Dr. Pamela Simmons, Diane Webb, and Dr. Laura Aaron presented “Academic honesty among radiologic sciences faculty and students” at the Association of Educators in Imaging and Radiologic Sciences 2011 annual meeting in Orlando, Fla., in June. There were over 160 participants at the meeting.

Ben Wood presented “Literature Reviews” and Dr. Aaron presented “Path to Publication” at the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) Educational Symposium in Albuquerque, N.M., in June. Dr. Aaron and Mr. Wood both serve on the Editorial Review Board for Radiologic Technology, the peer-reviewed journal published by the ASRT.

Dr. Aaron was installed to the Board of Directors for the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) at the April board meeting in Chicago.

Executive Assistant the President Robert Crew and Director of Service-Leaning Steven Gruesbeck joined a group of cyclists as they pedaled into Natchitoches for an overnight stay. NSU hosted more than 30 cyclists from the Bike & Build program, a non-profit group that raises funds and awareness for affordable housing causes. Gruesbeck coordinated the overnight stay, which included meals provided by the Baptist Collegiate Ministry and Sodexo. Natchitoches was one stop on the cyclists’ 11-week journey from Jacksonville, Fla., to Monterey, Calif.

Folk Festival committee needs volunteers

The Louisiana Folklife Center needs many volunteers to help with the Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival being held in the Student Union on July 15-16.

The hours are 4-11 p.m. July 15 and 8 a.m.-11 p.m. July 16. In return for 5 or more hours of volunteer work, you will receive a Festival t-shirt and free admission to all events.

Visit the Folk Festival website at http://louisianafolklife.nsula.edu for more information.

If you would like to volunteer, please complete the attached Volunteer Agreement form and return it to the Louisiana Folklife Center in Room 213 Kyser Hall. Your help will be so appreciated.

For more information, contact Dr. Shane Rasmussen, director, at Ext. 4332 or e-mail rasmussens@nsula.edu; or Sharon Sweeters at Ext. 4332 or e-mail sweeters@nsula.edu.
Graduate Council sets meetings for 2011-12

The following dates have been scheduled for the Graduate Council Meetings for the fall/spring semester of 2011-2012. Meetings are set for 1:30 p.m. in Roy Hall 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 2011-2012 academic years. If you have any questions regarding submission of proposals please contact Janine Waters in the Graduate School Office at 357-5851 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 9, 2011
Tuesday, September 13, 2011
Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Tuesday, November 8, 2011
Tuesday, January 10, 2012
Tuesday, February 14, 2012

Members
Dr. Laura Aaron, Radiological Sciences, 2nd year, (carwil6/677-3072)
Dr. Christine Allen, Creative & Performing Arts--Music, 1st year (christine/5854)
Dr. John Dollar, Health & Human Performance, 1st year, (dollard/5128)
Dr. Tommy Hailey, Social Sciences, 2nd year (hailey/4453)
Dr. Kathryn Kelly, Psychology, 2nd year (kellyk/5354)
Dr. Michelle Morris, Education, 1st year (pauls/m/4252)
Dr. Sang Park, Education, 1st year (park/s/5774)
Dr. Allen Bauman, Language & Communication, 1st year (bauman/a/5615)
Dr. Norann Planchock, Nursing, 2nd year (planchock/s/677-3100)
Dr. Michael Yankowski, CAPA--Art, 2nd year (yankowski/m/4484)

Dr. Steven G. Horton, Chair

Associate Members (non-voting)
Dr. Paula Furr, 2nd year (furrp/5518)
Dr. Kim McAlistor, 2nd year (mcaisterl/5553)

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The JRCERT is the national agency recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE) for accreditation of educational program in radiography, radiation therapy, magnetic resonance, and medical dosimetry.

NSU Middle Lab Teachers Philip McClung and Casey Hendricks attended the social studies workshop “Learning about GIS” provided by Dr. Paul Nagel of the College of Education and Human Development on June 21. In this hands-on workshop designed to increase Middle Lab students’ knowledge of technology and geography, Philip and Casey learned how to use GIS to determine the distance between cities, elevation of different locations in the United States and the world and demographic information such as the unemployment rate and education level of the residents of Natchitoches. This basic demographic information can be compared with other zip code locations such as Baton Rouge and LSU or Lafayette and thus increasing critical thinking skills of the students.

Woods leads ecotour Down Under

Australia and New Zealand were the destinations for 14 Northwestern State University students, faculty and family members to study and experience ecotourism and new cultures. The recent two-week trip was organized by Dr. Lynn Woods as part of a hospitality and tourism course.

Ecotourism refers to responsible travel to natural areas that promotes conservation, communities and economy of local areas. The group traveled from Sydney to Perth to experience ecotourism and new cultures. The trip to New Zealand included Auckland andRotorua, known for its unique volcanic landscape, hot springs and living Maori culture of East Polynesian ancestors.

“I enjoyed learning how to make tourism fun and profitable and not to wait until it’s too late to save the environment,” said Michael Benoit, a hospitality and management tourism major from Crowley, La.

Gallien presents finding on air quality

Dr. Tara Gallien, assistant professor of Health and Human Performance, attended a press conference on air quality in Natchitoches-area bars. Several of Gallien’s students were involved in collecting the data that was presented.

“Many NSU students work at and attend local bars,” she said. “The results were eye-opening.”

Data revealed that the level of hazardous particulates in Natchitoches bars was 514.1 ug/m3 (250 is considered hazardous to health) compared to 28.4 in non-smoking bars. Gallien presented at the American College Health Association (ACHA) annual conference in Phoenix on June 4. The presentation was “Louisiana Tobacco-Free Colleges: A Student’s Right to Breathe Clean Air.” Co-presenters were Monique Elwood-Brown from The Louisiana Campaign for Tobacco-Free Living and Linda Brown from Southern University Ag Center.
NSU hosts PLTW training boot camp for middle, high school teachers

Middle school educators who earned completion certificates at the close of a two-week training program for Project Lead the Way’s Gateway to Technology program were, from front row left, Natalie Lortigue, Stephanie Seago, Shawn Jessup and Patricia Coy. On the back row are Tamara Galtry, Tracey Martinez, Natalie Latin, Regan Blake, Cullen Haselby, Eric Felix, Steve Baker, Rudy Henningen, PLTW Master Teacher David Reeves, Johnny Ayres, PLTW Master Teacher Kristine Calvo and Dr. Phil Brown, director of PLTW affiliate at Northwestern State University.

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Sympathy

Mr. Louis Falcon Jr. passed away on May 30 after a brief illness. He is the brother of Brenda Falcon, Department of Social Work. Funeral services were held at the Mansfield Auditorium on June 4.

Funeral services for Meade H. Miller, father of Andrea Maley, director of admissions, were held June 18 at First Baptist Church of Provencal. Mr. Miller passed away June 16. A plant was sent to the funeral services from the NSU Floral Fund.

A plant was sent to the funeral for Dr. Ron Ragsdale, a professor retired from The College of Education.

Fayza Nabulsi, mother of Dr. Zafer Hatahet, professor and chair of the Department of Biological Sciences, passed away on Thursday, June 23 at a hospital in Detroit, Mich. The NSU Floral Fund also made a donation to the American Heart Association in memory of Mrs. Nabulsi.

Northwestern’s next Summer Dinner Theatre production, “Die Claudius!” will run July 20-23, July 27-30 and Aug. 3-6 on the A.A. Fredericks Stage. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner beginning at 6 p.m. and the show at 7 p.m. The cost is $25. Reservations are mandatory.

“Die Claudius!”, an interactive murder mystery set in ancient Rome, is appropriate for viewers age 13 and up. Dress is nice casual.

The second menu includes a Mediterranean soup, tilapia with Mediterranean sauce, rice pilaf, seasoned vegetable medley, Greek salad with flatbread, rolls, butter, baklava, lemons, water, ice and coffee. The first menu includes Mediterranean lentil soup, Greek salad with flatbread, moussaka, green beans with lemon butter, rolls, butter, baklava, lemonade, water, ice and coffee. In addition, a selection of bar choices includes a selection of domestic and import wine and beer starting at $13.

The Children’s Theatre will present “The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs” July 13-16 and 20-23 in Theatre West. Admission is $5 general and $4 for groups of 10 or more. Reservations are required for groups of 10 or more.

For more information, contact Jane Norman at normanj@nsula.edu or (318) 357-4483 or visit the NSU Theatre and Dance site at http://theatre.nsula.edu/current-shows-at-northwestern-theatre-and-dance/.

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Congratulations

Dr. Tara Gallien, Department of Health and Human Performance, College of Education and Human Development, received notification of an $18,000 award from the Louisiana Public Health Institute for “The Louisiana Tobacco-Free College Initiative (LTFCI).”

Dr. Shane Rasmussen, LA Folklife Center, College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies & Research, received notification of a $4,500 award from the Cane River National Heritage Area for “32nd Annual Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival.”

Dr. Shane Rasmussen, LA Folklife Center, College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies & Research, received notification of a $1,500 award from the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission for “2011 Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival.”

Dr. Shane Rasmussen, LA Folklife Center, College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies & Research, received notification of a $5,800 award from the Cane River National Heritage Area for “The 3rd Annual Louisiana Studies Conference.” Dr. Lisa Abney is collaborator.

Dr. Leigh Ann Myers, Department of Mathematics and Physical Sciences, College of Science, Technology, and Business, received notification of a $125,361 award from the Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund for “Engaging Students in Discrete Mathematics.” Dr. Mark Thompson and Ms. Elizabeth Cole are collaborators.

Dr. Phil Brown, Department of Engineering Technology, College of Science, Technology, and Business, received notification of a $90,821 award from the Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund for “Through an Enhanced Program Candidates Are to Earn Additional Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Certification for Teaching Project Lead the Way Middle and High School Courses. Dr. Kimberly McAlister is collaborator.

Ms. Lisa Rougeou, Department of Language and Communication, College of Arts, Letters Graduate Studies and Research, received notification of a $35,000 renewal award from the University of California – Berkeley for “National Writing Project Continued Funding Application 2011.”

Current Activities

Mr. Jeffrey Girard, Department of Criminal Justice, History, and Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, submitted a continuation proposal to the Louisiana Division of Archaeology, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism for “Regional Archaeology Program 2011-2012.”

Ms. Nancy Alexander, Department of Family and Consumer Science, College of Science, Technology, and Business, submitted a proposal to the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services for “Comprehensive Child Care Resource and Referral Services for State Region 8.”

Ms. Nancy Alexander, Department of Family and Consumer Science, College of Science, Technology, and Business, submitted a proposal to the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services for “Comprehensive Child Care Resource and Referral Services for State Region 7.”

For more information regarding funding opportunities, visit ORSP’s website at www.nsula.edu/orsp.