March and April 2017 Acknowledgements
College of Liberal Arts

Congratulations:

Joaquin Rivaya-Martinez (HIST) was awarded the Medalla de Acero al Mérito Histórico "Capitán Alonso de León" by the Sociedad Nuevo Leonesa de Historia, Geografía y Estadística on May 17.

Patrick Cox, Texas State University History alumnus has received the 2017 Kenneth E. Hendrickson, Jr. Best Article Award for “Kenneth E. Hendrickson, Jr.: An Influential Life and Career in Oral History” appearing in the Sound Historian, Volume 18.

Fatima Maan Al-Dhahi, Sociology graduate student was honored with the LBJ Outstanding Senior Student Award.

Gloria Martinez (SOCI) was awarded a $650 stipend by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to attend the New Connections Biannual Symposium in Boston, MA, in July 2017.

Nancy Berlage (HIST) had her book Farmers Helping Farmers named by the Midwestern History Association as best book in Midwestern History, and the book was a finalist for the Jon Gjerde Award.

Alberto Giordano (GEO) was voted President-Elect of the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science (UCGIS)

In the News:

Lauren Meckel, Anthropology graduate student who is also serving as interim FACTS coordinator was interviewed about her publication, “White-tailed deer as a taphonomic agent: photographic evidence of white-tailed deer gnawing on human bone,” which was published in the Journal of Forensic Sciences in May. [http://www.texasstandard.org/stories/images-of-deer-feeding-on-human-bones-is-shocking-but-informative-for-scientists/]


Ron Hagelman (GEO) and Geography graduate student, Brendan Lavy were highlighted for their research in a KUT news story, “Despite Abbott’s Bark, ‘Socialistic’ Tree Rule Still Lets People Cut Down Trees in Austin.” (6/14) [http://kut.org/post/despite-abbott-s-bark-socialistic-tree-rule-still-lets-people-cut-down-trees-austin]

Ashleen Menchaca-Bagnulo (POSI) was interviewed for a KXAN-TV story, “Austin Leaders Lay Out Their Claim that Sanctuary City Law is Unconstitutional.” (6/19)
Don Huebner (GEO) led a study abroad trip to Norway, May 24th to June 22nd that was highlighted in two Norwegian publications.

https://www.tk.no/kultur/rindal/kunst/helt-texas-pa-dalalaven/s/5-51-323815
https://www.driva.no/nyheter/2017/06/20/Fra-Texas-til-Dalal%C3%A5ven-14903102.ece

Grants:

Ty Schepis (PSY) has been awarded $573,000 over 3 years by the National Institute of Health. The study will examine prescription misuse among adolescents and young adults.

Toni Watt, Xi Pan, Seoyoun Kim (SOCI) and Natalie Ceballos (PSY) were awarded $20,000 for their proposal to the 2017 Health Multidisciplinary Internal Research Grant (MIRG) program.

Bob Price (SOCI) and Deborah Harris (SOCI) were awarded $3,000 by the Study Abroad Advisory Board for preparatory work on their proposed study abroad program in Sociology, to begin in Summer 2018.

Alberto Giordano (GEO) and Tim Cole, University of Bristol, UK were awarded £49,570 by the Toni Schiff Memorial Foundation in the UK for a project titled, “The Experience of Hungarian Jews in Budapest during and immediately after the Holocaust.”

Inejong Jo (GEO) was the recipient of a grant award from the National Center for Research in Geographic Education. The project will work to develop a conceptual model of pedagogical content knowledge (PCK) for geography teachers.