

Academic Affairs Newsletter

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A Word from our AAVP



Dear Colleagues,

As we wind down the spring semester, please accept my thanks for your outstanding contributions to Tech. We are in a season of awards and commencement that allows our academic community to come together to collectively recognize and celebrate another year in the life of our university. This edition of our newsletter highlights your important work to provide opportunities for our students and to serve our communities. So, take note and enjoy! I wish everyone a good end to the semester and safe summer.

*Sincerely,
Phil*

Arts & Humanities

ART

Goal 3 - Operations Excellence and Goal 4 - Citizens of the Region State and World

Assistant Professor Jessica Mongeon authored and co-edited the March 2019 issue of the online newsletter "futureforward" (https://www.integrativeteaching.org/s/FF_Vol6n1_CompassPts.pdf). "futureforward" is the official publication of Integrative Teaching International (ITI), which sponsors a biennial conference, ThinkTank, in locations around the United States. Integrative Teaching International (ITI) is an advocate for progressive educational models and policies that support an environment of integrative teaching experiences across disciplines.

Goal 4 - Citizens of the Region State and World

Submission: **John McGrew**

Event- Animation Screening- Athens Animfest, March 14-17, Athens, Greece

Description: Athens Animfest is the oldest animation film festival in Greece, and contains film selections from 50 countries. *An Unfinished Love* is a stop motion short film, partially funded by an ATU Professional Development Grant, about a man's lifelong pursuit of a lost love.

An Unfinished Love, Short 4, Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Special Professional High School of Acharnes Netherlands 2018

Directed and Screenplay by: Rami el Harayri

Animation: John McGrew

Production/School: Storytelling Film Solutions

Music: F. Can Erdogan

A young couple in love, Robert and Sarah, get engaged in the park of their hometown. Soon after, World War I throws Robert into the trenches where a gust of wind blows away not just Robert's letter to Sarah, but the couple's future as well. Post-war, Robert struggles to come to terms with the changes in the world and the rapid growth of the city he calls home. He once again finds solace in writing letters to his lost love, and does so every day for decades.

Film Festival Screening: Cap Spartel International Film Festival

Description: Cap Spartel International Film Festival a thematic film festival dedicated to the theme of violence and non-violence, extremism and radicalization in 2019.



Film tile: *An Unfinished Love* (PDG film) - Cap Spartel International Film Festival Official Selection, March 27-30, 2019, Tanger, Morocco

An Unfinished Love (PDG film) - Rome Film Awards Official Selection, November 29-30, 2019, Rome, Italy

Description: Rome Film Awards festival highlights a selection of the best films in Italy, Europe and the rest of the world.

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Goal 1 - Human Core

Byrd, Kaitland M., Lellock, J. Slade, and **Chapman, Nathaniel G.** (2019). From the Appalachian Mountains to the Puget Sound and Beyond: Distilling Authenticity. *Modern Moonshine, Modern Moonshine: The Rise of White Whiskey in the 21st Century*, eds. Cameron D. Lippard and Bruce E. Stewart, pp. 138-172. WVU Press.

Chapman, Nathaniel G. (April, 2019). *Time to Raise the Bar: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly of Craft Beer Scholarship*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. Atlanta, GA.

Koontz, Amanda and **Chapman, Nathaniel G.** (2019). About Us: Authenticating Identity Claims in the Craft Beer Industry. *The Journal of Popular Culture*, pp. 351-372. doi:10.1111/jpcu.12787.

Rone, C., Wilson, J., **Roosevelt, Rodney, Thibodeaux, C. Jordan.** (March, 2019). *The Effect of Internal Speech on Attention to Alcohol Cues*. Paper to be presented at the 2019 ATU Undergraduate Research Symposium, Russellville, AR.

Stevens, Robert L. & Robinson, Mona (April 2019). *Exploring Relationship Change through the Adjustment to Chronic Illness & Disability Journey*. Presentation at the 2019 Spring National Council on Rehabilitation Education Conference. San Diego, CA.

Ulsperger, Jason (2019). *Death and Human-made Disaster: Exploring the Structural Ritualization of Grieving in Later Life*. Paper presented at the Southern Gerontological Society Annual Conference. Miramar Beach, FL.

Jason Ulsperger was elected Region VI Representative for Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Sociology Honor Society.

Jason Ulsperger organized a commodity drive for Joseph's House Foster Parent Resource Center with the help of AKD (sociology honor students) and other students in the department. They collected and delivered 250 items.

HISTORY & POLITICAL SCIENCE

Goal 1 - Human Core

Dr. David Blanks was appointed Book Review Editor for the *Journal of Big History*.

Dr. Michael Brodrick presented in March 2019 "Two Visions of Justice in Pharmaceutical Tort Cases" at the annual meeting of the Association of Practical and Professional Ethics in Baltimore and "Diagnosing Big Pharma: Government Intervention and the Ethics of Direct-to-Physician Marketing" at the annual meeting of the Philosophy, Politics and Economics Society in New Orleans.

Dr. Patrick Hagge presented "Arkansas 2050: A Geographical Analysis of Arkansas' Future Political Landscape" at the 46th Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association, 8-9 March, 2019, University of Arkansas and "Student Perceptions of Virtual Reality Usage in a University Classroom Using 'Google Earth VR' ", 2019 American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting: Washington, D.C., April 5, 2019.

Dr. Chris Housenick was on a panel for the "Game of Thrones Season Eight Kickoff Event" at Ross - Pendergraft Library, Thursday, April 11, 2019.



Dr. Kelly Jones presented "We Just Got What We Could: Food and Power in the Lives of Enslaved Arkansans," ATU Interdisciplinary Research Series, February 22, 2019.

Gave a lecture at the Historic Arkansas Museum, Little Rock, March 29 and presented "The Polks and the Business of Slavery" at a session of the James K. Polk Correspondence Project Conference, University of Tennessee, April 12.

Dr. Jeff Mitchell gave a talk entitled "On the Sense in Which Islam Needs More Enlightenment" at Hendrix College on April 12 as part of their "Virtuous Conversations" series.

Dr. Michael Ogu spoke to the Lions Club International (Russellville) on February 5 and gave a talk at the University of Central Arkansas and at Hendrix College on March 25.

Presented "'Hell' away from Home: Perspectives on Internal Displacement in Nigeria" at the 46th Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association, March 8-9, 2019.

Presented "Monsters and Men: The Nightmare of Northern Nigeria," ATU Interdisciplinary Research Series, November 9, 2018.

Dr. Jeff Pearson published a review of Theater of a Separate War: The Civil War West of the Mississippi River, 1861-1865 by Thomas W. Cutrer (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2017) in Journal of American History 105, no. 3 (December 2018): 684-685.

Dr. James Peck presented "Image/Text: Visualizing Indian Territory in the 1880s" at the Illustration Across America conference held at Washington University, Saint Louis, Missouri, March 22, 2019.

Dr. Michael Rogers with Dr. Donald Gooch presented "The Civic Education Conundrum: Can Pedagogy Affect Civic Engagement, not just Civic Literacy?" at the 46th Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association, 8-9 March, 2019, University of Arkansas. Drs. Rogers and Gooch also presented "Assessment of Civic Education in Arkansas Schools," ATU Interdisciplinary Research Series, April 5, 2019.

Dr. Michael Tarver was appointed Vice Chair of the Arkansas History Commission and Editor of the World History Bulletin.

Dr. Brendan Toner with Mr. Michael Komarek presented "Covering the Spread of Betting" at the 46th Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association, 8-9 March, 2019, University of Arkansas.

Education

Goal 2 - Academic Coherence

Dr. Rebecca Callaway, Dr. Mohamed Ibrahim, and Dr. Yasemin Gulbahar presented a lecture for the ATU Interdisciplinary Research Series on Thursday, April 11, in Brown Hall room 134. The lecture entitled “Tech Talk in Education”. Together, the trio has pursued personalized approaches to teaching and learning in higher education through their combined research.



Dr. Callaway (on the right) is a professor of curriculum and instruction and Dr. Ibrahim (on the left) is an associate professor of curriculum and instruction at ATU. Dr. Gulbahar (in the middle) is an educational scientist from Ankara University in Turkey who is spending the 2018-19 academic year teaching and researching at Arkansas Tech.

Goal 4 - Citizens of the Region State and World

Savanna Snowden, a first year teacher at Russellville Middle School and ATU Alumn, was awarded Teacher of the Month for April.



The ATU College of Education put on an Educator's Signing Day Event on April 18, 2019 to participate in the Arkansas Educator Commitment Signing Week. More than 250 current, veteran, and future educators attended the event to sign a "Commitment to Education" during the signing ceremony. Add a little bit of body text



Dr. Linda Bean and Mr. Pete Kelly went to the State Capitol on April 12, 2019 to attend the official commitment signing for Arkansas Educator Commitment Signing Week. Two ATU College of Education students, Tyesha Daniels and Tyler Daily, as well as three teacher cadets from Russellville High School, Sara Beth Cloud, Emily Bowen, and Sophia Irwin, also attended and signed a "Commitment to Education."





Library

Goal 4 - Citizens of the Region State and World

Library Director **Brent Etzel** represented Arkansas Tech in a panel discussion entitled "The Evolving Role of Libraries in Higher Education," hosted by the John Brown Watson Memorial Library at UA-Pine Bluff on April 9. The panel discussed how academic libraries support educational programs and information literacy, as well as other initiatives, innovations, and practices that libraries are implementing to support education, graduation and retention.

Student Success

Level 1 Tutor Certifications: students must meet hiring qualifications, have 25 hours of tutoring, have been observed once during the semester, attend 10 hours of training, and adhere to all ethics of CRLA.

Level 1 only:

Tyler Cantrell
Rayne Mickle
David Quiroz
Bats Turner
Josh Warren
Andrew VanWinkle



Level 2 Tutor Certifications: students must meet hiring qualifications, have 50 hours of tutoring, have been observed once during the semester, attend 10 hours of training, and adhere to all ethics of CRLA.



Level 1 & 2:

Mikala Clark
Samantha Dix
Fisher Huey
Blake Lynch
Jerry Kinder
Kayli Powell
Chuck McCormick
Sam Robinson
Jordan Wright





Spring 2019 Commencement Ceremonies

Thursday, May 9, 2019

7:00 PM Ceremony - Ozark Campus

Friday, May 10, 2019

7:00 pm Ceremony - Graduate College

Saturday, May 11, 2019

10:00 am Ceremony
College of Education
College of Engineering and Applied Sciences

2:00 pm Ceremony
College of Arts and Humanities
College of eTech

6:00 pm Ceremony
College of Natural and Health Sciences
College of Business

All Russellville campus Associate Degrees and Undergraduate Certificates

Announcements

Green Zone Certification Training Sessions

Tuesday, May 7, 1:30 p.m., Rothwell Hall room 138

Friday, May 10, 9 a.m., Doc Bryan Student Services Center room 242.

Please contact Shelly Hall at (479) 968-0445 or shall2@atu.edu to register.

Semester Update from Dr. Robin E. Bowen

Thursday, May 9, 1:00 p.m. at Doc Bryan Student Services Center Lecture Hall with overflow seating in Doc Bryan room 242 and Rothwell Hall room 138.

Reception Honoring our 2019 Retirees

Thursday, May 9, Chambers Cafeteria West Dining Room immediately following the Semester Update. Faculty and staff are invited to attend the reception.

Staff Picnic Lunch

Wednesday, May 22, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Tucker Coliseum. Hot dogs, chips, drinks and cookies will be served.