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Welcome!

Thank you for reading the second *e-Bulletin* of the 2015–16 academic year. We are always pleased to celebrate the achievements of our departments, faculty, staff, students and alumni in the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences. Catch up on any projects you may have missed and take the opportunity to congratulate your fellow social science Wildcats on their accomplishments.

Please continue to give us your feedback and suggestions for the *e-Bulletin*, your news about SBS faculty, staff and student accomplishments and information about any lectures or other upcoming events.

Bold type indicates College of Social & Behavioral Sciences faculty
Asterisks (*) indicate WSU students and alumni

Publications

Dan Bedford (Geography) published the article “Does climate literacy matter? A case study of US students’ levels of concern about anthropogenic global warming” in the *Journal of Geography*, pages 1-11 (published online). November 2015.

Christopher T. Morehart and **Kristin De Lucia** (Sociology & Anthropology) co-edited the anthology *Surplus: The Politics of Production and the Strategies of Everyday Life* by the University Press of Colorado. They also published “Surplus and Social Change: The Production of Household and Field in Pre-Aztec Central Mexico” and “Introduction:

The Politics and Production and Strategies of Everyday Life” in the book. September 2015.

Kristin De Lucia (Sociology & Anthropology) published “The Archaeology of Household Food Production” in *The Archaeology of Food: An Encyclopedia*, by Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, pages 33-37. 2015.

Eric Ewert wrote the editorial "Decline of the Once Great Salt Lake" in the *The Salt Lake Tribune*, November 29. 2015.

Eric Ewert (Geography) published the article “Searching for the ‘Old West’ in the Theme Towns of the New West” in *Review of Social Sciences*. January, 2016.

Kim Korinek, Peter Loebach (Sociology & Anthropology), and Bussarawan Teerawitchchainan published “Physical and Mental Health Consequences of War-related Stressors Among Older Adults: An Analysis of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Arthritis in the Northern Vietnamese War Survivors” in *The Journals of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*, pages 1-13 (online). January 2016.

Branden Little (History) published “A Child’s Army of Millions: the American Junior Red Cross,” in *Children's Literature and Culture of the First World War*. 2016.

Peter Loebach (Sociology & Anthropology) published the article "Household migration as a livelihood adaptation in response to a natural disaster: Nicaragua and Hurricane Mitch" in *Population and Environment*. April 4, 2016.

Susan Matt (History) published "From Sin to Economic Stimulant: Envy's Changing Place in American Capitalism," in *Bodies and Affects in Market Societies*. 2015.

Susan Matt (History) and **Luke Fernandez** (Computer Science) published "Home Invasion: From the Telegraph to the Internet of Things," in *Home: Concepts, Constructions and Contexts*, 2016.

Susan Matt’s (History) comments were featured in the article “When being homesick was a disease” in CNN, March 2016.

Carol McNamara (Walker Institute) was quoted in “Sagging democracy: Unopposed candidates win but do voters?” in the *Standard Examiner*. September 30, 2015.

Carol McNamara (Walker Institute) wrote the guest commentary “Pragmatic Utahns Reject Siren Call of ‘Trumpism’” in the *Standard Examiner*. March 8. 2016.

Carol McNamara (Walker Institute) wrote the guest commentary “A 2016 political lesson from "The Walking Dead" in the *Standard Examiner*. March 22. 2016.

Maria Parilla de Kokal (Psychology) wrote the guest commentary “Understanding the psychology behind prejudice---and how to eliminate it” in the *Standard Examiner*. March 30. 2016.

Richard Price (Political Science & Philosophy) and Thomas M. Keck published “Movement Litigation and Unilateral Disarmament: Abortion and the Right to Die” in *Law & Social Inquiry*, pages 880-907. December 2015.

Richard Price (Political Science & Philosophy) published “Lawyers Need Law: Judicial Federalism, State Courts, and Lawyers in Search and Seizure Cases” in the *Albany Law Review*, 78(4), pages 1393-1458. December 2015.

Ramakrishna Reddy (Political Science & Philosophy) wrote the guest commentary “Revolutionary rhetoric is appealing, but Clinton's pragmatism will prevail” in the *Standard Examiner*. March 9. 2016.

Bradford Reynolds (Criminal Justice), Ryan Randa, and Billy Henson published, “Preventing crime online: Identifying determinants of online prevention behaviors using structural equation modeling and canonical correlation analysis” in the *Crime Prevention and Community Safety*, 18, 38-59. December 2015.

Julie Rich (Geography), Tammy M. Rittenour*, Michelle Summa-Nelson*, and Justin Owen* published, “OSL chronology of middle to late Holocene aeolian activity in the St. Anthony dune field, southeastern Idaho, USA,” in *Quaternary International*, Vol. 362, pages 77-86. 2015.

Melinda Russell-Stamp (Psychology) wrote the guest commentary “Making gratitude part of 2016” in the *Standard Examiner*, January 15, 2016.

Gene Sessions (History), **Carol McNamara** (Walker Institute), **Robert Fudge** (Philosophy) were quoted in the *Standard Examiner's* Article “Utah caucus: What you need to know.” March 18. 2016.

Presentations and Workshops:

Ashley Allan*, Katie Barker*, Brandon Bartlett*, Haley Goodman*, Maria Huerta*, Cayla Lynch*, Tania Marmolejo*, Jonathan Taylor*, Oscar Vasquez* presented “Praise the effort not the grade: Beliefs about intelligence and academic success” at the WSU Psychology Research Symposium, April 2016.

Eric Amsel (Psychology) and **Melinda Russell-Stamp** (Psychology) presented “Identity and e-learning: Pathways into changing the thinking of students” at WSU/UVU Instructional Designers Summit, March 2016.

Dan Bedford (Geography) presented the poster “The Fate of the World is in your hands: computer gaming for multi-faceted climate change education” at the American Geophysical Union Conference in San Francisco, December 2015.

Chase T. Brower*, Eryberto Martinez*, Kaleb Shumway*, Micah Wolfe*, Parker Hughes*, Eric Trost*, and **Lauren Fowler** (Neuroscience) presented the poster “Physiological Measures and Genetic Predictors of Empathy” at the WSU Undergraduate Research Symposium, March 2016, the WSU Psychology Research Symposium, and the National Conference of Undergraduate Research, Asheville, NC, April 2016.

Tyson Bryant* gave the presentation “Evaluation of Bridging the Gap Mobile Food Pantry Program” at the WSU Psychology Research Symposium, April 4, 2016 and will give a poster presentation at the Community Engagement Symposium at Weber State University.

Tyson Bryant* and Christopher Valdez* gave the presentation “Weber State University Venture Program: Breaking Barriers One Student at A Time” at the WSU Psychology Research Symposium, April 4, 2016 and will give a poster presentation at the Community Engagement Symposium at Weber State University.

Eric Ewert (Geography) gave the presentation “Northern Utah Geospatial Technology Education Program (NUGeoTec)” at the Annual National Science Foundation (NSF) Advancing Technological Education (ATE) Meetings/Workshops, Washington, DC, October 21-23, 2015.

Azenett Garza (Psychology) was an invited panelist for an Intersectionality panel in Weber State University’s Diversity Conference, October 2015.

Crystal Garcia* gave the presentation “Effects of Country of Origin, Crime Type, Similarity, Social Dominance, and Symbolic Threat on the Conviction and Sentencing of Undocumented Immigrants” at the WSU Psychology Research Symposium, April 4, 2016.

Alicia Giralt (Women & Gender Studies) and **Stephanie Wolfe** (Political Science & Philosophy) gave a panel lecture for the Women County League of Women Voters at Pleasant Valley Library, Ogden, Utah, March 14, 2016

Hailey Hansen* presented the poster “Developing a Methodology for the Use of Lighter-Than-Air Platforms” at the Weber State University Undergraduate Research Symposium, March 2016. Mentor: **Julie Rich** (Geography).

Dustin Hardman*, Lauren Homer*, and Samuel Burton* presented the poster “Empathetic effects on autonomic nervous system arousal” at WSU Undergraduate Research Symposium, March 2016, the WSU Psychology Research Symposium, and an

oral session at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research, Asheville, NC, April 2016.

Daniel Hayward*, Jeremy Garcia*, Grant Jones*, and **Lauren Fowler** (Neuroscience) presented the poster “Analysis of Urinary Biomarkers in the Diagnosis of Depression” at the WSU Undergraduate Research Symposium, March 2016, the WSU Psychology Research Symposium, the Ogden Surgical-Medical Society Conference, Ogden UT, and the National Conference for Undergraduate Research, Asheville, NC, April 2016.

Drew Hodge* presented the poster “Perceptions of Public Land Management in Utah” at the Weber State University Undergraduate Research Symposium, March 2016. Mentor: **Julie Rich** (Geography).

Lauren Homer* presented the poster “An examination of CCEL Engaged Leaders Learning Outcomes” at the Psychology Research Symposium at Weber State University. April 4, 2016 and will present the poster at the Community Engagement Symposium at Weber State University.

Lauren Homer*, Dustin Hardman*, Samuel Burton*, and **Lauren Fowler** (Neuroscience) presented the poster “Temperature changes due to empathetic response” at the WSU University Office of Undergraduate Research Symposium and the WSU Psychology Research Symposium, April 2016.

Ron Holt (Sociology & Anthropology) gave the presentation “The Islamic State and the Sunni Shi’a Conflict” at the Noon Exchange Club, January 2016.

Cassity Haverkamp*, Blake Tubbs*, and **Shannon McGillivray** (Psychology) presented “Actual and Perceived Effectiveness of Mnemonics among Traditional and Non-Traditional Students” at the Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, Salt Lake City, February 2016 and at the Weber State University Undergraduate Research Symposium, March 2016.

Parker Hughes*, Tyson Bryant*, Tahne Vongsavath*, Julianne Christopher*, Erin Freeman*, and **Shannon McGillivray** (Psychology) presented “Self-Compassion and its Effects on Stress Response” at the Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, Salt Lake City, February 2016, and at the Weber State University Undergraduate Research Symposium, March 2016.

Deseret Liu* presented the poster “Examining Nitrosamines in the Potable Water of Ketchikan, Alaska” at the Weber State University Undergraduate Research Symposium, March 2016. Mentor: **Julie Rich** (Geography).

Peter Loebach (Sociology & Anthropology) presented the paper “Placing Xenophobia in Context – A Multilevel Analysis of Anti-Immigrant Attitudes across Economic, Cultural and Human Security Contexts” at the Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference, UCLA, February 2016.

Leann Lyons* and Jenny Nistler* presented their poster “How Surface Properties Partition Insolation Differently (Xeriscape vs. Turf)” at the 2016 Intermountain Sustainability Summit, and are due to present at Utah State University's 2016 Spring Runoff conference.

Emma Mark*, Preston Bradley*, David Sleight*, Monika Sahleen*, McKenna Hansen* and **Shannon McGillivray** (Psychology) presented “Introverts’ and Extraverts’ Physiological and Behavioral Responses of Aggression” at the Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, Salt Lake City, February 2016 and at the Weber State University Undergraduate Research Symposium, March 2016.

Eryberto Martinez*, Chase Brower*, Micah Wolfe*, **Lauren Fowler** (Neuroscience), **Shannon McGillivray** (Psychology), and **Barbara Trask** (Neuroscience) presented the poster “Genetic differences in the serotonin transporter gene and oxytocin receptor gene and their association with emotional sensitivity” at the WSU Undergraduate Research Symposium, March 2016, the WSU Psychology Research Symposium, and the National Conference for Undergraduate Research, Asheville, NC, April 2016.

Carol McNamara (Walker Institute) presented “The Politics of Apocalyptic Pop Culture,” at Rhodes College, Memphis Tennessee, April 8, 2016.

Marjukka Ollilainen (Sociology & Anthropology) presented “‘Ideal Bodies at Work’: Faculty Mothers and Pregnancy” at the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco, March 30, 2016.

SueAnn Phillips* presented research about suicide rates of older women in China at the Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies (WCAAS), Salt Lake City, October 9-10, 2015. Sue Ann Phillips accompanied **Huiying Wei-Hill** (Sociology & Anthropology) to a study abroad in China last summer and conducted research mentored by Dr. Wei-Hill.

Richard Price (Political Science & Philosophy) gave the presentation “Expanding Regime Politics to State Supreme Courts” at the Annual meeting of American Political Science Association, San Francisco CA, September, 2015.

Thomas M. Keck, **Richard S. Price** (Political Science & Philosophy), Brandon T. Metroka presented “Contempt of Court as a Window onto Judicialization and Democracy” at the Maryland Discussion Group on Constitutionalism, University of Maryland School of Law, March 4-5, 2016.

Richard Price (Political Science & Philosophy) gave the presentation “To Have or Have Not: Free Speech and Press in the United States, 1880-1925” at the Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Seattle, Washington, May 2016.

Kyle Seljaas* gave the presentation “Evaluation of WSU Prep’s Summer Program: Does it help academic performance?” at the WSU Psychology Research Symposium, April 4, 2016, and will give a poster presentation at the Community Engagement Symposium at Weber State University.

Carla Koons Trentelman (Sociology & Anthropology) and **Jacob Cain** (Campus Operations) presented their case study, “Moving towards Water Sustainability on Campus: A Collaborative Approach” at the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education Conference in Minneapolis, MN. The presentation highlighted how the collaboration between student and faculty researchers, Trentelman and **Daniel Bedford** (Geography), and campus operations (Cain and Jennifer Bodine) has benefited both water research and campus water management.

Alexandria Waltz* (History Alumna) spoke on Southern California Punk Rock Culture for the Weber Historical Society’s Spring 2016 Lecture Series, March 21, 2016.

Huiying Wei-Hill (Sociology & Anthropology) presented the paper, "Asian American Voters' Pivot -- from Republican to Democrat" at the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco, March 2016.

Huiying Wei-Hill (Sociology & Anthropology) presented a paper at the Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies (WCAAS) in Salt Lake City, Oct. 9-10, 2015.

Stephanie Wolfe (Political Science & Philosophy) gave the lecture, “Memorials and Commemoration Projects as an Expression of State-Sponsored Narratives in the Rwandan Context” at the University of Kent, Brussels, November 26, 2015

Stephanie Wolfe (Political Science & Philosophy) presented “Conference Presentation: Memorials and Commemoration Projects as an Expression of State-Sponsored Narratives in the Rwandan Context” at the State-Sponsored History after 1945 Conference, Ghent University, November 26, 2015.

Maria Parrilla de kokal (Psychology) and **Melinda Russell-Stamp** (Psychology) presented “Grit + Strategies + Others = Success” at the OC Tanner Company in Salt Lake City, March 2016.

Achievements and Awards

Eric Amsel (Psychology) and **Brenda Kowalewski** (Sociology & Anthropology) were selected as associate provosts. Amsel serves as Associate Provost for Academic

Programs and Assessment. Kowalewski serves as Associate Provost for High-impact Programs and Faculty Development.

Bruce Bayley (Criminal Justice) and **Captain Jack Rickards** (WSU Law Enforcement Academy, Criminal Justice) were inducted as "Honorary Commanders" at Hill Air Force Base. February 2016.

Dan Bedford (Geography) received the Environmental Issues Committee's award for non-traditional sustainability scholarship.

Cynthia Elliott* and Andrew Hackett* were awarded undergraduate student summer research internships with the iUTAH project. The internships come with a \$4000 stipend.

Azenett Garza (Psychology) was awarded the 2016 John A. Lindquist Award recognizing sustained and outstanding commitment to mentoring WSU students in learning through community engagement, March 2016.

Leann Lyons* and Jenny Nistler* received the Environmental Issues Committee's 2016 Student Sustainability Research Award for their poster "How Surface Properties Partition Insolation Differently (Xeriscape vs. Turf)."

Marjukka Ollilainen (Sociology & Anthropology) and Carey Anson (Student Services) received a Hemingway Faculty Excellence Award for "From Global to Local: UN Sustainable Development Goals" a student exchange/study abroad project with Somaiya University in Mumbai, India.

Marjukka Ollilainen (Sociology & Anthropology) was featured as the "Face in the Crowd" in the *Wasatch View Magazine*, April 2016.

Julie Rich (Geography) was awarded the Outstanding Mentor Award for the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the Weber State University Undergraduate Research Symposium, 28 March 2016.

Weber State's ethics bowl team, coached by **Rachael Robison-Greene** (Political Science & Philosophy), placed second at the Wasatch Regional Ethics Bowl.

Richard Sadler (History) was awarded the 2016 Distinguished Service Award by the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters, March 3, 2016.

Gene Sessions (History) was awarded the 2016 H. Aldous Dixon Award by the Weber State University Alumni Association, March 2016.

The Weber State University chapter of Amnesty International was awarded 2015 College Group of the Year at Amnesty International Western Regional Conference, November 2015. Advisor: **Stephanie Wolfe** (Political Science & Philosophy).

The Weber State Army ROTC (Wildcat Battalion) completed their annual Blackhawk Helicopter Leadership LAB. Every spring WSU ARMY ROTC students ride on helicopters to a remote area of Utah where they execute training with paintball gear to simulate realistic combat situations, March 17, 2016.

Projects

Dan Bedford (Geography) organized a visit to campus from world-renowned climate scientist and communicator Richard Alley, who spoke to a total of approximately 700 people in two presentations. December 2015.

Barett Bonella (Social Work & Gerontology) and **Corina Segovia-Tadehara** (Social Work & Gerontology) taught “HNRS 3900: Qualitative Research” as part of an Eccles Fellowship grant. Two students from this class who submitted manuscripts were accepted for publication in ERGO: Catherine Stoddard’s* “Veterans and Department of Veteran’s Affairs” and Matthew Lefthand’s* “Qualitative Assessment of Marital Satisfaction in Working Mothers and Stay-at-home Mothers.”

Eric Ewert (Geography) led a live *Nationwide GeoTech Webinar* titled “Geospatial Programs in Higher Education: Lessons Learned and Resources Leveraged by Current NSF-ATE Projects” October 28, 2015

Julie Rich (Geography), **Jeremy Farner** (Design Engineering Technology), **Barrett Bonella** (Social Work & Gerontology), **Mark Merkley** (Communication), and **Mike Moon** (CCEL) will be traveling with 28 WSU students to Chiclayo, Peru, to undertake the construction/renovation of a Women's Training Center, a community preschool, and bring clean water to a community which currently does not have access to water. Students will also travel to local Peruvian schools and community gatherings to teach English, art, health/hygiene and sports. The projects are in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), May 8-29, 2016.

Julie Rich (Geography), **Jeremy Farner** (Design Engineering Technology), and their students are constructing a net-zero studio to demonstrate green building practices.

The Neuroscience Department sponsored Brain Awareness Week to provide a variety of brain-related activities and demonstrations for local students and organizations, March 7-11, 2016.

The Social Work Student Organization put together 152 Easter baskets for the following agencies: Family Support - 40; Tranquility House - 25; Safe Harbor - 35; Archway - 12; Christmas Box - 10; Family Connection Center - 15; South Davis Community Hospital - 5; and other local families – 10.

Grants

Aaron Ashley (Psychology) was awarded a \$892.92 travel grant by the Weber State University Office of Undergraduate Research in February 2016.

Kristin De Lucia (Sociology & Anthropology) was awarded a grant for \$62,900.30 by the National Science Foundation for: "The Role Of Ritual And Hierarchical Social Structure In Mediating Culture Change." The archaeological research will be conducted in June and July of this summer in Xaltocan, Mexico.

Cassity Haverkamp* was awarded a grant to present "Actual and Perceived Effectiveness of Mnemonics among Traditional and Non-Traditional Students" at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association.

Candace Horne* was awarded a travel grant by the office of Undergraduate Research, Weber State University for "Can Love Make Your Worries Disappear?" March 2016. Faculty mentor: **Aaron Ashley** (Psychology).

Parker Hughes* was awarded a grant to present "Self-Compassion and its Effects on Stress Response" at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association.

Emma Mark* was awarded a grant to present "Introverts' and Extraverts' Physiological and Behavioral Responses of Aggression" at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association

Jennifer Murphy* was awarded a travel grant by the Office of Undergraduate Research, Weber State University for "Changing Attitudes about Harm Reduction." March 2016. Faculty mentor: Aaron Ashley (Psychology).

David Sleight* was awarded a travel grant by the Office of Undergraduate Research, Weber State University, for "A walk in Someone Else's Shoes: Empathy Through Embodiment." March 2016. Faculty mentor: **Aaron Ashley** (Psychology).

Kristi Torsak* was awarded an Undergraduate Research Grant for \$3500 to participate in an archeological research project in Mexico, March 2016.

Blake Tubbs* was awarded a travel grant by the Office of Undergraduate Research, Weber State University for "Perceptions of Bullying: Connecting Elementary Students, Teachers, and Administration." March 2016. Faculty mentor: **Aaron Ashley** (Psychology).

Stephanie Wolfe (Political Science & Philosophy), **Alicia Giralt** (Women & Gender Studies), and **Ashlee Cawley*** (Political Science & Philosophy Alumna) received a Hemingway Grant to finance research in Rwanda relating to the 1994 Genocide of the Tutsi and its aftermath.

Upcoming Events

April 12- The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Presents: The Wheeler Pre-Law Lecture Series, Discovering Your Career Path in Law. A panel discussion will feature Fran Wheeler, Partner with Cooley LLP, former Lieutenant Governor Greg Bell, Shannon Sperry, partner at Lasher Holzapfel Sperry & Ebberson, Michael A. Grower, co-chair of Intellectual Property Group at Arent Fox LLP, and Ralph A. Johnson, attorney at King & Spalding in Washington DC. Join us to learn about the exciting prospects of a career in law from 12:30-2 p.m. in Dumke Legacy Hall, the Hurst Center for Lifelong Learning, Ogden WSU, free and open to public.

April 13- WSU celebrates its successful Dream 125 fundraising campaign. Join the festivities in the Shepherd Union Building at the Carnival of Dreams at 10 a.m. A countdown with a blast of confetti, cannons, music, Waldo the Wildcat, the Spirit Squad, and President Charles A. Wight announcement of the campaign totals will be the highlight of the event at 1-1:25 p.m.

April 18- The Weber Historical Society lecture series welcomes Charles Trentelman, retired newspaper columnist and history researcher at Union Station, as he takes a look at the long-forgotten 1904 Jackson train wreck, 80 miles west of Ogden. Two dozen people, most of them Greek railroad workers, were literally blown to pieces in a train collision that would today bring national headlines and years of recriminations. Learn the secrets of this disaster at 7:00 p.m., Dumke Legacy Hall, the Hurst Center for Lifelong Learning, Ogden WSU, free and open to the public.

April 20- The Olene S. Walker Institute of Politics and Public Service presents the Haven J. Barlow Spring Leadership Forum: Politics and Polling. Panel to feature Spencer Stokes, President of Stokes Strategies, Dan Jones, Founding member of Dan Jones and Associates, and Patricia Jones, CEO of Women's Leadership Institute, moderated by Leah Murray, WSU political science professor and advisor to the WSU American Democracy Project. Join us in Ballrooms A & B at Noon, RSVP to Carla Price cprice@weber.edu for a complimentary lunch. Space is limited!