Profiles in Excellence
ACADEMIC YEAR 2013-2014
Each year, the University of North Alabama is pleased to publish Profiles in Excellence. This publication highlights the many noteworthy achievements of the university faculty, broadly categorized and defined to include artistic endeavors, creative initiatives, original research, scholarly books, articles, and presentations, funded grants and awards, and/or academic services.

Through Profiles in Excellence, the university recognizes the significant accomplishments of our faculty; the publication serves as an annual expression of appreciation for their contributions to their respective academic disciplines, and to the university. Their dedication to very high quality work is evident in these pages, and the university derives considerable benefit as a result.

During 2013-14, the university witnessed its second consecutive year of substantial growth in our Research Days; we continue to experience an increase in our faculty’s engagement of undergraduate students in their research projects. Recognition is given to the many members of the faculty whose involvement of undergraduate students has led to an excellent two-day event, which includes poster sessions, paper presentations, and for the first time in 2014, a very highly anticipated and well attended oral thesis competition.

The faculty’s growing efforts to conduct research and pursue creative expression keeps the intellectual climate of the university fresh and alive. Profiles in Excellence captures these efforts. Thank you for your many contributions to the University of North Alabama.

Thomas J. Calhoun, Jr.
Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost,
Vice President for Enrollment Management
Keith T. Jones is a professor in the Department of Accounting and Business Law, having joined UNA in 2010 after spending the previous five years at Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois. He teaches in the areas of auditing and managerial accounting. Keith has also taught at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky and at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. Prior to entering his doctoral program at the University of Kentucky, he worked for over 10 years as an auditor for the Defense Department.

Keith’s interest in being a university faculty member began in the early 1990s, as part of a struggle to find the best way to apply the background and interests over the long term. Since no one from among his family or friends had ever taken the academic route, it took some years to come upon the idea, throwing away a stable government auditing career, salary and benefits and going back to school for several more years did not immediately rise to the surface as the most obviously desirable thing to do! Through various life experiences, being a college professor began to look like a potential match. A taped message on Psalm 90:6 and the bestselling book by Stephen Covey, The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, then helped to provide the push that was needed. Keith and his wife, Kay, moved from Belleville, IL to Fort Worth, Texas in 1993; he received his masters’ degree in 1996, worked for over 10 years as an auditor for the Department of Defense. Keith’s interest in being a university faculty member began in the early 1990s, as part of a struggle to find the best way to apply the background and interests over the long term. Since no one from among his family or friends had ever taken the academic route, it took some years to come upon the idea, throwing away a stable government auditing career, salary and benefits and going back to school for several more years did not immediately rise to the surface as the most obviously desirable thing to do! Through various life experiences, being a college professor began to look like a potential match. A taped message on Psalm 90:6 and the bestselling book by Stephen Covey, The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, then helped to provide the push that was needed. Keith and his wife, Kay, moved from Belleville, IL to Fort Worth, Texas in 1993; he received his masters’ degree in 1996, worked for over 10 years as an auditor for the Department of Defense.

Keith’s first publication in approximately 2002 gave him the “research bug”. He finds research to be his way of staying fresh and connected to the accounting profession, while providing the information and the outlet for a writing passion. His research is viewed as a vital companion to teaching; a good week must include some writing! He has presented research at national and international conferences and has published in highly-recognized journals. His interests are broad within the overall category of behavioral research. Recent projects have involved examining misperceptions about the accounting profession, the relative effectiveness of online accounting education, and factors associated with recruiting accounting faculty. Outside of writing, however, anyone who knows Keith knows that his strongest interest (obsession) these days is distance running. One of his favorite running-related quotes is “Your body will argue that there is no justifiable reason to continue. Your only recourse is to call on your spirit, which fortunately functions independently of logic.” (Tim Noakes)

KEITH T. JONES
Professor of Accounting, B.S., 1984, Murray State University; M.S., 1996, The University of Texas at Arlington; Ph.D., 2001, University of Kentucky.

Jeffrey R. Bibbee is an Associate Professor of History, and served as the Department of History and Political Science Director of Graduate Studies. Along with Dr. Lesley Peterson, Associate Professor of English, Bibbee founded the UNA Centre for British Studies and leads the UNA London Study Abroad Program.

Jeffrey Bibbee and his siblings lamented his parent’s need for “learning vacations” instead of time at the beach like his other friends, this time spent visiting historic sites, museums and battlegrounds provided a foundation for a lifetime of learning and a firm belief that each and every space in which we find ourselves can be a classroom. “Every time we visited yet another historic site I was curious as to what really happened there and why and how this place was preserved.” It is with this same curiosity about the subject and his students that Bibbee approaches his courses in World History, British History, History Education and Study Abroad. Bibbee continues a focus on research and writing, exploring deeper questions about motivation and behaviour, challenging students to examine why and how events unfold and what forces shape the development of previous and current societies. All of this comes to its climax in the UNA London Study Abroad program which provides students with an opportunity to explore unique environments beyond the traditional classroom thereby facilitating the development of critical thinking and research skills in one of the world’s academic capitals. This program takes students to London for one month of research and exploration. Students work at the British Library, attend theatrical performances and visit various historical and cultural sites. The study abroad experience culminates in a substantial research project based on their London archival research. All of these teaching experiences are based on his personal philosophy that teaching is a student-oriented experience in which students are empowered by the knowledge and skills gained in the classroom to improve their lives and examine their world in critical and creative ways. Bibbee was born in Oklahoma and moved to Alabama as a child. He is a graduate of Auburn University with a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in History. Following his MA, Bibbee taught elementary and middle school in Alabama. He completed his PhD in History at King’s College, University of London, in 2008, and began teaching at UNA that same year. While at UNA, he has served on various committees, worked with local historical groups and served as the Department of History and Political Science Director of Graduate Studies. Along with Dr. Lesley Peterson, Associate Professor of English, Bibbee founded the UNA Centre for British Studies and leads the UNA London Study Abroad Program.

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**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE**


Dr. Kirkman worked as a patient care manager for five years at Eliza Coffee Memorial Hospital in Florence. Her management responsibilities included staffing and scheduling, budget development and evaluation, evaluation and counseling of employees, adhering to reduction in workforce policies, leading and serving as a committee member of various interprofessional performance improvement and Joint Commission accreditation planning committees. She was instrumental in the physical redesign, merger, and restructuring of patient care in ambulatory services, perioperative services, and the infusion clinic. She currently serves as the administrative team at J.W. Sommer Rehabilitation unit and has practiced in many capacities (i.e., nurse liaison, case manager, and clinical nurse).

Dr. Kirkman has been a member of the College of Nursing at UNA since 2006. During that time she has taught and functioned as the leadership and management in nursing course coordinator. Since her tenure, Dr. Kirkman has served as the clinical instructor for the leadership and management, adult health nursing I, and community health nursing courses. Dr. Kirkman’s research interest has been in the area of high-fidelity simulation. In 2012, she was the recipient of the Excellence in Research Award by the University of Delaware, the International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation. The International Journal of Nursing Education Scholarship published her article titled High Fidelity Simulation Effectiveness in Nursing Students’ Transfer of Learning. Dr. Kirkman has also investigated such research topics as: effectiveness of patient simulation, the effectiveness of high-fidelity simulation, and the impact of a milestone on the cardiovascular health of school as children. She has served as a peer reviewer for the International Journal of Nursing Education Scholarship, and has presented her research at local, regional, national, and international conferences.

Dr. Kirkman coauthored the $2.1 million dollar Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students HRSA grant (also known as Project OPEN) and in September 2012 she began serving as the project director for this grant while continuing to function as instructor/course coordinator and a clinical instructor. Approximately 133 students have been recipients of this scholarship. While serving as the project director her duties include but are not limited to the following: assessment of student needs (learning and financial), conduct monthly one-on-one advisement meetings with half of the scholarship recipients to evaluate their academic program, plan and conduct mentorship and student-educational sessions for pre-nursing and nursing students, supervise and approve payroll for the part time administrative assistant, management and evaluation of budget for the scholarship program, and program evaluation and accountability to HRSA. She has also traveled to numerous high schools in Alabama to recruit students for the program. Dr. Kirkman has also made significant service contributions in the Shoals and UNA community. She was a member of the board of directors and advisors for Westminster International Baccalaureate. She also serves as vice president of Omicron Upsilon chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society. Dr. Kirkman also developed guidelines for the Student Lizzie Scholarship program at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, in Florence. As faculty advisor to the Student Nurse’s Association at UNA, she collaborated with her fellow advisors to initiate and implement the first College of Nursing SNA Scholarship. Tera has been married over fifteen years to her husband Dr. Eric Kirkman, who is also an associate professor at UNA. They have two children Jalen and Justin Kirkman.

To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of knowledge, to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity, to give a man who is humble the sense of modesty, and to give the heart of the simple man acumen — let him take good heed to my words. — Proverbs 1:7-8


dr. Kirkman was a recipient of the ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ADVISING

**MARTHA S. ROCK**, Professor of Nursing, B.S.N., 1968, Alderson-Broaddus College; M.S.N. 1973, The Ohio State University, Ph.D., 1992, University of Delaware

Dr. Rock believes the essence of academic advising is assisting the student in the discovery of choices that lead to the path of educational aspirations and life-long learning. The net result of these efforts prepares the student for success in their chosen profession.

Dr. Rock’s varied life and professional experiences have provided her opportunities to develop empathy and understanding of students’ unique advising needs. Dr. Rock’s first nursing position was working on a medical-surgical unit at Good Samaritan Medical Center in Zanesville, Ohio. While there, she was asked if she would teach Medical Surgical Nursing for the remainder of the summer session. This was a great experience and helped reinforce her desire to expand her nursing role to include that of nurse educator.

She is a strong advocate for international students and understands what it is like to be in a new country and adapting to a new culture. After graduation, she married Bob, and they lived in Japan for two years. Being immersed in an Asian culture, living within a Japanese community, Martha acquired an understanding of their history, customs, language, food and values as well as military culture, which has been beneficial when advising current and ex-military nursing students. While in Japan, Dr. Rock established an independent nursing practice with emphasis on client teaching, family health care needs and assisting families with the transitions they experienced living in a new culture. The clients were all U.S. military families.

In 1973 Martha completed her Master of Science in nursing degree from The Ohio State University. She returned to her alma mater of Alderson Broaddus College and taught from 1973-1977. Dr. Rock then served as Department Chairperson at West Virginia University. She revised the advisement program to involve all nursing faculty in academic advisement, and became involved in post-masters course work in Higher Education Administration. After this, Martha taught for the next ten years at the University of Delaware in the College of Nursing. She helped to facilitate revision of the curriculum, established a recruitment plan and became coordinator of advising. Martha pursued her Ph.D. in Family Studies at the University of Delaware and completed it in 1992.

Dr. Rock then taught at Ohio University for the next 10 years in the RN to BSN Program. She continued her interest in advising students and established a recruitment plan that included “Lunch with the Advisor” at the local hospitals. In 2001 Dr. Rock accepted her current position at UNA. Dr. Rock has served on various committees focused on the improvement of academic advising at UNA, including the Ad Hoc Committee on Advising and the Academic/Student Affairs Shared Governance Sub-Committee, along with a task of developing a university advising mission statement and goals. She is an integral part of advising for freshman and transfer SOAR sessions, Scholarship Receptions, Honors Receptions and new student orientations. Dr. Rock initially advised all international students interested in nursing. Martha prepared presentations for faculty to assist them in being advisors for international students. She is a resource for all advisors.

Dr. Rock has a strong personal philosophy that caring is the essence of nursing. She has dedicated her philosophy of nursing to her role of nurse educator and academic advisor. Dr Rock cares for and about her patients, her students, her advisees and her colleagues.

“The essence of Nursing is Caring.”

—Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice.
Stephanie Montgomery definitely loves her job. She also believes that obstacles are going to arise, but seemingly unsurmountable odds are possible to beat. Throughout her educational pursuit she discovered persistence in her fight against those who wanted her to fail, strength through positive role models who desired to see her succeed, and determination through the unconditional love of her children who inspired her to keep going when life got rough. This all culminated in the most rewarding job she has ever had, teaching. “I didn’t choose to teach because it was my career goal. As a single mother of three, I needed the income. I am an introvert and incredibly shy. I’ll never forget the first day and the first class I taught. I wore a suit, it was an uncomfortable suit, it felt like it was choking me at every seam. I was scared to death, which only made it that much more uncomfortable. But it was probably just my nerves. Funny thing is I was so nervous I forgot to turn the lights on. We went over the syllabus in an extremely dark room. I laugh about that now.” She knows that anxiety can often be a huge inhibiting factor for students. But, the ability to speak well and with confidence makes a huge difference in an individual’s career, regardless of the field one is in. “I know that in every student there is an amazing speaker, some are imprisoned by the walls of anxiety.” She believes that everyone faces obstacles that distract from personal goals and dreams. Some are anxiety, some are true monsters, and sometimes they are just life circumstances. It is easy to forget about goals for a while, but it is important to come back to them and when necessary, power through the roadblocks. Stephanie has been on campus at the University of North Alabama for over twenty years. She moved to Alabama to work on her baccalaureate in 1993 and graduated from UNA in 1996 as a double major in Communications and Psychology. After graduation she began working toward her masters in counseling, but after going through a series of personal trials, and a desire to teach speech, she commuted to Tuscaloosa for her masters in Communication Studies at the University of Alabama. “I did it one class at a time. Many days began at 4:00am and ended after 10:00pm.” She finished her masters in 2005 and landed a full time position at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. “I really enjoyed my time there, but when the job came open at UNA, I was ready to come home.” As a second year PhD student at the University of Memphis, she is commuting once again. This time, she has the love and support of an even larger family, five children and eleven grandchildren. Her husband travels to Memphis with her when he can to ease the burden of the long drive. He is undeniably her best friend. She knows that behind a good teacher are fabulous students. She is genuinely concerned about and cares for students. “I am deeply committed to the student body at UNA, they are a priority to me. We have the best - they are incredibly enjoyable, intelligent, likeable and pleasant to be around. Plus they make me laugh and even sometimes cry (not in a bad way though)! I never would have imagined being honored with such a huge award for something I love so much. I am so thankful and so appreciative.”

Blackstone, Tanja – Professor of Economics
Coauthored with PingYang Bellamy, "Validation of Loss and Continuation Rate Models to Support Navy Community Management," NIPRST-TR-14-2, February 2014

Blake, R. Melvin – Assistant Professor of Physics and Astronomy

Blankinship, Lisa Ann – Assistant Professor of Biology

Beaver, J Ana – Associate Professor of Management

Bergeron, Wayne P. – Instructor in Criminal Justice


Brewer, Will – Assistant Professor of Nursing
Co-presented along with Jamelle Sorrell, Assistant Professor of Nursing, Poster Presentation, "Multi-Course Simulation," August 2013. North Alabama Health Educators Conference, Huntsville, AL.

Brewton, Vince – Professor of English

Brommer, David M. – Associate Professor of Geography

Burkhead, Cynthia – Assistant Professor of English

Cagle, Corey S. – Assistant Professor of Accounting

Carnes, Gregory A. – Dean, College of Business and Professor of Information Systems

Carrasco, Gabriela – Assistant Professor of Psychology

Chaney, Pam Fernstrom – Professor of Special Education

Christy, Craig – Professor of Modern Foreign Languages
Presented, “Failing to Hear the Literal: The Role of Awareness in Semantic Change,” 4th International Conference of the Neoscanian Association for the Study of Language, cognition, University of Eastern Finland – Joensuu, Finland.

Coates, Thomas – Chair and Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation


Presented “Recreational Activities for Middle School Physical Education” at the 2013 Alabama Summer Health and Physical Education Conference.

Co-presented with M. Hall “Enhanced Physical Education Utilization of Established Physical Activities,” SWA-PFIDR Distinction Convention, 2013, Las Vegas, NV.

Co-presented with M. Hall and C. Dyer “Re-Creating Partnerships to Promote Physical Activities,” AAPPFIDR Nation/Southern District Convention, 2013, Charlotte, NC.

Co-presented with M. Hall “Leadership and Teamwork Activities,” AAPPFIDR Spring Convention, 2013.

Couch, J. F. – Professor of Economics


Crabtree, J ohn D. – Professor of Computer Information Systems


Darby, Wendy – Professor of Nursing


Davison, Sarah – Professor of Geography


Dovoedo, Herve – Assistant Professor of Mathematics


Driskell, Melissa M. – Instructor in Geology


Fleming, j onathan – Assistant Professor of Geography

Presented “Mapping Distribution of Aquatic Plant Communities in Pickwick Reservoir with Large Scale Surveys,” Mid-South Aquatic Plant Management Society 32nd Annual Conference, Tunica, MS, October 14-16, 2013.


Poster, Mark D. – Associate Professor of Finance


Franklin, Sarah - Associate Professor of History


Gafarreick, Robert – Chair, Professor, and Eminent Scholar of Entertainment Industry


Gaston, Greg - Professor of Geography


Gordon, Bruce L. – Professor of Finance


Green, Matt – Professor of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation


Co-presented with J. Kraft, E. O’Neal, P. Coates, J. Gann and K. Neal (2014). “Effects of Supplementation on Repeated Upper and Lower Body Wingate Performance,” Poster presentation at Southeast (February) and National (June) ACSM Meeting. (Conference cancelled due to weather)

Co-presented with J. Kraft, C. McBride, E. O’Neal, L. Renfroe, T. Andre and K. Neal (2014). “Effects of Hypohydration on Repeated 40 Yard Sprint Performance,” Poster presentation at Southeast (February) and National (June) ACSM Meeting. (Conference cancelled due to weather)

Co-presented with P. Bishop, Reviewing Manuscripts and Responding to Reviews, Strategies for success, Tutorial at Southeast ACSM Meeting. (Conference cancelled due to weather)

Co-presented with A. Hollis, K. Melching, E. O’Neal and L. Renfroe “Body Dissatisfaction: Influence of Physical Activity and Gender on Beliefs Regarding Peers’ Perceptions,” Poster presentation at Southeast ACSM Meeting. (Conference cancelled due to weather)

Co-presented with C. Caudel, K. Thugan, T. Andre, J. Gann, A. Hollis, L. Renfroe and E. O’Neal “Hydration Profile and Sweat Loss Perception of Division II Basketball Players During Practice,” Poster presentation at Southeast ACSM Meeting. (Conference cancelled due to weather)

Co-presented with J. Davis “Caffeine and Anorectic Performance,” Tutorial Presentation at National Strength and Conditioning Association Annual Meeting (July 2013)
Hogan, Doris L. – Adjunct Instructor in Computer Information Systems


Authoring Microsoft Word 2013 chapters

Huang, Yingying – Associate Professor of Computer Information Systems


Hudiburg, Richard – Chair and Professor of Psychology


Jenkins, Janet T. – Assistant Professor of Computer Science Systems


Jenkins, James – Assistant Professor of Computer Science Systems


Mathematical Association of America, Hartford, CT, August 2012.


Johnson, Ashley – Assistant Professor of Mathematics


Jones, Keith Thomas – Professor of Accounting


Kang, Chanhoo – Assistant Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation


Keys-Mathews, Lisa – Professor of Geography


Kirkman, Tera – Associate Professor of Nursing


Co-presenter, Poster Presentation, “Recruitment and Retention Strategies: Improving Signature Project Open Door,” National Conference on Undergraduate Education for Nursing, Board Annual Meeting, November 2013, Atlanta, GA.

Kittle, Paul – Chair and Professor of Biology


Koti, Frank T. – Chair and Professor of Geography

Presented, “Techno Cities: A New Futuristic Future or a New Form of Urban Exclusion?” Annual Conference of the Kenya Scholars and Studies Association, Bowling Green, OH, September 6-7, 2015


Malone, Janna – Instructor in Entertainment Industry


Malone, Keith – Associate Professor of Economics


Marvin, Glenn – Associate Professor of Biology


Maynard, Christopher – Chair and Professor of History


McIntosh, Joyce – Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation


McMullen, Janet – Assistant Professor of Education

Earned 25 hrs. CEU’s at the National Athletic Training Association Awards Symposium, Indianapolis, Indiana, June 2013.

Lovett, Thomas M. – Professor of Business Law


Maddock, Damon E. – Assistant Professor of Education


Merricks, Meghan – Assistant Professor of Music


Olive, Brent – Chair and Associate Professor of Chemistry and Mathematics


O’Neal, Eric – Assistant Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation


Presented, “Women and Heart Disease: Enough With the Bad News,” ASHAPEP Fall Conference, Birmingham, AL, November 2013.

McMullen, John – Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy


Padgett, Gary – Assistant Professor of Education


Coauthored with Ryan Zayac, “Attachment Style as a Predictor of Risky Sexual Behavior in Adolescents,” *Journal of Social Services*, 9, 42 – 47


Presented TCS Online: An Examination of Alabama FCS Teachers’ Attitudes Toward the New Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree Program Options, “Alabama Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Tuscaloosa, AL, February 2014.


Pearson, Quinn – Professor of Counseling Education


Pitts, Greg – Chair and Professor of Communications


Pretes, Michael – Professor of Geography


Price, Cheryl Blake – Assistant Professor of English


Pursuer, Christopher – Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice


Qi, Chong – Assistant Professor of Chemistry


Ray, Jeffery – Assistant Professor of Biology


Renfroe, Lee – Associate Professor of Health, Physical Education & Recreation


Richardson, Terry – Professor of Biology


Takeuchi, Alex – Professor of Sociology and University Ombudsman


Takeuchi, May – Associate Professor of Sociology


Townsend, Karen – Associate Professor of Counseling Education


Stovall, Jessica – Assistant Professor of Mathematics


Townsend, Karen – Associate Professor of Counseling Education

Wakefield, John – Professor of Education

Zayac, Ryan – Assistant Professor of Psychology

Zhang, Xihui (Paul) – Associate Professor of Computer Information Systems

Aldridge, Walt – Visiting Associate Professor of Entertainment Industry
Co-Composer and Performer, SCORES Project with American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP), St. Louis, Missouri, April 26, 2014.

Benson, Aaron Tennessee – Assistant Professor of Art

Brown, Terrance – Assistant Professor of Music

Cai, Yi-Min – Professor of Music

Chen, Chiang-Yao – Chair and Professor of Art

Flynn, Jason – Assistant Professor of Film and Digital Media Production
BERGERON, Margaret “Peggy” – Instructor in Nursing
Awarded, Alabama Board of Nursing Scholarship to assist in PhD education for the 2013-14 academic year 2013-14.

BLAKE, R. Melvin – Assistant Professor of Physics and Astronomy
Awarded $300, Southeastern Planetarium Association Scholarship, May 2013.

BREWER, Will – Assistant Professor of Nursing
North Alabama Health Educators Council (NAHEC) scholarship to assist in PhD education for the 2013-14 academic year.

COATES, Thomas – Chair and Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation
Recreation Professional of the Year, 2013-2014, SDAHPERD, 2014
Editorial Board, Alabama HPERD Association Journal 2012-present
Past President of ASAHPERD 2014-2015
2013 National Park Foundation Grant $3,994.80
2014 America’s Best Idea Grant $19,940.00

DOLMATOV, Valeriy K. – Professor of Physics

FLEMING, Jonathan – Assistant Professor of Geography
Awarded $2,000, ESI, Inc. GIS Education Ambassador Grant, for travel to University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Africa, to teach GIS to professors and students. December 27, 2013—January 10, 2014.

FLYNN, Jason – Assistant Professor of Film and Digital Media Production

HUNT, Andrea – Assistant Professor of Sociology
Awarded $400, Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor Society (January 2014) to support the first annual sociology research symposium.

KEYS-MATTHEWS, Lisa – Professor of Geography
Awarded with Bill Strong, $77,500, National Geographic Education Foundation to support the Alabama Geographic Alliance and teacher professional development in geography, social studies, and science, 2013-2014
Awarded with Bill Strong, $44,432, National Geographic Education Foundation for “Planning for Authentic Learning across the Alliance Network: Integrating Geospatial Technologies as Teaching Tools for Promoting Geilitacy” a collaborative grant with the University of South Carolina, University of Tennessee, and Shippensburg University along with the respective state alliances, March 2014

KIRKMAN, Tera – Associate Professor of Nursing and Davis, Ernestine – Professor of Nursing
2.1 million dollar grant, Department of Health and Human Services (HRSA), Opportunities for Entry into Nursing Services (OPEN), Financially Disadvantaged, Continuing four-year grant.
Awarded, 2014 University of North Alabama Gala Awards, Academic Affairs Award for Outstanding Service, April 2014

NELSON, Michelle – Assistant Professor of Nursing
Awarded, “Julie Hadden Matthews Endowed Professorship of Nursing” presented through the University of North Alabama Foundation, 2013-14

PITTS, Greg – Chair and Professor of Communications
$5,000, “1 for All Campus Initiative Grant,” American Society of News Editors and the McCormick Foundation for educating students, the academy and the people in the community about the First Amendment, September 2013.

ROCK, Martha – Professor of Nursing
Awarded, 2014 University of North Alabama Gala Awards, Academic Affairs Award for Outstanding Advising, April 2014

SIM, Sunhui – Assistant Professor of Geography

TAKEUCHI, May – Associate Professor of Sociology
Awarded $1,477, College of Arts and Sciences Research Grant (January, 2014) to support the upcoming peer-reviewed presentation of an article at the 109th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, August 2014.

GRANTS and AWARDS

About the University of NORTH ALABAMA
The University of North Alabama occupies a beautiful historic campus of over 100 acres located just north of the Tennessee River in the metropolitan Sholes’ Area of Northwest Alabama. First established in 1830 as LaGrange College, the University became in 1872 the first state-supported teachers’ college south of the Ohio River and one of the first coed colleges in the nation. With over 7,000 students, the University of North Alabama offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in Arts and Sciences, Business, Education and Human Sciences, and Nursing.