FACULTY REPORT OF EXCELLENCE
2022–2023
Southwestern University's faculty daily demonstrate their commitment to advancing knowledge and the human condition by their work in the classroom, in the lab or field, and in communities around the world. They motivate students to read deeply and think critically, to be open to new ideas and creatively apply what they learn to real world challenges. As mentors they help students find their passions, seek meaningful careers, and pursue social justice. Through words, music, art and performance, they inspire all of us to be our better selves, and to never stop learning.

The following pages celebrate the excellence of our faculty, students and staff—collaborations, research and scholarly works, awards and honors, presentations and performances—from April 1, 2022, to May 30, 2023.
BIOLOGY
Jennie DeMarco
Assistant Professor DeMarco and Gabrielle Garza ‘22, Guadalupe Sanchez ‘23, and Christine Vanginault ‘23 attended a conservation summit on July 27, 2022, at the Copper Mountain ski resort in Colorado. DeMarco and local partners presented their research project, “Ski Slope Restoration as a Nature Climate Solution,” at the summit, which sought to help resort operators, land managers, and researchers share methods for enhancing the conservation of local ecosystems impacted by recreation.

Kim McArthur
Assistant Professor McArthur, with co-authors Emma Astad ‘21, Emmett Griffin-Baldwin ‘22, Bria Tovar ‘22, and Tori Tovar ‘22, wrote a research article for the Journal of Comparative Neurology. The article “Early development of respiratory motor circuits in larval zebrafish (Danio rerio),” provides critical foundational information about the development of an emerging model circuit in developmental neurobiology, setting the stage for future work on synapse development.

CHEMISTRY & BIOCHEMISTRY
Mike Gesinski
Associate Professor Gesinski and four SCOPE research students—Nathaniel Blake ‘24, Michelle Nguyen ‘23, Yaz Sebastiany ‘24, and Chelsey Southwell ‘24—attended the 47th National Organic Chemistry Symposium June 26–30, 2022, in San Diego. They met with scientific leaders from academia and the pharmaceutical industry, including three Nobel laureates, and presented three posters. Nguyen was awarded best poster for “Titanium-Mediated Synthesis of Cyclobutanones.”

Emily Niemeyer, Mike Gesinski, Sara Massey
Professor Niemeyer, Associate Professor Gesinski, and Assistant Professor Massey collaborated with the following students who presented posters at the American Chemical Society Spring 2022 meeting in San Diego: Yusuf Buhari ‘23, Sean Calvert ‘22, Gabrielle Cano ‘22, Natalie Gierat ‘22, Rhoda Hijazi ‘22, Jared McCormack ‘22, Neha Momin ‘22, and Ethan Shilgalis ‘22.

COMMUNICATION STUDIES
Lamiyah Bahrainwala
Assistant Professor Bahrainwala supervised a project by Demi Tomasides ‘22, who presented a paper, “Othered: The Black and White Portrayal of Neurodiversity in Grey’s Anatomy,” at the 2022 Alpha Chi National Convention March 24–26 in Austin. Bahrainwala also:
• Supervised five student projects presented at the 2023 Undergraduate Scholars Research Conference in Phoenix. Reviewers highly commended the SU students who won three out of the four Top Paper Awards, including Katie Love ‘23, Preston Willis ‘23, and Jordan Preston ‘23. Other student presenters included Jenna Baird ‘23 and Caden Cox ‘23. Students Nina Mitrofanova ‘23 and Alli Ziehm ‘23 were also invited to present.

EDUCATION
Michael Kamen
Professor Kamen presented with student Allison Henties ‘24 on her King Creativity project, “The Reasons for Seasons,” at the 2022 International Consortium for Research in Science and Mathematics Education in Panama City, Panama. Kamen and Assistant Professor Debra Plowman (A&M Corpus Christi) also presented “Slide Rules: to the Moon and Back.”

Jennifer Stokes
Professor McLean and SCOPE research students
Scott McLean
KINESIOLOGY
Associate Professor Berrones worked with Jethro Hernández Berrones '22 (Anthropology), who presented the paper "Challenging Norms: Gender, Obstetrics, and the Gynecological Medicine in Mexico in the 1920s" at the Southern Association for the History of Science and Medicine 2023 Annual Conference in Atlanta. Hernández Berrones mentored Alvarado on the project including archival work in Mexico City.

LIFE SCIENCES

Philippine. The first abstract, "Daily E-cigarette Vapor Exposure Does Not Modify Response to 10% Normobaric Hypoxia in Long-Evans Rats," presented data from the StokesLab summer 2021 faculty-student project conducted by kinesiology student Alicia Peters '23. The second abstract presented additional data from an ongoing pedagogical project.

Erika Berroth
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PHYSICS

Steven Alexander, Mark Bottorf
Professor Steven Alexander and Associate Professor Mark Bottorf supervised the research of Carson Vogel '23, who presented "Modeling Heat Transfer" at the 17th Annual Texas Undergraduate Mathematics Conference at UT Austin on October 29, 2022. The project was a continuation of 2021 and 2022 SCOPE projects focused on solar storage cell development.

Alison Marr
Professor Marr supervised the following student talks at the 2023 meeting of the Texas Section of the Mathematical Association of America: Anderson Johnson '26, Kylee Cormack '22, and Isabella Robinson '25. The paper resulted from SCOPE research begun in 2019.

Fumiko Futamura
Professor Futamura, along with students Sarah Friday '21, Jordan Smith '21, and Aaron Wacławczyk '21, published a peer-reviewed article, "Powers of Defective Matrices From Diagonalizable Dilations," in Linear Algebra and its Applications (March 15, 2023). The paper resulted from a CURM grant, Lewis and Reese presented a talk at the 126th annual meeting of the American Psychological Society (APS) at the 2022 Experimental Biology conference on April 1–5 in Philadelphia. The first abstract, "Daily E-cigarette Vapor Exposure Does Not Modify Response to 10% Normobaric Hypoxia in Long-Evans Rats," presented data from the StokesLab summer 2021 faculty-student project conducted by kinesiology student Alicia Peters '23. The second abstract presented additional data from an ongoing pedagogical project.

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MATH SCIENCES

Scott McLean
Professor McLean and SCOPE research students C. P. Shaulis '22, Sam Anderson '23, and Riley Barlage '23 presented "Lower Extremity Muscle Activity When Walking on a Non-Motorized Treadmill" at the 2022 American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting and World Congress, May 31–June 4, 2022, in San Diego.

Jennifer Stokes
Assistant Professor Stokes presented two research abstracts at poster sessions hosted by the American Psychological Society (APS) at the 2022 Experimental Biology conference on April 1–5 in Philadelphia. The first abstract, "Daily E-cigarette Vapor Exposure Does Not Modify Response to 10% Normobaric Hypoxia in Long-Evans Rats," presented data from the StokesLab summer 2021 faculty-student project conducted by kinesiology student Alicia Peters '23. The second abstract presented additional data from an ongoing pedagogical project.

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Cody Crosby
Assistant Professor Crosby presented with
Jonathan Smart ’23, “Quantifying the Printability of Biomaterial Inks,” on April 23, 2022, at the virtual Heart of Texas Undergraduate Research Conference. Crosby also:
- Attended the 2022 Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES) Annual Meeting Oct. 12-15, 2022, in San Antonio with four FSP research students: Kristie Cheng ’23, Domenic Cordova ’23, Noah Pyles ’23, and Angel Rodriguez ’24. They presented posters focused on the development of a novel biomaterial ink for the blood-brain barrier and the fabrication of a low-cost Ender-3 bioprinter. Students Cordova and Pyles also presented rapid-fire talks on the topic at the Great Plains Biomaterials Day in Lawrence, Kan., on Nov. 4, 2022. Only five of the 35 submissions to the conference were selected for talks.
- Presented with Domenic Cordova ’23 and Nina Woodward ’25 on March 4, 2023, at the Capitol of Texas Undergraduate Research Conference at UT Austin.

Political Science

Bob Snyder
Professor Snyder supervised the work of Antonio Esparza ’22, who presented “Climate-Fueled Authoritarianism in Southeast Asia: A Comparative Case Study of the Philippines, Vietnam, and Thailand,” at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference on April 7–10, 2022, in Chicago.

Emily Sydnor
Associate Professor Sydnor, along with Rachel Berger ’23 and Alaina Dixon ’24, presented “Destructive or Democratic? Perceptions of Civility and Protest Attitudes” at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference on April 7–10 in Chicago.

Psychology

Traci Giuliano

Fay Guaracci
Professor Guaracci coauthored an article, “Daily GnRH Agonist Treatment Effectively Delayed Puberty in Female Rats without Long-Term Effects on Sexual Behavior or Estrous Cyclicity,” with Layla Avendano ’22, Isabel Candelario ’21, Cler Estoesta ’22, Brooke Frohock ’21, Kate Davis ’20, Megan Kelly ’23, Matt Oevermann ’21, Bernard Sencherery ’22, Erin Toro ’21, and Hannah Valdivia ’22, published in Physiology & Behavior, October 2022. Part of the work was supported by SCOPE.
- Guaracci also published, with Megan Kelly ’23, Amanda Gale ’23, Jasmine Belsfield ’23, Natalie Williams ’25, Layla Avendano ’22, Cler Esteostra ’22, Brooke Frohock ’21, Lily Yeper ’22, and Bernard Sencherery ’22, “Chronic periadolescent leptin exposure affects the development of reproductive physiology and behavior of female and male rats differently, but both mature after treatment termination,” in Biology of Sex Differences, Jan. 6, 2023.

Carin Perilloux
Associate Professor Perilloux, along with Allison Hewett ’22, and Vy Nguyen ’22, presented a poster, “Who Gets the Tingles? Modeling ASMR Predictors,” at the Western Psychological Association’s 102nd Annual Convention April 27–May 1, 2022, in Portland, Oregon. The poster represents their SCOPE 2021 work.
- Perilloux also presented, with students Madeline Bollinger ’24, Laurel Mulkey ’24, and Vy Nguyen ’23, a poster, “Calm Yourself Up! Converse Effects of ASMR on Heart Rate and HRV,” at the annual meeting of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology in Atlanta Feb 23–25, 2023. This reflects work completed during SCOPE 2022.

Sociology & Anthropology

Melissa Johnson, Naomi Reed
Professor Johnson accompanied three SCOPE students, mentored by Assistant Professor Naomi Reed, to the Universities Studying Slavery Fall 2022 Conference Sept. 28–Oct. 1 in Charlottesville, Virginia. Student presenters included Maria (Cory) Cameron ’24, “Exploring Policy and Racial Climate,” Aspen Coriz-Romero ’24, “Building Communities of Care and Organizing Resistance at Southwestern University,” and Kellie Henderson ’23, “Early Life of Black Students and Faculty on the Southwestern University Campus.”

Maria Lowe
Professor Lowe supervised a capstone project by ThuyMi Phung ’23 that received the Southern Sociological Society’s 2023 Howard Odum Award for Best Undergraduate Paper. Her capstone paper was titled, “There are always going to be bad people who access guns: Predictors of Americans’ Perspectives on Gun Violence.”

Spanish

Maria de los Ángeles Rodriguez Cadena
Associate Professor Rodriguez Cadena oversaw the work of Spanish majors Evelyn Eason ’22 and Danielle Perales ’23, who presented papers at the Latin American and Latinx Studies Symposium on April 8 at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla. Eason presented “Indigenous Poetry and Ecofeminism in the Work of Irma Pineda Santiago,” which is based on her Spanish honor thesis. Perales presented “The Power of Knowledge: Ludic Humanism in The Motorcycle Diaries.” Both presentations were delivered in Spanish.

Katy Ross
Professor Ross, along with Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science Katie Aha and Catherine Hiebel ’22, published “Populism and Surrogacy in Spain” in Women’s Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal. December 2022.
GRANTS

ART & ART HISTORY
Allison Miller
Associate Professor Miller received the AsiaNetwork/Luce Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowship Grant for Southwestern University. The grant supports the hiring of a postdoctoral fellow for two years, providing $38,000 each year to support the position as well as funding to attend the AsiaNetwork conference. Miller also received a $1,500 AsiaNetwork Speakers Bureau Grant to host St. Olaf College’s Karil Kucera, who gave a class presentation, a public lecture, and had lunch with students.

BIOLOGY
Jennie DeMarco
Assistant Professor DeMarco was awarded a $40,000 research grant from the Bureau of Land Management for her proposal, “Nature Climate Solutions: Evaluating the Role of Wet Meadow Restoration in Climate Change Mitigation and Resilience.”
- DeMarco was also awarded $14,580 from the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservation District for her proposal, “From Transect to Landscape: Investigating the Role of Remote Sensing Tools to Monitor Soil Moisture with Wet Meadow Restoration in the Gunnison Valley.”

COMMUNICATION STUDIES
Bob Bednar
Professor Bednar received a $40,000 “Reframing the Institutional Saga” grant from the Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education and the Council of Independent Colleges for the Placing Memory Project. The project centers on creating high-impact experiences for a team of 12 student researchers conducting archival research, interviews, and site analyses related to who and what is materially remembered and forgotten in the buildings and grounds on Southwestern’s campus. The outcome will be physical and virtual exhibits of campus “memory markers.”

LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, AND CULTURES
Erika Berroth
Associate Professor Berroth earned a materials grant from the German Foreign Office and the German Academic Exchange Service, Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD). The grant covers a curated collection of German language titles for children and young adults, including picture books, graphic novels, non-fiction, and fiction. Students will use the collection to study media, narration, as well as representations of diversity, inclusion, and anti-racism in German literature for young audiences.

MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE
Noelle Sawyer
Assistant Professor Sawyer and Benjamin Call (U of Illinois–Chicago) won funding from the American Institute of Mathematics to organize a research community called “Big Ideas in Dynamics” in 2023. Up to five experts in dynamical systems will give talks on “big ideas” that underlie one of their papers, the talks serving as jumping-off points for graduate student reading groups. It is hoped the groups will lead to graduate students giving expository talks at conferences.

Therese Shelton
Associate Professor Shelton co-led a four-day virtual workshop, “Modeling Inspiration for Differential Equations,” for 25 faculty participants through the Mathematical Association of America’s Online Professional Enhancement and Capacity Building for Instructional Practices in Undergraduate Mathematics program, which is funded through the NSF. The group was invited to apply to organize a workshop based on its previous NSF-funded work.

UNIVERSITY-WIDE
The following sixteen faculty received Sam Taylor Fellowship Fund grants ranging from $945 to $1,150: Erika Berroth, Noelia Cigarroa-Cooke, Cody Crosby, Fay Guarracli, Laura Hobgood, Karen Lara, Kimberly McArthur, Ken Mello, Raquel Moreira, Gabriel Peña, Aaron Prevots, Ángeles Rodríguez, Catherine Bourland Ross, Raquel Sáenz-Ortiz, Rico Self and Jennifer Stokes.

CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY EDUCATION
Maha Zewail-Foote, Alicia Moore
Professor Zewail-Foote and Associate Professor Moore were awarded a grant from the Associated Colleges of the South (ACS) to create a unique virtual cross-institutional faculty mentoring program for early-career faculty of color, FOC connect. The program connects early-career faculty of color with senior faculty from other ACS institutions and provides professional development support as well as networking opportunities.
**BOOKS**

1. **Erika Berroth**  
   Associate Professor of German Erika Berroth co-edited *Behinderungen und Herausforderungen. Disability Studies in der Germanistik*, published by Peter Lang International Academic Publishers, 2002. Included in the volume is her research article on representations of deaf cultures in German film.

2. **Alisa Gaunder**  
   Professor of Political Science and Dean of the Faculty Alisa Gaunder published the second edition of her book, *Japanese Government and Politics*, with Routledge in February 2023. The second edition includes new information on party realignment, elections since 2017, the effects of the global pandemic, and Japanese foreign policy.

3. **Jessica Hower**  
   Associate Professor of History Jessica Hower edited two books: *Mary I in Writing: Letters, Literature, and Representation*; and *Writing Mary I: History, Historiography, and Fiction*; with Valerie Schutte. Published by Palgrave Macmillan, 2022.

4. **Joshua Long**  
   Professor of Environmental Studies Joshua Long co-edited a book with Jennifer L. Rice (University of Georgia) and Anthony Levenda (Evergreen State) titled *Urban Climate Justice: Theory, Praxis, Resistance*, published by the University of Georgia Press. The three editors also authored two chapters in the book. April 2023.

5. **Aaron Prevots**  

6. **Valerie Renegar**  
   Communications Studies Professor Valerie Renegar and Professor Kristi Cole (Minnesota State) co-edited *Refiguring Motherhood Beyond Biology*, 2023. Published by Routledge, the book features essays challenging the biological expectations of motherhood and features work by communication, rhetoric, and motherhood scholars across the U.S., including Southwestern’s Renegar, Assistant Professor of Communication Studies Lamiyah Bahrainwala, Professor of Spanish Katy Ross, and Ross’s student Bailey Barlow 23.

7. **Michael Saenger, Sergio Costola**  
   Professor of English Michael Saenger and Associate Professor of Theatre Sergio Costola collaborated on *Shakespeare in Succession: Translation and Time*, published by McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2023. The edited collection brings together scholars from eight different countries and five continents.
ART & ART HISTORY

Allison Miller

ARTICLES

Communication Studies

Bob Bednar

Economics AND Business

Debika Sihi

English

Eileen Cleere
“Going Downtown: ‘Rights Reading,’” Mental Hygiene, and the Adolescent Sublimation of Victorian Sensation,” Children’s Literature Association Quarterly, April 2022. The essay was first presented as a Paideia Connections Lecture in 2015.

Rebecca Evans
“A Reflection on Teaching Octavia Butler’s Novel Parable of the Sower,” part of the Association for the Study of Literature and Environment’s Zoom In pedagogy series, 2022.

Michael Saenger (English)
Finding Common Ground: A Strategy for Combating the Anti-Israel Movement in the U.S. Academy, a pamphlet published with the Academic Engagement Network, September 2022. Saenger also:

BIOLOGY

Jennie DeMarco

Ben Pierce
“Relative Tail Width as an Indicator of Body Condition in Central Texas Eurycea Salamanders,” August 2022 issue of Herpetological Conservation and Biology.

Maria Cuevas, Maria Todd

CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY/BIOLOGY

Maha Zewail-Foote, Martin Gonzalez
Co-authored “Criscrossing Learning Experiences in an Undergraduate Research-Based Laboratory Course to Promote Reciprocal Peer Learning,” Journal of Chemical Education, March 1, 2023.
Noelle Sawyer


Jacob Schrum

Associate editor of a special issue of IEEE Transactions on Games on the topic of “Evolutionary Computation for Games,” March 2023. The issue included a peer-reviewed contribution from Schrum, external collaborators, and former SCOPE students.

Michael Cooper

World-premiere edition of Margaret Bonds’ setting of the iconic spiritual “We Shall Overcome” as part of the Margaret Bonds Signature Series with Hildegard Publishing Co., Worcester, Mass. Cooper also:
• The first-ever edition of Margaret Bonds’ “Sleep Song” (text by Joyce Kilmer), as part of the Margaret Bonds Signature Series with Hildegard Publishing Co.
• Entry on composer Margaret Bonds for Margaret Bonds Signature Series with Hildegard Publishing Co.
• Entry on Margaret Bonds’ “We Shall Overcome” as part of the Margaret Bonds Signature Series with Hildegard Publishing Co.

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PSYCHOLOGY

Traci Giuliano

“High Impact: Examining Predictors of Faculty-Undergraduate Coauthored Publication and Presentation in Psychology,” in PLOS ONE. All three coauthors, Isham Kimbell ’21, Emily Olsen ’20, and Jennifer Howell ’09, were current or former undergraduates at the time the research was conducted. Giuliano also published “A Three-Pronged Approach for Teaching Psychology Students to Understand and Avoid Plagiarism” in Teaching of Psychology, Aug. 22, 2022.
BOOKS AND FILM REVIEWS

ART & ART HISTORY

Thomas Noble Howe
Reviewed article about St. Andrew’s Church in Kyiv, Ukraine: An Appreciation, by Myroslava Hartmond (Halushka), Academia, April 2022.

HISTORY

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ART & ART HISTORY

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Associate Professor Miller delivered a talk in Chinese, “Painted Bronzes of the Qin and Han: Materials, Decorative Techniques, and Value,” on June 11, 2022, at the virtual conference “Making Artifacts by Modeling Images,” hosted by the Chinese National Academy of Arts in Beijing. Miller presented on a panel titled “Craft and Form.”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

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Romi Burks
Professor Burks presented “Making the Word Chocolate Mean More to Everyone” at the first edition of the Latin American International Festival of Chocolate and Cocoa in Porto, Portugal, on Oct. 22, 2022.
Burks also participated as an invited judge for filled chocolates at The Academy of Chocolate awards in London.
• Burks also gave a number of off-campus presentations in February 2023 about her research on apple snails and environmental DNA and also her passion and philosophy of teaching through chocolate. The chocolate events occurred in person at the Rockport (Texas) Center for the Arts and at Westwood High School in Austin. The Science Stories Podcast was carried live on community radio station KZSM with Mateo Garcia, a postdoctoral researcher at Texas State.

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- Addressed the 2023 American Chemical Society national meeting in the Division of Biological Chemistry’s session on Emerging Areas and New Methods in Biological Chemistry. Her talk was titled “Impact of oxidative damage on H-DNA-induced genetic instability.” March 2023.

**Carmen Velez, Dilani Koswatta**

Director of Organic Chemistry Labs Velez and Director Carmen Velez, Dilani Koswatta attended the 2022 Biennial Conference on Chemical Education July 31–August 4, 2022, at Purdue University. Velez presented her research titled “Culturally Relevant and Inclusion and Belonging through Mentorship and Research-based Laboratory Course that promotes peer-to-peer learning.”

**Jeffrey Easton**

Visiting Assistant Professor Easton presented a paper in a panel on the permutations of Roman political power at the annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, March 23–26, 2022, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.


**Lamiyah Bahrainwala**

Assistant Professor Bahrainwala delivered guest lectures: “Potty Politics,” to honors undergraduates at the University of Texas at Austin; and “Feminist Collaboration,” presented to a feminist organizing graduate seminar at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. Bahrainwala also:


- With Alicia Moore (Education) spoke on the topic of talking to children about race during a parent-education panel for Child’s Day, a child development center in Austin, in August 2022.

- Gave a virtual talk at Arizona State in the graduate seminar Rhetorical Methods. Students read two of Bahrainwala’s publications on equity work in the academy, and her talk focused on the role of the critic in rhetorical criticism and maintaining energy while doing the difficult labor of critiquing inequitable structures. December 2022.

- Gave a virtual talk at the University of Nevada, Reno, in an undergraduate seminar on New Media. The talk focused on feminist surveillance studies and surveillance ecosystems in public spaces built for children. December 2022.

**Raquel Moreira**


**Valerie Renegar**

Professor Renegar presented “Jill Biden, Resistance, and Stepmothering: Resilience in the Neoliberal Landscape” at the Southern States Communication Association Annual Convention in Greenville, South Carolina, in April 2022. She also participated in a panel focused on student accessibility and increasing diversity in online teaching.

**Chandrayee Chatterjee**

Assistant Professor Chatterjee presented her paper “Effect of IPO communication on types of institutional investors” at the JMS Publishing Workshop, organized by the Journal of Management Studies at the Florida International University, Miami, Fl., February 2023.

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- Moore also presented, with Associate Professor Michael Kamen, “New Kids in the Blocks: Pedagogical Models of Play for Social Justice,” at the International Play Association-USA Annual Conference in New York City Feb. 5–9, 2022.

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Eileen Cleere
Professor Eileen Cleere presented a paper, “The Stratified Family Story: Dinah Mulock Craik’s The Head of the Family (1852) and the Problem of Pedophilia,” at the 2022 Interdisciplinary Nineteenth-Century Studies (INCS) Annual Conference, March 24–27 in Salt Lake City.

Rebecca Evans
Assistant Professor Rebecca Evans participated in the symposium, "The Aesthetics of Infrastructure/The Infrastructure of Aesthetics," at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, April 21–22, 2022.

Michael Saenger
Professor Michael Saenger delivered a talk, ‘Addressing Challenges in the Humanities & Social Sciences: Toward a Better Understanding & Use of Key Terms in Combating BDS and Israel Delegitimization,’ at the Academic Engagement Network’s Short Course in Miami on January 9, 2023. Saenger also:
- Presented a paper for an international conference on “Multilingualism in Translation” at the Université Paris Nanterre and served on the Advisory Board. April 2023.

Laura Skandera Trombley
Southwestern President and Professor Laura Skandera Trombley served the Annapolis Group of Liberal Arts Colleges as a President’s Roundtable leader on the topic: Behind the Curtain: Mutual Trust & Board Relationships.

Joshua Long
Professor Joshua Long delivered the opening paper in an eight-session panel on climate coloniality at the American Association of Geographers Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado. The paper was titled: “Climate Justice or Climate Apartheid: Interrogating Three Trajectories of Climate Colonialism.” April 2023.

Brenda Sendejo
Associate Professor Brenda Sendejo presented the paper “The Chicana Movement in Austin: A Legacy of Activism, Feminism, and Intergenerational Encuentros’ as part of MEX-Arte Museum’s ‘Chicano/a Art Movimiento y Más en Austin, Tejas 1960s to 1980s’ exhibit and lecture series. Sendejo also:
- Presented the paper ‘The Spirit Work of bell hooks and Gloria Anzaldúa: Lessons on Radical Love as Resistance,’ at the National Women’s Studies Association annual meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Nov. 10-13, 2022.

Jethro Hernández Barrones
Associate Professor Jethro Hernández Barrones was lecturer and discussant to the inquiry immersion elective course, “Decolonization within the Health Sciences,” at the University of California, San Francisco. Gave a virtual talk, ‘Colonial Legacies in the Mexican Pharmaceutical Industry: The Instituto Médico Nacional (1888-1905) and the Exploration of Medicinal Plants,’ to medical students and guided a discussion about how to dismantle those legacies. Hernández Barrones also:
- Participated in the seminar “History and Historiography of Sciences and Technologies,” and responded to and commented on the presentation “The Spectacular Generic: Pharmaceuticals and the Simipolitical in Mexico,” by Cori Hayden. The seminar was broadcast on YouTube and Facebook. December 2022.
- Served as inaugural lecturer of the First-Year Experience lecture series at St. Mary’s University in San Antonio on October 12, 2022.

Melissa Byrnes
Associate Professor Melissa Byrnes presented the paper “Securing Thresholds: Housing, Family Size, and Alleged Delinquency” at the Western Society for French History Annual Conference in Victoria, British Columbia, on Nov. 4, 2022.
- Byrnes also presented ‘Activist Echoes: Connecting French Anti-Salazarism to Opposition to the Algerian War,’ at a panel on “Leftist Expertise” during the joint Society for French Historical Studies and Western Society for French History conference in Detroit in March 2023. She also moderated a discussion with three authors on their new books about youth activism, anti-imperialism, and radical politics in the Francophone world.

Soojung Han
Assistant Professor Soojung Han presented the paper, “The Newly Integrated Empire: Liao Taizong’s Rule over the Middle Kingdom,” at the Kitan Network Annual Symposium 2023, hosted by Waseda University and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Han also:
- Served as chair and discussant in the panel, “Revisiting the Jin from Digital, Political, Geocultural, and Long-Term Perspectives,” at the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) 2023 annual meeting in Boston.

Joseph Hower

Erika Berroth
Associate Professor Erika Berroth presented ‘Ausgewählte Texte aus Lyrik, Essays, und Romanen von Marica
**Southwestern Mathematics Faculty Present at AAC&U Diversity Conference**

Professor of Biochemistry Maha Zewail-Foote, Associate Professor of Education Alicia Moore, and Professor of Political Science Alisa Gaunder co-presented a virtual session for the Association for American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) 2023 Conference on Diversity, Equity and Student Success. The presentation, “Cross-Institutional Connections: Mentorship, Truth, Belonging, and Retention,” provided an overview of these scholars with senior faculty of color from other ACS institutions.

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at the virtual conference of the Association for Intercultural German Studies at the University of Zadar in Croatia, April 19–22, 2022. Berroth also:
- Presented a webinar, “Pragmatische Program-Building Blocks for Small German Programs,” for the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Special Interest Group on Small Undergraduate German Programs, May 4, 2022.
- Presented the paper “Bilderbuch-Didaktik: Das Potential Anspruchsvoller Bilderbücher für Literaturästhetisches und Sprachliches Lernen im Diversitätsorientierten Unterricht,” at the International Conference of Teachers of German August 15–20, 2022, in Vienna, Austria.
- Delivered a presentation on her experience and expertise in using transparency in teaching and learning (TILT) methodology at the Associated Colleges of the South Working Group: Inclusive Assessment Practices for Flexibility, Rigor, and Equity in the summer of 2022.
- Participated in a three-day seminar, “The Medical Humanities in German Studies,” at the 46th Annual Conference of the German Studies Association, Sept. 15–18, 2022, in Houston.
- Delivered the keynote address, “Honoring Multilingualism and Linguistic Diversity as Ways of Belonging,” at the 54th annual conference of the Tennessee World Language Teaching Association in Franklin, Tenn., Nov. 4–5, 2022.
- Presented a webinar for the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Special Interest Group on Small Undergraduate German Programs. May 2022.

**Abby Dings**

Associate Professor Dings, with coauthor Tammy Jandrey Hertel of the University of Lynchburg, presented “Heritage Spanish Speakers’ Reflections on Their Study Abroad Experiences,” at the 54th annual conference of the German Studies Association, Sept. 15–18, 2022, in Houston.

**Katy Ross**

Professor Ross presented the paper “La Adopción Internacional en La Adopción de Daniela Féjerman” at the PME Contributed Session on Research in the AMS Special Session on The Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education Program; and Associate Professor Therese Shelton presented “Cars, Competition, and Cholera” in the AMS Special Session on Stimulating Student Engagement in Differential Equations through Modeling Activities. Oliver Johnson 24 presented “Perspective Analysis of Van Eyck’s Arnoldini Portrait” in the PME Contributed Session on Research by Undergraduates. His research was supervised by Futamura.

**Southwestern Mathematics Faculty Present in Boston**

Four Mathematics & Computer Science faculty and a student joined more than five thousand mathematicians at the largest math gathering in the world, Joint Mathematics Meetings, in Boston, Mass., January 4–7, 2023. Assistant Professor John Ross presented “Isoperimetric solutions to a 1-dimensional problem within regions and log-concave density” in the AMS Contributed Paper Session; Professor Fumiko Futamura co-led a four-hour Professional Enhancement Program, “Visualizing Projective Geometry Through Photographs and Perspective Drawings;” Professor Alison Marr presented “Distance Magic Labelings of Directed Graphs” in the AMS Special Session on The Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education Program; and Associate Professor Therese Shelton presented “Cars, Competition, and Cholera” in the AMS Special Session on Stimulating Student Engagement in Differential Equations through Modeling Activities. Oliver Johnson 24 presented “Perspective Analysis of Van Eyck’s Arnoldini Portrait” in the PME Contributed Session on Research by Undergraduates. His research was supervised by Futamura.

**Noelle Sawyer**

Assistant Professor Sawyer delivered the talk “Abstracting People out of Mathematics” at the University of Toronto’s Department of Mathematics Equity Forum on Oct. 20, 2022. Sawyer also:
- Gave the talk “Geodesic Currents and the Boundary at Infinity” in the Geometry Seminar at George Mason University on Nov. 14, 2022.
- Was the invited faculty speaker at the Underrepresented Students in Topology and Algebra Research Symposium (USTARS) on March 18-19, 2023. She gave a presentation called “Rigidity in Math and Mathematicians,” covering her work in marked length spectrum rigidity and the rigidity mathematicians force upon each other to conform to the field’s norms.
- Gave an invited talk at Columbia University’s Geometry seminar on April 7, 2023, titled “The Boundary at Infinity and Geodesic Currents.”
- Gave an invited talk at Columbia University’s Undergraduate Colloquium on April 6, 2023, titled “Walking in Loops to Figure out Distances.”

**Michael Cooper**

Professor Cooper helped organize the world premiere of Florence B. Price’s choral/orchestral work “Song of Hope” at Ithaca College and participated in a pre-concert panel discussion on the piece and its significance. Cooper also:
- Was interviewed on historian Pamela Toler’s blog, History in the Margins, about his work in excavating and bringing back into public life the music of Florence B. Price and Margaret Bonds.
- Was a guest musicologist for a two-day Florence Price Festival at Bowling Green State University. In addition to meeting with musicology and other music students, Cooper delivered two lectures: “Hear Her Voice: On Knowing Florence Price, Pianist, Today;” and “With Love, Devotion to the Negro Race and Humanity…” Margaret Bonds and the Social Work of The Montgomery Variations.”
- Delivered a public pre-concert lecture, “FLEX: The Life, Death, and Resurrection of Margaret Bonds and Her Credo,” at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory on the occasion of a performance of the Margaret Bonds/Du Bois Creed by the conservatory’s combined choir and orchestra in the Kaufman Center for the Performing Arts.
- Gave a virtual lecture, “So Now We Are Ambassadors: The Common Ground between Mendelsohn and Wagner as Representatives of German Culture to England,” for the conference Mendelsohn und Wagner: Zwei Leitfiguren der Leipziger Musikgeschichte, hosted by the University of Leipzig, July 2022.

**MATHMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE**

**Fumiko Futamura**

Professor Futamura delivered a talk, “Curious Invariants in Projective Geometry, and Where to Find Them in Art and Music,” at the Rice University Undergraduate Colloquium in Houston on April 5, 2022.

**John Ross**

Assistant Professor Ross presented “An n-bubble Result on a Dense Number Line,” at the Texas MAA Undergraduate Colloquium on April 6, 2023, titled “Visualizing Projective Geometry Through Photographs and Perspective Drawings.”
**PHILOSOPHY**

Jorge Lizarzaburu
Assistant Professor Lizarzaburu presented at the American Association of Philosophy national conference, Pacific Division, in Vancouver, Canada, in 2022.

- Lizarzaburu also presented at an event organized by the Faculty of Sciences at the Universidad Autonóma de México (UNAM) with the support of the Society for the Study of Evolution and the International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology.

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Katharine Aha
Visiting Assistant Professor Aha presented a paper, “Diverse Yet Durable? Interethnic Coalitions and Government Formation,” as part of a panel on government formation, stability, and responsiveness at the 2022 European Political Science Association Annual Conference, June 23–25, 2022 in Prague, Czech Republic.

Alisa Gaunder
Professor Gaunder presented a paper, “Leadership Alisa Gaunder Visiting Assistant Professor Aha presented a paper, Katharine Aha POLITICAL SCIENCE Assistant Professor Lizarzaburu presented at the Jorge Lizarzaburu PHILOSOPHY Portugal. of Europeanists, June 29–July 1, 2022, in Lisbon, University at the 2022 European Political Science Association Annual Conference, June 23–25, 2022 in Prague, Czech Republic.

**PSYCHOLOGY**

Traci Giuliano
Professor Giuliano participated at the 4th Annual College Readiness Symposium (Breaking Barriers, Growing Generations) sponsored by the Austin ISD and held at St. Edward’s University on Feb 11, 2023. Dr. Giuliano gave two sessions of a presentation called "A Professor’s Tips for Succeeding in College."
- Giuliano also delivered a Guest Expert Webinar, “Lessons Learned from Two Decades of Publishing with Undergraduates,” for the National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity.

**THEATRE**

Gabriel Peña

Sandi Nenga
Professor Nenga presented the paper: “When Six Feet Feels Like Six Miles: Children’s Images of Their Lives During the Pandemic,” at the Southern Sociological Society’s Annual Meeting April 6–9, 2022, in Birmingham, Alabama. Hannah Mitchell ‘22 also presented her capstone paper, “Praise on the Stage and Criticism in Class: Understanding Relationships Between Students and Their Instructors in Competitive Irish Dance Studios.”

**SOCIOLOGY & ANTHROPOLOGY**

Melissa Johnson
Professor Johnson presented “Feeling Climate Change in the Unruly Environment of Central Belize” for the roundtable “How Does Climate Change Feel? (Re)Thinking Cultural Embodied Responses To Environmental Precarity,” at the 2022 annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Nov. 9-13, 2022 in Seattle.

**THEATRE**

Sergio Costola
Associate Professor Costola presented the paper “The Battle of Polesella (1509) Diplomatic Relations and the Performing Arts” at the 10th Splendid Encounters Conference, Beyond the Truth. Misinformation and Credibility in Early Modern Diplomacy, Florence, Italy, Oct. 12-14, 2022.

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Eric Selbin
Professor Selbin presented the paper “Revolution as Idea and Practice Today,” chaired a session titled “Reactions to Collective Actions,” and served as a discussant for the panel “Constructing and Displaying Collective Identities,” at the “Critical Margins. Politicizing the Crisis” conference June 15–17, 2022 in Trento, Italy.

Emily Sydnor
Associate Professor Sydnor presented “Uncivil Boundaries: Contesting the Civility of Protesting and Political Elites” at the 2022 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Exhibition on Sept. 15–18 in Montreal, Canada. She also served as a panel chair and discussant for several papers on incivility in American politics.
- Sydnor and Sr. Director of Integrative and Community-Engaged Learning Sarah Brackmann co-presented at AACU’s Annual Meeting. Their presentation, “Building a Campus-Wide Integrated Voter Engagement Effort,” highlighted Southwestern’s success in building and institutionalizing a voter registration, education, and engagement program that spans the student experience.

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ANA ESTEE LLORENS

Ana Esteve Llorens was awarded the Grupo Radio Gandia Prize, in its 12th Edition, in the art category. This annual event recognizes the work and contributions of people, entities, groups, or companies from Valencia, Spain, from different professional fields.

CLASSICS

JEFFREY EASTON

Visiting Assistant Professor Easton was appointed to the Ladislaus J. Bolchazy Pedagogy Book Award Subcommittee of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South. Each year the subcommittee selects the recipient of the award, which recognizes a distinguished new book on classroom instruction in classical languages and culture.

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

LAMIYAH BAHRAINWALA

Assistant Professor Bahrainwala received the 2022 Fellows’ Early Career Award from the Rhetoric Society of America. The annual award is presented to a scholar who has contributed significant, innovative, boundary-expanding research to the discipline.

- Received a Distinguished Scholarship Award for Top Article from the International and Intercultural Communication Division.
- Bahrainwala also received a Distinguished Scholarship Award for Top Article from the International and Intercultural Communication Division at the National Communication Association Convention in New Orleans on Nov. 16–19, 2022.

AWARDS, HONORS, AND APPOINTMENTS

RANUEL MOREIRA

Assistant Professor Moreira received the 2022 International and Intercultural Communication Division’s Distinguished Scholarship Award for Best Book for Bitches Unleashed: Performance and Embodied Politics in Favela Funk at the 2022 National Communication Association (NCA) Annual Convention in New Orleans. November 2022. Bitches Unleashed also received the Innovator Award for Outstanding Book from the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Caucus from the Central States Communication Association.

- Moreira also received, with coauthors Raisa Alvarado (CSU-San Bernardino) and Carlos Flores (CSU-Sacramento), the Top Paper Award from the Media Studies Interest Group of the Western States Communication Association for the essay “Working for the Miracle: A Critical Visual Analysis of Disney’s Encanto.” February 2023.

ECONOMICS & BUSINESS

DEBICA SIHI

Associate Professor Sihi was named one of three finalists in the Marketing Management Association’s (MMA’s) Teaching Innovation Competition at the 2022 MMA Fall Educators’ Conference on Sept. 21–23, 2022, in San Antonio. She also chaired a panel on adapting the existing curriculum to include more data-driven projects/cases.

EDUCATION

MICHAEL KAMEN

Professor Kamen has been elected to the Board of Directors of The Association for the Study of Play (TASP).

ENGLISH

EILEEN CLEERE

Professor Cleere has been promoted to first vice president of Interdisciplinary Nineteenth-Century Studies (INCS), an international group of scholars dedicated to interdisciplinary discussion and research.

FEMINIST STUDIES

BRENDA SENDEJO

Associate Professor Sendejo was elected chair of Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social (MALCS), a professional organization for self-identified Chicana, Latina, Native American/indígena mujeres and gender nonconforming academics, students, and activists. Sendejo co-chaired the program committee for the MALCS 2022 Summer Institute July 27–30, 2022, in Fort Collins, Colorado. Sendejo will co-chair the MALCS 2024 Summer Institute, a historic conference commemorating the organization’s 40th anniversary, in July 2024 at UC Davis.

- Sendejo was also invited to participate as a faculty mentor in the Crossing Latinidades Humanities Research Initiative funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Crossing Latinidades engages cross-institutional and cross-regional comparative research, training
Scott McLean
Professor McLean received the Distinguished Leadership Award for Undergraduate Institutions at the Annual Meeting of the American Kinesiology Association in San Diego, January 26-28, 2023.

Jennifer Stokes
Assistant Professor Stokes received the 2022 Early Career Award in Education Research at the APS Teaching Section Banquet, presented during the American Physiological Society’s Experimental Biology conference April 1–5, 2022, in Philadelphia.

Alison Marr
Professor Marr received the 2023 Ron Barnes Distinguished Service to Students Award, given in recognition of faculty who have distinguished themselves through service and support of undergraduate students within the Texas Section, at the 2023 Meeting of the Texas Section of the Mathematical Association of America, March 24-26 in Stephenville, Texas.

Jacob Schrum
Associate Professor Schrum and the Texas Alpha chapter of Alpha Chi National College Honor Society were awarded the prestigious designation of Notable Chapter for the 2021–2022 academic year. This award acknowledges Schrum and Texas Alpha’s high level of involvement and Southwestern’s commitment to and support for Alpha Chi’s high academic standards and their mission to make scholarship effective for good.

Therese Shelton
Associate Professor Shelton received the 2023 Distinguished Service Award in recognition of faculty who have demonstrated exceptional service to the Texas Section at the 2023 Meeting of the Texas Section of the Mathematical Association of America, March 24-26, in Stephenville, Texas.

Hai Zheng Olefsky
Part-Time Assistant Professor of Music and concert cellist Olefsky was invited to be an adjudicator for a Nov. 12, 2022, strings-cello audition for All-State Orchestra by the Texas Music Educators Association. Three of her students won Cello Audition in the 2022–2023 Texas All-State Symphony, Philharmonic, and Sinfonietta Orchestras, and two of her students from St. Stephen’s School won cello auditions for the Texas Private School Music Educators Association (TPSMEA) 2022–2023 All-State Orchestra.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Laura Skandera Trombley
Southwestern President and Professor Trombley served as an Association of Governing Boards of Universities consultant to Chapman University, which is located in Orange, California.

Brenda Sendejo
Associate Professor Sendejo continued her long-standing relationship with Alma de Mujer Center for Social Change in Austin by taking her Latinx Spiritualities and Chicanx Feminisms students to the center. Students contributed to the center’s garden and learned about the history of Indigenous and Chicanx spiritual activism, feminism, and environmental justice. Sendejo and student researchers will incorporate testimonials and the history of Alma de Mujer on the Latina History Project digital history project website, showing the immense impact of experiential learning.

ENGLISH / OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Amy Rebecca King
Visiting Assistant Professor King organized a panel titled “Mixed-Asian Casting” for the 2022 Association for Theatre in Higher Education Annual Conference on July 28–31 in Detroit. King, along with her colleagues Reiko Aylesworth (Southern Methodist University) and Robert Torigoe (University of Hawai‘i), gathered interviews with actor Amy Hill, casting director Victor Vazquez, and editor-in-chief of Mixed Asian Media Alex Chester and explored the experiences of mixed-Asian actors, as well as the difficulties of casting according to race in film/TV, theater, and media.

PSYCHOLOGY

Traci Giuliano
Professor Giuliano gave a webinar, “Lessons Learned from Two Decades of Publishing with Undergraduates,” for the National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD) in March 2023.

THEATRE

Erika Berroth
Associate Professor Berroth hosted the annual fall meeting of the South Texas Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German on Sept. 24, 2022, at Southwestern. Jennifer Christianson ’99 and current adjunct faculty member in Southwestern’s German Program Erin Osterhaus ’09 participated in the workshop.

• Berroth also served as a judge at the Texas State German Contest on Feb. 25, 2023, at Texas State University in San Marcos. The high school competition brought together more than 1,000 high school students and their teachers from around Texas.
Ana Esteve Llorens
Visiting Assistant Professor Esteve Llorens presented an exhibition of new work at Holly Johnson Gallery in Dallas, Texas, from May 21 to August 6. The exhibition, Possibility of Line, featured woven textiles created over the past two years. Esteve Llorens also:

- Presented a new sculptural installation at Women & Their Work in Austin, Texas, from June 4 to August 4, 2022. The piece, titled “Measuring Device,” is a structure fabricated mainly of steel combined with other materials, including cotton, rope, and wood.
- Exhibited work at the international art fair BAD+ 2022 July 7–10 in Bordeaux, France. Organized by Set Espai d’Art Gallery, the exhibition featured the work of three artists. Two of Esteve Llorens’s sculptures and one installation were included.
- Presented a 2023 exhibition of new work at Set Espai d’Art Gallery in Valencia, Spain. The project, Paisaje, extends Esteve Llorens’s research on “Spatial Weavings.”
- Exhibited work at the international art fair Estampa 2022, Oct. 13–16 in Madrid, Spain. Organized by Set Espai d’Art Gallery, the exhibition was a reflection on contemporary geometry and abstraction.

Thomas Howe
Professor Howe attended the opening of a major new exhibition of Roman painting at the San Antonio Museum of Art, “Roman Landscapes: Visions of Nature and Myth from Rome and Pompeii,” on February 23, 2023. Howe was part of the technical advisory committee, and several frescoes from his archaeological site of the Roman villas of Stabiae were included in the exhibit.

Bob Bednar
Professor Bednar was interviewed for The Taking, a feature-length documentary film by Alexandre O. Philippe about Monument Valley. The film explores how Monument Valley, located on the border of Arizona and Utah but also within the Navajo Nation, has repeatedly been made into a symbol of the white settler myth of the American West by filmmakers and other media producers while denying Navajo sovereignty and subjectivity.

Jethro Hernández Berrones
Translations of medical reports and clinical histories by Associate Professor Hernández Berrones are part of the new “Advanced Topic: Reproductive Histories” section of the History of Science in Latin America and the Caribbean (HOSLAC) archive hosted by the University of New Hampshire.

Katherine Altobello
Part-time Instructor of Applied Music Katherine Altobello ‘99 was the mezzo-soprano soloist in Sergei Rachmaninoff’s “All Night Vigil” with the Texas Bach Festival, under the direction of Dr. Barry Williamson on June 23 and 26, 2022, in Georgetown and Austin. The work consists of 15 movements with a capella chorus and soloists, sung in Church Slavonic/Russian.

Bruce Cain and David Asbury
Associate Professors Cain and Asbury performed at the Cheboygan Opera House in Cheboygan, Michigan, at the Heart of the Turtle Gathering in Mackinaw City, Michigan, and as part of the guest artist series at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Charlevoix, Michigan, in May 2022. Cain and Asbury also:

- Released the second and third video recordings from the song cycle De Amor y Desventura written for the duo in 2017 by Julio Cesar Oliva.
- Performed their program “Canciones por la Vida” as part of the guest artist series at Kalamazoo College on September 29, 2022.
- Made video recordings in June 2022 of works written for them. The video series includes a song from the River of Words Song Cycle entitled “Mariquita,” featuring music by Diego Vega and text by Yutzel Garcia, and “Atmósfera,” the first song from the cycle Sobre La Naturaleza by Diego Luzuriaga.
- Made video recordings of works by Federico Garcia Lorca, Jason Hoogerhyde, Diego Luzuriaga, and Eduardo Martin.
Michael Cooper

Professor Cooper published three new editions of music by Margaret Bonds as part of Hildegard Publishing Company’s Margaret Bonds Signature Series: the Afro-modernist “African Dance” for soprano, baritone, and piano (text by Langston Hughes); “Especially Do I Believe in the Negro Race” for soprano, chorus, and piano (the second movement of Bonds’ setting of the W. E. B. Du Bois prose poem “Credo”), and, most significantly, The Montgomery Variations, a 23-minute orchestral work.

- Cooper also wrote the program notes for the Philadelphia Orchestra’s November 2022 performance of both violin concertos by Florence B. Price.

Adrienne Inglis

Part-time Instructor of Applied Music Inglis’s composition “El Mar” (2020) for mixed chorus and piano was performed by the San Francisco State University Chamber Singers on May 6, 2022. Inglis also:

- Participated in “I Belong to You,” a multimedia experience presented by Inversion Ensemble and featuring the world premiere of “Motherland/I Belong to You,” an oratorio blending poetry, comic book illustration, and choral music, on June 25, 2022.
- Presented, with Shana Norton, “Most Importantly,” a recital of music that explores the things that really matter, with soprano Maureen Broy Papovich and pianist Jeanne Dayton Sasaki. The recital’s centerpiece was the premiere of the song cycle “Most Importantly, Loves” (2021) by Inglis. October 2, 2022, at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Austin.
- Premiered “Oure Light in Oure Night” (2020) for voices and nature soundtrack in Seattle on Dec. 1 and 7, 2022, by the University of Washington combined choirs and in San Francisco on Dec. 9 by the San Francisco State University choir. Portia Hansen and David Utterback premiered “Ma’iingan” for flute and piano at Southwestern, and on Jan. 21, 2023, Inversion Da Capo premiered “Julian’s Hazelnut” for treble choir and clarinet.

Kerry Bechtel

Associate Professor Bechtel designed the costumes for a production of The Sweet Delilah Swim Club at Unity Theater in Brenham, Texas. Unity Theater is a professional theater located between Austin and Houston that brings together professional actors, directors, and designers from both cities. The production ran from June 2–19, 2022.

Desiderio Roybal

Professor Roybal designed A Christmas Carol for Penfold Theatre, which was presented at Old Settlers Hall in Round Rock Dec. 8–23, 2022. The production involved the design of a 1930s radio broadcast venue where five female actors represented all characters while also hand-operating Foley sound effects. The production ran at Old Settlers Hall December 8–18 before moving to the Driskill Hotel in Austin for a two-night run December 22 and 23.

SU Music Faculty Shine in Credo Premiere

Music faculty and students came together for the Texas premiere of the choral/orchestral version of the Margaret Bonds/Du Bois Credo on Feb 25, 2023, in the Alma Thomas Theatre. Professor Lois Ferrari, Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities Holly Dalrymple, and Instructor of Applied Music Chaz Nailor collaborated with Austin-based sopranos Natalie Joy Howard, the Southwestern University Chorale, and the Austin Civic Orchestra to give the Texas premiere of a work recovered, edited, and published by Professor of Music Michael Cooper. The performance was the first time many of the students had sung with an orchestra. The Chorale performed the Credo again the following April with Professor of Bruce Cain (baritone), Part-Time Assistant Professor of Applied Music Julia Taylor (soprano), and Cain again on piano for a second concert.
COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Raquel Moreira
Assistant Professor Moreira was interviewed and quoted as an expert source for a Los Angeles Times profile featuring Brazilian pop star Anitta, who was set to perform at LA Pride 2022.

ECONOMICS & BUSINESS

Debika Sihi
“What Adventure will you Choose: New or Nostalgic?” (op-ed) published in Adweek on June 10, 2022.
- Associate Professor Sihi was also featured in a column about the use of virtual reality technology in education on the technology news and information website Lifewire.

FEMINIST STUDIES

Brenda Sendejo
Associate Professor Sendejo was interviewed by the Texas Tribune about the legacy of La Raza Unida Political Party (RUP) and women’s participation in RUP during the Chicana/o movements. The article coincided with the 50th reunion of RUP in San Antonio in September 2022.

HISTORY

Jessica Hower
Associate Professor Hower recorded an episode for the “Not Just the Tudors” podcast hosted by Professor Suzannah Lipscomb. In the episode, Hower’s co-author, Valerie Schutte, and Hower discussed their two-book edited collection, *Mary I in Writing* and *Writing Mary I*. “Not Just the Tudors” has been running since April 2021 and has had more than six million downloads.
- Hower also recorded an episode for the “Tudors Dynasty” podcast. In the episode, Hower’s co-author, Valerie Schutte, and Hower discussed their two-book edited collection, and were featured in the final, culminating episode in a special series on Mary I.

LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, AND CULTURES

Erika Berroth
Associate Professor Erika Berroth visited with Anton Knittel, director of Literaturhaus Heilbronn in Germany, and contributed to the organization’s podcast *Warum Kleist*? (Why Kleist?), a collection of scholarly voices on the German poet and writer Heinrich von Kleist, who was the subject of one of Berroth’s books. October 2022.

MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE

Noelle Sawyer

MUSIC

Michael Cooper
Professor Cooper was interviewed on the podcast “Her Music Academia,” founded by Lydia Bangura, a music theory Ph.D. student at the University of Michigan. The episode’s conversation retraces the long and winding trail of Cooper’s work on Florence Price and Margaret Bonds.

PHILOSOPHY

Phil Hopkins
Professor Hopkins’ work in developing training curricula for the Austin Police Department was featured in a 60 Minutes episode that noted its innovative and largely unprecedented approach to training as well as institutional and political challenges.

SOCIOLOGY & ANTHROPOLOGY

Melissa Johnson
- Johnson was interviewed about *Becoming Creole* on March 17, 2023, by students at Colorado College. The interview was published as part of the podcast series produced by the Hulbert Center for Southwest Studies.

BIOLOGY

Jennie DeMarco
Assistant Professor DeMarco’s research on nature-based solutions for ski slope restoration was featured in the newspaper *Summit Daily,* which serves the Summit County, Colorado, area. The article highlighted the collaboration between Southwestern University, the Copper Mountain ski resort, and Peak Ecological Services, LLC.
**Staff Notables**

**Alexia Riggs (Academic Affairs)**
Riggs, director of the A. Frank Smith, Jr. Library Center, serves as a Head of Special Collections.

**Megan Firestone (Academic Affairs)**
Head of Special Collections

**Sarah Brackmann (Academic Affairs)**
Senior Director of Integrative and Community-Engaged Learning

**Megan Firestone (Academic Affairs)**
Presented a session, "Digital Humanities for STEM Students: Engaging with Digital Libraries," at the Texas Digital Library’s Digital Collections Summer Love-In, held virtually on July 27, 2022. Received a doctoral degree from Texas A&M University–Commerce. Riggs also:

- Presented "Show me the data: Teaching new librarians how to find institutional data for analysis," for the Midwest Data Librarian Symposium Oct. 5-7, 2022, hosted by Purdue University and Notre Dame.
- Was a guest lecturer at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

**Riggs and Firestone** also attended the 2022 Queer Histories South Conference and presented information on Southwestern University’s archive during the conference information sharing expo. This event includes archives, libraries, historians, and leaders focused on promoting LGBTQ+ archival and history in the South.

**Christine Bowman (Enrollment Services)**
Dean Bowman gave three presentations at the 2022 Higher Education Consultants Association Annual Conference, June 13–17, 2022, in Denver. She delivered a pre-conference case study on financial aid, a session titled “Succeed in Business Without a Business Major,” and another session titled "Test Optional: College and IEC Perspectives.”

**Malissa Ismaila (Student Life)**
Director of Student Inclusion and Diversity, Ismaila was the keynote speaker at the Georgetown Cultural Center's "Calling All the Kinds: Understanding the Interdisciplinary Discourse, Connecting Liberal Arts and Sciences." at the STC Librarians South 2022 Conference, held virtually July 28–29, 2022. Firestone also:

- Spoke at the Sept. 29, 2022, Texas State University Department of History Senior Seminar on a panel titled "What Can I do with a History Degree?"
- Presented on the early history of the George Washington branch of the American Association of University Women at a centennial event.

**Alexia Riggs (Academic Affairs)**
Riggs successfully defended her dissertation, "Collaborative Relationships: Effective Partnerships Between Librarians, Student Affairs, and Faculty.”

**Megan Firestone (Academic Affairs)**
Firestone has been accepted into the doctor of education program at Baylor University. Firestone also:

- Was accepted to the Texas Library Association’s Tall Texans leadership program.
- Was selected to serve on the J. Frank Dobie Library Trust Awards committee. The trust was set up by J. Frank Dobie ’10.

**Brit Katz (Student Life)**
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Riggs has been named to the TexShare Advisory Board and will serve as the state representative for private academic libraries. The TexShare Advisory Board is charged by statute to advise the Texas State Library and Archives Commission on matters relating to the TexShare consortium. Riggs also:

- Was invited to join the Association of College and Research Libraries College Library Director Mentoring Program Board, where she will serve with national library leaders to prepare new library directors for leadership.
- Was appointed to represent academic libraries
in Texas on the Texas Library Association Conference Planning Committee. The committee creates and prepares professional development opportunities for Texas librarians.

- Was elected as the incoming chair of the College and University Library Division for the Texas Library Association. The chair also serves as the president of the Association of College and Research Libraries state chapter. The three-year term includes work promoting and advocating for Texas academic libraries and creating professional development programming.

Becky Rodriguez (University Relations)
Associate Director of Alumni Relations Rodriguez has been selected to join the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Rodriguez graduated from the Chamber’s Leadership Georgetown program in May 2022.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Christine Bowman (Enrollment Services)
Dean Bowman presented on test-optional admission policies with colleagues from Rhodes College, the College of Wooster, and Colleges That Change Lives at the Independent Educational Consultants Association 2022 Spring Conference May 16–18 in Philadelphia.

- Bowman also presented at the 2022 National Association for College Admission Counseling Conference, September 22–24, in Houston. She joined a team of admission and independent consulting professionals for the session “Independent Educational Consulting in 2022: Challenging Myths and Stereotypes.”

Brit Katz (Student Life)
Vice President Katz facilitated the 2023 Leadership Education for the Southern Athletics Association Student-Athletes’ Advisory Council. The event occurred on January 7–8, 2023, in Jackson, Tenn.