June/July 2015 ACKS

Congratulations:

Two Liberal Arts graduates were selected as recipients of the 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award by the Texas State Alumni Association. Mary Rose Brown, (BS, Education-major in English, 1979) and Oliver del Cid, (BS, Political Science, 1995). They will be honored at the 2015 University Distinguished Alumni Gala on November 6th.

http://alumni.txstate.edu/discover/awards/distinguished-alumni

John Blair (ENG) has been awarded the prestigious, national 2015 Iowa Poetry Prize for his new book, *Playful Song Called Beautiful*.

Andrew Sansom, executive director at The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment at Texas State University, has been named "Harte’s Heroes: Champions of the Gulf" by the Harte Research Institute (HRI) for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.


Political Science has been awarded $2000 by The Jack Miller Center for Teaching America’s Founding Principles and History to underwrite our Constitution Day programming this September.

In the News:

As featured on the University News Service in April, Texas State University's Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Cadet Walter Brinker has been honored with the prestigious George C. Marshall Award. Walter is a Spanish major in the College of Liberal Arts.

Daniel Wescott (ANTH) was featured in an article in *Forbes* magazine that highlights his research at the Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State (FACTS). (6/10)

http://www.forbes.com/sites/kristinakillgrove/2015/06/10/these-six-body-farms-help-forensic-anthropologists-learn-to-solve-crimes/2/

Kate Spradley (ANTH) was featured in an article in *The Texas Observer*, for her work on Operation ID. (6/10)

https://www.texasobserver.org/identifying-migrant-deaths-in-south-texas/

Ron Johnson (HIST) is highlighted in the Spring 2015 edition of *Hillviews* in an article entitled “Following His Faith.”


Michelle Hamilton (ANTH), along with graduate students; JP Fancher, Courtney Siegert, Lauren Meckel and Chloe McDaneld was featured on several nightly newscasts regarding a forensic search they were called to in Boerne, Texas. (6/9)


Jimmy McWilliams’ (HIST) article on memory and truth, is the cover story in the current issue of The American Scholar. (6/8)

https://theamericanscholar.org/the-examined-lie/#.VXU12Fyqqko

Deborah Harris and Patti Giuffre (SOCI) were interviewed about their recently published book, Taking the Heat: Women Chefs and Gender Inequality in the Professional Kitchen by Food Service Manager Magazine for the August issue. Deborah was interviewed by Cathy Erway on her Heritage Radio show, “Eat Your Words” (7/19) (http://goo.gl/9aHwPD). Both authors appear in an interview on the blog, HR Hammer. (8/4)

Grants

Toni Watt (SOCI) received a grant from the Hogg Foundation to evaluate their new Advancing Peer Support in Integrated Health Care initiative.