



## Christmas Gala available in video format

The Mrs. H.D. Dear Sr. and Alice E. Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts at Northwestern State University will present its annual Christmas Gala in a video format that will be available starting Wednesday, Dec. 2.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Gala cannot be presented in its normal format, so the School of Creative and Performing Arts decided to present the show online.

The Gala video can be accessed on Dec. 2-6 by going to [capa.nsula.edu](http://capa.nsula.edu). A link will be provided so that users can make a donation and receive the link to the video. The amount of the donation is up to the individual, but the suggested donation is \$5 or \$20 per household.

Once your donation

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## NSU preparing for five carefully planned, socially distanced commencement ceremonies

Northwestern State University has created a page on the university website where users can find information about Fall 2020 Commencement, which will be held Thursday, Dec. 17-Friday, Dec. 18 in Prather Coliseum.

Click this link <https://www.nsula.edu/graduation/> to access general information and Frequently Asked Questions regarding this year's format, which is being guided by COVID health and safety protocols.

Degrees will be conferred during five ceremonies. Each graduate will be issued four guest wristbands that must be picked up in advance by the graduate with ID. Children and others without wristbands will not be admitted due to capacity regulations in Prather Coliseum. Guests must enter the coliseum together and be seated together to maintain social distancing protocols. Masks will be

required for everyone inside the coliseum, which will be cleaned after each ceremony.

Guests of graduates with last names beginning with A-L should enter and exit the coliseum on the east side of the coliseum, which faces the NSU tennis courts. Guests of graduates with last names beginning with M-Z should enter and exit on the west side of Prather Coliseum, which faces Caspari Street and the Kappa Sigma house.

Graduates should enter the main doors of the coliseum, which face Chaplin's Lake, where they will check in and be escorted to their seats. There will be no graduate procession.

All ceremonies will be livestreamed at [www.nsula.edu](http://www.nsula.edu) and recorded.

Students who completed their degrees

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Northwestern State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, genetic information, age, pregnancy or parenting status, and veteran or retirement status in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

The following have been designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies (i.e., Title IX): Employees/Potential Employees - Veronica M. Biscoe, EEO Officer (318-357-6359) or Students - Frances Conine, Dean of Students (318-357-5286).

For Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) concerns, contact the Disability Support and Tutoring Director Randi Washington, at (318) 357-4460.

\*Inquiries regarding employment applications should call Business Affairs (318-357-5446).

## Criteria set for John G. Williams Scholarship

A resident of Natchitoches Parish majoring in business administration at Northwestern State University will benefit from a scholarship established by the family of the late John Garland Williams, who passed away May 24. Criteria for the endowed scholarship is a minimum grade point average of 3.0 for a junior or senior level student.

Williams, who taught business law, was a member of Northwestern State's faculty for 47 years. He was an adjunct faculty member for 19 years and became a full-time faculty member for 28 years and was a professor of business. Williams also maintained a law practice in Natchitoches and was first assistant district attorney for Natchitoches Parish.

He greatly enjoyed teaching over the course of 47 years, sometimes teaching the children and grandchildren of former students. He was known for his educational anecdotes that included Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, Hobart Macgroniac, Lillie Licksillet, and Susie Stepingofetchit.

A 1962 graduate of St. Mary's Academy, he

earned a degree in agribusiness from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge and graduated from Tulane Law School with a Juris Doctorate Degree in civil law.

He entered the U.S. Marine Corps on active duty in September 1968 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in February 1969. He graduated from the Naval Justice School in August 1969 and joined the 1st Marine Division in Camp Pendelton, California, where he was a defense lawyer, a prosecutor and finally was appointed by the Secretary of the Navy as a military judge. Williams returned home and began to practice law.

Williams' wife, Suzanne, is teacher certification coordinator for NSU's School of Education.

Friends who wish to contribute to the John G. Williams Memorial Scholarship in Business may do so through the NSU Foundation, 535 University Parkway, Natchitoches, LA 71497. Donors can also visit [northwesternstatealumni.com](http://northwesternstatealumni.com) and specify their gift under the Give Now tab.

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in May and August who wish to participate in Fall Commencement should contact the Registrar's Office by emailing [registrar@nsula.edu](mailto:registrar@nsula.edu) by Dec. 4.

Those students will need to exchange their previously purchased caps and gowns through the NSU bookstore for a new one in the correct color. Those graduates should call (318) 238-3630 or email [1671mgr@follett.com](mailto:1671mgr@follett.com) for assistance.

Graduates who are unable to attend commencement should contact the Registrar's Office no later than Dec. 4. Graduates should list their full name, campus wide ID number or social security number, the address to which the diploma should be mailed and a signed statement.

The form may be faxed to (318) 357-5823, emailed to [registrar@nsula.edu](mailto:registrar@nsula.edu) or mailed to Northwestern State University, University Registrar's Office Natchitoches, LA 71497.

There will be two ceremonies for the College of Nursing and School of Allied Health on Thursday, Dec. 17.

Beginning at 10 a.m. Dec. 17, degrees will be conferred to graduates earning the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice.

Beginning at 1 p.m. Dec. 17, degrees will be conferred on graduates earning the Associate of Science in Nursing and bachelor's and graduate degrees from the School of Allied Health.

Three ceremonies will take

place on Friday, Dec. 18.

Beginning at 10 a.m. Dec. 18, degrees will be conferred to all graduates of the College of Business and Technology and to graduates earning associate degrees from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Beginning at 1 p.m. Dec. 18, degrees will be conferred to all graduates earning bachelor's and master's degrees from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Beginning at 4 p.m. Dec. 18, bachelor's and master's degrees will be conferred to all graduates of the College of Education and Human Development.

Guests and graduates should plan to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to each ceremony.

More details are available at [www.nsula.edu/commencement](http://www.nsula.edu/commencement).

## Moulton, colleagues contribute to psychology textbook

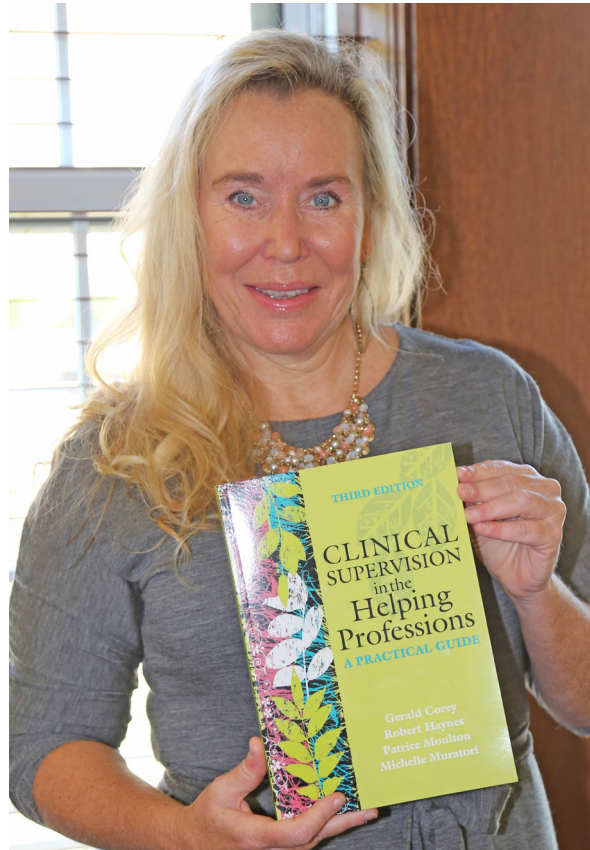
**Dr. Patrice Moulton**, a professor of psychology at Northwestern State University, co-authored a publication, “Clinical Supervision in the Helping Professions: A Practical Guide,” published with leaders in the field of psychology Dr. Gerald Corey, Robert Haynes and Dr. Michelle Muratori. It is the 12<sup>th</sup> book Moulton has authored in her publishing career.

Authoring the book provided the opportunity to invite colleagues and graduate students to contribute to the manuscript “Voices in the Field,” Moulton said. NSU faculty member **Erik Braun**, assistant professor in counselor education, was represented in the manuscript for his contribution “The Mega-Conceptualization in Group Supervision.” Graduate students in clinical psychology and their contributions include Staci Maddox, “Respectful Intervention with Supervisees”; Logan Turner, “Compassionate Conversations of Difference”; Rachel Alvarez, “Supervision in a Multicultural Environment”; Abigail Hunter, “My Team Supervision Experience.”

Turner and Alvarez said being able to contribute to the book was a challenging and gratifying experience.

“Most students struggle with the constant question of our future and what we can actually attain for ourselves with the degrees that we are studying,” Turner said. “To have my name attached to a book publication that will be read by thousands of individuals in the field of psychology is validating. This kind of opportunity gives me hope that I can successfully achieve my career goals.”

“It was gratifying in that it lent me an opportunity to share my research and real life experiences in a way that could be beneficial to others,” Alvarez said. “It was challenging in that it also made me consider the weight of my words from an instructional standpoint and forced me to go beyond a casual literary delivery to present the information I had acquired in the clearest and most accurate way I could. I am grateful I was given this opportunity. It was an honor and a privilege to work with Dr. Moulton throughout my graduate education.”



**Moulton**

Moulton said the book also provided a unique invitation by editors for submission of a new model supervision to be introduced to the field of psychology: TEAM-Based Supervision Process Model, an acronym for Teach, Evaluate, Assure, Mentor.

“It is an honor to be considered a leader in training young professionals to provide mental health assessment and therapy,” Moulton said. “Our society is experiencing a mental health crisis and we need well prepared therapists on the front lines to serve our communities.”

Moulton is the 2020 recipient of the Dr. Mildred Hart Bailey Faculty Research Award presented annually to a member of the NSU faculty in recognition of outstanding research or distinguished artistic performance or creative work substantially completed within the past three years. 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. Earlier this year was named president of the Louisiana Fulbright Chapter.



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is received through the online link, you will receive an email with a link to the video recording. The video will not be available after Dec. 6.

“Our goal this year for the Christmas GALA is to give the NSU and Natchitoches community the performance they have come to enjoy

and love, just in a new format,” said Gala Director **Brett Garfinkel**, who is chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance. “We filmed new pieces in different locations and edited together a video performance of the show. For the first time patrons will have the ability to watch the show from the comfort of their own homes.”

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Multicultural Christmas” that will include a little something for everyone. This year’s Gala will combine audience favorites from past shows along with some new additions.

There will be performances from students in Northwestern State’s Department of Theatre and Dance, the NSU Improv Troupe, the Demon Dazzlers, the Natchitoches-

Northwestern Symphony Orchestra, the NSU Drumline, the NSU Jazz Orchestra and the NSU Chamber Choir.

The Christmas Gala offers the School an opportunity to raise resources that provide opportunities and materials not typically covered by university funds.

For more information, visit [capa.nsula.edu](http://capa.nsula.edu) or call (318) 357-4522.

# Multicultural Christmas Concert to be presented virtually

*12th Annual*  
**Natchitoches-NSU**  
*Multicultural*  
*Christmas*  
*Concert*

Link to attend the virtual concert: [nsu.la/MCC2020](https://nsu.la/MCC2020)

Or contact the La. Folklife Center via email [folklife@nsula.edu](mailto:folklife@nsula.edu) or (318) 357-4332 to receive an invitation.

*Virtual Event*  
**Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020**  
**6:00-7:30 PM**

Sponsored by the Louisiana Folklife Center and the NSU Center for Inclusion and Diversity.

*Donations welcome to support Cane River Children's Services*

## Artists will host annual Maker's Faire Dec. 8-10

Northwestern State University's Department of Fine and Graphic Art will present the annual Maker's Faire, a bazaar of original art, handcrafts, textiles, paintings, ceramics and more created by

students and faculty.

The Maker's Faire will be from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8-Thursday, Dec. 10 in Orville Hanchey Gallery.

Prices are reasonable at the annual event that is presented

at the start of the gift-giving season and shoppers may be able to visit with the artists.

More information is available by contacting **Matt DeFord** at [defordm@nsula.edu](mailto:defordm@nsula.edu) or (318) 357-6560.

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Please submit news items by Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021, to be included in the February edition