

March and April 2017 Acknowledgements College of Liberal Arts

Congratulations:

Nancy Berlage (HIST) had her book *Farmers Helping Farmers* named by the Iowa State Historical Society as one of the five best Iowa history books published in 2016. Her work was named a Benjamin F. Shambaugh Award Finalist.

The Texas State Model Arab League Team competed with students from over 20 universities around the globe at the National University Model Arab League held in Washington, D.C. Texas State students, **Daisy Jaimez**, **N'Deye Ndiaye**, **Coffey McCurdy**, and **Brittlin Richardson** all won awards at the competition. In addition, **Coffey McCurdy** will be an executive member of the NCUSAR Secretariat for the 2018 season.

The Political Science Department's Model United Nations (MUN) program sent students to participate in the Model United Nations Emory (MUNE) competition in Atlanta, Georgia, March 30th – April 2nd. Other institutions competing in the MUNE, included Florida State University, the University of Georgia, the University of Tennessee, and Vanderbilt. Texas State's delegation consisted of students **Julia Huerta**, **John Espinosa**, **Ana Flores**, **Sheldon Galipp**, **Dustin Nichols**, **Christian Sears**, and **Cassandra Macias**, as well as faculty advisor, **Ben Arnold** (POSI).

Patricia Shields (POSI) was awarded the 2017 Outstanding Career Achievement award from the Women and Gender Research Collaborative, at their Century of Conflict: Dialogues on Women, Gender Intersectionality and Militarism 2017 symposium March 24th. Dr. Shields also delivered the morning keynote address entitled "Jane Addams's Peaceweaving: A Feminist Response to Paternalism, Militarism, and World War I" at the Women and Gender Research Collaborative conference.

Nick Herrmann (ANTH) was awarded the 2017 Senior Scholar in Residence Fellowship for the Ayioi Omoloyites Bioarchaeology Project from the Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute (CAARI). The residency is conducted in Nicosia, Cyprus, and four Texas State University graduate and undergraduate students participate in the project this summer.

Susan Morrison (ENG) has been named a 2016 Foreword INDIES Book of the Year Award Finalist in three categories (Adult Nonfiction; Women's Studies; and Young Adult Nonfiction) for *A Medieval Woman's Companion: Women's Lives in the European Middle Ages*.
<https://awards.forewordreviews.com/books/a-medieval-womans-companion/>

Patti Giuffre (SOCI) was awarded the 2017 Mentoring Award from Sociologists for Women in Society. She will be presented with the award at a banquet on August 14th in Montreal, Canada.

Benjamin Zhan (GEO) received the Award for Outstanding Mentor for Graduate Education in the Southern Region at the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools (CSGS) Annual Meeting in March.

Gloria Martinez-Ramos (SOC1) was awarded the Outstanding Faculty Scholar Award from the Center for Diversity and Gender Studies at Texas State University.

The Department of Anthropology has accepted its first Fulbright scholar, Ms. Afra Kamar from Lebanon, who will pursue an MA in Anthropology over the next two academic years.

The following Liberal Arts students have each received a \$1000 Undergraduate Research Fellowship (URF) for their research projects: **Lea Colchado**, English, **Juliana Guerrero**, Psychology, and **Daisy Jaimez**, International Studies.

The following Geography faculty were recognized at the American Association of Geographers (AAG) annual conference in April: **David Butler** received the Distinguished Career Award, **Lawrence Estaville** received the Enhancing Diversity Award, and **Jason Julian** was elected Chair of the Southwest Division of AAG.

Zahra Ghaffari (GEO doctoral student) has been selected as the 2017-2018 Grosvenor Scholar, as part of Texas State's Program at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Joe Kotarba (SOC1) and **Chad Smith** (SOC1) were both awarded the title of Honorary Professor of International Studies by the Center for International Studies at Texas State. Additionally, **Joe Kotarba**, **Chad Smith** and **Nathan Pino** (SOC1), who already holds the title of Honorary Professor of International Studies, were all awarded \$500 travel grants from the Center.

Philosophy graduate students and International Business Case Competition (IBECC) team members **Shinieece Owens**, **Jonathan Lollar**, and **Cesar Bernal** won 1st place in the 90-second division, and 2nd place in the 10-minute division with their project, "Hit the Target: Analyzing the Ethics of Selling Lab Grown Plants." Philosophy undergraduate students and IBECC team members, **Samantha Coyle**, **Carrington Tatum**, **Nathaniel Rodriguez Sosa**, **Tania Vera Borunda** won 2nd place in the 90-second division for their case, "Addressing Harassment, Exclusion, and Work-life Balance in Silicon Valley Culture to Facebook." Additionally, **Samantha Coyle** won 1st place in IBECC's 4-mile biathlon run.

Geography student, **Mael LeNoc** has been awarded the Outstanding Master's Thesis award by the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools.

James Knippen (ENG) is the recipient of a 2017 Discovery/Boston Review prize. He will be traveling to New York City in May to give a reading.

Ashton Kamburoff, a graduate student in the MFA program in Creative Writing, was selected for a space in the Lighthouse Writer's Workshop in Denver, Colorado, by Ada Limón, who will

lead the week-long workshop in June. Ashton also was named the 2017-18 Clark House Writer-In-Residence by the MFA faculty.

Sarah Blue (GEO) was selected as the new Director of the Race, Ethnicity, and Place Conference Series. The 2018 conference will be held in San Marcos and will be co-hosted by the Department of Geography at Texas State University and the Department of Geography and the Environment at UT Austin.

In the News:

Operation ID, directed by **Kate Spradley** (ANTH), is featured in *The New York Times* in an article entitled "A Path to America, Marked by More and More Bodies." The article focuses on the collaborative work done in Brooks County by Texas State University, the University of Indianapolis and Baylor University.

https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2017/05/04/us/texas-border-migrants-dead-bodies.html?_r=0.

Nancy Berlage (HIST) had an article, "Plotting a Better Future for Agriculture, Women, and the Empire State: Historical Pageantry in the 1920s," published in *New York History*, the journal of the New York State Historical Association and the State University of New York.

Deborah Harris' (SOCI) blog post, "[Can We Finally Address the 'Woman Problem' in the Culinary Industry?](#)" appeared as an Op-Ed for the James Beard Foundation.

Elizabeth Bishop (HIST) had a letter to the editor published in the *Austin American Statesman*. (3/26) <http://www.mystatesman.com/news/opinion/letters-the-editor-march-2017/doPnq6eqsSV2FFP3oL8nfJ/>

KVUE won an Edward R Murrow award for a story on migrants who died in South Texas. The reporting highlighted the Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State (FACTS) and Operation ID, directed by **Kate Spradley** (ANTH): <http://www.kvue.com/news/local/kvue-piece-about-undocumented-immigrants-wins-regional-edward-r-murrow-award/434000594>

Grants:

Jon McGee (ANTH) received a \$6,000 grant from the American Philosophical Society to explore the relationship between Franz Boas and Will John McGee as it relates to the establishment of the American Anthropological Association.

Kate Spradley and Timothy Gotha (ANTH) received a grant for \$19,512 from the American Academy of Forensic Sciences in support of Operation Identification: Exhuming the Unidentified.

Lynn Denton (HIST) received \$5000 from the Summerlee Foundation in support of student internships for the Public History Program.

Jason Julian, David Butler and Kimberly Meitzen (GEO) were awarded a grant for \$39,250 from the National Science Foundation to support the 48th Annual Binghamton Geomorphology Symposium to be held in San Marcos in Fall 2017.

Kate Spradley (ANTH) was awarded \$30,000 from the Ed Rachal Foundation in support of Operation Identification: Identifying Human Remains in South Texas.