2015-2016 Faculty Achievements

College of Liberal Arts Summary of Achievements
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 were extremely active. The college produced over twenty journal articles, book, and other scholarly publications. The faculty members also presented over forty scholarly presentations regionally, nationally, and internationally. The college also added several new faculty members in the Department of Fine Arts and in the Department of Languages and Literature.

Department of Behavioral Sciences

Key Achievements (Faculty and Departmental)
The Department of Behavioral Sciences is revitalized in its new workspace in renovated Spieth Hall. During the 2015-16 school year, Dr. Joy Cauthron acted as Interim Chairperson following the promotion of Dr. Mark Davis to Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. Available lab space has made possible increased research productivity and much greater involvement of students in research than in previous years. The department has established a general psychology research requirement and a subject pool system like those used in a majority of R1 institutions, and student laboratory fees have made it possible to outfit the labs with computer equipment and biometric software currently used in labs at Stanford, Harvard, and Yale. This year departmental faculty have had eight notable publications of articles, chapters, and books, six presentations at the regional or international level, grants submitted at the institutional and federal level, and occupation of significant positions in three different professional organizations. Most of these scholarly activities involve substantial collaboration with current and former UWA students, as emphasis within the department is placed on active mentorship of students in the ways of the professional psychologist or sociologist. Dr. James Gilbert has joined the department as a full-time, tenure-track Associate Professor. The 2015 William E. Gilbert Award winner, Dr. Kelly Pivik-Kelley, is a member of the department. Finally, the nascent Masters of Science in Experimental Psychology boasts its first graduate, Krista (Breana) Black Thompson, and the program has an incoming cohort of twelve students.

Scholarly Research:

Dr. Mark Davis

Papers/Books/Articles:

Dr. Mark Davis


Dr. Mark Davis and Dr. Kelly Pivik-Kelley

Dr. Kelly Pivik-Kelley
Published a book chapter

Presentations at Professional Meetings:

Dr. Mark Davis

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

Dr. Mark Davis  
International Society on Facial Expression of Emotion: Vice President

Dr. Russ Davis  
Elected to the Board of Directors of the Alabama Rural Health Association

Funded Grants:

Dr. Mark Davis  

*Department of Fine Arts*

**Key Achievements (Faculty and Departmental)**

The Fine Arts Faculty of the University of West Alabama again represented UWA on the regional, national, and international levels during the 2015-16 school year.

Jessica Smith was in residence in Gilfélagið, Akureyri, Iceland, where she had a solo exhibition of her work at the Deiglan Galeri in Akureyri. Her works were also featured in Detroit, MI; Peoria, IL; and Corpus Christi, TX, among other locations and venues.

Manley Blackwell accompanied multiple recitals at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, AL, in addition to his multiple appearances throughout the school year at the University of West Alabama. He presented an organ recital for the Demopolis Music Study Club, and adjudicated for the Alabama Federation of Music Clubs Junior Festival as well as for the Huntsville Music Teachers Association District Auditions.

Erik Larson presented a guest lecture and oboe masterclass at the New York University’s Steinhardt School of Music in Manhattan, New York. He also presented a series of lectures on “Performing Acoustics” at Powell Symphony Hall in St. Louis, MO; at Helzberg Hall in Kansas City, MO; at Boettcher Concert Hall in Denver, CO; and at El Pomar Great Hall in Colorado Springs, CO.
Scholarly Research:

Dr. Manley Blackwell


Ms. Jessica Smith
Artist Residency, Gilfélagið, Akureyri, Iceland

Selected Exhibitions:
Contents May Vary, Pewabic Pottery, Detroit, MI (Juror: Heather Mae Erickson)

Art of the State, Tennessee Valley Museum of Art, Tuscumbia, AL (Jurors: Janet Gorzegno and Jennifer Torres)

Central Time Ceramics, Heuser Art Center, Bradley University, Peoria, IL (Juror: Verne Funk)

National Drawing and Small Sculpture Show, Del Mar College Art Gallery, Corpus
Christi, TX (Juror: Brian Dettmer)

Solo exhibition, Deiglan Galeri, Akureyri, Iceland

**Presentations at Professional Meetings:**

**Mr. Erik Larson**

Guest Soloist for UWA Choir Christmas concert, University of West Alabama, Livingston, AL. December 4, 2015.

**Mr. Erik Larson and Dr. Manley Blackwell**
“Recital of Music for Oboe and Piano.” Sponsored by the Sumter County Fine Arts Council. The University of West Alabama, Bell Conference Center, Livingston, AL. November 3, 2015.

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

**Dr. Manley Blackwell**
Adjudicator for the Huntsville Music Teachers Association District Auditions. First Baptist Church, Huntsville, Alabama. April 16, 2016.


**Mr. Erik Larson**

**Workshops Conducted:**

**Mr. Erik Larson**

Coordinated with the Music Department at Shelton State Community College to create student trip on “Performing Acoustics.” Led on-site lectures detailing acoustical characteristics of Powell Symphony Hall (St. Louis, MO); Helzberg Hall (Kansas City, MO); Boettcher Concert
Hall (Denver, CO); El Pomar Great Hall (Colorado Springs, CO). Researched and authored architectural and acoustical guide for tour members. St. Louis, MO; Kansas City, MO; Denver, CO; Colorado Springs, CO. August 7-10, 2015

**Department of History and Social Sciences**

**Key Achievements (Faculty and Departmental)**

The Department of History and Social Sciences continues to pursue a strong mission of scholarly productivity and outreach to the community. Every member of the department engaged in some level of scholarship this past year. Two of the more outstanding examples are Dr. Valerie Burnes’ book, *Visions of the Black Belt: A Cultural Survey of the Heart of Alabama* and Dr. Chris Haveman’s book, *Rivers of Sand: Creek Indian Emigration, Relocation, and Ethnic Cleansing in the American South*. Dr. Burnes’ book has been very popular and is already in its second edition. Dr. Haveman’s book has received rave reviews in scholarly journals and promises to be an important book in the study of Native Americans for years to come.

Other faculty members are also involved in important scholarly publications. Dr. Riser continues to do a masterful job editing *The Alabama Review*, our state’s official historical journal. Dr. Gentsch is nearing completion on the Historical Resource Study for Shiloh National Military Park which will be the official source of information used by the National Park Service for the next several years. Dr. Dumas has written an essay for a collection of works on archaeology. Similarly, Dr. Griffith has an essay in an upcoming book on the theme of honor.

The members of the faculty have also been active in presenting papers at scholarly events. In addition to several presentations around the state concerning her new book, Dr. Burnes was also invited to present a paper at the National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African-American Culture Conference in Montgomery. Dr. Dumas had an active schedule as she presented important work on the archaeology of salt, not only in the US, but also in Rumania as well. Both Drs. Griffith and Schellhammer presented papers at the Association of Core Texts in Teaching conference in Atlanta.

Members of the faculty also engaged in important community outreach work. Most especially were Dr. Burnes’ presentations on her book as well as other presentations on civil rights and also on the culture of the Black Belt region that she made at various libraries and museums throughout the state. Dr. Haveman, likewise, presented a talk at a library to a group of local history enthusiasts.

Both Drs. Burnes and Gentsch provided valuable consulting work outside the university community. Dr. Burnes consulted on numerous public history projects, and Dr. Gentsch conducted guided hikes as part of Shiloh National Military Park’s anniversary.

A number of faculty members are serving as officers on state organizations. Dr. Burnes serves as the treasurer of the Alabama Historical Association while Dr. Dumas is the 3rd VP for Membership/Development, Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation and the State coordinator.
for the Making Archaeology Public Project. Drs. Gentsch and Schellhammer are officers for the Alabama Historical Association servicing as treasurer and president, respectively.

The Department of History and Social Sciences is particularly proud of three programs. The first is the new minor/concentration in Public History. We have had our first cohort go through the first two classes in the program before they begin their more specialized, skills courses. The program is being helmed by Drs. Burnes and Dumas.

The second project is the ongoing work at Fort Tombecbe. The development of Fort Tombecbe into an outdoor classroom and interpretive space for UWA students has progressed by the completion of seven 2 x 3 foot permanent, informational panels. These panels tell the story of the fort and those who lived there and will be installed at the fort later this summer. Under the direction of Dr. Dumas, UWA work-study and jobship students finished processing artifacts from the last field school, which will enable the completion of the field reports on research there made over the last five years.

The third project is the ongoing attempt to create a center for the study of Native Americans, particularly those of the Black Belt region. Drs. Haveman and Dumas have strategically focused their library funds toward the acquisition of books and media about Native Americans of the Eastern Woodlands and, in particular, the Southeast. Dr. Dumas also redesigned the Anthropology minor, including the creation of several new courses focused on Native Americans and coordinating these courses with the existing History courses. The ongoing library additions and approved curriculum changes will facilitate students’ ability to complete a minor in Anthropology and lay the groundwork for future developments in Native American studies at UWA.

**Scholarly Research:**

**Dr. Jeff Gentsch**  
Historical Resource Study, Shiloh National Military Park

**Dr. Mark Griffith**  

Working on a paper title, “Churchill’s Dream” for the Association of Core Text meeting in 2016.

**Dr. Chris Haveman**  
Bending Their Way Onward (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, forthcoming, Fall 2017).

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

**Papers/Books/Articles:**

**Dr. Valerie Burnes**  


**Dr. Ashley Dumas**  


**Presentations at Professional Meetings:**  

**Dr. Valerie Burnes**  
National Alliance of Preservation Commissions' biennial FORUM July 30, 2016 Mobile, AL. Presentation on African American Equalization Schools built in Alabama between 1945 and 1975 as a final push to provide separate but equal facilities in the decades following the *Brown v. Board of Education* Supreme Court decision, in an attempt to stop integration.


Calvin Coolidge – Sumter County DAR, February 9, 2016

Samford University Antiquities Class, October 27, 2015

Clarke Co. Historical Society, October 25, 2015

Book Smith – Birmingham, AL., October 6, 2015
“Visions of the Black Belt” presentations:
Demopolis Public Library “Lunch and Learn” series, April 14, 2016.


Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts, Auburn University, April 7, 2016.

UWA – Campbell House per History Dept., March 21, 2016.

Gwinnett County (GA) Archaeological Society, March 10, 2016.


UWA Library, December 1, 2015.

Episcopal Church Women Black Belt Convocation Meeting, November 14, 2015.

Selma/Dallas County Public Library, November 12, 2015

Mustard Seed – Demopolis, AL., November 5, 2015

Chair Caning Living History Demonstration – Clarke County Museum, October 31, 2015.
Primrose Club – Livingston, AL., October 22, 2015

Perry County Historical Society – Marion, AL., October 15, 2015

“The ‘New’ Cemetery at Old Cahaba” – Alabama Historical Association Fall Pilgrimage, October 9, 2015.

Black Belt Treasures Cultural Arts Center – official release party, October 1, 2015

“The History that Created the Artists: How Poverty Shapes Art in the Black Belt” – presentation to the Three Arts Club, Marion, AL., September 17, 2015.

“The Civil Rights Movement in Perry County.” Presented at the August 5, 2015 National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African-American Culture conference on the 50th
anniversary of the Signing of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, Alabama State University, Montgomery, AL.

**Dr. Ashley Dumas**
Salt Production as a Reflection of Inter-Ethnic Contact and Culture Change during Late Prehistory (A.D. 800-1100) in South Alabama, United States. First International Congress on the Anthropology of Salt, A. I. Cuza University, Iasi, Romania, August 22, 2015.


**Dr. Mark Griffith**
Presented a paper on Churchill’s Dream to the Association of Core Text Meeting in Atlanta, GA.

**Dr. Richard Schellhammer**
“Cicero’s *On Friendship* in the Age of Facebook,” presented to the Association of Core Texts in Teaching, April 2016, Atlanta, GA.

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

**Dr. Valerie Burnes**
Treasurer – Alabama Historical Association, 2013-present

Maritime Advisory Council, appointed by Governor Robert Bentley, 2012-2017

Cahawba Advisory Commission, appointed by Governor Bob Riley, 2011-2017

**Dr. Ashley Dumas**
3rd VP for Membership/Development, Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation

Assistant Journal Editor, *Journal of Alabama Archaeology*

State coordinator for the Making Archaeology Public Project
Dr. Jeff Gentsch
Treasurer, Alabama Association of Historians; revamped Academic Integrity Committee's procedures and stipulations and created committee's website.

Dr. Chris Haveman
(Institutional Service)
Faculty Senate

Colquitt Colloquium

Phi Kappa Phi

(Institutional Service)
Sylacauga Library presentation

Dr. Richard Schellhammer
President, Alabama Association of Historians. Helped organize the annual meeting of the Alabama Association of Historians at Jacksonville State University, February, 2016.

Professional Consultant:

Dr. Valerie Burnes
Interviewed by journalist Lee Roop from Al.com for an article entitled “Alabama’s Black Belt feels the state cuts: ‘There’s nothing to do here’”. Appeared on al.com on October 11, 2015. National Register nomination for the Lincoln Normal School, Marion, AL

Provided archival consultation services to resident of Sumter Co. to preserve family papers related to the history of the area.

Provided building relocation and preservation consultation to Delta Chi Fraternity for the possible relocation of the Houston-Bailey House to the UWA campus for use as their chapter house.

Provided preservation consultation to Collins family for Lakewood, Livingston, AL. This is where Julia Tutwiler lived during part of her tenure at UWA.

Dr. Jeff Gentsch
Led guided tours for Shiloh National Military Park’s Anniversary hikes, April 2015
Awards and Honors:

**Dr. Ashley Dumas**
Selected as a presenter at the James E. Colquitt Faculty Colloquium for “These Places Matter: Slave Houses as History and Anthropology”

Funded Grants:

**Dr. Jeff Gentsch**
United States Marine Corps Heritage Foundation-received grant to write journal article: “The Evolution of Amphibious Operations, 1854-1945.”

Department of Languages and Literature

Key Achievements (Faculty and Departmental)
In July, 2015, we took 6 students as part of the Reed Literary Odyssey to visit the Flannery O’Connor House in Milledgeville, GA, as well as the UGA campus in Athens and the Margaret Mitchell House in Atlanta.

In October, we held our Poetry at the Lake event at Lake LU.

In April, we hosted the Black Belt Symposium, featuring Dr. Philip Beidler.

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

In March, UWA Integrated Marketing Communications students placed in the following categories at the 2016 Southeast Journalism Conference:

* 1st Place TV News Reporting – Callie Murphy

* 1st Place Media Ethics – Blake Barton, Will Tittle, and Lauren Wilkins

* 2nd Place Best Arts and Entertainment Writer – James Banks

* 3rd Place Current Events – Emily Edwards

* 3rd Place Best Multimedia Journalist – Brianna Champion

* 3rd Place Best Journalism Research Team
* 3rd Place Best News Graphic Designer

* 4th Place Best News Photographer: Paige Ip

* 7th Place Best Television News Reporter – Tierra Robinson

Dr. Brown produced another monograph in his well-received series of books on ghostlore of the American South, *Ghosts of Florida’s Gulf Coast*, and conducted research for two others. And we have other books in the pipeline. Dr. Threatt is co-authoring an edited manuscript, *The International Handbook on the Demography of Marriage and the Family*, along with behavioral sciences colleague Dr. Farris. True to our department’s commitment both to scholarship and creativity, Dr. Taylor has two works of fiction, *Pineapple* and *The Theoretics of Love*, which will appear in the next two years, and Dr. Threatt has a collection of poetry, *The Dreams of Daughters*, which is currently under review for publication.

Integrated Marketing Communications is the most thriving major at UWA. Our students have attended the Southeast Journalism Conference for the past several years, and this year won first prizes in TV News Reporting and in Media Ethics. Perhaps more impressively, as part of their senior capstone courses, the students put their creative energies in public relations and fundraising to use in the service of such worthy projects as Sumter County Strays (an organization that helps stray dogs and cats), the Special Olympics of Tuscaloosa, and the American Diabetes Association. In the spring, they planned and hosted an IMC conference, free of charge, for over 75 high school students in the two-state area.

Our Languages and Literature students have always been the focus of our efforts, and we have taken them on field trips, entered them in contests at conferences, and enlisted them in publishing creatively. In the past year, we took six students on the Reed Literary Odyssey, a field trip to literary Georgia, visiting the homes of Flannery O’Connor and Margaret Mitchell. We have also revived our literary magazine, *The Sucarnochee Review*, provided office space for it in Wallace 307, and published the first number in May. The first issue of the new era includes poetry and prose from undergraduates from 25 different colleges and universities around the country.

Part of what we do to broaden our students’ knowledge and understanding of the world is bring speakers to campus. In April, we hosted the Black Belt Symposium, bringing Dr. Philip Beidler to campus to discuss the publication of Harper Lee’s *Go Set a Watchman*. And in the spring we also hosted two creative writers from the University of Alabama who held a workshop for student writers and gave a reading from their own work.

In the past year we have outspent our department travel allocations. Our faculty have presented conference papers at the American Literature Association and the South Atlantic Modern Language Association (Dr. Shaul), the Delta Blues Symposium and Mississippi Philological Association (Dr. Brown), the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (Dr. Jones), the Southwest Social Science Association (Dr. Threatt), to name but a few.
As this report demonstrates, both faculty members and undergraduate majors have advanced our mission within the university, and we look forward to another fine academic year in 2016-2017.

**Scholarly Research:**

**Dr. Alan Brown**
Between December 2015 and March 2016 conducted research for my book *Mississippi’s Haunted Golden Triangle*. Much of my research involved combing the archives of the Columbus Public Library for information.

Conducted research for my book *Haunted Alabama* from April 2016 and September 2016. Much of research involved driving throughout the entire state of Alabama garnering photographs and information.

Conducted research for my presentation of *Hound of the Baskervilles* (October 20, 2016) and *Chinatown* (March 23 2016) for the University Film Series.

**Dr. Tina Jones and Dr. Amy Jones**

**Dr. Lesa Shaul**
Conducting research on the following topics: Harper Lee’s controversial “second” novel, *Go Set a Watchman*; Robert Penn Warren’s later poetry; Reaganomics and the short fiction of David Foster Wallace; and feminist dystopias in the novels of Margaret Atwood and Octavia Butler.

**Dr. Joe Taylor**
Reading for Tartt’s First Fiction Contest

Read 98 opening stories for manuscripts

Read nine finalists all the way through

Read about 100 queries last year for unsolicited novels. Read about ten all the way through.

**Dr. Elizabeth Threatt and Dr. Nicole Farris**
Papers/Books/Articles:

**Dr. Alan Brown**

**Dr. Joe Taylor**
*The Theoretics of Love* forthcoming, NewSouth Publications.


Presentations at Professional Meetings:

**Dr. Alan Brown**


Conference paper. “H.P. Lovecraft’s debt to Edgar Allan Poe’s The Narrative of A. Gordon Pym” Mississippi Philological Association, Columbus, MS. February 13, 2016.

**Dr. Amy Jones**
Social media playbook: An analysis of athletes’ social media use. The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues; Minneapolis, MN. (June 26, 2016).


**Dr. Tina Jones**

Panelist. “Heritage Areas and Their Impact on Main Street.” Cultivating Place in Main Street Communities Conference. Main Street of Alabama. Opelika, AL. March 2016.


Dr. Tina Jones and Ms. Angel Jowers

Dr. Kendrick Prewitt

Dr. Lesa Shaul


Dr. Joe Taylor
Associated Writing Programs in Los Angeles.

Alabama Book Festival in Oldtown.

“An Editor’s Work” invited talk at SUNY-Binghamton, Binghamton NY.

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

**Dr. Alan Brown**

Recording Secretary. Sumter County Fine Arts Council for 2015/2016.


Panelist. Harper Lee’s *Go Set a Watchman* at the annual meeting of ACETA in Tuscaloosa, AL on February 27, 2016.

**Dr. Amy Jones**
Southeast Journalism Conference:
Vice President

UWA Faculty Delegate

Judge for on-site Graphic Design Competition

Judge for Best of the South Magazine Layout competition

Judge for Best of the South Newspaper Layout competition

Alabama Council of University Faculty Presidents:
President

**Mr. Greg Jones**
Panelist for Wes Craven Director Tribute, FearFete, Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center. Biloxi, MS. October 18, 2016.


Judge for Feature Writing, South Eastern Journalism Conference, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN. February 19, 2016.

Judge for Arts and Entertainment Writing, South Eastern Journalism Conference, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN. February 19, 2016.
**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, Black Belt Treasures Cultural Art Center Board

Member of the Friends Board for the Alabama Department of Archives and History (chair, Archives Fellows Committee)

Black Belt Community Foundation – Arts Committee, Community Associate

President, Sumter County Fine Arts Council

**Dr. Lesa Shaul**  
Serve as a representative on the Interdisciplinary, Honors, and Innovative (IHI) Committee for the AGSC (Alabama Articulation and General Studies Committee).

**Dr. Elizabeth Threatt**  
Appointed 2016/2017 Affiliate President of Women and Gender Studies for the Southwest Social Science Association.

Served as Southwest Social Science Association Women and Gender Studies Co-Chair 2015-2016


Current faculty editor of *The Sucarnochee Review*

**Professional Consultant:**

**Dr. Alan Brown**  
Manuscript review of the article “Thomas Pynchon’s Ukulele” for *The Journal of American Culture.*
Awards and Honors:

Dr. Lesa Shaul
McIlwain Bell Trustee Professor, 2015-2016

Funded Grants:

Dr. Alan Brown
In January 2015, $2800 grant request for the Sucarnochee Folklife Festival was funded by the Alabama State Council on the Arts.

Mr. Greg Jones

Dr. Tina Jones
Certified Nursing Assistant Program Award from the Alabama Department of Commerce/Workforce Development Division (awarded July 1, 2016) ($117,000)

Black Belt Community Foundation Grant – Sumter County Fine Arts Council, $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.

Publications:

Dr. Elizabeth Threatt

Workshops Conducted:

Dr. Alan Brown
Presented a workshop on comma usage to the Mississippi Writers’ Guild on May 28, 2016.

Dr. Lesa Shaul

Other:

Dr. Tina Jones
Selected & attended Bill Bates Leadership Institute sponsored by the Alabama State Council on the Arts, Mt Cheaha, August 2015.
Selected for Leadership Alabama, Class XXVII

Faculty Fellow and Faculty Chair for Operation Discovery, Living Learning Communities in Gilbert Hall.

Relay for Life – Team Captain, Media Maniacs (UWA Team of the Year), and Sumter County Relay for Life County Committee member.

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**College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics**

**Summary of Achievements**

**Mathematics**

**Scholarly Research:**

**Dr. Thomas Ratkovich**

Attended the biweekly Algebra Seminar at the University of Alabama

**Dr. Frank Rogers**

Researching Fuzzy Logic and its applications to Cryptography.

**Papers/Books/Articles:**

**Dr. Frank Rogers**

Fuzzy Linear Congruence and Linear Fuzzy Integers. *International Journal of Advanced and Applied Sciences*. {Accepted for publication 05/20/16}


**Presentations at Professional Meetings:**

**Dr. Hazel Truelove**

Oct. 24: presented “A Qualitative Study of the Mathematical Practices of Pre-Service Mathematics Teachers” at the Kennesaw Mountain Undergraduate Mathematics Conference, Kennesaw, GA.
Oct. 24-25: Attended Kennesaw Mountain Undergraduate Mathematics Conference. The conference was designed as a venue for undergraduate students of Mathematics to present topics in a variety of fields. It also served as a venue for instructors to share ideas in teaching and information about avenues for undergraduate research to be published. Dr. Jing Chen two students, Audrey Cochran and Nick Spradling also attended. The conference gave the students a chance to see what other students were doing

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

**Ms. Rita Bonner**  
Judge for the UWA Regional Science Fair

**Ms. Kim Giles**  
AISA District High School Mathematics Tournament Host  
AISA District Middle School Mathematics Tournament Host  
High School Science Fair Judge  
Recruitment Drive at Area High Schools

**Dr. Thomas Ratkovich**  
Chair, Dept. of Mathematics  
Police Officer, UWA Police Dept.  
University Academic Council  
NSM Academic Council  
Graduate Council  
Pre-Engineering/Dual Degree Advisor  
Promotion/Tenure NSM College Review Group 10/19/15  
Search Committee-bbY Coordinator of Professional Development and Sales  
Search Committee-Professor of Public Safety  
Promotion and Tenure Committee College Review Group  
OSP Seed Grant Committee
**Internship Evaluations:**
Internship Supervision for COE, 9/24/15, Sumter Central HS
Internship Supervision for COE, 10/21/15, Sulligent HS
Internship Supervision for COE, Demopolis High School, 2/16/16
Internship Supervision for COE, Southview Middle School, 3/23/16
Internship Supervision for COE, Bibb County High School, 3/25/16
Internship Supervision for COE, Oakman High School, 4/8/16

**Recruitment:**
Football Recruiting Luncheon 1/15/16
Football Recruiting Luncheon 1/22/16
Preview Day, 9/10/15
Preview Day 10/3/15
Preview Day 3/5/16
Preview Day 4/23/16
Recruiting Trip, Alabama School of Math & Science, Mobile, AL 9/23/15
Recruiting Trip, Murphy High School, Mobile, AL 9/23/15
Recruiting Trip-College View Day, Mississippi School of Math and Science 10/6/15
Recruiting Trip, Fayette County High School, Fayette, AL 10/20/15
Recruiting Trip, Alabama School of Math & Science, Mobile, AL 11/11/15
Recruiting Trip, Sumter Central High School, 2/24/16
Recruiting Trip, College Night, Huntsville, AL 3/24/16

**Judge-Science Fairs:**
Science Fair, South Choctaw Academy, 2/11/16
Science Fair, Pickens Academy, 2/17/16
Science Fair, Holy Spirit School, 2/23/16
West Alabama Regional Science Fair, 3/5/16
Undergraduate Research Symposium, 3/8/16

Family Day 9/5/15

Pre-Professional Advisory Committee

Career Fair, Bell Conference Center, 9/16/15

Presenter – Honors Day Convocation, 3/16/16

Police Traffic Control, Undergraduate Research Symposium, 3/8/16

Judge, Leadership Training, Tuscaloosa, AL 4/19/16

**Dr. Hazel Truelove**
Judge for Alabama Regional Science Fair in the field of Humanities.
Representative for the Department of Mathematics supporting the College of Education’s NCATE review.

**Funded Grants:**

**Mr. Frank Rogers**
Participated in the NSF LSAMP proposal

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

**Other:**

**Dr. Ratkovich, Ms. Rita Bonner, Ms. Kim Giles and Mr. Jay Smith.**
Recruiting Trip, Alabama School of Math & Science, Mobile, AL 9/23/15

Recruiting Trip, Murphy HS, Mobile, AL 9/23/15

Recruiting Trip, Alabama School of Math and Science 11/11/15

Recruiting Trip, Fayette County HS, Fayette, AL 10/20/15

**Biological and Environmental Sciences**

**Presentations at Professional Meetings:**

**Dr. Brian Burnes**
*Host Origin Analysis of Fecal Microbes in Pintlalla Creek.* Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District Board, Montgomery, Alabama. 2015.

**Ms. Chengke Liu**
Reveal the mystery of endophytic fungus-mycovirus-plant symbiosis that controls plant thermotolerance. Meeting of the Southern Section of the American Society of Plant Biologists (SS-ASPB), Denton, TX April 1-4, 2016.

**Dr. Brian Keener**
Gave presentation to the Fleur de Lis Garden Club, Camden, Oct 5, 2015

Gave presentation to the Blountsville Cosmos Club, Blountsville, Oct 8, 2015

Gave presentation to the Blount County Wildflower Society, Oneonta, Nov 12, 2015
Dr. John McCall

Dr. Mustafa Morsy


AgMicrobiomes Consortium Meeting supported by the US National Science Foundation and held in March 2016 in Asilomar, CA.

Birmingham-Southern College, Department of Biology, Bio-Boom: Fungal Endophytes Improve Tomato Fruit Taste Quality. Oct 20, 2015


University of West Georgia, Department of Biology. Bio-Boom: Enhancing Crop Production using Habitat Specific Fungal Endophytes. Sept 18, 2015.

UWA Office of Sponsored Program, One Stop Grant Shop: NSF Funding: Insights from an Awardee and Panelist, June 17, 2015.


**Dr. Mustafa Morsy and Mr. Blake Cleckler**

Bio-Boom: Fungal endophytes enhance tomato drought and salt tolerance. Meeting of the Southern Section of the American Society of Plant Biologists (SS-ASPB), Denton, TX April 1-4, 2016.


**Dr. Andrew Rindsberg**


**Dr. Michael Sandel**


Invited seminar (1-hr), Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia. “Causes and consequences of mtDNA convergence: Teleost fishes as a case study”

Research presentation at the Southeastern Fishes Council, November 13-15, Gainesville, Florida: “Preliminary characterization of the dermal mucosal microbiome of Red Drum (Sciaenops ocellatus)”

**Dr. Ketia Shumaker**
Invited and sponsored by the National Science Foundation to speak on “Broader Impacts through Student Internships” at the 2015 International Plant & Animal Genome Conference (San Diego, CA), and 2015 American Society for Plant Biologist Conference (Minneapolis, Minnesota)

**Dr. Lee Stanton**
Invited speaker at the East Gulf Coastal Plain Joint Venture Board Meeting, December 9-10, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS. Presentation entitled: “The Black Land Prairie Restoration Initiative and the Center for the Study of the Black Belt”

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

**Ms. Janis Beaird**
Chair, West Alabama Elementary Science Olympiad

Faculty Advisor, Alpha Epsilon Delta Premedical Honor Society

**Dr. Brian Keener**
Director and Curator of the University of West Alabama Herbarium (UWAL)

Director of the Alabama Plant Atlas. www.floraofalabama.org

Served as Chair of the Alabama Wildflower Society Scholarship Committee, 2015.

**Dr. John McCall**
Faculty Advisor, Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society

Archivist, Alabama Academy of Science

**Dr. Kevin Morse**
Alabama Academy of Science (Secretary, 2013-14 & 2014-15)
Dr. Mustafa Morsy
Chair, Undergraduate Research Symposium Committee.

Chair of the 3rd Annual Small World Initiative (SWI) Symposium, at the American Society for Microbiology Conference, ASM Microbe. May, 2016

Peer Reviewer/Panelist of grant proposal for the National Science Foundation DUE and BIO Directorate

Associate Editor of the Journal of Investigative Genomics

Associate Editor of the BMC Research Notes

Dr. Michael Sandel
Treasurer of the Southeastern Fishes Council

Dr. Ketia Shumaker
2nd Vice President, Alabama Academy of Sciences

Dr. Lee Stanton
Director, Black Belt Conservation and Restoration Institute:

UWA Liaison Officer, Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium, Dauphin Island Sea Lab (2015-present)

President, UWA Phi Kappa Phi Chapter (2012-2014).

Funded Grants:

Ms. Chengke Liu
Awarded Pyramid Grant by UWA Office of Sponsored Programs.

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

Dr. Kevin Morse
Jefferson County Professional Services Contract for 3-Year Benthic Macroinvertebrate Study of the Cahaba River for $110,000

Dr. Mustafa Morsy
Bio-BOOM: A Closer Step to a Natural Biofertilizer. The United States Department of Agriculture Specialty Crop Block Grant –Farm Bill Program, October, 2015; $25,000. (New award)

“Release the Writer” Incentive Program for Grant Proposals, The Office of Sponsored Programs, 2015; ($4000) (New award)
Confirmation of the roles of fungal genes in plant stress tolerance. The National Science Foundation, June 2014, $548,000. (Continuing award)

Bio-BOOM: Boosting Crop Production using Alabama-specific Symbionts. USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant – Farm Bill Program, May 2014; $23,000. (Continuing award)

Dr. Mustafa Morsy, Dr. John McCall and Dr. Lee Stanton
Biology Opportunities and Scholarships for Success (BOSS). The National Science Foundation S-STEM, June 2014, $609,000. (Continuing award)

Dr. Mustafa Morsy, Dr. Brian Burnes and Ms. J.J. Wedgworth
UWA iLOVE Biology Research (Improving Learning Outcomes Via Enhancement of Biology Research). National Science Foundation. Amount requested $300,000 (pending).

Mr. Michael Sandel
NSF grant to pursue work in Lake Baikal, Siberia. $455,000

One pilot grant preliminary proposal was invited for submission of full proposal (due 16 January, 2016).

Dr. Ketia Shumaker
Continued funding on a consulting project to fund two more UWA undergraduates as summer interns at Pennsylvania State University through a grant funded by the Apes Valentes Undergraduate Research Program at PSU and funded by PSU’s Center for Pollinator Research.

Submitted a Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation collaborative grant proposal to the National Science Foundation with five other Alabama universities in the role of a co-principal investigator (Fall 2015)

Submitted the UWA Advance Catalyst for Institutional Transformation grant proposal to the National Science Foundation in the role of a co-principal investigator (Fall 2015)

Serving on the UWA planning committee for the iLove Biology Research grant proposal for a National Science Foundation grant (Fall 2015 - Spring 2016).

Co-principal investigator of the newly funded United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Interdisciplinary Climate Education grant. In collaboration with Virginia Tech University’s project director, Dr. Carlyon Copenheaver, a three-year research project entitled, “Forest Resilience to Climate Change: A Dendroclimatic Assessment of Trees with Commercial and Conservation Value” will be conducted. ($445,000)

Dr. Lee Stanton
Partnered with Auburn University and AL Cooperative Extension Service and was awarded an EPA Environmental Education Local Grant for” Increasing Environmental Literacy and
Watershed Stewardship through Youth-Focused Citizen Science”. $4500 and will coordinate a three-day environmental education workshop in July 2016.

Publications:

**Dr. Brian Keener**


**Dr. Heather McDonald**

**Dr. Kevin Morse**

**Dr. Mustafa Morsy**


**Dr. Andrew Rindsberg**

**Rindsberg, A.K.,** 2015a, Construction of ichnogenic names: *Annales Societatis Geologorum Poloniae*, v. 85, no. 3, p. 529-549. URL


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**Physical Sciences**

**Presentations at Professional Meetings:**

**Dr. Yun Ho Kim**

“Synthesis of Tooth Anesthetic: (E)-N-(4-methoxyphenethyl)-N-methylcinnamamide” at the Twelfth International Symposium on Recent Advances in Environmental Health Research, Jackson State University, MS on Sept 15, 2015.

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

**Dr. Roger Campbell**

Served as director of the 2015 West Alabama Regional Science Fair.

**Dr. Yun Ho Kim**

Traveled to Korea in May 2015 to conduct meetings with numerous universities and high schools to work toward and exchange program with UWA.

**Funded Grants:**

**Mr. Roger Campbell**

Served as director of the 2015 West Alabama Herbarium (UWAL)

**Dr. Heather McDonald**

Co-PI on grant submitted to the National Science Foundation ADVANCE program November 2 with Dr. Nicole Farris (PI) entitled, Sparking Progress: Attracting, Advancing, and Retaining Women in STEM at UWA.
College of Business Achievement Report

Key Achievements
1 faculty completed 2nd Ph.D. – Dr. Uchena Akpom
2 faculty completed Ph.D. – Dr. Anna Cai (Part-time), Dr. Brie Winkles
10 faculty participate in 30 scholarly research activities
5 faculty published 15 articles in professional journals or conference proceedings
11 faculty made 25 professional presentations
2 faculty made 23 recruiting presentations to high schools and community colleges
7 faculty held 14 positions in professional organizations
2 faculty provided consulting services
3 faculty received 4 awards
4 faculty were awarded 8 grants for $235,000

Staff
1 professional staff participated in research activities with faculty
2 professional staff participated in writing grants with faculty
2 professional staff made 2 professional presentations with faculty
2 professional staff made 8 recruiting presentations to high schools and community colleges

Departments
AFE Department hosted first annual Accounting and Finance Day, March 2016, with prospective employers and graduate schools

Accounting Finance and Economics

Scholarly Research:

Dr. Linyun Cai
Currency exchange

Causes of the Financial Crisis

Bank Deposit Insurance in China

Public Policy: Welfare and Taxation

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

Dr. Linyuan Cai
“The East Asian Dollar Standard”

“Bank Deposit Insurance in China.”

“Understanding the Financial Crisis.”

Presentations at Professional Meetings:

Dr. Uchena Akpom


Dr. Uchena Akpom and Dr. Adrian Doss

Dr. Uchena Akpom and Dr. Janie Gregg

Dr. Anna Cai

Dr. Linyun Cai
The East Asian Dollar Standard – GDUF Lecture Series

Bank Deposit Insurance in China – GDUF Lecture Series – Presented by President Tucker

Ms. Sharon Stipe, Dr. Janie Gregg and Dr. Aliquippa Allen
“Responding to Employers’ Expectations: Requiring a Junior/Senior Two – Year Series of Professional Development Courses.” Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP), June 17-20, 2016, Atlanta, GA.
Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities i.e. Panelist, Judge, Accreditation team:

**Dr. Uchena Akpom**  
Southwestern Society of Economists, discussant at the 2016 meeting  
Academy of Economics and Finance, discussant at the 2016 meeting

**Dr. Anna Cai**  
Organized and led 16 students to the Student Managed Investment Fund Conference

**Dr. Linyun Cai**  
Sponsored 15 students in attending the Student Managed Investment Fund Conference  
Member, University Academic Council

**Ms. Kristy Chapman**  
Attended the ASCPA’s Accounting Educator’s Conference  
Attended the ASCPA’s Accounting Technology Conference  
Attended the ASCPA’s Accounting Pilot and Bridge Program Conference  
Secretary of the University’s Faculty Senate  
Advisor to UWA Accounting Club

**Dr. Mitzi Green**  
Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) Site Visit, Team Chair:  
West Virginia State University, Institute, WV, September 2015  
Delta State University, Cleveland, MS, February 2016

Professional Consultant:

**Ms. Kristy Chapman**  
Consultant for Toxey Baptist Church, Toxey, Alabama.

Funded Grants:

**Ms. Sharon Stipe**  
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program received from Impact Alabama and the IRS. ($3,300)
Presentations at Professional Meetings:

Dr. Aliquippa Allen and Ms. Veronica Triplett
“The Journey to Maximizing all Human Resources in the Accreditation Process.” Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP), June 17-20, 2016, Atlanta, GA.

Dr. Janie Gregg

“Providing a Realistic Job Preview During the College Experience: The Value of Combining Internships, Work Shadows, and Enactus Small Business Projects/Competition.” Southwest Academy of Management. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. March 2016. (Co-authors/presenters: Deward W. Bedford, University of West Alabama and UWA student, Ashley Osier.)


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

Dr. Aliquippa Allen
Chair, Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) Region 3
Executive Committee Member, Alabama Committee of Excellence (ACE)
Member, ACE Sustainability Committee
Co-Champion, ACBSP Assessment Committee
Co-Chair, COBT Strategic Planning Committee
Chair, UWA’s Gilbert Award Committee
Advisor, UWA Toastmasters Community Club
Advisor, COBT Student Leadership Council

Member, ACBSP Council of Regional Chairs

Member, University Academic Council

Member, Graduate Council

Member, Veteran of Foreign Wars (Post #5377), Demopolis, AL

**Ms. Karen Braxton**
Founder, Little Black Dress Event - Women’s Networking Event. Co-Sponsored by Demopolis Chamber of Commerce

Vice President, Braxton Senior Care – A non-profit organization serving adults 18 plus with a physical or mental disability.

Attendee: ACBSP Conference, Atlanta, Georgia. June 2016

**Dr. Janie Gregg**
2015-2016 Past President, Southwest Academy of Management. In charge of the Doctoral Student/Junior Faculty Consortium and Board of Director Election.

Paper reviewer for *Journal of Business Ethics*

**Personal Consultant:**

**Dr. Janie Gregg**
Enactus-consulted with two small businesses in Livingston: Coffee Shop on Monroe and SH Design, and one small business in Demopolis: Kora’s Place. We provided marketing, management, accounting, and financial assistance.

**Awards and Honors:**

**Dr. Janie Gregg**
UWA - Nellie Rose McCrory Service Award.

UWA - Steelcase Active Learning Faculty Fellow for 2015-2016

**Funded Grants:**

**Dr. Janie Gregg**
Enactus - WalMart Women’s Economic Empowerment Grant ($1,500)

Enactus - Sam’s Step Up for Small Business Grant ($2,000)
Enactus – ADP Veteran Empowerment Grant ($1,500)

Enasctus – Unilever Bright Futures Project ($1,500)

Workshops Conducted:

**Dr. Aliquippa Allen**


“Public Speaking” Marengo County Youth LEAD. Apr 14, Robertson Bank, Demopolis, AL.

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**CIS/Technology**

Scholarly Research:

**Dr. Adrian Doss**


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

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


Dr. Balkrishna Gokaraju
B. Gokaraju (PI), V. Triplett (P.D), R. Teseiro (Co-PI), D. Cobb (Chair), and W. Bedford (Expert Advisor) ($ 2,395,416.00). “Encouraging Fast-Track Certifications and Local Industry Partnerships (E-FLIP): For Development of Advanced Manufacturing Skills Workforce in Rural West Alabama,” In co-ordination with COB and CBES.

Papers/Books/Articles:

Dr. Donnie Cobb, Dr. Adrian Doss and Dr. Balkrishna Gokaraju

Dr. Adrian Doss


Dr. Adrian Doss and Dr. Balakrishna Gokaraju


Dr. Adrian Doss and Dr. Russ Henley


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


Presentations at Professional Meetings:

Dr. Donnie Cobb


CIST Presentation to York Rotary Club. February 9, 2016.

CIST Presentation Engineering Day Shelton State C.C. April 7, 2016.

GIS Professionals. Tuscaloosa, AL March 31, 2016.

GISA Conference. April 18-21, 2016.

Dr. Donnie Cobb, Dr. Balakrishna Gokaraju and Dr. Ray Tesiero

Presentation and demonstration of the Engineering Technology Labs to Demopolis City School Campus visit, April 2016.

**Dr. Donnie Cobb, Dr. Balakrishna Gokaraju, Dr. Ray Tesiero and Mr. James Gray**
Presentation and demonstration of the Engineering Technology Labs to CEMEX Industries, April 2016.

**Dr. Adrian Doss**


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


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

Dr. Balakrishna Gokaraju and Dr. Adrian Doss


Dr. Balakrishna Gokaraju
In coordination with the Phi Kappa Phi Chapter committee, organized Phi Kappa Phi student social meeting in Fall 2015.

As a Phi Kappa Phi secretary, presented in the induction ceremony of Phi Kappa Phi, March 2016.

Dr. Balakrishna Gokaraju, Dr. Ray Tesiero and Mr. James Gray,
Presentation and demonstration of the Engineering Technology Labs to Secretary, Alabama State Labor Statistics, visit March 2016.
**Dr. Balakrishna Gokaraju and Mr. James Gray,**
Presentation and demonstration of the Engineering Technology Labs to Secretary, Westervelt Industry, visit October 2015.

Presentation and demonstration of the Engineering Technology Labs to Foster Farms Industry, visit October 2015.

Presentation and demonstration of the Engineering Technology Labs to Foster Farms Industry, visit August 2015.

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

**Dr. Adrian Doss**
Southwest Academy of Management – Chair for project management and homeland security sessions.

**Mr. Curtis Jones**
Judge for South District Automotive Competition

Evaluator Team Leader (ETL) for East Mississippi Community College Automotive Program Accreditation.

**Professional Consultant:**

**Dr. Balakrishna Gokaraju**
Collaborated with V. Triplett of CBES, College of Business for the grant award of National Summer Transportation Initiative Summer Camp Workshop in June 2016.

Expert Faculty talk in Electrical and Computer Engineering for the Division of Outreach Upward Bound Summer Camp regarding Robotics and Mechatronics Automation Technology, June 16th, 2016.

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.

**Awards and Honors:**

**Dr. Adrian Doss**
2015 Distinguished Paper Award, Mustang International Business Conference -- Dallas, TX

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


**Funded Grants:**

**Dr. Donnie Cobb**
$100,000-UNCF Career Pathways Initiative. *Ms. Tammy White, Mrs. Veronica Triplett, Mrs. Jessica Wedgworth, Ms. Danielle Buckalew, Dr. Donnie Cobb.*

**Dr. Balakrishna Gokaraju**

*Gokaraju B.*, and Yessick, D., “Advanced Industrial Maintenance Training program” in coordination with Demopolis City Schools (DCS), March 2014 to July 2016. **($220,000)**

Gokaraju B., (PI), “Tornado Disaster Assessment using pattern recognition techniques for Cost-Effective Disaster Management. Case Study: Tuscaloosa City,” by the Office of Sponsored Programs, UWA. **($1,500)**


**Workshops Conducted:**

**Dr. Donnie Cobb**
Taught Self-Defense class to UWA Girls Basketball Team

**Mr. Curtis Jones**
Conducted a Care Clinic for Enactus Group
Papers/Books/Articles:

**Dr. Mae Daniel and Dr. Dana Rolison**

**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**

**Dr. Erica King and Dr. Erica Tanner**

**Dr. Dana Rolison and Dr. Mae Daniel**

**Dr. Reenay Rogers, Dr. Jodie Winship and Dr. Yan Sun**
Systematic support for STEM pre-service teachers: An authentic and sustainable four-pillar professional development model, Innovative professional development methods and strategies for STEM education. (October, 2015).

**Dr. Erica Tanner**
Reflective Teaching or Program Fidelity: Sacrificing One for the Other Manuscript in editing phase and publication options are being explored. (2015).

**Dr. Melina Vaughan and Dr. Esther Howard**
*Notable Tradebook article: F is for Friendship: A Quilt Alphabet*. Social Studies Research and Practice. (published fall 2015).
The Flag We Love. NCSS Notable Trade Book Lesson Plan submitted for publication February, 2015.

Presentations at Professional Meetings:

Dr. Mae Daniel and Dr. Dana Rolison

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

Alabama: Strengthening the lead through early childhood teacher education. Poster session presented at the annual conference of the National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators (NAECTE), Orlando, FL. (November, 2015)

Dr. Lynn Kelley


Dr. Erica King
Writing it right! Strategies for all students. Mississippi Early Childhood Association- Imagine 62nd Annual Conference. October 8-9, 2015; Natchez, MS.

Dr. Dana Rolison

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

Dr. Mae Daniels
Reviewer for Current Trends in Education

Dr. Lynn Kelly
Office of Research and Teaching in the Disciplines (UA)

Social Studies Council of Alabama

Served as a reviewer for Social Studies Research and Practice socstrp.org
Delegate to the NCSS House of Delegates

Outgoing NCSS Community Chair

Dr. Dana Rolison
Reading Fair Judge at Southeast Elementary School, Lauderdale County, Mississippi
District Reading Fair Judge for Lauderdale County, Mississippi

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

Funded Grants:

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

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) Current primary investigator: Spring 2016.

Dr. Jodie Winship
Project BLOOM Grant issued by the United States Department of Education, Program Coordinator

Scholarly Research:

Dr. Mary Ann Hollingsworth and Dr. Reenay Rogers

Dr. Yan Sun and Dr. Reenay Rogers
Dr. Celeste Wheat

Wheat, C. A., & Hill, L.H. (article manuscript under review by *Qualitative Research Quarterly* Journal). “The Role and Influence of Mentors and Role Models on University Women Leaders’ Career Paths to the University Presidency.”

Dr. Poppy Moon and Dr. Nisha Warbington

Dr. Pam Rochester

Dr. Nisha Warbington
Using Adult Coloring as a method to decrease stress, anxiety, and depression among undergraduate students. (2016).

Increasing Emotional Intelligence in K-12 students using Cinema therapy.

Effective Use of Virtual Classrooms for Online Supervision; Enhancing Connectivity in the Online Classroom

Stress Management for School Professionals

Dr. Celeste Wheat, Dr. Yan Sun, Dr. Martha Hocutt and Ms. J.J. Wedgworth, (Article manuscript in preparation). “One Year of the Steelcase Active Classroom: Lessons Learned.”

Papers/Books/Articles:

Dr. Mary Ann Hollingsworth

Dr. Mary Ann Hollingsworth

Dr. Poppy Moon


Moon, P. (Director). (2016, October 4). Setting the Table [Video file]. Retrieved from https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2HHomqGDuk


**Dr. Reenay Rogers**
“Creating Engaging STEM Partnerships: The University of West Alabama’s Project Engage”. *Partnering to Support P-12 Student Success* (Spring, 2016)

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

**Dr. Celeste Wheat**

**Presentations at Professional Meetings:**

**Dr. Debbie Dean (Rose), Ms. Leah Sornsin and Dr. Mary Ann Hollingsworth**
Dr. Mary Ann Hollingsworth


Dr. Mary Ann Hollingsworth and Dr. Barry Green-Burns
The One Minute Spa: A De-Stress Place in the School or Other Setting. Alabama Counseling Association Annual Conference, Montgomery, AL. (2015, November).

Dr. Poppy Moon
*Creating Sacred Spaces.* Workshop presented at the Alabama Counseling Conference, Montgomery, AL. (2015, November)

Dr. Pam Rochester and Dr. Mary Ann Hollingsworth

Dr. Reenay Rogers
*Learning with Lecture Capture* presented at Alabama Educational Technology Conference, Birmingham, AL. (June 2016)

Dr. Reenay Rogers and Dr. Jan Miller
*Learning with Lecture Capture* presented at Georgia Educational Technology Conference, Atlanta, GA. (November 2015)

Dr. Reenay Rogers and Dr. Erica Tanner
*Ahoy! COE Session: LiveText, CAEP, NCATE Update* presented at The University of West Alabama Online Professional Development Conference (Summer, 2015)

Dr. Yan Sun
Tinkering and engineering Reinforcement: Improve mathematics learning through 3D printing and modeling. Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) 2015 Annual Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dr. Yan Sun, Dr. Reenay Rogers and Dr. Jodie Winship
“Preparing Culturally Responsive Pre-Service Teachers to Educate Students in STEM and Beyond” paper presentation accepted at the CREA Annual Conference 2016.

Dr. Celeste Wheat
accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Mid-South Educational Research Association Conference, Lafayette, LA. Lafayette, Louisiana. (November 6, 2015).

**Dr. Celeste Wheat and Dr. Martha Hocutt**


“Technology for each Phase of the 5 E Lesson Plan.” Poster session with digital photo gallery accepted for presentation at the annual EDUCAUSE Conference, Indianapolis, IN. 27-30 October 2015.

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

**Dr. Debbie Hildreth**
Was elected by CAEP to be trained as a site visitor and served as journal article reviewer for AAPEL journal.

**Dr. Mary Ann Hollingsworth**
Was the Chairperson, Sumter County Department of Human Resources Quality Assurance Committee for Foster Care and Child Protective Services.

**Dr. Kevin Jones**
Participated in various professional activities including being selected as CAEP Site Visitor, chairing the interview team for selection of Career and Technical Center Director for the Kemper County School District, mentoring for Livingston Junior School principal, and serving as a guest speaker for Transition program at Livingston Junior High School.

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

**Dr. Reenay Rogers**
Participated in various professional activities including serving as a research paper reviewer for the International Society of Technology in Education, the Culturally Responsive Educational Association, and the *Journal of Online Interactive Learning*.
Served as a grant reviewer for the Alabama Commission on Higher Education

Treasurer elect for UWA’s Phi Kappa Phi

Chosen by the Council for Accreditation of Education Preparation (CAEP) to receive training as an onsite reviewer.
**Dr. Nisha Warbington**  
Served as a volunteer for Alabama Association of Counseling Educators and Supervisors (ACES) and as Chair of the Anti-Bullying Committee for Tuscaloosa County Schools.

**Dr. Celeste Wheat**  

Served as a Graduate Student Committee member for the Mid-South Educational Research Association.

**Professional Consultant:**

**Dr. Susan Cordell**  
Consulted with two educational entities in Grundy, TN. Consulted with the Director of Secondary Education for the Grundy County School District on turning the current high school library into a model, 21st century learning commons. Also, consulted with the Grundy County Board of Education to write a grant for upgrading the library to a learning commons.

**Dr. Poppy Moon**  
Was a member of the Board of Directors of *Counselor Created* (2016, January 15).

**Dr. Nisha Warbington**  
Consulted with multiple school systems including Tuscaloosa County Schools, Sumter County Schools, and Sumter Academy.

Also served as a Visiting Faculty at the Capitol School

**Awards and Honors:**

**Dr. Kevin Jones**  
Received the Hat’s Off Award from the Mississippi Chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

**Dr. Poppy Moon**  
Was named the Alabama Counseling Association’s Elementary School Counselor of the Year, 2015.

**Dr. Celeste Wheat**  
Was selected to present research paper titled “A Qualitative Inquiry into the Leadership Identities, Styles, and Practices of Female Administrators and Presidents at Doctorate-Granting Universities” at the UWA Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi’s James E. Colquitt Faculty Colloquium. April 14, 2016.
Funded Grants:

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

**Drs. Yan Sun and Reenay Rogers**  
Received the UWA Seed Grant: Develop and Validate an Instrument to Measure Student Self-efficacy in Learning Online, 1,500. (September, 2015).

**Dr. Nisha Warbington and Dr. Mary Ann Hollingsworth**  
Received a CACREP Grant through National Board of Certified Counselors.

**Dr. Celeste Wheat**  
U.S. Department of Education Predominantly Black Institutions Competitive Grant Program. *The University of West Alabama Center for Achievement, Retention and Enrichment Services* (Funded, $2,299,733.00). **Primary Investigator:** Angel Jowers; **Co-Primary Investigators:** Dr. Celeste Wheat, Dr. Debbie Dean-Baker, and Dr. Mark Davis. September 2015.

University of West Alabama Programmatic Seed Grant. *Extending*

**Dr. Celeste Wheat, Dr. Martha Hocutt, and 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).

Workshops Conducted:

**Dr. William Green-Burns**  
Co-lead groups for bullying prevention at Livingston Jr. High School

Spring of 2016 co-led The Breakfast Club for delinquent students at Livingston High School for 30 Hours.

Led a bullying prevention group for the third grade at Sumter Academy.

**Dr. Yan Sun and Dr. Martha Hocutt**  
Conducted a series of workshops called Teaching, Learning, and Leading with Technology.

**Dr. Nisha Warbington** conducted the workshop Boundary Training for Spiritual Leaders (April 2016).

**Dr. Celeste Wheat**  
Interactive White Board Training and New Technology Tools: Workshop presented
to Active Learning Faculty Fellows at The University of West Alabama. Livingston, AL, January 9, 2016.

The Importance of Student Engagement in Campus Activities. Workshop presented to University 101 classes. Livingston, Alabama, October 8, 2015.

Professional Image and Resume Preparation. Workshop presented to Dr. Nicole Farris’ University 101 class. Livingston, Alabama, September 16, 2015.


Active Learning Center Orientation and Training. Workshop presented to Active Learning Faculty Fellows at The University of West Alabama. Livingston, AL, August 11, 2015.

In-service Training for Residence Life Assistants. Understanding College Student Transitions in Residence Life. Presented at The University of West Alabama. Livingston, AL, August 6, 2015.

**Department of Physical Education & Athletic Training**

**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 250 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.

**Brad Montgomery and Ben Stewart** taught CPR/AED Professional Rescuer to the Athletic Department Staff and the Athletic Training faculty, staff and students.

**Presentations at Professional Meetings:**

**Dr. Gunars Cazers & Dr. Natasha Satcher**


**Dr. R. T. Floyd:**

“The Elbow and Forearm” 30th Southeast Athletic Trainers’ Association Athletic Training Student Symposium, Atlanta, GA.
“NATA Foundation Update”, 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,” “Cervical Spine and Brachial Plexus, Hip & Thigh Injuries”

**Dr. James Robinson:**
Rate of Oxygen Deficit and Oxygen Debt in Athletes and Non-Athletes with Exercise-induced Bronchoconstriction during Exercise, March 2016. K. Cunningham, N. Davis. V. Jackson. Z. Mosley, A, Robertson, **J. Robinson** Ph.D. University of West Alabama Undergraduate Research Symposium, Livingston, AL.

In-Season Strength Decline of Division 2 Football Offensive and Defensive Linemen, March 2016. K. Cunningham, N. Davis. V. Jackson. Z. Mosley, A, Robertson, **J. Robinson** Ph.D. University of West Alabama Undergraduate Research Symposium, Livingston, AL.

**Dr. Natasha Satcher:**
SHAPE America Conference: Improve PETE Program by Creating a Physical Education Advisory Council- April 2016.


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

**Dr. Gunars Cazers**
Served 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 2016 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 Past President of the Alabama Council of University Faculty Presidents for 2015-2016.

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

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

**Dr. LaJuan Hutchinson**
Judge for the Research Symposium sponsored by the Biology Department, SPR 2016
Historian, Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated (Tuscaloosa)

Committee Member for Hometown Sports Exhibit in conjunction with Smithsonian Institute and Black Belt Museum

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

**Dr. James Robinson**
President of Phi Kappa Phi

Board member, Livingston Country Club

Membership coordinator, Livingston Lions Club

2016 SEACSM National Conference free communication abstract reviewer

UWA Student Food Bank-Founder and Executive Director

UWA Exercise Physiology Laboratory-Director

UWA Faculty Fellow, Steelcase Active Learning Center

**Dr. Natasha Satcher**
Chair-Physical Activity Council-Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance

Chair-Elect for Recreational Council-Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance

**Awards/Honors:**

**Dr. James Robinson**
Honorary Advisor, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
Dr. LaJuan Hutchinson
RICOH Higher Education Technology Essay Contest- “How is technology transforming the interaction between faculty and students?”

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 and successfully obtained a $4,000 annual increase for 2015-2016 year.

Completed 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.

Dr. James Robinson
Received the UNCF Career Pathways Initiative (CPI) planning grant, funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. ($100,000.00 Funded). The UWA College to Career (C2C) program is designed to improve employment outcomes for students by providing clearly defined career pathway programs, creating an intentional career development pathway for students throughout their college career, integrating career preparation into curricula and providing additional staffing to better assist students and colleges as they prepare their students for work within specific industries.

Workshops Conducted:

Dr. Natasha Satcher
Health and Fitness Workshop, Livingston, AL.

Nursing
Summary of Achievements

Presentations at Professional Meetings:

Ms. Marsha Cannon
OWN It: Timely Information for Organ Donation, Wound Care, and Nutrition; University of West Alabama; Nurse Continuing Education Program; April 26, 2016.
Offices/Positions in Professional Organizations and/or Other Significant Professional Activities i.e. Panelist, Judge, Accreditation team:

Ms. Marsha Cannon
SACS Substantive Change Committee: Middle Georgia State University

Ms. Sharon Davis
Secretary of MS Nurse’s Association District 16

Member of American Psychiatric Nurse’s Association Addictions Council: Tobacco Dependence Branch (have been certified as a Tobacco Treatment.

Specialist and have revised this program for the employee health department of Anderson Regional Medical Center to assist those employees seeking tobacco cessation).

Renewed ANCC certification as Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner as well as Adult Psychiatric Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist in Fall 2015.

Professional Consultant:

Ms. Sharon Davis
Work weekly in outpatient psychiatric clinic – Behavioral Medicine Clinic in Meridian, MS as a Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner.

Provide consultation as a Certified Diabetes Educator for inpatients at Anderson Regional Medical Center South Hospital, Meridian, MS.

Provide consultation as a Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner for residents needing psychiatric services at Bedford Care Center, Newton, MS.

Conducted Virtual Dementia Tour training program for the staffs of the GeriPsychiatric Unit, Maynor Rehab Unit, and Swing Bed Unit at Anderson Regional Medical Center South in Fall 2015.

Workshops Conducted:

Ms. Sharon Davis
Assisted in planning and organizing CE workshop held at Speith Hall for local nurses in Spring 2016 – NOW: Nutrition, Organ Donation, & Wound Care.

Conduct Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Courses for Anderson Regional Medical Center, Meridian, MS at least quarterly.
Library
Summary of Achievements

Key Achievements (Faculty and Departmental)
The Library was responsible for the fall 2015 exhibit in Webb Hall Gallery. Curio: Exhibit by Garland Farwell hung in the gallery from August through December, 2015. Mr. Farwell is a teaching artist and muralist in local school districts and communities. Originally from California, he currently resides in York, Alabama. The Library hosted an opening reception for the exhibit on September 24, 2015.

The Library co-hosted a one-day conference with the College of Education on November 6, 2015, entitled Reading Across the Curriculum: Building Bridges to Other Cultures. University students and faculty, as well as educators from local school systems were invited to attend a half day of workshops focused on children’s literature and incorporating the College of Education’s theme of “Reading Across the Curriculum”.

The Library hosted a book review/signing event in the library on Tuesday, December 1, 2015. Dr. Valerie Burnes and Mr. Robin McDonald spoke to the gathered group about their recently published book, Visions of the Black Belt: A Cultural Survey of the Heart of Alabama. The authors signed copies of the book and the library provided refreshments afterwards in the Jim Pate Collections area of the library.

Library staff participated in the Read Across America Program at the Livingston Junior High School in March, 2016.

Library staff hosted a poetry workshop at the campus school for National Poetry Month on April 29, 2016.

The Library hosted an event commemorating the 100th anniversary of the death of Miss Julia Strudwick Tutwiler on Sunday, June 12, 2016, in the library. Ms. Ellise Mayor portrayed Miss Tutwiler in an outstanding performance of My Name is Julia, a one-woman play authored by Kathryn Tucker Windham. The library hosted a reception following Ms. Mayor’s performance.

The Library curated an exhibit in Webb Hall Gallery, Remembering Miss Julia, which celebrates her life and contributions to this university and the state of Alabama as well. The exhibit is composed of memorabilia from the library’s archives department. The exhibit will be on display from July until the end of August, 2016.

The Library hosted a reception on Thursday, July 14th in Webb Hall Parlor to open the Remembering Miss Julia exhibit.
Scholarly Research:

**Ms. Shelia Limerick**
Giuseppe Moretti

Geneva Mercer

Library marketing

Papers/Books/Articles:

**Ms. Braegan Abernethy**

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

**Ms. Breagan Abernathy**
Chair, Handbook Committee- New Member Round Table: American Library Association

ALA NMRT Liaison- Alabama Library Association

Member, Communications Committee- University Libraries Section: Association of College and Research Libraries

Member, Online Content Committee: Network of Alabama Academic Libraries

**Ms. Shelia Limerick**
Advisory Board, Friends of the Ruby Pickens Tartt Library

Vice President for Programs, Sumter County Fine Arts Council

Funded Grants:

**Ms. Braegan Abernethy**
UWA Seed Grant Fall 2015 (co-author), “Reading Across the Curriculum: Building Bridges to Other Cultures”, $1300.

**Ms. Shelia Limerick**
Co-Author, University of West Alabama Seed Grant, $1300, awarded Fall 2015 for a conference entitled “Reading Across the Curriculum: Building Bridges to Other Cultures”
Workshops Conducted:

Ms. Breagan Abernathy
Reading Across the Curriculum: Building Bridges to Other Cultures Conference, November 2015.

Ms. Shelia Limerick
“Reading Across the Curriculum: Building Bridges to Other Cultures”, November 6, 2015, Julia Tutwiler Conference Center at Lyon Hall, UWA. Assisted in funding, planning, development, and evaluation of the conference as well as worked at the conference to register attendees.

“Poetry to my Senses,” April 29, 2016, UWA Campus School K-4 class. Developed, planned and conducted a poetry workshop in celebration of April as National Poetry Month.