

# Jobs Outside the Classroom at SWOSU to Focus on Liberal Arts Degrees

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"Jobs Outside the Classroom" will be the focus of a round table discussion at Southwestern Oklahoma State University on Wednesday, March 23, on the Weatherford campus.

The free event at 3 p.m. in the East Ballroom will feature various individuals including Blaine Boyd, director of correspondence for Michelle Obama in The White House, and Dr. Ruth Schemmer, assistant dean of career development at Vanderbilt University. Both Boyd and Schemmer are SWOSU alumni.

According to Kelley Logan and Dr. Tugba Sevin, both organizers of the event, said the main goal is to demonstrate to SWOSU students that a liberal arts degree readies one for a variety of jobs, many more than most commonly considered.

"We believe that in sharing real life success stories such as our speakers', we can encourage students who would like a liberal arts major," Sevin said. "Students sometimes worry that because they do not feel that teaching would suit their personality or skill set, they have little hope of that occupation and are thus enrolled in majors that they believe economically viable but do not engage them in the same way."

Others on the program include faculty from the English program; Dr. Yolanda Carr who will talk about scholarships and grants availability; and Marci Grant, who will talk about the increasing important of online instructions.

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