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Wishing a Warm
Welcome to
**Michael
Garner**
the newest
addition to the
Emergency
Management
Faculty!

From: Rob, Beth,
Ed, Rick, Kelly,
Jamie & Lindi

Meet the Staff

Dr. Robert Schwartz, Department Head and Associate Professor, completed his Ph.D. in Geography at Kent State University. His previous position was at Ball State University where he was the Graduate Coordinator in the Department of Geography. His research interests involve hazards and emergency management issues.

Rick Ihde, Assistant Professor, has a Master's of Education. He is currently a doctoral student at Nova Southeastern University. Prior to teaching he worked as an emergency planner and as a member of the Nuclear Planning and Response Program with the Arkansas Department of Health.

Ed Leachman, Visiting Assistant Professor, has a M.S. in Engineering from Louisiana Tech University. After serving as Director of the Office of Electronic Services for the

State of Louisiana, he came to teach at Tech. His areas of experience are business continuity and disaster recovery efforts in the public and private sector.

Beth Wilson, Assistant Professor, has a Judicial Doctorate and a M.B.A. from the University of Arkansas, Little Rock. Her research interests include the development and implementation of emergency management and homeland security legislation.

Dr. Michael Garner, Visiting Assistant Professor, has a Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. His research interests use advanced spatial technologies to identify and assess Wildland-Urban Interface issues in Rural Arkansas.

Kelly Bostick, Secretary, is currently working on her M.S. in College Student Personnel. She assists the department head with reports and other

correspondence, maintains student databases for the EAM degree, and provides administrative support for special projects.

There are currently two graduate assistants, **Jamie Earls** and **Lindi McLaughlin**.

Jamie is from Russellville, AR. She has a B.S. in EAM from Arkansas Tech. Her area of interest is the effects of disaster on Emergency Management policy.

Lindi obtained her bachelors degree at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in European and Asian history. Her current research interests in Emergency Management include preparedness of rural communities and biological hazards.

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Pandemic Exercise A Success

On October 17, 2006, approximately 30 people from Arkansas Tech University, James Lee Witt and Associates, Pope County and the Arkansas Division of Health gathered in the Emergency Operations Center at Tech to participate and evaluate in a Tabletop Exercise to prepare Tech in case of a Pandemic.

During the Summer, a Pandemic plan for Arkansas Tech was drafted. It is believed that after the successful exercise it is soon to be sent to the President of the University for approval.

The Pandemic plan is an annex to the recently adopted Emergency Operation Plan (EOP)

for the University. For more information on the Campus EOP, contact Ed Leachman at eleachman@atu.edu or 479.964.0536.

For more information on Pandemics, visit pandemicflu.gov

Student of the Year Award

It is once again time for the Student of the Year award.

Qualifications are:

- 3.5 GPA
- Graduating Fall 06 thru Summer 2007
- Candidate must submit a portfolio of accomplishments
- Candidate must submit an essay on why he or she has chosen emergency management as a career

Former Awards went to:

Keith Frazier	98-99
Roger Freeman	99-00
Sharleen DaBreo	00-01
Georgia Kersh-Dye	01-02
Ethan Beckcom	02-03
Annette Cockrell	03-04
Kristin Keaster	03-04
Danielle McMickle	05-06

Danielle graduated in May, 2006 with a Bachelors Degree in Emergency Management with a Minor in Criminal Justice. She was recognized as an Outstanding Student in Emergency Administration and Management.

While at Tech she served on many committees and held offices held offices with the International Association of Emergency Management as well as the local student chapter. While attending school she joined the American Red Cross Disaster Action Team.

Some of her other accomplishments and recognitions include Tech Sweetheart and member of a Faculty/Student Research Project on the Effects of Hurricane Katrina on



Student of the Year will be announced at the Student Banquet in April

Pope County Arkansas.

Since graduation she has gone to work at the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM), in the Preparedness Division as a Federal Grant Coordinator later transferring to the Pine Bluff Arsenal.

She is currently enrolled in the Master's Program.

IEMSA News

The International Emergency Management Student Association is starting over. This year, starting last fall, new officers and enthusiastic students have pulled out the old constitution and re-ramped it to provide students with a more effective student group.

Some of the New Plans for IEMSA include student activities and community



EAM Students:
Now you will WANT to Join!

projects as well as more externship opportunities.

If you are interested in joining IEMSA or just want to find out more information about the new direction, come to the first

meeting. IEMSA Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at 2 pm in the Doc Bryan Multi-purpose room.

To get announcements and more information on IEMSA check out the IEMSA Group Page on OneTech. Go to Groups, then Social and join the IEMSA group to stay up to date.

**Wednesday,
April 4 @ 2pm**

CERT News

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. When emergencies happen, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members can also help with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the commu-

nity.

During the Fall, the base CERT team was established. It is made up of Students, Faculty and Staff. A call down list was developed and distributed. It will be tested this Spring by a surprise drill.

This spring there will also be at least one basic training and two to three



advanced training sessions.

CERT is also working with teachers, the business community and the ministerial alliance to train

members of the community to join the team.

Want to Join CERT? Email Dustin Guye at dguye@atu.edu Subject Line: CERT Application.

From the Desk of...

...Dr. Robert Schwartz

There have been many changes since Emergency Administration and Management became a Department. The number of faculty has increased, bringing a variety of expertise in various subdisciplines of emergency management. Faculty are involved in other activities such as research and service, in addition to teaching.

The program has increased in size on the undergraduate level and there are several international students enrolled in classes. A Master of Science degree program commenced in Spring 2006 and the number of students keeps increasing each semester.

There are many activities in Emergency Administration and Management described in this newsletter. Whether it is in the classroom, Emergency Operations Center, updated Computer Lab

(relocated to Dean 205), IEMSA, CERT, or research, the faculty and students want to notify you about these items.

It has been exciting and challenging to facilitate many of the positive changes. We expect more changes in the Department during the semester. I invite you to enjoy the newsletter and utilize it as a tool to communicate with the Department. We welcome your comments and story suggestions.

-Robert M. Schwartz



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Curriculum Change Approved

A new Emergency Administration and Management Curriculum was adopted in the Fall of 2006 for the 2007 Spring term. EAM students under the new curriculum will have a broad interdisciplinary degree rather than having to choose the sociology or environmental option. According to the faculty, "The new curriculum will allow students to develop more emergency management skills by allowing them to take more EAM courses."

"The new curriculum will allow students to develop more emergency management skills."

The new curriculum includes: 37 General Education credit hours, 30 EAM Core Curriculum hours, 12 hours of Practical Applications including six hours of externship and six hours of internship, 15 administrative core hours, 21 interdisciplinary hours from a selected course list, and 9 hours of electives.

Students under the new curriculum can also utilize the interdisciplinary core to complete 16 different minors.

Students who changed majors prior to Spring 2007 will use the curriculum from the course catalog of the term they changed.

The graduate curriculum was also modified. Two new courses were added: Introduction to Terrorism (6073) and Principles of Hazards & Emergency Management (6063). The thesis seminar was also made into a variable credit, allowing students to take from 1-3 hours at a time, for a total of 3 hours.

Graduation News

Graduation for the Spring 2007 term is May 12.

Graduating students need to pick up their announcement card during finals week from the Registrar's Office.

Students need to be lined up 30 minutes before the ceremony begins.

Diplomas will be mailed out four to six weeks after graduation.

Students with over 70 credit hours that are planning on graduating spring 2008 need to complete a degree audit by March 9, 2007. Those planning on graduating Summer 2008 need to complete a degree audit by April 6, 2007.



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Kay Goss, CEM, Adjunct Faculty, has a MA in Public Administration and Political Science from U of A, Fayetteville, and is currently working on her Ph.D. in Public Administration at West Virginia University. She is currently the Senior Advisor for Homeland Security at Electronic Data Systems Corporation (EDS), is the former Associate Director of FEMA. This semester she is teaching Animals in Disaster.

Dr. Carl Harris, Adjunct Faculty, has a Ph.D. in Chemistry from U of A, Fayetteville. He is currently working at Arkansas Nuclear One (ANO) as a senior emergency planner. This semester he is teaching Nuclear Science in Emergency Management.

John Flynt, Adjunct Faculty, has multiple degrees from Arkansas Tech. He has vast emergency management experi-

ence and currently works at the Russellville Fire Department. This semester he is teaching Citizens and Community Disaster Preparedness during the spring break.



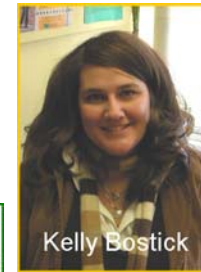
Rob Schwartz



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Kelly Bostick



Lindi McLaughlin



Rick Ihde



Mike Garner



Ed Leachman

EAM Conferences

This past fall, IEMSA members had the opportunity to attend two different conferences. The International Association of Emergency Managers Annual Conference in Orlando, FL was attended by six students.

At the Conference the students were able to meet and listen to world renowned emergency managers, from both the national and international communities.

The HotZone Conference in Houston, TX, was attended by six students. Jennifer Luke, Xiaoman Guo, Andrew

Pannell and Lindi McLaughlin all attended on Full Scholarship. Brandon Baker attended on Partial Scholarship and Dustin Guyse also attended.

Students explored topics including: Avian Flu, Improvised Explosive Devices, & Hurricane Preparedness. One session the group participated in was "In Suit Emergencies, Can You Survive?" Students in hazmat suits went through an obstacle course simulating emergency response situations. Everyone learned a lot and had a great time.



Lindi McLaughlin and Dustin Guyse Suit up at the HotZone Conference

James Lee Witt Scholarship

Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded by the Student Aid Scholarship Committee for the fall 2007 semester. These scholarships may be renewed for the spring semester provided the student continues to meet the criteria and sufficient funds are available. The recipients of the scholarship in 2006 were Layce Reagan and Amanda Guizar.



Preference will be given to students who:

- *Major in EAM
- *Have a minimum of 24 credit hours
- *Maintain a minimum class load of 6 hours per semester
- *Maintain a 3.0 grade point or higher

Application Requirements:

- *Complete and return Arkansas

Tech Foundation Scholarship Application.

Deadline is March 15, 2007 (for Fall)

Send Application to:

Arkansas Tech Development Office
Administration Building 209
1509 N Boulder Avenue
Russellville, AR 72802-2222

If you have questions, please call Donna Pratt, Development Office at:

(479) 968-0400.



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Upcoming Events

Date	Event
March 13	Storm Spotter Class
March 16-18	Spring CERT Training
March 26-30	Spring Break
April 20	HazMat Symposium
April 20	Last Day to Drop Courses with a 'W'
May 7-11	Finals Week
May 12	Graduation
First Wednesday of each Month @ 2pm	Spring IEMSA Meetings: Doc Bryan Multi Purpose Room
Second Tuesday of each Month @ 7pm	HAM Radio Club; W5ATU
For Information: n4owb@arrl.net	HAM Radio Licensing Training
To Be Announced	Pandemic Exercise
To Be Announced	EAM Lecture Series Sponsored by IEMSA

Have You Moved Up? Let Us Know!

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State: _____ Zip: _____

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E-mail: _____

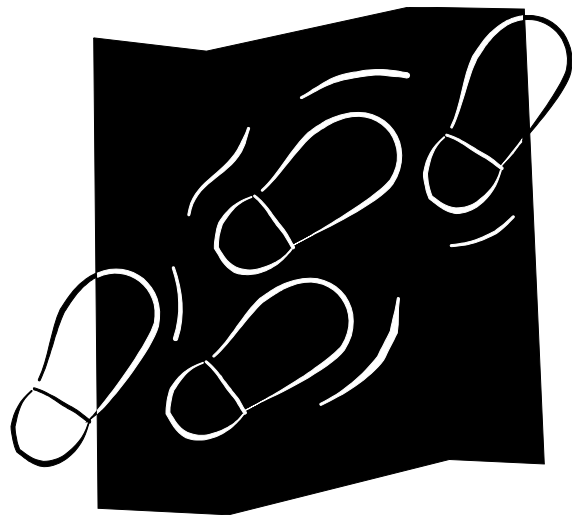
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Or mail to: EAM, Bryan Hall Room 220, 105 West O Street, Russellville, AR 72801-2222