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Welcome!

Thank you for reading the third *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 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

Publications

Molly Sween (Criminal Justice) published the article “Rural Youth Crime: A Re-Examination of Social Disorganization Theory’s Applicability to Rural Areas” in the *Journal of Juvenile Justice*, Vol. 4, Issue 1. Winter 2015.

Eric Amsel (Psychology) and David Moshman published the article “The Development of Logical and Hypothetical Reasoning in Adolescence” in the *International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences*, Ed. 2, Vol 14: 306-312. Elsevier: 2015.

Stephanie A. Hansen, **Aaron Ashley** (Psychology) and Brian M. Chung published the article “Complex Dietary Protein Improves Growth through a Complex Mechanism of Intestinal Peptide Absorption and Protein Digestion” in the *Journal of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition*, Vol. 39. 2015.

Melinda Russell-Stamp (Psychology) published the article “Faculty Use of Community-Based Learning: What Factors Really Matter?” in the *Michigan Journal of Community Service Learning*, Vol. 21, Issue 2. 2015.

Stephanie Wolfe (Political Science) published the chapter “Historical and Symbolic Justice within the Rwandan Context” in *The Performance of Memory as Transnational Justice.* Intersentia Publishers: 2014.

Robert Fudge (Political Science) published a review of Robison and Suits’ *New Essays on Moral Philosophy* in the *Polish Journal of Philosophy*, 2015.

Presentations and Workshops:

Preston Carter* presented “Foucault’s Nietzschean Inheritance” at the Salt Lake Community College 17th Annual International Student and Faculty Philosophy Conference: The Moral Challenge of Nietzsche’s Nihilism, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 2014.

Preston Carter* presented “Dignity as Resultant from Valuation” at the Southern Utah University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Cedar City, Utah, February 2015; also presented at the Eastern Michigan University Undergraduate Conference in Philosophy, Ypsilanti, Michigan, March 2015.

Preston Carter* presented “Inklings of Discipline and Punish in *On the Genealogy of Morals*” at the Pacific University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Forest Grove, Oregon, April 2015.

Maria Parrilla de Kokal (Psychology) held the workshop “Becoming a Leader Everywhere” to teach leadership skills to junior high students at the Latinos in Action Conference, March 2015.

Aaron Ashley (Psychology) presented the invited talk “Action and Embodiment as Educational Tools” at the Ellis-Battig Memory Symposium at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Boise, Idaho, April 2015.

Joe Favaro*, **Eric Amsel** (Psychology) and **Leah Murray** (Political Science) presented the poster “The Role of Religious and Academic Context in the Meaning and Outcomes of Community Services” at the Utah Campus Compact, St. George, Utah, 2015.

Brandi Christensen* and **Aaron Ashley** (Psychology) presented the poster “The Influence of a Religious Icon on Decisions Regarding Morality” at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Boise, Idaho, April 2015; also presented at the Weber State University Undergraduate Symposium, Ogden, Utah.

Kayla Soelberg*, Denny Bessire *, Alexandria Daniels* and **Eric Amsel** (Psychology) presented the talk “Overcoming Misconceptions about Depression: The Effect of Perspective-Taking” at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Boise, Idaho, April 2015; also presented at the Weber State University Undergraduate Symposium, Ogden, Utah.

Auburn Binette*, Ashley Hayes*, **Todd Baird** (Psychology) and **Aaron Ashley** (Psychology) presented the paper “How Long Does it Take to Recognize God? A Speeded Measure Assessing the Validity of Religiosity” at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Boise, Idaho, April 2015; also presented at the Weber State University Undergraduate Symposium, Ogden, Utah.

Tyson Bryant*, Joshua J. Hunt*, Alicia M. Lee*, David S. Sleight*, Blake Tubbs* and **Shannon McGillivray** (Psychology) presented the paper “The Benefits of Googling it?” at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Boise, Idaho, April 2015; also presented at the Weber State University Undergraduate Symposium, Ogden, Utah.

Jordan Bybee* and **Theresa Kay** (Psychology) presented the talk “Religiosity, Relationship with LGBT Individuals and their Effects on Attitudes towards Same-Sex Marriage” at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Boise, Idaho, April 2015.

Alexandria Daniels*, Denny Bessire*, Kayla Soelberg*, **Eric Amsel** (Psychology) and Adam Johnston (Physics) presented the talk “Overcoming Misconceptions about Physics: Generalizing the Effect of Perspective-Taking” at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Boise, Idaho, April 2015; also presented at the Weber State University Undergraduate Symposium, Ogden, Utah.

Crystal E. Garcia*, Corbin J. Standley*, Kaitlin E. Staker*, Lyndsi Drysdale* and **Shannon McGillivray** (Psychology) presented the poster “Internet Usage, Personality, Narcissism and Motivations for Facebook Usage” at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Boise, Idaho, April 2015; also presented at the Utah Council of Undergraduate Research, St. George, Utah.

Richard Gibson*, Allen Dickinson*, Matthew Wheelwright*, Jacob Weaver and **Shannon McGillivray** (Psychology) presented the poster “Effects of Violent Video Games on Moral Decision Making” at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Boise, Idaho, April 2015; also presented at the Weber State University Undergraduate Symposium, Ogden, Utah.

Luke McEntire*, Celeste McClannahan* and **Eric Amsel** (Psychology) presented the talk “Overcoming Misconceptions about Depression: The Role of Persuasion” at the Rocky

Mountain Psychological Association, Boise, Idaho, April 2015; also presented at the Weber State University Undergraduate Symposium, Ogden, Utah.

Joseph Horvat (Psychology) and Celeste McClannahan* presented the poster “Incarceration Inequities of African-Americans in Black versus White States” at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Boise, Idaho, April 2015.

Hendrik Ombach*, J’Lene Rea* and **Shannon McGillivray** (Psychology) presented the poster “Smartphone Use, Test Performance and Anxiety” at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Boise, Idaho, April 2015; also presented at the Weber State University Undergraduate Symposium, Ogden, Utah.

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Corbin Standley* and **Theresa Kay** (Psychology) presented the poster “Religiosity, Personality and Attitudes toward Homosexuality” at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Boise, Idaho, April 2015; also presented at the Weber State University Undergraduate Symposium, Ogden, Utah.

Blake Tubbs*, Carly Lloyd*, Crystal Martinez*, Chikako Tanaka*, Kim Fernandez* and **Aaron Ashley** (Psychology) presented the poster “The Effect of Religiosity on Beliefs about Acceptance of Virtual Immortality” at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Boise, Idaho, April 2015; also presented at the Weber State University Undergraduate Symposium, Ogden, Utah.

Alexa Pierce* presented the poster “Weber State Microclimate Turf versus Xeriscape Surfaces” at the Intermountain Sustainability Summit, Weber State University, Ogden, Utah, March 2015.

*Chase Brower, *Max George and Taylor Beutler presented the poster “Techniques for Measuring Empathetic Responses in Pre-Healthcare Students vs. Non-Pre-Healthcare Students” at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Eastern Washington University, Spokane, Washington, April 2015.

*Chase Brower, *Max George and *Taylor Beutler presented the poster “Variations in Perceived and Physiological Empathy in Health Professionals Compared to Pre-Healthcare Students” at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Eastern Washington University, Spokane, Washington, April 2015.

Kai Mendenhall, Dustin Hardman and Taylor Frost* presented the poster “Understanding the Effectiveness of Community Outreach During Brain Awareness Week” at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Eastern Washington University, Spokane, Washington, April 2015.

Bryan Dorsey (Geography) and his students presented the findings of their research on UTA transit options for Ogden to the South Ogden City Council, April 2015.

Carol McNamara (Political Science) presented the paper “Tom Wolfe’s American Epic: A literature worthy of her vastness” at the Western Political Science Association Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada, April 2015.

Stephanie Wolfe (Political Science) was the keynote speaker for Genocide Awareness Week, Weber State University, Ogden, Utah, April 2015.

Robert Fudge (Political Science) presented “The Art Type Theory of Art” at the American Society for Aesthetics Western Division, July 2014; Robert Fudge also presented “Why Dignity? An Aesthetic Defense” at the Northwest Philosophy Conference, November 2014.

Achievements and Awards

Julie Rich (Geography) received the International Red Cross Community Heroes Award for her humanitarian efforts abroad, Ogden, Utah, March 2015.

John Sillito (History) was quoted in the article “City, school seeks to preserve glory days of Ogden’s stockyards” in the Standard Examiner. February 2015.

Lauren Fowler (Neuroscience) was named Outstanding Social Science Undergraduate Research Mentor by the Office of Undergraduate Research, Eastern Washington University, Spokane, Washington, April 2015.

Stephanie Wolfe (Political Science), **Julie Ikeda*** and **Ashlee Cawley*** interviewed survivors of the Rwandan Genocide at a United Nations session, New York City, New York, April 2015; they also attended the 21st Annual Commemoration of the Rwandan Genocide, Washington, D.C, April 2015.

Stephanie Wolfe (Political Science) received the Woman of Wisdom Award for faculty at the Women of Weber Awards, Weber State University, Ogden, Utah, March 2015.

Leah Murray (Political Science) and **Mike Moon** (Community Engaged Learning) received the John A. Lindquist Award for their commitment to local and global community engagement, Weber State University, Ogden, Utah, April 2015.

Dan Bedford (Geography), **Eric Ewert** (Geography), **Sara Dant** (History) and **Hal Crimmel** (English) were the recipients of the Faculty Sustainability Research Award for their work on *Desert Water: The Future of Utah’s Water Resources*, Weber State University, Ogden, Utah, March 2015.

Alice Mulder (Geography) was named director of the Sustainability Practices and Research Center, February 2015.

Eric Amsel (Psychology) was appointed Chair of the STP Teaching Awards Committee (American Psychological Association Division 2), 2015.

Aaron Ashley (Psychology) was appointed Chair of the Department of Psychology at Weber State University, 2015.

Lauren Fowler (Neuroscience) was awarded the Social and Behavioral Sciences Student Mentor Award, April 2015.

Joe Horvat (Psychology) was appointed by the American Psychological Association to serve on the U.S. government's Substance Abuse and Mental Illness Services Administration prevention program, 2015.

Leigh Shaw (Psychology) was reappointed to serve as Chair of the Faculty Senate Standing General Improvement and Assessment Committee for Weber State University, April 2015.

Chase Brower* was named a WSUSA Student of the Month for his efforts with Brain Awareness Week, March 2015.

Max George* was named Outstanding Social Science Undergraduate Researcher by the Office of Undergraduate Research, Eastern Washington University, Spokane, Washington, April 2015.

WSU's Army ROTC hosted a lecture by Brian M. Thacker, a Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient for his service in the Vietnam War, this event was covered by The Standard Examiner and Fox 13 News, April 2015.

Projects

Brian Barnum*, Tess Rumbaugh*, Ali Johnson*, Hannah Schoell*, J'Lene Rea*, Oscar Sanchez* and supervisor **Theresa Kay** (Psychology) volunteered at various OUTReach Resource Centers throughout the state of Utah.

Ashley Horstman*, Nicole Rowley*, Janaina Sill*, Breanne Twamley*, Carlie Eddy*, April Moorer*, Cassity Haverkamp* and supervisors **Melinda Russell-Stamp** (Psychology) and **Maria Parilla de Kokal** (Psychology) volunteered for the Youth Impact Program, Ogden, Utah.

Cory Albrechtsen*, Chase Brower*, Erin Freeman*, Crystal Garcia*, Dustin Hardman*, Parker Hughes*, Eddie Martinez*, Kai Mendenhall*, Jake Ombach*, Kaleb Shunway*, Kate Staker*, Montana Vigil*, Tahne Vongsavath and supervisor **Lauren Fowler** (Neuroscience) hosted and participated in Weber State University's annual Brain Awareness Week, March 2015.

John Sillito (History) and his students are collaborating with Ogden City to build a business park for outdoor-recreation on the grounds of the old Ogden Union Stockyards, February 2015-present.

Monica Williams (Criminal Justice) and her Criminal Justice 2300 class are participating in the Wiki Education Foundation Classroom Program, which allows students to contribute high-quality information to Wikipedia.

Julie Rich (Geography), **Jeremy Farner** (Design Engineering Technology), **Mike Moon** (Community Engaged Learning) and **Carey Anson** (Academic Support Systems) are directing an international community engaged learning project in Thailand, May 2015.

Grants

Aaron Ashley (Psychology) was awarded the Hemingway Collaborative Project Award of \$3,690.32 by the Research, Scholarship and Professional Growth Committee for the project "Increased Development of Weber State University Linguistics Minor," Weber State University, April 2015.

Hendrik Ombach* and mentor **Shannon McGillivray** (Psychology) were awarded a research grant of \$781 by the Office of Undergraduate Research for the project "Smartphone Use, Test Performance and Anxiety."

Denny Bessire* and mentor **Eric Amsel** (Psychology) were awarded a travel grant of \$875 by the Office of Undergraduate Research for the project "Overcoming Misconceptions about Depression: The effect of Perspective-Taking."

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Tyson Bryant* and **Shannon McGillivray** (Psychology) were awarded a travel grant of \$615 by the Office of Undergraduate Research for the project "The Benefits of Googling It?"

Jordan Bybee* and mentor **Theresa Kay** (Psychology) were awarded a travel grant of \$781 by the Office of Undergraduate Research for the project “Religiosity, Relationship with LGBT Individuals and their Effects on Attitudes Towards Same-Sex Marriage.”

Brandi Christensen* and mentor **Aaron Ashley** (Psychology) were awarded a travel grant of \$641 by the Office of Undergraduate Research for the project “The Influence of a Religious Icon on Decisions.”

Alexandria Daniels* and mentor **Eric Amsel** (Psychology) were awarded a travel grant of \$663.91 by the Office of Undergraduate Research for the project “Overcoming Misconceptions about Physics: Generalizing the Effect of Perspective-Taking.”

Crystal Garcia* and mentor **Shannon McGillivray** (Psychology) were awarded a travel grant of \$529.90 by the Office of Undergraduate Research for the project “Internet Usage, Personality, Narcissism and Motivations for Facebook Usage.”

Richard Gibson* and mentor **Shannon McGillivray** (Psychology) were awarded a travel grant of \$615.32 by the Office of Undergraduate Research for the project “Effects of Violent Video Games on Moral Decision Making.”

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Kayla Soelberg* and mentor **Eric Amsel** (Psychology) were awarded a travel grant of \$500 by the Office of Undergraduate Research for the project “Assessing Ontological Misconceptions about Depression.”

Corbin Standley* and mentor **Theresa Kay** (Psychology) were awarded a travel grant of \$781 by the Office of Undergraduate Research for the project “Religiosity, Personality and Attitudes towards Homosexuality.”

Preston Carter* was awarded a travel grant of \$760 by the Office of Undergraduate Research for the project “Dignity as Resultant from Valuation.”

Upcoming Events

May

May 1 - Weber State University's 145th Commencement, 9 a.m., Dee Events Center.

May 1- College of Social & Behavioral Sciences' Convocation, featuring guest speaker Provost Michael Vaughan, 2 p.m., Dee Events Center.

May 14 – The two-week study abroad trip “Peacebuilding in Rwanda” will depart on this day. Students will visit the Peacebuilding Institute in Kigali, and have the option to earn 3-6 internship credits, contact Dr. Stephanie Wolfe for more information (stephaniewolfe@weber.edu; office SS 296) cost begins at \$3,000 plus airfare.