served on the Network of Alabama Academics Libraries Digital Content Committee
Represented the University of West Alabama at the Florida Library Association annual meeting as an exhibitor/recruiter for our online programs, May 1-2, 2013

Participated in “No Name Calling: Addressing Bullying through Books,” a webinar conducted by Booklist, April 2, 2013

Participated in “Have No Fear, Poetry is Here!,” a webinar conducted by Booklist, March 19, 2013

Participated in “Copyright and Fair Use: Compliance Guidelines for Faculty,” a webcast conducted by Academic Impressions and co-hosted by the Office of Sponsored Programs and Provost’s Office, February 14 and 28, 2013.

Dr. Neil Snider
Continued research on stone soldiers in Alabama

Director, Sumter County Fine Arts Council

Trustee, Ruby Pickens Tartt Public Library

Mr. John Upchurch
Chair, Ex Libris Users of North America – Southeast (ELUNA-SE) Regional Users Group

Network of Alabama Academic Libraries – Online Content Committee member