

September 2014 Acknowledgements
College of Liberal Arts

Congratulations:

MA Literature graduate and Wittliff Collections literary curator **Steven L. Davis**, along with co-author and Wittliff archives donor Bill Minutaglio, have recently won the 2014 PEN Award for Research Nonfiction, awarded by PEN Center USA, for their critically acclaimed book, **Dallas 1963**. They will be presented with the award at The 24th Annual Literary Awards Festival in Beverly Hills, California.

Marilynn Olson (ENG) received the Children's Literature Mentoring Award at the 2014 Children's Literature Association Conference on June 21, 2014 in Columbia, SC.

Joseph Kotarba (SOCI) received a Fulbright Specialist award for spring 2015. He will visit the University of Uppsala to collaborate on a comparative study of adult culture in Sweden and the United States.

Christine Zabala (ENG) MA Literature student has been awarded a Registration & Grub Grant to attend the 2014 International Writing Centers Association / National Conference on Peer Tutoring in Writing conference by the National Conference on Peer Tutoring in Writing Travel Grant Committee.

CAS's collections manager **Amy Reid** and graduate student **Christina Nielsen** (ANTH) designed an exhibit that covers the Toyah Phase of the Little Paint Site. The exhibit will be on display in the Alkek Library (1st Floor) until December.

The following Texas State Liberal Arts alumni were given the 2014 University Distinguished Alumni Award and were honored at the University Awards Gala on Friday, October 3, 2014.

Patrick L. Cox ('88), MA in History

Brigadier General John E. Michel ('87), BA in Political Science

Melba J. T. Vasquez ('72), BA in English and graduate course work in counseling and guidance

Grants

The Center for Social Inquiry, in the Department of Sociology, has been awarded a contract from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to study and evaluate the 2-1-1 Texas Information and Referral Network.

In the News:

Chad Hammett (ENG) is featured on the Texas State homepage as the university's current "Rising Star." His work with Sam Shepherd's archives currently in the Wittliff Collection culminated in the publication of "Two Prospects: The Letters of Sam Shepherd and Johnny Dark" (UT Press, 2013) which he edited.

<http://www.txstate.edu/rising-stars/chad-hammett.html>

External Venues

Daniel Wescott (ANTH) is featured in Evidence Technology Magazine (Sept/Oct edition) about FACTS and the work being done at the Early Lab and at the facilities at Freeman Ranch.

<https://bobcatmail.txstate.edu/owa/attachment.ashx?attach=1&id=RgAAAAAE9erswRZLQrxqpknDxznaBwDUtI5OkOjrQrG4CFJmkkLUAAAAViPpAADUtI5OkOjrQrG4CFJmkkLUAAAAWnm2AAAJ&attid0=BAAAAAA&attcnt=1>

Kate Spradley (ANTH) is featured for her work on FACTS in an article in the Oxford American Magazine that highlights the Willd Body Donation Program.

<http://www.oxfordamerican.org/articles/2014/sep/08/issue-86-sky-burial/>

Kate Spradley (ANTH) is quoted in the Austin American Statesman about the “Reuniting Families” project and the Texas State students who volunteered this summer. (9/15)

<http://www.mystatesman.com/news/news/local/workers-try-to-put-names-on-migrants-who-die-near-nhMkP/>

Jimmy McWilliams’ (HIST) article, “Fruit Mutiny” was published in *The Paris Review*. (8/01)

<http://www.theparisreview.org/blog/2014/08/01/fruit-mutiny/>

Bryan Glass (HIST) had an opinion article about the upcoming Scottish independence referendum published on History & Policy. (9/9)

<http://www.historyandpolicy.org/opinion-articles/articles/the-imperial-legacy-of-the-scottish-independence-referendum>

University Star

Keith Needham (ENG), **Alisha Clemons** (ENG) and **Alicia Thomsen** (PSY) commented on Texas State’s celebration of 50 years of integration. (9/11)

Susan Day and **Christopher Johnson** (SOCl) were interviewed about the new online Master of Science degree in Dementia and Aging Studies. (9/11)

Drew Goodman (HIST) was quoted about graduate enrollment. (9/18)

Elizabeth Bishop (HIST) discussed Texas State’s being acceptance as a member of The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq. (9/18)