Faculty Accomplishments

Dr. Andrea Hunt, Assistant Professor in Sociology and Family Studies, coauthored an article titled “What’s in a Name: Exploring Gender Bias in Instructor Evaluations”, published in Innovative Higher Education 40(4), 2015. Dr. Hunt has the opportunity to spend spring break at the University of San Francisco where she will be leading a workshop on teaching methods and evaluations regarding gender bias.

Dr. Kathleen Richards, Assistant Director of the Center for Writing Excellence, along with two under graduate writing consultants, Annelise Kennedy and Bethany Pierce, presented a report on “Embedding Writing Fellows in the Basic Writing Classroom: Creating ‘Kairotic Space’ within a ‘Universal Design’” at the 2016 Southeastern Writing Center Association Conference on February 20th in Columbus, GA. Dr. Richards, along with Dr. Tammy Winner, Assistant Professor of English, delivered a webinar on February 23rd titled “Reaching Millennials Learners Using Next Generation Methods in the Classroom” at the 2016 Virtual Conference on Transforming the Teaching and Learning Environment sponsored by the Pennsylvania State System for Higher Education.

Dr. Mohamad Elmasry, Assistant Professor in the Department of Communications, has been named a Senior Associate Fellow at the Al-Sharq Forum. Dr. Elmasry was invited to speak about his research on Islamophobia at the University of Illinois-Chicago on March 14th. Dr. Elmasry appeared on KPRF Radio Los Angeles on January 25th and IONO Radio Capetown (South Africa) on January 26, 2016.

Dr. Mike Hall, Professor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation was awarded the 2016 Southern District Professional of the Year Award at the SHAPE America Southern District Convention in Williamsburg, VA. This award honors outstanding leaders in the field of leisure and recreation.

Congratulations to the following for their achievements in the 2016 No’Ala Renaissance Awards:

- Dr. Jeffery Bibbee, Finalist, Education; Dr. Tiffany Bostic-Brown & Dr. Terrance Brown, Finalist, Education; Ms. Jan Hannah, Finalist, Science & Medicine; Dr. Ian Loeppky, Finalist, Arts & Culture; and Dr. Michael Pretes, Finalist, Education.

New Faculty

Join us in welcoming Dr. Lorie M. Johnson, Assistant Professor of Elementary Education. Dr. Johnson is the President of the Alabama Reading Association. She earned a Ph. D in Reading Education in 2013, a Master’s degree in Reading Education (2008), a Reading Specialist certificate, and an ESOL/TESOL certificate from Auburn University. She taught at Auburn and UAB before joining the faculty at UNA. Prior to becoming a teacher, she was an award-winning sportswriter.

Dr. Jessica S. Mitchell, Assistant Professor of Education, graduated from the University of Memphis in 2014 with an Ed. D in Instruction and Curriculum Leadership. She also earned a graduate certificate during her doctoral degree program in Qualitative Studies. She has ten years of teaching experience with seven years of experience in K-12 settings and three years of experience in adult and higher education.

Open Invitation

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