



College of Liberal Arts ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS FALL 2020

CONGRATULATIONS

Anthropology

The Center for Archaeological Studies (CAS) staff at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri earned a Secretary of the U.S. Army Environmental Award for Cultural Resource Management and Environmental Quality.



Emily Brunson

Emily Brunson (ANTH)

Emily Brunson was chosen as a fellow for the Public Interest Technology University Network (PIT-UN) Social Justice Informatics Faculty Fellows Program at the School of Information at The University of Texas at Austin.

Cyrus Cassells (ENG)

Cyrus Cassells was named a finalist for Texas Poet Laureate.

Miriam Williams (ENG)

Miriam Williams was appointed Editor-in-Chief of *Technical Communication*, the journal of the Society for Technical Communication (STC) for 2021

Justin Randolph (HIST)

Justin Randolph won the Southern Historical Association / Journal of Southern History 2020 C. Vann Woodward Prize for his dissertation, "Civil Rights Arrested: Black Freedom Movements and Mass Incarceration in Rural Mississippi, 1938 to 1980."

Chris Margrave (ENG)

Chris Margrave's short film, *The Lesser Known Rules of Werewolves*, was selected for screening at the South by Southwest Film Festival. He co-wrote and acted in the film.

Milad Mohammadalizadehkorde & Andrea Pinon (GEO)

Geography doctoral students Milad Mohammadalizadehkorde and Andrea Pinon received the Graduate College's Phi Kappa Phi's Love of Learning Awards.

Denise Blanchard-Boehm (GEO)

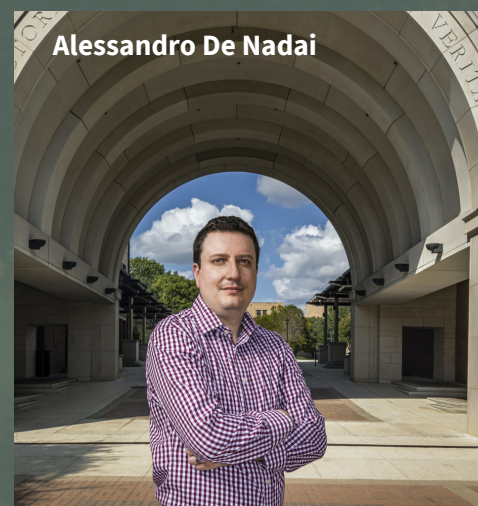
Denise Blanchard-Boehm was elected to the Board of Directors for the Applied Geography Conference.

Jose Carlos de la Puente (HIST)

Jose Carlos de la Puente was appointed to the Institute of Andean Studies' Blue Ribbon Commission, "Engaging Africans and their Descendants in Andean Studies."

Sharon Ugalde (WLL)

Sharon Ugalde received the Victoria Urban Award, a lifetime academy achievement award by the Association of Gender Studies and Sexualities.



Alessandro De Nadai

IN THE NEWS

Kate Spradley (ANTH)

Professor Kate Spradley--along with Tim Gocha and other biological anthropology and anthropology doctoral students--are featured in a short documentary on VICE about their project, Operation ID.

Millie Cordaro (PSY)

Millie Cordaro was interviewed by KXAN News in an article, "How Texas State University is using artificial intelligence to target mental stress."

John Mckiernan-Gonzalez (HIST)

John Mckiernan-Gonzalez provided commentary and historical context on a new Hays County landmark in a story that appeared on KXAN News.

Rhonda Balzarini (PSY)

Rhonda Balzarini was featured in an article---"3 Ways to Meet Your Partner's Sexual Ideals and Why You Should"--in *Psychology Today*.



Diwali, Festival of Lights



Operation ID

Natasha Mikles (PHIL)

Natasha Mikles was interviewed on *KVUE* about celebrating Diwali, the Indian festival of lights.

Joseph Laycock (PHIL)

Joseph Laycock's latest book, *The Penguin Book of Exorcisms*, was featured in several news outlets including *The Economist*.

Valentina Glajar, Alison Lewis and Corina L. Petrescu (WLL)

Valentina Glajar's book, *Cold War Spy Stories From Eastern Europe*, was reviewed by The United States Central Intelligence Agency. The book was co-edited by colleagues from the University of Melbourne and the University of Mississippi. It included chapters written by Valentina Glajar and Lisa Haegele.

Nicole Taylor (ANTH)

Nicole Taylor was featured in an article--"The Sounds of Silence"--in *Hillviews* magazine.

Emily Brunson & Monica Schoch-Spana (ANTH)

Emily Brunson and Monica Schoch-Spana were featured in an article, "No, a Biden COVID-19 advisor did not recommend withholding food stamps from those refusing vaccines," the on *WUSA 9* website.

Alessandro De Nadai (PSY)

Alessandro De Nadai was featured in article, "Top of Mind," in *Texas Monthly*.

Brandon Jett

History and Political Science alumnus, Dr. Brandon Jett, published an article in *The Washington Post*.

FUNDING

Daniel Wescott & Deborah Cunningham (ANTH)

Daniel Wescott and Deborah Cunningham received a \$683,542 grant from the National Institute of Justice for their project, "Body mass estimation using bone micro- and macro-structure: a practical approach using CT imaging and computer analysis."

2021 REP AWARDEES

Congratulations Research Enhancement Program grant awardees Heather Smith, Kate Spradley, Nicole Taylor (ANTH), Sara Damiano, Louis Porter, Justin Randolph, (HIST), and Katie Kapurch, (ENG).



Emilie Wiedenmeyer, Mariah Moe, & Tim Gocha (ANTH)

Anthropology doctoral students Emilie Wiedenmeyer (mentor Michelle Hamilton), Mariah Moe (mentors Kate Spradley & Tim Gocha) and Petra Banks (mentor Nick Herrmann) received \$150,000 National Institute of Justice Graduate Research Fellowships.

Michael Solem (GEO)

Michael Solem received a grant from the National Science Foundation for his project, "Encoding Geography RPP: Scaling up the California RPP."

Jennifer Jensen & Thom Hardy (GEO)

Jennifer Jensen and collaborator Thom Hardy (BIO) were awarded a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services to research the "Accuracy Assessment for Dunes Sagebrush Lizard Habitat Model Located in West, Texas."

Ty Schepis (PSY)

Ty Schepis received a grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse for his research on "Preventing Prescription Stimulant Diversion and Medication Misuse Via a Web-Based Simulation Intervention."

Carrie Ritter (HIST)

Carrie Ritter received an MSI Faculty Research Grant from the UT Austin Center for European Studies.

Natalie Ceballos (PSY)

Natalie Ceballos was awarded an R15 research grant from the National Institutes of Health for her project, "Innovative Physiological Predictors of College Binge Drinking."



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