



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Texas State University College of Liberal Arts

## MARCH-APRIL ISSUE



Model Arab League Team

## CONGRATULATIONS

### Amy Reid & Todd Ahlman(ANTH)

The Center for Archeological Studies faculty Todd Ahlman and Amy Reid have reached an agreement with the US Army Corp of Engineers to bring their Veterans Curation Program to Texas State.

The VCP program is a five-month employment program, during which veterans receive training in archaeological processing. Using industry-specific technology and software, veterans work to repackage, photograph, and catalog important archaeological collections.

### Flore Chevaillier (ENG)

Flore Chevaillier hosted Fulbright Scholar, Guojing Yang, from China on our campus April 3-5. Yang is an Associate Professor of Literature and Poetry at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics.



## Kathleen Peirce (ENG)

Kathleen Peirce received recognition. Her book, *Vault*, was selected as a finalist for the Four Quartets Prize from The Poetry Society of America and the T. S. Eliot Foundation.

## Sara Damiano (HIST)

Sara Damiano has received a fellowship to work on her book this summer. She will be participating in the Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture's Scholars' Workshop, a four-week program focused on manuscript development and revisions for early scholars.

## International Business Ethics Case Competition (IBECC)

The following Texas State Students successfully represented and won awards at the 22nd Annual IBECC in Boston, MA: Samatha Coyle, Daniel Hancock, Gray Jameson, Brent Redmon (PHIL), Alana Chetlen, Alvaro Hrgic, and Megan Mulroy (POSI).

## Kate McClancy (ENG)

Kate McClancy is organizing the Comics Arts Conference spring meeting, where she will be featuring a panel from four Texas State grad students and recent grads: Andrew Barton, Michael Gonzales, Sean Mardell, and Lillian Martinez.

## Rachel Ramero (SOCL)

Rachel Ramero was awarded the Honors College Professor of the Year Award, now going by the name of John R. Hood Professor of the Year.

## Geography

The Texas Economic Atlas was showcased at SXSW in Austin. Lawrence Estaville (GEO) served as Team Mentor. Team Members included Mark Deka, John Ponstingel, Ritchie Jose, and Kaliegh Benck.

## Jose Carlos de la Puente (HIST)

José Carlos de la Puente has received recognition. His article on the colonial Incas, published last year, has been awarded the "José María Arguedas Best Article Prize" of the Peru Section of the Latin American Studies Association.

## Elizabeth Bishop (HIST)

Elizabeth Bishop was selected to receive a 2018-19 Fulbright in Algeria.

## Model Arab League (MAL)

Texas State's Model Arab League team along with advisor, Elizabeth Bishop (HIST), received multiple awards at the Bilateral Chamber Regional MAL competition in Houston. Brittlin Richardson and Aaron Gaul were recognized as "Outstanding Delegation" on the Joint Defense Council. Sandra Sadek and Richard Geoff Sloan, were recognized as "Distinguished Delegation" on the Political Affairs Council. Head Delegate N'Deye Ndiaye was recognized as "Distinguished Chair."

## Model United Nations (POSI)

The Model United Nations program, coordinated by Professor Ben Arnold, sent six Texas State undergraduates to Charlotte, North Carolina from April 11th to 14th to participate in the Southern Regional Model United Nations.

Representing the Republic of Panama, the Texas State delegation consisted of Brian Delgado, Deante Dowdell, Kaylie Hidalgo, Natalie Hernandez, Haley Schmidt, and Bradley Taylor.



Texas Economic Atlas at SXSW  
Photo credit: Paloma Gray



Geography Ph.D. student Guixing Wei



## Ashton Kamburoff (ENG)

Ashton Kamburoff was awarded a summer writing residency through the Vermont Studio Center.

## IN THE NEWS

## Texas State Chapter Alpha Chi National Honor Society "Favorite Professors"

Tom Ballinger, Brian Cooper, Christi Townsend and Delores Van der Kolk, Ben Arnold (GEO) , and Bill DeSoto, Rudy Hernandez, Arny Leder, Tom Longoria, Tom Varacalli, and Walter Wright (POSI) were all designated "Favorite Professors" by the Alpha Chi Honor Society.

## Daniel Westcott & Kate Spradley (ANTH)

Daniel Westcott and Kate Spradley were highlighted in a video about the Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State (FACTS) and the Operation ID program on Dutch NTR TV (equivalent to PBS). (4/5)

## Jill Pruetz (ANTH)

Jill Pruetz was featured on the front page of the New York Times in an article, "The apes of Senegal's Fongoli savanna may offer hints to how our own ancestors moved out of the woodlands, shed their fur and started walking upright." (4/27)

## Mark Busby (ENG)

Mark Busby had his novel Fort Benning Blues featured in the Huffington Post in an article titled "24 Books That Will Help You Understand America" by Claire Fallon.

## Joe Falocco (ENG)

Joe Falocco and his NEH Summer Seminar for College and University Teachers were featured in an article in *Hillviews* (pp. 22-23).

## Susan Morrison (ENG)

Susan Morrison was interviewed in an article, "Facing Uncertainty after Graduation," in *The University Star*. (4/24)

## Cecily Parks (ENG)

Cecily Parks had the poem "Girlhood" published in the April 30 issue of *The New Yorker*.

## GRANTS

## Suzon Jammes (GEO)

Suzon Jammes received a \$107,537 grant from the National Science Foundation, NSF-Geoprisms (Geodynamic Processes at Rifting and Subducting Margins) program for the project "Effect of contrasting structural and compositional inheritances on the development of rifting margins."

## Rebecca Davio (GEO)

Rebecca Davio and the Institute for Government Innovation (IGI) were awarded a \$151,000 competitive project from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

## Political Science

The Discourse in Democracy program received a \$2500 grant from the Association for the Study of Free Institutions.



Dr. Jill Pruetz in Senegal's Fongoli savanna



# GRANTS

## David Kilby (ANTH)

Dr. Larry S. Kilby and Cheryl Kilby of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, have worked with David Kilby (ANTH) to make a \$100,000 gift to establish an endowment in honor of Dr. J. Michael Kilby. The John Michael Kilby Memorial Endowed Graduate Fellowship in Anthropology will annually award multiple grants of at least \$2,000 to full-time graduate students pursuing a master's degree or doctorate in anthropology.

## Kathryn Ledbetter (ENG)

Kathryn Ledbetter received an Alkek Library Online Resource Grant (\$20,000) for Part IV of the Gale/Cengage British Library Newspapers digital database, which includes all five parts and other digital resources. She also won a Curran Fellowship from the Research Society of Victorian Periodicals (\$5,000) to support her project, "Edmund Yates, Gossip, and Personal Journalism."

## Marilyn Olson (ENG)

Marilyn Olson received a \$1000 grant from Humanities Texas for the annual meeting of the Children's Literature Association.

## Flore Chevaillier (ENG)

Flore Chevaillier received an Alkek Library Research Grant to purchase books for her research and creative work, including experimental literature, affirmative politics, as well as literary theory on innovative modes of writing.

## Louie Valencia (HIST)

Louie Valencia received a Faculty Research grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The grant will be administered by the Center for European Studies at UT Austin for research this summer.



Texas State University History students presenting their capstone projects.

# STUDENTS & ALUMNI

## Elaine Chu

The Graduate College will send Elaine Chu to Knoxville in February 2019 to compete for the 3MT (Three Minute Thesis) regional competition. Kate Spradley (ANTH) served as mentor.

## Michael Noll

MFA English alumnus Michael Noll debuted his new book, *The Writer's Field Guide*, at BookPeople in Austin in March.

## Terri Leclercq

English Alumna Terri Leclercq was awarded the Golden Pen award by The National Legal Writing Institute. This national award goes to an outstanding writer, such as recent winners Arthur Levitt, Chair of the Securities & Exchange Commission, and Linda Greenhouse of *The New York Times*.



Terri Leclercq

## Alisa Hartsell

Geography Ph.D. student Alisa Hartsell has been selected for a 2018 Boren Fellowship. She plans to study in China during 2019. Sarah Blue (GEO) served as adviser.

## Jennifer Villa

Ph.D. student Jennifer Villa received a travel grant from the Rocky Mountain Section of the Geological Society of America to attend the society's regional meeting in Flagstaff, AZ. David Butler (GEO) served as adviser.

## Paepin Goff

Ph.D. student Paepin Goff was awarded a grant from the University of Wyoming - National Park Service to support her dissertation research. David Butler (GEO) served as adviser.

## John Ponstingel

Ph.D. student John Ponstingel was admitted to the 2018 George Washington University's CIBER Summer Doctoral Institute, to be held from May 30 to July 25, 2018. Admission includes a stipend, travel expenses, and free housing in Washington, DC. Rusty Weaver (GEO) served as adviser.

## Guixing Wei

Geography Ph.D. student Guixing Wei was selected as the Outstanding Doctoral Student from the College of Liberal Arts. Ben Zhan (GEO) served as adviser.

## Upendra Bom

Geography Ph.D. student Upendra Bom was awarded the 2018 AK Chakravarti Award for Best Graduate Student Proposal on South Asia by the AAG Asian Geography/ Regional Development & Planning affinity group. John Tiefenbacher (GEO) served as adviser.

## Milad Korde

Geography Ph.D. student Milad Korde is part of a team that won first prize in the "Future of Energy Challenge" sponsored by Shell. The team will present its project and compete at the "Powering Progress Together Conference and Shell Eco-marathon" in San Francisco. Rusty Weaver (GEO) served as adviser.

## Andy Pinon

Geography master's student Andy Pinon has been awarded a \$300 grant from the Rising Scholarly Travel Activity and Research (S.T.A.R) program, sponsored by the Student Government at Texas State University, to attend the AAG Annual Meeting in New Orleans next month. David Butler (GEO) served as adviser.

## Upendra Bom

Ph.D. student Upendra Bom was awarded the Euro-Asian Specialty Group Field Research Travel Award and the Regional Development and Planning Best Proposal Award at the AAG Meeting in New Orleans. John Tiefenbacher (GEO) served as adviser.



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## Joshua Hodge

Ph.D. student Joshua Hodge was awarded a 2018 Summer Research Scholarship by SWAAG for the project “Geographic Patterns of the Hurricane Ike Storm Surge Sediment Deposit on Southeast Texas Gulf Coast Marshes.” Richard Dixon (GEO) served as adviser.

## Gustavo Flores

Undergraduate student Gustavo Flores has been awarded the South Central Climate Science Center’s Undergraduate Summer Internship for Underrepresented Minorities. Richard Dixon (GEO) served as adviser.

## David Mills, Guixing Wei, Niaz Morshed and Shadi Maleki

Ph.D. students David Mills, Guixing Wei, Niaz Morshed and Shadi Maleki were awarded a grant by Texas State University’s Environmental Services Committee (ESC) for their Bobcat Clean Air Project. Geography’s representative in ESC is Carter.

## Cori McDonald & Krista Pollett

Public history students Cori McDonald and Krista Pollett competed in the university 3MT (Three Minute Thesis) preliminary round in April with their public history thesis presentations. Cori won people’s choice in her prelim, and Krista won the 1st place in master’s.

## Elisa Leal

History alum Elise Leal will graduate this spring with a Ph.D. in history from Baylor and has accepted a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of Early and Nineteenth Century American History at Whitworth University. Ron Johnson (HIST) was her thesis adviser.

## Ember Bower

Texas State Modern Language student Ember Bower was just selected for Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association of Greater Austin’s \$2,000 Philip F. Patman Memorial Baccalaureate Scholarship. Ember will be presented with the award at a ceremony in Austin on Sunday, May 6th. Congressman Lloyd Doggett will be the guest speaker.

## Brooke Turner

MATC alumna Brooke Turner (ENG) was recently recognized by Austin Woman magazine as a 2018 Woman’s Way Business Awards Finalist for Product Innovation. She is co-founder and CMO of Kwaddle, an Austin-based company described as “an online platform that provides access to high quality, out-of-school education and enrichment programs.”

## Jinhee Lee

Geography alum Dr. Jinhee Lee was selected as a 2018 recipient of the Salvatore J. Natoli Dissertation Award from the National Council for Geographic Education. Jinhee will be formally recognized at the annual meeting of the NCGE at the Quebec City, Canada in August. Inejong Jo (GEO) was his adviser.

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