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Welcome!

Thank you for reading the first *e-Bulletin* of the 2014 – 15 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 hard work.

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

Publications

Stephanie Wolfe (Political Science and Philosophy) co-authored “Case of Prosecutor versus Head of State, Post-War Country (ICC)” in *Understanding International Law through Moot Courts: Genocide, Habeas Corpus, Chemical Weapons, and the Responsibility to Protect*. Lexington Books, March 16, 2014.

Sally Shigley (English) and **Lauren Fowler** (Psychology) published the article “Feeling Your Pain: Exploring Empathy in Literature and Neuroscience” in M. Hammond and S. Kim’s *Rethinking Empathy Through Literature*. New York: Routledge. With *Max George and *Lisa Hornsby. July 2014.

Randa, R. and **Brad Reynolds** (Criminal Justice) published the article “Cyberbullying Victimization and Adaptive Avoidance Behaviors at School” in *Victims and Offenders*, 9, 255 – 275. 2014.

Brad Reynolds and Englebrecht, C.M. (Criminal Justice) published the article “Informal and Formal Help-seeking Decisions of Stalking Victims in the United States.” *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 41, 1178 – 1194. 2014

*Stephanie Porter (Psychology) published an article, “Traditional vs. Experiential Teaching Methods on Student Learning” in Weber State University research journal *Ergo*, 8, 152. (**Aaron Ashley**, supervisor)

Huiying Wei-Arthus (Sociology and Anthropology) published a chapter in *Introduction to Sociology—a Collaborative Approach* by Ashbury Publishing, June 2014.

Monica Williams and Bill McCarthy (Criminal Justice) published “Assessing Stereotypes of Adolescent Rape” in *Journal of Criminal Justice*, November 2014.

Achievements and Presentations:

Huiying Wei-Arthus (Sociology and Anthropology) presented her paper “China and the Uyghurs vs the U.S. and the Native Americans — A Comparison between the Two Governments” at the 2014 American Sociological Association annual conference.

Huiying Wei-Arthus (Sociology and Anthropology) had four short sociology lectures videoed by the Pearson Publishing Co. while she was in San Francisco. The lectures will be used in a forthcoming video collection.

*Patricia Dirks, *Britaini Delbo, *Logan Allen, *Ben Eschler, *Shawna Sugimoto, **Melinda Russell-Stamp** and **Shannon McGillivray** (Psychology) presented their poster “Metacognition and Emotion” at the Utah Council of Undergraduate Research, Brigham Young University, in April 2014.

Lauren Fowler, Sally Shigley (English), *Max George, and *Lisa Hornsby (Neuroscience) presented “Physiological and Perceived Empathy in Response to

Literature in Pre-Health Professional and Non-Pre-Health Professional Students” at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah.

*Max George, *Lisa Hornsby, **Lauren Fowler** (Neuroscience) and **Sally Shigley** (English) presented their poster “Changes in Empathetic Reaction in Response to Media in Pre-health Students and Health Professionals” at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research, Louisville, Kentucky, April 2014.

*Lisa Hornsby, *Max George, **Lauren Fowler** (Neuroscience) and **Sally Shigley** (English) presented their poster “The Effect of Empathy in Literature on Pre-health Professionals” at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research, Louisville, Kentucky, April 2014.

*Trae Mendenhall, *Taylor Frost, *Lacey Miller, *Larson, S. and *Bree Grisham (Psychology) presented their poster “Emotional Contagion and the Effects of Computer-Mediated Communication in Online Forums” at the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Salt Lake City, Utah, April 2014.

Matthew Schmolesky (Neuroscience) presented “The Regulation of Human Neurotrophins and Implications for Mental Health” invited presentation at California State University Los Angeles, January 2014, and at Georgia Gwinnett College, Lawrenceville, Georgia, May 2014.

Sally Shigley (English), **Lauren Fowler**, *Max George and *Lisa Hornsby (Neuroscience) presented an invited talk, “Visualization and the Empathic Response: The Use of Movies and Literature to Foster Empathy” at the Visual Image and Medical Humanities Conference, Galveston, Texas, May 2014.

*Desirae Wood, *Houda Nizam, **Matthew Schmolesky** (Neuroscience) and **Barb Trask** (Zoology) presented a poster, “The Role of a Serotonin Transporter Gene Polymorphism in Relation to Novelty Seeking and Risky Sexual Behaviors,” at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research, Lexington, Kentucky, April 2014.

Ron Holt (Sociology and Anthropology) was featured Sept. 24 on the KSL 5 News at 6. He discussed the threat of terrorism to the U.S. He was interviewed in the September 16, 2014, *Standard Examiner*, “Professor Talks to Ukrainians about Putin,” by Becky Wright. He was also interviewed on camera by KSL Channel 5: “How Might Recent Terror Threats Affect Utahans?” by Richard Piatt (September 24, 2014). Link: <http://www.ksl.com/?nid=148&sid=31703877>

*Logan Allen and **Aaron Ashley** (Psychology) presented a poster, “The Effects of Perspective Taking and Religious Orientation on Attitudes toward Homosexuality” at the poster session of the Weber State University Undergraduate Research Conference, Ogden, Utah, March 2014.

Todd Baird, *Sherry Curran and **Aaron Ashley** (Psychology) presented their poster, “Attitudes Toward Polygamous Marriage” at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Salt Lake City, Utah, April 2014.

*Rebecca Bauer and **Aaron Ashley** (Psychology) presented a paper, “Parental Uses of Figurative Language in an Educational Setting,” at the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Salt Lake City, Utah, April 2014.

*Eric Bitton, *Jordan Bybee, **Todd Baird** and **Aaron Ashley** (Psychology) presented their paper “Lavender Oil and State Anxiety: Priming and Personality” at the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Salt Lake City, Utah, April 2014.

*Kaitlyn Burnett, **Aaron Ashley** and **Todd Baird** (Psychology) presented a poster, “Looking at Emotional Contagion in a Group Discussion” at the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Salt Lake City, Utah, April 2014.

*Ben Eschler and **Aaron Ashley** (Psychology) presented a poster, “Bilinguals and Religiosity” at the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Salt Lake City, Utah, April 2014.

The Anthropology Club was awarded the ribbon for “Best Student Club/Organization 2014” at the WSU Block Party on August 29, 2014.

The Neuroscience program was recognized with the 2013-2014 University Exemplary Collaboration Award.

The Walker Institute of Politics & Public Service hosted a 1st Congressional District debate between incumbent Congressman Rob Bishop and opposing candidate Donna McAleer on September 23. The debate was televised. The Utah Debate Commission and Weber State University sponsored the event.

The Walker Institute of Politics & Public Service and the American Democracy Project hosted the Walker Talk “Debating Same-Sex Marriage and the Constitution” on September 18. Clifford J. Rosky, professor of law at the University of Utah, and William C. Duncan, director of the Center for Family and Society at the Sutherland Institute, debated the issue with Doug Gibson, Opinion Editor for *the Standard Examiner*, as moderator.

WSU's chapter of **Amnesty International**, with faculty advisor **Stephanie Wolfe**, has hosted several events:

- “Rwanda 20 Years After: Memory, Justice, and Recovery in the Shadow of Genocide,” a conference held in March 2014
- “Don’t Get Taken on Spring Break!” A lecture about human trafficking
- “The Darker Side of Chocolate,” a lecture on exploitation and child labor/slavery in the chocolate industry
- “Women, Children, and War,” a lecture on the state of women and children during times of conflict.

The Amnesty International chapter re-launched at WSU in January 2014, and within four months was the largest and most active chapter in Utah.

Fellowships

Vikki Deakin (History) received a fellowship from the University of Michigan’s William L. Clements Library — where she studied one of the best collections of 18th century documents in the country — to research for her book, a manuscript that will explore the definition of citizenship in the 18th century British Transatlantic.

Stephen Francis (History) spent the summer at Oxford University as part of an NEH seminar studying the image and perceptions of Jews in Medieval England.

Brady Brower (History) is spending a fellowship year in Princeton, New Jersey, at the Institute for Advanced Study, where Albert Einstein spent his last 22 years. He is writing a book and interacting with scholars from all over the world.

Grants

*Taylor Frost, **Lauren Fowler** and **Matthew Schmolesky** (Neuroscience) received the Alan and Jeanne Hall Endowment for Community Outreach Grant. Grant for equipment and materials to support the annual Brain Awareness Week activities. \$2000. December 2013.

Trae Mendenhall and **Matthew Schmolesky** (Neuroscience) received an Office of Undergraduate Research Long Term Grant, Weber State University, for their project “The Role of Genetic Polymorphisms and Cognitive Self-control on Adolescent Aggression in Male Juvenile Detention Inmates.” \$2500. 2014.

Sally Shigley (English), **Tracy Callahan** (Performing Arts) and **Lauren Fowler** (Neuroscience) received a Hemingway Collaborative Grant for their project “Empathy in Medicine, Literature, and the Arts: A Collaborative Course, Performance, Research Study, and Community Outreach Project (with *Max George, *Lisa Hornsby, *Chase Brower and *Ben Eschler). February 2014.

Sally Shigley (English), **Lauren Fowler**, *Max George and *Lisa Hornsby (Neuroscience) received the Hemingway Faculty Vitality Grant: Travel Grant to Present at The Visual Image and the Future of the Medical Humanities Conference, Galveston, Texas, March 2014.

Welcome Aboard

Lt. Colonel Jason Nierman arrived in August as the new commanding officer of WSU’s Army ROTC unity. Col. Nierman, from Idaho, has a master’s degree in management from Webster University and a B.S. in environmental science from the University of Idaho.

Upcoming Events

November

Nov. 18 – Susan Matt, chair of the history department, will deliver the 2014 Hinckley Lecture, “An Emotional History of America,” 1 p.m., Hetzel-Hoellein Room, free and open to the public.

Nov. 19 – The Walker Institute of Politics and Public Service, together with Ogden City and Continuing Education, will host a Citizens Academy to educate Ogden City residents, WSU students and community members about city government and civic participation, 6:30 – 8 p.m., \$95/all four sessions or \$30/class, continue.weber.edu/citizensacademy.

Nov. 19 – WSU's chapter of Amnesty International will host the activity “Milk and Cookies,” a lecture on gay rights in the U.S. and internationally, time and place TBA, contact Stephanie Wolfe, stephaniewolfe@weber.edu.

Nov. 20 – The Department of Psychology will welcome psychologist Steven A.

Szykula for a lecture, “How People Change: Counseling and Psychotherapy Myths and Scientific Results,” followed by a panel discussion including WSU psychology professors Theresa Kay and Melinda Russell-Stamp, during which students and community members can ask questions of the panel, 7 p.m., Hurst Center Dumke Legacy Hall, free and open to all.

Nov. 20 – Amnesty International general meeting, 1:30 p.m., Social Science Building Room 237.

December

Dec. 10 – The Walker Institute of Politics and Public Service, together with Ogden City and Continuing Education, will host a Citizens Academy to educate Ogden City residents, WSU students and community members about city government and civic participation, 6:30 – 8 p.m., \$95/all four sessions or \$30/class, continue.weber.edu/citizensacademy.

Dec. 12 – University Commencement, 1 p.m., Dee Events Center, students, faculty and staff should arrive no later than 12:15 p.m.