

May 2015 Acknowledgements College of Liberal Arts

Congratulations:

Jessica Schneider, College of Liberal Arts Research Coordinator, was honored with an Outstanding Staff Service award at the Geography Annual Alumni Reunion and Student Celebration on May 2.

Jamie Donaldson, College of Liberal Arts Budget Specialist, received a staff service award for ten years of service at Texas State University.

Colleen Rankin, Administrative Assistant for Political Science, received a staff service award for fifteen years of service at Texas State University.

Mary Gibson, Administrative Assistant for Anthropology, received a staff service award for ten years of service at Texas State University.

Anthropology major, **Megan Veltri**, was honored with the Sallie Beretta Outstanding Senior Woman Award at the May commencement ceremony.

Political Science major, **Sarah Tennent**, was honored with the LBJ Outstanding Senior Student Award at the May commencement ceremony.

In the News:

Kate Spradley (ANTH) **Michelle Hamilton** (ANTH), and **Alberto Giordano** (GEO) are featured for their research in the article, Crime Scene Scavenger: Vultures Help Forensic Experts with CSI Research, in *Discover Magazine*.

<http://discovermagazine.com/2015/june/12-crime-scene-scavenger>

Kate Spradley (ANTH) along with **Hailey Duecker**, graduate student (also the forensic investigator at the Brooks County Sheriff's Office) were interviewed for *Fronteras* in an article discussing the difficulties they face when trying to identify and repatriate individuals who died crossing the Texas border in comparison to those who died crossing the Arizona border.

<http://fronterasdesk.org/content/10020/identifying-nameless-advancing-science-human-decomposition-identify-deceased-migrants>

Twister Marquiss (ENG) is featured in an article in the commentary section of the *Austin American Statesman* about this year's Common Experience theme.

<http://www.pressreader.com/search?newspapers=1016&query=Ken%20Herman&stop=2015-02-25&start=2015-02-25>

Daniel Wescott (ANTH) was featured in an article on decomposition in *The Guardian* that highlights his work using drones at the decomposition facility and in the lab with the CT scanner.

<http://www.theguardian.com/science/neurophilosophy/2015/may/05/life-after-death>

Ron Johnson's (HIS) piece on immigration appeared in the *Austin-American Statesman*.

<http://www.pressreader.com/usa/austin-american-statesman/20150501/281835757255698/TextVieway>

Jimmy McWilliams (HIS) whose assessments of William Byrd II appear in *Paris Review*. (5/13)

<http://www.theparisreview.org/blog/2015/05/13/roger-that/>

As featured by the University News Service (5/18), **The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment** is partnering with REI Outdoor School to put paddlers on the water for the sake of outdoor learning, citizen science, and responsible recreation on Texas waters.

http://www.txstate.edu/news/news_releases/news_archive/2015/May-2015/Paddling051815.html

Grants

Joseph A. Kotarba (SOC), Director of the Center of Social Inquiry, received a grant from the Texas Veterans Commission to conduct a statewide needs assessment study of Texas military veterans.