January and February 2017 Acknowledgements
College of Liberal Arts

Congratulations:

Frank de la Teja (HIST) won the Summerfield G. Roberts award from the Sons of the Republic of Texas for his book *Faces of Bexar: Early San Antonio and Texas*.

Elizabeth Bishop (HIST) and the members of the Model Arab League won honors as the Outstanding Delegation at the Bilateral Chamber Model Arab League in Houston on February 18th.

Elizabeth Bishop (HIST) was selected to have a Paws Preview “Den” named in her honor.

The Center for International Studies has been awarded authority by the Peace Corps to establish a Peace Corps Prep program at Texas State. Students who complete the program earn a certificate attesting to their preparation for service in the Corps.

Elizabeth Bishop (HIST) won Texas State University its second full-year resident Fulbright Scholar. Dr. Gökser Gökçay, who trained within the Ataturk Institute for Modern Turkish History at Dokuz Eylül University, will be joining the department for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Jeff Helgeson and Jessica Pliley (HIST) were awarded Supplemental Grants to extend their Faculty Development Leaves for the entire 2017-2018 academic year.

Amitai Abramovitch (PSY) has been selected as a “Rising Star” by the Association for Psychological Science (APS). This APS award is for outstanding psychological scientists in the earliest stages of their post-PhD research careers.

Rudy Hernandez (POSI) took a team of Texas State University Students to Houston to compete in the first annual American History & Western Civilization Challenge Bowl sponsored by The American Heritage Educational Foundation. Evan Dominguez, Miguel Carandang, and Molly Williams competed against the team from Houston Baptist University. Each Texas State student was awarded a $500 scholarship by the foundation for their efforts.

Cyrus Cassells (ENG) had his poem, "Elegy with a Gold Cradle," selected for inclusion in *Best American Poetry 2017*, which will be published by Scribners in September

William Jensen (ENG) had two stories nominated by a member of the Board of Contributing Editors for *Pushcart Prize XLII: Best of the Small Presses*: "A Quiet Place to Hide" (which appeared originally in *North Dakota Quarterly*) and "Come Again Another Day" (which appeared in the anthology *Texas Weather*).

In the News:

John Huber (PSY) is featured in an article, “One Psychologist’s Fight to Destigmatize Mental Illness,” in the Huffington Post. (1/29)
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/588e4b8be4b0cd25e4904a37?timestamp=1485721790092](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/588e4b8be4b0cd25e4904a37?timestamp=1485721790092)

Maura Di Mauro-Jackson (MODL) and her students who participated in the 2016 summer study abroad program to the Amalfi Coast are featured in an article in *Surrentum* magazine. The article highlights the
importance of Service Learning and the projects with Oltre I Sogni (an organization for disabled adults that the students volunteered with).
https://issuu.com/surrentum/docs/2016_09

Bob Fischer (PHIL) was interviewed by CBC Radio for a documentary, “The Matter of Meat: A History of Pros and Cons.”

Paul Kens (HIST) was quoted in an article, “Gorsuch would be 8th man to hold ‘Justice Scalia’s seat,” by the Associated Press. (2/8)
http://bigstory.ap.org/article/70ac150b7294b46a42b49ffe09b1b93/justice-scalias-seat-has-history-going-back-150-years

Maura Di Mauro-Jackson (MODL) played an Italian professor in the film Tiramisu for Two, written and directed by her graduate student, Sergio Carvajal-Leoni and produced by Romina Olson, a former Texas State Alumna. The movie was also filmed in San Marcos and premiered on campus in December 2016. The movie will officially appear in theaters on April 14th.

Aimee Kendall Roundtree (ENG) was interviewed by the 10 Minute Tech Comm podcast about her article, “Social Health Content and Activity on Facebook: A Survey Study.”
http://www.stitcher.com/podcast/10minute-tech-comm/e/48933864

Sarah Angulo (PSY) completed a radio interview on relationships for KTSW 89.9, which aired on 2/14, 2/16, and 2/19.

Grants:

Aimee Kendall Roundtree (ENG) won a teaching grant along with Hunter Close (Physics), Kristina Collins (Education), Grayson Lawrence (Art and Design), and Ziliang Zong (Computer Science). She will serve as Project Director on “Coding Across the Disciplines,” a $100K project to teach computer programming skills to middle and high school teachers from all disciplines. The project was funded by We Teach CS, a program of The University of Texas at Austin’s Center for STEM Education.

Elizabeth Bishop (HIST) was awarded one of Notre Dame’s Global Religion Research Initiative (GRII) competitive grants to develop a course on the Shi’a Muslim community of Najaf, Iraq.

Ty Schepis (PSY) received a 2-year R03 grant for $146,440 by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. The title is Ecological Momentary Assessment of Mechanisms related to College Student Prescriptions Stimulant Misuse.