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A Message from the Director

Dear Alumni,

We are happy to share with you this second (and summer) edition of the alumni newsletter. Many of you know me from my twenty years at Scholars. Earlier this summer, I was asked to step in as interim director after Dean Kostantaras left us to direct the honors program at the University of Houston-Downtown. We wish him well and good luck in his new position. I hope you'll do the same for me in my new position. I am excited about this opportunity. I hope it brings me back in touch with many of you.

Akilah Farris has put together another fine edition of the newsletter. It contains highlights from our thesis BBQ, updates on some faculty summer adventures, and the announcement of a faculty publication. In future issues, we would like to include more about you, so please send us news. Just be sure to include your graduation year and degree(s), and we'd love to see your photos.

But whether you reach out to us now or later, it will always be true that

Once a Scholar, always a Scholar.

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Thesis BBQ!





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B.S. Psychology



Colby Grayson
B.A. Liberal Arts, Humanities & Social
Thought Concentration



Jackson Gregory
B.S. Business Administration



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Concentration



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B.A. Liberal Arts, Classical Studies
Concentration



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Thought Concentration



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B.A. Liberal Arts, Humanities & Social
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Thought Concentration



Erin Whitten
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B.S. Psychology

Faculty Summer Adventures



Richard Jensen, Professor Emeritus of History, traveled to Italy and visited Pisa, Florence, Montepulciano, Perugia, Croce di Rocca Franca (Umbria), and Rome. The impulse for the trip was Gonzaga University's all-class reunion for its Florence program (where he studied as a junior in college—"it changed my life," he says). There was a grand banquet in the beautiful 17th century Palazzo Corsini on the Arno River, looking out towards a famous medieval bridge, the Ponte Vecchio. Another high point was visiting Elisa Silicato, who was a student at LSC and NSU in Spring 2022. So far, she is the only person who has participated in the NSU--University of Pisa exchange program that he helped to create.

Holly Stave, retired Professor of English, and her husband Richard Pool spent three weeks in Portugal in May. They divided their time between Lisbon, where they explored castles, monasteries, botanical gardens, and fado music, and the Southern coast, in a beach town called Albufiera, where, beside the beach itself, they toured a sustainable vineyard, ate at a two-star Michelin restaurant, and visited small towns in the area to see their cathedrals and castles. Holly announced that her next vacation will be somewhere flat; three weeks of climbing mountains and stairs almost every day was exhausting. But memories of sipping Caipirinhas, nibbling pastel de nada, and exploring ruins in the heat of the day still make them smile.





This summer, Nicole Lobdell, Assistant Professor of English, was the Huntington Fellow at Lincoln College at the University of Oxford. This fellowship, which included room and board at Lincoln College, granted her time to work in the Shelley archives at Oxford's Bodleian Library. Her current research examines Mary Shelley's relationship with her daughter-in-law, Lady Jane Shelley, and the role that Lady Shelley played in preserving the manuscripts of both Mary Shelley, author of *Frankenstein*, and her husband, the poet Percy Bysshe Shelley. While at Oxford, she also had time to enjoy the city's beautiful architecture and the surrounding countryside; on the weekends, she travelled to London to visit wonderful museums, such as the V&A, bookstores, and art galleries.

Keith Dromm, Professor of Philosophy, started his summer by attending a workshop on "Water, Philosophy, & Politics" at the University of Nevada-Reno. He next spent a week in New York City as a participant in a NEH-funded workshop on the theme of "Creative Spaces/Contested Spaces." It examined public art and monuments, focusing on those associated with Italian immigrants to America. It was hosted by the Fashion Institute of Technology, but its activities took place all over Manhattan and Staten Island. He enjoyed having animated conversations with the other participants, who came from across the country. A few days later he was with his family in Florida, where he enjoyed a couple weeks of vacation before starting his new job as interim director.



Faculty Achievement

Nicole Lobdell, Assistant Professor of English, had a book published this summer. A description and link follow:

“X-rays are powerful. Moving through objects undetected, revealing the body as a tryptic of skin, tissue, and bone. X-rays gave rise to a transparent world and the belief that transparency conveys truth. It stands to reason, then, that our relationship with X-rays would be a complicated one of fear and fascination, acceptance and resistance, confusion and curiosity. In *X-ray*, Nicole Lobdell explores when, where, and how we use X-rays, what meanings we give them, what metaphors we make out of them, and why, despite our fears, we're still fascinated with them. In doing so, she draws from a variety of fields, including the history of medicine, science and technology studies, literature, art, material culture, film, comics, gender studies, architecture, and industrial design.”

Link to publisher:

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/xray-9781501386701/>



Welcome New Scholars!



On August 14th we held our First-Year Student Convocation and welcomed 65 new Scholars!

Thank you so much for reading this edition of the Alumni Newsletter! For future installments, we would love to showcase more from our wonderful alumni. If you would like to share any accomplishments or news with us, please send an email to farrisa@nsula.edu detailing your news and include any pictures if you would like. We look forward to hearing from you all!



A group of approximately 12 students, both men and women, are posing for a photo outdoors on a grassy area. They are all wearing matching dark green t-shirts with a small circular logo on the chest. In the background, there are several tall, white, classical-style columns and lush green trees. The text "Support Scholars'" is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif font across the top of the image. In the bottom left corner, there is a QR code with a small circular logo in the center. In the bottom right corner, there is a circular purple seal with white text that reads "LOUISIANA SCHOLARS' COLLEGE", "ἀρετή", "NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY", and "Est. 1987". At the bottom of the graphic, there is a green banner with the URL "northwesternstatealumni.com/give/" in white text.

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