

Newsworthy Faculty, Staff & Students (noted in the order in which they were received)

Tim Conrad (Associate Professor of English/TESOL) was selected as Second Vice President of Intermountain TESOL at the annual conference, October 24 & 25 in St. George. Intermountain TESOL is a western affiliate of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages: Utah, Idaho & Wyoming. Tim also presented a paper entitled "Crossing Borders as TESOL Instructors" about language & literacy community engagement with English language learners in Nogales, Mexico.

Merlin G. Cheney (Professor of English) was awarded the Purple Paw of Excellence Award by the Emeriti Alumni Council for "over 40 years of placing students first at Weber State University," and for having "Inspired students to translate their newfound knowledge in service of their fellow beings," in the council meeting, November 5, 2008.

Mark LeTourneau (Professor of English) delivered a paper, "Semantic Selection of Complement Clauses in Standard Arabic," at the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association (RMMLA) Conference in Reno, NV, October 2008.

Mark LeTourneau (Professor of English) presented a poster @ the WSU Faculty Forum on 21 October entitled "Parametric Variation in Topic-Focus Articulation," based on a section of my 2007 book Explaining Levels of Language.

Shelley Thomas (Assistant Professor of English) and Christine Seifert (Westminster College) presented "We Are What You Teach: A Comparative Study of Advanced Technical Writing Courses" at the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association (RMMLA) Conference in Reno, NV, October 2008. This presentation investigated undergraduate and graduate technical and professional writing programs to ascertain their "look." Thomas and Seifert found little consensus for a "standard" professional and technical writing program.

The WSU Department of Foreign Languages hosted the annual Utah Foreign Language Association conference on November 6. More than 370 foreign language educators and administrators from around the state gathered in the Union Building to share teaching methodologies and techniques. The conference started at 7:30 and ended at 4:00. There were 36 break-out sessions representing Arabic, ASL, Chinese, French, German and Spanish. Dr. Mimi Met, a national language advisor, was the keynote speaker. In conjunction with the conference, Governor Jon Huntsman, Jr. declared November as Utah Foreign Language Month.

WSU full and part-time faculty who participated at the 2008 annual meeting of the Utah Foreign Language Association (Nov. 6, 2008, at Weber State University) are:

Cheryl Hansen (Professor of French) is the current president of the Utah Foreign Language Association (UFLA). She began her tenure this month and will serve for one year. Cheryl

was also program chair for this year's UFLA conference and organized the conference here at Weber State.

Tom Mathews (Professor of Spanish) was appointed Executive Secretary of the Utah Foreign Language Association. He will serve on the UFLA Board.

Dolores Jasmer and **Electra Fielding**, (Adjunct Faculty in Foreign Languages), presented "Diving in: Immersion in the Foreign Language Classroom."

Tony Spanos (Professor of Spanish) presented "Digital Story Telling: Two Web 2.0 Applications Every Teacher and Student should Have."

Isabel Asensio (Assistant Professor of Spanish) and **Luis Guadaño** (Assistant Professor of Spanish) presented "Crossing Disciplines: Theater and Foreign Language Teaching."

Rona Lee Maughan (Instructor of Spanish) presented "Using Music in the FL Classroom: A Fun Way to Achieve Linguistic and Cultural Competence."

Alicia Giral (Professor of Spanish) presented "The What, How and Why of Service Learning in the Foreign Language Class."

College & University Information

According to PPM 3.25, "Applications for sabbatical leaves should be submitted to the appropriate department by December 1 of the academic year preceding the academic year in which the sabbatical leave is to occur. The department chair shall forward the application with a recommendation as to its disposition to the dean of the college."

If you would like to apply to take a sabbatical during the Fall 2009/Spring 2010 academic year, please be sure to submit your application to your department chair by December 1, 2008.

Faculty annual reports for the calendar year 2008 are due to department chairs by February 16, 2009. A template for the report is available on the college's website:
http://www.weber.edu/CAH/College_Pages/faculty_resources.html

FYI: Spring 2008 Average Grades all Sections all Students

Applied Science & Tech	3.23
Arts & Humanities	3.17
Business & Economics	2.89
Education	3.37
Health Professions	3.56
Honors	3.72
Library Science	2.83
Science	2.37
Social & Behavioral	2.85
WSU Total	3.07

Funding Opportunities

See the last issue for on going opportunities— www.weber.edu/CAH/College_Pages/news.html

The Dean W. and Carol W. Hurst Artist/Scholar in Residence for the 2009-2010 Academic Year

PURPOSE: The Hurst Artist in Residence Program rotates annually around the various disciplines within the College of Arts and Humanities at Weber State University. Its purpose is to provide students with direct access to a national or internationally recognized artist for an extended period, generally 4-6 days, but it has been up to two weeks depending on availability and budget.

The priorities of the residency are:

- to work daily with students in an intensive workshop situation
- to offer advanced students a guest critique
- and to provide a public lecture, presentation or performance

If possible we would like to include the generation of work as a result of collaboration with students.

The schedule is completely flexible and the exact nature of the activity with students will likely result from collaborative thinking between the artist/scholar and our faculty after a selection is made.

Projects involving partnerships between departments are encouraged. Incorporation of residency into classroom work is also encouraged.

Please submit proposals of no more than 2 pages explaining how your artist/scholar selection and residency proposal will meet the priorities of the Hurst Residency Program to Dean Miner by November 30, 2008. MC 1904

A&H Caucus

Attending the third meeting of the semester on November 4th were, Erika Daines, Larry Dooley, Cheryl Hansen, Thom Priest, Rick Sline and Catherine Zublin. Issues discussed included: 1) the changes for students seeking in-state status, 2) enrollment concerns, 3) faculty senate committee charges for the Gen Ed Committee and Salary & Benefits, and 4) the pluses and negatives of concurrent enrollment classes available in the local high schools (we questioned why we don't receive SCHs for these students- answer- we don't get any tuition revenue so we can't count the SCHs). Our next meeting will be December 2 at 3:00PM.

College & University Committee Notes

No submissions in this category for this issue.

Conference Highlights

No submissions in this category for this issue.

Teaching Tips

No submissions in this category for this issue.

Save the Date

- November 15, 7:30 PM, **Formosan Violin-Piano Duo, Shi-Hwa Wang** (Professor of Music/violin) & **Yu-Jane Yang** (Professor of Music/piano), Temple Square, Salt Lake City, free
- November 18, 7:30 PM, **Lydia Wu** (Adjunct Faculty in Music), piano recital, Allred Theater, free
- November 20, 7:30 PM, **Faculty String Quartet, Ann Cox** (WSU alumna/violin), **Michael Palumbo** (Professor of Music/viola), **Viktor Uzur** (Assistant Professor of Music/cello) & **Shi-Hwa Wang** (Professor of Music/violin), Allred Theater, free

Reviews, Critiques & Recommendations

No submissions in this category for this issue.

Feed Your Students

No submissions in this category for this issue.

Next Issue

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