Welcome back...

The Spring Semester is here! We hope everyone had a joyous and restful holiday. The Office of the VPAA wish all faculty and staff a productive semester.

Faculty Accomplishments

Dr. Jill Englett, Instructor, Department of Human Environmental Sciences, completed her Doctorate in Clinical Nutrition from Rutgers University! Dr. Englett was also recently named Chair-Elect of the Nutrition Educators of Health Professionals Dietetic Practice Group.

Dr. Freda Coleman-Reed, Instructor, Department of Social Work, completed her Doctorate in Social Work from the University of Alabama in December 2016. She has been a UNA faculty member in the Department of Social Work since 2007 teaching foundational and advanced social work courses. She is a native of Baltimore, Maryland and holds two B.S. degrees from Towson State University in Chemistry and Biology. She received her M.S.W. from the University of Alabama.

Dr. Michael Pretes, Professor, Department of Geography, has been selected to receive the American Association of Geographers’ Distinguished Teaching Honors for 2017. The AAG will confer its Honors and Awards at the Annual Meeting Awards Luncheon, which will be held Sunday, April 9, 2017 at the conference in Boston, Massachusetts. Congratulations on your award!

New Faculty

Dr. Gregory Buckley, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Physics and Earth Science, received his bachelor’s degree in Geology from Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York in 1985 and his Ph. D. in Geology from Rutgers University in 1994. His specialty is vertebrate paleontology and chronostratigraphy, with a focus on Late Cretaceous to Early Cenozoic mammals and crocodiles. He has conducted fieldwork in the Western U.S. as well as Chile, Argentina, and Madagascar, where he discovered and described several new species of fossil crocodilians. Dr. Buckley spent nearly 10 years at the Field Museum in Chicago, and was a faculty member in the Natural Sciences at Roosevelt University in Chicago for 12 years.

Jasmine Fleming is a senior majoring in English–Professional Writing. Jasmine is a finalist for a Fulbright Scholar teaching assistantship in Spain.

Mollie Schaefer is a senior majoring in Art. Mollie is a finalist for a Fulbright Scholar teaching assistantship in the Czech Republic.

Special thanks to Dr. Matthew Price, Premier Scholarship Awards Coordinator, College of Arts and Sciences, for his assistance in facilitating the process with the students.

Open Invitation

We invite your feedback and stories to make the newsletter more beneficial to campus. Please send submissions with pictures to: djohnson@una.edu.