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Welcome

UNA is hosting five visiting scholars this spring. We welcome them to UNA!

Jingwen Liu	Qingdao Hotel Management College	Management
Hua Peng	Hubei Engineering University - School of Politics and Law	Sociology
Xiaolin Wang	Hubei Engineering University - School of Physical Education	HPER
Baohong Yu	Tianjin University of Science and Technology	TESOL
Dong-Ha Lee	Sungkyunkwan University - Department of Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering	Geography

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New Faculty Member

Dr. Christopher Stopera is an Assistant Professor of Chemistry in the Department of Chemistry and Industrial Hygiene. He received a bachelor of science degree from Rhodes College in 1999, and attended graduate school at North Dakota State University where he received a Ph.D. in Chemistry with a focus on theoretical chemistry. Following his Ph.D. work, Dr. Stopera researched reaction dynamics with Professor Donald Thompson at the University of Missouri and, subsequently, electron nuclear dynamics with Professor Jorge Morales at Texas Tech University. He hopes to continue his dynamics research while sharing his excitement for physical chemistry with new students.

Reorganization

The UNA Distinguished Events Series continues to grow and is well-positioned to be an important part of the cultural life of the campus and for the Shoals area. To help reach that potential, Debbie Chaffin has been asked by President Cale to take on a significant role in strengthening the Series. Professor Chaffin will also support our enrollment management efforts by working with the community colleges. Dr. Melvin Davis will assume supervisory responsibilities for Educational Technology Services (ETS). An early step for Dr. Davis will be to work with the ETS faculty and staff and the academic community to develop a plan for the future of academic technology support at UNA.



Congratulations

The Department of Counselor Education has received its mid-cycle accreditation report from the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). There were no concerns identified. Good job counseling faculty and staff!

On January 30, Dr. Tammy Winner, Assistant Professor of English, escorted four Professional Writing Majors to participate in the Marshall Space Center Forum (MPF) in Huntsville, AL. The MPF is an industry and academia group discussing how the available capabilities of the Marshall Center can be used to support partner goals, and also can serve as a conduit for enhancing the partnerships process. Students were also privileged to meet American Astronaut T.J. Creamer who has spent more than 150 days in orbit and was the first Astronaut to send a tweet from space. After the event, all four students were offered paid internships with NASA space camp and Marshall Space Center. Congratulations to Dr. Winner and her Professional Writing Majors: Jonathan Clark, Amy Gamble, Molly Keeton, and Alexandria (Paige) Terrell.

Lexophiles - Love Your Words

"A boiled egg is hard to beat."

"When she saw her first strands of grey hair, she thought she would dye!"

"Acupuncture is a jab well done."

"I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me."