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The 2017-2018 academic year was an exceptional one for the College of Arts & Sciences. I want to share with you some of the many accomplishments of our students and faculty members. These accomplishments occurred not only in classrooms, research labs, archives, and art studios and performance spaces but also out in fields, in the Delta, and in the Gulf of Mexico. I applaud our success in procuring grants, making presentations at important conferences, and publishing cutting-edge research findings in peer-reviewed books and journals. Here are some of the highlights of the last year.

The Department of Music had another outstanding year. The USA Concert Choir performed Mahler's Symphony No. 2 with the Mobile Symphony Orchestra, and our talented vocal students performed with the Mobile Opera in their productions. The Department saw increased enrollment for music majors and minors, greater student retention, and increased participation in music ensembles.

The Department of Biology celebrated the selection of Christian Pearsall, Biology major, as South’s first Rhodes Scholar finalist. Another Biology major, Marie Mc Iyean, was chosen as a Fulbright Scholar finalist with plans to study in South Korea. The Department and the College were also very proud that the New York Times featured the research of Dr. Ylenia Chiari, Assistant Professor, on turtles in the Galapagos Islands.

In spring 2018, the student Bioethics Club (only in its second year) hosted the National Bioethics Bowl on the USA campus. This nationwide competition was a huge success, and the USA team placed 5th nationally. Dr. Anne Jeffrey, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, deserves credit as the advisor of the group and organizer of the event.

Another exceptional feat for the College was the premiere of the documentary “Journey to the Wilderness,” funded partially by a grant from the Alabama Humanities council and funds from the Departments of Communication, English, and History, as well as a number of grants from internal funding sources at the University. The documentary, conceived by Dr. Jim Aucoin, Chairperson of the Department of Communication, brings to life the USA Writer-in-Residence Frye Gaillard’s book of the same title. It is expected to be broadcast on Alabama Public Television.

The Psychological Clinic continues to be an important and integral part of the Department of Psychology and the training ground for the Doctoral Program in Clinical/Counseling Psychology. Doctoral students obtain valuable experience in the delivery of psychological interventions under the supervision of clinical and counseling psychologists.

The Department of Theatre & Dance staged four plays during the academic year. Productions for fall 2017 were the musical Adrift in Macao, a spoof of the film noir genre written by American playwright Christopher Durang, and Thornton Wilder’s classic drama Our Town, which examines a bygone America. The spring 2019 productions were Qui Nguyen’s She Kills Monsters and the department’s original adaptation of the seldom-performed Renaissance play Pericles.

The faculty members of the Department of Visual Arts have been very active. r. Christina Lindeman’s book, Representing Anna Amalia’s Bildung: A Visual Metamorphosis from Political to Personal, was published by Routledge. Professor Ben Shambrock was inducted into The University of South Alabama chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi as Artist/Scholar of the Year for 2017-2018. Ms. Diane Gibbs, Associate Professor, was awarded the Outstanding Professional Achievement in Graphic Design Award from SECAC at its October 2017 annual conference. Assistant Professor Alma Hoffmann had a peer-reviewed journal article in Smashing Magazine. Professor Tony Wright was the featured artist at the 44th Annual Arts Festival (March 2018) at the Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach in Alabama. Professor Wright also organized a group of students to produce bowls and assist with the annual Empty-Bowls fundraiser. Professor Matt
Johnson exhibited in the 1650 Gallery in Los Angeles and continued his research in stock art creation.

The faculty in the department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work had a very productive academic year, producing eighteen peer-reviewed articles, eight book chapters, one edited volume, and one textbook. Faculty research in the department of Mathematics and Statistics resulted in 27 publications, five editorships, 24 published reviews and 60 conference/institution presentations. In addition, eighteen grants were awarded to Mathematics and Statistics faculty members. In the Department of Communication, Dr. Patricia Mark, Associate Professor, received a $24,000 grant to help fund work with USA’s student-run Strategic Communication organization, Tideline Student Agency.

In the department of English, the Stokes Center for Creative Writing sponsored a series of public fiction and poetry readings as well as public lectures, including one by Pulitzer-Prize-Winning science writer Elizabeth Colbert. r. Charlotte Pence is the Stokes Center director. Other significant achievements from English Department faculty include r. Ellen Harrington’s monograph Conrad’s Sensational Heroines: Gender and Representation in the Late Fiction of Joseph Conrad (Palgrave-MacMillan, 2017), Dr. Chris Raczkowski’s edited collection A History of American Crime Fiction (Cambridge University Press, 2017), and Dr. Nicole Amare’s co-authored article “Bad News First: How Optimal Directness Depends on What Is Negated.” The latter received national media attention via several television and radio news programs.

In the department of History, Dr. E. Claire Cage was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend for research in France for her book on the development of forensic science in 19th-century France. She also won a Fellowship at the Huntington Library in California for this project. In addition, Dr. Cage received the 2017 Baker-Burton Prize for the best first book on European History published between the years of 2013-2017. This award, from the European History Section of the Southern Historical Association, is for Dr. Cage's book Unnatural Frenchmen: The Politics of Priestly Celibacy and Marriage, 1720-1815 (University of Virginia Press, 2015). r. David Meola, in conjunction with United States Holocaust Memorial Museum of Washington, D.C., hosted a discussion on the Holocaust and the Jim Crow South. The event was held on the USA campus in October 2017. Dr. Meola and undergraduate student Shannon Lundgren presented research at a parallel conference in Birmingham (February 2018) that was also hosted by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. As it does every year, the Department of History held its prestigious Stallworth and Mahan Lectures during 2017-2018.

The Department of Marine Sciences received 4.9 million dollars in new research awards. The grant funding stems from a diversity of federal, state, and industry sources. Of particular note is a 5 million dollar grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to Dr. Alison Robertson and her colleagues. The grant, “Linking the chemical and biological diversity of epiphytic dinoflagellates in tropical oceans: Advancing global understanding on the origin of ciguatera,” is funded through the NSF’s PIRE (Partnerships for International Research and Education) program and represents one of the largest NSF grants to be awarded to the University of South Alabama. Many Marine Sciences faculty members continue to dedicate much of their time to investigations of the effects of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. Numerous journal articles that describe the effects of the oil spill on the oceanic food-web from microbes to marine mammals have been published over the last couple of years, and more are to come.

The College held its second annual USA Democracy Day on March 2, 2018, at the USA Student Center Amphitheatre. This inclusive, well-attended event brings students and faculty members together to engage with timely, important issues. Co-sponsored with the Office of the Dean of Students, the USA Democracy Day Teach-In also includes a campus march. The event’s concurrent panel sessions covered the following topics: “Black Lives Matter & Democracy,” “Democracy & Free Speech,” “Science & Democracy,” “Populism & Democracy,” “The ‘Me Too’ Movement & Democracy,” “Media & Democracy,” “Voting Rights, Representation & Democracy,” “Education & Democracy,” “DACA, Immigration & Democracy,” “Reproductive Rights & Democracy,” “Global Perspectives on Democracy,” and “LGBT Rights & Democracy.”
A & S faculty members were very successful in publishing peer-reviewed scholarship during the academic year. For example, the following peer-reviewed books were published:


In addition to the six books cited above, A & S faculty members published 237 peer-reviewed articles and 49 peer-reviewed book chapters. They made 582 scholarly presentations at international, national, and regional conferences, published 19 book reviews, and served on 47 editorial boards for scholarly journals. To help promote research, the College awarded sabbaticals to eight faculty members for the 2017-2018 academic year.

In mentoring student research at the undergraduate and graduate levels, A & S faculty members supervised 315 undergraduates in research projects and 200 graduate students in their research.

During this academic year, grant submission and funding for the College was once again very strong. A total of 127 grants were submitted, and 68 were awarded for $2,617,682. These numbers demonstrate the commendable effort of the A & S faculty members in acquiring external funding for research.

College of Arts & Sciences faculty members hosted and/or attended numerous conferences, professional meetings, and colloquia in the Mobile area during the academic year, and here some examples: the Alabama Psychological Association, the Alabama Academy of Science, the Alabama Communication Association, the Gulf South History and Humanities Conference, the Interdisciplinary Conference on France and the Memory of the Great War, the Conference on Teaching and Learning, the Symposium: Remembering the Holocaust, Gulf Coast Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education, the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program, the Southern Regional Algebra Conference, the Southeastern Epistemology conference, the Alabama Conference of Social Work, and the 4th Annual Generational Resiliency Conference.

Finally, A & S faculty members were once again actively engaged in the community, volunteering time and talent to support a variety of community groups and causes. In total, faculty members donated over 12,250 hours of service to many area groups and organizations, including the Mobile International Festival, the Mobile Jaycees, The Mobile Regional Science and Engineering Fair, the Mobile Jewish Film Festival, Coastal Cleanup, Boy Scouts of America, the Distinguished Young Women Program, the Salvation Army, the Mobile Azalea Trail Maids, the Indian Association of Greater Mobile, the United Cerebral Palsy of Mobile, the Society Mobile-La Habana, L’arche of Mobile, the Junior League of Mobile, the United Way of Southwest Alabama, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Southwest Alabama, Playhouse in the Park, and Mobile Baykeeper.
The College of Arts and Sciences is the intellectual center of the University of South Alabama and is the foundation for establishing the University’s quality academic programs. In the College of Arts and Sciences, students receive broad exposure to all areas of academic inquiry, as well as in-depth knowledge in their chosen field of study. The College provides all undergraduate students at the University, regardless of major, with the fundamentals of a liberal arts education to enhance their knowledge and create an atmosphere in which they develop their communication and critical thinking abilities.

The College also provides all undergraduates with additional academic training necessary to carry out independent inquiry. Such an education promotes a heightened sense of intellectual curiosity and an appreciation of the values and accomplishments of the arts and humanities, the sciences, mathematics, and the social sciences.

The overall effect on students is a greater awareness of their responsibilities for the well-being of their society.

In achieving these educational goals, the College of Arts and Sciences will: (1) offer a full range of subjects in the humanities, fine arts, social sciences, mathematics, and the natural sciences; (2) encourage breadth of learning and training in the fundamentals of scholarship; create and apply knowledge in the arts and sciences through dedicated research, teaching, scholarship, and creative works; (3) foster educational exchange within the University, the Mobile community, and society as a whole; maintain a community of scholars and teachers devoted to the preservation and discovery of knowledge and its transmission to students and to the public; (4) promote lifelong learning and open and free inquiry; (5) encourage and support the application of knowledge in service to the University, the Mobile metropolitan area, and the wider society; (6) promote diversity, tolerance, and mutual understanding among all members of the University community and society as a whole; (7) emphasize the regional uniqueness of southwest Alabama, including its cultural heritage, its natural environment, and its strategic location as a port city on the Gulf of Mexico; (8) and, prepare students to participate in the larger world beyond the region by giving them an awareness of the complexity of global issues and contexts, and prepare students for meaningful and productive careers and contribute to the development of an educated work force responsive to the needs of the region.
The College of Arts & Sciences is the intellectual foundation for academic enterprise at The University of South Alabama. With more than 200 full-time faculty members, over 3,400 undergraduate majors, and almost 200 graduate students, the College is by far the largest academic unit in the university. More importantly, through the liberal arts general education curriculum, the College plays an integral role in educating every undergraduate student at USA.

As the University has evolved since 1963, its mission has expanded to emphasize not only on teaching and service but also significant research. Indeed, research and scholarship are essential to the teaching mission of the College, and A & S faculty members eagerly engage in cutting-edge research. As the University has grown and new faculty members have joined its ranks, research has increasingly defined the University of South Alabama, helping distinguish it from other colleges and universities in the Gulf Coast region and the state of Alabama.

The College of Arts & Sciences has played an integral role in sustaining the new direction of the University. Indeed, the A&S faculty members are second only to the College of Medicine in the level of extramural funding received, but that is only one measure of the scholarship that has become an expected part of every faculty member’s professional responsibility. Much of the research, scholarship, and creative work faculty members produce receives little or no extramural funding, yet it contributes significantly to the intellectual climate and to enhancing the reputation of the University of South Alabama as a leading research institution in the Southeastern United States.

The College of Arts & Sciences’ rich intellectual climate is driven by a vision of excellence, a vision shared by our students, faculty, and administrators alike. This vision aligns research and scholarship with teaching and service to foster not only further improvements in classroom instruction but also improvements in the quality of life in our community.
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DR. M. ALLAM BAAHETH

r. Baaheth is the owner of Baaheth Environmental Consultants. His work in analytical and environmental chemistry as well as in engineering, for government and industry, is impressive. He has set up and run two advanced environmental and testing labs, and his Baaheth environmental Consultants is located in USA’s Research Park. In his career, Dr. Baaheth has 16 process chemistry patents and has managed more than 357 Federal projects and administered environmental and civil engineering-oriented projects. In addition, to his work in chemistry and engineering, he is a strong supporter of the arts at USA; indeed, he has donated a Steinway piano to the department of Music and has performed recitals at Laidlaw.

DR. SARAH (SALLY) D. CALDWELL

r. Caldwell is an educational consultant, working with school districts and state educational agencies. She is the evaluator on federally funded research and development projects in character education in Missouri, Illinois, Alabama and South Dakota. She earned her B.A. degree in history from the University of Alabama, her M.Ed. from University of Hawaii, and her doctorate in school administration from the University of Missouri – St. Louis. She is the daughter-in-law of the late James F. Caldwell one of the founding executives of USA.

DR. DENNIS DAY

r. Dennis Day received his M.Ed. degree in Special education/Gifted Students from the University of South Alabama in 1979. From there, he began his 18 year long career as a History Teacher at Murphy High school. Dr. Day has worked as a lecturer in the History Department for the University and has been involved with South Alabama since his graduation. He has served as a Priest in the Episcopal Church and serves as a member in the Most Venerable Order of Saint John of the Hospital of Jerusalem. A world traveler and history enthusiast, Dr. Day was recognized as a Woodrow Wilson National Leadership Fellow at the Dewitt-Wallace World History Institute, Princeton University, and he was designated the Alabama Secondary Teacher of the Year by the State Board of Education in 1995.

MR. STEPHEAN GRIMES

Stephean Grimes has spent his career in the field of advertising, developing, redefining and guiding numerous successful brands. He began at Sullivan-St.Clair (now known as Red Square Agency) and throughout his 10 years there he created award winning work across all mediums of advertising—traditional and digital. In 2015, Stephean co-founded Mighty, a creative agency based in Mobile, Alabama, that works with growth-focused companies. Past and present clients include BlueCross and BlueShield of Alabama, Bertram Yachts, Haint Blue Brewing Company, Hibbett Sports, Kent State University, Shoe Station, Fisher’s at Orange Beach Marina, Max Credit Union and the University of Alabama. Stephean received the Art Director of the Year Award in 2010 from the Bay Area Advertising Federation, and his work has been recognized by Graphis, HOW, Lürzer’s Archive, American Advertising Federation, OMMA and W3. Stephean has spoken regularly for the American Advertising Federation, Public Relations Council of Alabama (PRCA) and numerous colleges in the Mobile area. Stephean graduated from Auburn University with a degree in graphic design.

DR. WOODY HANNUM

r. Hannum retired from the University of South Alabama in April of 2009. He began working at USA as a part-time instructor in 1969, and he was hired as a tenure-track assistant professor of History in 1972. He went on to gain the ranks of associate professor and full professor; and, he served as Associate Dean of the School of Continuing Education at USA from 1989 until his retirement. Woody was active in Study Abroad, regularly teaching summer classes for USA in London. He served on numerous University committees; and, he has continued to be actively involved in community service in Mobile. He received his B.A. in History from the University of the South in 1965; he received his M.A. in History from the University of South Carolina in 1968, and he received his Ph.D., from the same school in 1972.

DR. PAUL HELMINGER

r. Helminger served as a Professor in the Department of Physics at the University of South Alabama from 1973 t
to 2012. He earned his Ph.D. from Duke University and his undergraduate degree from North Carolina State University, where he was Phi Beta Kappa. Dr. Helminger was very active in the USA Honors Program and in promoting undergraduate research. He also was active in research at the Ohio State University, where he worked with colleagues every summer as a visiting scholar from 1991 to 2009. In addition, Dr. Helminger served as a leader, between 1994 and 2012, in the Alabama Science in Motion project that continues to bring a mobile science lab to Alabama schools that lack full science instruction capabilities.

DR. KARLA MARTIN
Karla Martin, a member of The Poarch Band of Creek Indians, earned her B.S. degree in elementary education from The University of Alabama in May 2006. She earned her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in education from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She was chosen as a McNair scholar at the University of Alabama and as a Royster Scholar at the University of North Carolina. Martin served as a professor at the University of North Carolina and at Illinois State University, where she taught history and multicultural education courses, an identity course and graduate-level courses in Indigenous studies and educational sociology. In 2013, she was chosen to complete a postdoctoral fellowship at Arizona State University at the Center for Indian Education, where she worked with scholars to conduct research on Native American education and helped prepare fellow educators to work with students representing many tribes. Most recently, Martin has served The Poarch Band of Creek Indians in her role as the cultural director from 2014–2015. She began a new position as the community services division director for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians in November 2016. In this position, she oversees and coordinates the efforts of the education, Boys and Girls Club, recreation and cultural and museum departments.

MR. JOHN MCCALL
Mr. McCall joined the law firm of Starnes, Davis, Florie, LLP, in 2002, and he is now a partner and practices law out of the firm's Mobile office. His work has often focused on healthcare and professional medical liability but has also included professional liability, complex commercial litigation, construction litigation, intellectual property, collegiate sports, labor and employment, and telecommunications. In 2011, Alabama Super Lawyers® magazine named John a Rising Star for the state of Alabama. John was admitted to the Alabama Bar in 1999 after completing law school at the University of Alabama that same year. He earned his B.A. from Millsaps College in 1994. He is active in the Mobile community, serving on the Boards of the Friends of the Museum of Mobile and the Mobile Arts Council. Moreover, his family donated the Doy Leale McCall Collection, a gift appraised at some $3.1 million that features historical documents related to Alabama and the Black Belt.

MR. JARRETT MCCRAW
A native Mobilian, Jarrett McCraw is a serial entrepreneur and investor with a career focused in marketing and advertising. He has helped numerous multi-million dollar brands develop advertising strategies. His professional career began at Red Square Agency in 2008. After nearly a seven-year there, he co-founded Mighty, a creative agency based in Mobile, Alabama, that works with growth-focused companies. His past and present brand experience consists of Shoe Station, Coastal Neurological Institute, Bienville Capital Management, Eldorado Resorts Inc., the University of South Alabama, Haint Blue Brewing Co., Bertram Yacht and Hibbett Sports. His work has been recognized by MediaPost OMMA awards, Webby’s, American Advertising Awards, Awwwards and Public Relations Council of Alabama (PRCA). Jarrett has been a guest speaker on social media and digital strategy for the American Advertising Federation, the Public Relations Council of Alabama (PRCA), the Southeastern Association of Tax Administrators (SEATA) and the University of Alabama. Jarrett is a graduate of Auburn University, and he is currently a member of Young Entrepreneur Council (Y CE).

MR. WILLIAM OPPENHEIMER
Mr. Oppenheimer is CEO of Enveloc, Inc., a software development company which specializes in backup and restoration software and services. His previous business experience includes an export management company, specializing in agricultural machinery, founded in 1977. Oppenheimer Exports, Inc., grew to include two overseas sales offices and dealers in over sixty countries. He merged this company with the original family business,
OPICO, in 1988, and continues to serve as an officer and board member. His present and past civic involvement includes the Mobile Rotary Club (past-president and Paul Harris Fellow), Family Counseling Center (past-president), Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Habitat for Humanity, Dumas Wesley Community Center, Coastal Conservation Association, and the National Wild Turkey Federation. An elder at Spring Hill Presbyterian Church, he is also an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoys playing blues piano. Oppenheimer, a native of Mobile, received a B.A. degree from Yale University in 1975. He and his wife Nancy have two grown children, Nancy and Harris, and reside in Mobile.

MR. JOHN SIPPLE
John Sipple earned his B.A. degree in Political Science (pre-law) from the University of South Alabama in 1974. His minor was in Geology. He was a member of the Jaguar baseball team under legendary coach Eddie Stanky. He owns Southern Oil Exploration, Inc., an oil and gas mineral royalty and working interest acquisition Company. Southern Oil Exploration, Inc., specializes in the purchase of producing and non-producing minerals, royalties and working interests. John is a third-generation independent oil producer with 41 years of experience. He says he has evaluated and purchased producing and non-producing minerals, royalties and working interests for Southern Oil Exploration, Inc., in the states of Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Kentucky, and Illinois. The mineral royalty and working interests owned by Southern Oil Exploration, Inc. are under 35 unitized oil and gas fields with over 1,000 producing oil and gas wells and a PV10 market value as of 2015 of over $4.5 million. He is also a generous supporter of scholarships at USA, including the Phi Sigma Iota endowed Scholarship for the Foreign Languages Honor Society.

MR. ROBERT ALAN TOLSON, JR
Robert Alan Tolson, Jr is the owner of Carpe Diem Coffee & Tea Company. He was with the company for more than 15 years before taking it over in 2013. Alan is a University of South Alabama graduate, having earned his undergraduate degree in the Mitchell College of Business. There, he was awarded the Outstanding Senior Management Major scholarship. He is an active board member of Loaves and Fish Community Ministries and serves on the advisory board of the Dauphin Island Sea Lab Foundation. Alan is an active member in the community and was recognized in 2015 as one of Mobile Bay Magazine’s top 40 under 40 not only for the changes he has made with Carpe Diem but also for what he has given back to the community. He supports local efforts including The Boys and Girls Club of Mobile, Spring Hill Sidewalk Projects, and the Phi Sigma Iota Scholarship in the department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literature.

MS. RICKIE VOIT
Born in Williamson, West Virginia, Ms. Voit attended Ohio University, and she graduated from the University of Alabama in 1972 with a B.A. in Education. She is a former teacher of 23 years for the Tuscaloosa, Alabama and Mobile County, Alabama, public schools. She is married to Lawrence B. Voit, an attorney with Silver, Voit, and Thompson in Mobile. They have three adult children and two grandchildren. She is active in, or a board member of, the following organizations: Ahavas Chesed Synagogue, Mobile Area Jewish Federation, Jewish Family Services of Mobile, Alabama State Holocaust Commission, Gulf Coast Center for Holocaust and Human Rights, education, Mobile Jewish Film Festival, Christian-Jewish Dialogue, Hillel at UA, Mobile Chamber Music Society, and South Alabama United Way Emergency Food & Shelter Committee.
NEW CHAIRPERSONS
Susan Fitzsimmons - Visual Arts
Philip Habel - Political Science & Criminal Justice
avid Messenger - History

NEW FACULTY (TENURE AND NON-TENURE TRACK)
Lorraine Ahearn - Communication
Ronald Baker - Marine Sciences
aniel Balena - Mathematics and Statistics
Sandip Barui - Mathematics and Statistics
Jung Hwa Choi - Communication
Arjun Dahal - Physics
T Dion Hall - Military Science
Andrew Hongo - Communication (One Year Only)
Jacquelyn Howell - Biology
Christine Lee - Mathematics and Statistics
oreen Lee - Music
Wyndolyn Ludwikowski - Psychology (One Year Only)
Heidi Lyn - Psychology
Matthew Pettway - Modern and Classical Languages and Literature
. Lee Smee - Marine Sciences (DISL)
Kaleena Stasiak - Visual Arts
Allison Thornton - Philosophy
Kelly Urban - History
Arie VandeWaa - Music (One-Year-Only)
Laura Vrana - English
Xiangli Wang - Marine Sciences (effective January 1, 2018)
Ekatërina Zakharova - Modern and Classical Languages and Literature (0.5 FTE)

RESIGNATIONS
Ben Barnard - Mathematics and Statistics (One Year Only)
avid Benko - Mathematics and Statistics
Glen Borchert - Biology
Jacob Burress - Physics
Rob Dixon - English
Angela Draghicescu - Music (One Year Only)
Mikako Fisher - Mathematics and Statistics (One Year Only)

Jeannette Fresne - Music
Leanne Good - History
Matthew Hopson-Walker - Visual Arts
Paul Hurley - Theatre and Dance
Paul Jones - Mathematics and Statistics
Tyler McLeery - Physics (One Year Only)
LTC Erwin Carl Morris, III - Military Science
Glenn Phillips - Chemistry (One Year Only)
Ted Poston - Philosophy

PROMOTIONS
Mia Long-Anderson - Associate Professor - Communication
Huybrechts Bindele - Associate Professor - Mathematics and Statistics
Claire Cage - Associate Professor - History
Ruth Carmichael - Professor - Marine Sciences
Joseph Currier - Associate Professor - Psychology
iane Gibbs - Professor - Visual Arts
Lesley Gregoricka - Associate Professor - Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work
Ellen Harrington - Professor - English
Christina Lindeman - Associate Professor - Visual Arts
Richard O'Brien - Associate Professor - Chemistry
Leslie Whiston - Senior Instructor - Mathematics and Statistics
Larry Yet - Associate Professor - Chemistry

TENURE
Mia Long-Anderson - Communication
Huybrechts Bindele - Mathematics and Statistics
Claire Cage - History
Joseph Currier - Psychology
Lesley Gregoricka - Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work
Christina Lindeman - Visual Arts
Patrick Shaw - English
Larry Yet - Chemistry
FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AWARDS

RETIREMENTS
Charles Brown - Psychology
Scott Carter - Mathematics and Statistics
Nader Entessar - Political Science/Criminal Justice
Joseph Glover - Communication
Greg Gruner - Music
Ouglas Haywick - Earth Sciences
Lise Labbe-C Oldsrmith - Psychology
Reginald Moody - Communication
Ederico Perez-Pineda - Modern and Classical Languages and Literature
John O'Brien - Biology
Jane Roe - Chemistry

DECEASED
Charles Brown - Psychology
Clarence Mohr - History (retired)
Clinton (Smoot) Major - Biology
Mark Matre - Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work (retired)

SUMMER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS
Samuel Baker - Philosophy
Mark Colarusso - Mathematics and Statistics
Kip Franklin - Music
Hosik Min - Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work
Charlotte Pence - English
Brian Whitener - Modern and Classical Languages and Literature

SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT AWARDS
Joseph Currier - Psychology
William Jackson - Earth Sciences
John McCreadie - Biology
David Duranty - Chemistry
Lesley Gregoricka - Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work
Scott Liebertz - Political Science/Criminal Justice
John Nara - Theatre and Dance
Vin Nelson - Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work
Jorg Feldvoss - Mathematics and Statistics
Cornelius Piffer - Mathematics and Statistics
Martin Frank - Physics
Tracy Heaver - Music
Cris Hollingsworth - English
Anne Jeffrey - Philosophy

Tim Lombardo - History

FACULTY AWARDS
Steven Trout - English - Dean’s Lecturer
Jaclyn Bunch - Political Science/Criminal Justice - x cellence in Academic Advising
Claire Cage - History - Junior Faculty
Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rolling - Psychology - Outstanding Service
Justin St. Clair - English - Outstanding Service
Alex Beebe - Earth Sciences - Teaching Excellence
Rob Dixon - English - Teaching Excellence
Smoot Major - posthumous) - Biology - Teaching Excellence

SABBATICALS
Jane Gibbs - Visual Arts
Marsha Hamilton - History
Allan Hillman - Philosophy
Zohair Husain - Political Science/Criminal Justice
John McCreddie - Biology
Nutan Mishra - Mathematics and Statistics
Mark Moberg - Sociology/Anthropology/Social Work
Margarita Skiadas - Visual Arts

CHANGES
Lisa Turner - Appointed Interim Chair of Psychology effective January 2018
Jack Shelley-Tremblay - Appointed Chair of Psychology effective 8/15/2018
Laura Moore - Appointed Interim Chair of Music effective 7/1/2018
Richard Ward - Appointed Interim Chair of Communication effective 8/15/2018
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE/CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Criminal Justice and Political Science Endowed Scholarship
Headley, Claire
Manley, Lauren
Newcombe, Grace
Savage, Shelby

David L. Horton Memorial Award For Excellence in Political Science
Robertson, Nathaniel

Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice Scholarship
Cox, Dylan
Jones, Charles

James H. Boyd Memorial Award For Excellence in Public Administration
Lankster, Destiny

Masters in Public Administration Health Policy Scholarship
Powell, Jonathan

Timothy C. O’Shea Outstanding Criminal Justice Award
Godwin, Hunter (Rowan)

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY
Pinnacle Endowed Scholarship
Craig, Gabrielle

Outstanding Undergraduate Student
Dean, Meghan

Outstanding Graduate Student
Kotze, Jan-Louw
Myers, Melissa
Taylor, Sarah

Outstanding Doctoral Student
Carroll, Timothy

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, ANTHROPOLOGY, AND SOCIAL WORK
USA Foundation Scholarship
Ensor-Gibson, Emily A.
Overmyer, Emily K.
Cain, Laura M.

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DANCE
Sue Ellen Gerrels & R. Eugene Jackson Scholarship in Drama
St. John, Abigail

Danny Conway Memorial Theater Scholarship
Deen, Thomas

Aubrey D. & Ellen Green Scholarship
Cramer, Sydney
Freeman, Sadie

Laidlaw Performance Scholarship
Bodiford, Caitlyn
Cicco, Martin
Connolly, Stephanie
Cramer, Sydney
Gibson, Zachary
Hayden, Malcolm
Large, Dudley-James
St. John, Abigail

Drama Design Scholarship
Carr, Aryn
Cicco, Martin
Cramer, Sydney
DeWeever, Necolet
Eller, Katelyn
Gibson, Zachary
Hayden, Malcolm
St. John, Abigail
Webb, Lily

DEPARTMENT OF VISUAL ARTS
Robert Snell Scholarship
Mayer, Kevin
Wilson, Kaitlan

Endowed Art Scholarship Fresh/Soph.
DuRant, Madison

Gordon B. & Martha Khan Scholarship
Lundy, Jesse
The mission of the Gulf Coast Behavioral Health and Resiliency Center (GCBHRC) is to facilitate wellness, promote integrated healthcare, and improve the quality of life for Lower Alabama residents. The Center provides evidence-based training/educational programs and enables mental/behavioral health services for adults, children, and families located in Mobile and Baldwin Counties. GCBHRC also engages in workforce development, capacity building, and resiliency-enhancing therapeutic programs while conducting programmatic evaluation and disseminating up-to-date research. The GCBHRC is also committed to enhancing the training and education of undergraduates, graduates, post-doctoral fellows, psychiatry residents and child psychiatry fellows who are affiliated with the University of South Alabama. The GCBHRC has focused on increased community capacity for trauma-informed care, building sustainable community-wide partnerships that include law enforcement, education, and health care providers, and dissemination of lessons learned.

During 2017-18, GCBHRC met its mission by:

**SERVICE DELIVERY**
Providing Mental and Behavioral Health services at:

- University of South Alabama Psychological Clinic through the establishment of a Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy clinic
- University of South Alabama (USA) Family Medicine
- USA Trauma Center
- Mobile County Health Department (MCHD)
- Altapointe
- Mobile County Public School System
- Baldwin County Board of Education

Across sites, GCBHRC Behavioral Health Providers have provided care to over 10,000 individuals this year alone.

**SYSTEM CHANGE**
In collaboration with community/university partners we established both the University of South Alabama Disaster & Trauma Alliance (USA ATA) and the Pediatric Integrated Health Psychology Training Group. USA ATA was established to create a community of trauma-informed educators, clinicians, and scientists of various backgrounds and expertise. The University of South Alabama Pediatric Integrated Care Team was formed to share resources, increase synergy around existing activities and grant proposals, and to train CCP students on how to provide MBH services in pediatric primary care. We have also joined the USA Opioid Interest Group and the USA Obesity Collaborative Network.

**TRAINING**
The GCBHRC has trained or provided funding for over 1,000 people to be trained in a variety of evidence-based programs including:

- Youth Mental Health First Aid
- Adult Mental Health First Aid
• QPR (Question, Persuade, Respond) – Suicide Prevention Program
• Mental Health First Aid: Public Safety
• Law Enforcement Wellness Seminar
• Crisis Intervention Team Training
• Psychotropic Pharmacology
• Telemedicine
• The 5th Annual Generational Resiliency Conference
• Trauma-Informed Primary Care
• Trauma-Informed School In-service
• Trauma-focused CBT
• Chronic Disease Management
• Brief evidence Based Psychological Treatment – Semester long practicum
• ISTSS Advanced Trauma Certificate Course

DISSEMINATION
The Center has collaborated on grant submission with partnerships to include Mobile Police Department, City of Mobile, Lifelines Family Counseling Center, Mobile County department of Health, Mobile County Public School System, East Carolina University, University of Southern Mississippi, USA Department of Speech and Audiology, USA College of Nursing, USA School of Scientific Computing, and USA Trauma Surgeons.

The Center has disseminated information through publications, oral presentations, posters, and workshops. We have had 9 peer reviewed manuscripts/book chapters published (during the 2017-2018 academic year), with 6 more papers in press! We have a number of other manuscripts in submission at peer-reviewed journals. We have given over 25 professional presentations this year. GCBHRC has also presented 16 posters at various conferences to include the 35th Annual
Psychology continues to be a very popular discipline. It attracts majors, minors, and a host of students who take Psychology courses as part of their general education. The introductory psychology course provides instruction to approximately 1600 students during the course of the academic year, mostly to students in fields of study other than psychology. Upper division courses are also populated by many students in fields of study other than psychology. The popularity of psychology is also apparent from the number of students that major in this field of study. Currently, approximately 356 students are majoring in psychology which is one of the fields of study with the most majors in the College of Arts and Science. Many students majoring in psychology not only receive the quality education provided in the context of the classroom, but also get additional training and experience from the mentoring faculty provide in the context of directed studies, participation in the Honors program, participation in the UCUR program, and participating in practicum.

**Department Chair**: Dr. Lisa Turner, (Interim Chair)

**Professors**: Dr. Joshua Foster, Dr. Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling, Dr. Martin Rohling, Dr. John Shelley-Tremblay, Dr. Lisa Turner, Dr. Charles Brown

**Associate Professors**: Dr. Benjamin Hill, Dr. Phillip Smith, Dr. Mark Yates, Dr. Kimberly Zlomke

**Assistant Professors**: Dr. Joseph Currier, Dr. Joshua Isen, Dr. Krista Mehari, Dr. Laura Powell

**Instructors/Adjunct Faculty**: Dr. Victoria Armstrong, Dr. Nathaniel Abston, Ms. Meagan Broadway, Dr. David Chavers, Dr. Kelley Drayer, Dr. Harvey Joanning, Dr. William Kringle, Ms. Jana Lane, Dr. William Mace, Dr. Murry Mutchnick, Dr. Mystera Samuelson, Mr. Steve Urbanek, Dr. Linda Williamson, PhD

**Secretaries**: Ms. Wanda Milliner, Ms. Lisa Nash, Ms. Arlene Vickers
continued Departmental Highlights
In 2017-2018, 18 undergraduate practicum students worked in the Mobile community for a total of 1960 hours. Students were also active in research through directed studies courses where they gain experience from assisting in the program of research conducted by psychology faculty members. This experience frequently culminates in students presenting research at psychological conferences.

or the 2017-2018 academic year, undergraduate majors in psychology participating in either the Honors program, or taking directed studies courses made 27 research presentations at professional psychology conferences. Two students published papers in peer-reviewed publications. In addition to these accomplishments, two undergraduate students received awards for their outstanding performance. Meghan Dean received the outstanding undergraduate student award and Gabrielle Craig received the Pinnacle award.

The doctoral program in combined clinical/counseling psychology continues to be a popular program particularly since receiving APA accreditation. Applications for the program continue to be plentiful resulting in the difficult task of deciding on which of many very qualified students will be admitted to the program. Clinical and Counseling Psychology faculty members are attracting applicants from across the nation. Students in the 2017-2018 incoming class are from Washington, New York, North Carolina, Missouri, Michigan, Mississippi, and Georgia. The Master of Science experimental program emphasizing Behavioral and Brain Sciences is also moving forward with recent graduates being accepted into Ph.D. programs. Students in the CCP Doctoral program distinguish themselves by being accepted to APA accredited internships. Graduate students in both programs are presenting at professional conferences and publishing in peer reviewed journals. For the 2017-2018 year, psychology graduate students have presented 59 research posters/papers at professional conferences and have authored or co-authored 40 peer reviewed papers that are either published or in-press. Sarah Taylor, Jan-Louw Kotze, and Melissa Myers received the outstanding Master of Science awards, and Timothy Carroll received the outstanding doctoral student award. By any measure, the graduate programs are training students that will be productive psychologists who will make important contributions to the profession.

To support the graduate students, the clinical/counseling faculty members continue to be active and successful in securing grants and contracts that fund assistantships. In addition to the assistantships provided by the USA foundation and the Graduate School, support is obtained from contracts with agencies such as the USA Health Service, The Learning Tree, Veteran Affairs, Lifelines Counseling Center, Gulf Coast Behavioral Health and Resiliency Center, as well as from grants from SAMHSA and the Department of Justice.

The Psychological Clinic continues to be an important and integral part of the Psychology Department and training ground for the doctoral program in clinical/counseling psychology. Doctoral students obtain valuable training in the delivery of psychological interventions under the supervision of clinical and counseling psychologists. The Psychological Clinic is also a resource where clinical and counseling psychologists can conduct their part-time private practice. The clinic is increasingly being recognized as a valuable community resource with the number of patients seen in the clinic increasing each year. During the 2017-2018 year, the USA Psychology Clinic served 554 new clients. A total of 742 unique clients were seen during this year, for a total of 3,611 attended appointments.

or 2017-2018, a total of 4,368 appointments were scheduled with student clinicians. Clients attended 3,010 of these scheduled appointments, resulting in 3,443 direct contact hours. Attended (student) appointment types included Screening (8.9%), Counseling (62.9%), Assessment/Feedback (16.4%), Group or Couples Counseling (6.7%), and Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (5.1%). During the academic year, CCP faculty members provided services to 245 unique clients for a total of 430 direct contact hours.

Psychology faculty members have had another very successful year pursuing their individual programs of research and contributing to the psychological knowledge base. The various research programs have resulted in 47 published manuscripts in peer reviewed journals, 6 book chapters, and 2 edited books this year. The psychology faculty members were also active participants in professional conferences, making 10 presentations at international conferences, 41 presentations at national conferences, 13 presentations at regional conferences, and
13 presentations at local conferences. While much of this research is not supported by grant funding, a significant portion is funded by internal and external grants. For the 2017-2018 academic year psychology faculty are receiving external grant funds from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and Templeton World Charity. Additionally, the Gulf Coast Behavioral Health and Resiliency Center continues its mission supported by the eight million dollar oil spill fund. Obviously faculty members are actively pursuing grant funding and having some success in this arena.

In addition to maintaining an active research program, faculty members contribute to the profession of psychology in a variety of ways. All faculty members serve as ad hoc reviewers for manuscripts sent to peer reviewed journals. Faculty members have served as ad hoc reviewers for journals such as Journal of Autism and Developmental Disabilities, Journal of Clinical Psychology, Behavioral Science, Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition, Mindfulness, and The European Journal of Cognitive Psychology. Faculty also serve on the editorial boards or operate as consulting editors of journals such as Journal of Child and Family Studies, Journal of Attention Disorders, Death Studies, and Partner Abuse.

Further evidence of the quality of the faculty is the awards they receive and the leadership positions that they hold in their organizations. Dr. Rohling received the distinguished Service Award from the National Academy of Neuropsychology. Dr. Ben Hill is the current President of Mobile Area Psychologists. Jack Shelley-Tremblay directed South Alabama Science Olympiad for the Alabama Academy of Sciences.

In sum, Psychology faculty and students have devoted their time and energy to teaching and learning, research, and service. Their productivity is documented by the accomplishments reported here. They have made substantial contributions to the development of students, the development of psychological knowledge, and the advancement of the community. They have had a very good year.

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Partner Abuse (Springer)
Journal of Family Violence (Plenum Publishing Corporation)
Aggression and Violent Behavior (Pergamon)

ABSTRACTS

DR. KIMBERLY ZLOMKE


GRANTS AWARDED

AWARDED

DR. JOSEPH CURRIER


DR. JENNY LANGHINRICHSEN-ROHLING


DR. KRISTA MEHARI
Mehari, K. R. (Principal), Brocato, B. (Co-Principal), & Zlomke, K. (Co-Principal), (2018-2019). Life and Stress during Pregnancy, Sponsored by Faculty Development Council, University of South Alabama, Internal to the University, $5,000.00.

DR. JACK SHELLEY-TREMBLAY
Shelley-Tremblay, J. Principal Investigator. (2015-Present). University of South Alabama Undergraduate Research Program. This program develops and funds students to work directly with mentors in STEM fields to engage in one-on-one mentored research. We provide weekly training for 10 weeks in research ethics, publication, writing, grantmanship, and graduate school and fellowship application processes. National Air and Space Administration. NASA Subaward #17 – 0339, $80,000.

DR. PHILLIP SMITH

ACTIVE

DR. JOSEPH CURRIER


DR. BENJAMIN HILL
Hill, B. D. (2017 - 2018). Psychoeducational Services, Sponsored by USA Athletic Department, Internal to the University, $11,000.00.

DR. JOSHUA ISEN
Isen, J. D. (2017) Investigating familial resemblance for facial attractiveness: A yearbook study, USA Faculty Development Council, $4,800.

DR. JENNY LANGHINRICHSEN-ROHLING
Langhinrichsen-Rohling, J. Consultant, Emerging Scholars Grant with Dr. Ishara Ramkissoon (Pl), USA Speech Pathology and Audiology. (January 2017 – December 2017). Total grant approximately $116,034. Gulf Region Health Outreach Program (GRHOP), Tulane University Occupational and Environmental Health Literacy Project. Openwater Horizon Class Action Settlement.


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DR. PHILLIP SMITH

Smith, P. N. (PI) (2016 - 2019) Garrett Lee Smith Campus Suicide Prevention Grant, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SM062490), $306,000.

Lockman, J. (PI) & Smith, P. N. (Consultant) (2014) Tennessee Lives Count, Target Zero Suicide Grant Awarded to Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SM062098), $3.68M.


DR. KIMBERLY ZLOMKE


PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

DR. JOSEPH CURRIER


Szabo, K., Baker, K., Bradley, S., Hammock, S., Ward, S., Weaver, D., . . . oster, J. D. (2018, March). Age-appropriate and inappropriate expressions of narcissism and what they imply about related expressions of narcissism in older and younger people. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, Charleston, SC.

oster, J. D. & Turner, I. N. (2018, March). In search of nonvoluntary commitment: A latent profile analysis of investment model mechanisms in highly committed romantic partners. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

Turner, I. N., & oster, J. D. (2018, March). A high-powered test of associations between Dark Triad traits and emotional and cognitive empathy. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

Baker, K., Hammock, S., Szabo, K., Ward, S., Weaver, D., Kotze, J-L., & oster, J. D. (2018, March). Grandiose and vulnerable narcissism are both linked to low relationship commitment, but for different reasons. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.


**DR. BENJAMIN HILL**


Psychological Association conference, Orange Beach, AL.


DR. JOSHUA ISEN

DR. JENNY LANGHINRICHSEN-ROHLING


Langhinrichsen-Rohling, J. (2018, April). Leveraging a culturally diverse health workforce to increase community resilience. Presentation at the 11th Xavier University of Louisiana’s Annual Health Disparities Conference, New Orleans, LA.


Langhinrichsen-Rohling, J. (2017, September). Mobile Alabama research initiative on unsupervised sexual assault kits: Preliminary findings. Webinar presented to national audience associated with the SAKI funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Department of Justice.


DR. KRISTA MEHARI


DR. LAURA POWELL


DR. JACK SHELLEY-TREMBLAY


**DR. PHILIP SMITH**


**DR. LISA TURNER**


**DR. MARK YATES**

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