

October-November 2015 Acknowledgements
College of Liberal Arts

Congratulations:

The following College of Liberal Arts faculty have received 2016 Research Enhancement Program Awards: **Augustine Agwuele** (ANTH), **Rebecca Deason** (PSY), **Jennifer Devine** (GEO), **Lucy Harney** (MODL), **Paul Hart** (HIST), **Ronald Johnson** (HIST), **Carlos Abreu Mendoza** (MODL), **Susan Morrison** (ENG), **Caroline Ritter** (HIST), **Anadelia Romo** (HIST), and **Kristen Tooley** (PSY).

The Faculty Senate awarded the following College of Liberal Arts faculty Nontenure Line Faculty Workload Release for the upcoming academic year: **Ben Arnold** (POLI), **Jason Coates** (ENG), **Shannon Duffy** (HIST), **Maria Luisa Gomez** (MODL), **Daniel Keltner** (ENG), **Lindy Kosmitis** (ENG), **Binita Mehta** (PHIL), and **Jon Marc Smith** (ENG).

Lawrence Estaville (GEO) will be presented with the **2016 AAG Enhancing Diversity Award** at the annual Association of American Geographers conference in San Francisco, California. The award will be presented on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at the Awards Luncheon.

As President of the Texas Medieval Association, **Yasmine Beale-Rivaya** (MODL) organized and hosted the group's 25th Annual Conference at Texas State. The three-day conference took place on October 16-18 and featured panels of participants from around the world.

Jose Carlos de la Puente's (HIST) article "That Which Belongs to All..." was selected to receive this year's Tibesar Prize, which recognizes the best article to appear in the previous volume year of *The Americas*.

Billy Fields (POSI) received the Greenway Visionary Award by the Friends of the Lafitte Greenway in New Orleans, LA for his efforts to help plan and build the Lafitte Greenway, a significant Hurricane Katrina recovery project.

Under the leadership of **Ben Arnold** (POSI) the following students received awards and honors at the Eugene Scassa Model Organization of American States (ESMOAS) competition, November 4-7, 2015 at the University of Louisiana, Lafayette: **Tara Dees, Brian Delgado, Kayla McGee, Megan Preibe, Victoria Kadous, Lindsey Bentley, Lauren Stotler, Ozzie Lopez, Preston Paul, Gabe Schmidt, Andrew Homann, Connor Clegg, Dora Jackson-Wilson, Ashton Thomas, Bobby Mulcihy, Emily Hinze, and Haley Barr. Team Argentina won Distinguished Delegation (2nd Overall team award).**

Nick Herrmann (ANTH) has been elected Treasurer of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference.

Heather Haley (History MA student) and her advisor **Ellen Tillman** (HIST), won the "Top Paper Award" in the Master's Category in association with Texas State University's Seventh International Research Conference for Graduate Students for her paper entitled, "Ranch Hands and Orange Clouds: Herbicidal Warfare and Counterinsurgency Doctrine in the Vietnam War."

Nancy Berlage (HIST) hosted a successful Mini PH Conference on Saturday, October 10, 2015. Participants from across the country presented papers that covered various approaches to examining issues of immigration, migration and memory.

In the News:

External Venues

Jimmy McWilliams' article, "Being Right: The Legacy of Henry David Thoreau," appeared in *The Hedgehog Review*.

<http://iasc-culture.org/THR/channels/THR/2015/10/being-right-the-legacy-of-henry-david-thoreau/>

"Higher Ground: A Hoosier Soldier's Search for Religious Identity in the Korean War," by MA student **Doug Dixon** (HIST) was published in the 18th edition (2015) of the *Journal of the Indiana Academy of Social Sciences*.

Donald Inbody's (POSI) article, "Should Soldier's Votes Get Counted? That's Not as Easy as You'd Think," appeared in *The Washington Post*. (11/11)

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2015/11/11/ensuring-soldiers-a-chance-to-vote-was-a-challenge-in-the-civil-war-it-still-is-today/>

Paul Kens (POSI) appeared on *Landmark Cases*, a special history series on C-SPAN. (10/26) The full episode can be viewed on-line at

<http://www.c-span.org/video/?327713-1/supreme-court-landmark-case-lochner-v-new-york>

University Star

Rebecca Bell-Metereau (ENG) explains the Environmental Service Student fee, otherwise known as the "Green Fee," and how this fee and other proposals will improve energy efficiency on campus. (10/12)

Rebecca Bell-Metereau (ENG) was interviewed about the proposed relocation of the Jefferson Davis marker on University Drive. (10/1)

Elizabeth Skerpan-Wheeler (ENG) was interviewed about the upcoming open forum for faculty on campus carry legislation. (10/22)

Ronald Johnson (HIST) discussed the importance of the Higher Education Act and its impact on the Fifty Year Anniversary of the signing of the Act. (10/29)

Grants

Kate Spradley (ANTH) was awarded \$80,000 from the Ed Rachal Foundation for her project entitled Operation Identification, which identifies human remains of migrants found near the south Texas border.