



College of Liberal Arts ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS FALL 2021

CONGRATULATIONS

Brit Bousman (ANTH)

Britt Bousman was invited to be a member of the Advisory Board for the newly revived journal "Southern African Field Archaeology" edited by Professor Marlize Lombard and Dr. Matt Lotter of the University of Johannesburg, and Dr. Louisa Hutten at the University of Cape Town.

Kali Fajardo-Anstine (ENG)

Award-winning author Kali Fajardo-Anstine has been named the Texas State University Endowed Chair in Creative Writing for 2022-2023.

Susan Morrison (ENG)

Susan Morrison was named a Texas State University System Regents' Professor.



Dr. Susan Morrison

Elvin Holt (ENG)

Elvin Holt was honored at the Naming Streets Ceremony in October. Elvin Holt Drive is on the Round Rock Campus of Texas State University. The street commemorates Dr. Elvin Holt, the first Black professor in the Department of English, for his work in multicultural curriculum development.

Jose Carlos de la Puente (HIST)

José Carlos de la Puente has joined the Editorial Advisory Board of the "Atlantic Crossings" book series published by the University of Alabama Press.

Sandra Sidi (ENG)

Sandra Sidi's short story "To Save a Butterfly," won second place in Narrative Magazine's Fall 2021 Short Story contest.

Thomas Doyle (POSI)

Thomas Doyle had his book, "Nuclear Ethics in the Twenty-First Century", recently highlighted as a "Top 5 Book" by the International Affairs journal.

Sara Emry Williams (SOC)

Sara Emry Williams, Administrative Assistant in Sociology, received the Employee of the Month award for November.



Dr. Elvin Holt

Howard Balanoff (POSI)

Howard Balanoff was recently appointed Editor-in-Chief of ASPA's online journal, Good Governance Worldwide, whose mission is to "provide practitioners around the world with insight into today's public sector challenges".



IN THE NEWS

Anthropology

Shumla was featured in *Texas Coop Power* magazine for the work they are doing with Comstock high school students.

David Kilby (ANTH)

David Kilby was featured in an article from the Texas State University Newsroom titled "Early Chiquihuite Cave 'artifacts' likely natural in origin."

Emily Brunson & Monica Schoch-Spana (ANTH)

The 3rd national CommuniVax report "Waypoint on the Path to Health Equity: COVID-19 Vaccination at Month 11" is now available. Led by Monica Schoch-Spana and Emily Brunson, the CommuniVax Coalition documented successes, failures, and lessons learned so these could assist future efforts of vaccine promotion and health equity strengthening.

Kate Spradley (ANTH)

Kate Spradley was interviewed for a *New York Times* article questioning how the field interprets the geographic ancestry of human remains.

Carolyn Boyd (ANTH)

Carolyn Boyd's new exhibit on Lower Pecos rock art just opened at the Museo de Altamira in Spain.

Ben Reed (ENG)

Ben Reed had his short story, "The Interpretation of Dreams," appear in *The Adroit Journal*.

Chiquihuite Cave excavation area



Amy Reid (ANTH)

Amy Reid is featured in an article, "Texas State curator writes children's book to benefit Center for Archaeological Studies," in the *Texas State Newsroom*.

Vanessa Johnson (ENG)

Vanessa Couto Johnson has three poems in *The Collidescope* and one poem in *Club Plum Literary Journal*

Sara Damiano (HIST)

Sara Damiano was a guest on episode 218 of the *Historically Thinking* podcast, where she spoke about her book, *To Her Credit: Women, Finance, and the Law in Eighteenth-Century New England Cities*.

Susan Morrison (ENG)

Susan Morrison was recently interviewed by Asijit Datta from The Heritage College, based in Kolkata, India.

Roger Abshire (POSD)

Roger Abshire was recently interviewed about the 2020 election audit by KENS 5 & KENS5.com.

Jose Carlos de la Puente (HIST)

José Carlos de la Puente's work was featured in the most recent episode of UT's Institute of Historical Studies' new podcast series.

Elizabeth Bishop and Model Arab League (HIST)

Elizabeth Bishop and Model Arab League (MAL) president Macy Birdwell and Secretary Manual Zapata recently inaugurated an exhibit on the 3rd floor of Alkek Library honoring 10 years of MAL and the North African country of Tunisia.

Thomas Ptak (GEO)

Thomas Ptak had an article, "The average person's daily choices can still make a big difference in fighting climate change – and getting governments and utilities to tackle it, too," in *The Conversation*.

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

Anthropology

The following students received this year's John Michael Kilby Memorial Award to support graduate research:

- Katelyn Dobson
- Kayli Lord
- Emilie Wiedenmeyer
- Emily Repasky

Kate Gerstner (ANTH)

Ph.D. student Katie Gerstner (advisor: Jill Pruetz) won a Doctoral Merit Fellowship from The Graduate College.

Hailey Collard (ANTH)

Master's student, Hailey Collard (advisor: Nick Herrmann), was selected as the recipient of The Graduate College's Outstanding Master's Thesis Award in Life Sciences.

Love of Learning Awards

The following students received the 2021 Love of Learning Award from the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi:

Geography:

- Alisa Hartsell (advisor: Sarah Blue)
- Shayne O'Brien (advisor: Richard Dixon)
- Adam Clark (advisor: Ron Hagelman)

Anthropology:

- Petra Banks (advisor: Nick Herrmann)
- Justin Goldstein (advisor: Nick Herrmann)

Katelyn Dobson (ANTH)

Katelyn Dobson (advisor: Jill Pruetz) received a Graduate Research Grant from Lambda Alpha the National Collegiate Honor Society for Anthropology.

Dorothy Lawrenson (ENG)

MFA alum Dorothy Lawrenson, had a poem, "September," appear in *Painted*.



Rob Madole (ENG)

MFA alum Rob Madole had an article, "Discovering a Secret Wonderland of Architecture in Dallas," in *The New York Times*.



Kate Gerstner

Taylor Williams, Priscilla Gonzalez, David Moncada & Mason Melead (POSI)

Texas State University students participated in the 25th annual Eugene Scassa Mock Organization of American States (ESMOAS) competition held at St. Mary's University in San Antonio. The following students received honors and awards:

- Taylor Williams
- Priscilla Gonzalez
- David Moncada
- Mason Melead



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Stephanie Reyes

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Masters of Public Relations alumna, Stephanie Reyes, has been appointed as the new San Marcos Interim City Manager.

Geography & Environmental Studies (GEO)

Students in Texas State's Geographical Information System (GIS) program who assisted the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in mapping disaster zones caused by Hurricane Ida this September are featured in an article by the *University Star*.

Madeline Wade, Chayanika Singh & Joanna Weathersby (GEO)

The following students received awards at the Southwest of Division of American Association of Geographers conference:

- Madeline Wade (advisor: Jason Julian), *1st place Graduate Student Poster Competition*
- Chayanika Singh (advisor: Yongmei Lu) *2nd place in Graduate Student Poster Competition*
- Joanna Weathersby (advisor: Jason Julian) *1st place in Individual Award Category for GeoBowl competition*

Ellen Earl (POSI)

Alumna, Ellen Earl, was recently appointed to Texas A&M (TAMU) Law Review in her sophomore year of law school.

Railley Taissin & Amber Hullum (HIST)

Public history graduate students, Railley Tassin and Amber Hullum were interviewed on CBS local news about their research on the Manhattan Club, Austin's first gay-friendly public space. Tassin and Hullum also prepared their historical marker application for the building.



History and the African American Studies Program celebrated the achievements of their Fall 2021 African American Studies graduates at a reception in December.

Estrella Guel, Olivia Verosky & Lauren Sweeney (SOCL)

Undergraduate psychology students Estrella Guel, Olivia Verosky (advisor: Jennifer Clegg-Petz), and Lauren Sweeney (advisor: Kate Warnell) received Undergraduate Research Fellowships from Texas State University to complete research projects.



Estrella Guel, Olivia Verosky, & Lauren Sweeney

FUNDING

Tim Gocha (ANTH)

Tim Gocha was awarded two National Institute of Justice Grants and is the PI on a grant entitled, "Improving Age-at-Death Estimates from Human Skeletal Remains Through Spatial Analysis of Intracortical Remodeling Using Geographic Information Systems Software." The total award is \$349,970.

Ionut Popescu (POSI)

Ionut Popescu was awarded \$10,000 from the America in the World Consortium for his project "No Peer Rivals: American Grand Strategy in the Era of Great Power Competition."

Katherine Warnell (PSY)

Katherine Warnell was awarded a grant from the Society for Personality and Social Psychology for her project "Language-Based Social Biases in Monolingual and Bilingual Young Adults."

Alex DeNadai (PSY)

Alex DeNadai received two subawards for his collaborative work with New York University and CASE Western University, both of which are sponsored by the National Institute of Health.



Research Enhancement Grants

The following faculty received Research Enhancement Program (REP) grants for 2022:

Rebecca Deason and **Carmen Westerberg** (PSY): The contribution of sleep to music-related memory enhancements

Samantha Krause (GEO): Reconstructing the geomorphology and paleoecology of Rio Tularosa, New Mexico: Past, present and future conservation strategies in a fragile arid watershed.

Todd Ahlman and **Ashley McKeown** (ANTH): Searching for Maroon Settlements on St. Croix, US Virgin Islands

Nicholas Herrmann (ANTH): The Georgian Recovery, Documentation, Identification Project – 2022

Elizabeth Erhart (ANTH): Quantifying available protein in leaf selection by *Propithecus edwardsi*

Miranda Sachs (HIST): Love and Identity in Contemporary France

Bob Fischer (PHIL): Wildlife Ethics: Animal Ethics in Wildlife Management and Conservation

drea brown (ENG): The Haunting Poetics of Black Women

Kristen Tooley (PSY): Language and Math: How Abstract?

John Tiefenbacher (GEO): Assessing Vulnerability to Disaster Due to Disability in a City in the Russian Arctic

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