



# NSU News

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## Faculty honored for Excellence in Teaching



### PEOPLE

Associate Professor of English **Dr. Allison Rittmayer** presented the paper “Visual Silence: Unseen State Violence and the Survivor’s Voice” at the MLA International Symposium on Remembering Lost Voices.

The symposium took place in Lisbon, Portugal, July 23-25.



Outstanding faculty from each college at Northwestern State University were recognized with Excellence in Teaching Awards during the school’s annual Fall Faculty Institute. From left are Dr. Keith Dromm, professor of philosophy and Study Away director in the Louisiana Scholars’ College; Dr. Melissa Aldredge, instructor in the College of Business and Technology; Dr. Malena McLaren, associate professor and coordinator of the Music Department in the College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Michelle Fazio Brunson, professor of early childhood education in the Gallaspy Family College of Education and Human Development, and Patty Akins, assistant professor in the College of Nursing and School of Allied Health. They were congratulated by Dr. Greg Handel, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs.

## Columns Cafe will serve first lunch of the semester Wednesday, Sept. 4

The Columns Café at Northwestern State University will serve lunch at from noon-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4 in Room 225 of the Family and Consumer Sciences building. To-go service is available.

The menu includes Parisian Burgers on Brioche Roll with Brie Cheese and Onion Compote with Dijon Mayo, Julienne cut Sweet

Potato Frites and Trio of Fruit Granita for dessert. Tea and water included. The price is \$15.

To purchase tickets visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/hospitality-management-amp-tourism-at-northwestern-state-university-18634235921> or contact Landon Amberg at (318) 357-5072 or [ambergl@nsula.edu](mailto:ambergl@nsula.edu) to place your to go order

The Columns Café is a hands-on outreach of the Hospitality Management and Tourism program that is open for lunch and dinner on selected dates. Guests must purchase tickets in advance and seating is directed so that all seats are filled.

The Café is student-run with seasonal, locally-sourced meals prepared in the culinary arts lab and served by students.

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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, Catherine Fauchaux, at 318-357-4460.

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

# Bailey earns NSU Academic Advising Award

**Denise Bailey**, assistant professor of Social Work, was named the 2019 Academic Advisor of the Year at Northwestern State University. Bailey was recognized during the university's annual Fall Faculty Institute Monday. **Steve Hicks**, executive director of NSU's Academic Advising Services, presented the award.

"There are several key characteristics that help define our outstanding advising practices, which include knowledge, helpfulness and accessibility," Hicks said.

Of her advising, one of Bailey's students wrote "The thing that makes her so special and outstanding is that she is always checking up to ensure that I do well. She is very encouraging and positive. She makes certain that people know her office is a safe place. She is always pushing people to do their best work. She wants her advisees get the most out of their college experience by ensuring that they are on the right track to graduation. She is outstanding because she has created a bond with me, and I hope that I will have that same privilege when I attend graduate school. She has set the bar very high."

Bailey was surprised and grateful to receive the honor.

"I try to make myself available to the students," she said. "If their availability differs from my office hours, I do my best to accommodate them – either face to face or via email, phone call or text messaging. I try to set up the student for success. I encourage students to take a minimum of 15 hours per semester, if they feel they can handle the workload. This way the student should matriculate timely, and, should they need to drop a course, they are still full time which may be necessary for financial



Assistant Professor of Social Work Denise Bailey, center, was named 2019 Academic Advisor of the Year at Northwestern State University. She was recognized during the Fall Faculty Institute, held annually prior to the start of the fall semester. Steve Hicks, executive director of NSU's Academic Advising Services, left, and Dr. Greg Handel, provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, right, presented the award.

aid, including scholarships."

Bailey contacts students when she has access to their 5-week and mid-term grades to congratulate those who are doing well and offer encouragement and practical advice to those who are struggling.

"To be recognized by receiving the Academic Advising Award is such a great accomplishment. On the same day of receiving this award, I also received my tenure approval notice; and as grateful as I am for that, I'm humbled and so grateful that a student thought of me and took the time to complete the nomination form," Bailey said.

NSU has recognized Outstanding Faculty Advisors since 2002.

## American Indian, Indigenous People gathering Sept. 5

Students, faculty and staff of Native American/ Indigenous People descent and friends of Native American/ Indigenous People are invited to a gathering starting at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5 at Collins Pavilion. All are invited to meet First Americans of many tribes and communities to learn

from and teach one another, claim your heritage, share a little food and drink, sing and drum and maybe dance.

Organizers hope to revitalize NSU's Native American Student Group.

John Barbary of the Tunica Biloxi Tribe of Markville will be the guest speaker.

The event is being organized by Dr. Pete Gregory, professor of anthropology; Dr. Rebecca Riall, assistant professor of law and anthropology; Williamson Museum, Creole Heritage Center and the Department of Criminal Justice, History and Social Sciences.



# Lisa Harris is new Human Resources director

Northwestern State University has named **Lisa Harris** Director of Human Resources for the University.

Harris previously served as a human resource analyst and supervisor at Pinecrest Supports and Services in Pineville. Prior to that position, she worked in administration for the city of Alexandria director of personnel, chief of policy and planning and cooperative endeavor monitoring and director of community services. She was also CEO of YMCA of Central Louisiana.

Harris earned a Bachelor of Arts in Radio, Television and Film at the University of Louisiana at Monroe and is a Senior Certified Professional (SCP) by the International Public Man-



**Harris**

agement Association for Human Resources (IPMA).

“I am honored to be a part of the Northwestern State University staff. I am excited about the opportunity to support the management of this great University through

the planning, directing and coordination of various HR processes.”

Harris is a member of the Society for Human Resources and Management (SHRM), the International Public Management Association for Human Resources (IPMA) and the Central Louisiana Society for Human Resources Management (CLHRM) where she chairs the Diversity Committee. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Alexandria Museum of Art and is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Harris is married to Destin M. Harris of Alexandria and has two children, Devin, 26, Lauryn, 19, and a granddaughter, Lennox Rose. The family attends Zion Hill Church Family in Pineville.

## NSU employees recognized for years of service



Several long-time employees of Northwestern State University were recognized for their years of service during the university’s annual Fall Faculty/Staff Lunch Monday. From left are NSU President Dr. Chris Maggio congratulating Kent Mitchell, Pam Cook, Maureen McCarty and Bessie Jones for 25 years of service, and Bill Brent with 35 years. Drake Owens, assistant vice president of External Affairs, presented the awards.

## Kappa Pi supports upcoming “Hotter ‘N Hell” exhibition

Northwestern State University’s chapter of Kappa Pi International Art Honor Society donated more than \$1,000 to Friends of Hanchey to support promotion of “Hotter ‘N Hell,” a national juried collegiate art exhibition that will feature art created with the use of heat and fire.

Kappa Pi raised funds by raffling a quilt pieced together from vintage NSU t-shirts.

“Hotter ‘N Hell’ will feature a national juried exhibition of pyrotechnical art and include a one-day event we are calling the, Hotter ‘N Hell Happening, that will be the week of July 4, 2020,” said Phyllis Lear, professor art and coordinator of the show. “The’ Hotter ‘N Hell’ Art Exhibition will showcase a juried collegiate art exhibition from across the United States that features fire and/or heat during production or as an element of each work of art.” Creations by artists who work with glass, ceramics, bronze, metal sculpture and other mediums will be featured.

“NSU’s Department of Fine and Graphic Art will host the exhibition in Orville Hanchey Gallery April 20 through August 20, 2020, the



Kappa Pi International made a donation to Friends of Hanchey to support the “Hotter ‘N Hell” art exhibition. From left are Kappa Pi President Jaliyah Jasper of Alexandria, Professor of Art and Hotter ‘N Hell Coordinator Phyllis Lear and Jordan Johnson of New Orleans, vice president of Kappa Pi.

hottest months in Demonland,” Lear said.

NSU Artist James Borders will be juror for the exhibition.

For more information, contact Lear at (318) 357-4056 or [learp@nsula.edu](mailto:learp@nsula.edu).

## University announces tenure, promotions list

Sixteen Northwestern State University faculty have received tenure and 24 have received promotion effective with the start of the 2019-20 academic year, according to Dr. Greg Handel, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System approved the tenure and promotion recommendations in August.

Faculty who received tenure were Dr. Nicholas Cummins and Mirla G. Enriquez of the Mrs. H.D. Dear Sr. and Alice E. Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts, Dr. Gregory Bouck, Dr. Erik Braun and Dr. Katrina Jordan of the Gallaspy College of Education and Human Development, Dr. Jafar F. AlSharab of the Department of

Engineering Technology and

Also receiving tenure were Dr. Julie Gayle, Dr. Cheryl Adair, Dianna Hill, Dr. Anna Morris. Dr. Robyn Ray and Dr. Rebecca N. Weston of the of the College of Nursing and School of Allied Health, Dr. Cynthia Doffitt and Millard Mangrum of the School of Biological and Physical Sciences, Dorothy W. Jones of the Department of Criminal Justice, History, and Social Sciences and Denise Bailey of the Department of Social Work.

Those promoted from associate professor to professor were Dr. Dana Clawson and Dr. Kelli W. Haynes of the College of Nursing and School of Allied Health, Dr. Wanda Goleman of the School of Biological and Physical Sciences, Dr. Keith Dromm of the Louisiana

Scholars’ College, Dr. Shane Rasmussen of the Department of English, Foreign Languages, and Cultural Studies and Dr. Julie McDonald of the School of Business.

Faculty promoted from assistant professor to associate professor were Adair, Dr. Debra Clark, Dr. Donald Johnston, Morris, Ray, Weston and Dr. Kathleen Tate of the College of Nursing and School of Allied Health, Cummins, Enriquez, Doffitt, AlSharab, Dr. Nabin Sapkota of the Department of Engineering Technology, Dr. Marcia M. Hardy, Dr. Carmella Parker and Dr. Sarah Wright of the School of Business, Bouck, Braun and Jordan.

Leah Forsyth of the School of Creative and Performing Arts was promoted to assistant professor.

WATSON'S



# LIVING LIBRARY COLLECTION

Everyone Has A Story

## Watson will present first Living Library Collection Sept. 11

Northwestern State University's Eugene P. Watson Library will present "Watson's Living Library Collection: Everyone Has A Story" in which panelists will discuss their experiences serving in the military and/or being part of a military family. Sessions will take place at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. when active duty and retired military personnel, along with their families, will offer perspectives on the challenges and rewards of military life. Sessions will take place in the NSU-TV Studio, Kyser Hall Room 138. Guests may attend one or both events.

Organizers hope the Collection will create discussion on specific topics through panelists with first-hand knowledge of the topic, according to **Deborah Huntington**, head of Collection Development and Cataloging.

The living library concept is a new trend in librarianship in which people serve as a source of information, supplementing books, academic jour-

nals and other traditional resources, Huntington explained. With a living library, panel discussions encourage dialogue and researchers can talk with or interview an individual one on one to ask questions and get a first-hand account of what that person saw or lived through.

"It not only serves as another resource for research but also builds upon already established library collections. It is another extension of oral histories and bringing stories off the shelves for validation and understanding via face-to-face."

The living library is also an outreach and engagement vessel that involves the university and the community at large.

"It showcases and promotes how diverse our communities are with acceptance, understanding and inclusion by having face-to-face dialogue and conversations, by sharing and validating life experiences of individuals via round table discussions, interviews Q & A panels, live recordings, speakers, etc.," Huntington

said.

Panel participants on Sept. 11 will be State Representative LTC Kenny Cox, General George Peyton Cole, COL Frank Hall, SSG Brittany LaPoint, COL Jeff Matthews, NSU Assistant Archivist Sharon Wolff, a military dependent, and Dr. Lisso Simmons, Navy Lieutenant Junior Grade, and others who will share their stories about military service.

The event is supported by NSU President and First Lady Dr. Chris and Jennifer Maggio, Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs, the NSU Foundation, NSU-TV, Sodexo and Watson Library.

Organizers plan to host a Watson's Living Library Collection at least once per semester. The next Living Library will take place at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020, in the NSU-TV Studio, Kyser Hall Room 138.

For more information, contact Huntington at [huntingtond@nsula.edu](mailto:huntingtond@nsula.edu).



*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](mailto:orsp@nsula.edu), or visit the OSP website at <http://www.nsula.edu/orsp>.

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## Office of Sponsored Programs

### CONGRATULATIONS

**Ms. Nancy Alexander**, Department of Child and Family Network, College of Education and Human Development, received notification of a \$58,000 award from Caddo Parish Schools for “CLASS Observations for Caddo Parish.” **Ms. Kim Duncan, Ms. Paula Youngblood, Ms. Jill Watkins, Ms. Melanie Albararo and Ms. Latrenna Cross** are collaborators.

**Dr. Dana Clawson**, College of Nursing and School of Allied Health, received notification of the following awards:

\$75,000 award from Willis Knighton Health Services for “WKHS Undergraduate Partnership Faculty Grant – Year 2,” and

\$127,093 for year one of a four-year award from Christus Health Louisiana for “Christus – NSU MOU Nurse Practitioner Faculty Support to Transition to Undergraduate Faculty Support.”

**Ms. Maxine Johnson** is collaborator on both projects.

### CURRENT ACTIVITIES

**Mr. Corbin Covher**, School of Creative and Performing Arts, College of Arts and Sciences, submitted a proposal to Keep Louisiana Beautiful entitled “Keep Louisiana Beautiful (KLB) Healthy Communities Grant.”

**Dr. Hiram Gregory and Mr. John Britt**, LA Creole Heritage Center and the National Center for Preservation, Technology and Training, submitted a proposal to the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area entitled “Mississippi River Delta Archaeological Mitigation: Traditional Community Histories.”

**Dr. Mark Melder**, Department of Criminal Justice, History and Social Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, submitted a proposal to the LA Bureau of Emergency Medical Services entitled, “Kyser Hall AED Grant.” **Ms. Haley Johnson** is collaborator.

### Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Board of Regents Support Fund FY 2019-20 Competitions

Requests for proposals (RFPs) for FY 2019-20 are now available on the Sponsored Programs website (<https://web.laregents.org/programs/borsf-programs/>) for the following Board of Regents Support Fund (BoRSF) competitive grants programs and subprograms: (1) Departmental Enhancement; (2) Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS) including the One-Year RCS; (3) Industrial Ties Research Subprogram (ITRS) including the Proof-of-Concept/Prototyping Initiative; (4) Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars (ATLAS); (5) BoR/SREB Doctoral Support Initiative to Promote Student and Faculty Diversity; (6) Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars; (7) Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships; and (8) Endowed Two-Year Student Workforce Scholarships. The current policy for non-competitive Endowed Professorships is also available on the Regents website.

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Across all programs, the BoRSF seeks projects that, if funded, are likely to have clearly defined, significant benefits for Louisiana higher education and economic development. In 2016, the Board undertook a major restructuring of the BoRSF to better achieve these Constitutionally defined goals. Program changes implemented beginning with the FY 2017-18 cycle emphasize alignment of limited resources with campus role, scope, mission, and strategic priorities, as well as impact of project activities and plans to sustain or grow project benefits after short-term BoRSF funding has ended. It is critical that potential applicants to all programs carefully read RFPs in their entirety to understand the types of projects solicited and the realigned emphases of each program.

IMPORTANT FY 2019-2020 DEADLINES

A. Deadlines for Submission of NoIs/Full Proposals

**September 11, 2019** Mandatory Notices of Intent: Industrial Ties Research & Research Competitiveness Subprograms

**October 10, 2019** Mandatory Notices of Intent: Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars Subprogram

**October 24, 2019** Proposals: Departmental Enhancement – Targeted and Comprehensive

**CYCLE I – ELIGIBLE DISCIPLINES FYs 2019-20, 2021-2022**

Engineering B (Industrial, Materials, Mechanical)

Biological Sciences

Health and Medical Sciences

Physics

Social Sciences

Humanities

Agricultural Sciences

Astronomy

Targeted Workforce\* (any program that is designed to prepare students for a specific job and that falls outside of the traditional disciplines represented in Cycle I and Cycle II. *\*This category is eligible every year.*

**October 31, 2019** Proposals: Industrial Ties Research Subprogram; BoR/SREB Doctoral Support Initiative

**November 7, 2019** Proposals: Research Competitiveness Subprogram

**November 21, 2018** Proposals: Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars

**February 3, 2020** Proposals: Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars; Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships; Endowed Two-Year Student Workforce Scholarships

B. Deadline for Asking Questions about these RFPs: **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**

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In accordance with R.S. 39:1503, a deadline of October 15, 2019 has been established for receipt of questions related to these RFPs. After this date, no further inquiries can be accepted. All questions posed and answers provided by Board staff are available on the Sponsored Programs website ([https://web.laregents.org/downloads\\_page/frequently-asked-question/](https://web.laregents.org/downloads_page/frequently-asked-question/)) and are updated on an ongoing basis until the deadline. Operating in this manner ensures that all potential applicants receive the same information.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

A. Program Changes: The Board of Regents approved major revisions to BoRSF program offerings for implementation in FY 2017-18 and beyond. See applicable requests for proposals for details about eligible activities and projects, submission requirements, and other information.

B. Availability of LOGAN Submission Modules: Submission for all BoRSF

subprograms will be available in LOGAN by July 19, 2019. Potential applicants should consult the appropriate RFP(s) for instructions to access the system. Note that LOGAN submission modules will close immediately following the appropriate deadlines published in the RFPs. No submissions may be completed or changes made after published deadlines, and no extensions may be granted.

C. Endowed Chairs RFP: Provisions in the Endowed Chairs policy to limit eligibility for campuses with high long-term vacancy rates are in effect. Campuses planning to develop proposals should consult the policy for information on how vacancy rates are calculated.

I encourage anyone that may possibly be interested in submitting under these programs to contact the Office of Sponsored at ext. 5222 or by email at [orsp@nsula.edu](mailto:orsp@nsula.edu) as soon as possible so that we can assist you in the proposal development process. We will help answer questions and provide resources as needed.

***For more information regarding funding opportunities, visit OSP's website at [orsp@nsula.edu](mailto:orsp@nsula.edu).***

**First Year Experience seeks help with Bingo prizes**

The First Year Experience team would love to extend a very big thank you to all departments on NSU's campus. We have had a successful first week back thanks to all of your help and are looking forward to many more throughout this semester!

As part of Demon Days 2019, we will be continuing the tradition of "Pack the Pantry BINGO." This event has accrued over 300 students for participation in the past and this year we are looking forward to

having that many students and more! Pack the Pantry is a fun and interactive way for all NSU students to have a chance to win a variety of nonperishable food and snack baskets, as well as an assortment of prizes. The items within the basket can be themed to your choosing or be presented in something as simple as a brown paper bag; the choice is yours! All we ask is that you include a list of the items and the name(s) of the individuals/department that is donating the basket. Last

year we had over 20 baskets created and donated by many faculty/staff and departments on campus. At the end of this email, you will see a list of examples from previous years.

This year, Pack the Pantry BINGO will be on Tuesday, September 17 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. If you are interested in donating and contributing to a fun event, please let me or our Pack the Pantry Student Committee

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## Lyles completes fellowship with Army Corps of Engineers

**Dr. Christopher N. Lyles**, interim director of Northwestern State University's School of Biological and Physical Sciences and assistant professor, was awarded a fellowship through the Oak Ridge Institute of Science and Education (ORISE). ORISE is a competitive federal appointment that recognizes academic excellence and scientific achievement. Lyles served his appointment this summer at the U.S. Army corps of Engineers - Engineering

Research and Development Center (ERDC), Environmental laboratory located in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

"I assisted Dr. Carina Jung and her research team in developing methods to measure various compounds from soil and water samples as well as assisted on a variety of projects including understanding how various concentrations of explosives (TNT, RDX, etc.) influence the amino acid composition of nectar of flowering plants," said Lyles.

Along with the laboratory work Lyles's proposal included training on modern scientific instrumentation and developing a pipeline for NSU students to take advantage of the ORISE program.

"It's important to try and stay current with the modern state of technology, the faculty at the School of Biological and Physical Sciences are always writing grants and developing curriculum around new instrumentation," said Lyles.

Lyles has been a member of Northwestern State's faculty since 2015. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Northwestern State, a Master of Science in Marine and Environmental Biology from Nicholls State University and a Doctorate in Microbiology from the University of Oklahoma.



**Lyles**

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Chairman, Katie Kennedy ([kkennedy211490@nsula.edu](mailto:kkennedy211490@nsula.edu)), know as soon as possible. Our goal is to receive all donations by Tuesday, September 10 so that we can arrange and plan for the adequate amount. This is a great opportunity for multiple departments on campus to contribute to our students in a small way while also making a big impact.

Thank you so much for your consideration and we look forward to hearing from you! Please do not hesitate to

contact me at any time with any questions.

### [Ideas from Previous](#)

#### Years:

#### **Midnight Munches** –

Chips, Little Debbie's, Goldfish, Cookies, candy, Water

#### **Tailgate Essentials** –

Hotdog/Hamburger Buns, Chips, Dips, Condiments, Brookshire's (Super 1) gift card, mini ice chest

#### **Dorm Room Fiesta** – Taco

Shells, Salsa, Tortilla Chips, Taco Seasoning, Rotel, Velveeta Cheese, Can Opener, Gift

Certificate

**First All-Nighter** – Energy Drinks, Coffee, Candy, Donuts

**NSU Fanatic** – NSU Items (coffee mug, tumbler), Orange Crush, Grape Soda, Cheetos, Purple Doritos, Reese's

**Date Night** – Restaurant Gift Card, Parkway Cinema Gift Card

For more information, contact Katarina Haymon, assistant director of First Year Experience and Leadership Development, at [haymonk@nsula.edu](mailto:haymonk@nsula.edu).

# Creole Heritage Celebration set for Sept. 27-28

The Creole Heritage Center at Northwestern State University will host the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Creole Heritage Celebration Sept. 27-28, an event that will include the Legacy Fun Run/Walk, panel discussions, exhibits, vendors, a tribute to Clementine Hunter, a zydeco dance and reception and other features. This year's theme is "Let Your Legacy Live On."

This year's special guest will be TV and film actor Robert Ri'chard. Ri'chard was born in Los Angeles in 1983 and is of Louisiana Creole descent. He has been acting since he was 13. His breakout role was in the TV adaptation of Anne Rice's novel, "The Feast of All Saints."

Ri'chard has guest starred on many hit shows such as "Boston Public," "Touched by an Angel," CSI: Miami," "My Wife and Kids" and "The Jamie Foxx Show."

"Webster's Dictionary defines legacy as 'something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past,'" said **Loletta Wynder**, director of the Creole Heritage Center. "We have identified five characteristics of legacy: faith, family, fitness, food and fun. These are the focal points we hope to address during the conference."

The 2019 conference will begin with a welcome, registration and continental breakfast at 8 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27 in the NSU's Student Union Ballroom. Discussion topics will include Faith and Healing: Old Remedies and Modern Medicine, Family: Genealogy Challenges, Fitness: Wellness and Health, Food: Traditional

## *Volunteers needed for Creole Heritage Celebration*

The 21<sup>st</sup> annual celebration of the Northwestern State University/Creole Heritage Center (CHC) will be held Friday and Saturday, September 27 & 28 in the NSU Sylvan Friedman Student Union Ballroom and on the Rue Beauport Riverfront in downtown Natchitoches. The theme for this year's event is "Let Your Legacy Live On: Faith, Family, Fitness, Food and Fun."

We are currently seeking Volunteers to assist us with this event. Follow us on Face Book for information about this event. <https://www.facebook.com/CreoleHeritageCenterNSU>

If you are interested, please send an email to: [wynderl@nsula.edu](mailto:wynderl@nsula.edu) or call 318 357-6685 to sign up. NSU Faculty/Staff will be permitted to earn comp time for hours worked during this event – with your supervisor's approval.

Some of the activities will include a "Legacy Fun Run & Walk" on Saturday which will be led by Dr. Chris Maggio, President/Northwestern State University along with our special guest, Emmy award winner Actor Robert Ri'chard who has been named the Ambassador for The National African American Male Wellness Initiative Foundation.

Currently, we are seeking sponsorships and/or donation of items that can be used to assist us as door prizes, essay contest prizes, fun run & walk awards, Raffles, and other needed gift items. We would appreciate any assistance you can provide. As an added note, the name/logo of your establishment will be included in our program book. If you should have any questions or need additional information, contact **Loletta Wynder** at 318 357-6685.

These are the focal points that we hope to address during this conference. *Have you given any thought to the legacy you are leaving behind for your family?*

Foods and Healthy Eating and Fun: Entertainment and Recreation. Winners of the Youth Legacy Essay Contest will be announced.

That evening, a zydeco dance and reception featuring Brandon Ledet and the Creole Touch will take place from 6:30-10 p.m.

Saturday's events will take place on and around the Fleur

de Lis Stage on Rue Beauport, Natchitoches' downtown riverbank, beginning with the Legacy Fun Run/Walk. Registration will be from 6:30-9 a.m. and include a Highway Fit Warmup with Ri'chard and NSU President Dr. Chris Maggio.

The 5K run will begin at 7 a.m. The 5K Walk

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will begin at 7:15 a.m. Pre-registration fees are \$25 for runners 18 and over in the 5K, \$10 for runners 17 and younger. Day of registration prices are \$30 for runners 18 and older and \$15 for runners 17 and younger. Runners who preregister are guaranteed a race t-shirt and goodie bag. Virtual runners can contribute for \$25 preregistration or \$30 day of registration and receive a t-shirt. Proceeds will go towards educational and community service projects. An awards program will follow the fun run/walk at 9 a.m.

From 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., participants can enjoy exhibits, vendors, food trucks, entertainment, tours, information on health and fitness, and a meet and greet with Ri'Chard and other activities. The Legacy Kids Carnival will be open with a \$5 armband required for admission. Music will include

line dancing and Zumba.

At 4 p.m. family and friends of Clementine Hunter will pay tribute to the late Natchitoches Folk Artist. Organizers will share information about Clementine Hunter Day, which will be observed state-wide on Tuesday, Oct. 1. Earlier this year, Wynder spearheaded an initiative to establish Clementine Hunter Day with a resolution by State Rep. Kenny Cox that was approved by the Louisiana Legislature.

A zydeco dance band will perform from 6-9:30 p.m.

Registration costs for the conference start at \$25 per person for those who pre-register through Sept. 16. This cost includes all Friday events including informational sessions, the zydeco dance and reception and Brandon Ledet/ Creole Touch performance. On-site registration Friday, Sept. 27 is \$30 per person.

On-site admission to Friday's dance and reception only are \$20 per person and \$30 per couple. Tickets can be reserved at [creole.nsula.edu](http://creole.nsula.edu).

Admission to events on Saturday, Sept. 28 downtown are free except for the Legacy Fun Run/Walk.

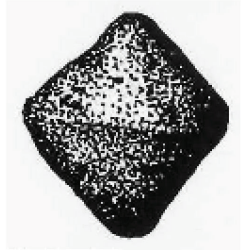
Pre-registration for the Legacy Fun Run/Walk is available now and walk-ups are welcome. For preregistration information, email [creolecenter@nsula.edu](mailto:creolecenter@nsula.edu) or call (318) 357-6685.

Admission to the Legacy Kids Carnival is \$5.

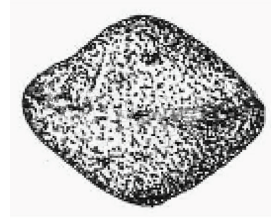
Comfort Suites, Best Western and Holiday Inn Express are offering group rates for those who attend the conference. Participants should reference Natchitoches Creole Heritage Festival when booking.

For information on the Creole Heritage Center, visit [creole.nsula.edu](http://creole.nsula.edu).

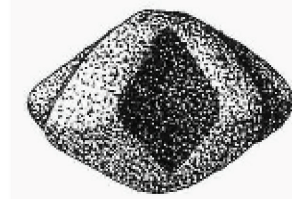




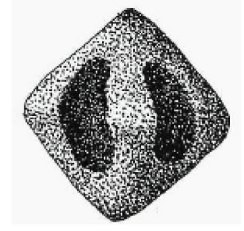
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**02-05**  
*Biconical with broad,  
rounded ends and wide  
grooves  
around the carina*



**02-11**  
*Biconical with  
extended ends and  
wide, short grooves  
around  
the carina*



**Pictured are Poverty Point Objects gathered from Lake Enterprise Mound in Arkansas.**

## Lear, Jeter research published in ‘Arkansas Archaeology’

**Phyllis Lear**, an art history professor at Northwestern State University, and Dr. Marvin D. Jeter, Arkansas Archeology Survey Emeritus, co-authored a paper on Poverty Point Objects (PPOs) from Lake Enterprise Mound in Arkansas, which has been published in “The Arkansas Archeologist” Volume 57.

Jeter conducted excavations at Lake Enterprise Mound, a small prehistoric American mound (c. 1200 BC) located in the southeast corner of Arkansas from 1991 through 1997. His excavations revealed a Poverty Point cultural component within the mound.

Jeter attended a Louisiana Archaeology Conference in 2006 where Lear gave a presentation on PPOs excavated in Louisiana. At the close of Lear’s presentation, Dr. Jeter suggested she take a look at the PPOs from Lake Enterprise

Mound.

All of the excavated materials from Jeter’s excavations are housed at the University of Arkansas, Monticello.

With funding from the NSU Donald Derby fellowship Lear received in 2016, she took a trip to UA Monticello and gathered data on Lake Enterprise PPOs.

Because of the numerous questions Lear had regarding Lake Enterprise Mound excavations, Jeter suggested they co-author a paper – Jeter would cover details of the excavation and Lear would research and report on the PPOs.

The paper analyzes the shapes, decorations, measurements, and placement of the whole, PPOs excavated by Jeter.

The analysis also compares the PPOs from Lake Enterprise Mound to PPOs from Poverty

Point sites in Louisiana, including the preeminent site located in northeastern Louisiana.

“The goal of this research is to determine whether or not the distinctive shapes and decorative patterns of PPOs are distributed across the cultural geography in some type of pattern,” Lear said. “This could, hopefully, shed light on how the ancient people of Poverty Point organized themselves within their worldview and possibly through time.”

A copy of the Lear-Jeter paper can be found in the reserve section of Watson Library listed as: Lear, Phyllis M and Marvin D. Jeter. The Arkansas Archaeologist, Volume 57. 2019. A Stylistic Analysis of Poverty Point Objects from the Lake Enterprise Mound site, Southeast Arkansas. 21-46.