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Dr. Sarah

McFarland's essay, "Just Meat on Legs": The Last Stragglers of Climate Apocalypse," has been published in the journal *ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment* (Oxford) and is now available via advance access here: <https://academic.oup.com/isle/advance-article/doi/10.1093/isle/isz022/5438320>

Her article examines cannibalism in two fictional depictions of climate change-triggered apocalypse, Helen Simpson's story "Diary of an Interesting Year" and Cormac McCarthy's novel *The Road*, to argue that there is no future for the last survivors: to be alive in these settings is

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Bill Dickens earns Dunaway Medal, SHAPE's highest professional honor

The Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE) awarded **Dr. Bill Dickens** the Southern District Donna L. Dunaway Medal. The Medal is the highest award that can be bestowed upon a member by the SHAPE Southern District and recognizes individuals who have made significant and sustained contributions and given meritorious service to the Southern District over a significant period of time.

The medal was presented at the SHAPE National Convention in Tampa, Florida, April 11. Prior to Dickens, there have been only seven recipients of the award.

To qualify for the Donna L. Dunaway Medal, individuals must be a noteworthy leader and a significant contributor to the work of Southern District; have exemplified long term and meritorious service to Southern District for a minimum period of 15 years and be a person of high moral character whose contributions have emulated the spirit of service, dedication and the highest work ethic that the Dunaway Medal represents. Candidates are at least 45 years of age, must have been a member of Southern District for a minimum period of 15 years prior to being nominated for the award and reside in the Southern District at the time of the award.

Dickens has been an educator, scholar, researcher and coach for 52 years. He retired from Northwestern State University's Department of Health and Human Performance as Professor



Dr. Bill Dickens

Emeritus in 2016 following years of service to the department, to NSU, to Southern District of SHAPE America, to the Louisiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (LAHPERD), which he served as executive director, and to the profession at large.

Dickens was on faculty at NSU for 28 years during which time he twice served as department head, as well as on numerous administrative committees. Dickens earned numerous honors from

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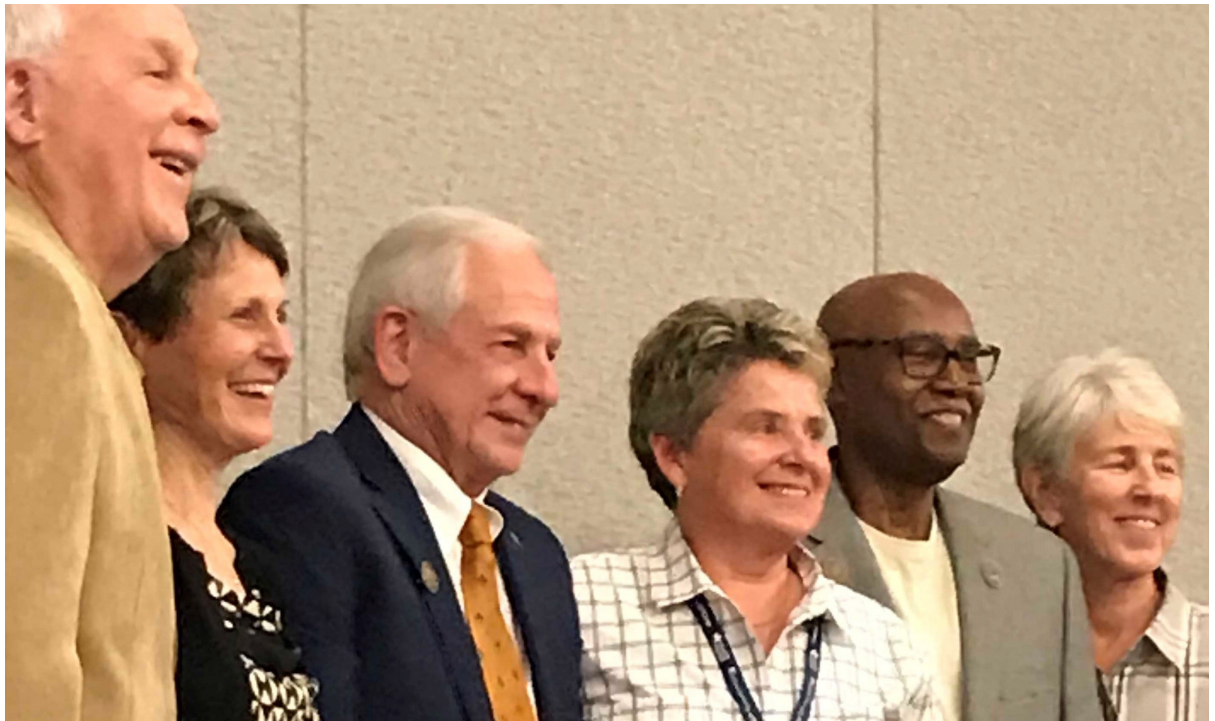
to be meat, killing and eating its way to an inevitable human extinction.

McFarland is a professor of literature and theory in the Department of English, Foreign Language and Cultural Studies.

Dr. Rebecca Macijeski had two poems accepted for publication recently. *Green Theory and Praxis Journal's* special creative writing

theme issue: *Elemental West* features her first poem from a project that explores and reimagines the American dust bowl. The second poem opens the latest issue of *Poet Lore*, America's oldest poetry journal.

Read both at <http://greentheoryandpraxisjournal.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/GTP-Volume-12-Issue-1-April-2019.pdf> and <https://www.poetlore.com/>



Dr. Bill Dickens, center, is the eighth recipient of the Dunaway Medal, a special honor that recognizes individuals who have made significant and sustained contributions and given meritorious service to the Southern District of the Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE) over a significant period of time. From left are Milton Wilder of Mississippi, Cam Davis of Tennessee, Dickens, Donna Dunaway of Alabama, Andrew Lewis of South Carolina and Donna Hester of Alabama. Not shown are Karen Dowd of Oklahoma/Florida and Steve Furney of Texas.

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the Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (APHERD) during his career for his advancement of professions related to health and human performance.

Dickens has been involved in numerous youth, athletic, civic and service organizations. Among his many other noteworthy services, he was

the manager of the American Red Cross Disaster Shelter set up in NSU's Health and Human Performance Building that housed more than 1,200 evacuees for several weeks following Hurricane Katrina.

Dickens' colleagues laud him as an encourager, a scholar and a teacher passionate about the field of physical education.

Following his retirement, Dickens has remained involved at NSU as an adjunct instructor, teaching classes that prepare students in Health and Human Performance for their next step as they pursue careers as teachers, physical therapists, wellness specialists, coaches and other health specialties.



News from the Cammie G. Henry Research Center

On Saturday, April 6, **Mary Linn Wernet** attended the Caroline Dormon Nature Preserve Annual Briarwood Picnic and assisted with the tours of the Caroline Dormon Log House Museum. Most importantly, she curated a traveling exhibit depicting Southeastern Indian artwork and photographs from the NSU's Caroline Dormon Collection.

On Sunday, April 7, she met the members of the Perche-Canada Association for dinner at Maglieaux's. Perche-Canada Association President Michel Ganivet brought the group for a tour of Louisiana with a short

stay in Natchitoches. Before the arrival of the meal, Michel Ganivet donated two of his published books pertaining to the St. Denis family to the NSU Libraries Louisiana Book Collection.

During NSU LitCon, April 12-13, the CGHRC displayed a traveling exhibit showcasing several historical monographs that utilized resources from the collection. On April 24-26, Wernet attended several Jefferson Highway Association meeting events in Natchitoches and delivered a paper concerning on "Jefferson Highway in Natchitoches."

This association's goal focuses on the preservation and tourism of the Jefferson Highway, "Pine to Palm," Manitoba, Canada to New Orleans highway and other related byways in the U.S.

On Saturday, April 26, she attended the North Louisiana Historical Association annual luncheon meeting in Natchitoches with banquet speaker Patricia Austin Becker speaking on her recent biography of Cammie G. Henry, *Cane River Bohemia: Cammie Henry and Her Circle at Melrose Plantation* published by LSU Press.

Dr. Jack Pace Anatomy Lab dedication set for May 6



Dr. Jack Pace

Northwestern State University's School of Biological and Physical Sciences will host a classroom dedication for the Dr. Jack Pace Human Anatomy and Physiology Lab. The dedication will be at 3:30 p.m. Monday, May 6 in Bienvenu Hall Room 217.

Pace was a member of the Northwestern State faculty for 41 years where he taught animal science and preparatory classes for the nursing curriculum, served as head of the Department of Agriculture and Biological Sciences and was advisor to the Rodeo Team and NSU Vet Tech committee. Through many years of teaching at NSU, he touched the lives and inspired hundreds of his students. He passed away Aug. 3, 2018.

Last year, friends and colleagues established the Jack Pace Memorial Endowed Scholarship for students majoring in biology.

The public is invited to attend the dedication.

Resources and Assistance

For assistance in seeking information about funding opportunities, preparing proposals or administering projects, contact the Office of Sponsored Programs by phone, 357-5222; e-mail at orsp@nsula.edu, or visit the OSP website at <http://www.nsula.edu/orsp>.

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Pete Gregory earns LEH Lifetime Achievement Honor



The Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities (LEH), in partnership with Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser, awarded anthropologist, archaeologist and Northwestern State University professor Dr. Hiram F. “Pete” Gregory with the 2019 Lifetime Contribution to the Humanities Award. The award, which has been given annually since 1992, is part of the state humanities council’s effort to honor individuals and organizations who have made significant contributions to the study and understanding of the humanities. Gregory and the other award winners was honored on April 4 at the 2019 LEH Bright Lights Awards Dinner in Lafayette. From left are NSU President Dr. Chris Maggio, Nungesser and Gregory.

Portrait Project unveiling, reception set for May 9

Northwestern State University’s Student Government Association will unveil three portraits of significant figures from the university’s history in a program at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 9 in the Stroud Room of the NSU Athletic Field House. The public invited to attend the unveiling and enjoy refreshments afterwards.

Portraits of Joe Delaney, Scharlie Russell and Jimmy Long will be revealed before they are installed in the Student Union, Student Services Center and Russell Hall.

Delaney was a two-time All-American athlete for the NSU Demons as well as a track

and field star. He played two seasons with the Kansas City Chiefs and was chosen as AFC Rookie of the Year in 1981. Delaney died June 29, 1981, while attempting to rescue three children from drowning in a pond in Monroe. He was posthumously awarded the Presidential Citizen’s Medal from U.S. President Ronald Reagan and was inducted into NSU’s alumni hall of distinction, the Long Purple Line, in 2017.

Russell was head librarian at Louisiana State Normal School/Louisiana State Normal College, as NSU was then known, from 1910-1940. Russell Hall, formerly the

school’s library, was named for her when the Eugene P. Watson Memorial Library was constructed in 1972. Russell Hall, which houses the School of Business, is one of only two remaining buildings on the NSU campus named after women.

A member of the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors since 2001, Long served eight consecutive terms in the House of Representatives from 1968 to 2000. Colleagues in the House and Senate adopted a resolution during his last term honoring Long as “Dean of the Legislature.”

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NSU recognized three members of the faculty with research awards. From left are Dr. Massimo Bezoari, winner of the Dr. Jean D’Amato Thomas Lifetime Achievement Award; Dr. Betsy Cochran, Research Day faculty coordinator; Dr. Sarah McFarland, winner of the Mildred Hard Bailey Research Award, and Dr. Shane Rasmussen, winner of the Dr. Marietta LeBreton Louisiana Studies Award.

Student, faculty research lauded at 32nd annual Research Day

Northwestern State University recognized outstanding achievements in research during the university’s 32nd annual Research Day April 25, an event that showcased student and faculty research projects that span the scope of academia. Throughout the day, students and faculty presented projects in 15-minute concurrent oral sessions, a poster sessions and art poster

sessions, both in person and via virtual presentations. The day culminated with an awards ceremony and recognition of previous recipients.

Faculty were recognized for outstanding research with presentations of the Dr. Jean D’Amato Thomas Lifetime Achievement Award, the Mildred Hart Bailey Faculty Research Award and the Dr. Marietta LeBreton Louisiana

Studies Award.

Dr. Massimo Bezoari, professor of chemistry in the Louisiana Scholars’ College, was named recipient of the Dr. Jean D’Amato Thomas Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is designed to honor senior faculty members whose careers have included a significant commitment to research and service to

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A recognized authority on education policy, he chaired the House Education Committee and was instrumental in the creation of the Louisiana Scholars’ College at NSU as well as the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts.

Long died in a traffic accident on Aug. 9, 2016.

The unveiling is part of the SGA’s portrait project which aims to place pictures of individuals in the buildings and spaces for which they are named and to highlight

contributions by women and people of color who are part of NSU’s history.

More portraits will be unveiled later this year.

For more information, contact **Shayne Creppel** at creppels@nsula.edu.

ECE Non-Credit Classes - Feb. 2019

Pick Up Your Brush - Painting Classes

In these classes, you will learn the art of painting using step-by-step instructions to create a masterpiece of your own. No special or prior skill required. Just relax and enjoy each class. Students will take home a completed painting at the end of every class. Children ages 7 – 12 years old may enroll, but a parent **MUST** accompany the child the entire class. Parent does not have to enroll unless they participate. **Each date is a separate session.** All supplies included.

Dates: May 2, Thursday (Pink Peonies)
Times: 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Fee: \$45
Location: 2nd Floor South Hall
Instructor: Shanna Dees Gaspard

Water Aerobics

Using the unique properties of the water, this class provides you with a fun and challenging workout designed to increase your heart rate, strengthen muscles, increase flexibility, and enhance endurance. Water Aerobics meets the demands of the most skilled movers and is gentle enough on the joints for those seeking a low impact alternative.

Date: May 14-May 30 May
June 4-June 27 June
July 2-31 July
August 1-15 August
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Time: 12:30 p.m.- 1:30 p.m.
Fee: \$35- May
\$45- June
\$45- July
\$22.50 August
Location: Robert W. Wilson Recreation Complex
Instructor: Katherine Yandell

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Registration Deadline-Friday, May 17

This course will consist of 30 hours of classroom instruction and a minimum of 8 hours of practice driving (behind-the-wheel instruction). You will receive a certificate verifying successful completion of the course. Please provide proof of age. Must be 15 years old on or before August 28 to be eligible to enroll in this class. **NOTE: MANDATORY PARENT MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 23 AT 6:00PM**

Date: March 28-31
(Driving Schedules will be set once class begins.)
Time: TBD
Fee: Contact the Office of Electronic and Continuing Education for more details or visit checkout.nsula.edu to register
Location: 2nd Floor South Hall
Instructor: Kevin Warner

Security+ Intensive Boot Camp

Security+ Intensive Boot Camp- This intensive boot camp is designed with one thing in mind: Certification. In this course you will study, at your own pace, for the CompTIA Security+ (SYO-501) exam. You will be provided resources, lecture notes, and access to a live professor that will prepare you to take the certification exam. This comprehensive package includes the software, recorded lectures, a test voucher (good for 1 year) and a free retake, and a weekly live session should you need it. These tools will help you succeed and become Security+ certified. This course is self-paced so that you may begin any time and will have 9 months of live access.

Date: Online/Open Enrollment
Fee: \$1,899
Location: Online
Instructor: Eddie Horton

OFFICE RELOCATION

OSP has relocated to South Hall – Suite 211 on 444 Caspari Street.

Feel free to contact us at orsp@nsula.edu or 357-5222 with any questions or concerns you may have as we would like to make this transition as accommodating as possible.

CONGRATULATIONS

Ms. Nancy Alexander, Department of Child and Family Network, College of Education and Human Development, received notification of an additional \$350,000 award from the LA Board of Regents for “Statewide Early Learning and Child Care Scholarship Program 2018-19.”

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Dr. Daniel Rivera-Vazquez, School of Biological and Physical Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, submitted a proposal to the National Science Foundation entitled “STEM Scholars Program for Biological and Physical Science Majors at Northwestern State University.” **Dr. Jonathan Akin** and

Mr. Michael Scanlan are collaborators.

Dr. Shane Rasmussen, Director of LA Folklife Center, submitted proposals entitled “40th Annual Natchitoches – NSU Folk Festival” to Cane River National Heritage Area, Natchitoches Historic District Development Commission, and the Louisiana Office of Tourism.

Ms. Nancy Alexander, Department of Child and Family Network, College of Education and Human Development, submitted the following proposals to the Louisiana Department of Education: “Statewide Early Learning and Child Care Scholarship Program 2019-2020,” and “Statewide Child Care Career Development System.” **Ms. Jenny Cowan** is collaborator.

For more information regarding funding opportunities, visit OSP’s website at orsp@nsula.edu.

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their disciplines. Nominees must have made significant contributions to their fields of study; remained dedicated to a consistent research agenda spanning their careers, including publications, presentations, research grants or other related activities; and demonstrated a sustained record of service to the discipline.

Dr. Shane Rasmussen, associate professor of English and director of the Louisiana Folklife Center, was named recipient of the Dr. Marietta

LeBreton Louisiana Studies Award. This award recognizes faculty members whose research careers have been dedicated to Louisiana topics. Nominees may have conducted research in any discipline.

Dr. Sarah McFarland, professor of English, was named recipient of the Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award. This award is given for outstanding research or distinguished artistic performance and/or creative work substantially completed

during the past three years. Northwestern faculty and adjunct faculty carrying a twelve semester-hour course load are eligible for nomination.

Isabella Jones of Saline was for the second year in a row named winner of the Student Design Award. Jones is a senior majoring in graphic communications and biology.

Dr. Betsy Cochran is faculty coordinator of Research Day. The full program of events and more information is available at researchday.nsula.edu.