
From July 21-23, Christopher recorded a work by Tennessee composer Mark Prince Lee entitled “The Poetics of Silence: KAFAMUSIK” at the First Avenue Sound Studio in Franklin, Tenn. The CD is scheduled to be released within the next year. He will also be returning to the Peter Britt Festival in Jacksonville, Ore., this month where he has served as assistant principal cello since the mid 1990s. The Britt Festival is the oldest music festival in Oregon and features seven programs over three weeks with some of the most prominent artists in classical music. Christopher will be joined by his graduate assistant Whitney Allen who is returning for her third season as a member of the Britt orchestra cello section.

The 2010 NSU Faculty Institute will be held on Wednesday, August 18. This year’s Institute will begin with a social time from 8-8:45 a.m. with the Institute beginning at 9 a.m. The luncheon will follow at Prather Coliseum around noon. For more information, contact the Office of Dr. Lisa Abney, at extension 5361 or e-mail abney@nsula.edu.
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Dr. Julie Delabbio and Curtis Brossett of the Aquaculture Research Center attended the 18th International Association of Astacologists in Columbia, Mo. At the conference, they presented research, co-authored by Dr. Steven Gabrey of the Biology Department, entitled “Gender Patterns in Six Size Categories of Red Swamp Crayfish (Procambarus clarkii) Harvested from Louisianan Farm Ponds.” The conference which occurs every two years brought together crayfish specialists from 17 countries.

Dr. Paul Nagel, College of Education, attended seven days of training in cooperative learning in Orlando, Fla., in July. During the seven days, Dr. Nagel learned cooperative learning structures for multiple intelligences, differentiated instruction and for kindergarten to second grade students. With the support of the NSU Elementary and Middle Lab Schools, Dr. Nagel will provide monthly professional development in cooperative learning structures and conduct weekly coaching sessions for the teachers at both Lab Schools. In addition, Dr. Nagel will share his knowledge with Early Childhood and Elementary Education Majors this fall.

Pamela J. Francis, Department of Language, Communication, and Journalism, served as co-organizer for On Miracle Ground XVI, the bi-annual conference of the International Lawrence Durrell Society, held in New Orleans July 7-10. Coming from the U.S., Canada, Japan, Belgium, Turkey and France, participants, including Ms. Francis, who spoke on “The Landscape of War: London, Empire, and the Blitz,” presented papers on the conference’s theme, “Durrell and the City: Reconstructing the Urban Landscape.”

The conference featured speakers Alan Friedman, Thaman Professor of English and Comparative Literature at University of Texas, who spoke on the state of Durrell scholarship, and Singer-Songwriter-Poet W.R. Stoneback, who shared personal memories of Lawrence Durrell.

The conference closed with a banquet at Court of Two Sisters, where NSU’s own Julie Kane read from some of her New Orleans-influenced poetry.

Dr. Christopher Gilliam, associate professor of voice and associate director of choral activities in the School of Creative and Performing Arts, was recently awarded the Magale Professorship for the academic year 2010-2011.

In May, Gilliam was again invited to join the professional choral ensemble, the Simon Carrington Chamber Singers, for their concert tour in Kansas City, Mo., and Lawrence, Kan.,

As a choral participant and bass soloist for the ensemble, Gilliam received an excellent review in the Kansas City Star: “Bass Christopher Gilliam was marvelous, with strikingly rich tone and impeccable diction.”

In early July, Gilliam was invited to be a part of the Minnesota Beethoven Festival. There he joined the renowned choral conductor Dale Warland and 39 other choral participants for a week of rehearsals and concerts in beautiful Winona, Minnesota.

For two weeks in late July, Gilliam attended the first of two certification sessions for the McClosky Institute of Voice. He completed 60 hours of training towards the McClosky Certification, studying voice disorders, anatomy and physiology, and the vocal techniques developed by former famed voice teacher and voice therapist, David Blair McClosky.

Wm. Perry Morgan, assistant professor of theatre and dance, and director of musical theatre studies spent the month of July on Lake Superior in Minnesota.

He was a guest artist with SummerBlue Arts. Professor Morgan was a collaborator and co-director for a new performance piece entitled “...To Get To The Other Side.” Perry also composed the theme song for SummerBlue.
Dr. Andrei Ludu reports on several projects.

1. His article “Analytic Treatment of Vortex States in Cylindrical Superconductors in Applied Magnetic Field” was accepted for publication in Journal of Mathematical Physics, Vol. 51, issue 1 (2010) with co-authors: M. Milosevic, A. Cuyt, J. Van Deunn, and F. M. Peeters. This journal is the most cited international peer reviewed journal in the field of mathematical physics, and is edited by the American Physical Society.

2. The article “Vortex states in axially symmetric superconductors in applied magnetic field” was accepted for publication in Mathematics and Computers in Simulation and it will appear in one forthcoming issue of 2010. Co-authors: M. Milosevic and F. Peeters.

These two articles are part of a series of papers representing the research work of A. Ludu at Antwerp University (together with the above mentioned co-authors) at Condensed Matter Theory Group where he was in vited to spend his 2008 sabbatical year.


It represents parts of the research joint work performed by A. Ludu at Niels Bohr Institute in Copenhagen in November 2008 and May 2009. Interesting to mention, he involved Mrs. Amy Schwenck, graduating student at NSU from Scholars College since she wrote his graduation thesis on this topics. The thesis will be defended this August at NSU.

4. The article: “Is Curvature of the Flagellum involved in the Apparent Cooperativity of the Dynein Arms along the 9+2 Axoneme?” was accepted for publication in Journal of Theoretical Biology, and it will appear in 2010. (Co-author: C. Cibert from Pasteur Institute, Paris).


6. Ludu was invited to give a series of five lectures on “Theory of surfaces and curves motion” at the prestigious international conference “The 12th International Conference on Geometry Integrability and Quantization,” June 4-9, in Varna, Bulgaria. His lectures will be published in the volume dedicated to the proceedings of the conference by the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. His trip and expenses were supported partially by the Bulgarian Academy, and partially by the alumni account “Development of Physics” that Ludu opened and funded at NSU in 2010.

Faculty/staff invited to contribute to Crisis Leave Pool

With the start of the new fiscal year, faculty and staff are invited to help provide sufficient leave to eligible employees who request assistance from the Crisis Leave Pool. The Crisis Leave Program is a means of providing paid leave to an eligible employee who has experienced a catastrophic illness or injury to themselves or eligible family member.

The program’s intent is to provide assistance to employees who, through no fault of their own, have insufficient appropriate accrued leave to cover the crisis leave period. Anyone accumulating annual leave may donate a minimum of 8 hours or a maximum of 16 hours per fiscal year.

An eligible employee can only request a maximum of 176 hours of crisis leave time from the pool.

To make a donation, contact Yvette Ceasar-Williams, chairman of the Crisis Leave Committee, to obtain the correct form. Only annual leave can be donated to the pool.

For more information, contact Ceasar-Williams, Associate Registrar for Records at ext. 6171.
Park book examines multimedia learning

Dr. Sang Park, assistant professor of Educational Technology program, has published a book based on his on going research titled “Positive Emotion and Multimedia Learning: Promoting Learning Interest and Motivation in Multimedia Learning using Pedagogical Agents.” His book introduced instructional multimedia design strategies to maintain students’ positive emotion in multimedia learning contexts where various multimedia components are employed such as clip art, graphics, sound, video, stories, stimulating examples, and pedagogical agents.

His study presented in this book investigated the effects of seductive augmentation and pedagogical agent’s role on learning interest, achievement, and attitude in instructional multimedia learning. The results indicated that the use of seductive graphics and seductive messages was effective to improve learner’s interest and positive emotion. The findings from the study should be useful to professionals in Instructional Design and Training fields, or teachers who may be interested in designing and developing effective multimedia learning programs.


Bonnette continues service on CSIDA committee

Associate Sports Information Director Matthew Bonnette has been reappointed to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America committee administered by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Bonnette, entering his third year on the prestigious 121-member panel, will oversee voting for Division I honors in women’s basketball and women’s track and field/cross country in CoSIDA District VI. The region covers New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana. Nominees are outstanding student-athletes with 3.3 cumulative grade point averages.

District teams are selected in eight regions around the country in 12 different sports or combined sport categories. The first-team All-District winners advance to the Academic All-America ballot. As a committee member, Bonnette votes on each Academic All-America ballot and the Academic All-America Hall of Fame.

Beginning his eighth year at Northwestern, Bonnette volunteered for the Academic All-America committee service three years ago and served as a Division II district coordinator for the past two years, earning a promotion to Division I for 2009-10.

“This is a very prestigious assignment in our professional organization. There’s a waiting list of candidates,” said NSU sports information director Doug Ireland, who served on the Academic All-America committee from 1992-97.

“This opportunity to serve reflects the respect his peers, and the leadership of CoSIDA, have for Matthew. His service and this appointment is a credit to Northwestern. We’re lucky to have him on our team.”
As the Louisiana affiliate for Project Lead the Way, NSU hosted workshops for middle and high school teachers who are implementing PLTW in their classrooms this fall. Teachers from Louisiana, Arkansas, Ohio and New York participated in the intense two-week PLTW Boot Camps that included classroom instruction, projects and team activities.

Teachers learned to use a three-dimensional (3D) modeling tool, Autodesk Inventor, to create conceptual sketches of objects. This is the same software used by industry for designing products and laying out manufacturing facilities. The sketches were then used to create fully developed 3D models. Finally, the 3D models were reduced to two-dimensional orthographic drawings suitable for use by builders to construct the object.

Middle school students will use the Inventor application to develop projects that they will later build in a laboratory.

During one session, participants divided into teams to build a production line simulation. Using the ROBO-Pro program, each team built one station of a production line, working together to create a whole unit that began with a raw material and ended with a boxed product ready for shipment. The teachers will present this project and others like it in Gateway to Technology classes with their PLTW students.

““This is the culminating activity of automation robotics,” said Phil Brown, NSU’s PLTW affiliate professor. “They are constructing small production units, operated with an interface. They build the unit from kits and program it to do the operations they want to do. There is no set design and the solution is not given to them. They have to invent the solution. The units must communicate and all work together to get the line completed. It’s a total simulation of a manufacturing process.”

Project Lead the Way is a non-profit program that integrates math, science, language arts and technology in projects that encourage middle school and high school students to become aware of careers in the areas of science, technology, mathematics and engineering. Administrators hope the program will help today’s youngsters be productive in domestic and global workforce markets and attract high tech industry to Louisiana.

Before the workshop was over, the middle school teachers were set to tackle projects related to energy and the environment. Equipment included photocells, fuel cells for generating hydrogen, and windmills to expose students to different potential sources of electrical power generation.

Stephanie Campbell, Health Services, has a new granddaughter. Katelynn Leanne Mayrand was born July 2. She is the daughter of Gary and Cassie Mayrand, and little sister to Aaron. She weighted 5 pounds 15 ounces and measured 18 inches in length.
Congratulations

Mr. Chuck Bourg, Director of Physical Plant Operations, received notification of an award from the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources for $862,014 entitled “Lead By Example.”

Dr. Shane Rasmussen, LA Folklife Center, received notification of an award from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities for $2,500 entitled “Traditional Remedies: Folklife During Times of Adversity.”

Ms. Maxine Johnson, College of Nursing, received notification of an award of $61,174 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, for “Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students” -- $8,059 for Radiologic Technology, $23,967 for Associate Degree, and $29,148 for Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing.

Ms. Maxine Johnson, College of Nursing, received notification of an award of $40,161 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, for “Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students – ARRA” --$5,324 for Radiologic Technology, $15,719 for Associate Degree, and $19,118 for Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing.

Dr. Vickie Gentry, College of Education, received notification of an award from the Louisiana Board of Regents in the amount of $35,000 for “Value-Added Teacher Preparation Action Research Study.” Dr. Kimberly McAlister is collaborator.

Mr. Joe Morris, Criminal Justice Department, College of Liberal Arts, submitted a proposal to U. S. Department of Justice for “Using Social Media to Implement and Enhance COP.” Ms. Daphne Levenson and Ms. Polly Snell are collaborators.

Dr. Tommy Hailey, History and Social Sciences, submitted a proposal to Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation for “The Lumber Industry and Log Architecture in Louisiana: Historic Context Project Proposal.” Mr. William R. Smith is collaborator.

Dr. Tommy Hailey, History and Social Sciences, submitted a proposal to Cane River National Heritage Area for “Military Heritage Assessment & Tour of the Cane River National Heritage Area: (Phase 2) Project Proposal.” Mr. William R. Smith is collaborator.

Dr. Norann Planchock, College of Nursing, submitted a proposal to Health Resources and Services Administration for “NSU Advanced Nursing Education Expansion (ANEE) project.” Ms. Teresa Kevil, Debra Bagget-Woodard, Christie Maranto, Connie Roppolo, Katheryn Arterberry and Dr. Dana Roe are collaborators.

Dr. Darlene Williams, Vice President of Technology, Research, and Economic Development, submitted a proposal to the U.S. Department of Education entitled “Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success.” Ms. Hedy Pinkerton is collaborator.

For more information regarding funding opportunities, visit ORSP’s website at www.nsula.edu/orsp.
NSU adopting Moodle as new course management system

NSU is adopting a new course management system that will be used in place of Blackboard beginning this fall. Moodle (Modular Object-Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment) is an open source software that has become popular worldwide to create dynamic and effective learning sites.

The Office of Electronic and Continuing Education is offering professional development workshops this summer in which faculty can learn about Moodle and how to use it.

The decision to change to a more flexible course management system was based upon faculty feedback and the desire to build a customized course management system for NSU, said Dr. Darlene Williams, vice president for Technology, Research and Economic Development.

“Blackboard is proprietary. We want to overcome limitations with software and integration,” Williams said. “Moodle offers more flexibility for application development and for integrating existing applications.”

Moodle will allow NSU to develop and customize its course management system to more efficiently meet the needs of faculty and students with a streamlined approach to application integration, such as taking attendance and reporting grades, and replicating some of the positive features of Blackboard.

Moodle was piloted on campus two years ago with a small number of faculty who responded positively to the system. Going into the fall semester, Moodle and Blackboard will run simultaneously while courses are transitioned to Moodle over the next 12 months.

By summer 2011, Blackboard will no longer be in use at all.

“Because of the number of on-line degree programs and on-line courses, we set a timeline of one year for migration to the new system, Williams said. “This will be a transition. It will take time for people to feel comfortable. That is why we are offering support through professional development workshops as well as through the help desk in order to respond to questions.”

To sign up for one of the Moodle workshops, email ece@nsula.edu or call 357-6355.

The Office of Electronic and Continuing Education will offer the following Moodle professional development sessions for August.

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Moodle Basics is for faculty who want to learn about Moodle and its basics. Moodle Face-2-Face is for faculty who want to learn how to use Moodle for face-to-face classes. Blackboard Basics is for faculty who want to learn how to use Blackboard 9.0 for online courses.

To sign up, please email ece@nsula.edu or call 357-6355.
Grad Council announces 2010-11 members, meetings

The following dates have been scheduled for the Graduate Council Meetings for the fall/spring semester of 2010-2011. Meetings are set for 1:30 p.m. in Roy Hall, Dean’s Conference Room 209.

Please submit 2 complete hard copies and one electronic email of all graduate proposals to the Graduate School office no later than two weeks prior to the meeting dates. The Graduate Council follows the same protocol for submission as does the CRC and your agenda and accompanying paperwork will be sent to you electronically.

Listed below are the Graduate Council Members for 2010-2011 academic years. If you have any questions regarding submission of proposals please contact Janine Waters in the Graduate School Office at 5851 or the Council Member representing your department listed below. All proposals being submitted to the CRC that are Graduate School related MUST be presented to the Graduate Council for approval prior to submitting to CRC. Both Councils meet on the same day with Graduate Council meeting immediately prior to the CRC.

**Graduate Council--1:30 Tuesday**

- Tuesday, August 10, 2010
- Tuesday, September 14, 2010
- Tuesday, October 12, 2010
- Tuesday, November 9, 2010
- Tuesday, January 18, 2011
- Tuesday, February 8, 2011

**Members**

- Dr. John Dollar, Health & Human Performance, 2nd year, (dollарj/5128)
- Dr. Tommy Hailey, Social Sciences, 1st year (haileyt/4453)
- Dr. Kathryn Kelly, Psychology, 1st year (kellyk/5354)
- Dr. Kim McAlister, Education, 1st year (mealisterk/5553)
- Dr. Ron McBride, Education, 2nd year (mcbride/5522)
- Dr. Sarah McFarland, Language & Communication, 2nd year (mcfarlands/6172)
- Dr. Malena McLaren, Creative & Performing Arts—Music, 2nd year (mclarenm/5758)
- Dr. Norann Planchock, Nursing, 1st year (planchockn/677-3100)
- Michael Yankowski, CAPA--Art, 1st year (yankowskim/4484)
- Dr. Steven G. Horton, Chair

**Associate Members**

- Dr. Laura Aaron, Nursing 2nd year (carwilel/677-3069)
- Dr. Paula Furr, 1st year (furrp/5518)

**Sympathy**

- The NSU Floral Fund sent a memorial to Strange Methodist Church in Saline in memory of Mrs. Lottie Weaver, mother of Binky Speir, Student Financial Aid, accounting technician.
- The Floral Fund also sent a plant to the funeral service for Mrs. Ruby Nugent, mother of Carolyn Hartt, Nursing Coordinator for Cenla.
On Sept. 4, the NSU Demon Football team will take on the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., for its season opener, and faculty and staff can take advantage of a discounted opportunity to make the trip along with Coach Peveto and the squad.

The NSU Athletic Association will make accommodations for 40 fans to join the Demons for a unique opportunity to travel with the team at a rate substantially discounted from what it would cost to make the trip otherwise. For $500, individuals will be provided with round-trip airfare from Alexandria to Colorado Springs, ground transportation to the hotel, the Air Force Academy, and return to the airport, and two-night hotel accommodations at the Crowne Plaza Colorado Springs.

“Having traveled as a player and administrator at two universities, I can tell you that it is a unique opportunity to be in the official travel party for a road game like this,” noted Athletic Association Executive Director Dr. William Broussard, who is coordinating sales for the event. “There’s electricity in the air because it’s the season opener and an intense feeling of camaraderie with the coaches, staff, and players, and Falcon Stadium is an impressive facility, on an immaculate campus with a beautiful backdrop. It will truly be an exciting place to begin the 2010 football campaign.”

The NSU Alumni Association is also partnering with the Athletic Association to host a Colorado Springs area alumni meet and greet on Friday, Sept. 3, and everyone in the travel party will be invited to this event.

“We have identified nearly 200 NSU alumni in the Colorado Springs area and this is an excellent occasion to reach out and connect with them,” stated Drake Owens, Executive Director of the NSU Foundation.

Those with questions or who are interested in purchasing an opportunity to travel with Demon Football to Air Force should contact William Broussard at the NSU Athletic Association at (318) 357-4295, or at broussardw@nsula.edu.

Seats available for NSU Football vs. Air Force

$500 includes round-trip flight to Colorado Springs, two-night hotel accommodations, ground transportation, and gameday passes
Kenpo Karate
Kenpo teaches how to maneuver so that the opponent is unwittingly placed in a vulnerable position. It employs kicks, punches, blocks, judo, throws, locks, takedowns, and more. You can be certified for belt levels. It can help develop coordination, discipline and self-confidence. Each age group will be divided into advanced and beginners.

Date: Aug. 31-Dec. 9, Tues & Thurs
Time: 6-8 p.m.
Ages: Children & Adults
Fee: $89- Children (ages 7-14)
     $99-Adults (ages 14 and up)
Location: Health & Human Performance Bldg., Rm. 127
Instructor: Shihan-Sama Roy Adams
(Sixth Degree Black Belt, Rokudan, Red & White Belt)

The Creole Heritage Center (CHC) will participate in the NSU Writing Project’s Literacy Lagniappe Conference on August 7 here at NSU. Staff from CHC will highlight the Teacher’s Creole Resource CD. This CD focuses on the derivation/history of the Louisiana Creole culture and its influence on the state. A demonstrated need for this information has been shown by repeated requests from educators for accurate reference and teaching materials about Louisiana Creole culture and history. The development of the resource CD about the Creole culture begins to address this need. These CDs are available at no charge for teachers. Funding from the Cane River National Heritage Area supported the development of the Teacher’s Creole Resource CD.