



PEOPLE

Dr. Jennifer Enoch and **Dr. Thomas Reynolds** presented at the 79th annual conference of the South Central Modern Languages Association in Memphis, Tennessee, Oct. 13-15. Enoch delivered a paper on rhetorics of deference and assertion in 19th century founding letters. Reynolds shared research on active listening in the argument classroom and chaired a session on rhetoric and narrative.

Dr. Rebecca Macijeski's new chapbook, *Autobiography*, is now available for pre-order through Split Rock Press. Macijeski is an associate professor and coordinator of Creative Writing Programs. The work is described as, "a celebration of the experience of discovering, recovering, and re-envisioning the self..."



Louisiana Fulbright Chapter President Dr. Patrice Moulton and Christine Oswald, Fulbright Chapter Coordinator, accepted the Fulbright Association's National Service Award on behalf of the chapter at the Fulbright Awards Ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Moulton accepts Fulbright award on behalf of La. chapter

Dr. Patrice Moulton, president of the Louisiana Fulbright Chapter, accepted the Fulbright Association's National Service Award on behalf of the chapter at the Fulbright Awards Ceremony in Washington, D.C.

The Fulbright organization highlighted several service projects that the Louisiana Fulbright Chapter had completed including author talks, poetry readings, recovery projects in Ida torn communities and the feeding of 500-600 people a Thanksgiving meal in a devastated community on the coast below New Orleans. Currently, there are 56 chapters representing Fulbright around the United States.

Moulton, professor of psychology at Northwestern State University, has served as president of the Louisiana chapter since

2020.

"It is one of the great honors of my life to belong to the global family of Fulbrighters," Moulton said. "Fulbright is known for their international exchange programs and working for peace around the world. As individuals return from their international experience, they dedicate time within their state doing service projects."

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government. It is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.

The Fulbright program provides

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Northwestern State releases DEI Strategic Plan

Northwestern State University’s Office of Inclusion and Diversity has developed a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Plan.

The plan provides a comprehensive outline of the university’s commitment to increase diversity among students faculty, staff, and administration. In addition, the plan will integrate diversity and inclusion throughout the academic curriculum, ensure that diversity and inclusion are reflected in policies, procedures, budgeting, and university operations and lastly foster a more inclusive campus environment.

NSU’s Vice President of Inclusion and Diversity **Dr. Michael T. Snowden** said the five-year document is “a roadmap or compass which our University will use to guide our policy, practice and programs.”

“The plan is intended to invoke a sense of shared commitment to what we are doing in the DEI space,” Snowden said. “The important thing is we do the work and transfer the written policy into tangible action, hopefully for the betterment of the institution.”

NSU first began discussing a diversity plan in 2005 and developed a plan that was adopted in 2010. That plan laid out goals for diversity planning, needs assessment, cultural change through campus activities, intentional recruiting for diversity, and retention strategies. In 2016, administrators appointed a diverse group of students, faculty and staff to a steering committee that created

the Center for Inclusion and Diversity to provide a welcoming environment for all students and advocate for minority and marginalized populations.

To further understand the perceptions of inclusion and diversity on campus, in 2018, the committee distributed a university-wide climate survey to identify specific diversity needs at NSU. The following year, a Diversity Planning Team developed strategic, measurable goals to increase diversity and improve inclusivity at NSU. Snowden joined the NSU staff in 2020 as the university’s vice president of Inclusion and Diversity to coordinate efforts that foster a sense of institutional belonging and promote cultural competence.

Now that the five-year strategic plan is in place, Snowden is also implementing a framework of measurable goals to note benchmarks in access and equity, academic engagement, environment, and infrastructure. The plan endeavors to engage with students and alumni of color through a speaker series and academic programming in Indigenous, Black and Creole studies.

Snowden will visit with campus constituency groups which include Faculty Senate, the Dean’s Council and Student Government Association to share an overview of the plan and answer any questions.

The plan can be accessed at: <https://www.nsula.edu/diversity/>.

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participants who are chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential the opportunity to study, teach, conduct research, exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns.

Moulton received a Fulbright Award in 2017 for her work in Nepal, where she served as a consultant and cultural ambassador while launching the country’s inaugural degree program in

counseling psychology.

As president of the Louisiana chapter, Moulton serves on the Fulbright Association Chapter Advisory Board, leads the executive board for the state of Louisiana, develops membership, administers the social media communication tools of the Fulbright Association and directs activities in Louisiana for networking, service and education related to Fulbright initiatives.

Moulton served as a Fulbright Specialist to Nepal in 2018 and has been a member of the Fulbright Association since her return as a Fulbright alumna.

State chapters provide Fulbright alumni and visiting Fulbrighters with diverse opportunities for networking, professional development, mentoring, cultural enrichment, and community service.

Food Pantry continues to help students in need

The Pantry, located in the Trisler Power Plant, provides NSU students with access to free food assistance and personal care items, helping students stretch their food budgets. Services are available to all students, five days a week. Hours are 9 a.m-4 p.m. Monday – Thursday and 9-11 a.m. Friday.

The NSU Pantry is funded through

generous donors. We greatly appreciate your support for the health and well-being of our students. All financial donations will be used to purchase food and other necessary items for students. Donations are tax deductible.

If you are interested in making a monetary donation, visit <https://northwesternstatealumni.com/the-pantry/>.

NSU Food Pantry Shopping List

Help the NSU Food Pantry provide nutritious, nonperishable food items and supplies like the ones listed below for students in need.

Snacks

Nuts/Crackers/Snack Mix (2pts)
Salsa or Dip (2pts)
Microwave Popcorn (2pts/box)
Pudding Boxes/Fruit Bars (2pts/5)
Granola Bars (3pts/box)

Drinks

Coffee (3pts)
Bottled Water (3pts/24)
Bottled Juice (3pts/3)
Lemonade Mix (3pts)
Powdered/Canned Milk (3pts)

Rice, Pasta & Other Pantry Staples

Instant Potatoes (3pts/box or 3 bags)
Boxed Pasta (Hamburger/Tuna Helper) (3pts)
Flour/Sugar (3pts/bag)
Cooking Oils (Olive or Canola Oil) (3pts)
Boxed Cake Mixes, Brownies, Frosting (3pts)
Chicken, Beef, or Vegetable Broth (3pts)

Condiments & Seasonings

Pasta/Pizza/Spaghetti Sauce (2pts)
Mustard/Mayonnaise (2pts/full bottle)
Jelly/Jam (2pts)
Seasoning Packets (Taco, Chili, Gravy, Ranch, etc.)
Salad Dressing (2pts)
Pickles (2pts/jar)
Spices - Salt, Pepper, Other Seasonings (2pts)

Breakfast Items

PopTarts/BFast Bars (3pts/box)
Cereal (3pts/box)

Meal Essentials

Tortillas (1pt)
Pizza Crust (1pt)
Pie Shells/Pie Filling (1pt)

Taco Shells (1pt)

Canned Meats & Ready to Eat Meals

Canned Tuna & Chicken (3pts)
Peanut Butter (3pts)
Chili, Ravioli, etc. (3pts)
Chunky Soups (3pts)
Rice Dishes (3pts)

Toiletry Items (full size items)

Body Wash/Soap (4pts)
Antiperspirant/Deodorant (4pts)
Shaving Cream (2pts)
Toothpaste (2pts)
Feminine Hygiene Products (4pts)
Shampoo and Conditioner (4pts)

Full Size Household Items

Cleaning Supplies (5pts/item)
Laundry Detergent Pods (5pts/pack)
Dish Detergent (5pts/2)
Paper Towels (5pts/3 rolls)
Toilet Paper (5pts/4 rolls)
Trash Bags (5pts/box)

Miscellaneous Items

Can Openers (5pts/5)
Cooking Utensils (5pts/5)
Food Storage Containers (5pts/3)
Ziplock Bags (5pts/full box)

International Cuisine

Any item donated that is designated as international cuisine will count as double points. Items that are listed in other categories will not count as double points. Items will be designated at the coordinator's discretion.

Monetary Donations

TRIO earns grant to support first-generation students

The Office of TRIO Student Support Services at Northwestern State University has received a \$500 First-Generation College Celebration grant from the Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) and the Center for First-Generation Student Success. Director of the Office of TRIO Student Support Services **Frances I. Welch** said NSU was one of just 50 recipients out of thousands of applicants nationwide and the only college or university in Louisiana to receive the grant.

The Student Support Services (SSS) program is a federal TRIO program that works to support students who are first-generation, low-income or students with disabilities who have potential to meet the challenges of higher education by strengthening and developing their academic and self-management skills. Its offices are in the Kyser Hall, Room 243-B. During the 2020-2021 academic year, 41.3 percent of undergraduate students and 50.1 percent of graduate students attending Northwestern State identified as first-generation.

The grant will allow the office to reach more first-generation students through a multi-day celebration to not only highlight these students but to emphasize the strength it takes to be the first in a family to attend college, according to Assistant Director of TRIO Student Support Service **Vashaun South**, who wrote the successful grant proposal.

Events will begin with a “Meet Them Were They Are” program on Oct. 31 from 10 a.m. – noon on the brick way



Frances Welch & Vashaun South

near Kyser Hall. Students will receive candy bags with an attached agenda of the First-Generation College Celebration Week’s events.

Three rounds of “Jeopardy: The College Edition” will be held on Oct. 31 – Nov. 2 at 5 p.m. in the President’s Room of the Friedman Student Union with the finals on Nov. 8 at 5 p.m. The championship round is being held on National First-Generation College Celebration Day. The Jeopardy game will be designed around questions that deliver information about the “who, what, where” resources can be found, highlight prominent formal first-generation students, drop out factors and fun facts.

There will be a “Chat and

Chow” Breakfast on Nov. 2 from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. in Iberville Dining Hall.

A “Deck the Doors” program is on Nov. 7 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Varnado Hall. “Deck the Doors” is an opportunity for our first-generation students to express themselves by making individualized doorhangers.

In addition to the effort to reach more first-generation students, South said Student Support Services will launch the “I’m First and Here’s Why I’m Worth It” campaign. In this initiative, personal stories will be gathered from faculty, staff and students who are all first-generation college students. This is a print campaign that

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Day of the Dead



The Department of Fine and Graphic Arts and the Department of English, Languages and Cultural Studies invite all students, faculty and staff to honor a loved one who has passed by contributing to the Day of the Dead Altar built under the stairwell in Hanchey Gallery on November 1st through 4th. Day of the Dead is a fusion of Indigenous practices honoring the dead with the Catholic commemoration of All Saints and All Souls Day that originates in Mexico and has since the 70' grown into a multicultural Pan-Latino celebration. Bring a framed picture with or without a special memento memorializing your loved one and set it up on the altar, making it a spiritual and healing moment of remembrance.

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will include a photo and story on each individual. The posters will be displayed throughout campus to highlight the challenges and celebrate the achievements of being first-generation.

Northwestern State began participating in the annual National First-Generation College Celebration in 2019 when the university received its first grant that allowed it to participate.

“A majority of what we do is achieved through cross campus collaboration and partnerships,” said South. “We recognize that

student success is more achievable when we all work together. With such a large number of our student population identifying as first-generation, it is imperative that we celebrate and highlight those individuals while shining a light on what it means to be first-generation and educating those who may not know the significance of the challenges and achievements of said individuals.”

For more information on the Office of TRIO Student Support Services, go to nsula.edu/sss.

Office of Sponsored Programs

Resources and Assistance

For assistance in seeking information about funding opportunities, preparing proposals, or administering projects, contact the Sponsored Programs Office (SPO) by phone at 357-5222, email at spo@nsula.edu, or visit the [SPO](#) website.

SPO Staff

Carla Howel, Director of Purchasing and Sponsored Programs Administration & ULS Research/Grant Content Expert

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CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. Andrew Ferrell, National Center for Preservation, Technology, and Training, received notification of a \$259,424.40 award from the National Park Service for “Tenant Cabin Documentation.” **Mr. Jason Church** and **Ms. Isabella Jones** are collaborators.

Ms. Julie Longlois, Office of Electronic and Continuing Education/Carl D. Perkins Program, received notification of a \$50,149.33 award from the Louisiana Community and Technical College System for “Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Perkins V Basic Grant.”

Dr. Michelle Brunson, School of Education/Graduate Programs in Early Childhood Education, College of Education and Human Development, received notification of a \$4,000 award from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation for “Supporting the Cradle to College Pipeline through Early Literacy.”

Ms. Laurie Morrow and **Ms. Jennifer DePriest**, Economic Development, Innovation, and Outreach/LA Region 6 STEM Center, received notification of a \$280,000 award from the LA Board of Regents through a collaborative initiative with LA Central entitled, “Helping Hands of Healthcare STEM Camps.”

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Ms. Brittany Broussard, Office of

Inclusion and Diversity, submitted a proposal to the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund entitled, “NSU Drop the Mic Speaker Series Proposal.” **Dr. Michael T. Snowden** is a collaborator.

Dr. Dominique Taylor, School of Creative and Performing Arts/New Media, Journalism and Communication, College of Arts and Sciences, submitted a proposal to the U.S. Department of Education entitled, “Proposal to Fund Northwestern State University’s NSU-TV News Service as an Internship/Experiential Learning Opportunity for Multimedia Students.”

The following individuals submitted a proposal to the Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund (BoRSF) Departmental Enhancement subprogram:

Dr. Rafiqul Islam, Engineering Technology, College of Arts and Sciences, for “Development of Control Systems Labs Emphasizing on Electric Motor Control Lab.” **Drs. Xinjia Chen** and **Jafar Al-Sharab** and **Professor Adam Jannik** are collaborators,

Dr. Chad Thibodeaux, School Biological and Physical Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, for “The Acquisition of an ICP-MS to Enhance the Analytical Capabilities of the Physical Science Department.” **Drs. Chris Lyles, Jerry Brunson, Li Ma, Billy Culver, Daniel Rivera-Vasquez, Jennifer Hill**, and **Mr. Kaine O’Neal** are collaborators,

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Northwestern sets Wellness Week for Nov. 7-10

NSU will host Wellness Week Nov. 7-10 with activities and events geared toward promoting health and wellness on campus and in the community.

NSU's Shreveport campus will host a Fall Health Festival and blood drive from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7 at the campus, 1800 Line Avenue. The event will include vendors, food, music and door prizes. Blood donors will get a free

LifeShare t-shirt. For more information, contact Philip Maxfield at (318) 935-9838.

Wellness Week's main event is Wellness Fest on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Activities will take place at the WRAC from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and will include health screenings and information booths. A local chiropractor will be on hand to make adjustments and the University Programming Council will provide massage

chairs and an oxygen bar. There will be physical fitness challenges and stations to check lipids and blood sugar levels, get a flu shot and more. Guests can browse booths and visit with local practitioners, complete health screenings, listen to speakers and learn about wellness initiatives.

For more information on the Nov. 8 Wellness Fest contact **Kaitlyn Hamm** at richardsk@nsula.edu.

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Dr. Mary Reeves, Department of Mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences, for "iPencil Me In: Enhancing Mathematics Teaching and Learning through Technology, Inclusion, and Equity." **Drs. Sangyeon Park, Katrina Jordan, and Frank Serio** are collaborators,

Dr. Vianka Miranda, School of Business, College of Business and Technology, for "Transforming Educational Spaces: Installing an Active Learning Classroom in the School of Business." **Drs. Mary Edith Stacy, Lily Pharris, Eddie Horton, and Marcia Hardy** are collaborators,

Mr. Jonathan Clayton, CAPA/ Department of Fine and Graphic Arts, College

of Arts and Sciences, for "Developing a Comprehensive Lens-based Program at NSULA." **Ms. Leslie Gruesbeck, Mr. Collier Hyams, and Mr. Corbin Cover** are collaborators,

Mr. Andy Killion, CAPA/Department of Theatre and Dance, College of Arts and Sciences, for "CAPA Lighting Enhancement." **Mr. Robert Richoux** is a collaborator, and

Dr. John Price, CAPA/Department of Music, College of Arts and Sciences, for "Enhancement of Group Piano Instruction using Updated Technology." **Drs. J. Mark Thompson and Francis Yang** are collaborators.

October Non-Credit Classes

Northwestern State University's Office of Electronic and Continuing Education will offer a Pick Up Your Brush painting class on Nov. 3 and 10 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the second floor of South Hall. The fee is \$45 per session. Each class is a separate session.

In the class, participants will learn the art of painting using step-by-step instructions to create a masterpiece. Students will take home a completed painting at the end of every class. No special or prior skills are required. On Nov. 3, participants will paint "Pumpkin floral." On Nov.

10, the class will paint a Christmas barn. Children ages 7 – 12 years old are allowed to enroll, but a parent must accompany the child the entire class. The parent does not have to enroll unless they participate. All supplies are included.

For more information or to register for classes, go to checkout.nsula.edu or call (800) 376-2422 or (318) 357-6355.

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NSU will host Indigenous/Latino guest speaker/lecturer

In celebration of Native American Heritage Month, Northwestern State University will host a guest lecture by Bobby Gonzales titled "We Are Still Here: How First Nations Survived Pandemics and Other Catastrophes."

The lecture will take place beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2 in the Student Union Ballroom. The talk is free and is open to the public.

Gonzales is an Indigenous/Latino lecturer, storyteller and poet based in New York City. He is the author of several books including "TAINO ZEN" and "The Last Puerto Rican Indian: A Collection of Dangerous Poetry." Gonzales has presented at Carnegie Hall, the National Museum of the American Indian, the Detroit Institute of Arts and many other museums and colleges. He organizes and emcees at the annual Bronx Native American Festival. He was selected as the 2018-19 New York City Indian of the Year.

Gonzales' lecture is an examination of how Native Peoples throughout the Western



Hemisphere overcame epidemics, land theft, forced relocation and the violent attempt to assimilate them through the boarding school system.

"Dr. [Michael]

Snowden (vice president for Diversity and Inclusion) and I are excited to host Mr. Gonzalez as his lecture exemplifies our efforts to bring forth more awareness and cultivate diversity, equity and inclusion," said **Brittany Blackwell Broussard**, coordinator of the Center for Inclusion and Diversity.

The lecture is sponsored by the American Indian and Indigenous Studies Minor, Native American Student Association and the Center

for Inclusion and Diversity.

"Unfortunately, when much of the public thinks about American Indians and other Indigenous people, they think about us as if we are in the past. But we are very much part of the present," said **Dr. Rebecca Riall**, assistant professor and coordinator of Ethnic studies at NSU. "This is an opportunity to learn about contemporary issues facing Indigenous communities."