

June/July 2015 ACKS

Congratulations:

Two Liberal Arts graduates were selected as recipients of the 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award by the Texas State Alumni Association. **Mary Rose Brown**, (BS, Education-major in English, 1979) and **Oliver del Cid**, (BS, Political Science, 1995). They will be honored at the 2015 University Distinguished Alumni Gala on November 6th.

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

John Blair (ENG) has been awarded the prestigious, national 2015 Iowa Poetry Prize for his new book, *Playful Song Called Beautiful*.

Andrew Sansom, executive director at The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment at Texas State University, has been named "Harte's Heroes: Champions of the Gulf" by the Harte Research Institute (HRI) for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

http://www.txstate.edu/news/news_releases/news_archive/2015/June-2015/Sansom060915.html

Political Science has been awarded \$2000 by The Jack Miller Center for Teaching America's Founding Principles and History to underwrite our Constitution Day programming this September.

In the News:

As featured on the University News Service in April, Texas State University's Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Cadet **Walter Brinker** has been honored with the prestigious George C. Marshall Award. Walter is a Spanish major in the College of Liberal Arts.

Daniel Wescott (ANTH) was featured in an article in *Forbes* magazine that highlights his research at the Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State (FACTS). (6/10)

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/kristinakillgrove/2015/06/10/these-six-body-farms-help-forensic-anthropologists-learn-to-solve-crimes/2/>

Kate Spradley (ANTH) was featured in an article in *The Texas Observer*, for her work on Operation ID. (6/10)

<https://www.texasobserver.org/identifying-migrant-deaths-in-south-texas/>

Ron Johnson (HIST) is highlighted in the Spring 2015 edition of *Hillviews* in an article entitled "Following His Faith."

Jason Mellard (HIST) appeared in a new documentary, *Urban Cowboy: The Rise and Fall of Gilley's*, on Country Music Television (CMT). (6/14) The full episode can be viewed on-line at

<http://www.cmt.com/shows/urban-cowboy-the-rise-and-fall-of-gilleys/>

Michelle Hamilton (ANTH), along with graduate students; **JP Fancher**, **Courtney Siegert**, **Lauren Meckel** and **Chloe McDanel** was featured on several nightly newscasts regarding a forensic search they were called to in Boerne, Texas. (6/9)

<http://www.foxsanantonio.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/construction-workers-find-human-remains-boerne-13439.shtml#.VXfQS0s9LIE>

Jimmy McWilliams' (HIST) article on memory and truth, is the cover story in the current issue of *The American Scholar*. (6/8)

<https://theamericanscholar.org/the-examined-lie/#.VXU12Fyqqko>

Deborah Harris and **Patti Giuffre** (SOCI) were interviewed about their recently published book, *Taking the Heat: Women Chefs and Gender Inequality in the Professional Kitchen* by *Food Service Manager Magazine* for the August issue. Deborah was interviewed by Cathy Erway on her Heritage Radio show, "Eat Your Words" (7/19) (<http://goo.gl/9aHwPD>). Both authors appear in an interview on the blog, *HR Hammer*. (8/4) <http://www.hrhammer.com/blog/2015/8/4/womenchefs>

Grants

Toni Watt (SOCI) received a grant from the Hogg Foundation to evaluate their new Advancing Peer Support in Integrated Health Care initiative.