Dr. Paula Furr, head of the Department of Journalism, was an invited presenter at the Arab-U.S. Association for Communication Educators conference Oct. 27-30 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Furr co-presented her session with Dr. Hesham Mesbah of Kuwait University: “Bridging Guls: A Pilot Study of Kuwaiti and U.S. Journalism Students’ Views on Culture and Media-Use Patterns.” Mesbah was a visiting lecturer at NSU earlier this fall. For more information, visit http://www.zu.ac.ae/ausace/

Jessica Odom and Georgia Hilton, of the Space Science Group, presented “Science: Out of this World” at the Louisiana Science Teachers Association conference, Lafayette, Nov. 2. In addition to the presentation, materials regarding curriculum and workshops were distributed to science teachers. Lab

Students and others will be able to practice presentation skills and use technologies accessible in a broad range of professional settings when they utilize the new Oral Communication Lab, located in Room 337 of Kyser Hall. The Department of Language and Communications hosted a reception Nov. 12 to mark the opening of the Lab, which includes a research, writing and conference area equipped with computers and research journals and two studio rooms in which to practice presentation and speech techniques.

“We’re hoping that students will realize what a great resource this is,” said Dr. Lisa Abney, head of the Department of Language and Communications, who noted that the Oral Communication Center will complement the Writing Lab. “They can go to the writing lab and write their speeches, then come here to practice the presentation. Graduate students going to conferences can come here for a dress rehearsal. While the Writing Lab focuses on written discourse, the Oral

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NSU represented at recent 9th National Technology Leadership Summit

Dr. Dee Anna Willis, College of Education retiree and frequent adjunct, attended the National Technology Leadership Summit (NTLS) in Washington D.C. NTLS brings together national leaders from educational associations, as well as editors of educational technology journals, directors of non-profit foundations, federal policy makers, and corporate representatives.

Recommendations and guidelines emerging from the summit are published in a range of educational technology journals and are featured on the programs of educational conferences. The goal is to accelerate the meaningful impact of digital technologies in education for the 21st century.

This year’s summit focused on technological pedagogical content knowledge or TPCK. The TPCK construct encompasses knowledge teachers must possess about both the mechanical function of today's digital technologies and the capabilities of individual technologies for enhancing student learning of content. Discussions included explorations of how teacher education programs can facilitate the development of TPCK in preservice and in-service teachers. Additional information was provided on funding opportunities for research in this area. For additional information see www.ntls.info

The summits are underwritten with combined support from participating professional associations, including SITE, ISTE, and AACTE, corporate partners, and non-profit foundations. Dr. Willis is a founder of the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education (SITE) and serves on the SITE executive board.

NSU prof, student participate in river marathon

Dr. Tara Gallien, assistant professor of Health and Human Performance, participated in last month’s Cane River Marathon, the nation’s only continuous 26-mile rowing marathon on a lake. Gallien was invited by a team from Houston to row in their 8-man crew when two members of the team cancelled. This was her second year to participate in the event.

“What made this so special this year was the boat I was asked to row in. It is called an octuple, an eight-person sculler, which means each rower has two oars,” Gallien said. “It was the only octuple in the race. We finished in 3 hours and 23 minutes, 13 minutes shy of the record for an octuple. My name was given by Allan Pasch, NSU’s rowing coach. Our ages ranged from age 14 to age 56.

Gallien became hooked on rowing 2-1/2 years ago when one of her students, Jason “Iggy” Ingargiola, asked her to attend the Learn To Row day in June 2005. She is now part of a city rowing team, which was organized after the Learn To Row day, coached by Ingargiola, who also rowed in the Marathon with the Houston team.

Now in its 18th year, the Cane River Marathon annually draws up to 400 competitors participating in kayaks, canoes, scullers, sweep racing shells, even a currach, a handmade Viking whaling ship. The lack of current appeals to participants and draws many die hard extreme athletes.
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Communication Lab will focus on speech and helping students learn to speak well.”

The lab has been in the works for over a year and has already been used by a few students, including the revitalized NSU debate team.

The studio rooms are set up with a small amount of audience seating. A speaker’s podium has a flat panel display that allows the speaker to view slides or Internet sites while maintaining eye contact with their audience. Above the speaker’s head is a flat panel screen that displays the same information to the audience. In the back of the room is recording equipment that allows the practice delivery to be recorded to DVD, which can be viewed on one of the four computers in the main tutoring area of the lab.

Viewing computers have headphones that provide a quieter option for listening to the presentation and double as work stations to create presentations including Power Point slides and speech outlines.

A web cam allows real time visual connection with a distant site. Earlier on the day of the opening, graduate student Robert Tummons, currently participating in a teacher exchange program in South Korea, defended his thesis via webcast to a committee in the studio, which was all videotaped.

“He was defending his thesis half a world away,” Abney noted. “It’s an incredible facility with state of the art equipment. Students need this. They need to be good communicators in order to be good employees. We’re excited for students to get to use the lab.”

Abney acknowledged the help of NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb, Dr. Thomas Hansen, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, and the construction personnel from Physical Plant. She credited Dr. John Foster with overseeing the technology aspect of the lab’s development. The lab was funded through student lab fees paid by all students enrolled in Language and Communications courses.

“We feel that any course with a speaking component can make use of the benefits of the lab,” Foster said. “Whether in business, family and consumer science, engineering technology, etc., students should be able to work on their public speaking portfolio throughout their course work at NSU.”

According to Abney, the lab is available not only to students, but to faculty, staff and members of the community at large.

“This is open to local and regional businesspeople who may need to practice their communication skills, practice presentations to see how they look and sound and fine tune PowerPoint presentations. It is a great resource,” she said.

“Dr. Webb is interested in providing a service to our alumni who need to brush up on skills, faculty who seek to stay abreast of presentation technology, and a way to provide seminars to professionals around our region with a means to strengthen oral communication skills,” Foster added.

The lab is open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information or to schedule a session to use the lab, contact Abney at 6727 or Foster at 4646.

Ag officials meet at ARF to discuss crawfish production

A crawfish production meeting was held at NSU’s Aquaculture Research Facility on Oct. 16 by the Natchitoches LSU AgCenter Extension office in conjunction with Northwestern State University. Dr. Greg Lutz of the LSU AgCenter in Baton Rouge presented the most current information on crawfish production and answered questions about recent issues in crawfish farming in the State. Producers from four surrounding parishes attended.

“This was a very informative meeting for both current and potential producers,” said Julie Delabbio, director and professor, NSU Aquaculture Research Center. “This was the first commercial aquaculture meeting held at the Aquaculture Research Center.”

United Agriculture Products was a sponsor of this event.
**Chemical Guilty of Swimsuit Murder – Victim Left in Pieces**

Dr. Gillian Rudd, assistant professor, Chemistry and Physics, coordinated an outreach activity for the NSU student affiliate of the American Chemical Society, which she sponsors. Rudd and students Melissa Wilkerson, Rebecca Sullivan, Lauren Nunez and Matt Morgan visited St. Mary’s School fourth grade classes in November to perform a Chemvention activity during National Chemistry Week.

Chemvention is an ACS competition in which ACS student affiliate chapters compete to develop a hands-on activity for National Chemistry Week. Rudd’s students tested the chemistry of swimming pool water and their effects on fabrics, supported with acid-based chemistry experiments. They named their experiment “Chemical Guilty of Swimsuit Murder – Victim Left in Pieces.”

This year’s theme for National Chemistry Week, “Having a Ball with Chemistry,” targets students in fourth through sixth grades depicts how and where chemistry is connected to sports materials and/or equipment.

Five student chapters will be selected as finalists in the competition with the winner announced by Dec. 31. Top prize winners will receive $2,500 and the other four chapters will receive $1,000 each.

**ISEP informational meeting will be held Dec. 5**

An information session for students interested in participating in the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5 in the Ora Williams TV Studio, 142 Kyser Hall.

ISEP is a network of more than 200 U.S. and international universities that engage in reciprocal student exchanges. ISEP provides Northwestern students opportunities for study at more than 100 institutions in more than 35 countries. Placements are offered for an academic year, or for an individual semester (fall, spring, summer).

Anyone interested in learning more about ISEP and its offerings for either summer 2009, or for 2008-2009, please plan to attend an information session or visit ISEP’s Web site at www.isep.org.

For more information, contact Dr. Steve Horton, ISEP coordinator at hortons@nsula.edu.
Brent inducted into LMEA Hall of Fame

**Bill Brent**, director of the Mrs. H.D. Dear and Alice E. Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts and director of bands, has been selected for induction into the Louisiana Music Educators Association Hall of Fame. Brent was honored in November as part of the Association’s annual conference in Baton Rouge.

The LMEA Hall of Fame was started in 1982. Richard Jennings, a retired faculty member at Northwestern was inducted into the Hall in 1992. The LMEA Hall of Fame display is in the new wing of the A.A. Fredericks Center for Creative and Performing Arts at NSU.

“I am extremely humbled and flattered to receive this recognition from the music educators of the state,” said Brent. “I owe so much to our faculty in the School of Creative and Performing Arts and the administration at Northwestern who have worked to develop the program and support it. When I saw the list of inductees including Richard Jennings, it hit me what a wonderful honor this is.”

Those chosen for the Hall of Fame should be or should have been:

- a professional music educator who has made a long lasting, significant contribution to the school music program in Louisiana;
- a person who has demonstrated a concern for music education by active involvement in local, district, state, regional or national professional organizations;
- an active music educator or administrator in music education in a Louisiana school or institution of higher learning for a period of not less than twenty years;
- an active member of the Louisiana Music Educators Association.

Brent has been at Northwestern for 24 years. In that time, he has built one of the best marching band programs in the South, increasing the number of members from 48 to more than 300. He has also served as conductor of the NSU Wind Symphony which has been chosen to perform at the College Band Directors National Association Southern Regional Conference.

“This honor is a validation of the work done by our faculty to produce outstanding graduates who go out and develop excellent marching bands and concert bands,” said Brent.

Under his leadership, the School of Creative and Performing Arts was upgraded from a department and has been endowed with over $2.5 million in private scholarship funds. The School was designated as an Area of Excellence by the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System and has received more than $3 million in grants and has had two academic professorships established.

In 2002, Brent received the President’s Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his work at Northwestern.

“I am very pleased to see Bill receive this honor from his fellow music educators in the state of Louisiana,” said NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb. “Bill has worked tirelessly to build an outstanding band and School of Creative and Performing Arts which adds so much to the university and the community.”

Prior to his arrival at Northwestern, Brent taught school in the Austin Independent School District in Austin, Texas. While serving as director of bands at McCallum High School, the band was twice named in the top five in the University Interscholastic League State Marching Contest and the symphonic band was named in the top 10 in the Texas Music Educators Association Honor Band Competition.

Brent holds the Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Music degrees from the University of Texas, Austin. He is a member of the Louisiana Music Educators Association, Music Educators National Conference, Texas Music Educators Association, the Texas Bandmasters Association and Phi Beta Mu.
CONGRATULATIONS

Ms. Nancy Alexander, Child & Family Network, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, College of Science and Technology, received notification from the Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support, of additional funds for the following: $368,275 for “Child Care Career Development Program”; $669,825 for “Child Care Scholarship”; $135,550 for “Child Care Training”; $122,925 for “Child Care Technical Assistance”; and $110,784.83 for “Child Care Resource and Referral.”

Dr. Darlene Williams, Vice President for Technology, Research, and Economic Development, received notification from the Louisiana Board of Regents of an award of $70,000 for the continuation of “The Continuum for All Louisiana Learners Campaign (CALL).”

Dr. Lynn Woods, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, College of Science and Technology, received notification of an award from FIPSE (Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education) North American Mobility Grant Program through the SUNY Cobleskill Consortium (USDeD), the Research Foundation of State University of New York for $58,064 for “FIPSE North American Mobility Grant 2007.”

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**NINETEEN PROPOSALS SUBMITTED FOR NEF AY 2007-08, ROUND 2**

**Thirteen proposals were submitted in the Professional Development program:**

- **Paul Nagel**—Education—Presenting with Pizzazz! Becoming a Dynamic Trainer
- **Mary Linn Wernet**—Watson Library—Society of Southwest Archivists 2008 Annual Meeting/Magnolias & Megabytes: 21st Century Stewardship
- **Tony C. Smith**—CAPA—The Correspondence of Leonard Bernstein: A Funding Proposal for Research and Presentation
- **Kathy R. Autrey**—Mathematics—Enhancing Technology Use in the Math Classroom
- **Gillian E. A. Rudd**—Chemistry/Physics—Multiple Presentations at 235th ACS National Meeting in New Orleans, April 6-10, 2008
- **Jeffrey C. Mathews**—CAPA—Presentation of Paper, and Panel Discussion Participation on the Music of War
- **Julie H. Ernstine**—Social Sciences—Professional Development via Specialized Interpretive Certification
- **John Price**—Social Sciences—The Charles Goodnight Papers
- **Kristine Coreil**—CAPA/Music—Brass Pedagogy: Changing Trumpet Players into Horn Players
- **Gerra Perkins**—College of Education—Seeking Certification in Play Therapy
- **Barbara Pierce**—Social Work—To present Conceptualizing Rural Social Work in the BSW Program at the 25th Annual Baccalaureate Social Work Education Conference
- **J. Mark Thompson**—CAPA/Music—Musical Ambassadorship: Trombone Masterclasses, Ensembles, and Recitals in Chinese Conservatories
- **Augustine Amenyah**—College of Education—The E-Learning Debate: What are we doing in e-learning education?

**Five proposals were submitted in the Undergraduate Student Research program:**

- **Paul Forsyth**—CAPA—The Composition and Premiere of New Work for Saxophone
- **Perry Morgan**—CAPA/Theatre—Auditions Investigation for the Student Actor
- **Kristine Coreil**—CAPA/Music—Present Student Composition at International Horn Symposium
- **Weijia Zhu**—Chemistry/Physics—Financial Support for Conference Presentation of Student
- **Kirk Cordell**—National Center for Preservation Technology and Training—A comparative cleaning study for fragile marble monuments after pretreatment with Hydroxylating Conversion Treatment (HCT)

**One proposal was submitted in the Proposal Stimulus program:**

- **Henreitta Williams Pichon**—College of Education—Students’ Connection to Home: The Missing Piece of the Persistence Puzzle
The College of Nursing hosted a breakfast meeting last month with central and west Louisiana health care executives to discuss new initiatives and partnerships to meet the need for nurses and radiologic technologists in the region.

“We appreciate the work that the health care industry does in this region to work with our students in a clinical setting,” said Northwestern President Dr. Randall J. Webb. “We have a penchant for partnering. We have outstanding academic programs including those in our College of Nursing and will work to continue serving the people of Louisiana.”

Webb pointed out that Northwestern has been offering nursing education in Alexandria since 1950. The masters in nursing was added in 1980. NSU’s radiologic technology program came to Alexandria in 2001 and clinicals in nursing were available in Alexandria beginning three years ago. Of those who have completed clinicals in Alexandria, 96 percent are working in the region. According to Webb, NSU has maintained a 100 percent pass rate on the NCLEX exam.

Northwestern offers nursing classes in Alexandria at the Learning Center for Rapides Parish at England Airpark with clinicals at Rapides Regional Medical Center. Thirty NSU students go through clinicals in a building provided by Rapides Regional that has a nursing laboratory and compressed video classroom. According to Dr. Norann Planchock, dean of the College of Nursing, Northwestern plans to continue increasing its enrollment in Alexandria and expand the clinical class to 40 students.

Planchock said the university also plans to expand its radiologic technology program by increasing enrollment, creating a state of the art energized, digitized lab, adding a masters in radiologic technology and a bachelor’s concentration in ultrasonography.

“We have a dedicated faculty and outstanding students, but the nursing program could not have the success it does without the partnerships we have developed,” said Planchock. “Northwestern will continue listening to its partners to provide them with outstanding graduates.”

The university also provides its Radiologic Technologist to B.S. in Radiologic Technology and RN to B.S. in Nursing programs online.

NSU Elementary Lab School has launched a Box Tops for Education fundraising campaign. This year the school has set a goal of earning $1,000 through Box Tops.

Box Tops for Education is a school fundraising program started by General Mills in 1996. To date, Box Tops has helped America’s schools raise over $200 million to buy the things they need but can’t always afford, such as library books, school supplies and playground equipment. The Box Tops for Education program offers school supporters three easy ways to earn cash for schools through everyday activities like buying groceries, shopping online and purchasing books. Schools can earn a total of up to $60,000 each year.

If you’d like to help the students at NSU Elementary Lab School reach their goal, there are several easy ways to get involved. Collect Box Tops from hundreds of familiar, participating products and send them to NSU Elementary Lab School, “Attention Leslie Gruesbeck - Box Tops Coordinator” at Warren Easton Hall, NSU, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71497. You can also sign up on the Box Tops website at boxtops4education.com. Designate Warren Easton Elementary Lab School as the school you wish to support. At the Box Tops website, you’ll learn more about all of the easy ways you can choose to make a difference — all at no additional cost to you.

For more information, contact Gruesbeck at extension 5476 or e-mail gruesbeckl@nsula.edu.
The NSU Bookstore in the Sylvan Friedman Student Union will hold a Faculty/Staff Christmas Extravaganza with 33 percent off of all items except textbooks. The event will take place from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6 at the University Bookstore and will include refreshments and door prizes.

Reception will honor research collection donor

The Cammie G. Henry Research Center at Watson Library will hold a reception to honor Patricia R. Lemee Smith and Mavis Cade Raggio in thanks for a donation to the Research Center’s archives. The reception will be held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 at the Library.

Earlier this year, Smith donated a wealth of books, manuscripts, photographs and oral histories to the Research Center. The materials consists of research materials on the history of colonial cultural interactions of the French, Spanish and Native Americans long the caminos reales between northern Mexico northeast into and beyond modern Texas to French Louisiana. The collections includes genealogical materials of the donor’s family and historical figures. The donation, the Patricia R. Lemee Smith Collection, was given in memory of Raymond A. Lemee, M.D., and in honor of Raggio, Raggio, a Lake Charles resident, has deep genealogical roots in Natchitoches and is graduate of Louisiana State Normal, now known as Northwestern.

Smith, a resident of Austin, Texas, works at the University of Texas with the Institute for Cellular and Molecular Biology as the coordinator of faculty recruiting and seminars. She has published several articles related to regional history and genealogy, including “Manuela Sanchez Navarro, Louis Juchereau de St. Denis, Tios and Tantes: Familial and Political Relationships of Natchitoches and the Spanish Colonial Frontier,” “Ambivalent Successes and Successful Failures: Aguayo, Juan Rodriquez and St. Denis” and “Rancheria Grande and Its Impact on 18th Century Relations in Texas.”

She has published the following reviews of Betje Black Klier’s work, “Tales of the Sabine Borderlands” and “Notable Men and Women of Spanish Texas” by Donald Chipman and Denise Joseph. She is a co-author of a book with Robert S. Weddle entitled “Early 18th Century French Naval Exploration of the Texas Gulf Coast.” Smith has read a number of papers concerning Spanish, French and Indian interactions along the el caminos reales at the Texas State Historical Association, Founders of Natchitoches meeting, the Smithsonian Institute’s Historic Missions Symposium, French in Texas Symposium and the Historic New Orleans Williams Research Center Symposium.

University Police offer holiday safety tips

The holiday season is fast approaching. Here are a few reminders for all faculty and staff.

* Lock your doors. Most campus crime is about opportunity. If your office, residence hall room or car door is left unlocked — your personal items are an easy target.

* Hide your valuables. Whether it’s your digital camera, jewelry, textbooks or other items, in your office or vehicle it needs to be concealed.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact University Police at 357-543.
demonstrations were given to area middle school students.

**Dr. Richard Jensen**, associate profession in the Scholars’ College, presented “Anarchist Terrorism as a Global Phenomenon” at the Southeast World History Association annual meeting in Savannah, Ga., Oct. 13. Last June, he attended a conference in Arlington, Va, with scholars from the U.S., Europe, and the Middle East on the topic of the 19th-early 20th century history of terrorism. The conference was sponsored by the Department of Homeland security and the paper he presented was entitled: “The International Campaign against Anarchist Terrorism, 1880-1930s.”

An article by **Dr. Barbara Duchardt**, professor in the College of Education, **Dr. Michelle Fazio-Brunson**, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, and **Emilyn Horton**, College of Education, has been accepted in Collaborations, the Journal of the Louisiana Early Childhood Association. The article is entitled Behavioral Prevention Strategies for Teachers.

**Mary Linn Wernet**, vice president and program’s chair of the North Louisiana Historical Association, **Dr. Charles and Ronnie Pellegrin** and the Pi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta hosted the North Louisiana Historical Association meeting at Ft. St. Jean Baptiste on Nov. 4. Wernet delivered a presentation on the history of the Lesche Club at the Lesche meeting on Nov. 5 at the Lemie House in Natchitoches. Samplings of past Lesche minute books and yearbooks from the Cammie G. Henry Research Center were shared with the members during the presentation.

**Government Documents** Librarian **Gail Kwak** and secretary of the Louisiana Government Document’s Board **Mary Linn Wernet** who maintains Louisiana Documents in the Cammie G. Henry Research Center, and Library Specialist 1 **Sheila Thompson** attended the Government Documents, attended the Government Documents and Louisiana Documents board meeting on Nov. 9 in Lafayette.

**Christopher Gilliam**, D.M.A., assistant professor of voice and director of the Women’s Chorus, presented a workshop in the Vocal Division of the Louisiana Music Educators Association conference.

The workshop was entitled "The Vowels We Sing" and dealt with ways to introduce IPA (International Phonetic Alphabet) on the high school level in order help students better understand English and foreign language diction as well as improve their vocal/choral sound and intonation.

This was the same conference in which Gilliam’s colleagues **Andrew Goodrich** and **Sharon Joy** presented and **Bill Brent** was inducted into the 2007 LMEA Hall of Fame.

**David King**, associate professor and head of the Department of Aviation Science, has been named a member, and listed under Top 100 Educators – 2008, in his field by the International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, England. Selection is based on individuals who have made a contribution in their field to engender influence on a local, national or international basis.

King’s work has been recognized as “outstanding” by the IBC. In any one year only 100 of the world’s best educators, both famous and uncelebrated, from all disciplines are selected to populate this exclusive list and be recorded in perpetuity by the IBC.

**Todd Barrios**, CEC, chef instructor in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, was featured during a cooking segment on KTBS Channel 3 Shreveport morning show on Monday, Nov. 19.

Anchor Ed Walsh broadcast live from Natchitoches to feature key events and attractions, including, food and the Christmas lights. Chef Todd prepared his Sugar Cane Shrimp for the camera and for the crew. Alyssa Tabor, a culinary student from Northwestern, helped with the segment. The culinary arts program at NSU was also a major focus of the cooking segment.

In the past month, KLAX-TV featured NCPTT and its headquarters, Lee H. Nelson Hall, in two stories during its 6 p.m. newscasts. One story featured Dr. Marietta LeBreton speaking about the legend of Isabella, the campus ghost who...Continued from Page 1
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reportedly resides in Nelson Hall.
A second story featured NCPTT’s programs and laboratory research taking place at Nelson Hall.

**Dr. Gerra Perkins**, assistant professor in the College of Education, was presented an award at the annual Louisiana School Counseling Association’s luncheon in recognition of being one of three Supervisor of the Year nominees. Perkins co-authored an article with Dr. Kristy Brumfield on an article entitled “School Counselors and Crisis: How Prepared Are You?” that was published in the same edition (pp. 50-55).

**Dr. Jerry L. Wall**, dean of the College of Business, traveled to Cluj, Romania, to present a paper, participate in the annual fall meeting of the Alliance of Universities for Democracy (AUDEM), and serve as the official representative of NSU who is joining AUDEM. Dr. Wall is treasurer of AUDEM and serves on its board of directors.

AUDEM is a consortium of institutions of higher learning formed to enhance the role of education in promoting democratic institutions, economic development including technology transfer, decentralized decision making, human health, sustainable habitation of the earth, and common moral and social values. At its inception in the 1990s, the Alliance included institutions in Central and Eastern Europe and the U.S. In 1993 the organization voted to expand membership to Western Europe, and in 1996 the first university in Asia was admitted. The next meeting of AUDEM will be in Baku, Azerbaijan. Faculty interested in participating in the next meeting of AUDEM through presenting papers are asked to contact Dr. Wall.
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