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John Tomich, Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics, was inducted as member of National Academy of Inventors.

Physics associate professor Dr. Kristan Corwin was quoted in an article entitled “Looking back/Looking forward: Gas lasers: Durable survivors evolve new forms” for LaserFocusWorld (http://www.laserfocusworld.com). The article discusses the past, present and future prospects of gas lasers. Kristan commented on using gas-filled hollow-core fibers as a laser medium.

An excerpt is below:

"It's fun to have a new laser system to play around with," says Corwin. "Gain was so high in acetylene that we could observe lasing, despite the fiber's loss of 20 decibels/meter at 3 micron." Then Fetah Benabid, now
at the Xlim Research Institute at the University of Limoges (France) developed the hypocycloid core fiber (see Fig. 5), which reduces loss at 3 µm by keeping most of the light in the gas.

The full article can be [viewed here](https://goldwater.scholarsapply.org/sch-2015.php).

March 2015

Arts & Humanities

English

Publications:


Tim Dayton, Muriel Rukeyser’s the Book of the Dead (University of Missouri Press, 2003) was released in paperback and as an e-book.


Kimball Smith’s second novel, Missing Persons, was released in paperback.
Presentations, Lectures, Conferences & Exhibitions:

**Traci Brimhall**, Reading for *Our Lady of Ruins. Carr Visiting Authors Series.* University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Champaign, IL. 17 Mar. 2015.


**Dan Von Holten**, “Chatting about ePortfolios” (panelist), *Digital Rhetoric Collaborative.* Online. 5 Feb. 2015.

http://www.digitalrhetoriccollaborative.org/2015/02/05/drcchat-on-air-2-chatting-about-eportfolios.
**Research:**

**Grants:**
Cydney Alexis, Traci Brimhall, and Mary Kohn received Faculty Enhancement Awards from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Alexis and Kara Northway received Student Governing Association Student Centered Tuition Enhancement Funding in the amount of $26,500 for the Writing Center for 2015-2016.

Megan Birdsey (MA ’15), Elizabeth Case (MA ’16), Sierra Hale (MA ’15), Elizabeth Krausher (MA ’16), Erica Ruscio (MA ’15), Robert Sanders (MA ’16), Alyxis Smith (MA ’15), and Brent Weaver (MA ’16) each received an Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Research Travel Award.

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Northway and Shay Dodson (Pilots Program) were awarded a Spring 2015 Kansas State University Tilford Incentive Grant for Totally Tutoring.

**Awards:**
Elizabeth Dodd has been awarded a residency from Oregon State University’s Spring Creek Foundation for the 35-year Research Pulse at Mount St. Helens.

Alex Stinson and Chris Sims (MA ’16) received scholarships to attend the 2015 Digital Humanities Summer Institute (DHSI) at the University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada.

Karin Westman received the Children’s Literature Association 2013 Article Honor Award for her essay “Beyond Periodization: Children’s Literature, Genre, and Remediating Literary History” as part of the “Forums: Manifestos” published in the *Children’s Literature Association Quarterly.*

**Other:**
<http://www.psupress.org/journals/jnls_Reception.html/>
Karin Westman, Naomi Wood, and David Russell, editors, The Lion and the Unicorn (Johns Hopkins UP), three issues per year, 2008-present. http://www.press.jhu.edu/journals/lion_and_the_unicorn

Thanks to a collaborative application initiated by Don Hedrick, Kansas State University has been selected as the host site in Kansas for “First Folio! The Book that Gave Us Shakespeare,” a national traveling exhibition of the Shakespeare First Folio, one of the world’s most treasured books. The Folger Shakespeare Library, in partnership with the Cincinnati Museum Center and the American Library Association, is touring a First Folio of Shakespeare in 2016 to all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico.

Karin Westman completed the 2014-2015 Wellesley Institute for Women in Higher Education. The Institute provided four three-day sessions during the academic year where participants share an intense, interactive curriculum designed to provide the knowledge, skills, and perspectives for advancing as leaders across all institution types.

Modern Languages

Publications:
Editor: Laura Kanost; Assistant Editors: Kathleen Antonioli and Derek Hillard; Book Review Editors: Necia Chronister, Mayte DePaoli, and Sara Luly; Board Members: Earl Brown, Robert Clark, Melinda Cro, Lucía Garavito, Rossana Fialdini Zambrano, Pablo Martínez Diente, and Benjamin Torrico; Graduate Student Editorial Assistant, Sara Brady

Presentations, Lectures, Conferences & Exhibitions:
Melinda A. Cro presented “Onomastic Deviations and Metaliterary Consequences in the Gascon extravagant (1637)” to the seventeenth-century French literature panel at the Southeast Coastal Conference on Languages and Literatures in Savannah, GA on Friday, March 27.

Janice McGregor was invited to give a talk on “The interactional accomplishment of authenticity in study abroad” at The Pennsylvania State University on March 6, 2015 as a part of the alumni lecture series.
Dr. McGregor also presented the paper "Conflicting competences: Negotiating 'enoughness' in study abroad" at the American Association for Applied Linguistics on March 23, 2015.

Sara Luly presented the paper "The Role of Quacks in Legitimizing Animal Magnetism" at the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies annual meeting on March 19th.


Benjamin McCloskey presented a paper titled "Cowards and Slaves: Greeks on the Periphery in the Cyropaedia" at the 111th annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South in Boulder, CO, which met from March 25-28th.

Christopher E. Renner, K-State instructor of Italian, chaired a panel exploring the relationship between food studies and Italian studies, and presented a paper as part of that panel, entitled "Italia in Bocca: The History and Culture of Food in Italy," at the 2015 American Association of Italian Studies Conference at the University of Colorado, Boulder, March 26 - 29.

Research:
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Grants:

Awards:
Other:
Kumiko Nakamura, with two of her students from Japanese 6, attended the 29th annual Japanese language speech contest at Consulate General of Japan at Chicago on March 21, 2015. Tori Matta and Weiyuan Xu delivered their speech flawlessly and received awards, respectively.

She also met with a group of gifted student facilitators at Manhattan High School to discuss opportunities for their students to start Japanese language study before college. Kumiko explained the proficiency development of language learning and how critical to start learning difficult languages earlier. She also shared the information provided by Japan Foundation on Japanese language education advocacy program, summer study abroad program in Japan for high school students, online materials available for self-study as well as the Japanese language courses offered at K-State.

School of Music, Theatre, and Dance

Publications:
Patria Thompson recorded and released Luminous Voices: Timothy Shantz, Music Director, Patricia Thompson, Mezzo-Soprano soloist. Mendelssohn’s Te Deum, Schubert’s Ständchen. Commercial recording with support from the Rosza Foundation, released March 31, 2015.

Presentations, Lectures, Conferences & Exhibitions:
Sally Bailey gave a presentation titled “The Embodied Student” in Spotlight K-State.

Cora Cooper performed Spohr, Duo in D major Op. 67 No. 2 with guest artist Charles Castleman (Eastman School of Music) on sponsored recital sponsored by MTD and an Academic Excellence Grant in All Faiths Chapel.

Julie L. Pentz presented Building Family Relations & Enhancing Childhood Development through Tap Dance, T3 Tap To Togetherness, at the Kansas Parents as Teachers Association Conference.
**Patricia Thompson** was Alto soloist on Handel’s Messiah with the St. Louis Bach Society, St. Louis, MO. She also performed with the Spire Chamber Ensemble, Monteverdi Vespers of 1610. Concerts presented at Church of the Visitation, Kansas City, MO, March 21, 2015 and Grace Episcopal Cathedral, Topeka, KS, March 22, 2015.

**Research:**
**Cora Cooper** acquired license to publish Beatrice Mattei Viola Sonata in forthcoming “Viola Music by Women” anthology

**Julie Pentz** continues to develop Tap To Togetherness, T3. Collaborative research with Dr. Bradford Wiles, Early Childhood Development and Research and Extension.

**Grants:**

**Awards:**

**Other:**
**Sally Bailey** gave a guest presentation titled “Dramatizing Research through Ethnotheatre” in EDCEP 938 Advanced Data Analysis in Qualitative Methods and gave a guest presentation on “Creative Group Trust and Cohesion” in SOWK 570 Social Work in Groups.

**Jerry Jay Cranford** organized a week professional development trip for K-State Theatre majors to Los Angeles including backstage access to Disneyland’s major performance venue and talkbacks with members of the stage management teams (joined by advisory council member, Harry Watts and his wife), a tour of the Disney Burbank Studios (we held one of Walt Disney’s academy awards), two new plays with an impromptu talkback with the playwright, a trip to the Getty museum and a networking event in the Hollywood Hills at a friend’s home that had been the home of Rudolph Valentino (we also attended a day of taping on the MODERN FAMILY set with Eric Stonestreet which was the impetus for scheduling this trip). Cranford also Directed/Choreographed three dance numbers for Sara Stouli’s senior recital Musical staging for the Heartland Men’s Chorus Spring Concert, MODERN FAMILIES.
Amy Rosine served as the Music Director for the *Music Man* at the Columbian Theatre in Wamego. This production ran from Jan 5-March 8. She aided in casting the show, rehearsing the singers and pit musicians (some performers were from K-State), and conducted six performances of the show. Dr. Rosine also Recorded music for the Sorores Duo at Tempest Studios in Tempe, Arizona. The music on the recording consisted of chamber pieces for soprano and clarinet that included selections from a Holocaust program and two other twentieth century works.

Philosophy

**Publications:**


**Presentations, Lectures, Conferences & Exhibitions:**

“Respect for Autonomy or Promotion of Autonomy: Is the Question Which we should Privilege or When?” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Rosa Terlazzo.

“More Murder & Mayhem” at the pacific American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Donald Wilson.

“Kindness, Moral Health & Moral Prosperity,” Eastern Study Group of the North American Kant Society, Georgetown University, Donald Wilson.

**Research:**
Grants:

Awards:

Other:
Social & Behavioral Sciences

Geography

Publications (*graduate students):

Presentations, Lectures, Conferences & Exhibitions (*graduate students):


Research (*graduate students):

Grants (*graduate students):

Awards (*graduate students):

Other (*graduate students):
Robert Briwa* received an Association of American Geographers/Gamma Theta Upsilon Travel Award to present at the annual Association of American Geographers Meeting in Chicago in April.

Gabriel Granco* received a Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers (CLAG) 2015 Travel Award to present at the organization’s annual conference in Brazil this May.
Max Lu was appointed interim director of the Confucius Institute at Kansas State University.

Bimal Paul gave an invited lecture on “Bangladesh: An Introduction” at Topeka West High School in Topeka, KS, March.

Political Science

Publications:

Presentations, Lectures, Conferences & Exhibitions:
Sam Bell, associate professor, KSU Oz to Oz talk at Australian National University entitled “The Effect of US Troop Deployments on Human Rights.” Canberra, Australia. March 12, 2015.

Research:

Grants:

Awards:

Other:
Psychological Sciences

Publications:


Presentations, Lectures, Conferences & Exhibitions:

Jones, T.L., Barnett, M. A., Wadian, T. W., & Sonnentag, T. L. Factors associated with emotional and behavioral responses to ambiguous social interactions in which rejection may (or may not) be perceived. K-State Research Forum, March 31, 2015.


Research:

Grants:
Awards:

Other:

Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work

Publications:

Presentations, Lectures, Conferences & Exhibitions:
Brad Logan presented (with Grace Bagley, KSU undergraduate) “Points and Potsherds from Quarry Creek: Chronological Implications for Kansas City Hopewell” at the 37th Annual Flint Hills Archaeological Conference, Iowa Tribal Complex, White Cloud, Kansas, March 20th.


Research:
Grants:
Jessica Falcone. NEH Faculty Development Grant to participate in Summer Seminar at the East-West Center at University of Hawaii-Manoa in Buddhist Asia: Traditions, Transmissions, and Transformations ($3900).

Awards:

Other:
From Brad Logan: This month word was received that the National Park Service (NPS) had listed the Young Buck site on the National Register of Historic Places. The site, located on Wildcat Creek in Manhattan and occupied during the Woodland (AD 1-1000) and Late Prehistoric (AD 1000-1500) periods, was investigated by the Kansas Archaeological Field School-2104, a KSU research and educational program. Investigations at the site in 2012-2013 were supported by grants to the university from the Historic Preservation Fund awarded by the NPS through the Kansas Historical Society.

Gerad Middendorf was recently invited to join the Social Science Editorial Advisory Panel for the journal Nature Plants, a journal from Nature Publishing Group.
Natural & Quantitative Sciences

Biochemistry & Molecular Biophysics

Publications:
Journal Articles:


Presentations, Lectures, Conferences & Exhibitions:

Timothy Durrett gave an oral presentation, “Using Sequence Diversity to Explore MBOAT Substrate Specificity and Increase Production of Low Viscosity Oil,” at the BMB Departmental Seminar on March 4, 2015


Research:
Zhi Guang Jia (postdoc, Chen) presented a poster, “Necessity of high physical resolution in the development of flexible coarse-grained protein models,” at the 2015 Biophysical Society Meeting in Baltimore, MD, February 7-11, 2014.


Sunil Bansal (graduate, Durrett) presented a poster, “Generating reduced viscosity plant oils: A step towards the production of an advanced biofuel” at the Gordon Research Conference, “Plant Lipids: Structure, Metabolism & Function” in Galveston, TX, February, 1-6, 2015.

Sunil Bansal and Timothy Durrett presented a poster, “Demonstrating Agrobacterium-mediated transformation of Pennycress (Thlaspi arvense) by expressing EaDacT to alter seed oil composition” at the Gordon Research Conference, “Plant Lipids: Structure, Metabolism & Function” in Galveston, TX, February, 1-6, 2015.

Zhiguang Jia and Jianhan Chen presented a poster, “Necessity of high physical resolution in the development of flexible coarse-grained protein models” at the 59th Biophysical Society annual Meeting, in Baltimore, Ma, February 7-11, 2015.

Kuohao Jia and Jianhan Chen presented a poster, “Refining Multi-scale Enhanced Sampling for Simulating Disordered Protein Conformations” at the 59th Biophysical Society annual Meeting, in Baltimore, Ma, February 7-11, 2015.
Cheryl Clark (research assistant, E. Geisbrecht) presented a poster, “F-box proteins in Drosophila muscle,” at the 56th Annual Drosophila Research Conference in Chicago, IL, March 4-8, 2015.

Nicole Green (graduate, E. Geisbrecht) presented a research poster, “A novel role for secreted hemolymph proteins in Drosophila muscle attachment,” at the 56th Annual Drosophila Research Conference in Chicago, IL, March 4-8, 2015.

Nicole Green [co-author] (graduate, E. Geisbrecht) presented a poster on educational initiative, “Evidence-Based Inquiry into the Remote: Using Drosophila's Phenoloxidase to Open the Door to Research-Based Experiences in a High School Classroom,” at the 56th Annual Drosophila Research Conference in Chicago, IL, March 4-8, 2015.

Grants:

Awards:

Other:
Anna Zolkiewska served on an NIH study section panel “Molecular Oncogenesis”, February 19-20, 2015, in Washington DC.

John Tomich: was inducted as member of National Academy of Inventors.

Physics

Publications:
A recent paper from Carlos Trallero’s group is feature in Nature Photonics, under Research Highlights at http://www.nature.com/nphoton/journal/v9/n4/pdf/nphoton.2015.47.pdf --- look for the CEP stable laser. The original paper by Carlos’s group can be found at http://www.opticsinfobase.org/oe/abstract.cfm?uri=oe-23-4-4563.
http://dx.doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.114.113001

http://dx.doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.114.098102

http://journals.aps.org/prl/abstract/10.1103/PhysRevLett.114.123004

Presentations, Lectures, Conferences & Exhibitions:


Amit Chakrabarti presented with Laura Donnelly at SPOTLIGHT K-State 2015 (3/24/15).


“Formation of Ag nanoclusters via the direct dissolution of bulk Ag,” Jessica Changstrom and Christopher Sorensen, 249th ACS National Meeting & Exposition, Denver, CO (3/22/15).


Research:
Grants:
**Glenn Horton-Smith** - “Intensity Frontier Fellow Program for Sowjanya Gollapinni” from the US Department of Energy (Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory Intensity Frontier Fellow Program), 1/1/15-12/31/15 in the amount of $33,911.

**Andrew Ivanov** - "LPC Distinguished Researcher Fellowship for Sadia Khalil" from the US Department of Energy (US CMS), 1/1/15-12/31/15 in the amount of $43,663.

**Andrew Ivanov** - “LHC CMS Detector Upgrade. FPIX Subsystem.” The US Department of Energy, Fermi National Accelerator Lab, 1/1/2015 - 12/31/2015 in the amount of $95,504.

**Keti Kaadze** - KSU Mentoring Fellowship, $6000.

Awards:

Other:
**Jeremy Schmit** was selected as a Scialog Fellow, a distinction that includes a multi-year invitation to participate in the Scialog meeting series co-sponsored by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and Research Corporation for Science Advancement.

**Eleanor Sayre** participated in a National Science Foundation panel review (3/25-3/27).

**Uwe Thumm** attended the 43rd Symposium for Research Award Winners in Bamberg, Germany (3/26-3/29/15).

Statistics

**Publications:**

Presentations, Lectures, Conferences & Exhibitions:

Abstracts:


Research:

Grants:

Active Grants (ongoing):

Nora Bello, Co-PI. “The effects of SID Lysine and Intellibond C (TBCC) feeding strategy in finishing pigs on growth performance, carcass characteristics and economics”. Principal investigator: Steve Dritz, College of Veterinary Medicine, Kansas State University. Role: co-PI. Timeline: 2014-2015. Awarded. $25,000.


Nora Bello: Morris Animal Foundation $ 41,446 – Awarded June 2013. Grant proposal: “The effects of ophthalmic prednisolone and diclofenac on diabetes mellitus regulation in dogs”. Principal Investigator: Amy Rankin, College of Veterinary Medicine, Kansas State University. Role: Co-investigator. Timeline: 2/1/14-1/31/16


Nora Bello: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) - Foundational Program A1201, $677,108. Grant proposal: "Statistical Methods And Bioinformatics Tools For Multiple Trait Whole Genome Precision Selection For Heterogeneous Environments". Principal Investigator: Robert Tempelman, Michigan State University. Role: co-PI. Timeline: 2011-2016. Award #2010-04538


Haiyan Wang: Collaboration Grant Proposal on Methods for High Dimensional DataAward Number: 246077. The Simons Foundation. 09/1/12 to 08/31/17. Role: PI. Total amount: $35,000.

Awards:

Other:

Haiyan Wang: Associate Editor for Journal of Nonparametric Statistics.
Nora Bello: Associate Editor for the Journal of Biological, Agricultural, and Environmental Statistics.