

SWOSU Music Instructor Patricia Surman Receives Fulbright Award

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Patricia Surman, instructor of music at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture and research at the University of Macedonia in Thessaloniki (Greece) during the 2013-2014 academic year.

Surman will research contemporary Greek flute music and teach studio flute with special emphasis on contemporary music by American composers.

Surman is one of approximately 1,100 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program in 2013-2014. The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.

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