

## CASA Dean's MMU (Monday Morning Update)

### *A Tradition of Excellence, A Standard of Success*

Monday, August 20, 2018

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the start of the 2018-2019 academic year! I hope everyone had an exciting and restful summer. Please join me in welcoming a number of new faculty and staff, such as dean's office additions Chad Waters, Administrative Aide; and Dan Richardson, Business Manager. I wish everyone a productive and enjoyable academic year.

As we embark on the Fall semester, let's recap some highlights from the summer, including congratulating for individual faculty achievement, and look ahead to some priorities for this year.

- Four faculty members received research grants - please see the *Congratulations* section for details.
- The Master of Architecture program has completed its tenth year. We have proudly conferred 282 Master of Architecture degrees. 202 (71.6%) of the graduates are male and 80 (28.4%) are female. 185 (65.6%) of the graduates were in the on-campus program while 97 (34.4%) of the graduates were in the online program. The average GPA of our graduates is 3.66.
- The Mortuary Science and Funeral Service (MSFS) program received reaccreditation for 7 years (2017-2024) from the ABFSE (American Board of Funeral Service Education).
- CASA sent out 422 letters to Principals of high schools feeding SIU with 450 high achieving Salukis, who were recognized during the 2018 Honors Day.
- Kelsey Kauffman received a 2018 AIAS Graduate Research Honor Award for her thesis work entitled "*How Architecture Can Combat Childhood Obesity.*" You can view information about the award at <http://www.aias.org/aias-announces-2018-honor-award-winners/>.



- The Flying Salukis placed third in Flight, Ground and Championship at the NIFA (National Intercollegiate Flying Association) SAFECON 2018.
- Our radiography graduates have had great success on the national ARRT (American Registry of Radiologic Technologists) radiography exam. 29 of 30 passed the exam yielding a 97% first-attempt pass rate, 12% higher than the national pass rate in 2017 for first time test takers.
- During the May 2018 Commencement, we had our first graduating cohort for the rapidly growing Masters of Health Administration (MHA) program.
- Of the 32 seniors in the Dental Hygiene Class of 2018, 20 received a Community Dental Health Coordinator (CDHC) certificate.
- The AAMD (American Association of Medical Dosimetrists) Education and Research Foundation awarded \$48,675 in scholarships to 20 students this year, and 7 of them are from SIU Master of Science in Medical Dosimetry program.
- Four CASA students received SIU Minority Scholarships. This year, SIU had over 1,000 students eligible to apply for these scholarships. The committee selected 27 scholarship recipients:
  - Lauren Poindexter, Wrophas and Dianne Meeks Academic Excellence Scholarship
  - Verneceelyn Allen, African American Achievement Scholarship
  - Jessica Clark, African American Achievement Scholarship
  - Lauren Poindexter, African-American Achievement Scholarship
- Four Medical Dosimetry students received scholarships from the American Association of Medical Dosimetrists Education and Research Foundation:
  - Benjamin Mowbray: \$3,800
  - Alicia Stanhouse: \$2,500
  - Amy Rzepczynski: \$2,500
  - Hilary Surmeier: \$2,500

The priority of the College this year is retention and recruitment. The College's goal for the first-year retention rate is 90% for both new students and transfer students. The dean's office will work with each department and school to implement an Academic Peer Associate (APA) program in the College. Of course, student retention and success requires an integrated and collaborative approach across the college. Let us work together to meet our goals, making student retention and success a priority. On the recruitment side, we will identify and develop key messages by program area, highlighting the most important and attractive features and strengths of each degree program within our college. They will be shared with the University's recruiters and our student ambassadors. Technology-based approaches, including social media, chatbots, SEO, geofencing, etc. will be used to articulate and communicate what makes our programs distinctive to encourage prospective students to choose our programs.

As part of the SIU Weeks of Welcome, CASA will organize a “College Connection” event bringing together student peers, faculty and staff. Please join us near the Simon Terrace outside of the ASA building 4:00pm - 6:00pm Wednesday next week for food, beverages, music, games, and conversation with new and current students. I hope to see you at the College Connection event on August 29. Thank you.

## CONGRATULATIONS

- Congratulations to Dr. **Seung-Hee Lee**, Professor of Fashion Design & Merchandising, for her selection as the recipient of the *Judge William Holmes Cook Professor Fellowship!* This is a prestigious award established in memory of and through an unrestricted gift from the estate of Judge William Holmes Cook, a former SIU Carbondale student with a long and distinguished legal career. The award includes a special stipend of \$7,500 per year to be used for research projects, travel allowance, or to fund a graduate assistantship. Dr. Lee will receive \$22,500 in support spread over three years to fund a GA, research projects, and travel. Congratulations!
- Dr. **Rolando Gonzalez-Torres**, Associate Professor of Architecture, has a paper entitled “Decentralization as an Alternative, The Case of Rockford Illinois” accepted for publication in *Journal of Architecture and Construction*. Congratulations!
- **Faith Miller**, Program Director and Associate Professor of Dental Hygiene (DH), has successfully submitted the FY 2019 Oral Health Workforce Grant application to Illinois Department of Public Health and the Dental Sealant Grant Program. Congratulations!
- **Lorelei E. Ruiz**, Associate Professor of Aviation Flight (AF), and **Steve Goetz**, Assistant Professor of Aviation Flight (AF), received a grant from NASA for their project “NASA Summer Wings Camp,” July 1, 2018 – 6/30/2019, \$21,159. Congratulations!
- **Anthony Fleege**, Associate Professor and Program Director of Mortuary Science and Funeral Service (MSFS), received a grant from the Mid-America Transplant (MAT) Foundation in the amount of \$96,347. This money is to be used for MSFS laboratory improvements as well as funding UGA’s within the program. Additionally, this MAT Foundation will continue to award scholarships and exam fee reimbursements to our MSFS graduates. Congratulations!
- Two faculty from the School of Architecture received funding (\$5,000 each) from Extended Campus to convert their courses to distance learning formats. The faculty are **Jenny Huang** and **Christopher Post**. The courses are ARC 310: Building Construction Management, ARC 411: Time, Value and Risk Management, and ARC 413: Budget and Cost Management. Their master plan is to make all COMO courses available in online formats to extend availability of the minor to students across campus in a more flexible way than scheduled courses can offer.

- **Jennifer Meyer**, Clinical Instructor of Dental Hygiene (DH), along with the junior DH students, participated in the 50th annual Special Olympics on April 27, 2018. The Special Smiles portion of the Special Olympics provides oral health care information, including offering free dental screenings and instructions on correct brushing and flossing techniques to participating athletes.



- Please join me in congratulating the School of Architecture (SOA) Public Safety Management (PSM) program for its articulation agreements with Rend Lake College, Ina, IL. The agreement has been signed by SIU administration and Rend Lake College leaders. According to the agreement, all graduates of Rend Lake College with an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic, and meeting SIU Carbondale admission requirements will be considered for admission into SIU Carbondale's Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Public Safety Management (PSM) in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts based upon the Department's enrollment criteria and space availability. Congratulations to **John Dobbins, Gary Kistner / Craig Anz** and all PSM faculty/staff!

- Dr. **Jon Davey**, AIA, Professor of Architecture and Interior Design, started the SIU Architecture Camp 30 years ago. Architecture Camp may not seem as exciting to some as the various basketball, football, softball and baseball camps at Southern Illinois University, but over the years, Dr. Davey has taught a generation of students urban design, landscape, interior and industrial design. Actually, some of the campers are second generation attendees. There are camps from children in grades 4 to 6, middle school and high school. Campers learn why buildings stand up, and how and why people define space. Congratulations!

## **Funding Opportunities**

Dear Faculty Members,

I am pleased to inform you that the SIU Foundation Board is offering \$50,000 in support of FACULTY RESEARCH/CREATIVE ACTIVITY focused on Innovation, Leadership, and Student Success. Listed below is a link to a Request for Proposals with an application deadline of **Thursday, September 20**. This includes 10 grant awards for the following amounts: two at \$10,000; four at \$5,000, and four at \$2,500.

Please click the link to complete this form: <https://form.jotform.com/82204838624155>

Looking forward to receiving your proposals. Please contact Dean Ishman [sishman@cos.siu.edu] or Dean Tudor [dtudor@siu.edu] if you have specific questions.

Meera Komarraju

Interim Provost & Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

## **Faculty Welcome Back Luncheon**

Dear Faculty Members,

You are invited to attend a Fall Faculty Welcome Back lunch gathering on **Wednesday, September 26, from 11:00-1:00 in Ballroom D of the Student Center**.

The lunch buffet will be available the entire time if your schedule does not permit you to be there for the entire two hours. The program will include brief welcome remarks, as well as an opportunity for faculty to share stories of their accomplishments with recruitment and retention initiatives. If you are interested in making a brief (2 minute) presentation about your/your department's efforts, you may indicate your interest on the RSVP form (linked below).

We hope you are able to attend this event that is organized in appreciation of your wonderful contributions and efforts to enhance student success. If you plan to attend, please complete a [brief RSVP form](#) by Friday, September 14, so we may plan accordingly.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf3m7kSKSHIREapGejP2q6EYXfYQMBsV954SSuwmyt5dXQA/viewform>

We look forward to seeing all of you back in the Fall. Hope you enjoy the remaining summer days.

Faculty Senate President: Jonathan Bean

Graduate Council Chair: Wesley Calvert

Interim Provost & Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs: Meera Komarraju

## **Campus Event**

Alumnus, Mr. Oyd J. Craddock will be coming from Atlanta to speak about and show his documentary, *“Before the West Coast: A Sports Civil Rights Story.”* At the conclusion of the movie there will be a discussion lead by Mr. Craddock and several members of the SIU community. There will be two showings on **Tuesday, September 11, 2018** at 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. in Lawson Hall Auditorium 171. Below you will find the trailer and website for the documentary:

- <https://youtu.be/sb2WAvIvHeY>
- <http://beforethewestcoast.com/>

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Monday, August 20, 2018: House Higher Education Hearing, 1:00pm, SIU Carbondale Research Park – Office of Economic & Regional Development – 1740 Innovation Drive.
- Tuesday, August 21, 2018: 9:00am - 11:30am, Deans’ Council Meeting, Anthony Hall Balcony Conference Room.
- Wednesday, August 22, 2018: 6:00pm - 7:00pm, School of Architecture New Student Orientation. Quigley Hall.
- Thursday, August 23, 2018: 5:00pm - 7:00pm, Student Involvement Fair, Faner Hall Plaza.
- Wednesday, August 29, 2018: 4:00pm - 6:00pm, CASA College Connection, outside of ASA building near Simon Terrace.

## **AND FINALLY ...**

If you see something in this update that you want to comment on, please send an email to [awang@siu.edu](mailto:awang@siu.edu); or call me at 618-536-6682. Also, if you know of anyone interested in receiving the CASA Dean's MMU, please ask them to send me an email and we will gladly add them to our mailing list. If you prefer not to receive the CASA Dean's MMU, please let me know, as well. Thank you.

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