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LETTER FROM THE DEAN

Greetings!

As we progress through the Summer of 2022, excitement is building toward another record year at Tarleton State and for the College of Liberal and Fine Arts. We continue to host large orientation events, welcoming new college students and their families and preparing them for a great start to the Fall semester.

Our leadership team is also preparing for another great year as we strengthen our current programs, launch new initiatives, and work together with others across our institution to move Tarleton Forward!

In the pages that follow, you will see highlights from the Spring semester as well as accomplishments by our students, faculty, and alumni. Last month, we honored 24 Outstanding Graduates across all our degree programs. We applauded our majors who commissioned in the United States Army and Air Force! And we continue to see much success from our faculty and alumni who are leading and serving in a wide range of places and fields. Please join us in congratulating all!

As we look to the Fall semester, among several new initiatives is the creation of two departments in Fine Arts. This area, which is so vital to our university and to our region, will include the Department of Performing Arts and the Department of Visual Arts and Design. This change will give our Art and Digital Media programs more visibility for growth and opportunities for our majors. The restructuring is also part of our Fine Arts development initiatives we will launch this Fall.

In addition, we will see the impact of the new Hunewell Endowment on our Bands. A new undergraduate program in Fort Worth in GIS will launch. We will welcome our fourth cohort of PhD students in Criminal Justice. Our successful Town Hall program will expand to 1200 students per semester in Federal and State Government courses. Study Abroad programs for Summer 2023 are already in planning for Spain and Greece. We will continue to build strong collaborations with our partners – the Texas Folklore Society and the Texas Center for Community Journalism.

There are many more things happening at Tarleton State and COLFA. Please stay connected. Plan to join us for upcoming events. Let us know if you plan to visit one of our campuses. The gates are always open. Our invitation is always extended for you to engage in the success and vision of Tarleton State University.

With best wishes for an enjoyable Summer,

Eric





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OUTSTANDING

Graduates

The College of Liberal and Fine Arts hosted the semester ceremony recognizing outstanding undergraduates and master's students. These students stood out in their programs and held the values of Tarleton State University to be true. COLFA is confident these students will continue to uphold the values and leave a lasting impression wherever they go. **Congratulations, graduates!**



Lauren Harris
Master of Arts in
Communications



Emily Hoog
Communications



Alexis Soriano
Master of Criminal Justice



Natalie Hollingsworth
Criminal Justice



Joshua Hutchins
Criminal Justice



Hayley Danley
Master of Arts in English Literature



Sierra Dyson
English & Teaching Certificate

Outstanding Graduates (cont.)



Sanjuana Olvera
Spanish



Shenayah Stanfield
English



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Debra Glasgow
English Literature



Kylie Carroll
Digital Media Studies



Brooke Christofferson
Music



Taira Davis
Art



John Maldonado
Music



Julia Pace
Performance



Jordyn O'Banion
Theatre

Outstanding Graduates (cont.)



Jerry Addington
History



William Brock
Geography and GIS



Harrison Culwell
History & Teacher Certification



Destiney Martinez
Sociology



Westin Hankins
General Studies



Brianna Seidner
Legal Studies



Collin Yancey
Political Science



Isaac Robles
Public Administration



Nine COLFA Students Commissioned

On May 12th, ten students were commissioned from Tarleton State ROTC. Nine are majors in the College of Liberal and Fine Arts. To be commissioned, cadets must complete their undergraduate degree, including a military science curriculum and leadership development training. Over their four years, cadets are challenged mentally and physically. Below are the students who are a part of the College of Liberal and Fine Arts.

Jerry Addington, B.A. in History
Justin Bray, B.A. in Criminal Justice
Daniel Churchill, B.A. in Criminal Justice
William Sproull, B.A. in Criminal Justice
Esaia Terron, B.A. in Criminal Justice
Justin Trussell, B.A. in Criminal Justice
Garrett Wood, B.A. in Political Science
Jacob Worley, B.A. in Criminal Justice



COLFA Networking Visit to Mineral Wells and Palo Pinto

COLFA Dean Eric Morrow together with Janice Horak, Executive Director of Development, traveled to Mineral Wells and Palo Pinto today for the monthly COLFA networking trip. In addition to touring the National Vietnam War Museum (opening in late June), they met with David May, Mineral Wells Area Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, and Marcelinda Williams, Director of Membership Services. Discussions focused on community journalism and potential collaboration on partnerships for education and workforce development. After a visit to the renovated Crazy Water Hotel, they had lunch with Mineral Wells Mayor Regan Johnson, Tarleton alumna. Mayor Johnson is also the owner of Brazos Market & Bistro in downtown Mineral Wells. Assisting with the networking visit was Mary Creighton, Tarleton alumna, who provided a tour of the Mineral Wells Women's Club which is in the historic US Post Office. The tour was followed by a trip to Palo Pinto and a meeting with the Palo Pinto County Historical Commission to discuss potential collaboration for events at the Old Jail Museum Complex and in Palo Pinto County that highlight the history of the region.

For the past two years, the COLFA monthly networking trips throughout the region have engaged new public and civic collaborations, led to student research and internship opportunities, and fostered more opportunities for engagement of the College's faculty, students, and programs with applied experiences and networking for future vocational pursuits. To date, the visits have connected with over 100 networking partners in government, civic and cultural organizations, community journalism, education, and chambers of commerce in 15 cities.

The network partners are also invited each year to participate in the COLFA Leadership Council, and annual meeting with faculty, students, and college leadership around our programs to increase regional collaboration.

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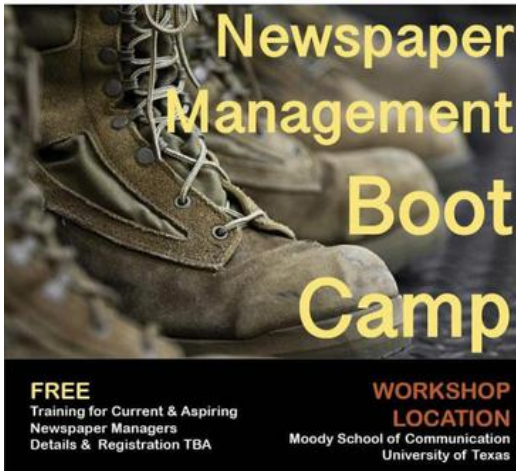


Dean Morrow and
Ms. Janice Horak with
alum and Mineral Wells
Mayor, Regan Johnson

Newspaper Management Bootcamp

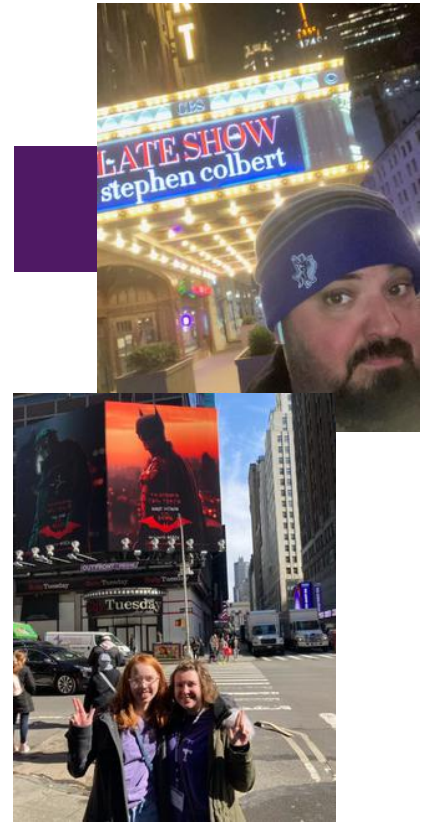
The Texas Center for Community Journalism hosted a Newspaper Management Bootcamp at the Moody School of Communication at the University of Texas June 1-3. A panel of experts from across the United States as well as right here in Texas took deep dives into Community Newspaper Management in today's economy. Topics included Managing a P&L Statement, Connecting with your Community, Promoting Diversity in your Newsroom, Archiving on a Dime, Leading the Newspaper & Leading in your Community, and much more.

June 1 - 3, 2022



Texan News Service

Two students, Sierra Wells and Elizabeth (Black) Guajardo, traveled with Austin Lewter to the College Media Advisors conference in New York City, NY. They attended panels at the conference and learned about how college media operates in institutions of higher education across the nation. They even got to see a show, the Phantom of the Opera!



Journalism Students visit Texas Press Associations

Student journalists from Tarleton State University and Austin Lewter, director of the Texas Center for Community Journalists, conducted a roundtable discussion with community journalists with the North and East Texas Press Association and West Texas Press Association about how they consume news and expectations about the industry's job market.



TSMRI/Rural Communication Institute Annual Conference

The TSMRI and RCI teams, under the direction of Dr. Jennifer Edwards, created a great conference. Some topics included, COVID-19 outreach, social media, and using technology in the classroom. Dr. Edwards, Dr. Tracey Holley, and Austin Lewter, director of the Texas Center for Community Journalism, were featured speakers.



Grad Students Present at Southern States Communication Association

Grad students Lauryn Harris and Anna Laurent are taking over SSCA. They presented about virtual internships and the Rural Communication Institute, with Dr. Jennifer Edwards in Greenville, SC. Dr. Edwards also presented on rural community engagement.

COMM Outstanding Graduates

Undergraduate: Emily Hoog

Graduate Student: Lauryn Harris

PRC Student: Robin Hardin

PRSE Student: Faith Branch

Ft. Worth Major: Heather Stewart

TNS Staffer: Sierra Wells

Filmmaker: Jimena Espinoza

TSMRI/RCI Intern: Anna Laurent

Sports Network intern: Adam Goodman

Grad Student News



Lauryn Harris and Anna Laurent are presenting at the Southern States Communication Association's (SSCA) annual research conference.

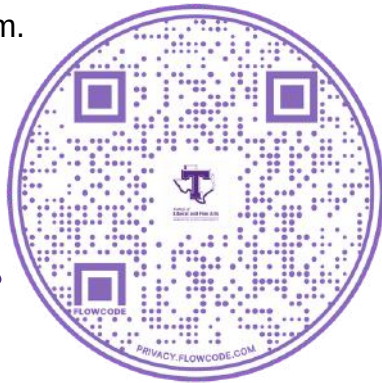
Developing a Virtual Internship Program for Rural Communication with Dr. Jennifer Edwards and the Rural Communication Institute

#thinkruralcomm

Dr. Edwards Quoted in LA Times

Dr. Jennifer Edwards was quoted in the LA Times about Twitter as Elon Musk was considering purchasing the platform.

Scan to read the article!



Dr. Edwards & Dr. Gandhi Lead Public Health Week

Dr. Jennifer Edwards and Dr. Subi Gandhi worked hard to put together an awesome Public Health Week! Dr. Becky Earlie-Royer from the Texas Department of State Health Services served as the keynote speaker and spoke on the public health workforce development and Texas history walk. Students were able to have a firsthand look at what the Texas Department of State Health Services looks for in applicants for open positions as well as the effect of COVID-19 on public health.



Dr. Holley Selected for National Symposium

Dr. Tracey Holley was one of 18 Communication Studies faculty from across the country selected to participate in McGraw-Hill's Basic Course in Communication Symposium. Her goal: help develop learning materials that work for today's students and faculty.



Former Department Assistant Retires

Happy Retirement to Pam Carpenter, who served as our departmental assistant for many years! Most recently, she was an Advancement Services Officer at Tarleton State. She retired this spring.

COMM Intern & Alum Spotlights

Tyler Barabas

Manages the Pinterest and Instagram accounts for Ivory Bell Floral as well as assisting with weddings. "This internship has given me a different perspective of being an event planner. I have enjoyed everything from posting on the social media pages to the late nights spent trying to clean up a wedding before a venue fines us. I have appreciated this opportunity!"

Triston McGehee¹

Triston shared a photo from his internship with the Gatesville Messenger. He is shooting pictures of the Gatesville High School basketball games!

Mattie Bachmayer

Mattie is an intern in activities at Mulberry Manor Nursing Home. "I can't wait to see the future opportunities I can pursue in senior living."

Reagan Rodgers²

"During my internship in the Marketing and Communications department here on campus, I have learned so much about multimedia production. I help make videos for the university's social media accounts and YouTube, film and facilitate interviews and b-roll footage, run livestreams, and get a front row seat to so many of the major events on campus, including homecoming, which is what this picture is from. I understand how to utilize equipment and Adobe software now, both of which will be incredibly helpful as I begin to pursue my career."

Jacquelyn Albers³

Jacquelyn interned with the Wildlife Department at Rough Creek Lodge and made a video showcasing her time there!

Kiley Kocian⁴

"When I applied for my internship at the Comanche Chamber of Commerce, the last thing I expected was that my office would be in an old railroad depot. This historic building built in 1909 was restored and ultimately became home to the Chamber of Commerce. Over the course of my internship I fell in love with the atmosphere that my supervisor, coworker and place of work created. I can't wait to bring what I learned at the Comanche Chamber of Commerce to my future career!"

Robin Hardin⁵

Robin is interning at Opportunity Resource Services. "I am conducting a meeting regarding field trips that I am planning for our Upward Bound students this summer."

Lea Hart⁶

Lea interned at the W.K. Gordon Museum and Research Center. "This image is from my internship at the W.K. Gordon Museum & Research Center. I am in the middle of scheduling social media posts for the museum, while delaying the inevitable task of shelving the books in the box behind me. Social media posts are scheduled in-between teaching guests about Thurber and leading field trips."

Adam Goodman

Adam Goodman is going to intern with the Cleburne Railroaders this summer!



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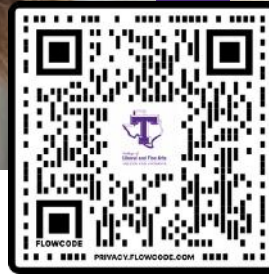
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Check out Jaquelyn's reel!



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COLFA Faculty & Alumni Represent Tarleton at Texas Women Higher Education Conference

Skyla Claxton ('18 MA) presented at the Texas Women in Higher Education conference with Dr. Sarah Maben, Dr. Therese Pennell, and Dr. Rochelle Gregory (also a Tarleton alumna - English)! Our Dr. Lora Helvie-Mason was on the conference committee and is our institutional representative.



Alum Spotlights

Tammy Wiederhold

Tammy Wiederhold (PREM '15) talked to COMM 3320 students about her career in the sports and entertainment world. She is a supervisor with Levy, which handles events at places like Kyle Field at A&M.



Quanecia Fraser

Tarleton alumna Quanecia Fraser kicks off the news story on embracing natural hair at work and the hashtag #naturalhaironair.



Kajsa Pearson

Kajsa Pearson received her bachelor's in communication from Tarleton in 2013 and has been with the university for seven years. She is the Director of Recruitment in the Division of Enrollment Management. She volunteers on campus events for prospective students and genuinely cares about students having the best experience while getting to know Tarleton.

Rural Communication Institute Earns \$144K Grant

Tarleton State University's Rural Communication Institute has received a \$144,986 grant to provide vaccination education and outreach for six counties in Northeast Texas.




New Research

Inspired by their daughters, Dr. Sarah Maben and Dr. Becky Weidman-Winter wrote about their experiences as academic moms during the early days of the pandemic.

NEW RESEARCH
 DR. SARAH MABEN AND
 DR. BECKY WEIDMAN-WINTER

BRB: Five-year-olds teach their #AcaMoms about the potential and necessity of screen time and virtual play in a pandemic world was just published in Vitae Scholasticae: The Journal of Educational Biography.



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#commrocks

Michael Dooley Book Release

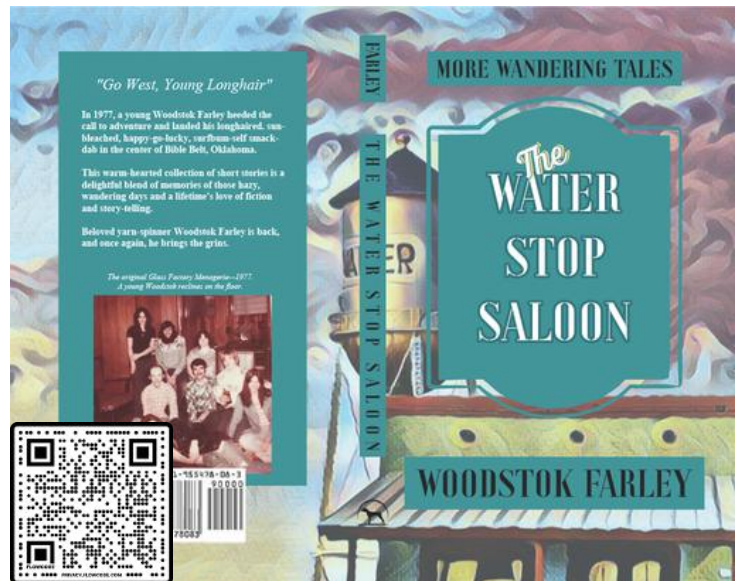
Michael Dooley, aka Woodstok Farley, an Assistant Professor in the Department of English and Languages, has been with Tarleton now over 20 years and has been quietly producing short fiction for the last seven to eight years and presenting works at various conferences and writing festivals. He has presented in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and New Mexico but finally sat down long enough to publish his first work of short stories, a collection entitled *As the Wave Rose: Florida Tales and Other Stories* in 2020, published by Fine Dog Press. It has been two years, and now the second collection was released in mid-March of this year. The latest collection is entitled *The Water Stop Saloon: More Wandering Tales* again by Fine Dog Press.

Writing under the pseudonym of Woodstok Farley, his first collection introduces the audience to the home of his youth and early adulthood in South Florida, among other travels. His latest collection carries him to the great southwest of Texas and Oklahoma, stopping off first in Tennessee.

Fine Dog Press writes:

“In 1977, a young Woodstok Farley heeded the call to adventure and landed his longhaired, sun-bleached, happy-go-lucky, surfbum-self smack-dab in the center of Bible Belt, Oklahoma. This warm-hearted collection of short stories is a delightful blend of memories of those hazy, wandering days and a lifetime’s love of fiction and story-telling.”

You can order your book here!



Sigma Delta Pi Induction Ceremonies

The Department of English and Languages conducted two induction ceremonies for Sigma Delta Pi this academic year welcoming six Spanish majors into the distinguished Spanish honor society. Since 1919 Spanish National Honor Society Sigma Delta Pi has recognized academic high achievement and a desire to learn about the Spanish language and culture, as demonstrated in Spanish classes including a class on Culture and Civilization. This is an honor that is important to bestow on deserving students. In the December ceremony we welcomed Sanjuana Olvera and Barbarita Salinas. In the April ceremony Estefanía Piedra, Leslie Barrios, Rosa Azúa and Isabel Valdez were inducted.



16th Annual Tarleton Student Film & Moving Media Festival - FMMF 2022

The 16th Annual Tarleton Student Film & Moving Media Festival - FMMF 2022, produced by Digital Media Studies Associate Professor, Megan Ehrhart, was a big hit this spring! The screening was held on April 28th at the Tarleton Planetarium, showcasing over 80 animations and films by our Digital Media Studies and COMMS students, along with creative content animated by the producer Megan Ehrhart. By request and popular demand, we added additional screenings to show twice a day, every day, during finals. Due to its popularity, there's been a request to hold an additional screening in early fall.

The 2022 program features work by:

Claire Rodgers, Nicole Hernandez, Austyn Wiles, Madelyn McKenzie, Cassidy Young, Daniel Hitzegrad, Lexi Miller, Carly Speck, Carson Leatherwood, Hallie Saintignan, Ashlynn Cash, JP Garcia, Alexandra Brown, Chandler Collums, Cadence Argumaniz, Abigail Levine, Jimena Espinoza, Colt Thomas, Cristion Sanchez, Isabel Gotera, Skyler Sandusky, Mia Carr, Tyler Beeson, Kaley Dowell, Laynee North, Sam Yankie, Kaitlin Gerke, Wesley Tretow, Mary Maturo, Toby Rhodes, Kaitlyn Wolf



Art & Digital Media Studies Senior Capstone

Tarleton Art and Digital Media Studies senior capstone exhibition series was on view in the Clyde H. Wells Fine Arts Center Gallery April 6 – 28, 2022. Projects that demonstrated students' areas of concentration ranging from traditional studio art to graphic design and moving media were on view. Exhibitions changed on a weekly basis with presentations held at noon on designated dates. This year's graduates were Isabella Immormino, Ray Brown, Cristion Sanchez, Abigail Nichols, Destiny Robles, Xochitl Licea, Kylie Carroll, Zane Gould and Cristina Henderson.



Annual Juried Student Exhibition

The Annual Juried Student Exhibition, at the Clyde H. Wells Fine Art Center Gallery of Art was a big success! Now in its eighth year, this annual exhibition featured some of the best work of our students enrolled in classes in the Art and Digital Media Studies programs. Congratulations to Cassidy Balder, Leslie Moore, and Sarah Goolsby for winning the top prizes during the President's Circle Reception at the exhibition in March.

Every spring the Tarleton Art faculty pick a juror from the local area to juror and curate the show. This year's juror is Iris Bechtol, artist and Cultural Programs Coordinator, at the Oak Cliff Cultural Center Gallery in Dallas, TX. Here is the jurors statement:

"Art should capture and hold the viewer's gaze or at least encourage one to return to look again. In jurying the artworks, I looked for work that held my interest or compelled me to return to it after that initial first look. I found many of the artworks made by Tarleton students accomplished this goal. In addition to considering how the artwork held my interest, I evaluated technical skill and conceptual development. Though these were not my sole deciding factors, they are important in all artworks and thus must come into play in the jurying process regardless of the individual evaluating the work. As with any juror, the work I chose was uniquely from my own perspective and is not an absolute indicator of good work or bad work. Each artwork that I viewed had potential. All the students should be tremendously proud of their accomplishments thus far and continue to push themselves technically and conceptually."

Participating artists in this year's juried exhibition: Cadence Argumaniz, Cassidy Balder, Katie Chambliss, Michelle Foster, Sarah Goolsby, Nicole Hernandez, Xochitl Licea, Alexandria Lopez, Amber Lopez, Leslie Moore, Destiny Robles, Harlan Rowlett, Caleb Spenrath, Linda Waldenmaier, Hudson Woodring, and Samuel Yankie.



Student & Faculty Highlights

Cassidy Balder

Big Congratulations to Tarleton BFA student Cassidy Balder! Balder's photographic work was selected for inclusion (with an Honorable Mention) by the Texas Photographic Society's national juried exhibition #NewVisions2022! This exhibition of student art work from graduate and undergraduate programs across the country was juried by Lisa Kereszi, artist, critic, and Director of Undergraduate Studies at the Yale University of School Art. Balder's work was also selected for the Texas Association of Schools of Art Artovation 2022 Exhibition. The exhibition was juried by Donna Sweigart, Chair of the Department of Art at Rowan University.



Xochitl Licea

Congratulations to our students Xochitl Licea (Digital Media Studies '22) on their work getting selected for the Texas Association of Schools of Art Artovation 2022 Exhibition. The exhibition was juried by Donna Sweigart, Chair of the Department of Art at Rowan University.



Knut Hybinette & Megan Ehrhart

The animation, "Hey Kids!" by Tarleton Digital Media Studies Professors Knut Hybinette and Megan Ehrhart, is now part of the permanent collection in the Museum of Contemporary Art in Alicante, Spain. "Hey Kids" is a comical but dark reaction short, based on recent discussions with college students where they expressed overwhelming hopelessness and despair for the future. The use of 3D animation seemed an appropriate media for reflecting young adults feeling a new sense of exponential disconnect with their once innocent and hopeful childhood.



Student & Faculty Highlights Continued

Tim Harding

Associate Professor of Art Tim Harding was accepted to participate as an Artist in Residence at Sulfur Studios in Savannah, Georgia this May 2022. Sulfur Studios is a project of ARTS Southeast - a nonprofit whose mission is to make Savannah a destination for art and culture in the Southeast by supporting established and emerging artists and engaging a diverse community with creative programming by developing awareness and appreciation of the arts. Tim will be creating new artistic pieces while engaging with the Savannah community through workshops and presentations.



Chris Ireland

Professor of Art Chris Ireland is exhibiting his creative work both at home and abroad. This spring, Chris Ireland was a part of the 2022 Texas National exhibition at Stephen F. Austin University, where he showed his work combining digital and 19th century photographic printing techniques. This summer, he will be showing his documentary work on his family at the Millepiani Gallery, in Rome, Italy.



Students Receive Center Stage Scholarship Award

Tyler Lewis (Left), Mateo Rodriquez (Middle), and Regine Faith-Wright (Right) received the Center Stage Scholarship Award. The Center Stage Scholarship Award is given based on music or theatre performance. Students must maintain an overall GPA of 2.75 and a music or theatre GPA of 3.0. Lewis takes the audience to another world on the saxophone, Rodriquez is a maestro on the piano, and Faith-Wright uses her talents through singing. Congratulations!



Flute Ensemble Sharing Talents

The Flute Ensemble showcased their hard work at the Chamber Ensembles Concert on April 12th. They also toured different schools to perform various pieces. **Great job!**



Faculty Perform at Jazz Concert

Look at our faculty go! Some of our Fine Arts faculty hosted and performed at a jazz concert. The concert featured Andrew Stonerock (alto sax), Carlos Averhoff, Jr. (tenor sax), Paul Birk and Zach Marley (trombone), Conner Kent (drums), Eric Hitt (bass), Thomas Burchill (guitar), and finally, Wade Girton (piano). **Excellent job, faculty!**



2022 Tarleton Jazz Festival

We had 31 bands on campus between Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30, which is over 600 students visiting our campus. In addition, around 400 parents attended the events during the day, for a total of over 1000.

The concerts were spectacular and inspired all of our students, especially the female students. Several were so in awe of having seen Tia Fuller perform, they had trouble speaking with her! Some of my colleagues said it was the best concerts they have ever seen at Tarleton. The Friday night concert count was 280, and the Saturday night concert count was 340, for a combined over 600 people in attendance!

This was by far the biggest jazz festival we have ever hosted and the most successful. Our students represented Tarleton well, working different jobs during the festival. None of this would have been possible without the generous support of COLFA. We hope we can continue to receive support through COLFA for the Tarleton Jazz Festival to keep the quality of guest artists high and to continue to give our students unforgettable experiences.





*Cheers to
the band
Graduates!*

*Our
Students
have talent!*

Brianna, a junior in our music program, created this awesome graphic! The graphic is a fun interactive GIF that explains a little bit about her.



GLSP Faculty Awarded PERS Grants for Summer 2022

Two faculty from GLSP were awarded PERS Grants for summer 2022.

Dr. Marcie Reynolds will be working with student researcher Cristo Castillo, a Political Science major, on a joint project with Southern Methodist University to investigate the process by which Dallas County's election department maintain the accuracy of voter lists, and how voter advocacy organizations can help prevent the removal of valid voters.

Dr. Anne Egelston will be working with David Northup, a GIS graduate in the Masters of Environmental Science degree, on research that seeks to prove that a municipality that has strong sustainability practices will demonstrate less intense peri-urbanization in that locale as compared to a municipality that has weak or no sustainability practices.



Dr. Anne Egelston
Assistant Professor

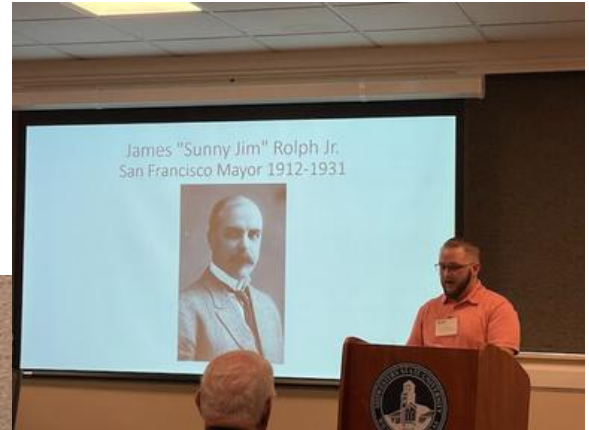
Director of the Center for Environmental Studies



Dr. Marcie Reynolds
Assistant Professor

History Students Present Research

Two history students, Shyler Tibbs and Jillian Tyler presented research papers at a regional Phi Alpha Theta conference at Midwestern University in April. This is a great accomplishment. Congratulations Shyler and Jillian!



GIS Faculty & Students Visit Tarrant County College GIS

On March 26, Geography and GIS students and faculty visited a Tarrant County College GIS. This will be a great opportunity to continue building collaboration and pathways between our institutions.



Student Wins Best History Capstone Paper

History major Jillian Tyler won the Best History Capstone Paper award for her paper, "From Exploitation to Utilization: How the Cherokees Used the Civilization Plan to Their Benefit." Dr. Steven Peach taught the History Capstone this year focusing on the topic of Native American Indians in the Southeastern United States. To find out how you can take a Native American history course with Dr. Peach, contact him at peach@tarleton.edu. For more on the History Capstone course, in which students do intensive hands-on research with primary and secondary sources, contact Dr. Jensen Branscombe at branscombe@tarleton.edu.

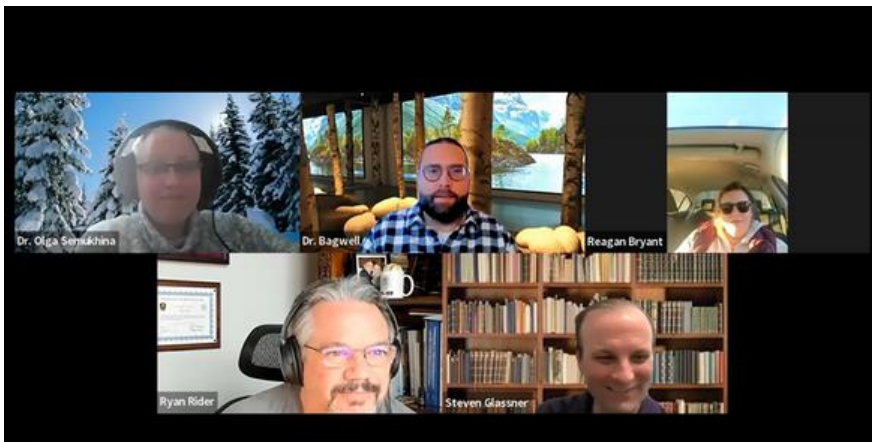
Dr. Rickman Meets with the Fire Departments

Dr. Rickman meets with the College Station Fire Chief Mann and Battalion Chief Varner in March 2022. Chief Mann begins the MPA program at Tarleton in the Summer 2022 Term (Dr. Cohen visits College Station as well not pictured). He also met with twenty-two Burleson Fire Department firefighters interested in the Public Administration program.



Dr. Bagwell Participates in Criminal Justice Webinar

Dr. Bagwell provided a wonderful introduction on the decision tree method for doctoral students and faculty at Brown Bag Research Webinar.



Dr. Rickman Teaches CPR Class

Dr. Rickman teaches the importance of CPR for caregivers at a Granbury Memory Care Center.



Drs. Cohen and Rickman Visit College Station and Bryan

Drs. Cohen and Rickman (not pictured) had multiple visits to College Station and Bryan in April 2022 resulted in another group of hard-working public servants starting their higher education journey. We love making impact on our communities through education!

PA Library Resource Webinar

PA faculty invited Ms. Lisa Wan to introduce Library Resources and APA Style to MPA students.



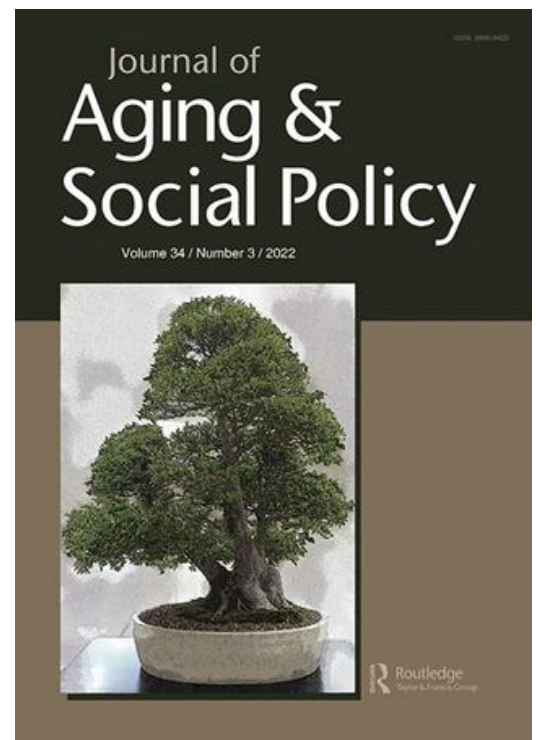
Library Resources for Public Administration and APA Refresher
April 4, 2022

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Dr. Tao and Co-Authors Publish Research

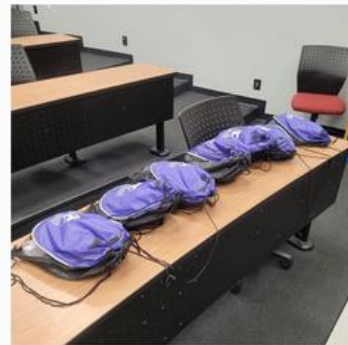
Dr. Tao and co-authors published their research titled *Aligning Policy, Place and Public Value: Planning Age Friendly Cities in Municipal Organizations in the Journal of Aging & Social Policy*.

Check out the research here!



Drs. Cohen and Rickman visit Dallas Fire Department

Drs. Cohen and Rickman visited the Dallas Fire Department on May 24-26. These three days of presentation yielded four new BAAS students and one MPA student starting in Fall 2022.



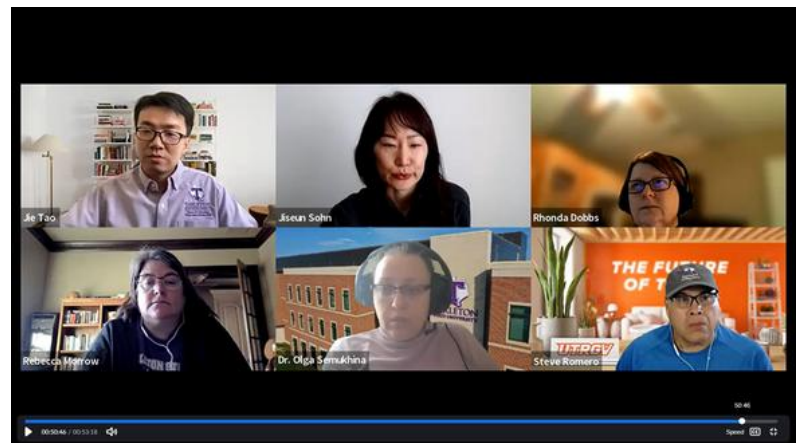
Dr. Cohen Presents on the Importance of Networking

Dr. Cohen presented the importance of networking in the Students and New Professionals Summit at the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Conference.



Dr. Tao Introduces Data Visualization Tools

Dr. Tao introduced data visualization tools in R Shiny and Tableau at Brown Bag Research Webinar.



Texas Folklore Society Joins Roadside Marker Grant Program

Derived from Marketing and Communications and Texas Folklore Society

Thanks to a new partnership between the Texas Folklore Society and the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, Texas communities can now highlight their stories, customs and traditions via the Legends & Lore roadside marker grant program.

Tarleton State University and the College of Liberal and Fine Arts host the Texas Folklore Society.

The Pomeroy Foundation launched Legends & Lore in 2015. The Texas Folklore Society will evaluate grant applications to ensure the legitimacy of the folklore proposed for commemoration.

“The Texas Folklore Society is thrilled to partner with the Pomeroy Foundation on this program,” said Kristina Downs, Executive Director of the Texas Folklore Society.

“As a large and diverse state, Texas has an especially rich and varied folk culture.

The Legends & Lore program will enable local communities to showcase their traditions.”

The Pomeroy Foundation is a philanthropic organization based in Syracuse, N.Y. One of its main initiatives is to help communities celebrate their history with roadside markers. Since its beginnings in 2005, the foundation has awarded over 1,700 grants for markers and bronze plaques in 45 states.

“This is an exciting opportunity to highlight the Lone Star State’s folklore and legends with roadside markers,” said Deryn Pomeroy, Director of Strategic Initiatives at the foundation. “We look forward to working with the society to further recognize and put the spotlight on the diverse landscape of folk and traditional arts in Texas.”

More than 140 Legends & Lore marker grants have been awarded in Texas, Alabama, Connecticut, Idaho, Louisiana, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Vermont and West Virginia.

Applications must come through a local 501(c)(3) organization such as an historical society,



nonprofit academic institution or local, state or federal government entity.

The next application deadlines are May 2 and Oct. 17. Legends & Lore grant funding includes the full cost of a marker, pole and shipping. More at <https://www.wgpfoundation.org/history/legends-lore/>.

The Texas Folklore Society is the second oldest folklore organization continually functioning in the United States, after the American Folklore Society founded in 1888. Chartered in 1909, The Texas Folklore Society held its first meeting at the University of Texas in 1911. The society has stimulated the recording and study of Texas’ rich folk culture, has attracted both laymen and scholars, and has distributed its publications throughout the world.

In addition to preserving community history, the Pomeroy Foundation works to improve the probability of finding donor matches or other life-saving treatments for blood cancer patients. To learn more, visit wgpfoundation.org.

Texas Folklore Society Seeks Submissions for 2023 Edition

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Years ago, how did your family celebrate, commemorate, congregate? How do you observe traditional events? Which customs have withstood the test of time? How have your gatherings changed?

The Texas Folklore Society would like to know. Any suitable occasion, write it up for publication in its 2023 volume.

“We’re hoping this book will cover a wide range of gatherings,” said TFS Executive Director Dr. Kristina Downs. “We’re interested in traditions that go back generations as well as very new ones. We want this publication to incorporate the full array of Texas’ diverse traditions.”

Potential topics range far afield and embrace the eclectic — parades, festivals, fairs, cookoffs, carnivals, sewing circles, homecomings, reunions, revivals, quinceañeras, bar and bat mitzvahs, debutante balls, hunting excursions, summer camps, sporting events, rodeos, livestock shows, cattle drives, trail rides, weddings, baby showers, funerals, burials, farmers markets, community events, concerts, theatre performances, pickling circles, jam sessions, fiddler reunions, tamaladas, canning time, sausage making, Zoom parties. Or anything else appropriate.

Initial drafts are due July 1, via email, to TexasFolkloreSociety@gmail.com. Typical entries range 4,000-8,000 words.

Scholars, amateur folklorists and TFS members are encouraged to contribute. Annual and lifetime memberships are available for students, individuals, families and groups. Learn more at TexasFolkloreSociety.org, or call 254-459-5445.

All TFS members receive a hardback copy of the corresponding year’s publication. In 2022 members will read *Fiestas in Laredo: Matachines, Quinceañeras, and George Washington’s Birthday* by Dr. Norma E. Cantu. The volume on gatherings will be sent to members in late 2023.

TFS, chartered in 1909, preserves and shares the practices and customs of the people of Texas and the Southwest. Its offices and library are hosted by Tarleton State University’s College of Liberal and Fine Arts.



Topic: Gatherings

Suggested Length: 4,000 to 8,000 words

Submission Deadline: July 1, 2022

*Open to scholars, amateur folklorists,
and community members*

For more information, visit bit.ly/TFSPapers
email texasfolkloresociety@gmail.com.

Promotions and Tenure

TAMUS Board of Regents Approves Tenure and Promotion for COLFA Faculty.

Dr. Brian Walker was granted Development Leave to advance scholarship. This is a unique opportunity and honor. Congratulations, Dr. Walker!

Join us as we share a sincere congratulations to the faculty in the College of Liberal and Fine Arts who received special recognition today by the Board of Regents of the Texas A&M University System.

The following colleagues and faculty as announced below received tenure and promotion, and we will look forward to honoring them publicly when we return in the Fall semester:

Dr. Elizabeth Benedict, Associate Professor of Communication Studies

Dr. Anne Egelston, Associate Professor

Dr. Deborah Liles, Associate Professor of History

Dr. David Robinson, Associate Professor of Music

Dr. Cessna Winslow, Associate Professor of Communication Studies

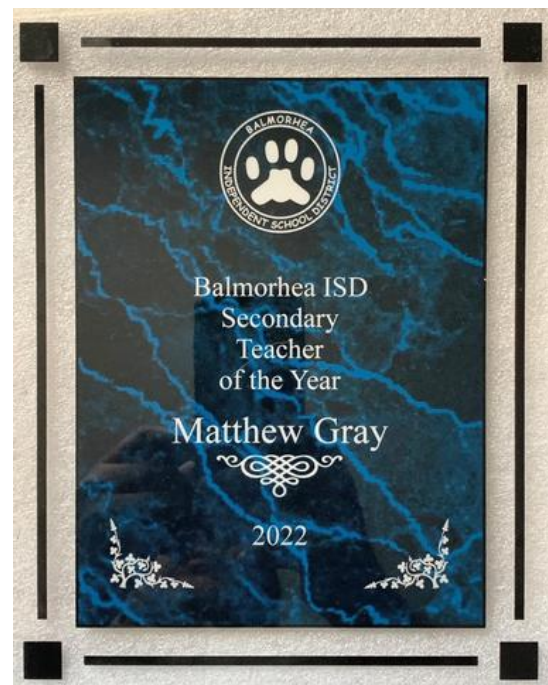
Congratulations!

Alumni Spotlights

Hey alum! Send in your accomplishments to your department! We want to keep up with you!

Matthew Gray

Matthew Gray is an alum of the College of Liberal and Fine Arts History program. Eight years ago he decided to start over and create a new life for himself. He wanted to pursue his dream of becoming a history teacher. Matthew's hardwork and dedication payed off when he received the Secondary Teacher of the Year award in his district. He has been with his district for three years and has already made a great impact in his student's lives. **Congratulations, Matthew!**



Taylor Green

Taylor Green is an alum of the College of Liberal and Fine Arts Public Relations and Event Management program. Taylor has demonstrated her skills and education well and is now a Catering Sales Executive at Gaylord Hotels. This is a great accomplishment for Ms. Green and we are excited to cheer her on. **Congratulations, Taylor!**



Thank you!

Giving Day 2022 was a success! Thank you for your continued support and helping our students have access to the resources they need to succeed. Following this page is our Dean's Circle Giving form. If you would like to keep up to date and be involved with the College of Liberal and Fine Arts, feel free to fill out the form or visit www.tarleton.edu/giving for more information. Again, thank you to all who support COLFA and our students!





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