

**January and February 2017 Acknowledgements**  
**College of Liberal Arts**

**Congratulations:**

**Frank de la Teja** (HIST) won the Summerfield G. Roberts award from the Sons of the Republic of Texas for his book *Faces of Bexar: Early San Antonio and Texas*.

**Elizabeth Bishop** (HIST) and the members of the Model Arab League won honors as the Outstanding Delegation at the Bilateral Chamber Model Arab League in Houston on February 18th.

**Elizabeth Bishop** (HIST) was selected to have a Paws Preview "Den" named in her honor.

**The Center for International Studies** has been awarded authority by the Peace Corps to establish a Peace Corps Prep program at Texas State. Students who complete the program earn a certificate attesting to their preparation for service in the Corps.

**Elizabeth Bishop** (HIST) won Texas State University its second full-year resident Fulbright Scholar. Dr. Gökser Gökçay, who trained within the Atatürk Institute for Modern Turkish History at Dokuz Eylül University, will be joining the department for the 2017-2018 academic year.

**Jeff Helgeson** and **Jessica Pliley** (HIST) were awarded Supplemental Grants to extend their Faculty Development Leaves for the entire 2017-2018 academic year.

**Amitai Abramovitch** (PSY) has been selected as a "Rising Star" by the Association for Psychological Science (APS). This APS award is for outstanding psychological scientists in the earliest stages of their post-PhD research careers.

**Rudy Hernandez** (POSI) took a team of Texas State University Students to Houston to compete in the first annual American History & Western Civilization Challenge Bowl sponsored by The American Heritage Educational Foundation. **Evan Dominguez**, **Miguel Carandang**, and **Molly Williams** competed against the team from Houston Baptist University. Each Texas State student was awarded a \$500 scholarship by the foundation for their efforts.

**Cyrus Cassells** (ENG) had his poem, "Elegy with a Gold Cradle," selected for inclusion in *Best American Poetry 2017*, which will be published by Scribners in September

**William Jensen** (ENG) had two stories nominated by a member of the Board of Contributing Editors for *Pushcart Prize XLII: Best of the Small Presses*: "A Quiet Place to Hide" (which appeared originally in *North Dakota Quarterly*) and "Come Again Another Day" (which appeared in the anthology *Texas Weather*).

**In the News:**

**John Huber** (PSY) is featured in an article, "One Psychologist's Fight to Destigmatize Mental Illness," in the Huffington Post. (1/29)

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/588e4b8be4b0cd25e4904a37?timestamp=1485721790092>

**Maura Di Mauro-Jackson** (MODL) and her students who participated in the 2016 summer study abroad program to the Amalfi Coast are featured in an article in *Surrentum* magazine. The article highlights the

importance of Service Learning and the projects with Oltre I Sogni (an organization for disabled adults that the students volunteered with).

[https://issuu.com/surrentum/docs/2016\\_09](https://issuu.com/surrentum/docs/2016_09)

**Bob Fischer** (PHIL) was interviewed by *CBC Radio* for a documentary, "The Matter of Meat: A History of Pros and Cons."

<http://www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas/the-matter-of-meat-a-history-of-pros-and-cons-1.3766315>

**Paul Kens** (HIST) was quoted in an article, "Gorsuch would be 8<sup>th</sup> man to hold 'Justice Scalia's seat," by the *Associated Press*. (2/8)

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/70ac150bfd294b46a42b49ffe09b1b93/justice-scalias-seat-has-history-going-back-150-years>

**Maura Di Mauro-Jackson** (MODL) played an Italian professor in the film *Tiramisu for Two*, written and directed by her graduate student, Sergio Carvajal-Leoni and produced by Romina Olson, a former Texas State Alumna. The movie was also filmed in San Marcos and premiered on campus in December 2016. The movie will officially appear in theaters on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Aimee Kendall Roundtree** (ENG) was interviewed by the *10 Minute Tech Comm podcast* about her article, "Social Health Content and Activity on Facebook: A Survey Study."

<http://www.stitcher.com/podcast/10minute-tech-comm/e/48933864>

**Sarah Angulo** (PSY) completed a radio interview on relationships for KTSW 89.9, which aired on 2/14, 2/16, and 2/19.

### Grants:

**Aimee Kendall Roundtree** (ENG) won a teaching grant along with **Hunter Close** (Physics), **Kristina Collins** (Education), **Grayson Lawrence** (Art and Design), and **Ziliang Zong** (Computer Science). She will serve as Project Director on "Coding Across the Disciplines," a \$100K project to teach computer programming skills to middle and high school teachers from all disciplines. The project was funded by We Teach CS, a program of The University of Texas at Austin's Center for STEM Education.

**Elizabeth Bishop** (HIST) was awarded one of Notre Dame's Global Religion Research Initiative (GRRI) competitive grants to develop a course on the Shi'a Muslim community of Najaf, Iraq.

**Ty Schepis** (PSY) received a 2-year R03 grant for \$146,440 by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. The title is *Ecological Momentary Assessment of Mechanisms related to College Student Prescriptions Stimulant Misuse*.