

## June/July ACK

### Congratulations:

Three Liberal Arts graduates were selected as recipients of the 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award by the Texas State Alumni Association. Dr. **Patrick L. Cox**, (MA, History, 1988), Brig. Gen. **John E. Michel**, (BA, Political Science, 1987 and Dr. **Melba J. T. Vasquez**, (BA, English, 1972). They will be honored at the 2014 University Distinguished Alumni Gala on October 3, 2014.

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

Master of Applied Philosophy and Ethics students, **Alejandro David Tamez** and **Coleen Watson**, along with their teammate, Shanna Schultz, Master's Program in Communications Studies, brought home two first place trophies from the International Business Ethics Case Competition held May 7-9 in Tucson, Arizona. **Jo Ann Carson** (PHIL) served as the teams' Advisor for the competition.

[http://www.txstate.edu/news/news\\_releases/news\\_archive/2014/June-2014/Ethics060314.html](http://www.txstate.edu/news/news_releases/news_archive/2014/June-2014/Ethics060314.html)

**Vince Luizzi** (PHIL) has been appointed Visiting Scholar at the Ethics Institute at Dartmouth University for the fall semester.

**Lawrence Estaville** (GEO) has received the Exceptional Service Award by the National Marrow Donor Program for his work as a member of the NMDP Board of Directors.

**Shirley Ogletree** (PSY) is a 2014 honoree for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching.

**Frank De La Teja** (HIST) is the recipient of the 2014 Presidential Seminar Award, for which he also received the Valero Award for Excellence.

**Octavio Pimental** (ENG) has been selected as the faculty recipient of the Excellence in Diversity Award for Texas State University.

The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) selection committee has nominated **Kanika Verma's** (GEO) dissertation, *Geospatial Thinking of Undergraduate Students in Public Universities in the United States*, for the 2014 CGS/ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award. Kanika's dissertation director is **Dr. Lawrence Estaville**.

**Debarun Majumdar** (SOC) was invited to speak at a University of Texas College of Natural Sciences Professional Development Seminar on July 15.

### In the News:

**David Butler's** (GEO) new book on, Fire Lookouts of Glacier National Park has been reviewed in over 30 periodicals and websites including the Washington Times, the Cincinnati Enquirer, the Albuquerque Journal, the Billings Gazette, and the Seattle Times.

[http://www.txstate.edu/news/news\\_releases/news\\_archive/2014/July-2014/FireLookout070814.html](http://www.txstate.edu/news/news_releases/news_archive/2014/July-2014/FireLookout070814.html)

As reported by The University News Service (6/10), Latino filmmaker **John Valadez** will be the first artist-in-residence for the Center for the Study of the Southwest beginning 2014.

[http://www.txstate.edu/news/news\\_releases/news\\_archive/2014/June-2014/Valadez061014.html](http://www.txstate.edu/news/news_releases/news_archive/2014/June-2014/Valadez061014.html)

The University News Service (7/21) featured a new publication by **Shane Townsend**, a senior advisor with Texas State's Meadows Center for Water and the Environment: *Paddling Texas: A Guide to the State's Best Paddling Routes*, the newest addition to Falcon Guides' popular paddling series.

[http://www.txstate.edu/news/news\\_releases/news\\_archive/2014/July-2014/PaddlingTexas072114.html](http://www.txstate.edu/news/news_releases/news_archive/2014/July-2014/PaddlingTexas072114.html)

As featured by the University News Service (7/17), The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment is reintroducing its volunteer diver education course this fall under a new name (the Spring Lake Dive Authorization Course), and with new scientific components specific to Spring Lake.

[http://www.txstate.edu/news/news\\_releases/news\\_archive/2014/July-2014/SpringLake071714.html](http://www.txstate.edu/news/news_releases/news_archive/2014/July-2014/SpringLake071714.html)

Texas State University Round Rock Director **Edna Rehbein** is recognized in the Austin American Statesman (7/18) for her work on academic programs in Education and Business.

<http://www.statesman.com/news/news/local/rehbein-shapes-workforce-with-education/nghz4/>

**Alberto Giordano's** (GEO) research on "Understanding the spatial dimensions of the Holocaust" has been featured in an entry on research.org.

[http://www.research.gov/research-portal/appmanager/base/desktop?\\_nfpb=true&\\_windowLabel=researchAreas\\_11&\\_urlType=action&wlpresearchAreas\\_11\\_id=%2FresearchGov%2FAwardHighlight%2FPublicAffairs%2F2014%2F24781\\_UnderstandingthespatialdimensionsoftheHolocaust.html&wlpresearchAreas\\_11\\_action=selectAwardDetail](http://www.research.gov/research-portal/appmanager/base/desktop?_nfpb=true&_windowLabel=researchAreas_11&_urlType=action&wlpresearchAreas_11_id=%2FresearchGov%2FAwardHighlight%2FPublicAffairs%2F2014%2F24781_UnderstandingthespatialdimensionsoftheHolocaust.html&wlpresearchAreas_11_action=selectAwardDetail)