Recognition

Dr. Penny Pasque (ELPS) has been named a 2011 Diamond Honoree by the American College Personnel Association (ACPA), a national student affairs organization. This honor is bestowed on those who have sustained outstanding efforts in the field of student affairs and higher education.

Service

- Prof. John Covaleskie (ELPS) has been selected to be the new Editor of the Journal of Thought beginning Spring 2011. The Journal of Thought, partly sponsored by the Society of Philosophy and History of Education (SOPHE) is a peer-refereed publication devoted to the reflective examination of educational issues and problems.

- Dr. Robert Palmer, ARRC Director, was recently appointed for a three-year term on the American Meteorological Society’s Scientific and Technological Activities Commission – Radar Meteorology Committee.

- Prof. Mitchell Smith (Political Science & International and Area Studies) was elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the European Union Studies Association for a four year term beginning in 2011.

Students

- Ms. Amy Hufnagel (M.S. student, CEES) won the 2011 Edward K. Rice Scholarship from the Post-Tensioning Institute. Hufnagel and her faculty advisor Prof. Thomas Kang will be honored at an awards ceremony that will be held in conjunction with the Post-Tensioning Institute's 2011 Annual Technical Conference this May.

- Mr. Trevor Grout (CEES M.S. student working in the ARRC) recently received the Oklahoma Transportation Center Outstanding Student of the Year award. Grout was one of 60 recipients nationally to receive this award, which recognizes outstanding achievement in and contribution to transportation research and education.

- Ms. Meg Myers Morgan (Interdisciplinary Ph.D. student at OU-Tulsa and a graduate research assistant in the Center of Applied Research for Nonprofit Organizations) was recently awarded external funding from the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation to investigate the impact of youth development program on community engagement and philanthropy.

Funding

Dr. Steven Vande Moortele (Music Theory) received a $55,000 grant from the Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung (Bonn, Germany). Vande Moortele will use the grant to pursue research into musical form, narrative, and intertextuality in the genre of the programmatic overture in Germany during the second quarter of the nineteenth century.

Drs. Andrew Madden and Megan Elwood Madden (Geology & Geophysics) with co-investigators Dr. Victoria Hamilton (Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, CO) and Dr. Barry Bickmore (BYU) have been awarded $367,587 over 3 years from the NASA Mars Fundamental Research Program for their project, "Pathways to Mars Analogue Hematite through Nanoparticle Aggregation."
Scholarship

Dr. Kathleen Crowther’s (History of Science) book, *Adam and Eve in the Protestant Reformation*, was published by Cambridge University Press. In this book, Crowther explains that 16th-century German Lutherans used stories about Adam and Eve to define, defend and disseminate their views.


Dr. Mariëlle Hoefnagels (Botany & Microbiology and Zoology) has recently published the second edition of *Biology: Concepts and Investigations*, by McGraw-Hill Higher Education. This textbook emphasizes evolution, scientific inquiry, and student study skills for use in introductory biology courses.

Event

The College of Architecture will host a Research and Creative Activity Day on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 from 8:30am-5pm. The event will highlight the work of the College of Architecture faculty and students involved in research and creative projects of the built environment. Work from the Norman and Tulsa campuses will be displayed in both a gallery and presentation format at the college facilities 559 W. Main Street in Norman. Students, faculty, staff, and the general public are welcome to attend.

School of Art and Art History

*Transit*, a film by Prof. Bernard Roddy, will be screened at “Big Muddy Film Festival” at SIU Carbondale in late February and was shown in November at “exist-ence: a festival of performance art, live art and action art” in Brisbane, Australia. Roddy also showed *Variation III for Wheelbarrow*, January 29 at the Galeria Weber-Lutgen in Seville, Spain, as part of the “*Jornadas Internacionales de Arte de Acción del Pumarejo*.”


Cover Stories

Dr. Matt Traxler, (Microbiology, Ph.D. alumnus and postdoctoral fellow at Harvard Medical School) will have his article “Discretely calibrated regulatory loops controlled by ppGpp partition gene induction across the ‘feast to famine’ gradient in *Escherichia coli*” highlighted with an Invited Commentary and featured on the cover of the March edition of the journal, *Molecular Microbiology*.

OU Professors from the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry along with a colleague from the College of Dentistry at OU Health Sciences, Drs. P. Matthew Joyner, Jinman Liu, Zhijun Zhang, Justin Merritt, Fengxia Qi and Robert H. Cichewicz, were featured on the cover of the December issue of *Organic & Biomolecular Chemistry* for their research on Mutanobactin A.