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Welcome!

Thank you for reading the first *e-Bulletin* of the 2015–16 academic year. We are always pleased to celebrate the achievements of our departments, faculty, staff, students and alumni in the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences. Catch up on any projects you may have missed and take the opportunity to congratulate your fellow social science Wildcats on their accomplishments.

Please continue to give us your feedback and suggestions for the *e-Bulletin*, your news about SBS faculty, staff and student accomplishments and information about any lectures or other upcoming events.

Bold type indicates College of Social & Behavioral Sciences faculty
Asterisks (*) indicate WSU students

Publications

Eric Amsel (Psychology) edited “How to think critically about Psychology: Understanding the whole person,” the special issue of *New Ideas in Psychology*, Vol. 38, pages 1-54. Elsevier: June 2015. He also published the article “How to think critically about psychology: Conceptual and pedagogical challenges in understanding the whole person” in the special issue of *New Ideas in Psychology*, Vol. 38, pages 1-54. Elsevier: June 2015.

Eric Amsel (Psychology) published the article “Intuition is of limited value in explaining behavior” in *The Standard Examiner*. July 2015.

Catherine D. Middlebrooks, **Shannon McGillivray** (Psychology,) Kou Murayama and Alan D. Castel published the article “Memory for allergies and health foods: How younger and older adults strategically remember critical health information” in *The Journals of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences, Series B*, Vol. 70, Issue 3. May 2015.

Alan D. Castel, Catherine D. Middlebrooks and **Shannon McGillivray** (Psychology) published the article “Monitoring memory in old age: Impaired, spared and aware” in *The Oxford Handbook of Metamemory* (Forthcoming issue). May 2015.

Robert Fudge (Political Science) published a review of “New essays on Adam Smith’s moral philosophy” in the *Polish Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 7, Issue 2. 2015.

Robert Fudge (Political Science) published the paper “The Art Type Theory of Art” in *Philosophical Papers*, Vol. 44, Issue 3. November 2015.

Peter Loebach (Sociology) and Julie Stewart published the article “Vital Linkages: A study of the role of linking capital in a Philippine disaster recovery and rebuilding effort” in *Social Justice Research*, Vol. 28, Issue 3, pages 228-252. 2015.

Shannon McGillivray (Psychology) wrote the guest commentary “Improving your memory takes lots of practice” in *The Standard Examiner*. September 2015.

Carol McNamara (Walker Institute) wrote the guest commentary “WSU and Ogden city promote citizen participation” in *The Standard Examiner*. September 2015.

Jenna Deelstra*, Jordan Hamson-Utley (Athletic Training,) **Lauren Fowler** (Neuroscience,) and Sally Shigley (English) published the article “The efficacy of motivational imagery intervention in distance athletes” in *Skyline-The Big Sky Undergraduate Journal*, Vol. 2, Issue 1, Article 7. 2014.

Crystal Garcia*, Corbin Standley*, Kaitlin Staker*, Lyndsi Drysdale* and **Shannon McGillivray** (Psychology) published the abstract “Internet usage, personality, narcissism and motivations for Facebook usage” in *ERGO Undergraduate Research Journal*, Vol. 9. 2015. (In-Press)

Hendrik Ombach*, Lyndsi Drysdale* and **Todd Baird** (Psychology) published the research summary “Attitudes toward obesity and their effect on discrimination in the hiring process” in *ERGO Undergraduate Research Journal*. 2015.

Branden Little (History) will publish the article “Evacuating wartime Europe: U.S. policy, strategy and relief operations for American travelers, 1914-1915” in the *Journal of Military History*. October 2015.

Michael C. Friedman, **Shannon McGillivray** (Psychology,) Kou Murayama and Alan D. Castel published the article “Memory for medication side effects in younger and older adults” in *Memory and Cognition*, Vol. 43, Pages 206-215. 2015.

Presentations and Workshops:

Eric Amsel (Psychology,) Kathryn Van Wagoner (Mathematics,) Wolff, K. and Rachel Bachman (Mathematics) presented the paper “College developmental mathematics students' understanding of fundamental algebraic concepts and processes” at the Jean Piaget Society Meeting, Toronto Canada, June 2015.

Eric Amsel (Psychology) & T. Dirks*, presented the paper “The development of guilt and regret attributions in inadvertent harm doing” at the Jean Piaget Society Meeting, Toronto, Canada, June 2015.

Eric Amsel (Psychology,) Danny Bessire*, Alexandria Daniels*, Celeste McClannahan*, Luke McEntire*, Kayla Soelberg* and Hendrik Ombach* presented the paper “Measuring and promoting revision of students’ misconceptions about depression” at the American Psychological Association meeting, Toronto, Canada, August 2015.

Eric Amsel (Psychology,) L. Allen*, and Kayla Soelberg* presented the paper “Psychological literacy: Its nature, acquisition and applications” at the American Psychological Association meeting, Toronto, Canada, August 2015.

Eric Amsel (Psychology) presented the paper “On sages, guides and experts: Models of teaching and learning relationships in psychology” at the Biennial Vancouver International Teaching Conference, Vancouver, Canada, July 2015.

Eric Amsel (Psychology,) **Melinda Russell-Stamp** (Psychology,) R.C. Callahan (Instructional and Institutional Effectiveness) and Hendrik Ombach* presented the paper “A psychology career exploration module: Design, implementation and

assessment” at the Biennial Vancouver International Teaching Conference, Vancouver, Canada, July 2015.

Eric Ewert (Geography) gave the presentation “Northern Utah Geospatial Technology Education Program (NUGeoTec) Update” at the Quarterly Meetings of the Northern Utah GIS User’s Group, Layton, Utah, May 2015.

Eric Ewert (Geography) gave the presentation “Geospatial Employer Survey: Using Results to Build Better Curriculum” at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers (AAG,) Chicago, Illinois, April 2015.

Robert Fudge (Political Science) presented “The Conscience of Huck Finn: An Enduring Philosophical Puzzle” at the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association, Santa Fe, New Mexico, October 2015.

Peter Loebach (Sociology) presented the paper “Household migration as a livelihood response to natural disasters: Nicaragua and Hurricane Mitch” at the American Sociological Association annual meeting, Chicago, Illinois, August 2015.

Max George*, Chase Brower*, Taylor Beutler*, **Lauren Fowler** (Neuroscience) and Sally Shigley (English) presented the poster “Variations in perceived and physiological empathy in health professionals compared to pre-healthcare students” at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Spokane, Washington, April 2015.

Zoe Miller* (Neuroscience), Mihyang Chang* (Neuroscience), Valerie Herzog (Athletic Training) presented the poster “The effect of core and lower back strengthening on lower limb proprioception” at the Weber State University Undergraduate Research Symposium, Ogden, Utah, March 2015; the National Conferences on Undergraduate Research, Spokane, Washington, April 2015; the Ogden Medical and Surgical Society Conference, Ogden, Utah, May 2015.

Hendrik Ombach*, Lyndsi Drysdale* and **Todd Baird** (Psychology) presented the paper “Attitudes toward obesity and their effect on discrimination in the hiring process” at Weber State’s Day at the Capitol, Salt Lake City, Utah, February 2015; the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association Conference, Boise, Idaho, April 2015.

Hendrik Ombach*, J’lene Rea*, Tahne Vongsavath*, Kaleb Shumway* and **Shannon McGillivray** (Psychology) presented the paper “Smartphone use, test performance and anxiety” at the Weber State Undergraduate Research Symposium, Ogden, Utah, March 2015; the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association Conference, Boise, Idaho, April 2015; the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Cheney, Washington, April 2015.

Branden Little (History) presented papers on humanitarian relief during World Wars I and II at the Hoover Presidential Library in Iowa, June 2015 and the Fort Douglas Military History Symposium, July 2015.

Dan Bedford (Geography) gave a presentation on campus on climate change, agriculture and food as part of the Community Engaged Learning Series “Food Matters,” 2015.

Dan Bedford (Geography) co-organized a panel discussion and paper session on climate literacy and education at the Association of American Geographers annual meeting, Chicago, Illinois; He also chaired the paper session and presented the paper “Does Climate Literacy Matter?” 2015.

Chase Brower*, Dustin Hardman*, Max George*, Taylor Beutler* and **Lauren Fowler** (Neuroscience) presented “Techniques for measuring empathetic responses in pre-healthcare students vs. non-pre healthcare students” at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research. 2015.

Achievements and Awards

Carol McNamara (Walker Institute) was quoted in the article “Mail-in ballots, social media changing how people campaign and vote” in The Standard Examiner. July 2015.

Gary Johnson (Political Science) was featured on FOX 13 News in regards to his water-usage project. August 2015.

Davis County Commissioner Louenda Downs was awarded the first-ever Ethical Leadership Award by the **Richard Richards Institute for Ethics** at the Davis Chamber of Commerce. May 2015.

Kristina Moleni (Social Work) was awarded the Faculty Recognition Award for Spring Semester 2015 by administration of the WSU Davis Campus. May 2015.

Lauren Fowler (Neuroscience) was awarded the Master Teacher award at the Crystal Crest Award ceremony. April 2015.

Kristen Mitchell* was awarded the Volunteer Service award at the Crystal Crest Award ceremony. April 2015.

Avery Pince* was awarded the Scholar of the Year award at the Crystal Crest Award ceremony. April 2015.

Jamie Stokes* was awarded the Female Athlete of the Year award at the Crystal Crest Award ceremony. April 2015.

Eric Ewert (Geography) provided commentary for “Desert Water: A New Water Ethic,” a 2015 film based on the book “Desert Water: The Future of Utah’s Water Resources” by Hall Crimmel. University of Utah Press: 2014.

Stephanie Wolfe (Political Science) was elected to the executive board of the International Association of Genocide Scholars for a two-year term.

Huiying Wei-Hill (Sociology) successfully took the first sociology China study abroad group to China from May 10 to May 25. The group went to Beijing and cruised on the Yangtze River. The students also had the chance to visit two universities and interact with Chinese students.

Chase Brower* was named Outstanding Clubs and Organizations Volunteer for his leadership in Brain Awareness Week outreach activities, 2015.

Max George* was named Outstanding Neuroscience Graduate, 2015.

The Weber State University Psychology Department was invited to host the 2017 American Psychology Association Summit on High School Psychology Education.

Eric Amsel (Psychology) was appointed chair of the American Psychological Association Division 2 Awards Committee. He was also appointed chair of the Nominations Committee of the Jean Piaget Society.

Eric Amsel (Psychology) has appointments as a visiting faculty member at The University of Utah and Westminster College.

Jeremy Bryson (Geography) was awarded the Faculty Award for Sustainability Research-Community Engaged Research, 2015.

Projects

Gary Johnson (Political Science) and a group of urban government students conducted a four-month study of Weber County water users, funded by the National Science Foundation. August 2015.

The Weber State University Neuroscience Program now has its own Nu Rho Psi chapter as part of the National Honors Society in Neuroscience. Nu Rho Psi membership provides opportunities for students to receive recognition, take part in publications, attend conferences and be more competitive applicants for graduate programs.

Dan Bedford (Geography) travelled to the National Science Foundation in Washington, DC as part of a team representing the statewide iUTAH project at the NSF's symposium *Incubating transformation: How NSF program awards are catalyzing progress in research and education*, April 2015.

Dan Bedford (Geography) contributed a lecture to the Massive Open Online Course Denial 101x, a MOOC organized by climate science communications expert John Cook, and offered by the University of Queensland. Bedford's 2010 paper "Agnotology as a Teaching Tool" provided inspiration for the MOOC. 2015. Bedford gave interviews to the website *Climate Progress* and the Canadian syndicated radio show *Green Majority* about the course, 2015.

Grants

Richard Price (Political Science,) Eric Bleich (Middlebury College,) Stephan Stohler (SUNY Albany) and Thomas M. Keck (Syracuse University) were awarded a total of \$419,907 from the National Science Foundation, Law and Social Sciences Division, for the multi-year project "Comparative Free Speech Jurisprudence." The project will go from 2015 to 2018.

Max George* and Chase Brower* were awarded the Weber State University Undergraduate Research Fellow Award, 2015.

The following neuroscience students were awarded Weber State University Undergraduate Research Travel Grants for 2015:

Max George*

Chase Brower*

Kai Mendenhall*

Jake Ombach*

Zoe Miller*

Luke McEntire*

Andrew Alsup* (Neuroscience), Adam Henrie* (Neuroscience) and Barbara Trask (Science) received a grant of \$3,258 for the research project "Biguanides, tumor-associated macrophages and triple-negative breast cancer," 2015.

The Weber State University Neuroscience Club received \$400 in grant funding from WSU Clubs and Organizations, this funding was used to support Brain Awareness Week outreach.

Upcoming Events

September 30- Career Services and The Walker Institute will host "Career Cafe: Internships-The New Interview," a panel discussion of the value of government, political and public service internships with Walker Institute interns who served internships at the state, local and national levels of government in Utah and Washington, D.C., Student Services Center, room 230, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., free and open to the public.

October 8- The Walker Institute will host the Haven J. Barlow Fall Civic Leadership Forum: Millennials and a New Politics beyond Partisanship, a panel discussion about the Millennials' politics and public policies that give their life direction; moderated by Whitney Evans, KUER, with panelists Utah lieutenant governor, Spencer Cox, state senator, Luz Escamilla, Karen Peterson of Clinton City Council and Darin Mellot of CBRE, Shepherd Union Ballrooms A and B, 12 p.m., free and open to the public.

October 14-17- The 2015 Lampros Lecture series welcomes Mort Kunstler, artist of the Civil War and commissioned paintings, book covers, corporate advertising campaigns, iconic movie posters, documentaries and more. Kunstler's work will be on public display at the Ogden Eccles Conference Center.

October 15- The Department of Political Science and Philosophy presents the third annual Philosophy Distinguished Lecture, featuring Philip Cafaro of Colorado State University in the lecture "Three Ways to Think About the Sixth Mass Extinction," Wildcat Theater, 1:30 p.m., free and open to the public, contact Robert Fudge (robertfudge@weber.edu.)

October 19- The Weber Historical Society lecture series welcomes Hal Crimmel, Weber State professor, and Isaac Goeckeritz, Utah-based documentary filmmaker, discussing "Water in Utah" after a screening of two short films on water in Utah, based Crimmel's recently edited book "Desert Water: The Future of Utah's Water Resources," Dumke Legacy Hall, 7 p.m., free and open to the public.

October 21- WSU's history department, along with EAST and the Engaged Learning Lecture Series, will sponsor "The History of Time (and wasting it) in America," Alexis McCrossen, Southern Methodist University, Special Collections Room, Stewart Library, 1:30 p.m., free and open to the public.

November 16- The Weber Historical Society lecture series welcomes William Adler, journalist and author, presenting the lecture "The Man Who Never Died: The Life and

Legacy of Joe Hill After a Century," an examination of Hill's legacy as a radical labor activist and songwriter, Dumke Legacy Hall, 7 p.m., free and open to the public