Greetings:

It is my great pleasure to present this inaugural Academic Affairs Digest. As you read about the activities and accomplishments of our faculty and staff I am quite certain that you will be impressed as I am by their tremendous energy, talent, and dedication. UTPB faculty and staff are engaged in many exciting and important projects both in their disciplines, classrooms, the community and around the world. The Provost’s office will be publishing these newsletters each semester. I hope you find this information both informative and useful in your work.

Sincerely,

Daniel Heimmermann, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Literature and Languages


DR. REBECCA DAY BABCOCK, Associate Professor of English; MS. SARAH BANSCHBACH, DR. MYRA SALCEDO, and MS. EILEEN PETERS, all Adjunct Professors of English, recently presented a paper entitled “Writing-about-Writing and Collaboration in an Online Freshman English Course” at the Innovations for Online Learning Conference held May 21-23, 2014 in San Antonio, TX.

DR. NICOLE ROUGEAU-VANDERFORD, MS. SHEENA STIEF, and MR. CLARK MORELAND, all Lecturers of English, recently presented a paper entitled “Navigating through Dual Enrollment Issues in the 21st Century,” at the Innovations for Online Learning Conference held May 21-23 in San Antonio, TX.

Awards and Recognition

MR. CLARK MORELAND, Lecturer of English, was awarded the Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Award (non-tenure track) for 2014.

DR. SOPHIA ANDRES, professor of English, was inaugurated in the UT System Distinguished Teachers Academy and attended two of their meetings and participated in a workshop with this year's Regents' Award Winners.

Math and Computer Science

DRS. ILHYUN LEE and HAESUN LEE, Professors of Computer Science, recently presented a paper entitled, “Design and Development of a Web-Based Computer Science Job Board,” at the Computers and Their Applications Conference held March 24-26, 2014 in Las Vegas, NV.
College of Arts and Sciences

Kinesiology

DR. ROBYN BRAUN presented the paper “Speaking the Same Language: Communicating Effectively with Athletes” at the National Coaching Conference held June 18-20, 2014, in Washington, DC.

Dr. Braun also presented two papers “Responses to Perceived Effort in Children” and “The Effects of Taste Cues on Attention and Exertion during an Exertive Task” at the North American Society for Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity Conference held June 12-14, 2014 in Minneapolis, MN.


DR. RICHARD LLOYD had an article accepted: SPRICK, JUSTIN, LLOYD, RICHARD, and ELDRIDGE, JAMES; “The Effects of Vascular Occlusion Training on Respiratory Exchange Ratio and Energy Expenditure When Coupled With Cardiovascular Training,” International Journal of Exercise Science: (Accepted, Publication in early 2015)

Dr. James Eldridge has three articles accepted/published and one conference presentation.

DR. JAMES ELDRIDGE has had three articles accepted and published with SPRICK, JUSTIN, and LLOYD, RICHARD “The Effects of Vascular Occlusion Training on Respiratory Exchange Ratio and Energy Expenditure When Coupled With Cardiovascular Training,” International Journal of Exercise Science: (Accepted, Publication in early 2015)


ELDRIDGE, JAMES; PALMER, TY B.; GILLIS, KYLE; LLOYD, RICHARD; SQUIRES, WILLIAM G.; and MURRAY, TINKER D. (2014) “Comparison of Academic and Behavioral Performance between Athletes and Non-athlete,” International Journal of Exercise Science: Vol. 7: Iss. 1, Article 2.

The paper “The effects of access to anthropogenic resources on reproductive schedules in Neotoma micropus” by DIANE M. POST, KATHLEEN CALLICOATTE, and JAMES A. ELDRIDGE was presented at the American Society of Mammalogy Conference, June 6-11, 2014.
Dr. James Olson, Professor of Psychology, in collaboration with others, recently published the following articles:


**DR. JAMIE HUGHES,** Assistant Professor of Psychology recently published an article entitled, “Mind attributions about moral actors: Intentionality is greater given coherent cues in the *British Journal of Social Psychology,* in press, 2014. Dr. David Trafimow at New Mexico State University collaborated on this paper.


**DR. JAMIE HUGHES,** Assistant Professor of Psychology, and her students **JONATHON MCPHETRES** and **JODI LECHELLE CREECH** presented at conferences this year including the annual meeting of the Southwestern Psychological Association (SWPA), in San Antonio, TX, in April, 2014, and the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR), in Indianapolis, IN, in October, 2014. Talk titles include “The Difficulty of Disbelief: Religiosity and Confirmation Bias,” “Effects of Previous Experience on Beliefs About Mental Illness,” and “Victimization Fear or Rape Avoidance? Examining Rape Avoidance Behaviors in Both Sexes.”

**DR. EMILY A. FARRIS,** Assistant Professor of Psychology, in collaboration with graduate student **N. VILLALOBOS**, recently presented a poster entitled, “Emotional memory enhancements for negative and positive items,” at the Southwestern Psychological Association Conference held April 3-5, 2014, in San Antonio, TX.

**DR. EMILY A. FARRIS,** as lead author in collaboration with K. Pugh, J. Gabrieli, L. Cutting, C. Myers, P. Gimenez, M. Drahos, R. Hendren, & F. Hoeft, recently presented a poster entitled, “Retrospective multisite analysis of the relationships between single word reading and regional brain volumes,” at the Association for Psychological Science Conference held May 22-25, 2014, in San Francisco, CA.


College of Arts and Sciences

Psychology


MS. TIFFANY COLLIER, Lecturer in Psychology, recently presented “Psychological Issues in Polygraph Testing” and co-presented “Understanding Personality Disorders to Help Elicit Truth” at the Canadian Association of Police Polygraphists Annual Conference, held August 17-21, 2014, in Ottawa, ON, Canada.

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. JAMIE HUGHES, Assistant Professor of Psychology recently received a grant for a project entitled, “The Development of an Assessment of Teamwork Capacity” from Psi Chi National Honor Society and the Society for the Teaching of Psychology in the amount of $2000.

She also gave an invited talk entitled, “Attributions about Moral Agents,” at Illinois State University on October 3rd, 2014.

Social Sciences

DR. JEFF DENNIS, Assistant Professor of Sociology, recently presented a paper, along with coauthors Hannah Hamilton (UTPB undergraduate), Angela Henderson, Samantha Fox, and Shannon Boepple, entitled “Eating Behaviors and the Feminine Apologetic in College Females,” at the Western Social Science Association meeting in Albuquerque, NM, in April 2014.
Social Sciences

DR. JEFF DENNIS, Assistant Professor of Sociology, co-authored a paper with Justin Denney and Jarron Saint-Onge, entitled “Neighborhood Disadvantage and Mortality: New Insights for Racial and Ethnic Differences,” that was presented at the American Sociological Association meeting in San Francisco, CA, in August 2014.

DR. JEFF DENNIS, Assistant Professor of Sociology, recently published an article with coauthors Fernando Riosmena, Richard Rogers and Bethany Everett, entitled “Negative Acculturation and Nothing More? Cumulative Disadvantage and Mortality during the Immigrant Adaptation Process among Latinos in the United States” in the International Migration Review (May 2014).


DR. DIAN JORDAN-WERHANE, Senior Lecturer, presented “Eco-tourism in Oklahoma: Social construction and economic impacts,” for the Dept. of Applied English, Hsiuping University of Science and Technology, Taichung Taiwan, June 2014.


Visual and Performing Arts

MS. NANCY HART showed her work this past summer in several juried exhibitions: “Texas Artists Today” curated by Catherine Anspoon, Museum of the Southwest, Midland, TX (May 1-June1). “Home” curated by Melanie Bush and Emma Powell, University of Northampton, UK (June). “16th Annual All Media Juried Online International Art Exhibition ” Upstream People Gallery, Omaha, NE (July 1-August 1). “Art Biologic,” Limner Gallery, Hudson, NY (May 15-June 15). “3rd Biannual Exhibition,” Four Points Contemporary Gallery, Alief, TX. “Library Thoughts 4,” Hegyvideks Villa Gallery, Budapest, Hungary (August 26- September 6). Nancy received an Award of Merit from “3rd Annual exhibition,” Four Points Contemporary Gallery, Alief, TX, and Special Recognition from “16th Annual All Media Juried Online International Art Exhibition,” Upstream People Gallery, Omaha, Nebraska. Her work has been accepted: “7th International Artist's Book Triennial Vilnius 2015,” “Love,” exhibitions: Leipzig, Germany; Vilnius, Lithuania. Venice, Italy, USA and Australia, Catalog.

Nancy was awarded an Artist Residency for the month of June, 2014, at La Macina di San Cresci, Greve in Chianti, Italy. 
DR. SHUMING BAI, Associate Professor of Finance presented a paper entitled, “Currency Hedging by Multinationals Under Financial Crisis,” at the Southwestern Finance Association Conference March 12-16, 2014 in Dallas, TX.


He also received a grant in the amount of $12,500 from Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for Summer Engineering Recruitment Program in Summer 2014.


DR. ESSAM IBRAHIM, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering has received funding at the level of $3,750 for the period of 6/16/2014-8/8/2014 from University of Texas - Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (UT-LSAMP) to work as a Research Adviser for the undergraduate student Rachel Harris for the project entitled “A Comprehensive Model of Fuel Injection and Atomization in Gas Turbines.” The research results were presented at the 2014 University of Texas System – Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (UT-LSAMP) Student Research Conference, September 26-27, 2014, El Paso, TX


AHMED H. KAMEL, Associate Professor of Petroleum Engineering. Low-cost radial jet drilling helps revitalize 40-year-old oilfield, paper accepted for publications in Oil and Gas Journal.


DR. BILL PRICE, Dean of the College of Business and Engineering had several articles published:


DR. LUIS TRUEBA, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering and ETHAN KAPPES, undergraduate student recently presented a poster entitled, “Modeling the Neutron Flux of a Pressurized Water Reactor,” at the 2014 University of Texas System Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (UT LSAMP) Student Research Conference September 26-27, 2014 in El Paso, TX
DR. ANN MARIE SMITH, Assistant Professor of Reading, and MS. JADE OGDEN, UTPB graduate students in reading, were invited to make a presentation entitled, “Content area reading strategies for adolescents on the Autism spectrum” for the UTPB Summer Autism Institute, July, 2014.


DR. FRANK HERNANDEZ, Dean of the College of Education, and DON FRAYND, Director of TeacherMatch, recently published an article entitled “School leader’s role in inclusive lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered supportive schools” in the journal Theory Into Practice, 53, 2014.

Dr. Hernandez also presented in April 2014 at the Jackson Scholars Alumni Panel Presentation at the annual conference of the American Education Research Association (AERA) Philadelphia, PA

Dr. Hernandez recently wrote a preface to the book “From education to incarceration: Dismantling the school to prison pipeline” Nocella, A., Parmar, P., & Stoval, D. May, 2014.


Dr. Hernandez and three other scholars recently published an article entitled “Principals’ perception from within: Leadership in high-need schools in the United States” in the Journal of Management in Education, 23(3), 2014.


GRANTS AND AWARDS

DR. JESSICA GARRETT-STAIB, Assistant professor in Educational Leadership was awarded the UTPB La Mancha Award in April 2014.

MS. LORRAINE SPICKER-MANN, Lecturer in Curriculum & Instruction was awarded the UTPB President’s Teaching Award.

DR. ROY HURST, Professor in Curriculum & Instruction was awarded the UTPB President’s Service Award.

DR. FRANK HERNANDEZ received a grant from Educate Texas Community of Foundations for $12,000 to partner with the Teaching Channel.

MS. BETH MEYERSON, Director of First 5 Permian Basin, received a grant for $691,000 from Healthy Outcomes through Prevention and Early Support (HOPES).
THE DUNAGAN LIBRARY hired three new employees, Jacqueline Salter, Joseph Grawburg and Kimberly Wallace, and is proud to welcome them to our team. Jacqueline is our new Technical Systems Manager/Cataloger. She was formerly at Texas Tech University Museum as a librarian/archivist and served in various roles between 2007 and 2012. Salter holds both a MS in Information Science and MA in Museum Science. Joe is our new Library Systems Administrator. He is retired with the U.S. Air Force and served there for over 20 years as a master sergeant and defense information systems manager, managing a mainframe environment for supply computer operations for 25 bases. Grawburg is a graduate of UT Permian Basin with a BS in Information Systems. Kimberly was formerly a manager at Hastings Bookstore in Odessa and is a graduate of Agnes Scott College in Atlanta, GA, with a degree in English literature and creative writing.

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OUR NEXT GUEST AUTHOR is Mr. Shelton Williams, who will appear at the Library on Thursday, November 13 in room 142 at 6pm. Shelton lives and works in Washington D.C., where he is President of the Osgood Center for International Studies. Williams was profoundly affected as a young man by the cold-blooded murder of his cousin Betty Williams in 1961, an event much publicized at the time throughout the Southwestern United States and popularly known as the “Kiss and Kill Murder.” He devoted years of study to the facts of his cousin’s killing and the court trial of her alleged murderer, writing a true crime book about the affair entitled Washed in the Blood.