Profiles in Excellence
ACADEMIC YEAR 2015-2016
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Academic Vice President and Provost’s Report for Faculty Publications, Presentations, Performances, Exhibitions, and Grants
Profiles in Excellence gives recognition to the scholarly accomplishments of our faculty. Broadly defined, those accomplishments include artistic endeavors, creative initiatives, original research, scholarly books, articles and presentations, funded grants, and/or academic services. These efforts augment scholarship at the University but also enhance the integral relationship between teaching and research. They are often an extension of research collaboration with our students and with colleagues at other institutions.

The publication of Profiles in Excellence affords an opportunity for the University to acknowledge the dedication and professionalism of the University of North Alabama faculty. The accomplishments reported herein are but a small part of the numerous examples of hard work contributed by the faculty on behalf of the numerous constituencies served by the University.

The mission of the University of North Alabama is broad based but gives special attention to the creation of an environment of discovery and creative accomplishment. Profiles in Excellence embraces that mission. To all who contribute on its behalf, thank you.

Dr. John G. Thornell  
*Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost*
Dr. Glenn Marvin’s career in biology may provide one more tally mark for nature over nurture. His fascination with animals began very early in life and never faded. As a very small child in suburban Ohio in the 60s, he amassed a collection of small plastic and rubber critters (including exotic species like Gumby and Pokey) obtained largely from gumball machines. Later, a captivation with salamanders and a burgeoning appetite for uncovering them was heightened by innumerable exploratory hikes and sojourns in the backwoods of Kentucky. For his undergraduate education, he resisted the expectation to follow in his father’s footsteps and study engineering, and instead followed his whim to pursue a degree in zoology. While in graduate school, his desire to learn more about salamanders became an inspiration for research. Published work during graduate school includes studies on life history, courtship behavior, territorial behavior, interspecific competition, and the avoidance of alarm chemicals as an antipredator behavior. Because a livelihood based solely on “playing” with salamanders is not feasible, he is thankful that teaching assistantships during graduate school helped him to become an educator as well. In spite of numerous cynics and naysayers encountered along the way, a chip on the shoulder and an enduring fire in the belly allowed him to eventually overcome each obstacle. During graduate work in Oklahoma, he was very fortunate to meet a woman who shared his passion for biology and tolerated his idiosyncrasies. She is a fantastic mother to their wonderful daughter.

Together with UNA biology students, Dr. Marvin continues to study the ecology, behavior, and physiology of salamanders. Recent published research includes studies of sexual and seasonal dimorphism, the effect of controlled tail loss (i.e., tail autotomy) on locomotor performance, thermal and body size effects on the rate of tail regeneration, and the lower temperature limit for predatory behavior. In one terrestrial species of woodland Slimy Salamander, he found that females differ from males in snout shape, trunk length, and tail width. Distinctive features of females may increase fecundity and those of males may be indicative of an enhanced chemosensory ability to find females. Although tail autotomy in semiaquatic Dusky Salamanders may often allow individuals to escape from predators, the shortened tail greatly diminishes swimming performance. This locomotor cost after tail autotomy is greater for larger individuals because they have a much slower rate of regeneration, and this may partly explain their greater proclivity for biting when the tail is grasped by a predator. The rate of tail regeneration (and cost of tail autotomy) also differs greatly among seasons and environments based primarily on temperature variation, and this may help to explain dissimilarity in antipredator behavior of salamanders among seasons and at different elevations. Dr. Marvin and his students documented that Dusky Salamanders continue to stalk and capture prey at very low temperatures (only a few degrees above freezing). This ability, in part, allows them to occupy a unique niche as predators of small invertebrate animals in forest ecosystems. As long as the fire continues to burn, he relishes the opportunity to guide student research on salamanders in the future.
Mr. Will Brewer joined the college of nursing faculty in 2012. He teaches adult health nursing and introduction to professional nursing in the traditional nursing program. When he graduated from Mars Hill Bible School, Will's career trajectory did not include nursing or education. However, the summer before he entered college Will started working at a local convalescent center and watched how the nurses made an impact on the lives of those they serve. This quickly cancelled his plans to enter medical school and he enrolled at the local community college for nursing classes. During this time, he realized that one day he wanted to teach the nurses of tomorrow. Will earned his Associate of Applied Science in nursing and worked for the Huntsville Hospital system the majority of his bedside career as a clinician in the emergency department. Upon completion of his BSN, he went to work in hospital education teaching advanced cardiovascular life support and pediatric advanced life support. During this time, he also taught numerous cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes for the hospital and the community and is still active in teaching CPR to clinicians and the lay rescuer. Upon completion of his MSN, Will helped to open a small community hospital and worked as the emergency department clinical nurse educator. While he enjoyed his time as clinician, Will knew his calling was to teach nursing. During his time as a hospital nurse, he also taught as an adjunct role for the community college system focusing on clinical care of the emergency and ICU client.

Will's teaching philosophy revolves around several facets: academic excellence, passion, and service. Having a passion for teaching and learning is something that is instilled into each of his students. In nursing, learning occurs in the classroom and in the clinical setting. Will exemplifies his care delivery model to his students in the clinical setting. One very important thing he ensures that his students know is that they need to treat the patient like they would want to be treated. In the classroom, Will uses memory mnemonics and pictures to help his students remember difficult subject matter. Each semester, his students participate in the “Cardiac Movie Awards” where they make up lyrics to a popular song but the words are related to the cardiovascular system. These are just some of the ways that he helps them learn!

After completion of his degree, Will plans to continue to work with stroke survivorship and medical simulation research.

Will believes that nursing is a wonderful career choice for anyone interested in science and the healthcare field. He is very grateful for the mentors that helped him choose nursing and he strives to be that role model for the future of nursing. He often shares his personal education & nursing experiences with his students to help them become better clinicians.

"Before great things can be accomplished, dreams have to be dreamed.” — Ida V. Moffett, RN
Dr. Andrea Hunt joined UNA in 2013 upon completion of a postdoctoral teaching fellowship at North Carolina State University. As a sociologist, Dr. Hunt is committed to serving the larger community and addressing the social problems that youth and families face today. As a result, she has conducted a variety of community presentations and workshops. For example, she presented anti-bullying programming for several elementary schools, study skills training for adjudicated youth, and college readiness workshops for local high schools. In all, Dr. Hunt has conducted 35 workshops since joining the faculty. Dr. Hunt has also served on 15 different committees or advisory boards at the university, college, or department level.

Dr. Hunt recently partnered with the Shoals Chamber of Commerce to deliver the Choices program in local middle schools. Her work encourages youth to graduate high school and pursue higher education. This led to the development of a mentoring program between UNA students and Florence Middle School. Dr. Hunt’s commitment to students is evident in her work with early scholars. Dr. Hunt helped develop a partnership with Deshler High School and travels there three times a week to work with students. This spring she taught the first early college class at Sheffield High School. Her work with Sheffield was recently featured in the Times Daily.

Dr. Hunt’s passion for service can also be seen in her desire to help abused and neglected children in the Shoals. Dr. Hunt was recently appointed as a Court Appointed Special Advocate.

Dr. Hunt has a strong commitment to making UNA a safer campus. As a member of the Title IX Education and Prevention Advisory Board, she assisted with the development and coordination of UNA’s Student Campus Climate Survey. The purpose of the survey was to provide UNA with critical information regarding our campus climate, campus resources, and experiences of our students. Dr. Hunt assisted with a series of research briefs that were released to the campus and Shoals community. Dr. Hunt worked with a small group of undergraduates to teach them how to become peer educators and deliver bystander intervention programming. Their work was featured in the Times Daily and led to Dr. Hunt speaking at the “It’s on Us” campaign last fall. Dr. Hunt led bystander intervention training for the Students Affairs staff, Residence Life, FYE classes, ADPi sorority, and the Greek organizations in the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Because of her service work on campus and in the community, Dr. Hunt was featured in a special edition of Times Daily on young professionals in the Shoals making a difference. She served as a keynote speaker this summer at the Conquering Life Retreat which empowers women to thrive and find their passion in life.

Dr. Hunt is dedicated to the university and local community. Most students would agree that she leads by example. Even in her free time, Dr. Hunt encourages her own children (Ruby and AJ) to be of service to others through participation in toy drives, community meals, and meal packing for the hungry.

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” — Mahatma Gandhi
Early in her career, Dr. Amber Paulk developed a strong interest in the critical role of advising in students’ development. She sees her role as an academic advisor as an opportunity to teach outside the classroom. Transformational theory provides the underpinnings of her philosophy of advising, which is guided by a few simple, yet fundamental principles.

**Demonstrate Genuine Interest.** Dr. Paulk believes it is impossible to provide appropriate guidance to students if you do not know who they are. Therefore, she endeavors to be a student of her students. She takes the time to learn about their interests, experiences, and passions. Through intentional conversations, she can introduce the right challenges at the right time and assist students in identifying their professional goals.

**Offer Perspective.** Students often focus on the hurdles ahead and fail to acknowledge the ones they have already overcome. Dr. Paulk believes it is critically important to help students savor every success and acknowledge growth. She tries to help students put setbacks in perspective by sharing her own failures and how they promoted her professional development.

She provides models of coping with failure and helps students learn from mistakes. By letting students know that she does not have all of the answers she hopes to encourage students to take risks.

**Stimulate Growth.** Students perform at the level expected of them, so Dr. Paulk sets high expectations for all of her students. She works with students to establish measureable short- and long-term goals and expects students to work hard toward achieving those goals. Along the way, she provides students with feedback that includes praise as well as constructive criticism and makes it clear that the goal is not perfection, but growth.

**Provide Affirmation.** In order to achieve their highest potential, students must feel good about themselves. Students often feel like imposters, and affirmation helps them push through self-doubt. By demonstrating faith in their abilities, Dr. Paulk gives students the permission to believe in themselves. She actively seeks out opportunities to offer her students support and praise. However, her students also know that with or without success, she sees them as persons of great value. By unconditionally affirming her students, Dr. Paulk provides a space where it is okay to take risks and fail, and acknowledge fears and weaknesses without becoming paralyzed by them. Dr. Paulk’s goal is to make her office a safe place where she and her students can work through challenges and learn they are not insurmountable.

A native of Florence, AL, Dr. Paulk received her Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Studies from Auburn University in 2008 and taught as an Assistant Professor of Family Studies at Central Washington University (Ellensburg, WA) for three years before accepting a position at the University of North Alabama in 2011. She is married to Dr. Ryan Zayac, Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of North Alabama, and together they have a three year old daughter, Reese.

“*What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?*” — George Eliot
Dr. Kristy Oden is a native of Mississippi, but has been in the Shoals area for the past 16 years. She is married to Mr. Jered Oden, a UNA graduate of the College of Business, and they have two daughters, Addison who is 9 and Hadley who is 2. She began her nursing career with an Associate Degree from a local community college in 2000 that then brought her to UNA, where she completed her RN-BSN degree online in 2002, one of the programs in which she now teaches. She continued her education at the University of Alabama, Huntsville where she obtained her Master of Science in Nursing with a focus on Family Practice in 2003 and then her Doctorate in Nursing Practice in 2011.

Prior to coming to UNA, Dr. Oden served (the local area) as a Labor and Delivery registered nurse for 5 years and then as a nurse practitioner in the area of adult health and gastroenterology. She continues to maintain an active family nurse practitioner certification through local practice and volunteering at the Shoals Community Clinic.

Serving the University and the local community is a priority for Dr. Oden. She has served, and continues to serve, on a variety of College of Nursing and University committees. She is an active fundraiser for Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society. In this effort, she created and donated a quilt as a fundraising effort for her Relay for Life team the past three years. She also founded MUNCH (Making Unforgettable Children less Hungry) in 2011 which has a focus of decreasing hunger in school age children in the local communities. The program has continued to grow over the years and she has been able to meet the demands, helping to reach the goal of decreasing childhood hunger.

Dr. Oden began her career at the University of North Alabama in the traditional nursing department in the fall of 2011. She then transitioned to the online department in the fall of 2013. She currently serves as an Associate Professor in the Online Department with the College of Nursing. With the undergraduate students, she taught courses such as Dosage Calculation and clinicals in the area of Mental Health and Women’s Health. She has taught RN-BSN students about Women's Health, Research, and Physical Assessment. Within the Master of Science in Nursing program, she has taught courses in Advanced Research, Nursing Theory, Advanced Pathophysiology, the Capstone Project, and courses in each of the specialized tracts (nurse educator and nurse leader). Within the Physical Assessment course, she has utilized virtual patients and in the Advanced Pathophysiology course she has created evolving case studies of patient care within the online hospital environment. She has embraced the challenge of engaging students in the online learning environment.

She continues to maintain a creative learning environment that promotes excellence in learning through engaging her students. She knows that students who enter her courses are at all stages of their life, career, and even their education. Dr. Oden strives to encourage students, and wants to remind them of one of her favorite quotes by C.S. Lewis, “You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.”

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ALEXANDER, PAULETTE - ASSOCIATE DEAN OF COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSOR OF COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

ALVARADO-BRIZUELA, ALEJANDRA - ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES

ARMSTRONG, ROBERT - PROFESSOR OF MARKETING


BALCH, DENNIS R. - PROFESSOR OF MANAGEMENT

BARRETT, DOUGLAS J. - CHAIR AND PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCE


BATES, LARRY - PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY


Multiple presentations at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Newport Beach, California, October 2015.

BEAVER, JANA P. - CHAIR AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MANAGEMENT

BERGERON, WAYNE P., LIEUTENANT COLONEL (RETIRED) - INSTRUCTOR OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE


BIBBEE, JEFFREY - PROFESSOR AND CHAIR OF HISTORY

BLACK, DAVID L. - INSTRUCTOR OF ECONOMICS; DIRECTOR OF THE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

BLACKSTONE, TANJA F. - PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

BLAKE, R. MELVIN - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS

BLANKINSHIP, LISA ANN - ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY


BLount, Linda - Professor of Secondary Education


BORAH, JOY - Professor of Social Work
Brewer, Willard E. - Assistant Professor of Nursing, Traditional
Presented "Oral hygiene practices in stroke survivors with dysphagia".  UAB, PhD Intensive, Birmingham, Alabama, June 2016.
Presented "See ya at the debriefing! Videoing simulations with no instructor present. Do students learn in this environment?" NAHEC Annual Conference, Decatur, Alabama, August 2016.

Brown, Joy - Professor of Secondary Education

Burkhead, Cynthia – Professor and Chair of English
Presented, ‘Help me out here Spock’. Star Trek as precursor to BtVS,” Joss in June Biennial Conference, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, June 2015.

Butler, Amy – Associate Professor, Librarian

Cagle, Corey - Assistant Professor of Accounting and Business Law

Carnes, Gregory A. - Dean of College of Business and Raburn Professor of Accounting

Carrasco, Gabriela - Assistant Professor of Psychology
Co-presented, “When being diverse is not enough”, Southern Management Association Conference, St. Pete’s Beach, Florida, October 2015.

Chung, Tsai Yen – Adjunct Professor of Accounting

Clayton, Lisa – Associate Professor of Elementary Education

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

Coleman-Reed, Freda – Department of Social Work

Collin, Sean – Assistant Professor of Accounting and Business Law

Coronel, Helen – Assistant Professor of Nursing

Cumbie, Barry – Assistant Professor of Computer Information Systems

Davis, Ernestine B. – Professor of Nursing

Dolmatov, Valeriy K. - Professor of Physics
Presented, ‘Review of the progress in model theoretical studies of e + A@C60 electron scattering”, co-authored with M. Amusia and L. Chernysheva, 47th Annual meeting of the Division of Atomic, Molecular & Optical Physics of the American Physical Society, Providence, Rhode Island, May 2016.
Presented, “e + C60 and e + A@C60 elastic scattering versus the parameters of the C60-model-square-well potential”, XXIX International Conference of Physics of Electronic, Atomic, and Photonic Collisions, Toledo, Spain, July 2015.
Duvall-Zurinsky, Suzanne - Assistant Professor of Communications
Co-presented, “Spin specific photoemission time delay in Mn for Larmor clock calibration”, 5th International Conference on Attosecond Physics, Saint-Souvre, Quebec, Canada, July 2015.

Multiple presentations at XXIX International Conference of Physics of Electronic, Atomic, and Photonic Collisions, Toledo, Spain, July 2015.

Multiple presentations at 46th Annual meeting of the Division of Atomic, Molecular & Optical Physics Division of Atomic, Molecular & Optical Physics of the American Physical Society, Columbus, Ohio, June 2015.


Driskell, Melissa M. Moore - Assistant Professor of Geology


Duvall-Zurinsky, Suzanne - Associate Professor of Art


Elmasry, Mohamad - Assistant Professor of Communications


Authored, “Is the Egyptian media starting to hold Sisi to account?” Middle East Eye, February 29, 2016.


Presented, “Media coverage of the overthrow of an elected president—a framing analysis of Egyptian TV news coverage of July 3, 2013, the day of the ouster of President Mohamed Morsi,” co-authored with Phil Auter and Heidi Makady, National Communication Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, November 2015.


Englellt, Jill G. - Instructor of Human Environmental Sciences


Fadden, Janye - Executive-in-Residence of College of Business

Fleming, Jonathan - Assistant Professor of Geography


Greer, Mark - Assistant Professor of Mathematics


Refereed, Quasigroups and Related Systems, 2015.

Guan, Jyh-Liang - Adjunct Professor of Accounting
Co-authored with Y. Tsai, A Case Study on Service Experience Model of a Leading Farm in Taiwan, 2015 Academic Conference of Business Management and Marketing, Hualien County, Taiwan, 2015.


Haggerty, Thomas - Professor and Chair of Biology
**Hall, Michael D. - Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation**


**Harris, Felecia - Assistant Professor of Secondary Education**


**Helm, Jean Ann - Assistant Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation**


Multiple Presentations at ASAAHPERD, Birmingham, Alabama, November 2015.

**Hodges, John - Associate Professor of Social Work**


**Howell, Latasha - Instructor of English**

Presented, “The Discovery of the South in Flannery O’Connor’s ‘Good Country People’: Mockery or Realistic?” Sigma Tau Delta Regional Conference, St. Augustine, Florida, October 2015.

**Hubler, Tina - Associate Professor of Biology**


**Hudiburg, Richard - Chair and Professor of Psychology**


Multiple presentations at Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Newport Beach, California, October 2015.

**Hunt, Andrea - Assistant Professor of Sociology and Family Studies**


Author, “The Role of Theory in Understanding the Lived Experiences of Mothering in the Academy”, *Teacher, Mother, Scholar*, 2015.


**Imbrogno, Jason P. - Assistant Professor of Economics**


**Jenkins, Janet T. - Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Information Systems**


Jenkins, James A. - Assistant Professor of Computer Science

Johnson, Ashley - Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Johnson, Lorie - Assistant Professor of Elementary Education

Jones, Keith T. - Professor of Accounting

Jones, Lloyd E., III - Professor of Music

Kang, Chanho - Assistant Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation
Presented, “Development of a brand personality scale in professional sports,” Sport Marketing Association, Atlanta, Georgia, October 2015.

Keys-Mathews, Lisa - Professor of Geography, Director of Quality Enhancement Program

Killen, Lauren - Assistant Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation

King, Brett A. - Professor of Finance

Kinney, Katie - Chair and Associate Professor of Elementary Education; Director of Assessment

Kirch, Lisa - Associate Professor of Art

Kirkman, Tera - Chair and Associate Professor of Nursing
Co-presented with R. Winston, & C. Hall, “Strategies for Implementing a Multiple Patient Simulation Scenario to Increase Undergraduate Nursing Students’ Delegation and Prioritization Skills,” International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, June 2015.

Koti, Francis – Professor and Chair of the Department of Geography
Lee, Ye Hoon - Assistant Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation


Lindsey, Natasha - Assistant Professor, Instructional Designer


Presented webinar, “Overcoming Barriers—Encouraging Students Engagement in Online Classrooms to the Nutrition Educators of Health Professionals.

Liu, Nien-Chi - Adjunct Professor of Management


Co-authored with Y. Lin, HPWPs, management team flexibility, employee attitudes toward flexibility and SOCBs. Academy of Management Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada, 2015.

Loeppky, Ian - Professor of Music

Presented, “Using your iPad as a music folder,” American Choral Directors Association Southern Convention, Chattanooga, Tennessee, March 2015.


Member of Editorial Board, Anacrusis (Choral Canada).

Loew, Sandra - Professor of Counselor Education


Lovett, Thomas M. - Professor of Business Law


Luna, Andrew - Director of Institutional Research, Planning, and Assessment


Maddox, Lamont - Assistant Professor of Secondary Education


Malone, Derek - Assistant Professor, Librarian


Co-presented, “Trained by Animation: How we’re re-imagining our help desk training with cartoons.” Georgia Council of Media Organizations, Athens, Georgia, October 2015.

Multiple presentations at the Kentucky Library Association/Kentucky Association of School Libraries Annual Joint Conference, Louisville, Kentucky- September 2015.

Presented, “Teaching #infolit with everyday content.” Conference on Undergraduate Research Programs: Building Enhancing and Sustaining, Norman, Oklahoma, June 2015.

Authored, “Using Synchronous Video within a Learning Management System for Library and Information Literacy Instruction”, Public Services Quarterly. 11(3), 208-216.

Malone, Keith D. - Professor of Economics and Finance


Marvin, Glenn - Associate Professor of Biology


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


McMullen, Janet - Associate Professor of Radio-Television-Film

Mighty, Mario - Assistant Professor of Geography

Mitchell, Jessica - Assistant Professor of Secondary Education

Monteiro, Prema A. - Assistant Professor of Human Environmental Sciences

Ogun, Johnson A. - Assistant Professor of Culinary Arts and Director of Culinary Arts

Olive, Brent - Associate Professor and Chair of Chemistry and Industrial Hygiene

O’Neal, Eric - Assistant Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation
Multiple presentations at Southeastern American College of Sports Medicine Regional Conference, Greenville, SC, February 2016.

Padgett, Gary - Assistant Professor of Secondary Education

Parries, Miranda - Assistant Professor of Counselor Education

Paulk, Amber – Associate Professor of Sociology and Family Studies
Co-presented with A. Hunt and Y. Williams, “From research to practice: Using campus climate surveys to create education and prevention programming,” Southern Sociology Society, Atlanta, Georgia, April 2016.

Pearson, Quinn – Professor of Counselor Education

**Peterson, Lesley - Professor of English**


**Pretes, Michael - Professor of Geography**


Presented, “Alternative development and remote communities,” School of Environment and Natural Resources, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, April 2016.


**Price, Cheryl Blake - Assistant Professor of English**


**Prince-Lubawy, Jesse - Assistant Professor of Mathematics**


Presented, “Equivalence of Z_p2-actions on handlebodies,” Fall Western AMS Sectional Meeting, California State University, Fullerton, California, 2015.

**Puckett, Mark - Professor of Geology**


**Purser, Christopher - Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice**


**Qiu, Chong - Assistant Professor of Chemistry**


Presented, “Construction of a Microwave Ozone Spectrometer”, *the 1st International Youth Environmental Symposium*, EPA Region 4, Atlanta, Georgia, October 2015.

**Raney, Lee - Assistant Professor of Mathematics**

Presented, “Undergraduate Research in Permutation Groups and Sliding Disk Puzzles,” MAA Southeastern Section Meeting, Special Session on Presentations by Beginning Faculty, Birmingham, Alabama, March 2016.


Presented, “Semidirect Products of Groups with Loops,” AMS Western Sectional Meeting, Special Session on Recent Advances in Finite Groups and Their Representations, Fullerton, California, October 2015.

**Ray, Jeffery - Associate Professor of Biology**

Presented, “Patterns of hybridization and range expansion in stream fishes,” Invited Seminar, Jacksonville State University, Department of Biology, February 2016.

**Renfroe, Lee - Associate Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation**


**Sewell, Beth - Associate Dean and Associate Professor of Secondary Education**


**Sim, Sunhui - Assistant Professor of Geography**


**Sleadd, Isaac - Assistant Professor of Biology**


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**Stenger, Cynthia - Professor and Chair of Mathematics**


**Stevens, Daniel - Associate Professor of Music**


**Stovall, Jessica - Assistant Professor of Mathematics**


Referred, Proceedings of the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) 2015.

**Stupiansky, Jillian - Assistant Professor of Mathematics**

**Townsend, Darlene - Assistant Professor, Librarian**

**Townsend, Karen - Associate Professor of Counselor Education**
Association for Specialists in Group Work, 2015.


**Wiggins, Tracy - Assistant Professor of Music**
Presentation: “Sound Development on Percussion”, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, February 15, 2016.


**Williams, Peter M. - Professor of Economics**


**Williams, Yashica - Associate Professor and Chair of Sociology and Family Studies**


**Winston, Rachel - Assistant Professor of Nursing**
Co-presented with T. Kirkman, C. Hall, R. Winston, Podium Presentation: Strategies for Implementing a Multiple Patient Simulation abstract accepted. International Nursing Simulation and Learning, Atlanta, Georgia, June 10-12, 2015.


**Zayac, Ryan - Associate Professor of Psychology**
Multiple presentations at the Southeastern Psychological Association Conference, New Orleans, LA, March 2016.


**Zhang, Xihui - Associate Professor of Computer Information Systems**


**ARTISTIC PERFORMANCES and EXHIBITIONS**

**Aldridge, James Walton** - Visiting Associate Professor of Entertainment Industry

**Benson, Aaron** - Assistant Professor of Art
Solo Exhibition, Veiled, Indiana Wesleyan University Gallery, Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana, 2016.
Group Exhibition, Anderson Ranch Arts Center Legacy: Mentoring Artistic Excellence, NCECA, Kansas City Convention Center at Bartle Hall, Kansas City, Missouri, 2016.
Group Exhibition, From Here to There, NCECA, Kansas City, Missouri, 2016.
Solo Exhibition, Settings, Union University Art Gallery, Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, 2015.
Group Exhibition, Sculpture Inside, Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi, NSW, Australia, 2015.
Installation, Conspicuous Consumption, Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi, NSW, Australia, 2015.
Installation, Tic Tac Toe, Suwanee, Georgia, 2015.
Installation, I'd Rather have a Tree, New Albany, Indiana, 2015.

**Bostic-Brown, Tiffany** - Assistant Professor of Music
Soprano soloist: Solas, Walk With Me Foundation-Songs with Santa, Grace Episcopal Church, Tupelo, Mississippi, December 22, 2015.
Soprano soloist: Solas, Walk With Me Foundation, All Saints Episcopal Church, Tupelo, Mississippi, August 2, 2015.

**Brown, Terrance** - Assistant Professor of Music
Adjudicator: District IV Choral Performance Assessment, Huntsville, Alabama, April 7, 2016.
Soprano soloist: Solas, Walk With Me Foundation-Songs with Santa, Grace Episcopal Church, Tupelo, Mississippi, December 22, 2015.
Baritone soloist: Ralph Vaughan Williams, Sea Symphony, Huntsville Symphony Orchestra, Huntsville, Alabama, September 18, 2015.
Conductor: Solas, Walk With Me Foundation, All Saints Episcopal Church, Tupelo, Mississippi, August 2, 2015.

**Bullington, Tara** - Adjunct Instructor of Art

**Cai, Yi-Min** - Professor of Music
Adjudicator: New Jersey Music Teachers Association - State Level Student Performance Competition, Rowan University, Glassboro, New Jersey, November 1, 2015.

**Davis, Ernestine B.** - Professor of Nursing, Traditional
Speaker: Black history program, Mount Hope Baptist Church, Sheffield, February 27, 2016.

**Davis, Michelle** - Adjunct Instructor of Art
Group Exhibition, Art Faculty Exhibition, Museum of Fine Art, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, 2016.

**James, Charlton** - Associate Professor of Theatre

**Loepky, Ian** - Professor of Music
Artistic Director, Florence Camerata, 2015-2016 season.
Guest Clinician: Huntsville Youth Choir, Huntsville, Alabama February 8, 2016.

**Merciers, Meghan** - Assistant Professor of Music
Orchestral Performance: North Mississippi Symphony Orchestra (clarinet/bass clarinet), Tupelo, Mississippi, 2015-2016 season.
Orchestral Performance: Tuscaloosa Symphony Orchestra (2nd/Eb clarinet), 2015-2016 season.
Recital Performance: Daniel Stevens and Friends (clarinet), Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts, Florence, Alabama, April 9, 2016.
Band Performance: Shoals Community Band (clarinet), First Baptist Church, Florence, Alabama, April 3, 2016.
Band Performance: Shoals Area Honor Band Director's Concert (clarinet), Florence High School, March 4, 2016.
Recital Performance: River City Winter Clarinet Festival, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, January 16, 2016.
Performance: Riverbank Saxophone Quartet and Shoals Community Band, Magnolia Church of Christ, Florence, Alabama, November 29, 2015.
Recital Performance: University of Tennessee Single Reed Day (clarinet), Knoxville, Tennessee, November 21, 2015.
Clinician: Clarinet Master Class, University of Tennessee Single Reed Day, Knoxville, TN, November 21, 2015.
ARTISTIC PERFORMANCES and EXHIBITIONS

Monteiro, Prema A. - Assistant Professor of Human Environmental Sciences


O’Neal, Whitney - Assistant Professor of Music


Conductor/Clinician: Student Flute Choir, Mid-South Flute Festival, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee, March 19, 2016.

Recital Performance: Chamber Musician, Druid City Ensemble concert at the Southeastern Composers League Forum, Campbell University, Buies Creek, North Carolina, February 20, 2016.

Adjudicator: Alabama Bandmaster’s Association District III All-State, Muscle Shoals High School, January 30, 2016.

Recital Performance: Conservatorio Profesional de Música, Toledo, Spain, December 3, 2015.

Solo Performance: International Hydration Congress Dinner, Toledo, Spain, December 2, 2015.

Recital Performance: Chamber Musician, Druid City Ensemble Concert, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, Alabama, November 8, 2015.

Recital Performance: Chamber Musician, Druid City Ensemble Concert featuring the world premiere of 5 new works from the Birmingham Art Music Alliance, Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, November 7, 2015.

Padgett, Gary - Assistant Professor of Secondary Education


Rausch, Robert - Adjunct Instructor of Art


Ruebhausen, David - Associate Professor of Theatre

Theatrical performance: Scene Designer for To Kill a Mockingbird, Ritz Theatre, Tuscumbia, Alabama, March 2016.

Faculty Directing Mentor for New Play Project: Kennedy Center American College Theatre Regional Festival, University of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina, February 2016.


Stevens, Daniel - Associate Professor of Music

Masterclass Selection: Huntsville Symphony Orchestra, two UNA studio violin students selected to perform, Huntsville, Alabama, April 15, 2016.

Solo Recital Performance: Sangrias at Sunset (viola/violin), Kennedy-Douglass Center, Florence, Alabama, April 9, 2016.

Orchestral Performance: Tulsa Symphony Orchestra (viola), Tulsa, Oklahoma, February 20, 2016.


Solo Performance: Turtle Point Country Club (viola), Killen, Alabama, December 12, 2015.

Orchestral Performance: Florence Camerata, Grace Episcopal Church, Sheffield, AL, December 8-10, 2015.


Adjudicator: Alabama Music Educators Association All-State Orchestra, October 17, 2015.

Orchestral Performance: Tulsa Symphony Orchestra (viola), Tulsa, Oklahoma, September 26, 2015.

Orchestral Performance: Huntsville Symphony Orchestra (viola), Huntsville, Alabama, September 18, 2015.


Solo Performance: St. James United Methodist Church (viola), Florence, Alabama, April 24, 2015.

Orchestral Performance: Huntsville Symphony Orchestra (violin), Huntsville, Alabama, March 12, 2015.

Local Radio Guest: Disney LIVE: Pirates of the Caribbean, Q107 WQLT, February 2014.

Wiggins, Tracy - Assistant Professor of Music

Recital Performance: Guest Artist Series at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, February 17, 2016.

Orchestral Performance: Percussion/Timpani, Huntsville Symphony, 2015-16.
Aldridge, James Walton - Visiting Associate Professor of Entertainment Industry


Bates, Larry - Professor of Psychology

Awarded 2015 Faculty/Staff Service Award, LINA Alumni Association.

Blackstone, Tanja - Director, Sponsored Programs

Awarded with Dr. Craig Christy and Dr. Chunsheng Zhang, $25,000, $100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Fund Grant, to send 37 UNA students to Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola (Lima, Peru) in June 2015 to conduct a variety of research projects under the theme “Exercise and Nutritional Science: Promoting Study Abroad in Health and Nutrition”. Ms. Jill Englett, Dr. Matthew Green, Ms. Prema Monteiro, and Dr. Ryan Zayac led the students and supervised their research.

Blake, R. Melvin - Associate Professor of Physics

UNA Faculty Development Grant, Spring 2016

UNA Faculty-Student Research Grant, with Dr. Richard Statom, Dr. Chong Qiu, James McKee, Fall 2015.

Brewer, Willard E. - Assistant Professor of Nursing

Awarded, “Dr. Lawrence J. Nelson Outstanding Teaching Award”.

Christy, Craig - Director, Center for Critical Languages, Foreign Languages

Awarded with Dr. Tanja Blackstone and Dr. Chunsheng Zhang, $25,000, $100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Fund Grant, to send 37 UNA students to Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola (Lima, Peru) in June 2015 to conduct a variety of research projects under the theme “Exercise and Nutritional Science: Promoting Study Abroad in Health and Nutrition”. Ms. Jill Englett, Dr. Matthew Green, Ms. Prema Monteiro, and Dr. Ryan Zayac led the students and supervised their research.

Darnell, Lisa - Assistant Professor, Speech Communication

Award of Merit: Ignite: Dream. STEAM. Branding Campaign for the University of North Alabama’s College of Arts and Sciences, Public Relations Council of Alabama, April 20, 2016.

Davis, Ernestine B. - Professor of Nursing


Continued member of career and Technical Education Alabama Dept. of Education Advisory Board 2015-2016.


Reappointed member to SREB Diversity Committee 2015-2016.


Supervised/directed carry-over grant funds continuation award. North Alabama Council of Local Government (NACOLG)-nursing students rendering special services to elderly participants in Colbert (7) and Lauderdale (7) Senior Centers. Total amount awarded $189,000.

Davison, Paul - Professor of Biology


Dawson, Jennifer S. - Assistant Professor of Nursing, Traditional

Inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, University of North Alabama, 2016.

Driskell, Melissa M. Moore - Assistant Professor of Geology

$838, University of North Alabama College of Arts and Science Faculty Research Grant, Opportunity to attend the AASHE Sustainability Across the Curriculum Leadership Workshop at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, 2015-2016.

Co-Principal Investigator with C. Tape and D. Christensen, Seismometer installation fieldwork in the Cook Inlet of Alaska, NSF funded research entitled “Basin-to-slab imaging of the Alaskan subduction zone”, May 2015.

Duvall-Zurinsky, Suzanne - Associate Professor of Art

College of Arts and Sciences Research and Development Grant (2016)

Englett, Jill G. - Instructor of Human Environmental Sciences

Led Nutrition and Nursing students during study abroad (“Exercise and Nutritional Science: Promoting Study Abroad in Health and Nutrition”). Supported by 100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Fund Grant, to collaborate with Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola (Lima, Peru) in June 2015. Grant secured by UNA Office of International Affairs.

$1,305 grant with Kaitlyn Wilson, UNA QEP Research Grant, “Comparing Dietary Intake of University Students from Peru and Alabama with an Analysis of the Effect of Dietary Intake on Anthropometrics Across Cultures,” Alabama Dietetic Association Meeting, 2015.

Fleming, Johnathan - Assistant Professor of Geography

Awarded for “Assessing the potential of OpenROV for surveying the underwater environment of Pickwick Reservoir, Alabama.” by Office of the VPAA, 2016.

Awarded grant for “Validation of predicted habitat and phylogenetic analysis of Solanum conocarpum (Solanaceae) in St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands.” College of Arts and Sciences Research Grant, 2016.

Awarded grant for “Investigating the feasibility of developing a Study Abroad program in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.” Emma Craig Geography Endowment, 2015.

Green, J. Matthew - Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Dr. Green led Exercise Science students during study abroad (“Exercise and Nutritional Science: Promoting Study Abroad in Health and Nutrition Supported by 100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Fund Grant,” to collaborate with Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola (Lima, Peru) in June 2015. Grant secured by UNA Office of International Affairs.

Hall, Michael D. - Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Awarded, 2016 Southern District Recreation Professional of the Year at the SHAPE America Southern District meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia in February 2016.

Helm, Jean Ann - Assistant Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Awarded, $1,000 from Reverse America Advisors Incorporated. PI Jean Ann Helm Allen. Grant was solicited and received on behalf of “UNA Recreational Sports” to go towards the Outdoor Adventure Center, 2015.
Hubler, Tina - Associate Professor of Biology
$439, College of Arts and Sciences Research Grant to support project entitled "Using polyclonal antibodies to perform Western Blotting on human and squirrel monkey cellular extracts."

Hudiburg, Richard - Chair and Professor of Psychology
$1,517, College of Arts & Sciences Research Grant (February 2016) award to study spirituality of hiking-type pilgrimages phase 1 of Camino de Santiago spirituality study.

Hunt, Andrea - Assistant Professor of Sociology and Family Studies
Awarded, Academic Affairs Award for Outstanding Service; 2016
Awarded, College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Early Career Award for Service; 2016
$400, Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor Society to support sociology research symposium.
$2,000, Quality Enhancement Plan at the University of North Alabama to support undergraduate research.

Jenkins, Janet T. - Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Information Systems
Received $284,000 grant, with C. Stenger, J. Stovall, and J. Jenkins, a 3-year Math/Science Partnership grant, Oct, 2015.

Jerkins, James A. - Assistant Professor of Computer Science
Received $284,000 grant, with C. Stenger, J. Stovall, and J. Jenkins, a 3-year Math/Science Partnership grant, Oct, 2015.
Received $2,354, Google Inc. Fund of Tides Foundation, IgniteCS, Spring 2016.

Keys-Mathews, Lisa - Professor of Geography; Director, Quality Enhancement Program
Received with the Alabama Geographic Alliance a $27,500 grant from National Geographic Society.

Kinney, Katie - Chair and Professor of Elementary Education
$20,000, Alabama State Department of Education, edTPA Grant.

Kirkman, Tera - Chair and Associate Professor of Nursing
$2.6 Million HRSA Grant Submission-Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students, 2016.

Lindsey, Natasha - Assistant Professor, Instructional Designer
Received Quality Matters Course Recognition for meeting national standards in online course design for MG 100: Introduction to Business.

Maddock, Lamont - Assistant Professor of Secondary Education
$4,000 grant, National Council for Geographic Education, E. Willard and Ruby S. Miller Geography Education Research Grant Award, May 2015.

Marvin, Glenn - Associate Professor of Biology
Awarded, "Dr. Jim F. Couch Outstanding Scholarship/Research Award", 2016.

Mighty, Mario - Assistant Professor of Geography
$2,687 Faculty Research Grant, University of North Alabama, April 2016.
Awarded 'Early Career Teaching Award,' University of North Alabama College of Arts and Sciences Excellence Awards, March 2016.
$1,844 Faculty Research Grant, University of North Alabama College of Arts and Sciences, March 2016.

Mohr, Stephanie - Instructor of Nursing
Awarded, "Judy L. Bonner Award for Nurse Educator of the Year," University of Alabama, 2015-2016. This award honors Bonner for her leadership in the development of the interdisciplinary Ed D. for Nurse Educators. The recipient of the award has evidenced the traits of integrity, enthusiasm, and creative leadership. The award also comes with a $500 scholarship.

Monteiro, Prema A. - Assistant Professor of Human Environmental Sciences
Led Culinary Arts students during study abroad ("Exercise and Nutritional Science: Promoting Study Abroad in Health and Nutrition") supported by 100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Fund Grant, to collaborate with Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola (Lima, Peru) in June 2015. Grant secured by UNA Office of International Affairs.

Nelson, Michelle - Associate Professor of Nursing
Inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, University of North Alabama, 2016.

Oden, Kristy - Assistant Professor of Nursing

Ogun, Johnson A. - Assistant Professor of Culinary Arts and Director of Culinary Arts
Awarded, "Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year" by The University of Alabama, College of Education, April 2016.

Padgett, Gary - Assistant Professor of Secondary Education
$2,000 Undergraduate Research Grant, Quality Enhancement Plan, "Social Media and the Job Interview," Quality Enhancement Plan.
$2,900 Faculty Research Grant, University of North Alabama, "Educating Haiti: An Oral History of Haitian Teachers".

Paulk, Amber - Associate Professor of Sociology and Family Studies
Awarded, Academic Affairs Award for Outstanding Advising, 2016

Pretes, Michael - Professor of Geography
Recipient, Excellence in Teaching Award, Southeast Division of the Association of American Geographers (SEDAAG), November 2015

Prince-Lubawy, Jesse - Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Awarded, Elizabeth Gaines Mann Professorship of Mathematics for ongoing research on orientation-preserving and orientation-reversing group actions on handlebodies and travel.

Qiu, Chong - Assistant Professor of Chemistry
$82,927, National Science Foundation (July 2015) to support research projects involving UNA undergraduates on the kinetics and mechanism of restructuring of atmospheric soot and the associated impact on light absorption.

Sim, Sunhui - Assistant Professor of Geography
Awarded, the research project is funded by Rural Research Institute (RRI, Korea) for August 1, 2015 to April 2016 on "A Study on the characteristics of Rurban area and Determinants of their livability". Awarded: $27,000.00.

Stenger, Cynthia - Professor and Chair of Mathematics
Received, along with Dr. Stovall, Dr. Jenkins, and Dr. Jerkins, a 3-year Math/Science Partnership grant, October 2015.
Stevens, Daniel - Associate Professor of Music
Award: 2016 Outstanding Faculty Award, UNA College of Arts and Sciences, Florence, Alabama.
$22,500.00, Shoals Symphony at UNA Concert Underwriting, 2015-2016
$8,400.00, Alabama State Council on the Arts, State Grants for the UNA String Project, UNA Honor Orchestra, Peter and the Wolf Family Concert, and Disney LIVE: Pirates of the Caribbean Concert, 2015-2016.

Stovall, Jessica - Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Received, along with Dr. Stenger, Dr. Jenkins, and Dr. Jerkins, a 3-year Math/Science Partnership grant, Oct, 2015.

Williams, Laura - Associate Professor of Nursing
Inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, University of North Alabama, 2016.

Winston, Rachel - Assistant Professor of Nursing
$2.6 Million HRSA Grant Submission-Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students. 2016.

Zayac, Ryan - Associate Professor of Psychology
Nominee, Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) U.S. Professor of the Year Award.
Led Psychology students during study abroad (“Exercise and Nutritional Science: Promoting Study Abroad in Health and Nutrition”). Supported by 100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Fund Grant, to collaborate with Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola (Lima, Peru) in June 2015. Grant secured by UNA Office of International Affairs.

Zhang, Chunsheng - Senior Vice Provost for International Affairs; Professor of Education
Awarded with Dr. Craig Christy and Dr. Tanja Blackstone, $25,000, 100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Fund Grant, to send 37 UNA students to Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola (Lima, Peru) in June 2015 to conduct a variety of research projects under the theme “Exercise and Nutritional Science: Promoting Study Abroad in Health and Nutrition.” Ms. Jill Englett, Dr. Matthew Green, Ms. Prema Monteiro, and Dr. Ryan Zayac led the students and supervised their research.

Zhao, Ping - Assistant Professor of Biology
$1,815, College of Arts and Sciences Research Grant to support project entitled “Mechanisms of Rapid Resolution of Diabetes Following Ileal Interposition Surgery in the Rat.”

$1,481, College of Arts & Sciences Research Grant (March, 2016) awarded to present research on the effects of stimulus equivalence training on portion-size estimations by Peruvian elementary school children at the Hawaii International Conference on Education, Honolulu, Hawaii.

$500, Psi Chi International Honor Society Faculty Advisor Travel Grant (February, 2016) awarded to present research at the Southeastern Psychological Association Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

$480, Society for the Teaching of Psychology Early Career Psychologist Travel Grant (December, 2015) awarded to present research at the Southeastern Psychological Association Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.