

Welcome to the final *e-Bulletin* of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences for the 2011-12 academic year. Here are more achievements and awards of the College community, as well as upcoming events.

Please continue to give us your feedback and suggestions for the *e-Bulletin*, and your news about more accomplishments of SBS faculty, staff, and students, as well as lectures and other upcoming events.

Have a great summer!

Faculty Notes

Recent publications by College faculty members:

Crawford, F. & **Parrilla de Kokal, Maria** (Psychology) (2012) Poverty, gender, and education in Africa: A Conversation with Carol Ugochukwu. *Weber: The Contemporary West*, 28, 26-34.

Other faculty achievements and presentations:

M. Brady Brower (History) has been awarded a year-long fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies for his next book project, "Animal Republic: Social Biology and the Evolution of the French Republic, 1870-1914." The applicant success rate for this prestigious national award is less than 6%.

Julie Rich (Geography) is the 2012 winner of the John A. Lindquist Award for her outstanding work in service learning and community engagement in the Ogden area and around the world.

Susan Matt (History) published an op-ed article, "The New Globalist is Homesick," in *The New York Times*, March 21, 2012.

Leah Murray (Political Science and Philosophy) has received the Critically Engaged Scholar Award of the Utah Campus Compact for leadership of the American Democracy Project and her other community engagement work.

Greg Lewis (History) presented a paper entitled "Cross-Cultural Influences in the Globalization of China's Cinema, 1985-2005," at Utah Valley University's interdisciplinary, international academic conference, "China's Global Impact," March.

Eric Amsel (Psychology) has received the Rocky Mountain Psychology Association's Distinguished Service Award for 2012. The award honors those "who have given of their time and efforts over and above that which would be normally required."

Amsel, Eric (& Trevethan-Blunk*, A. "Optimizing judgments and understanding of ratios: The development of dual process regulation." Poster presented to the Society for Research in Adolescence, March.

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Amsel, Eric, Baird, Todd, & Ashley, Aaron (Psychology), (April 2012). Models of teaching and learning and the training of critical thinking. In W. Wozniak (Organizer), *Specialty courses and activities designed to develop critical thinking skills in students*. Rocky Mountain Psychological Association meeting, Reno, NV.

Amsel, Eric, (April 2012). "What makes for an effective teacher?" Invited panel member at Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Reno, NV.

A paper co-authored by **Brad Reynolds** (Criminal Justice) was runner-up for the *Criminal Justice Review's* 2011 James L. Maddex, Jr. Paper of the Year Award at the meeting of the American Criminal Justice Society: Henson, B., **Reyns, B.W.**, & Fisher, B.S. (2011). Security in the 21st century: Examining the link between online social network activity, privacy, and interpersonal victimization. *Criminal Justice Review*, 36, 253-268.

Shuman, Emily* & **Buck, Julie A.** (Criminal Justice) (2012, March). "Capital punishment: Assessing the role of experience on law enforcement executives." Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, New York, NY.

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AP-LS Professional Development of Women Committee: **Buck, Julie A.**, Louden, J. E., Hall, T., Huss, M., Meissner, C., & Pivavorova, K.. (2012, March). Gender difference in professional development among American Psychology-Law Society members. In: Jennifer Eno Louden (Chair), Professional Development Issues for Women in American Psychology-Law Society. Symposium conducted at the American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Daniel Bedford (Geography) co-organized two high profile sessions on climate and climate change literacy at the Association of American Geographers (AAG) conference in New York City in February. He presented a paper at the AAG, "The 'deficit model' and student opinions on global warming." Dan was also invited to present in the CLEAN (Climate and Energy Awareness Network) webinar workshop on communicating climate science in the classroom on April 5, 2012.

Alice Mulder (Geography) presented a paper at the Association of American Geographers conference entitled "Greening the campus: challenges and achievements in bringing sustainability to Weber State University, Utah."

Hal Elliott (Geography) also attended the AAG conference and presented a paper entitled "The fall and rise of geography at Weber State University."

Marjukka Ollilainen (Sociology) presented a paper, "Work/Family Conflict in Academia: Professor-Mothers' Experiences of Pregnancy and Parental Leave," at the Pacific Sociological Association Conference in San Diego, CA on March 23.

Susan Young (Anthropology) and Alicia Giralt won the WSU Faculty Sustainability Research Project First Place Award of \$1000 for their project/paper "Sustainable Healing and Living: Constructing a Mayan-Tz'utujil Botanical Garden in San Pedro La Laguna, Guatemala."

Kerry Kennedy (Social Work) and four Social Work students (Brett Bartruff, Gina Brewer, Athian Deng, and Mary Byra) presented a paper, "Technology in the Classroom" at the annual meeting of the Utah Academy of Sciences Arts, and Letters in Logan, Utah.

Kathryn MacKay (History) has received the 2012 Crystal Crest Master Teacher Award.

Student Achievements

On March 1, the **Weber State Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Team** competed in Cincinnati against 31 other teams for the Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl National Championship. Weber State was eliminated in the quarterfinal round by Whitworth University, who went on to win the national title. This year's team compiled an overall record of 8 wins and 1 loss. This marks the fifth time in ten trips to nationals that Weber State has finished in the top eight in the country.

The participants were the same as in the regional competition last November:

Brandi Christensen (Philosophy)

John Riley Piccolo (Philosophy and a BIS in Spanish, Mathematics, and Economics)

Pieter Sawatzki (Philosophy)

Anthony Tran (Philosophy and English)

Kevin Willardsen (Philosophy and Quantitative Economics)

The team is coached by **Richard Greene** (Political Science and Philosophy) and Rachel Robison-Greene.

The winner of the Student Sustainability Research Award offered by the Vice Provost's Office and Office of the Provost, in conjunction with the Environmental Issues Committee, was Megan Moulding, a Geography major. She worked with Dr. Melina Alexander (Education), and others from WSU on the development of an ethnobotanical garden in San Pedro Laguna, Guatemala that aims to preserve local knowledge and indigenous medicinal plants, as well as to create a resource for the local economy.

Six Phi Alpha Theta (History honor society) students presented at the March 31 **Utah Regional Phi Alpha Theta Conference** at Westminster College:

Eladio Bobadilla, "Radical Patriots: Zinn, Chomsky, Heller and Their Ideology of Dissent."

Ryan Evans, "Why the South Lost the Battle of Gettysburg."

Rick Kelson, "Barnes Bank: A Case Study in the History of Utah Banking."

Jonathan M. Poll, "Scratching Out History: Paiute Indians and the Mountain Meadows Massacre."

Penny J. Steed, "Union Women in the Confederacy."

Jason Strong, "Where are the Weapons? An Analysis of the Pretext behind Operation Iraqi Freedom."

Psychology student poster presentations at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association meeting in Reno, Nevada, in April, 2012:

Tidmarsh, T. R., & Baird, T., "Students' perceptions of male and female professor disclosures." This poster received the **Society for the Teaching of Psychology (STP) Award for the Best Teaching Poster.**

Kristensen, Z., & Baird, T. "A comparison of the DISC and BFI personality test in the prediction of social loafing."

Ahmad, T., & Baird, T. "Scientific thinking and ad skepticism in college and high-school students."

Fochs, A.J., & Amsel, E. "Symbols and mathematics: Adolescents' understanding of the equal sign."

Mecham, R., & Garza, R. "The effects of double stigma on the evaluation of job applicants."

Knight, A., & Baird, T. "The importance of feeling understood: dyadic perspective-taking within the parent-child relationship."

Ahmad, T., & Baird, T. "Problematic text messaging, attachment style, and obsessive-compulsive tendencies."

Bickley, J., Slager, A., & Baird, T. "Religiosity of self, perceived religiosity of spouse, and correlation with marital satisfaction."

And at the meeting of the Society for Research in Adolescence, Vancouver, B.C.:

Trevethan-Blunk, A., Amsel, E. & Shaw, L. "Comorbidity of substance use and Depressive symptomology: A retrospective analysis of their relation and trajectory across adolescence."

Student Outreach

Psychology Department:

International Brain Awareness Week (BAW). Students gave brain-related presentations given to 1350 K-12 students at nine schools, reaching 42 classes. March 12-17, 2012: O'Keefe*, K., Weitzel*, M., Knight*, A., Mecham*, B., Smith*, N.

Ogden-Weber Community Action Partnership Head Start. Students worked with children promoting career-related and academic activities. Crowther, K., Hargrave, A., Kingsford, A., Mann, L., Rees, J., Sorensen S., Wood, D.

Ogden City School System, Washington High School. Students worked with students promoting mathematics achievements, social skills, and college participation. Giles, J., Leckie, E. Schilling, K., Heath, K., Hoxer, B., Meyer, B., Pitcher, S., Stapley, J.

Treehouse Children's Museum. Studentms worked with children in promoting literacy skills. Badham, A., Hagler, A., and Nizam H.

DaVinci Academy of the Arts and Science. Students worked with students promoting college participation. Howard, J., and Tardish, T.

Grant:

Long-Term OUR Grant (\$3300) to Andrew Russett (Matthew Schmolesky, supervisor) to carry out research titled: *Effects of mental activity on BDNF in healthy adult males.*

NCUR

Weber State University hosted the **National Conference of Undergraduate Research**, March 29-31, with much participation by students and faculty of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Student presentations:

Criminal Justice:

Taggart, C., Karren, S., & **Buck, Julie A.** (Criminal Justice) (Poster). "Sex and cheating behaviors: An examination of which sex is more likely to cheat."

Alex Allen, Todd Spencer, "A comparative study of youth and parent-guardian perceptions of risk factors."

Geography:

Justin Owen (faculty advisor: Julie Rich), "Aeolian Sedimentation and Climatic Implications of the St. Anthony Dunes, Idaho."

History:

Eladio Bobadilla, "Zinn, Chomsky, and Heller: Voices of 20th Century Dissent."

Alexandria Waltz "The Youth Rock and Roll Club Culture of 1970s and 1980s Los Angeles."

Kelsey Lindquist, "The History of the Western Saddle's Evolution into a Symbolic Art Object."

Political Science:

"The Missing Votes for a Stay of Execution," Brandon March and Steven Woody (advisor: Kyle Hoskins)

"Why People Don't Vote," Klay Bingham (Faculty Advisor: Leah Murray)

"2012 Richard Richards Institute Ethics Report," Zach Stickney, Abe Pollard, Kimberly Lures, Michelle Hand, Nathan Mikami, Klay Bingham (Advisors: Gary Johnson and Nancy Haanstad)

Psychology Poster Presentations:

Warren, J., Abel, D., Kay, T. "The impact of gender, parental status and relationship status on anxiety and depression."

Dunbar, W., Russell, A., Chapman, H. "Attitudes towards crime."

Hicks-Collins, T., & Fowler, L. "Understanding the relationship between sleep cycles and autistic symptomology."

Figueroa, S. J., Dillard, J. M., Harms, K., Chynoweth, C., & Ashley A. "Exploring the effects of an informational intervention on attitudes toward seeking marriage counseling."

Kristensen, Z. J., & Baird, T. "Social loafing occurrence and prediction through personality."

Mecham, R., & Grow, R. "Factor analysis of the MMPI and the MMPI-2."

Bierwolf, K., Tanner, M., & Chapman, H. "Relationship between self-esteem and demographic factors."

Winslow, C., White, K., Johnson, K., Gray, R., & Baird, T. "The vulnerability of jurors to faulty forensic evidence."

Knight, A., & Baird, T. "Dyadic perspective-taking within the parent-adolescent relationship."

O'Keefe, K.M., Hansen, R.A., & Schmolesky, M.T. "The impact of acute meditation on cortisol level in healthy adult males."

Sociology and Anthropology:

Ronald Hubbard (Carla Trentelman, faculty advisor), "Community satisfaction, attachment, and perceptions of crime – a study of ten neighborhoods."

Laura Eaton (Susan Young, faculty advisor), “Interviewing Curanderos: A Methodological Exploration.”

Melissa Jackson (Rosemary Conover, faculty advisor), “Gender at Play: Gender and Activity Choice in Preschool Age Children at the Melba S. Lehner Children's School at Weber State University.”

Melissa Jackson (poster) (Linda Eaton, faculty advisor), “History of Holidays: A Look at Celtic Pagan Roots in Today's Traditions.”

Ronald L. Hubbard (Carla Trentelman, faculty advisor), “Community Satisfaction, Attachment and Perceptions of Crime: A Study of Ten Neighborhoods.”

Alena Winter (Brooke Arkush, faculty advisor), “Bison Bones and Stone Tools: A View of Late Prehistoric Subsistence Practices from Southeast Idaho.”

Activities by College Faculty at NCUR

Lauren Fowler: member of NCUR National Board, and Executive Committee for Weber State.

Carla Trentelman: Oral Sessions Committee Co-Chair.

Kathryn MacKay: Abstract Review Co-Chair

Theresa Kay: Reviewer Coordinator for Psychology and Neuroscience

College faculty who refereed abstracts and/or moderated paper sessions included:

Brooke Arkush	Nathan Rives
Rosemary Conover	Gary Johnson
Linda Eaton	Thom Kuehls
Pepper Glass	Nancy Haanstad
Marjukka Ollilainen	Aaron Ashley
Rob Reynolds	Todd Baird
Carla Trentelman	Azenett Garza
Huiying Wei-Arthus	Joseph Horvat
Gene Sessions	Theresa Kay
M. Brady Brower	Lauren Fowler
Brandon Little	Melissa Russell-Stamp
Susan Matt	Matthew Schmolesky
Vikki Vickers,	Eric Amsel
Tracey Smith	Molly Sween
Greg Lewis	Frank Harrold

Alumni Notes

Mike Ashment, the recently named the chief of police of the City of Ogden, is a WSU graduate with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

Richard L. Miller (BA, Psychology, 1968), Professor of Psychology at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, received the first WSU *Outstanding Psychology Alumni Award*. Dr. Miller is a fellow of the American Psychological Association and the Association of Psychological Science, and is a legendary teacher and administrator at the University of Nebraska, Kearney, where he was been a professor since 1990. He has been awarded the *Carnegie/Case Professor of the Year* (2009), the Society of Teaching of Psychology *Robert S. Daniel Teaching Excellence Award* (2009) and will be awarded the American Psychological Foundation *Charles L. Brewer Award for Distinguished Teaching of Psychology* at the APA conference this August.

Coming Events

Weber State University Commencement, Friday, April 20, at 8:00 A.M., Dee Events Center

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Convocation, Friday, April 20, at 10:30 A.M., Dee Events Center.