



College of Liberal Arts ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS SPRING 2020



College of Liberal Arts students who participated in the Dean's Spring Networking Session with alumni.

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.

Todd Ahlman (ANTH)

Todd Ahlman was elected as the new President of the Council of Texas Archeologists.

Debra Monroe (ENG)

Debra Monroe received the 2019-2020 Conference of the South Graduate Schools Outstanding Mentor Award.

Kathleen Pierce (ENG)

Kathleen Peirce's manuscript, *Lion's Paw*, was a finalist for this year's Dorset Prize with Tupelo Press.

Miriam Williams (ENG)

Miriam Williams and co-author Natasha Jones won the National Council of Teachers of English CCC Technical & Science Communication Award for Best Article Reporting Historical Research in Technical and Scientific Communication for their article, "Technologies of Disenfranchisement: Literacy Tests and Black Voters in the US from 1890 to 1965" in *Technical Communication*.

Cyrus Cassells (ENG)

Cyrus Cassells' *The Gospel According to Wild Indigo*, was celebrated by PoemoftheWeek.com.

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.

Denise Blanchard-Boehm (GEO)

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

CONGRATULATIONS



Dr. Patricia Shields

Patricia Shields (POST)

Patricia Shields was named a Texas State University 2020 University Distinguished Professor.

Political Science

GradReports ranked the Public Administration number 24 on its 2020 Best Master of Public Administration Programs.

English

GradReports ranked the Department of English number 25 of the best colleges that offer a bachelor's degree in writing.



Jeff Helgeson (HIST)

Jeff Helgeson has been accepted to the Texas Academic Leadership Academy (TALA), which represents state university systems across Texas. He was one of a few fellows chosen and nominated by the Provost to participate in the one-year program from Texas State.



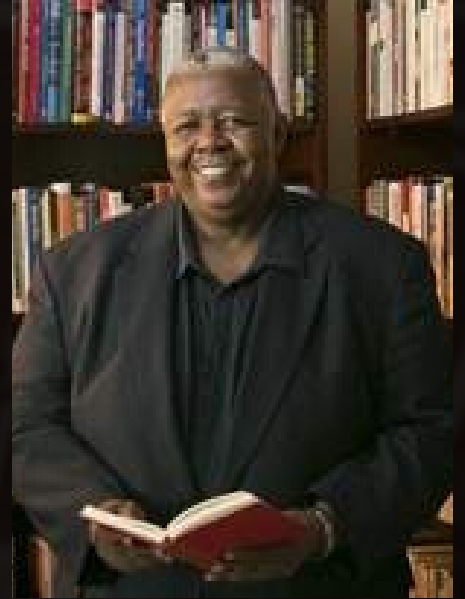
Dr. Louie Valencia-Garcia

Louie Valencia-Garcia (HIST)

Louie Valencia-Garcia had his book, "Anti-authoritarian Youth Culture in Francoist Spain," shortlisted for the Council for European Studies 2020 European Studies Book Award.

History

The Lone Star Cold War Group hosted by Texas State History has been included in the Berlin Center for Cold War Studies Cold War Portal website. The Center is a joint project of the Institute of Contemporary History Munich-Berlin, the Federal Foundation for the Study of the Communist Dictatorship in Eastern Germany, and Humboldt University Berlin.



Dr. Audwin Anderson

Audwin Anderson (SOC)

Audwin Anderson received the JV Educational Leadership Award from JV Educational Consultants for providing outstanding leadership within the field of higher education.



Dr. Sharon Keefe Ugalde

Sharon Keefe Ugalde (WLL)

Sharon Ugalde received the Premio Victoria Urbano de Reconocimiento Academico award from the Asociación de Estudios de Género y Sexualidades for her "professional interest in literature, gender and poetry."

IN THE NEWS

Emily Brunson & Monica Schoch-Spana (ANTH)

Emily Brunson and Monica Schoch-Spana are featured in the article, "Our Pandemic Summer," in *The Atlantic*.

Katie Kapurch (ENG)

Katie Kapurch wrote an article entitled, "The Paul McCartney Song We Need Right Now" for the *CultureSonar* website. Their statistics have identified it as "the most popular post" they have ever published on the site.

Susan Morrison (ENG)

Susan Morrison was interviewed for by *The New Yorker* for the article, "What Would Freud Make of the Toilet-Paper Panic?"

Jon Marc Smith (ENG)

Jon Marc Smith, has a new book "Make Them Cry" scheduled for release in September 2020. He was interviewed by Publishers Weekly about his new book. Additionally, the website Crime Reads published an excerpt of the book.

John McKiernan (HIST)

John McKiernan wrote an article, "On Epidemics and Quarantines: Lessons from Latin X History," featured on The Latin X Project website. Additionally, he was interviewed in an article, "Austin School District Trains Next Generation of Teachers," in the *Austin American Statesman*.

Louie Valencia (HIST)

Louie Valencia was interviewed in the *Tech against Terrorism* podcast, part of an initiative by the United Nations Counter Terrorism Executive Directorate working with the global tech industry to tackle terrorist use of the internet. The interview explores how Nordic neo-Nazis are exploiting digital media.

Shannon Duffy (HIST)

McGraw-Hill is re-publishing in a US History textbook an excerpt from Shannon Duffy's encyclopedia article on "Press Attacks" on the Washington presidency.



Dr. Joseph Laycock

Joseph Laycock (PHIL)

Joseph Laycock was interviewed by several news outlets--e.g., *Sacred Matters*, *Austin 360* and *Raw Story*--about his book, "Speak of the Devil: How the Satanic Temple is Changing the Way We Talked about Religion."

Christopher Johnson (SOCI)

The *Austin American Statesman* quoted Christopher Johnson in an article, "Coronavirus in Texas: For Seniors Social Distancing Saves Lives, but Not Without Cost." TXST News quoted him in the article, "Caring for Elderly People in the Age of Covid-19."

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STUDENTS & ALUMNI

Mael Le Noc

Geography Ph.D. student, Mael Le Noc was 1 of 10 recipients of the 2020 Phi Kappa Phi Dissertation Fellowship. The \$10,000 fellowships are designed to support active Society members in the dissertation writing stage of doctoral study.

Taylor Kirby

English MFA student Taylor Kirby, published her essay, "Relics, Registries, and Other Bastard Things," in *Longleaf Review*.

Caleb Ajinomoh

English MFA student Caleb Ajinomoh, published his short story, "Taking Mr. Itopa," in *The Masters Review*.

Courtney Siegert

Anthropology doctoral student Courtney Siegert, is the recipient of the 2019-2020 Outstanding Graduate Student at the doctoral level in the College of Liberal Arts.

Christina Lopez & Sophia Mavroudas

Anthropology Ph.D. student, Sophia Mavroudas and Geography Doctoral student, Christina Lopez are the recipients of the 2020-21 P.E.O. Scholar Award. This award is a \$15,000 merit award that recognizes and encourages academic excellence and achievement by woman in doctoral level programs.

James Trask

MFA poetry student James Trask, placed second and received a cash prize in the Poetry category of the San Antonio Writers' Guild 28th Annual Writing Contest for his poem, "A Smear of Red."

Luise Noe & Mei Yang

Literature master's student Luise Noé (Germany) and Geographic Information Science doctoral student Mei Yang (China), were awarded P.E.O. International Peace Scholarships. This scholarship provides up to \$12,500 of support for women pursuing graduate studies in the United States.

Lauren Dungen

Spanish graduate student, Lauren Dungen has been selected as the People's Choice winner in the 2020 Visualizing Research competition hosted by The Graduate College.

Alexis Baide

Anthropology graduate student Alexis Baide, received a National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowships Program (GRFP) award.

Dalton Klare

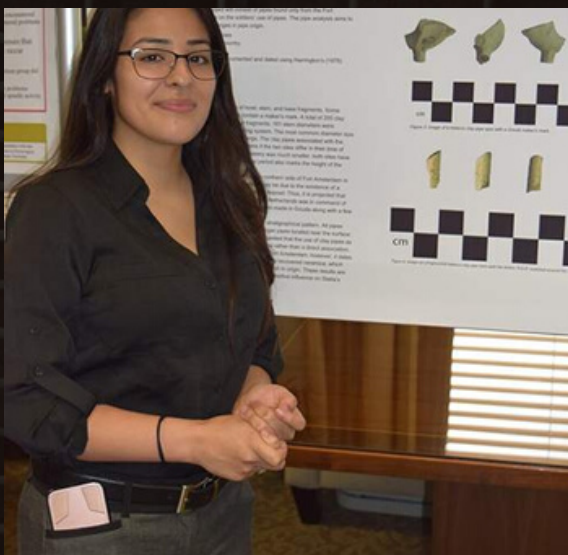
Psychology graduate student Dalton Klare, the recipient 2019-2020 Outstanding Graduate Student at the master's level in the College of Liberal Arts.

Olivia Green

Anthropology major Olivia Green, was awarded the College of Liberal Arts Presidential Upper-Level Scholarship.

Luiza Daude-Laurents

German major and International Studies minor Luiza Daude-Laurents, received an ETA Fulbright grant to Germany for 2020-2021



Alexis Baide



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FUNDING

Kent Reilly (ANTH)

Kent Reilly and colleagues at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum received a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) implementation grant for their exhibition of the artifacts, symbols, and motifs of the prehistoric people who occupied the Spiro Mound in Oklahoma between 800 and 1450 AD.

Louie Valencia (HIST)

Louie Valencia was selected for an American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Project Development Grant for his project, "Ravaged and Ravished Bodies: Activism, Socialized Health Care, Research, and the HIV/AIDS Crisis in Europe."

Rebecca Davio (GEO)

Rebecca Davio and the Institute for Government Innovation earned contracts from Capital Area Council of Governments, Travis County Auditor's Office, Houston Products Processing (HPP Materials, Inc.), and the Dive Pirates Foundation.

Thomas Longoria (POSI)

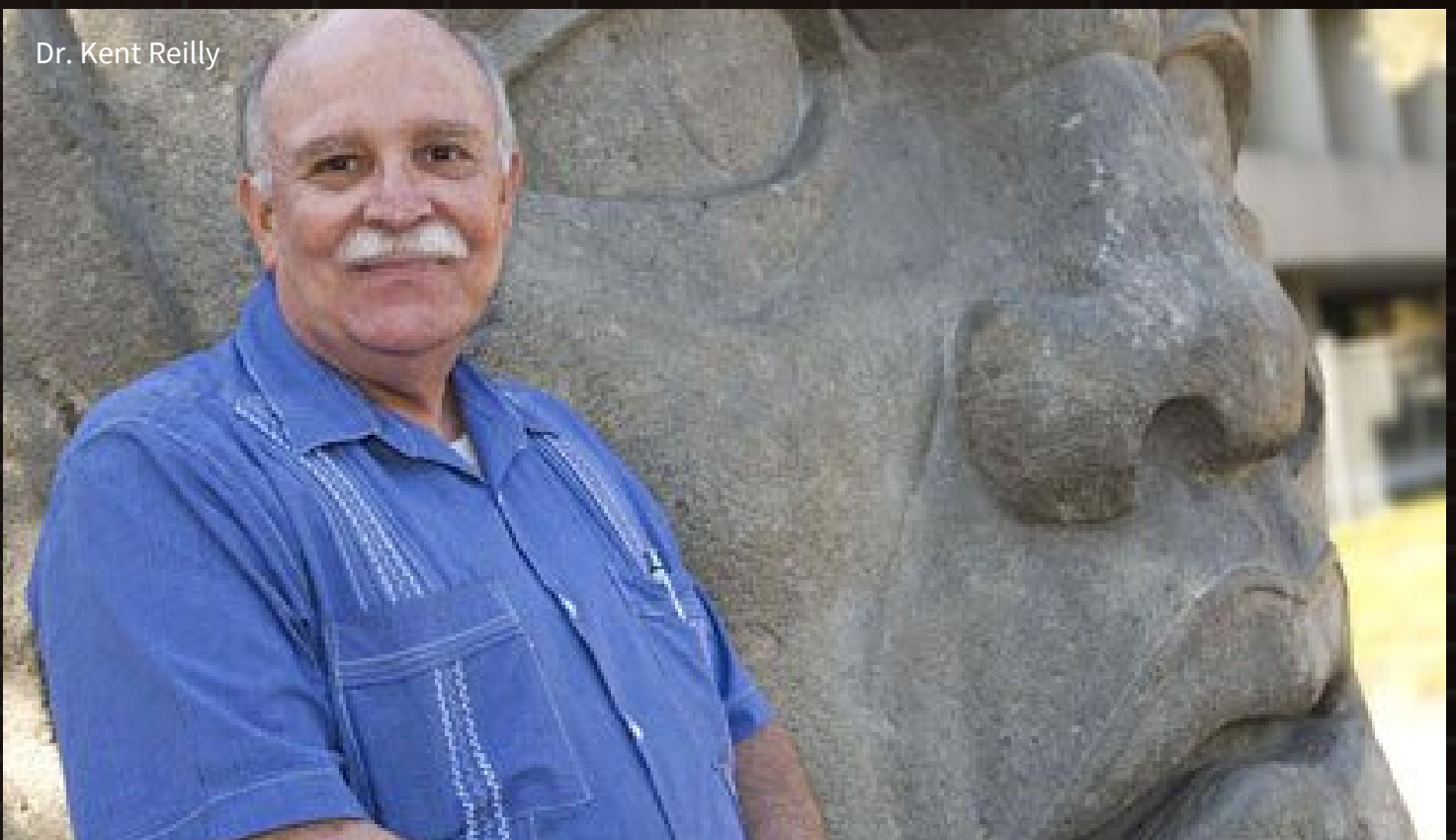
Thomas Longoria was awarded research contracts from both the City of Georgetown and the City of Buda for public surveys.

Carmen Westerberg (PSY)

Carmen Westerberg received a grant from The McKnight Foundation for her research, "Does Superior Sleep Physiology contribute to superior memory function?"



Dr. Rebecca Davio



Dr. Kent Reilly