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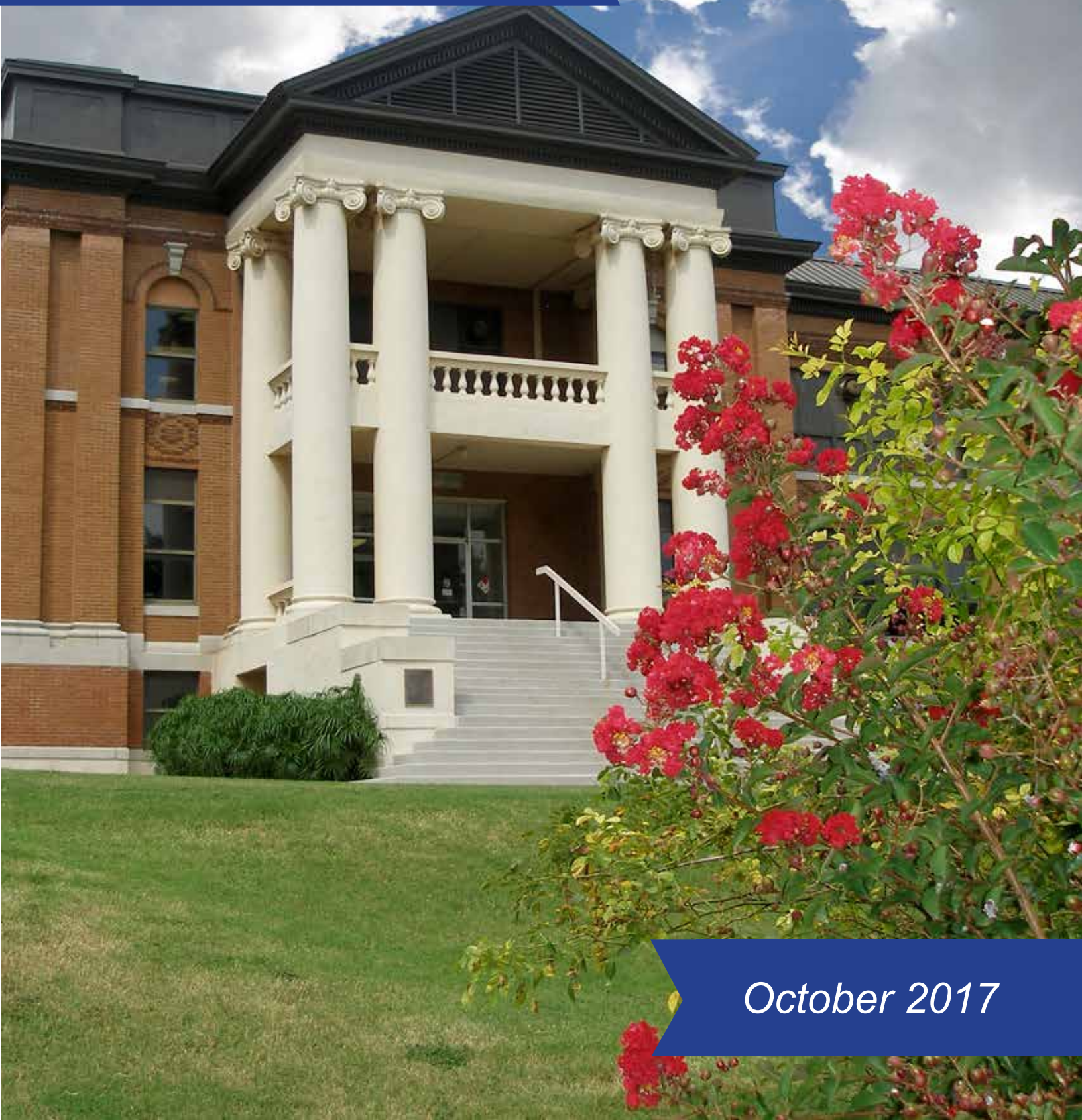
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Starting with a Bang!

The beginning of any semester always starts out with a bang. More so for the fall semester. The week before classes begin there's the two-day orientation for new faculty (p. 5) followed by the traditional Fall Faculty Workshop.

Early into the semester, the annual Organization Fair (p. 6) is held. This is where campus organizations, civic groups, and local businesses set up booths on the south lawn of the Union. Students learn about the many opportunities in which they can participate.

Then, a few weeks later, the Majors Fair takes place in the Union. Every department sets up a table to advertise their majors. While most students start out with a major in mind, this fair helps some to consider other options, particularly those students who are undecided.

A few days later Parents' Day (p. 10) was held on campus. Family and friends visit campus and tour various departments. Five departments in the College of Arts & Sciences set up demonstrations or performances for this event.

Just this past weekend we offered SWOSU Saturday (p. 12). This is a one-stop shopping event for high school students and their families. Our Admissions Office gives a short introduction to the attendees in the Fine Arts Center followed by a campus tour. In the meantime, departments set up tables in the Wellness Center to advertise their programs.

While all of these campus-wide events have been taking place, individual departments have been doing their own thing, too. Art, Communication & Theatre held their first theatrical performance and art exhibition, Music has given several performances, Chemistry & Physics set up a solar eclipse viewing station, Biological Sciences started their Dr. Joseph Maness Seminar series, and Language & Literature opened the Writing Center (p. 7).

And all of this happened before midterm! This is why the faculty, staff and students deserve a fall break.

To see what the departments have in store for the rest of the semester, please check the link to the University Calendar on the top of the university's [web page](#).



Pete Grant, Dean
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CAS News

Dr. Jerry Dunn (Social Sciences) is serving as President of the Faculty Senate this year.

Mr. Landry Brewer (Social Sciences) presented a paper entitled, "Oklahoma Missile Site: Aiming for the Historic Marker," at the annual meeting of the American Association for State and Local History in Austin, Texas. He was also [interviewed](#) about his research on KFOR's "Is This a Great State or What?"

Now on [YouTube](#): "Join Dr. Kristin Griffeath, Associate Professor of Music at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and her husband, Dr. Robin Griffeath, for a lively event where they perform a rousing medley of WWI-era hits, some of which were written and published in Kansas City."

Six CAS faculty received certificates for participating in the Three Pillars Course Transformation workshop:

Dr. Jieun Chang (Social Sciences)
Dr. Christi Cook (Language & Literature)
Dr. Sylvia Esjornson (Chemistry & Physics)
Dr. Kristin Griffeath (Music)
Dr. Shelley Martinson (Music)
Dr. Tugba Sevin (Language & Literature)

Jesse Velasco (Biology major) was awarded a summer internship at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. David Hertz (Social Sciences) was [interviewed](#) about his new book, *Ancestors: Who We Are and Where We Come From* for the SWOSU Library's BookGrowl.

Alfa Abame (Biology alumna) was accepted into the Oklahoma City University School of Nursing.

Dr. Howard Kurtz (Social Sciences) was interviewed by *The Oklahoman*, News 9, Fox Television and *The Cayman Reporter*.

The Honors Program welcomed 25 new students into this year's class. This is year three of the program with a total of 60 active scholars.

Dr. Tugba Sevin (Language & Literature) was invited to be a reviewer for *The Sixteenth Century Journal*.

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CAS News (cont.)

Over 800 students participated in summer camps involving CAS faculty:

Band Camp
 Cantiamo Solo Voice Camp
 Choral Camp
 Marimba Camp
 Middle School Band Camp
 String Camp
 Summer Arts Academy
 Summer Science and Math Academy
 Tech Trek



The following faculty have received extramural funding for their scholarship:

Dr. Siriporn Peters (Art, Communication & Theatre) – National Endowment for the Arts, Oklahoma Arts Council
 Dr. Lori Gwyn (Chemistry & Physics) – American Association of University Women
 Dr. Richard Tirk (Music) – Oklahoma Arts Council

The following faculty received financial assistance to attend a professional conference and present their scholarship:

Dr. Jerry Dunn (Social Sciences) is serving as President of the Faculty Senate this year.
 Dr. Shelley Martinson and two students (Music) – National Flute Association Convention
 Dr. Stacey DiPaolo (Music) – National Flute Association Convention
 Dr. Doug Linder (Chemistry & Physics) - Southwest Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society

Alumni News

Dr. Henrietta Mann (English alumna) was featured in an [article](#) in *The Oklahoman*. Dr. Mann was also a candidate for Governor for the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes.

The most recent issue of *Oklahoma Today* has an [article](#) on the Texas horned lizard (horny toads). Stephanie Leland (Biology alumna) was interviewed for the article. Stephanie produced a documentary on horned lizards and the article has a link to the trailer for that documentary. Another SWOSU Biology alumnus, Chris Hise, is in the documentary. Chris is the Director of the Nature Conservancy's Four Canyon Preserve near Arnett.

CAS Alumni: Please send us news for this portion of the newsletter. We'd like to hear from you and brag about your accomplishments, too!

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Sayre Campus



November 4, 2017

New SWOSU Faculty



Southwestern Oklahoma State University new faculty recently gathered for a two-day workshop on the Weatherford campus. New faculty members for the 2017-18 academic year include (front from left, CAS faculty in boldface): **Pam Rollins, Language & Literature**; Vanessa Nix, Kinesiology; Jacy Soliz, Academic Bridge-Math; Brett Chase, Engineering Technology; Nate Hicks, Business and Computer Science; and Hayden Harrington, Business and Computer Science. Back from left—Glenna Davis, Nursing; **Rose Neal, Language & Literature**; Tyler Gorshing, Academic Bridge-Math; **Philip Martinson, Music**; **Marc DiPaolo, Language & Literature**; and **James Bell, Language & Literature**. Not pictured is Holley Brewer, Academic Bridge-English.

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Organizational Fair

At the beginning of the fall semester, SWOSU holds the annual Organizational Fair which features booths advertising the many student clubs and organizations on campus. These photos show some of the CAS clubs at this event.



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CAS Facebook Pages

For you Facebook fans, SWOSU, the College of Arts & Sciences and six CAS departments have Facebook pages. Please check in frequently to see what the students, faculty and staff are up to!

College of Arts & Sciences

SWOSU College of Arts & Sciences

Art, Communication & Theatre

SWOSU Art Department

SWOSU Design Studio

SWOSU Medieval Arts

SWOSU Art Education

SWOSU Theatre

Biological Sciences

SWOSU Department of Biological Sciences

Language & Literature

SWOSU Writing Center

Italian Program at SWOSU

Mathematics

SWOSU Mathematics Department

Music

SWOSU Vocal/Choral

SWOSU Flute

SWOSU Clarinet

SWOSU Piano

SWOSU Symphony Orchestra

SWOSU Band Camp

SWOSU JAZZ A, JAZZ B, and the 48th Annual Jazz Festival

Social Sciences

SWOSU Department of Social Sciences

SWOSU

Southwestern Oklahoma State University



Writing Center Fall Hours

Full hours run from Tuesday, Sept. 5, until Friday, Dec. 8.

Special hours will be posted for Aug. 28-Sept. 1 & Dec. 9-13.

We will be closed Fall & Thanksgiving breaks.

Sunday: 4-8pm

Monday: 8-9:30am & 3-7pm

Tuesday: 8-10:30am & 1-7pm

Wednesday: 3-7pm

Thursday: 1-9:30pm

Friday: 2:30-4:45pm

Hours are subject to change as needed.

To schedule an appointment, please email writing-center@swosu.edu or call (580) 774-7083. Walk-ins welcome!

Be sure to like us on Facebook (SWOSU Writing Center) and follow us on Twitter (@swosuwrites).

The value of the liberal arts can't be stated too often – especially in a world that prefers to forget it.

Lorna Fitzsimmons

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CAS Family Football Gathering

Each year the office of the Dean hosts a football watch party in the Skyview Room of the Pioneer Cellular Event Center for the faculty and staff of the College of Arts & Sciences and their families. The event included future SWOSU students and even a potential cheerleader. The guests were entertained by a surprise visit from SWOSU's mascot, Brandy the Bulldog.



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CAS Faculty Granted Promotions and Tenure

The following faculty were approved for advancement in rank:

From Associate Professor to Professor

Dr. Robin Jones, Department of Art, Communication & Theatre

From Assistant Professor to Associate Professor

Dr. Lori Gwyn, Department of Chemistry & Physics

Dr. Amanda Smith, Department of Language & Literature

Tenure

Dr. Lori Gwyn, Department of Chemistry & Physics

Dr. Robin Griffeath, Department of Music

Dr. Howard Kurtz, Department of Social Sciences

Dr. Amanda Smith, Department of Language & Literature

Mr. Steve Strickler, Department of Art, Communication & Theatre

Faculty Receive Service Awards

Ten CAS faculty received awards, during the Fall Faculty Workshop, for their years of service at SWOSU.

10 Years

Dr. Daniel Farris

15 Years

Dr. Jerry Dunn

Dr. Fred Gates

Dr. Sophia Lee

Dr. Roberto Rivera

20 Years

Dr. Brian Campbell

Dr. Robin Jones

25 Years

Dr. Lisa Boggs

Dr. John Hayden

Mr. Steve Strickler

Scholarships Awarded

Thirteen CAS students are the recipients of a Dean's Scholarship for this academic year:

Art, Communication & Theatre

Micaelah Thompson

Biological Sciences

Kelsie Rennels

Chemistry & Physics

Albaro Nino

Samantha Hamburger

Language & Literature

Shari Lynn Patton Popejoy

Alfredo Moreno

Mathematics

Kristina Denbo

Laci Friesen

Music

Amanda Bacon

Jordan Irizarry

Social Sciences

Blessing Abiodun

Joseph Gonzales

Mary Iliff

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Parents' Day

Five CAS departments provided activities for students and their families during Parents' Day. Departments participating included Art, Communication & Theatre; Biological Sciences; Chemistry & Physics; Music; and Social Sciences.





David Eric Tomlinson was born and raised in Oklahoma, educated in California, and now lives in Texas. His debut novel *THE MIDNIGHT MAN* is about five strangers who overcome deep-seated racial, social, and political differences, to form a sort of family unit, in the year preceding the 1995 bombing of the Murrah Federal Building. David lives in Dallas, Texas with his wife and two daughters.

THE MIDNIGHT MAN

A novel that explores the issues underpinning one of the most dramatic events in America's recent history.

- "It's a book about hope, which comes at a good time." (THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS)
- "An ambitious novel about overcoming racial, social and political differences." (THE OKLAHOMAN)



Lit Fest

"The Missiles of Oklahoma"



Landry Brewer, SWOSU instructor, lives in Elk City with his wife Erin and their five children. Last October, he began researching the 12 Cold War nuclear missile sites that surrounded Altus Air Force Base from 1962 to 1965. Eleven of these sites were in southwest OK, and one was in north Texas.

After realizing the significance of that program to the state and nation, he wrote a paper and submitted it to the state historical society's journal, *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*. The paper is scheduled to be published this fall.

Then & NOW

David 'Paul' Joseph



Paul is an award-winning radio news journalist, economic developer and leadership specialist currently working as the news director at a group of family-owned radio stations in Elk City, Oklahoma, Paragon Communications. He also writes for a monthly publication, *Exploring Energy* and serves as a community affairs liaison for the stations.

His duties are beat-work, writing, editing, producing and delivering news with six newscasts each day on KECO, 96.5 and KOOL94, beginning at Paragon in 2012, May.

His journalistic awards include a first place, Associated Press Best Reporter Portfolio award in 2014 and a first place, Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters Best Feature Story award in 2015. He's received several second and third place awards. He's currently serving on the Oklahoma Associated Press Board of Advisors and is a commissioner on the Beckham County Planning and Zoning Commission.

October 25, 2017 SWOSU-Sayre

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| 9:00 | Landry Brewer | SMH 139 |
| 9:00 | Judy Haught | SMH 135 |
| 10:00 | David 'Paul' Joseph | SMH 110 |
| 10:00 | Fred Alsberg | SAB 130 |
| 11:00 | David Eric Tomlinson | SMH 110 |
| 11:00 | Anthology Panel | SMH 139 |
| 12:00 | Lunch / Contest | SAM 111 |

Fred Alsberg, poet, has been published in a variety of journals and magazines and released his a collection of poems entitled *Harry the Hack*. He is a SWOSU faculty member, teaching English classes, for 21 years. Alsberg is the founder and original director of the *Westview Writers' Festival* and was editor of *Westview* for 12 years. Originally from Chicago, he received his MFA in creative writing of poetry from the university of Arkansas. His work has appeared in *Blue Unicorn*, *Kansas Quarterly*, *Greensboro Review*, *Rhino*, *Sundog: The Southeast Review*, *Oregon east*, *Louisiana Review*, *Oklahoma Today*, and elsewhere. He has done readings accompanied by electric and acoustic jazz piano.



Judy Haught, retired SWOSU Language and Literature instructor, is a huge supporter of America's veterans. She turned her love for patriots into her first book, *Heroes in our Midst*, where she chronicles the stories that must not be lost—as told by America's veterans!

Judy and husband, Doug, live in Elk City. She taught at SWOSU for more than 25 years.

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SWOSU Saturday

CAS faculty and students share information about their programs with prospective students and their families in the Wellness Center.



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Important Dates

NOTE: For more information about the following events, please consult the [University Calendar](#).

October

- 19-20 Fall Break
- 23 Classes Resume, Vocal Area Recital
- 25 Literary Festival at Sayre
- 26 Reception for Senior Art Exhibition, "Missiles of Oklahoma" Seminar
- 28 Music Faculty Recital
- 29 Joyce Curtis Concerto/Aria Competition

November

- 1 Nominations Due for Distinguished Alumni, Sayre Career Day, Brass and Woodwind Chamber Concert
- 2 Percussion Concert
- 3 Piano Studio Concert, Panorama Event
- 4 Homecoming, Hubbard-Males Piano competition
- 6 Catapult Health Checkups
- 10 Last Day for Walking Works
- 11 Medieval Arts Fair, Theatre Production
- 13 OkMEA All-State Clinic
- 16 Let's Talk about SWOSU at Sayre
- 17 Health Careers Day, Native American Art Workshops
- 18 All Senior Honor Band

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