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:


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.

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.


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."


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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.


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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.”


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.”


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:


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.


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:


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)


Psychology Poster Presentations:


Dunbar, W., Russell, A., Chapman, H. “Attitudes towards crime.”

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


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.”


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.”


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:

Alumni Notes

Mike Ashment, the recently named 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.