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Sociology Student Celebrated at Surprise Ceremony

Above: ECU sociology graduate, Jeffrey Fisher, enthusiastically accepted his diploma at a surprise graduation recognition ceremony held in his hometown of Swansboro, NC, on November 24, 2012. Fisher forged through radiation and chemotherapy treatments for a brain tumor discovered in 2010, and completed his degree through independent study and online courses this past fall.

Left: A group of ECU students participated in the fall commencement ceremony held December 14, 2012, at Minges Coliseum.
A Graduation to Remember

Among the students who graduated with a degree in Sociology from East Carolina University during the Fall 2012 semester was a young man named Jeffrey Fisher from Swansboro, NC. Fisher was not able to attend the department or university ceremonies because he was undergoing radiation and chemotherapy for brain cancer. However, that did not stop the Department of Sociology from celebrating his accomplishment.

On November 24, 2012, two days after Thanksgiving, ECU sociology faculty participated in a special graduation recognition ceremony for Fisher in his hometown of Swansboro. Members of Fisher’s family, friends and the Swansboro Rotary Club organized the ceremony, which was attended by hundreds of people. Attendees included former teachers, coaches and Fisher’s Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity brothers from ECU. The ceremony was a surprise to Fisher, who thought he was simply running errands with friends.

“This is pretty awesome,” said Fisher after receiving his diploma and getting over the initial shock of the surprise ceremony. “It’s amazing to see the impact I’ve had on people in both our small community of Swansboro and the large community of ECU.”

Fisher’s brain tumor was discovered during the Fall 2010 semester. Although he was forced to withdraw from classes that semester, he came back in Spring 2011 to take courses online. While he underwent two surgeries to remove his tumor, and numerous radiation and chemotherapy treatments, Fisher continued to take courses, mostly online and through independent study arrangements.

He told Dr. Marieke Van Willigen, his advisor and interim chair of the Department of Sociology, that his primary goal – other than beating cancer – was to complete his degree.

“Professors raved about his performance, saying that he made the online classes better for everyone,” said Van Willigen. “He was always the first to post; always constructive; and always commented on others’ posts. He kept pushing through it all, even when he was undergoing treatments.”

During the Fall 2012 semester, Fisher enjoyed skyping into the sociology department’s required senior seminar course. The innovative idea, suggested by course instructor Dr. Susan Pearce, allowed him to participate in live conversations with other students, despite the fact that he could not physically attend class.

After a routine scan in October 2012, Fisher, his family, friends, fellow students and ECU faculty were shocked to learn that the tumor had returned for a second time, and it became clear that Fisher was going to have to return to Duke University for aggressive treatments. Faculty allowed Fisher to complete his final papers and exams early, and the university registrar processed his grades so that he could be handed his diploma in person during the special ceremony held in Swansboro.

Since graduating with his BA degree in sociology and a minor in anthropology, Fisher has begun volunteering for the American Cancer Society, through which he completed an internship during his last two years at East Carolina.

“I want to continue to give back and help others,” said Fisher.
Earlier this fall, the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures was pleased to announce the first recipient of the Linda McMahon Distinguished Professorship in Foreign Languages in the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences. The professorship, endowed in 2009 by the McMahon Family Foundation, was awarded to Dr. Dale Knickerbocker, professor of Hispanic Studies. Knickerbocker will hold the title for two years, until August 2014.

“All of us in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures are enormously grateful to the McMahon Family for their generosity—and extremely proud of the success Linda McMahon has had as one of our graduates. I really think her inspiring achievements demonstrate the flexibility and practicality of a degree in foreign languages,” said Knickerbocker. “Needless to say, it’s humbling to be chosen as the first recipient. These resources will allow me time to finish my current book project on representations of apocalypse in Hispanic literature, and I think the best way to show my gratitude is to work hard to make it a first-rate study.”

“This endowment will also allow me to present my work at several international conferences,” said Knickerbocker. “I’m not sure we’ve made the general public aware of the value that our research adds to our students’ degrees by bringing positive attention to our department and to ECU, and that’s one way I’d like to repay Ms. McMahon for her generosity.”

Knickerbocker’s research interests include 20th Century Spanish narrative, fantasy literature and literary theory. At the beginning of his career, Knickerbocker focused on canonical modern Spanish narrative, and published widely on notable figures, including Nobel Prize winner Camilo José Cela, Gonzalo Torrente Ballester and Luis Martín Santos. His interest was then drawn to the novels of contemporary author Juan José Millás, resulting in his monograph, “Juan José Millás: The Obsessive-Compulsive Aesthetic,” which has been praised by scholars in the field as “an important contribution” and “a finely wrought analysis of Millás’ fictional universe.”

Turning to genre studies, Knickerbocker published widely on science fiction and fantasy literature. Currently, he is working on a study of turn-of-the-millennium apocalyptic fictions from Mexico, Argentina, Chile and Spain.

His work has appeared in top venues such as the Revista Hispánica Moderna; Anales de Literatura Española Contemporánea; Iberoamericana; Letras Peninsulares; Hispanic Journal; Foundation: The International Review of Science Fiction; Extrapolation; and the Journal of the Fantastic in the Arts. He has been an invited lecturer at the Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona, the University of Florida and Harvard.

Knickerbocker is deeply committed to the internationalization of scholarship in his field, serving as head of the International Division of the Association of the Fantastic in the Arts; head judge of both the Jamie Bishop Award for Best Scholarly Essay in a Language Other than English and the International Science Fiction and Fantasy Translation Award; and President of the MLA Discussion Group on Science Fiction, Utopian and Fantastic Literature. Knickerbocker is also a member of the editorial boards of the journals Extrapolation; Alambique: Revista Académica de Fantasía y Ciencia Ficción; and Brumal, as well as associate editor and reviews editor of the Journal of the Fantastic in the Arts.

Upon completing his PhD in 1992, Knickerbocker accepted a tenure-track position in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures at ECU. In 2006, he was promoted to the rank of professor of Hispanic Studies. Knickerbocker received his PhD in Hispanic languages and literatures from SUNY Stony Brook, his MA in Spanish language and literature, and his BA in Spanish from Illinois State University.
This past fall, East Carolina University celebrated the inauguration of the Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Initiative. The Initiative, housed on the fifth floor of the Science and Technology Building, is a $2 million investment by the university and represents collaboration among the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, the Department of Biology, and the Office of Research and Graduate Studies.

The Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Initiative created two new, large, shared lab spaces on the fifth floor of the Science and Technology Building that accommodate multiple inter-related research groups. Groups conduct interdisciplinary research within topics of molecular genetics; biotechnology – especially related to agriculture; and the cellular basis of cancer.

“Some of ECU’s, and biology’s, top researchers will be working in these new labs,” said Dr. Alan R. White, dean of the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences.

A few of the researchers who are currently using the new labs include two individuals from ECU’s Wounded Warriors Program, Drs. Baohong Zhang, assistant professor of biology who studies molecular genetics, toxicology and biotechnology, and Xiaoping Pan, assistant professor of biochemistry; as well as an individual who has received a prestigious, five-year National Science Foundation CAREER Award, Dr. Beth Thompson, assistant professor of biology who studies developmental genetics.

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A ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the launch of the Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Initiative was held Oct. 19, 2012, in the third floor lobby of the Science and Technology Building. Tours of the fifth floor labs and a reception also were held.
This spring, the work of faculty and students in the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Fine Arts and Communication are on display in Washington, DC. The collaboration is for the exhibit, “Nobility and Newcomers in Renaissance Ireland,” being displayed at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C., from January 19 through May 15, 2013.

Dr. Thomas Herron, ECU associate professor of English, is co-curator of the exhibit, along with colleague Dr. Brendan Kane, associate professor of history at the University of Connecticut. Students in the textile division of ECU’s College of Fine Arts, under the direction of assistant professor Robin Haller, generously recreated a mantle for display in the exhibit. Additional contributions from ECU include a 3-D computerized recreation of a ruined castle by the University Multimedia Center, and a portrait of Queen Elizabeth from Manteo, N.C., which was previously uncovered and publicized by a faculty member in the Department of History.

“Nobility and Newcomers in Renaissance Ireland” focuses on the Irish upper class, their cultural exchange with England and their struggle for power during a time of great change. The exhibit features Ireland during Shakespeare’s time, from the 16th to mid-17th century, and is described by the Folger Shakespeare Library as a “vibrant, complex, outwardly oriented kingdom with strong cultural and family connections in England and the Continent.”

“The exhibition reveals the many ways in which people moved back and forth between Gaelic and English worlds in a time of great change, loss, tradition and opportunity during the European renaissance,” said Herron.

“Ireland was like Cuba in the Cold War, a tinderbox with charismatic and
disgruntled leaders with sharp ideological differences with their “mainland” government (i.e., Protestant England), and highly vulnerable to outside influence and invasion by larger Catholic powers on the Continent, who were themselves at war with England. Simultaneously, Ireland had nominally been ruled by England for 400 years by the 1580s, so the familial, cultural and trade links were all firmly in place,” explained Herron.

Drawing upon the Folger’s rich textual, material and pictorial holdings, the exhibit includes Maurice O’Fihely’s Enchyridion fidei (1509); John Derricke’s Image of Irelande (1581); Richard Stanyhurst’s Harmonia seu catena dialectica (1570), Aeneis (1582), De Rebus in Hibernia Gestis (1584) and De Vita S. Patricii (1587); the commonplace book of the second earl of Essex; Shakespeare’s Henry V; works of Edmund Spenser, including rare manuscript transcriptions; John Cusack’s Irish Comfort [manuscript] (1629?); James Shirley’s St Patrick for Ireland (1640) and The Royall Master (1638); and Dermot O’Meara’s Ormonius (1615).

On loan are The Book of the O’Byrnes (18th cent.) from Harvard University; the recently authenticated Manteo portrait of an aging Queen Elizabeth (studio of Gheeraerts, late 16th cent); a plaster cast of Edward VI from Carrick-on-Suir; Ossianic verse in Irish (c. 1603) from the University of Wisconsin-Madison; and a recreated Irish mantle from East Carolina University.
The Department of Anthropology announced that a number of its graduates have gained successful employment, even in a time when certain liberal arts degrees are being targeted as less important than specialized or professional degrees. Daryl Armour, MA graduate, was hired as an archaeologist for the Department of Defense at Fort Bragg, NC; Jessica Newnam-Baicy, MA graduate, was awarded a two-year appointment as a visiting assistant professor of biology at James Madison University; Matthew Reed, MA graduate, is working as a government consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton, collaborating with the US Navy on a computer software project; and Lauren Souther, MA student, has been hired by New South Associates, a cultural resources management firm, in Greensboro, NC.

Geography graduate student Linwood Hall received the award for best graduate student paper at the Southeast Division of the Association of American Geographers' Annual Meeting for his paper, “A Climatology of the Structure, Frequency, and Propagation of Midlatitude Cyclones that affect North Carolina.” This award is based on both a written paper and a presentation.

Clarence Nicholas has received a 2013 Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Award to study the effects of Hurricane Sandy on small businesses and their employees. Nicholas is working with Dr. Jamie Kruse, THCAS professor of economics and director of the Center for Natural Hazards Research. Nicholas plans to pursue a PhD in Economics after graduating from ECU.

Rachel Pollard, sophomore honors biology major, received the George Barthalmus Undergraduate Research Grant, a statewide award for undergraduate research. She was awarded the grant for her project, “On the Validity of the Northern Fog-Basking Beetle.” Darkling beetles (family Tenebrionidae) are dominant ecological forms in the dune fields of Africa’s Namib Desert. One of the more intensely studied species, the fog basking beetle (Onymacris unguicularis), has been subject to much ecological and behavioral research. Northern populations—isolated from other populations by approximately 300 km—have been described as a separate subspecies, O. u. schulzeae, based on minor morphological variation. However, whether, or to
what degree, *O. u. schulzeae* is genetically distinct from the southern subspecies (*O. u. unguicularis*) has not been determined. To address this question, Pollard and ECU faculty mentor Dr. Tripp Lamb, professor of evolutionary biology, generated DNA sequence data for two mitochondrial genes in five populations across the beetle’s geographic range. They observed limited population genetic divergence within subspecies but substantial divergence between subspecies. Moreover, phylogenetic analysis identified two well-supported groups corresponding precisely with the northern and southern subspecies. Although species delimitation can be subjective, the observed sequence divergence and phylogenetic reconstruction provide support for elevating *O. u. schulzeae* to full specific status.

Alyssa Randall, senior environmental geography major, is the recipient of a 2012-13 RESTEP to STEM Grant. RESTEP to STEM, which stands for Research Engaged Strategies in Teacher Education Programs to Improve STEM, is sponsored by the North Carolina Space Grant Consortium. The grant provides funding to pre-service teachers in an effort to further develop their understanding of best practices and strategies of effective teaching in k-12 schools. Under the direction of science mentor and assistant professor of science education at Purdue University Dr. Sharon Schleigh, and ECU faculty advisor and associate professor of human geography Dr. Holly Hapke, Randall is researching “Sea-Level Rise Literacy and Perceived Risk in Eastern North Carolina.”

Geography undergraduate Jamie Wheeler and recent MA geography graduate Brent Gore received the G. Herbert Stout Awards for Innovative Student Papers from the NC Center for Geographic Information & Analysis. Wheeler’s paper, “A Spatial Analysis of Natural Gas Development in Pennsylvania, 2005-2011,” resulted from work she did with geography department chair Dr. Burrell Montz and ECU geological sciences assistant professor Dr. Alex Manda. Gore worked with associate professor of geography Dr. Tom Allen on, “Geospatial Analysis, Modeling and Cartographic Representation of Wetland Response to Future Sea Level Rise in the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine System, NC.”
German Undergrad Receives Prestigious Scholarship: Fourth Year for ECU

Michael Veale, a junior double major in German and theatre arts, was selected earlier this year for an undergraduate scholarship from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), marking the fourth year in a row that ECU’s German program has had a student selected for the scholarship.

“ECU’s program is one of only five in the nation to have had an undergraduate receive the DAAD undergraduate award in each of the last four years, and the only program in the Southeast to do so,” said David L. Smith, majors’ advisor and ECU’s German program coordinator.

The scholarship funds received in the previous four years represent approximately $45,000 in external funding, which has allowed ECU undergraduates to pursue their studies.

During the 2012-13 academic year, Veale is spending is time as a student at the Freie Universität in Berlin, Germany, where he is taking advantage of the educational and cultural opportunities available to him as a resident of a major European city.

Geological Sciences Students Present at Annual Conference in Charlotte, NC

Students and faculty from the ECU Department of Geological Sciences, and two students in the Coastal Resources Management PhD program, attended the annual Geological Society of America conference in Charlotte, NC, this past fall. During the four-day conference, one of the largest international geological conferences in the world, 21 students and 16 faculty members presented their research from more than 30 published papers. A few of the scientific contributions included the effects of sea-level rise and storms on the coast, landforms on Mars, coastal plain geology, coastal management and public policy, mega thrust earthquakes in Alaska, geochemistry of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, and an unidentified mineral from North Carolina. ECU students who presented or coauthored papers are J. Bittner, I. Conery, A. Ellis, E. Eulie, J. Gemperline, S. Hardison, G. Iverson, J. Kiker, W. Klein, C. Lauback, J. Minnehan, K. Moran, L. Moretz, K. Scalise, C. Smith, M. Smith, S. Thieme, H. Thornberg, H. Tichenor, A. Woodson, and D. Young.
Dear Alumni and Friends:

We are going LARGE for the tenth anniversary! We have hired a comedian and a band and we are pulling all the stops! Please join the faculty, current students, our Advancement Council, alumni, and friends of the Economics Department for the Tenth Annual Economics Society/Advancement Council Alumni Golf Tournament at Greenville Country Club on Friday, April 26, 2013. The format is a super ball tournament, with a shotgun start, beginning at 12:30 pm. Cold beer is provided on the course. Thereafter, cocktail hour begins @ 5:00 with an open beer and wine bar and with a prime rib or salmon dinner following beginning at 6:00 (full service locker room also available to shower/freshen up after golf, if desired). Then a live auction follows with the band taking over for the remainder of the evening. Either build your own foursome, or you can be handicapped into a foursome by the tournament director. No golf skills necessary! Players of all levels most welcome. Mulligans, red tees and putting contest entry for $25.00, plus mulligan ticket gets you entry into a raffle for fabulous prizes! Fun for all! Consult your CPA for tax deductibility status.

Cost: $395.00 per foursome or $99.00 per individual golfer. Fee includes golf, cart, open bar and dinner.

DON’T want to play golf?? Come on out and drink beer and ride a golf cart! Dinner for only $50.00 per person.

Please provide the following information for all participants:

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Please indicate either prime rib or salmon.

Please make check payable to The ECU Foundation and mail your check to reserve your place to:
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You may also call Angie Myers @ 328-6765 or Cindy Mills @ 328-6006.
Faculty and Staff Accomplishments

Anthropology

Dr. Christine Avenarius, received a grant for $67,677 from the Kate B. Reynolds Trust for her project, “Restarting the Dialogue about Coastal Management Policies: Understanding Environmental Change Among Residents of the Outer and Inner Banks.”

Dr. Charlie Ewen, along with doctoral student Mark Wilde-Ramsing, published an article in Historical Archaeology, titled “Beyond Reasonable Doubt: A Case for Queen Anne’s Revenge.” Recently, Ewen also was voted as President-elect for the Society for Historical Archaeology.

Dr. Luci Fernandes, received $8,000 in funding from the BB&T Center to develop and teach a new course this past fall titled, “Developing Leadership Vision Through Visual Anthropology.”

Dr. David Griffith, received a $186,000 grant from the National Science Foundation for his study, “Managed Migration and the Value of Labor.”

Dr. Laura Mazow, received an NEH fellowship for spring 2013 at the WF. Albright Institute for Archaeological Research in Jerusalem for her project, “Identifying Fulling in the Archaeological Record in the Bronze and Iron Ages.”

Biology

Dr. Chris Balakrishnan, assistant professor of biology, and his collaborator Ken Soderstrom from the Brody School of Medicine, received full funding for their project, “Genomic Perspectives on the Influence of Cannabinoid Exposure on Vocal Learning.” Funding was provided through the fall 2012 East-West Collaboration Program, sponsored through the ECU Division of Research and Graduate Studies.

Dr. Tim Christensen, assistant professor of biology, and his collaborator Dr. Paul Fletcher from the Brody School of Medicine, received partial funding for their project, “Characterization of Natural and Expressed Recombinant Antareases the Cleave Different SNARE Proteins.” This project received partial funding through the fall 2012 East-West Collaboration Program, sponsored by the ECU Division of Research and Graduate Studies.

Dr. Carol Goodwillie, associate professor of biology, has been selected as one of the recipients of the 2012–13 ECU Scholar-Teacher Awards, sponsored by the Office of the Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. The ECU Scholar-Teacher Award
recognizes outstanding faculty members who integrate scholarship and teaching. As part of the award, recipients will give a 15-minute presentation and develop a poster, or display, for viewing during the Annual Research & Creative Achievement Week held in early April.

Dr. Liz Jones, teaching assistant professor of biology who specializes in teaching human anatomy and physiology, is the recipient of the Friend of Beta Nu Award. This award, given to Jones on February 7 at the spring banquet and awards ceremony of the Beta Nu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing and faculty in the College of Nursing, is presented to individuals who may not be nurses, but whose contribution to nursing scholarship and practice has been significant and outstanding.

Dr. Keith Keene, assistant professor of biology, and his collaborator Dr. Robert James from the Brody School of Medicine, received full funding for their project, “Prophylactic Low-Dose Intravenous Heparin Infusion for Aneurysmal Subarachnoid Hemorrhage Trial (PHAST-1): Analysis of Myeloperoxidase and Myeloid-Related Protein 8/14 Levels and Genotypes.” Funding was provided through the fall 2012 East-West Collaboration Program, sponsored through the ECU Division of Research and Graduate Studies.

Dr. John Stiller, associate professor of biology, was elected to the role of incoming vice president and president elect of the Phycological Society of America. The international organization promotes research and education in fields related to the biology of algae. Stiller will serve as vice president/president elect in 2013, president in 2014 and past president in 2015. He will also serve on the PSA executive council for all three years.

Chemistry

Dr. Anthony Kennedy, assistant professor of chemistry, and his collaborator Dr. Raz Shaikh from the Brody School of Medicine and the East Carolina Diabetes and Obesity Institute, received partial funding for their project, “The Use of Differential Scanning Calorimetry for Quantifying the Impact of Dietary and Pharmacological Interventions on Cellular Membranes.” This project received partial funding through the fall 2012 East-West Collaboration Program, sponsored by the ECU Division of Research and Graduate Studies.

Dr. Anne Spuches, assistant professor of chemistry, and her collaborator Lance Bridges from the Brody School of Medicine, received partial funding for their project, “Metal Coordination and Domain Synergy of ADAM Proteases.” This project received partial funding through the fall 2012 East-West Collaboration Program, sponsored by the ECU Division of Research and Graduate Studies.

Economics

Dr. Phillip A. Rothman, professor of economics, has been selected as one of the recipients of the 2012-13 ECU Scholar-Teacher Awards, sponsored by the Office of the Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. The ECU Scholar-Teacher Award recognizes outstanding faculty members who integrate scholarship and teaching. As part of the award, recipients will give a 15-minute presentation and develop a poster, or display, for viewing during the Annual Research & Creative Achievement Week held in early April.
Dr. Thomas Herron, associate professor of English, has been selected as one of the 2012-13 recipients of the prestigious ECU Five-Year Achievement for Excellence in Research and Creative Activity Award. In conjunction with ECU’s Research and Creative Achievement Week, Herron, and other recipients, will be honored at a luncheon in early April. In addition, he will give a public presentation pertaining to his work.

Dr. David Wilson-Okamura, associate professor of English, was awarded the Vergilian Society’s Alexander G. McKay Prize for the best book in Vergilian studies on January 6, for his book “Virgil in the Renaissance.”

Dr. Thomas Crawford, associate professor of geography, has been selected for a five month Fulbright Research fellowship to spend spring 2013 in the Department of Geography and Environment at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. He will investigate the impacts of urban form on carbon dioxide emissions in the US, UK and other EU countries. This research explores the sustainability of human-environment interactions using geospatial data and technologies including GIS and remote sensing.

Dr. Thad Wasklewicz, associate professor of geography, has been selected as one of the recipients of the 2012-13 ECU Scholar-Teacher Awards, sponsored by the Office of the Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. The ECU Scholar-Teacher Award recognizes outstanding faculty members who integrate scholarship and teaching. As part of the award, recipients will give a 15-minute presentation and develop a poster, or display, for viewing during the Annual Research & Creative Achievement Week held in early April.

Dr. Chad Ross, teaching assistant professor of history, recently worked with Tracie Below, media coordinator at Hope Middle School in Pitt County, for National History Day. ECU’s Department of History hosts an annual National History Day competition, and Ross served as a judge for the website category of this year’s competition.

Dr. John Tucker, professor of history and university historian, recently edited and published a four-volume set of books with E.J. Brill titled, “Critical Readings on Japanese Confucianism.” Tucker also has been invited to present a paper at the University of Tokyo Center for Philosophy.
Psychology

Dr. Hope Landrine, professor of clinical health psychology, and her co-collaborators Sharon Mangan (Pediatrics); Kerry Littlewood (Social Work); Alice Richman (Health Education and Promotion); Roytesa Savage (Pediatrics); David Holder (Adolescent Medicine); Jimmy Efird (Public Health); Jason Brinkley (Biostatistics); and Annette Greer (Bioethics and Interdisciplinary Studies), received full funding for their project, “Disparities in Youth HPV Vaccination in Eastern North Carolina (ENC): A Pilot Project.” Funding was provided through the fall 2012 East-West Collaboration Program, sponsored through the ECU Division of Research and Graduate Studies.

Sociology

Dr. Nathaniel P. von der Embse, assistant professor of pediatric school and school psychology, was quoted in a Time magazine article on February 11, about the pressures teachers and schools are under to meet exam standards. These pressures then get passed along to students, resulting in an increase in test anxiety. Subscribers may read the entire article at http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,2135124,00.html.

Dr. Arunas Juska, associate professor of sociology, was awarded a visiting professorship at the Institute for Research on Migration, Ethnicity and Society (REMESO), at Linköping University, Sweden. The REMESO institute pursues interdisciplinary research and education on transnational migration, ethnic diversity and citizenship in the Baltic Sea region. Juska will travel to Sweden for four weeks, where he will lecture and conduct research on the Baltic States. He is scheduled to give two public lectures at Linköping University, co-chair a doctoral committee for a REMESO student, and along with a group of scholars, he will work on a number of projects including an edited volume, “The Contradictions of Austerity. The Socio-Economic Costs of the Neoliberal Baltic Model.”
Faculty and Staff
Promotions & Retirements

Biology
Anthony Capehart was promoted to Full Professor beginning Fall 2012
Ronald J. Newton retired effective 9/1/2012
Baohong Zhang was promoted to Associate Professor beginning Fall 2012

English
Ellen L. Arnold is retiring effective 9/1/2013
John Hoppenthaler was promoted to Associate Professor beginning Fall 2012
Marianne Montgomery was promoted to Associate Professor beginning Fall 2012
Lorraine Robinson retired effective 1/1/2013
Sherry G. Southard retired effective 9/1/2012
Kirk St. Amant was promoted to Full Professor beginning Fall 2012
Liza Wieland was promoted to Full Professor beginning Fall 2012

Foreign Languages & Literatures
Frederic Fladenmuller was promoted to Full Professor beginning Fall 2012
Elena Murenina was promoted to Associate Professor beginning Fall 2012
Miriam Reed retired effective 9/1/2012

Geological Sciences
Siddhartha Mitra was promoted to Associate Professor beginning Fall 2012

History
Richard L. Hernandez was promoted to Associate Professor beginning Fall 2012
Anoush F. Terjanian was promoted to Associate Professor beginning Fall 2012

Mathematics
Njinasoa Randriampiry was promoted to Associate Professor beginning Fall 2012

Political Science
Rhonda Evans Case was promoted to Associate Professor beginning Fall 2012
Alethia Cook was promoted to Associate Professor beginning Fall 2012
Peter Francia was promoted to Full professor beginning Fall 2012

Psychology
Heather Littleton was promoted to Associate Professor beginning Fall 2012
Amy Lyndon was promoted to Associate Professor beginning Fall 2012
Cecelia Valrie was promoted to Associate Professor beginning Fall 2012
D. Erik Everhart was promoted to Full professor beginning Fall 2012

Sociology
Martin Schultz retired effective 8/31/2012
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2011-12 Faculty Author’s List

Anthropology
Faculty author’s name: Charlie Ewen
Publisher: North Carolina Archaeological Council
Date of Publication: 2011
Available online only: www.rla.unc.edu/ncac/Publications/index.html

Faculty author’s name: Laura B. Mazow
Title of book: “Household Archaeology in Ancient Israel and Beyond”
Publisher: Brill
Date of Publication: May 2011
ISBN: 9004206256, 9789004206250

Faculty author’s name: Megan A. Perry
Title of book: “Bioarchaeology and Behavior: The People of the Ancient Near East”
Publisher: University Press of Florida
Date of Publication: October 2012
ISBN: 0813042291

Biology
Faculty author’s name: Alexandros G. Georgakilas
Title of book: “Cancer Biomarkers”
Publisher: Science Publishers Taylor and Francis Group
Date of Publication: October 2012
ISBN: 9781578087617

Faculty author’s name: Alexandros G. Georgakilas
Title of book: “Cancer Prevention – From Mechanisms to Translational Benefits”
Publisher: InTech
Date of Publication: April 2012
ISBN: 9789535105473
Also available online at: www.intechopen.com/books/cancer-prevention-from-mechanisms-to-translational-benefits

Faculty author’s name: Joseph J. Luczkovich
Publisher: Oxford
Date of Publication: 2011
ISBN: 978123747112

Faculty author’s name: Lisa Clough
Publisher: Alaska Sea Grant, University of Alaska Fairbanks
Date of Publication: April 2011
ISBN: 9781566121613

Foreign Languages and Literatures
Faculty author’s name: Jill Twark
Title of book: “Strategies of Humor in Post-Unification German Literature and Film”
Publisher: Cambridge Scholars Publishing
Date of Publication: March 2011
ISBN: 9781443827034; 1443827037
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Economics
Faculty author’s name: Randall Parker
Publisher: Edward Elgar
Date of Publication: November 2011
ISBN: 9781848449800

Faculty author’s name: Marianne Montgomery
Title of book: “Europe’s Languages on England’s Stages, 1590-1620”
Publisher: Ashgate
Date of Publication: June 2012
ISBN: 9781409422877

English
Faculty author’s name: Lida Cope
Publisher: Routledge
Date of Publication: 2012
ISBN: 9780415695435

Faculty author’s name: Ken Parille
Title of book: “The Art of Daniel Clowes: Modern Cartoonist”
Publisher: Abrams
Date of Publication: April 2012
ISBN: 9781419702082

Faculty author’s name: Thomas Herron
Title of book: “Dublin and the Pale in the Renaissance, c. 1540-1660”
Publisher: Four Courts Press, Dublin
Date of Publication: December 2011
ISBN: 9781846822834

Faculty author’s name: Kirk St. Amant
Publisher: IGI Global
Date of Publication: 2012
ISBN: 9781613500774

Faculty author’s name: Andrea Kitta
Title of book: “Vaccinations and Public Concern in History: Legend, Rumor, and Risk Perception”
Publisher: Routledge
Date of Publication: January 2012
ISBN: 0415887038; 9780415887038

Faculty author’s name: Amanda Ann Klein
Title of book: “American Film Cycles: Reframing Genres, Screening Social Problems, and Defining Subcultures”
Publisher: University of Texas Press
Date of Publication: December 2011
ISBN: 0292726805; 9780292726802

Faculty author’s name: Kirk St. Amant
Title of book: “Computer-Mediated Communication Across Cultures: International Interactions in Online Environments”
Publisher: IGI Global
Date of Publication: 2012
ISBN: 9781609608330
Faculty author’s name: Kirk St. Amant
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March 21 – Classics Lecture: “The House of the Faun and Popular Culture in Pompeii”

Dr. Rebecca Benefiel, of Washington and Lee University, will present a lecture at 3:30 p.m. (location TBA). Benefiel will discuss archaeological work she performed in Pompeii, focusing on graffiti found in the so-called ‘House of the Faun,’ and how it informs our knowledge of 1st Century popular culture.


Dr. Daniel Richter, Roy F. and Jeannette P. Nichols Professor of American History at the University of Pennsylvania, will present the joint Thomas Harriot Lecture/Lawrence F. Brewster Lecture in History at 7 p.m. in Hendrix Theatre, Mendenhall Student Center. For additional information, visit www.ecu.edu/voyages.

April 6 – ECU Spring Open House

The Academic and Student Affairs Fair, hosted by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, will be held from 9 a.m. – noon in the Student Recreation Center. Fair attendees will include admitted and prospective students and their families. Departments participating in the fair should arrive no later than 8:30 a.m. For additional information, contact John Carrere at 737-2723, or via email at carrerej@ecu.edu.

April 5, 6, 7 – “Oedipus Rex”

The Program in Classical Studies, co-sponsored by the Center for Student Leadership & Civic Engagement, is putting on a production of Sophocles’ “Oedipus Rex” in the Mendenhall Student Center Great Rooms at 8 p.m. each night. The production will feature 22 students and alumni, new music by ECU music professor Mark Richardson, and is directed by classics professor John Given. Admission is free. No tickets are required.

April 18 – Earth Day Expo

The Center for Biodiversity and the Department of Biology will host an Earth Day Expo with interactive events for people of all ages from 4 – 6 p.m. in the Howell Science Complex. Various ECU researchers and local non-profit organizations will oversee displays and activities on topics related to biodiversity. All are welcome to attend.

April 18 – Environmental Contaminants Lecture

Dr. Tyrone Hayes, world-renowned biologist and professor of integrative biology at the University of California, will give an overview of the role of environmental contaminants (such as the pesticide atrazine) on frog sexual development, amphibian population decline, and the consequences for human health. The presentation will be held at 8 p.m. in the Science and Technology Building. For additional information, contact the Department of Biology at 737-6718.

April 26 – 10th Annual Economics Golf Tournament

The Department of Economics will hold its 10th Annual Economics Society/ Advancement Council/Alumni Golf Tournament and dinner beginning at 12:30 p.m. April 26, at the Greenville Country Club. The tournament is a scholarship fundraising-event, which supports rising senior economics majors with full tuition and fees. For additional information, contact Dr. Randy Parker at 328-6755, or via email at parkerr@ecu.edu.