Kane could be Louisiana’s next poet laureate

Professor of English Julie Kane is one of three finalists for the position of Louisiana’s poet laureate.

A panel chaired by Michael Sartisky, president and executive director of the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, has sent the names of three finalists to Gov. Bobby Jindal who will make the final selection subject to confirmation by the Louisiana Senate. Kane is a finalist along with Ava Leavell Haymon of LSU and Jack Bedell of Southeastern Louisiana University.

Nominees for poet laureate must have published works in books, anthologies, literary journals or magazines. In addition, the selection committee must seek information from the general public and the literary community.

The new poet laureate will succeed poet Darrell Bourque, a professor emeritus of English from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, who has served in that position since 2008. His term ends in May.

Last year, Kane wrote “The Ballad of Isabella” as part of Northwestern’s 125th anniversary celebration. The ballad linked Isabella, the legendary campus ghost, with the University’s history. Her poem “Particle Physics” was featured on NPR’s The Writer’s Almanac.

Kane won the Donald Justice Poetry Prize for her book “Jazz Funeral.” A former Fulbright Scholar, Kane was a winner of the National Poetry Series Open Competition for her book “Rhythm & Booze.” She was a finalist for one of the major prizes in American poetry, The Poets’ Prize for the Best Collection of American Poetry, and a judge for the 2005 National Book Award in Poetry. Northwestern honored her with the 2004 Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award.

Deans, RSOs invited to participate in Scholars’ Day

Departments, RSOs invited to participate in Scholars’ Day on Saturday, Feb. 19. The event will be hosted by the Office of University Recruiting and the Louisiana Scholars’ College.

“We have allotted from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. for you to be able to talk with these students and their parents. For many, meeting with you is the main reason they attend,” said Lauren Michel, assistant director of recruiting for the Louisiana Scholars’ College.

Michel and her staff will provide tables and tablecloths for participants. “It is such an advantage to have a representative from your academic department or organization present for this event,” Michel said. “Please let me know if you will send a representative from you area by Friday, Feb. 11.”

For more information, contact Michel at michell@nsula.edu or call NSU extension 4578.
Hughbank to sign copies of book on terrorism

Richard Hughbank will sign copies of his newly released book, *The Dynamics of Terror and Creation of Homegrown Terrorists*, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 3 in the NSU Bookstore located in the Friedman Student Union. All NSU faculty, staff and students as well as members of the community are invited to attend.

Hughbank, a faculty member in the Criminal Justice department instructing graduate Homeland Security classes, has put his years of experience with the U.S. Army and personal interactions with terrorists during his tours of the Middle East into this critically and academically acclaimed work.

The title has received great reception in Canada and Europe and was released in the United States on Tuesday, January 24. You can read full reviews by following this link: [http://understandterror.com/dynamics.html](http://understandterror.com/dynamics.html)

Along with having the opportunity to purchase a personally signed book, attendees will have the opportunity to meet with Hughbank and discuss his vast experience in the fields of terrorism, security management, and other related topics. Books may be purchased for $20 with cash and check being accepted as forms of payment.

Questions should be directed to Perry Moore by e-mail at moorep@nsula.edu or by phone at (318)357-4473.

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for a secure and supportive environment during times of distress due to natural or man-made disasters,” Alexander said.

Alexander and Febus developed the proposal, which was funded by the Louisiana Department of Children and Families.

Alexander and Diane Aillet, conducted two featured sessions on Training Effectiveness at the annual conference of the Southern Early Childhood Association in Savannah, Ga. Febus conducted a session on “Don’t Forget about the Schoolagers” at the same conference.


Three students from the NSU Department of Theatre and Dance have begun a new service learning project with the Boys and Girls Clubs of El Camino Real. Domonique Terrell, Reshad Horton and Kruz Landry will be teaching dance class to elementary, middle and high school students at the Abbie Drive location of the Boys and Girls Club.

This initiative is being lead by Assistant Professor Barry Stoneking and Ms. Rosalinde F. Hudson from the Boys and Girls Clubs.

“This is the beginning of what we hope will be an ongoing relationship between the Dance Program at NSU and the local community,” Stoneking said.

Dr. Gerra Perkins, College of Education and Human Development, has been selected to serve a one-year term on the Nominations Committee of the National Association for Play Therapy (APT). This committee is charged with choosing a slate of four to six candidates to run for election to the Board.
Application deadline for memorial scholarships in criminal justice is Feb. 24

The Department of Criminal Justice, History and Social Sciences is now accepting applications for the 2011 Criminal Justice memorial scholarships, the Frank C. Kyle Memorial Scholarship, the Glen Denning DeVanie Memorial Scholarship, the Gradly Alan Daughtry Memorial Scholarship and the Doyle and Barbara Bailey Criminal Justice Scholarship.

Applications will be accepted through Feb. 24. Students may apply by submitting an application which includes an essay requirement addressing their plans to impact and contribute to their criminal justice career, and explaining how their degree will help them accomplish their goals.

Additional requirements for consideration for these scholarships include a major in criminal justice, an overall minimum grade point average of 2.5, a minimum major grade point average of 3.0, and for three of the four scholarships, junior or senior status. One application can be used for all scholarship opportunities.

These scholarships will be awarded in spring 2011 at the Liberal Arts Honor’s Convocation to students majoring in criminal justice, with the award amounts presented in the fall and spring ($250 at the start of the fall semester and $250 at the start of the spring semester).

A student may be awarded each scholarship one time only. Students interested in applying for these scholarships may download the scholarship application from the Department of Criminal Justice, History, & Social Sciences website, http://criminaljustice.nsula.edu/scholarships/, and return it with all supporting materials to: Department of Criminal Justice, History, and Social Sciences, 103 Keyser Hall, NSU Box 5273, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA 71497.

Applications can also be faxed (318) 357-6966, (318) 357-6153, or (318) 357-5505. For more information, call (318) 357-6967, or (318) 357-6963. Deadline for applications is 3 p.m. Feb. 24.

Anyone interested in making a contribution to any of these scholarships may contact the Department of Criminal Justice, History and Social Sciences for questions and further information.

Students can apply for scholarships

The Office of Alumni and Development is currently accepting scholarship applications for the 2011-2012 academic year. Please encourage your students to go to www.northwesternalumni.com and click on Scholarship App to fill out the application. Priority will be given to students who submit applications before March 1, 2011.

The Office of Alumni & Development manages more than 400 privately funded scholarships.

Alumni gatherings set

The Northwestern State Alumni Association will be hosting several alumni gatherings throughout Louisiana and Texas this spring. Faculty and Staff are welcome to attend the receptions. For more details or to RSVP, please contact Lyndsey Miller at (318) 357-4415 or millerl@nsula.edu.

Thursday, Feb. 24 – New Orleans @ Acme Oyster House in Metairie, 6:30-8:30 p.m., $25 per person
Thursday, March 24 – Lafayette @ Blue Dog Café, 6-8, $25 per person
Friday, March 25 – Baton Rouge @ Country Club of Louisiana, 6-8, $25 per person
Thursday, April 7 – Shreveport @ Savoie’s , 6-8, $20 per person
Thursday, April 14 – Dallas @ Jill’s, 6-8, $25 per person
Saturday, April 16 – Houston @ Ragin’ Cajun, 12-3, $20 per person
Anonymous donor pledges over $1 million to Northwestern academics and athletics

An anonymous alumnus has pledged over $1 million, split between academics and athletics, to support Northwestern State University – the largest gift in the institution’s 126-year history.

The $1,070,000 pledge will be made through the donor’s estate to the NSU Foundation, which supports academic and other university endeavors, and to the NSU Athletic Association, which supports the university’s NCAA Division I intercollegiate sports program.

The donation will be designated for scholarships, faculty enhancements and to improve facilities, university officials said.

The pledge is a major boost to Northwestern’s “Excellence: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow” Capital Campaign. The campaign is ahead of schedule in meeting its goal of $25 million by June 2012.

The mission of the Northwestern State University Foundation is to serve the University, its students and its faculty, primarily through financial resources raised and distributed by the corporation. The NSU Athletic Association is the official tax-deductible, development arm of Northwestern State intercollegiate athletics. The primary purpose of the NSU Athletic Association is to benefit the student-athlete scholarship fund, also known as the ‘Demon Victory Fund,’ and also to secure funding for facility enhancement projects, marketing and promotion of Northwestern sporting events, and endowed scholarships.

NSU Athletics has a great track record of athletic excellence, academic achievement by student-athletes, and community service.

For information about donating to the NSU Foundation, contact Owens at (318) 357-4414 or owensd@nsula.edu. To learn how to support the NSU Athletic Association, contact Dr. William Broussard, Associate Director of Athletics and Executive Director of the Demon Victory Fund, at (318) 357-4295 or broussardw@nsula.edu.
A book co-authored by Dr. Patrice Moulton, professor of psychology, provides a guide to creating a crisis management plan for college campuses. *This is NOT a Fire Drill: Crisis Intervention and Prevention on College Campuses* written by Moulton with Rick Myer, Ph.D., and Richard James, Ph.D., provide university administrators, faculty, and staff with hands-on examples, general tactics, and strategies along with specific prevention, intervention, and post-crisis logistics and techniques that can be applied to almost any crisis likely to be confronted on a college campus.

*This is NOT a Fire Drill: Crisis Intervention and Prevention on College Campuses* is a practical guide to creating a comprehensive college campus crisis management plan. It also provides the necessary tools to address the emotional, cognitive, and behavioral responses of students and staff as they attempt to negotiate a crisis and its aftermath. The book has been published by John Wiley and Sons.

*This is NOT a Fire Drill* advocates “a non-cookie cutter approach” to developing plans that address any number of crises that may occur on a college campus, including violent crimes, rampages, lockdowns, death/suicide, fires and other disasters. Plans should reflect each institution’s unique administrative styles, demographics, even geography. There are also tips on dealing with the media.

“Today, before administrators can even try to address an issue, there are videos and photos on the Web,” said Moulton, “We’re looking at critical incidents in terms of helping develop a structure in which people know what resources are available to use, have established lines of communication and know what questions to ask, from risk assessment and prevention through post-crisis.”

The book also advocates the benefits of a campus risk assessment team that works together to examine red flags, recognize signs of distress and take action before a crisis occurs. Although written specifically for universities, the constructs of the book could apply to business and industry, K-12 settings, churches and other organizations, Moulton said.

Moulton is the author of 10 books on crisis intervention, clinical supervision, triage assessment, online learning and therapy. She and the two co-authors together have varied experience with crisis intervention as teachers and administrators. During the writing process, the book was reviewed by administrators and staff with experience in campus crises, including provosts, university police and student services personnel.

*This is NOT a Fire Drill: Crisis Intervention and Prevention on College Campuses* is available on Amazon.com. For more information, contact Moulton at moultonp@nsula.edu.

Dr. Sue Weaver was honored in December with a reception to celebrate her retirement. From left are Dr. Lisa Abney, Weaver, President Randy Webb and Mrs. Brenda Webb.
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CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. Donald Barker, Student Support Services, Division of Student Affairs, received notification of a $417,108 continuation award from the U.S. Department of Education for “Student Support Services.”

Mr. Joseph D. (Jody) Biscoe, LATTC, received notification of an award of $30,000 from University of Texas - Austin for “Gulf Coast Addiction Technology Transfer Center - Amendment #10.”

Dr. Norann Planchock, College of Nursing, received notification of a $40,000 continuation award from the Martin Luther King Health Center for “MOU – Martin Luther King Health Center (MLKHC) and Northwestern State University College of Nursing.”

Ms. Claudia Triche, Department of Social Work, received notification of a $35,000 continuation award from Louisiana State University Agricultural Center for “Louisiana Child Welfare Comprehensive Workforce Project – Year 3.”

Dr. Shane Rasmussen, LA Folklife Center, received notification of a $10,000 award from the National Endowment for the Arts for “2011 Natchitoches – NSU Folk Festival.”

Dr. Michelle Morris, Department of Teaching and Learning, College of Education and Human Development, received notification of a $15,000 award from the LA Serve Commission for “Little Hands Building Big Gardens.” Drs. Kimberly McAlister, Paul Nagel and Ms. Jacqueline Mason are collaborators.

Dr. Norann Planchock, College of Nursing and Allied Health, received notification of a $100,500 award from the Rapides Foundation.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Dr. Norann Planchock, College of Nursing, submitted a proposal to Rapides Regional Medical Center for “Rapides Regional Medical Center-NSU Joint Venture to offer BSN in Alexandria.”

Ms. Maxine Johnson, College of Nursing and Allied Health, submitted Phase II of the proposal to Health Resources and Services Administration for “Advanced Nursing Traineeships.”

Ms. Lisa Rougeou, Department of Language and Communication, College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies and Research, submitted a proposal to the University of California – Berkeley for “National Writing Project Continued Funding Application 2011.”

Dr. Paul Nagel, Department of Teaching and Learning, College of Education, submitted a proposal to Entergy Corporation for “2025 Beyond: Strategic Planning for Geography Education in Louisiana.”

Dr. Paul Nagel, Department of Teaching and Learning, College of Education, submitted a proposal to National Geographic Society’s Education Foundation for “Louisiana Strategic Planning.”

For more information regarding funding opportunities, visit ORSP’s website at www.nsula.edu/orsp.
DeFort artwork featured in two exhibits

Work by Associate Professor Art Matt DeFord was featured in a solo exhibition at Louisiana College in Pineville. The exhibit, pictured at right, is called “Recent Work” and is in the art gallery at the Weathersby Fine Arts Building.

The two images below are the same piece called “Prospective.” It was juried into an international exhibit entitled “196” at the Shore Institute of The Contemporary Arts in Long Branch, New Jersey. More info on the 196 show is at http://www.sica.org/Exhibitions/2011/196/Prospectus.html

Correction

Marilyn J. Nagel, mother of Paul Nagel, associate professor, passed away Friday, Nov. 5 and was remembered on Nov. 13.

Joe Pierson Sr., father-in-law of Pat Pierson, died Saturday, Dec. 18. Services were held Dec. 23 at First United Methodist Church in Natchitoches.

The NSU Floral Fund made a memorial donation to the National Autism Association, 1330 W. Schatz Lane Nixa, MO 65714 in memory of Doris Mary Crew Miller, mother of Robert Crew, executive assistant to the president.

Services for Anne Perkins, daughter of Dr. Gerra Perkins and Kendal Perkins and granddaughter of Drs. Wendell and Nelda Wellman, were held Feb. 2 at New Life Church in Natchitoches. Dr. Gerra Perkins and Dr. Nelda and Wendell Wellman serve as faculty in the College of Education and Human Development.
ECE lists non-credit courses for February

Northwestern State University will offer a variety of non-credit classes in February.

A distance learning Notary Exam Prep Course will be held on Saturdays on the Natchitoches campus from 1-5 p.m. beginning March 12. Class days are March 12, March 19, March 26, April 2, April 9, April 30, May 7 and May 14. All classes will meet in Room 122 of Russell Hall. Students will be given a specific review of the subjects tested on the Notary Exam.

Beginning Guitar will be held on Tuesdays Feb. 1-March 29 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The fee is $59 plus a $10 materials fee. Classes will be held at the NSU Middle Lab School with Philip McClung as instructor. The focus of the class will be on humming and strumming familiar tunes, music appreciation and enjoyment. Students will compile a collection of at least 25 songs to learn to play in eight lessons. Home practice will be required. Students should be at least 11 years old and self-motivated to practice. Singing is encouraged but not required.

Scrapbooking Your Memories will teach participants to turn photographs into works of art. Students will learn the basic techniques of Cricut, a cutting system that allows pages to be enhanced. Classes will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, Feb. 15, Feb. 22 and March 1. The fee is $59 plus participants purchase their own supplies. The class will be taught in Room 132-B Dodd Hall. Terrie McCallister will be the instructor.

A Society for Human Resource Management Certificate Prep Course will be offered through an intensive 8-week program presented in partnership with NSU. The key to PHR/SPHR certification and the SHRM Learning System is relevant to the needs of today’s human resource professionals. The SHRM Learning System teaches the six modules covering the HR Certification Institute body of knowledge tested in PHR/SPHR exams. The class is designed for individuals seeking HR certification as a professional in human resources. The class includes all course material but does not cover registration for the PHR or the SPHR examinations. To apply for either the Professional in Human Resources (PHR) or the Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR), candidates must have a combination of education and professional HR experience. For more information, visit www.HRCI.org.

Classes will be held from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on alternating Saturdays Feb. 5-May 7 in Room 113 of Russell Hall. The Fee is &845, which includes SHRM Learning System Materials. Billy Benefield Jr. will be the instructor.

Students will learn to stretch their dollars by using coupons in the $tart $mart $avings class, to be held from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 in Room 132-B of Dodd Hall. Participants will learn to stockpile, ad match, and stack coupons and will receive copies of coupon policies for area stores. In addition, students will receive lists of places to get coupons, coupon sites and blogs, stores that take coupons and how to use them, categories to help organize coupons and acronyms and abbreviations for coupon lingo, as well as two surprises for participants. The fee for the course is $29. Pam Harding will be the instructor.

A class in basic and intermediate oil and acrylic painting will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Thursdays, Feb. 17-April 7. The class is limited to eight students. The class will be loaded with tips, techniques and question and answer sessions. The fee is $120. Dodie Knight will be the instructor.

For more information or to register for any NSU non-credit classes, visit http://ece.nsula.edu/non-credit/ or call (800) 376-2422 or (318) 357-6355.

Vet Tech Club will host Bathe-a-Dog Day Feb. 11

The NSU Veterinary Technology Club is having another Bathe a Dog Day from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11 in Room 102 of Bienvenu Hall.

Please call Jessica Hudspeth at 357-4316 or email at hudspethj@nsula.edu. Space is limited so the pups will need to be picked up after their baths are finished.

Prices are $12 for dogs under 25 pounds; $17 for dogs 26-50 pounds, $22 for dogs 51-75 pounds and $3 for dogs over 75 pounds.

Treatments include bath, nail trimming, ear cleaning and anal gland expression. Please do not bring matted dogs, as the Vet Tech program has no grooming facilities.
Dr. Gillian Rudd, associate professor of chemistry, her husband Mark Foster and three NSU chemistry majors visited Anne Stevens’ fourth grade science class to celebrate the 10th birthday of Dr. Rudd’s son, Seth. The students conducting experiments for the fourth graders were Justin Copeland, Kena Senegal and her twin sister Sarena Senagal, who will all graduate in May.

The theme was, “What’s new, CO²? - Get To Know a Chemical Reaction.” The students all did hands-on experiments to discover how to see the invisible gas carbon dioxide using detergent in the “foam dome” experiment and they used the color of bromthymol blue indicator in the “invisible blue buster” experiment. The grand finale discussed mylar self-inflating balloons, which the students figured out used the same reagents of citric acid and baking soda that they all had been using.