Profiles in Excellence
ACADEMIC YEAR 2014-2015
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. O'Neal joined UNA in 2010 upon completion of his doctoral program in Human Performance at the University of Alabama. After originally wanting to be a coach and spending four years of his undergraduate career working for the Arkansas State University football team, Dr. O'Neal's career pathway altered course when he was offered a graduate teaching assistantship. He was coaxed into completing a thesis and fell in love with academia for the first time after discovering what research really meant.

A quote above has stuck with Dr. O'Neal through the years. He believes his primary mission at UNA is to provide opportunities for success to students who are willing to work hard to better their lives through the academic process. He contends these are often not the students with the best grades in high school or highest ACT scores. Working with students whose desires focus on getting an education versus a diploma is what drives Dr. O'Neal. He feels that UNA is unique in that the student's academic experience is truly the number one priority.

Creating an environment where mentoring student researchers to success is valued as much as if not more than his own achievements.

While not a traditional sport coach, Dr. O'Neal considers the research mentoring aspect the favorite part of his job and very akin to his original occupational passion—mines the whistle. His team is the UNA Human Performance Research Group (HPRG). The HPRG is a registered student organization. Dr. O'Neal established four years ago and continues to sponsor. The group's primary focus is to help improve member's CVs through involvement in research and service with the Special Olympics. Dr. O'Neal has published 18 manuscripts in international level journals since his arrival and has around a dozen more manuscripts currently in review. The majority of these articles include UNA students as co-authors and many have student lead authors, for which he is most proud. Dr. O'Neal's primary research interests involve hydration and athletic performance. He has received over $100,000 in external funding as PI for related projects with multiple graduate students as grant co-authors.

The highlight of his academic year is when he gets to take HPRG members to the Southeastern American College of Sports Medicine Conference. In his first year at UNA only two students attended. That number has increased to the mid 20's over the last three years and includes four students who have been nominated for research awards. This year 12 different presentations were given by UNA representatives. Probably the greatest testament to the HPRG is that a dozen past members have or are currently completing PhD programs in the Exercise Science field. Most of those alumni continue to attend the conference and interact with current students creating a vast UNA HPRG family tree that continues to grow.

Dr. O'Neal's wife, Whitney O'Neal, recently accepted a tenure-track position in the UNA Music Department. They love the Shoals and are looking forward to many years of teaching at UNA. When not in the lab, Dr. O'Neal spends his time fishing on the Tennessee River, running, or watching UNA athletics with Whitney and their son, Cade.

"A leader doesn't treat everyone equally, he or she treats everyone fairly." — Don Phillips
Early on in Dr. Fitzsimmons' graduate education, he made a distinguishing observation: not all approaches to philosophy are equal. And it appeared to him that his study up to that point had led him to a great degree to emphasize the lesser of these. But a conversation with his graduate advisor, John Lachs, changed everything. Lachs said, "You want to know how philosophy can bake bread. The short answer is that it can." This discussion had a profound impact on Dr. Fitzsimmons. It was revelatory. It harkened back to the original call of philosophy to seek out more appearances, to understand how and why given realities are presented and interpreted in the ways that they are, and to illuminate the means by which these perceptions shape our moral agency. But it also prompted a focus on the struggles and conditions of the present with an emphasis on problem solving and an eye toward bettering future experience, in other words, promoting human flourishing. This led me to a serious study of American Pragmatism, particularly the thought of John Dewey, and helped to develop my interest in classical Greek thought as well as contemporary ethics and social/political philosophy.

What emerged from these encounters was a new emphasis on philosophical study as eminently relevant to the problems of human experience. "It was very much in line with how Plato portrays reason in Book VII of The Republic ("The Allegory of the Cave"). reason helps us to liberate us from the chains of ignorance—it is like stepping out of a cold dark cave into the warmth and illumination of sunlight."

This focus on philosophy's relevance to everyday life can be found in how Dr. Fitzsimmons approaches teaching. He emphasizes the study of philosophy as much more than merely gaining familiarity with classic thinkers or traditional arguments. "If philosophy was nothing more than the mere memorization of past ideas, it would be as dead as the pages on which it is written." Rather, he presents philosophy as life-engaging. His courses also highlight the importance of shared inquiry for mutual lived experiences. Specifically, he utilizes a Socratic approach to philosophical exploration by encouraging students to come to conclusions through their own reasoning and to engage in dialogue. "It is more important to talk with students rather than to them, we cover a variety of controversial topics, and, in order to have a meaningful conversation, the classroom must allow for students to explore these ideas freely and openly." Central to this teaching method is the cultivation of student interest. If students are genuinely interested in the topics covered, then they are likely to be motivated to explore these ideas in a deep and substantial fashion. Consequently, Dr. Fitzsimmons attempts to relate various philosophical issues to contemporary problems/debates in addition to everyday scenarios students are likely to encounter. "It is my hope that the study of philosophy will be seen by students as born out of lived experience and will inspire them to see the practice of philosophy as a way of life."

Dr. Fitzsimmons was born and raised in East Central Illinois. Prior to coming to UNA in 2007, he taught philosophy at Grand Valley State University, Rhodes College, and Vanderbilt University. His wife, Angie, and their three children, Michael, Emma, and Owen live in Killen, Alabama.

"So long as I live, I live in the light." — John Locke, Centennial Professor of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

KERRY P. GATLIN
Professor of Management

Dr. Kerry Gatlin is Professor of Management and former Dean of the College of Business at the University of North Alabama. Previously he served as Chair of the Department of Management and Marketing and as Director of the University's Small Business Development Center. He has served on the UNA faculty since 1980. Prior to his career in education, he served as Treasurer and Operations Officer for a Birmingham bank.

In addition to teaching and administrative work, Kerry has maintained an active professional agenda. He has conducted management training classes for organizations throughout the southeast. His research and training interests are in the areas of customer service, strategy, decision-making, experiential learning, as well as organization theory and organizational behavior.

Dr. Gatlin has been a member of the Shoals Chamber of Commerce, having served a term on its Board of Directors. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club of Northwest Alabama and the Shoals Entrepreneurial Center, including serving a term as President of the Board for the SEC. He serves on the Alabama Technology Network's Advisory Board. He also serves on the Advisory Board of the local chapter of the Salvation Army. He is past Vice Chairman of the Business and Economics section of the Alabama Academy of Science and serves as President of the Alabama Association for Higher Education in Business. Most recently, he was appointed to the Board of Directors of ECM-Regional Care Hospital.

Under Dr. Gatlin’s leadership as Dean of the UNA College of Business, many programs were implemented that continue to be an integral part of the college. In the Department of Economics and Finance, the TVA Investment Challenge class was begun, not only to allow students to study investment strategies, but to actually manage a substantial financial portfolio where UNA students frequently outperform professional investors and compare extremely well with investment teams from other universities. Students studying management policy not only study decision making, they compete with teams around the world in making simulation decisions. The senior project classes in the Department of Computer Science and Information Systems allow teams of students to work directly with area non-profit organizations in implementing improvements in their websites and/or information systems.

Dr. Gatlin enjoys working with students, first and foremost. He has always emphasized the importance of, and encouraged participation in, learning and service opportunities. His approach to working with students is most influenced by the Chinese Proverb, “I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand.” Thanks to the leadership of Dr. Kerry Gatlin, the UNA College of Business continues to reflect those ideals.

"To bear is to forget, to see is to remember, to do is to understand." — Chinese Proverb
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ADVISING

CAROLYN M. BARSKE, Assistant Professor of History, B.A. 2002, Sewanee: The University of the South, M.A. 2004, Northeastern University, Ph.D., 2011, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

As an early age Carrie Barske fell in love with the study of history. The daughter of two amateur historians, and the granddaughter of another lover of history and genealogy, it seemed almost inevitable that Dr. Barske would find the study of history fascinating. Her parents took her and her sister to historic sites and museums beginning at an early age, teaching them that the study of history was much more than a list of dates and names. Instead, history was made up of a rich collection of millions of people's stories. Dr. Barske's love of history seemed sealed when in 7th grade she took her history textbook home for the summer so she could finish the book. "My mother would come upstairs to say goodnight to me and find me reading the textbook. I wanted to know what happened next. We never finished the books in school and I knew there were many more stories to learn."

This thirst for knowledge followed Dr. Barske through college and then onto graduate school. It was at Northeastern University that she discovered public history. "As far back as I could remember, my parents had taken me to places like Sturbridge Village and Colonial Williamsburg. And I always loved that you could see how history worked, how people actually lived." When she realized that there was actually a field of study that taught students how to work with communities on preserving and interpreting their history, she was hooked. "I have always wanted to blend my love of history with helping people and public history provided a perfect way to do that." She also learned, however, that a love of history was not enough to become a successful public historian. Because of their unique relationship to communities, public historians are professionals, activists, administrators, mediators, and often tackle tough and painful subjects. Teaching students to navigate the complicated world of public history has been Dr. Barske's main goal since coming to UNA. She has pushed her students to develop their skills as historians, while also helping shape them as professionals. She takes them to conferences after conference (so much so that her students are playfully known as "Barske's players" on the Alabama conference circuit), holds workshops on developing CVs and professional portfolios, creates opportunities for students to work directly with the Shoals community, and helps them find jobs and internship opportunities. She teaches her students to think seriously about how a community commemorates their history and pushes them outside of their comfort zones so that they become thoughtful public history practitioners.

The works she does goes well beyond the subject matter she teaches in the classroom. Dr. Barske was born in Anchorage, Alaska and grew up in an 18th century house in Connecticut. She is an avid horsewoman and won a national title from the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association while she was a student at Sewanee. Dr. Barske has taught at UNA since the fall of 2012.
Lisa Clayton has been an educator for 15 years. She began her career as a first grade teacher at Webster Elementary School in Muscle Shoals, Alabama. It was there that her passion for impacting student learning grew. Lisa has been recognized as a National Board of Professional Teaching Standards Certified Teacher. Only 2% of teachers in the nation have currently received this honor and certification. Lisa is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Elementary Education. In her position at UNA, Lisa teaches courses in early childhood reading and language arts, elementary reading assessment, and early childhood math. Lisa also supervises field experiences, clinicals, and student interns. She enjoys collaborating with her colleagues in the College of Education and Human Sciences and the Kilby Laboratory School faculty and staff to provide exciting opportunities for preservice teachers in her courses.

Dr. Clayton's favorite aspect of teaching at the University of North Alabama is her students. She goes above and beyond to give her students opportunities to be successful. As a professor, her goal is to build a professional learning community in each of her courses. Her teaching style focuses on student engagement and providing real-world experiences for students.

As a professor, Lisa continues to build partnerships with local school systems. She developed the "PALS" (Progressing Academic Learners) program with the principal and instructional coach at Wooden Elementary School. This program focuses on increasing reading fluency and comprehension with first grade students. She has been instrumental in providing Alabama Math, Science, and Technology (AMSTI) training and certification to preschool teachers which in turn makes them extremely marketable as they look for a position as a classroom teacher.

Lisa Clayton enjoys speaking at international, national, state, and local conferences on research-based best practices in literacy and mathematics. She was selected to serve on a Regional Planning Team for the Alabama State Department of Education. Lisa has developed the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards candidate support professional development that is offered to classroom teachers in the UNA Inservice Region. She has served on numerous university and College of Education and Human Sciences committees. In addition to providing service to the university and the local schools, another passion of Lisa's is to mentor parents of children who are deaf or have hearing loss.

Lisa is married to Ryan Clayton and together they have three beautiful little girls. All three girls are following in Lisa's footsteps by attending the same elementary school as she did. Ella Marie attends Kilby Laboratory School. Isabella and Sophia attend the Kilby Child Development Center.

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." — Helen Keller
PUBLICATIONS and PRESENTATIONS at PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

Alvarado-Brizuela, Alejandra - Assistant Professor of Spanish

Armstrong, Robert W. - Professor of Marketing

Bates, Larry - Professor of Psychology

Bergeron, Wayne P., Lieutenant Colonel - (Retired) - Instructor in Criminal Justice
Led a study practicum group of 22 students to Washington DC to Explore Interagency Cooperation and Geopolitics. Students were able to visit and interact with officials from the following agencies: Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the US Secret Service, US Marshals Service, Department of State, and the National Counter Terrorism Center.
Chaired, Student Research Exposition (SRE) - September 2014 – February 2015.
Organizer and Committee Chair of the inaugural Student Research Exposition (SRE) held in conjunction with the International Disaster Conference and Expo (IDCE) 2015, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 2015.

Blankenship, Lisa Ann - Associate Professor of Biology

Brewer, Will - Assistant Professor of Nursing

Bibbee, Jeffrey - Chair and Associate Professor of History

Blackstone, Tanja F. - Professor of Economics, Director of Sponsored Programs

Blakoe, R. Melvin - Assistant Professor of Physics and Astronomy

Brewer, Will - Assistant Professor of Nursing

Browne, Miranda - Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Brewer, Will - Assistant Professor of Nursing

Blount, Linda - Professor of Education
PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

Brewton, Vince – Professor of English

Cagle, Corey S. – Assistant Professor of Accounting

Carnes, Gregory – Dean of College of Business and Professor of Accounting

Christy, Craig – Professor of Modern Foreign Languages

Chung, Ronald K. – Associate Professor, Asia MBA Coordinator

Davison, Paul – Professor of Biology
Co-presented, "Coloquium Somatofilia Cheiro (Osmocytos), an Osmophag Predator of Leptocentrotus," Alabama Academy of Science, Livingston, AL, April 2015.
Co-presented, "Phototaxis in Somatofilia Cheiro (Osmocytos)," Zootaxa, Alabama Academy of Science, Livingston, AL, April 2015.

Dawson, Jennifer – Assistant Professor of Nursing

Doveoedo, Herve – Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Dolmatov, Valeriy K. – Professor of Physics
Co-authored with the former UNA students J. King and J. Oglesby, "Diffuse versus Square-well Confining Potentials in Modelling A@C60 Atoms," Journal of Physics B: Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics, vol. 48, 065901, 2015.

Bayoum, M. Cooper, and M. Hunter, the 8th International Conference on Dynamics of Systems on Nanoscale, Edinburgh, UK, May 19-23, 2014.


Presented, "Electron Elastic Scattering off High Spin Atoms: the Cr and Mo Case," coauthored with researchers from Russia and Israel, the 45th Annual Meeting of the Division of Atomic, Molecular, and Optical Physics, the American Physical Society, Madison, WI, June 2-6 2014.

Co-presented, "Effect of Coulomb Confinement Resonances on Time Delay in Ne@C60-5," coauthored with researchers from Australia, India, and the USA, the 11th Asian International Seminar on Atomic and Molecular Physics, Sendai, Japan, October 6-10, 2014.

Co-presented, "Wigner Time Delay in Quadrupole Photoinization Channels of Atomic Hg," coauthored with researchers from Australia, India, and the USA, the 11th Asian International Seminar on Atomic and Molecular Physics, Sendai, Japan, October 6-10, 2014.

Co-presented, "Relativistic, Correlation and Confinement Effects on Photoinization Time-Delay Near Dipole and Quadrupole Cooper Minima in Free and Confined Atomic Mercury," coauthored with researchers from Australia, India, and the USA, the 11th Asian International Seminar on Atomic and Molecular Physics, Sendai, Japan, October 6-10, 2014.

Co-presented, "Photoionization Time-Delay Studies Across Shape Resonance of (n-1)d Subshells of Atomic Cadmium and Zinc," coauthored with researchers from Australia, India, and the USA, the 11th Asian International Seminar on Atomic and Molecular Physics, Sendai, Japan, October 6-10, 2014.

Dugues, Matthew - Assistant Professor of English

Authored, "Disease and Disaster in Lydia Maria Child's Plays as Transatlantic Literary Arising and Political Identities," 1780-1850, August, 2013.


Elmasry, Mohamad - Assistant Professor of Communications


Presented, "Electron Elastic Scattering off A@C60 Fullerenes: the Zeroth Order Trends," coauthored with researchers from Australia, India, and the USA, the 11th Asian International Seminar on Atomic and Molecular Physics, Sendai, Japan, October 6-10, 2014.

Co-presented, "Energy and Momentum Transfer Processes in Ultrafast Photoionization Processes," coauthored with researchers from Australia, India, and the USA, the 11th Asian International Seminar on Atomic and Molecular Physics, Sendai, Japan, October 6-10, 2014.


Presented, “What or Where was the Yam Suph? Some Early
Huang, Hsiu-Feng
Innovative Higher Education
Hunt, Andrea
Presented, “Encouraging Cultural Competency and Information Literacy through Alternative Writing Assignments,” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Sociological Association (SSWA) conference in Mobile, AL, November 2014.
Infanger, Scott
Kang, Chanho - Assistant Professor of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation

Kingsbury, Pam - Instructor in English
Contributed to “Language Can be Magical: An Interview with Ron Rash,” in Conversations with Ron Rash

Kirk, Lisa - Associate Professor of Art
Published, “A Princely Plant Collector in Renaissance Germany,” in A Princely Plant Collector in Renaissance Germany, ed. Pia Pia Cuneo (Farnham, Surrey, UK and Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2014), 89-105.

Kirkman, Tera - Associate Professor of Nursing

Kirkman, Tera - Associate Professor of Nursing
Co-presented with J. Stovall, J. Jenkins, and J. Stovall, “Using Computer Programming to Teach Mathematical Reasoning in Middle and High School Math Classrooms,” ACTM Fall Forum, Birmingham, AL, October 2014.

Johnson, Ashley - Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Johnson, Keith T. - Professor of Accounting

Jones, Keith T. - Professor of Accounting
Mighty, Mario A. - Assistant Professor of Geography

Lindsey, Natasha - Assistant Professor, Instructional Designer

Looepky, Ian - Professor of Music
Published, Master of The Hall (mixed voices, a cappella), UNC Jazz Press, 2014.
Published, “Using the iPad and ForScore in the Choral Classroom,” Anacrusis Winter 2015 (Vol. 33 No. 2).

Looepky, Scott - Student Media Advisor and Adjunct in Communication
Published, “Using the iPad and ForScore in the Choral Classroom,” Anacrusis Winter 2015 (Vol. 33 No. 2).

Looepky, Eric - Coauthor with Katie Melching, Matt Green, and Lee Rentree,
Member of Editorial Board, Acacruor (Choral Canada, appointed February 2015).

Looepky, Jon - Chair and Professor of Counseling Education

Looepky, Amanda - Associate Professor of Education

Marvin, Glenn - Associate Professor of Biology
Co-presented, “Identification of Polymorphic Loci for a Rare Plethodontid Salamander (Eurycea nova) by Cross-species Amplification,” Association of Southeastern Biologists and Southeastern Region of Tri-Beta Honor Society, Chattanooga, TN, April 2015.

Maynard, Christopher - Associate Dean for the College of Arts and Sciences and Professor of History

McGee II, John A. - Instructor, Coordinator of Academic Technology; Interim Coordinator of Educational Technology Services

Maddox, Lamont - Assistant Professor of Education

Maddox, Jordan - Student Media Advisor and Adjunct in Communication
Published, Master of The Hall (mixed voices, a cappella), UNC Jazz Press, 2014.
Published, “Using the iPad and ForScore in the Choral Classroom,” Anacrusis Winter 2015 (Vol. 33 No. 2).

Maddox, Lamont - Associate Professor of Education

Morris, Scott - Student Media Advisor and Adjunct in Communication

Nelson, Michelle - Assistant Professor of Nursing
Co-presented, “Continuous Positive Airway Pressure Use and Mild Obstructive Sleep Apnea Syndrome (OSAS),” North Alabama Health Education Council (NAHEC), Huntsville, AL, August, 2014, Awarded first place for poster presentation.

O'Neal, Eric - Assistant Professor of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation

Pribyslavska, Veronika - Assistant Professor of Biology

Rentree, Karen - Student Media Advisor and Adjunct in Communication


Padgett, Gary – Assistant Professor of Education


Poulk, Amber – Associate Professor of Sociology


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


Prince-Lubawy, Jesse - Assistant Professor of Mathematics


Purser, Christopher - Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice


Roney, Lee - Assistant Professor of Mathematics


Ray, Jeffery - Associate Professor of Biology

Reif, Leah - Associate Professor of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation

Co-presented with Kelly Reif, Matt Green, and Eric O'Neal, "Hydration Profile and Sweat Loss Perceptions of Division I Basketball Players During Practice," Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research.


Richardson, Terry - Professor of Biology


Sanders, Pat - Assistant Professor of Radio-Television-Film


Sawell, Beth - Associate Dean for Teaching and Associate Professor of Education

Sim, Sunhee - Assistant Professor of Geography


Co-presented, with Victoria More, "Measuring and Modeling of Urban Growth and Its Impacts on Vegetation and Species Habitats in Greater Orlando, Florida," International Journal of Geographical and Environmental Research, 2015 Vol. 1, Issue 1, Article 5. Available at: http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/ces1.1:6016

Co-presented, with Andy Miller, "Exploratory Spatial Data Analysis of the Distribution of Multiple Crimes: A Case Study of Three Coastal Cities," Annual Conference at Applied Geography, Atlanta, GA, October 15-17, 2014.

Stoddard, Isaac - Assistant Professor of Biology

Co-presented, "Heat-shock Protein Expression during Temperature and Salinity Stress in the Antarctic/Nontoxic Warm Polynulosa corals," Association of Southeastern Biologists and Southeastern Region of Tribeta Honor Society, Chattanooga, TN, April 2015.

Stefford, Jeremy - Professor of Management

Stanton, Richard - Assistant Professor of Geology


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PUBLICATIONS and PRESENTATIONS at PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

Stenger, Cynthia - Chair and Professor of Mathematics

Stovall, Jessica - Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Takeuchi, Alex - Professor of Sociology
Obituarist
Thompson, D. Brian - Professor of Physics

Townsend, Karen - Associate Professor of Counselor Education
Obituarist

Wardell, K. Bronna - Assistant Professor of English
Webb, Brenda H. - Civics, Physics and Earth Sciences and Professor of Earth Science

Wiggins, Tracy - Assistant Professor of Music
Author, "Improving Retention and Recruitment in the College Percussion Studio," Percussive Notes, July 2015.
Presented, "The Second Conductor," Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS, November 1, 2014.
Presented, "The Second Conductor," The Hyderabad Band and Orchestra Clinic, Chicago, IL, December 17, 2014.

Williams, Yaschica - Chair and Associate Professor of Criminal Justice

Winn, Tommy - Assistant Professor of English
Co-presented, "Departmental Literacy: Discussion and Data," Student Success in Writing Conference (SSWC), Savannah, GA, April, 2015.


Zayac, Ryan - Associate Professor of Psychology
Co-presented with Amber Fadul of UNA, and Thomas Bratton and Jessica Freeden of Western Michigan University, "A Comparison of Active Student Responding Activities to a General Psychology Course," Paper of Psychology, in press.
Co-presented with Amber Fadul, and Sarah Rhodes and Dante Dowd of Central Washington University, "Ethnocultural and Gender Differences on Motivations for Hook-up Behavior in Contemporary College Students," Inaugural Department of Psychology Conference, Provo, UT, April 2015.

Zhang, Xinhui "Paul" - Associate Professor of Computer Information Systems
ARTISTIC PERFORMANCES and EXHIBITIONS

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, March, 2015.

Benson, Aaron Tennessee - Assistant Professor of Art
Solo Exhibition: Settings, University of Alabama, Huntsville, February 2015.
Solo Exhibition, Settings, University of North Alabama, Florence, March 2015.
Group Exhibition: St. Francis Art Show, Trinity Episcopal Church, Florence, AL, 2014.
Juried Student Art Show and Competition, Union University, Jackson TN, May 2015.
Collaborative Sculpture Installation: If I Die, I Don't Want to be a Tree, New Albany, IN, April 2015.
Collaborative Sculpture Installation, It's Doing Great, Macon GA, March 2015.
Collaborative Sculpture Installation; A Fine Harley, Georgetown Close Washington DC, August 2014.

Blakely, R. Mebrin - Assistant Professor of Physics and Astronomy
Presented public display - "Light Pollution and the Environment," Table Exhibit, Sheila Earth Day, April, 4th, 2015.

Bostic-Brown, Tiffany - Assistant Professor of Music
Suppressor Solistic, Gabrielle Frew, Saginaw, First United Methodist Church, Sheffield, AL, June 8, 2015.
Guest Clinician: Masterclass, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS, October 13, 2015.

Brown, Tertace - Assistant Professor of Music
Conductor: Gabriel Frew, Saginaw, First United Methodist Church, Sheffield, AL, June 8, 2015.
Guest Clinician: Masterclass, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS, October 13, 2015.
Guest Clinician: Masterclass, William Carey University, Hattiesburg, MS, February 5, 2015.
Solo vocal adjudicator, Alabama Vocal Association District V Solo and Ensemble Competition, Honeysuckle, AL, April 20, 2015.

Chen, Chong-Yian - Chair and Professor of Art
Group Exhibition: St. Francis Art Show, Trinity Episcopal Church, Florence, AL, 2014.

Flynn, Jason - Assistant Professor of Film and Digital Media Production
Texas Undergraduate Film Festival, Corpus Christi, 2014. Nominee for Film Editing: Caribbean Awa/A, Cincinatti Film Festival, Wilmington, North Carolina, 2014.

Producer/Unit Production Manager: "Old Timer", The Ohio State University’s Award of Short Film Volume 34, Columbus, 2015.

Producer/Unit Production Manager: "Old Timer", Eastern North Carolina Film Festival, Winston-Salem, 2014; Autumn Shorts Film Festival, Seneca, Kentucky, 2014; Southeast Moving Picture Festival, Birmingham, Alabama, 2014; All-American Drive-In, Staten Island, New York, 2014; Tech Film Festivals, Boca Raton and Herington, Kansas, 2014; North Carolina Family Film Festival, Winston-Salem, 2014; Lahore International Children’s Film Festival, Pakistan, 2014; River Cities Scream Fest Film Festival, Michigan, 2014.


James, Chariton - Associate Professor of Theatre


Loooppy, Ian - Professor of Music
Artistic Director, Florence Camerata 2014-2015 Season.

McClure, David - Chair and Professor of Music
Orchestral Performance: David Pilbeam, Cantata (horn), Florence Camerata, Grace Episcopal Church, Sheffield, AL, December 14, 2014.
Orchestral Performance: Shocks Symphony at UNA (horn), 2014-15 Season.

Mericoria, Meghan - Assistant Professor of Music
Orchestral Performance: Regina de l’Isle (clarinet), Summerstock at the Bilt, Sheffield, AL, July 26-27, 2014.
Recital Performance: Chatanooga Clarinet Choir, ClarinetFest 2014, Louisiana State University, July 10, 2014.
Recital Performance: Guest Recital at Center Grove High School, Greenwood, IN, November 14, 2014.
Recital Performance: Selma and Chamber Musicians, UNA Composition Studio in Music at the End, November 21, 2014.
Recital Performance: Selma and Chamber Musicians, River City Winter Clarinet Festival, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, January 16-17, 2015.
Adjudicator: River City Winter Clarinet Festival Young Artist’s Competition, January 16, 2015.

Merritt, Peter - Assistant Professor of Music

Wiggins, Tracy - Assistant Professor of Music
Recital Performance: UNA Guest Artist Chamber Recital (pianist), Pensacola, FL, October 23, 2014.
GRANTS and AWARDS

Department of Communications

The Department of Communications has received program accreditation for the B.A.B.S. in Mass Communication, following a successful site visit by representatives from the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. The accreditation completes a five-year review by the department's faculty to redesign the curriculum, establish additional educational opportunities for students and improve the teaching facilities in the Communications Building. Of the more than 700 colleges or universities in the U.S. offering mass communication education, only about 113 choose to meet the standards of the accrediting agency.

Bates, Larry - Professor of Psychology
Awarded, 2014 Member of the Year, Southeastern Psychological Association.

Blake, R. Melvin - Assistant Professor of Physics and Astronomy
College of Arts and Sciences Professional Development grant. $404.61

Bowie, Miranda - Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Received, College of Arts & Sciences Early Career Faculty Achievement Award, 2015.

Breweer, Will - Assistant Professor of Nursing
Awarded the Teaching Excellence Fellowship through the University of North Alabama Foundation. 2014-2015
Inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Inducted into Golden Key Honor Society, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Awarded "Rising Star of Nursing," Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society


Glayton, Lisa - Associate Professor of Elementary Education

Davis, Ernestine - Professor of Nursing, Director of Presidential Noonmen Academy (PNA)
Awarded, $15,860, North Alabama Council of Local Governments (NACOLG) nursing students attending special services to elderly participants in Cultur (7) and Landseer (7) Senior Centers. Total amount awarded $177,000.

Appointed co-member to Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Diversity Committee 2015.

Selected to Editorial Board for International Journal of Nursing in Clinical Practice 2015.

Moderator: Alabama Gerontological Society 34th Annual Conference Sessions titled: Development and Aging and What if Marco were the M.D. was Alco Today; Conference theme "Heart up about Aging," Birmingham, Ala. April 8-10, 2015.

Driskell, Melissa M. - Instructor of Geology
Awarded, $18,000, National Science Foundation Research Opportunity Award, to support a research project entitiled "Shore-to-shelf seismic imaging of the Alaska subduction zone,” three years.

Fleming, Jonathan - Assistant Professor of Geography
Awarded, LSU College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Early Career Faculty Award in Teaching, 2015.

Flynn, Jason - Assistant Professor of Film and Digital Media Production
Awarded, "Best Feature Film" by Tampa Bay Underground Film Festival, 2014.
Awarded, "Best Feature Film" by University of New Orleans (UNO) Film Fest, in 2014.
Awarded, "Documentary Feature Award of Merit" by the University Film and Video Association (UFVA), in 2014.

Garfnerick, Beth - Assistant Professor of Communications

Greer, Mark - Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Hubbard, Tim - Associate Professor of Biology
Awarded, $1,715, College of Arts and Sciences Research Grant, to support project entitled "Comparing the mtDNA Transcrip T Levels of HFFJ3 in New World and Old World Monkeys."

Hudiburg, Richard - Chair and Professor of Psychology
$651, College of Arts & Sciences Research Grant (March 2015) award to study linking brain behavior that use an android tablet with open source application for field data collection.

Kirch, Lisa - Associate Professor Art
$4,000, Short Term Research Grant for support archival research on collecting in Frankfurt am Main, Research Society of America, 2015.
$4,000, Research Grant for archival research on collecting in Frankfurt am Main, College of Arts and Sciences, University of North Alabama, 2014.

O'Neal, Eric - Assistant Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation
Awarded, $11,482.73 from ATACO USA Inc., Research on Validity of some specific jumps in male runners during low, moderate, and high fade replacement following 3% loss of body mass.

Padgett, Gary - Assistant Professor of Education
"Faculty Diversity Award," University of North Alabama, 2015.

Paulik, Amber - Associate Professor of Sociology
Awarded, Outstanding Early Career Faculty Award - Service, College of Arts and Sciences Awards Gala, April 2015.

Raney, Lee - Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Selected, along with Dr. Stempnisky, a P.I. for a Center for Industrial Mathematics grant co-sponsored by the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Mathematical Association of America (MAA), and the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM). This prestigious, new program prepares math students for industrial careers, while working on real world problems arising from business, industry, and government, April, 2015.

Received, Mathematical Association of America Project NExT (New Experiences in Teaching) Fellowship, August 2014.

Roush, Don - Professor of Biology
Awarded "Outstanding Chapter Advisor" for Southeastern District II of TriBeta, the Biological Honor Society, April 2015.

Ruebhausen, David - Associate Professor of Theatre
Awarded, "Merritton Achievement Award for Excellence in Directing," for Sega through Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, February 2015.

Slim, Sunhit - Assistant Professor of Geography
Awarded with Steven Holden (Student PI), 2015 UNA Undergraduate Research Program Grant, "Assessing crime as a problem in Atlantic coastal cities: the relationship between neighborhoods' characteristics and crime rates through exploratory spatial data," Fund awarded: $1,000 with Student PI: Turien Waver.
Awarded, 2015 College of Arts and Sciences Research Grant (Internal) "Evaluating Critiques of New Urbanism: Case Study of US Communities" fund awarded: $1,498
Awarded with Amanda Smith (Student PI), Freddie Wood Geography Research Grant (Internal), "Special Analysis of Emergency Calls in a Rural Volunteer Fire Department," Fund awarded: $500 for Student Conference Participation.

Snedecor, Isaac - Assistant Professor of Biology
Awarded $843.00, College of Arts and Sciences Research Grant, to support project entitled "Characterization of the cellular stress response in Antarctic psychrophilic worms (Phascolosoma elegans)."

Stenger, Cynthia - Chair and Professor of Mathematics
Awarded, with Dr. Stierer, Dr. Jenkins, and Dr. Jenkins, a third-year renewal of a Math/Science Partnership grant, Oct, 2014.

Stevens, Daniel - Associate Professor of Music
Awarded, $10,000 for Shota Symphony at UNA Concert Underwriting, 2014-2015 Season.
Awarded, $1,000 from the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Board for Shota Symphony at UNA 2014-2015 Season.
Awarded, $1,000 from the City of Florence for Shota Symphony at UNA 2014-2015 Season.

Stovall, Jessica - Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Awarded, with Dr. Stierer, Dr. Jenkins, and Dr. Jenkins, a third-year renewal of a Math/Science Partnership grant, Oct, 2014.

Stupiansky, Jillian - Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Awarded, along with Dr. Ramey, a PIC Math (Preparation for Industrial Careers in Mathematics) grant co-sponsored by the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Mathematical Association of America (MAA), and the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM). This prestigious, new program prepares math students for industrial careers, while working on real world problems arising from business, industry, and government, April 2015.

Winner, Tammy - Assistant Professor of English
Awarded, in support of Every Child Counts, funded February 2015.
Laura Harrison Distinguished Professor of English, 2014-2105
Appointed to Board of Directors, Every Child Counts, an island school for children with disabilities in Maui, Hannah Randolph Foundation, in support of Every Child Counts, transportation grant, funded in October, 2014.

Zayac, Ryan - Associate Professor of Psychology
Awarded, Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award, College of Arts & Sciences, 2015.
$1,191, College of Arts & Sciences Research Grant (March, 2015) awarded to present research at the effects of interscholar on elementary school student academic performance at the Southeastern Psychological Association Conference in Hilton Head, SC.