Carolyn Boyd (ANTH)
Carolyn Boyd was selected by The Texas Historical Commission as this year’s recipient of the Curtis D. Tunnell Lifetime Achievement Award in Archeology. This award is named in honor of former State Archeologist and Texas Historical Commission Executive Director Curtis Tunnell. The award recognizes individuals for outstanding achievement in archeological research & preservation. Boyd was honored for her tireless efforts in the preservation of Texas’ heritage.

Cyrus Cassells (ENG)
Cyrus Cassells was designated the Chair of the Los Angeles Times Book Prize in Poetry. This is a two-year appointment. He will be handing out the award in Los Angeles in April. The LA Times Book prize also awards books in eight other categories.
James Francher (ANTH)
Anthropology graduate student, James Francher, was selected by The Conference of Southern Graduate Schools (CSGS) as the recipient of the Outstanding Thesis Award in the Life Sciences for 2018. His advisor is Michelle Hamilton (ANTH). The award will be presented at a luncheon on Saturday, February 24, 2018, at the CSGS conference at the Chancellor Hotel, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Katherine Ledbetter (ENG)
Katherine Ledbetter was awarded a Research Enhancement Program grant for her project, “Edmund Hodgson Yates: A Flâneur in Victorian Print Culture.” She will be conducting research in Los Angeles and Brisbane, Australia this summer for a book project about British Victorian journalist Yates, who is credited for popularizing celebrity journalism.

Peter Dedek (HIST)
Peter Dedek had his book Cemeteries of New Orleans named an “Honor Book” by the Louisiana Library Association, and he will be recognized at the organization’s March conference.

Amanda Scott (ENG)
Amanda Scott was awarded the Best US 1100 Instructor/Peer Mentor Duo Award by Texas State's PACE Mentoring program. Her creative nonfiction piece, “Me Matas, Te Mato,” is also forthcoming in The Common, an award-winning print and digital literary journal published biannually.

Rebecca Jackson (ENG)
Rebecca Jackson co-authored a book, The Working Lives of New Writing Center Directors, that won the 2017 International Writing Centers Association Best Book Award. The IWCA fosters communication among writing centers and to provide a forum for concerns.

David Smith (PSOI)
David Smith has been nominated as one of the Alpha Chi’s Favorite Professors for 2017.

Flore Chevailler (ENG)
Flore Chevailler was awarded an Outreach Lecturing Fund to bring Fulbright Scholar Guojing Yang (from China) to our campus in April.

IN THE NEWS
Kate Spradley (ANTH)
Kate Spradley & her project, Operation ID, were featured in “Uncounted Deaths Fuel Mass Disaster” in USA Today. (12/27)

Ty Shepis (PSY)
Ty Shepis is quoted in “Marijuana and Vaping Are More Popular Than Cigarettes Among Teenagers” in The New York Times. (12/14)

Gloria Russell (ENG)
English student, Gloria Russell had an article, “Searching for Justice in Literature” appear on the Common Experience website.

Deborah Harris (SOCT)
Deborah Harris is quoted in an article on Today.com about sexual misconduct allegations against Mario Batali. (12/12)

ON CAMPUS
Brian Cooper (GEO)
Brian Cooper is highlighted in the University Star article, “Senior lecturer’s classroom comedy conquers the Twittersphere.” (1/30)
GRANTS

David Kilby (ANTH)
David Kilby was awarded a National Geographic Society $17,850 grant in support of his project in South Texas, “A new look at Bonfire Shelter: Using Structure from Motion photogrammetry to investigate the earliest Americans.”

Sarah Blue (GEO)
Sarah Blue and Rebecca Torres (UT Geography) have been awarded a $39,500 grant from NSF for their proposal “Race, Ethnicity, and Place (REP) 2018 Conference: Broadening Participation, Building Bridges & Supporting Diversity.” The Ninth Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference will be held October 17-20, 2018 in Austin, Texas. It is jointly organized by the Department of Geography at Texas State University and the Department of Geography and the Environment at UT Austin.

Jane Heffelinger (HIST)
History graduate student, Jane Heffelinger won a grant from Chapter IW (Horseshoe Bay) of the P.E.O. Sisterhood through its Program for Continuing Education. P.E.O. stands for Philanthropic Educational Organization, and its mission is to support educational opportunities for women.

Jennifer DuBois (ENG)
Jennifer DuBois was awarded a FY 2018 Creative Writing Fellowship for $25,000 by the National Endowment for the Arts.

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