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Welcome

Let us celebrate the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences' faculty, staff and student accomplishments. You have all been hard at work, and it is time for some well-earned recognition. Please continue to give us your feedback and suggestions for the *e-Bulletin*, as well as news of your publications, presentations, awards, accomplishments, and upcoming lectures and events to include in the next *e-Bulletin*.

As always, thank you for your contributions to the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences!

Publications and Presentations

Bold type indicates College of Social & Behavioral Sciences faculty

Asterisks (*) indicate WSU students

Azenett Garza (psychology) presented “The Role of Community Research in Empowering Social Change in the Community” for the John A. Lindquist Award Recipient Lecture.

Azenett Garza (psychology) was an invited panelist for Ogden Union Station’s presentation on gender and diversity in the workplace, February 2017.

Azenett Garza (psychology) was appointed by Ogden City Mayor Caldwell as a diversity commissioner for Ogden Diversity Commission, 2017-18.

Branden Little (history) presented a paper, “Failure to Launch: The American Red Cross in an Era of Contested Neutrality, 1914-1917,” at the Histories of Red Cross Movement: Continuity and Change Conference in Adelaide Australia, September 2016.

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

Branden Little (history) published “The World at War: On the Front Lines” in the February 2017 issue of Utah veteran and military magazine *Valor*.

Carla Trentelman (sociology) and Karen Roberson* co-presented “Need a Ladder for These Fruit: Water and Campus Sustainability” at the International Symposium on Society and Resource Management. **Daniel Bedford** (Geography) co-authored the presentation.

Carla Trentelman (sociology) published “The Case for Personal Interaction: Drop-off/Pick-up Methodology for Survey Research,” co-authored with former students Nallely Ruiz* and Kyle Peterson*, in *Journal of Rural Social Sciences*. She also co-authored “Effectiveness of the Drop-off/Pick-up Survey Methodology in Different Neighborhood Types,” published in the same issue.

Daniel Bedford (geography) collaborated on the presentation “Through the Minefield: Teaching Climate Change in a Misinformation-Rich Environment” at the fall meeting of the America Geophysical Union in San Francisco in December 2016

Daniel Bedford (geography) presented “What do WSU Students Think (And Know) About Climate Change? A Case Study” during the fall 2016 WSU geography department presentation series.

Daniel Bedford (geography) presented his book *Climate Change* to the Ogden Unitarian Universalist Church in October 2016.

Daniel Bedford (geography) read and signed his book, *Climate Change: Examining the Facts*, at Booked on 25th in November 2016.

Daniel Bedford (geography) received the Office of Undergraduate Research’s Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award for the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences in March 2017.

Eric Amsel (psychology), former psychology chair and current Associate Provost of Academic Programs and Assessment, was honored with the WSU Dixon Award.

Huiying Wei Hill (sociology) presented the paper “Asian American Voter’s Pivot: From Republican to Democrats” at the annual conference of the Pacific Sociology Association.

Huiying Wei Hill (sociology) presented two papers, “The New Policy towards the Muslims in Xinjiang China – A Case Study” and “From the ‘Locker Room Talks’ to the Real Culture of Gender—How Can we Explain the Connection?” at the Pacific Sociological Association annual meeting in Portland, Oregon, April 2017.

Julie Rich (geography), along with other WSU faculty and staff and the nonprofit organization No Poor Among Us, will lead a group of 31 WSU students and alumni to Mahubo, Mozambique, to build a library and two classrooms for a secondary school. This is the second humanitarian project WSU has undertaken in Mozambique since 2014, when WSU built the Boane Women’s Center, which has provided education and business classes to more than 450 women.

Lauren Fowler (psychology, Neuroscience) and English professor Sally Shigley presented “Anxious Cows, Schizophrenic Russians, and Mostly-Dead Heroes: Using Literature to Teach Psychology in an Undergraduate General Education Class” at the Southeastern Conference for the Teaching of Psychology in Atlanta, Georgia, in March 2017.

Lauren Fowler (psychology, Neuroscience) and S.M. Pearcey presented “Psychopharmacology: Physiological actions and interactions” as a continuing education workshop at the Southeastern Psychological Association Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, in March 2017.

*Homer, L., *Griffey, K. & **Fowler, L.A.** (April 2017). The effect of sleep latency and fragmentation on decision making and empathy. Poster presentation given at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association Conference. Salt Lake City, UT.

*Edmunds, S. & **Fowler, L. A.** (April 2017). The effect of REM sleep on cortisol levels and perceived happiness. Oral presentation given at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research. Memphis, TN.

*Homer, L. & **Fowler, L. A.** (April 2017). The effect of sleep quality and duration on decision making and empathy in prospective jurors. Oral presentation given at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research. Memphis, TN.

*Cook, M. & **Fowler, L.A.** (March 2017). The effects of cell phone usage on sleep quality in college students. Poster presentation given at the Weber State Undergraduate Research Conference, Ogden, UT.

Gene Sessions (history) received support from GEIAC, University Curriculum and Faculty Senate for a new General Education mission and learning outcomes. Implementation of these changes will be phased in over the next two years, with full adoption in all general education courses by catalog year 2019-2020.

Marjukka Ollilainen (sociology) co-presented “Feminist Praxis at the ‘Top’: How Do Feminist Administrators Enact Feminism?” at the Sociologists for Women in Society winter meeting.

Mark Stevenson (anthropology) presented the paper “Strategic Temporality and the Moral Geography of Climate Change Activism” at the annual meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology.

Monica Williams (criminal justice) co-authored the article “Contextualizing Community Crime Control: Race, Geography, and Configurations of Control in Four Communities” in *Criminology*, 2017.

Monica Williams (Criminal Justice) published “Constructing Hysteria: Legal Signals as Producers of Siting Conflicts over Sexually Violent Predator Placements” in *Law & Social Inquiry*, 2016.

Richard Sadler (history) presented “My Love Affair with History” for the Tanner Lecture at the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters at Westminster College in Salt Lake City, March 2016.

Sara Dant (history) published *Losing Eden: An Environmental History of the American West* in 2016, and did several interviews and talks about it.

Sara Dant (history) was an invited panelist for “National Parks: Present and Future – A Public Forum” during the Society of Professional Journalists Region 9 Conference in March 2017.

Stephanie Wolfe (political science) presented “Building Peace After Genocide: Lessons from Rwanda” at the American University of Paris, March 2017.

Theresa Kay (psychology) coauthored “Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Student Experiences in Non-Affirming Religious Higher Education” in *Christian Higher Education* (in press).

*Barker, K. (2017). Stomping Grounds: A Utah City Parks and Recreation Survey: A needs Assessment

*Homer, L. (2017). WSU Prep Program Evaluation

*Seljaas, K. (2017). A collaboration between CCEL-CRE and Roy City.

Accomplishments, Awards and Grants:

Asterisks (*) indicate WSU students.

Alicia Giralt and **Stephanie Wolfe** (political science) jointly won the Gwen S. Williams Prize for their travel to Rwanda in 2016, where they completed research projects and engaged in program development for WSU's Women & Gender Studies program. Their work led to the submission of a book chapter about memorials (**Wolfe**), a coauthored book chapter about the Rwandan Genocide (**Wolfe** and *Ashlee Cawley) and a co-edited book about the aftermath of the genocide (**Wolfe**). Giralt recruited two additional authors for her book project on motherhood.

Julie Rich (geography) received the Hemingway Excellence Award for her work on Mozambique: Community Engaged Learning.

Leigh Shaw (psychology) chair of General Education Improvement and Assessment Committee (GEIAC), with support from fellow committee members and CSBS faculty **Marjukka Ollilainen** (sociology) and **Gene Sessions** (history), received support from GEIAC, University Curriculum and the Faculty Senate for a new General Education mission and learning outcomes. Implementation of these changes will be phased in over the next two years, with full adoption in all GenEd courses by catalog year 2019-2020.

Marjukka Ollilainen (sociology) is the new editor of *Network News*, the newsletter of the international professional organization Sociologists for Women in Society.

Monica Williams (criminal justice) collaborated with a local filmmaker to host the premiere of the documentary *Not For Rent!* at WSU in spring 2017.

Monica Williams (criminal justice) received CCEL's award for being a Utah Campus Compact Community Engaged Faculty Member.

Sara Dant (history) was awarded the Faculty Sustainability Research Award for Traditional Research at the Office of Undergraduate Research symposium luncheon March 27.

Sara Dant (history) was elected to be the history department chair beginning June 2017.

T.R. Reddy (political science) was honored with the WSU H. Aldous Dixon Award for his outstanding work with students during his 52 years at WSU.

Theresa Kay (psychology) began her role as Board Chair of OUTreach Utah in January 2017.

Students and faculty from the psychology department and neuroscience program taught more than 1500 grade-school students about brain health during Brain Awareness Week.

The Richard Richards Institute of Ethics held their annual Ethics Day Banquet March 27.

The Weber Historical Society hosted scholars in many fields to speak to students about a variety of topics.

Azenett Garza, Barrett Bonella, Tracy Covey and Kathleen Stevenson received the Hemingway Collaborative Award for their work on the Weber State University Development of Interdisciplinary “Wicked Problems” curriculum, spring 2017 (\$7350).

*Lauren Homer and *Sam Edmunds (psychology, neuroscience) received Office of Undergraduate Research travel grants to present at NCUR.

*Kenny Griffey (psychology, neuroscience) received an Office of Undergraduate Research travel grant to present at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association

Events

May

May 9 – Renovations on the Social Science Building, to be renamed “Lindquist Hall,” will kick off at 4 p.m. on the east side of the Social Science Building. The celebration is free and open to the public.