Morgan-Hall recipient of Thomas award

Assistant Professor of Theatre Perry Morgan-Hall has been named the 2011 recipient of the Fleming A. Thomas Faculty Information Literacy Award.

Recipients of the award must meet several criteria that include working with librarians to create assignments which will ensure a positive research experience for students, scheduling information literacy sessions for students and encouraging students to work closely with librarians to further their research.

“Receiving this award is special because of who it is named after. Mr. Thomas was an inspiration to me and made me be glad to be at Northwestern,” said Morgan-Hall. “It is also special because Barb Pierce-Cruise who has been a friend and a mentor to me received the award last year.”

Morgan-Hall brings students in his musical theatre history class to Watson Library for two research projects. He works closely with Gail Kwak, head of the library’s Reference Division, to help students learn about available resources in Watson Library.

“The research projects are valuable to my students. It helps them in their field and their career because they understand the heritage and history on American musical theatre,” said Morgan-Hall. “They do research and presentations on people like Florence Ziegfeld, David Merrick or Dorothy Fields. These are names anyone who works in musical theatre should know, but many don’t. They make presentations to the class and students absorb that kind of information better when it comes from one of their peers.”

Morgan-Hall said the knowledge gained by his students in the course stays with them for years.

“This type of research helps them understand the history of musical theatre and their place in it,” he said. “It helps them be able to carry on an intelligent conversation with another actor, a director or producer in a professional setting.”

Thomas was director of libraries in at NSU from 2005-09 and was interim director in 2004-05. A 1955 graduate of
Article praises NSU’s teacher preparation assessment

The College of Education and Human Development was recognized in the Spring 2011 edition of Quality Teaching, the newsletter of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, in an article that highlighted NSU’s success in linking its teacher preparation program with student achievement. Northwestern’s results indicate that its first and second year teachers taught students who demonstrated growth comparable to students taught by experienced teachers.

NSU and other schools in Louisiana have in place Value-Added Assessment, which measures how effective teacher preparation programs are based on the success of their students. The assessment is the result of a statewide redesign of teacher preparation programs to improve teacher quality. Relevant content areas are science, language arts, reading, math and social studies. The assessment predicts growth of student achievement based on prior achievement, demographics and attendance.

Value-added assessment provides data to indicate if teacher preparation programs are having a positive or negative impact on student learning. The program has also been lauded for its success in gauging ongoing performance levels. The article sites NSU as having consistently attained effect estimates for four consistent years in some content levels. Variances in data lead faculty and administrators to ask more in-depth questions about the potential causes of a drop.

“NSU has received a lot of national attention due to our consistent value-added findings,” said Dr. Vickie Gentry, dean of the College of Education and Human Development.

Gentry has been invited to speak at this summer’s Day on the Hill congressional briefing to report on NSU’s work in the field.

“Day on the Hill provides AACTE members with the opportunity to come together in our nation’s capital and meet one-on-one with Congressional leaders to advocate for federal policy and funding that supports educator preparation,” Gentry explained.

The theme of this year’s Day on the Hill will be “Transformations in Educator Preparation: Effectiveness and Accountability” and will allow AACTE members to interact with members of Congress and their staff. The event will feature speakers from educator preparation programs that serve as models of excellence in effectiveness and accountability, components essential to moving the profession into the future, Gentry said.

“Given the significant changes underway in university-based preparation programs, AACTE wants to highlight members’ efforts to focus their programs on effective preparation practices and to show how institutions are documenting and communicating their successes,” Gentry said.

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Northwestern, Thomas earned a graduate degree in library science at LSU and completed post-graduate coursework at Rutgers University. He worked in various capacities in libraries at The Citadel, Indiana University and Miami-Dade Junior College and served as chairman of the Division of Learning Resources at Burlington County College in Pemberton, N.J., while earning a certificate in library management at the University of Maryland’s Graduate School of Library Science. He was dean of academic affairs at Burlington County College for eight years and later was director of that campus library. He returned to Northwestern in 1988 as reference and interlibrary loan librarian.

Library Closure

Watson Library will close Thursday, June 23 at 5 p.m. and reopen Tuesday June 28 at 8 a.m. All electronic online and Database services will continue during that closure.
Wisinger presents lecture at Paris university

Assistant Professor of Geography Dr. Perry Wisinger recently lectured at the Pole Universitaire Leonard de Vinci in Paris, France, as part of the institution’s annual International Week.

Faculty from throughout the University of Louisiana System joined colleagues from the British Columbian Institute of Technology (BCIT) in Vancouver, Canada, Reutlingen University in Germany, Niels Brock College in Copenhagen, Denmark, and Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences in Helsinki, Finland, in delivering lectures. Travel expenses were paid by Pole Universitaire.

Wisinger’s presentation was: “Using the impact of chemical hazards on nearby housing values to measure both market pricing efficiency in the United States real estate market and the impact of the 9/11 terrorists attack.”

His presentation demonstrated how Wisinger used economic indices to measure public fear and the increase in fear resulting from 9/11. It reviewed how major U.S. environmental legislation relates to the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act, identified sources of information on potentially serious chemical hazardous sites in the U.S., showed how to measure the impact of various chemical hazardous sites on housing values before and after 9/11 and reviewed some of the difficulties in applying modern spatial econometric methodologies.

“The overarching object of this presentation was to stimulate a dialogue about the need to balance risk between the public’s right to know about nearby danger and providing potential terrorists useful information for attacking the public,” said Wisinger.

A member of Northwestern’s faculty since 2008, Wisinger has taught classes in geography, emergency management, and accounting. He obtained his Ph.D. in Land Use Planning Management and Design from Texas Tech University, his Master of Business Administration from Louisiana Tech University, and his Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

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higher education throughout the country.

Dr. Katheryn Arterberry and Dr. Dana Roe, both from the College of Nursing, were recently notified of their selection as site evaluators for the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). CCNE is one of two national accrediting bodies for schools of nursing. Drs. Arterberry and Roe are only the third and fourth faculty selected from NSU to serve in this capacity since 1998.

Dr. Massimo D. Bezoari, professor of chemistry, organized and taught a 5-day workshop (May 16 – May 20) on Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry, which was attended by 14 students and three faculty from Bossier Parish Community College and Louisiana Delta Community College. The workshop was a component of a 2008 National Science Foundation grant (DUE # 0736653) which supplied the funds for the instrumentation, workshop, student and faculty salaries and expenses.

Dr. Bezoari, who was the principal investigator on the grant proposal, said that the students learned a great deal about modern methods of scientific analysis.

“They were particularly interested and excited by the forensic science/arson experiment, in which we investigated and identified residual accelerants present in fire debris.” The faculty from the collaborative institutions (Dr. Elaine Cox and Danny Hoston from BPCC, and Jason Manning from LDCC) stated that the two workshops (2010 and 2011) had been tremendous experiences for their students.

Dr. Paul Nagel, College of Education and Human Performance, attended a workshop entitled “Examining the Interdependence of Global Communities with Geographic Information Systems (GIS)” May 25-26 in Arlington Texas. In the workshop, Dr. Nagel learned how to incorporate GIS activities in K-12 social studies instruction.
The Spring 2011 IDS 2000, Service Learning class participated in a week long cancer awareness campaign. The students, Sheneice Boles, Teri Hudson, Chasity McClendon, and LaQuella Rideau each highlighted different cancers. The cancers covered were Ovarian, Brain, Throat, and Colon. They made brochures and distributed them to students in the Student Union Monday through Thursday, April 4-7. At noon on Friday, April 8 the students along with many peers, Dr. Patrice Moulton, and Jamie Flanagan, instructor participated in a Cancer Awareness Walk on campus.

The Service Learning class wanted to highlight a relevant issue for their group project and share their research with the public to provide a greater awareness of the aforementioned cancers. The students wanted their peers to recognize signs/symptoms and ways of being proactive by encouraging checkups early. Also, through their research they listed unknown facts about their cancer.
E-Lab kids learn geography with enormous map

Between May 9 and May 20, over 500 students from the NSU Elementary and Middle Lab Schools learned about geography in a fun and interactive way.

Through a grant from the National Geographic Society, a large giant map of North America was at the Elementary Lab School for students and teachers to explore.

Congressman Fleming joined with Erika Todtenbeir’s first grade students in exploring the map on May 19. A giant map of the Pacific Ocean is scheduled to be at the NSU Elementary lab School in late October. Photo’s courtesy of Leigh Guidry, Natchitoches Times

Northwestern to house Bike & Build riders

Northwestern will play host to a group of 30 young adults cycling across the country to raise money and awareness for affordable housing causes. The 30 young adults with Bike & Build, a national non-profit committee to affordable housing, will cycle through Natchitoches June 14 on their journey from Jacksonville, Fla., to Monterey, Calif.

“This is a really great group of young adults,” said Steven Gruesbeck, director of Service Learning at Northwestern. “For the last few years, NSU has served as an overnight rest stop. The Bike & Builders will spend the night in the Health and P.E. Majors building. Bill Collins of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry will feed them dinner and Sodexo will feed them breakfast before they head out of town June 15.”

The group will travel for 11 weeks and will help build affordable housing in 10 locations, including Baton Rouge, Dallas and New Orleans. Each rider raised at least $4,000 to help fund the trip costs and affordable housing efforts nationwide.

“At NSU, we advocate the involvement of young people in worthwhile service initiatives. We are happy to host this group as they pedal their way across our country in support of affordable housing,” Gruesbeck said.

Bike & Build will disburse a portion of the proceeds from the 2011 tours to affordable housing groups across the nation through a competitive grant application process. All grants will fund affordable housing projects chiefly planned and executed by students and young adults, ages 18 to 25. Applications are due June 10 for $500-$10,000 towards affordable housing projects in winning communities. For details visit http://bikeandbuild.org/grants.
Korean student teachers experience NSU, local schools

Seven student teachers from the Graduate School of Education at Chungnam National University (CNU) in South Korea were at NSU for a month. While at NSU, the student teachers conducted their student teaching at NSU Middle Lab School and Natchitoches Magnet School for four weeks in May. Prior to their student teaching, there was one-week training and orientation by Dr. Kioh Kim, Mrs. Connie Melder and Mrs. Eileen Kendrick. Dr. Changseob Lee, Dean of the Graduate School of Education at CNU, also visited NSU and the two schools for a few days on the last week of the program to observe the student teachers’ classrooms.

The student teaching program is based on the academic exchange agreement between the NSU College of Education and Human Development, and the Graduate School of Education of CNU. The purpose of the student teaching program is to have students develop their global perspectives as future teachers so that they can bring their valuable experience into their classrooms in the future. Another purpose of their visit was to explore and learn more about American and Louisiana education, culture, food, people, etc. While in Natchitoches, they participated in various school activities at the various schools. CNU is located in Daejon, the sixth largest city in South Korea, having 1.5 million inhabitants. CNU has about 32,000 students at 15 colleges.
Summer Dinner Theatre a treat for all ages


The show centers around a fictional spelling bee in Putnam County, New York, in which six youngsters face off in the battle of their lives, competing against each other as well as members of the audience. Three adults help adjudicate the proceedings: a nostalgic former spelling bee winner, a mildly insane vice principal and the official comfort counselor completing his community service to the state of New York.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6 p.m., and show beginning at 7 p.m. The cost of the dinner and show are $25. Reservations are mandatory. Dress is casual. The show is appropriate for all ages.

Also slated is a production for children, The True Story of the Three Little Pigs, to be presented at 1 p.m. July 13-16 and July 20-23 in Theatre West. Tickets are $5 general admission or $4 for groups of 10 or more. Reservations are required for groups of 10 or more.

Finally, NSU Dinner Theater will present “Die Claudius,” a murder comedy set in ancient Rome. “Die Claudius” will be performed July 20-23, July 27-30 and Aug. 3-6. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner beginning at 6 p.m. Reservations are mandatory. The cost is $25 per person. The production is appropriate for ages 13 and up. Dress is casual.

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

Sympathy

Funeral services for Garey Birt Peveto, brother of Head Football Coach Bradley Dale Peveto, were held May 18 in the high school stadium at New Waverly, Texas. Garey passed away Saturday, May 14. Those who wish to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com <http://www.shmfh.com> online.

The NSU Floral Fund sent a plant to the funeral service for Reed Hamous, father of Juddy Hamous, Physical Plant, Locksmith Services.
Northwestern will host athletic camps for kids

Northwestern will host several athletic camps this summer for youth and teams interested in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, volleyball and tennis.

**Demon Baseball**

- **June 7-9** – NSU All Star Camp Session 1 - Ages 6-13
- **June 21-23** – Team Camp 1 – Ages 6-13
- **June 28-30** – NSU All Star Camp Session 2 – Ages 6-13
- **July 12-14** – NSU All Star Camp Session 3 – Ages 6-13
- **July 19-21** – Team Camp 2 – Ages 6-13
- **July 26-28** – NSU All Star Camp Session 4 – Ages 6-13

All Star Camp Sessions are $150 for half-days and $100 for full-days.

Team Camps are $300 for full-day sessions (9 athletes is $33.33 per player)

A $15 late fee will apply to players not registered 10 days prior to the start of camp.

Sessions will be held at Brown-Stroud Field.

For information or to register, contact Alex Kubel at jpdavisbaseballcamp@hotmail.com or call (612) 239-4604.

**Demon Football**

- **June 13-18** – Purple Swarm Traveling Camp – Grades 9-12
  - June 13: West Monroe High School, West Monroe, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
  - June 13: Independence Stadium, Shreveport, 5 - 9 p.m.
  - June 14: Westlake High School, Lake Charles, 2 - 6 p.m.
  - June 16: Parkview Baptist High School Baton Rouge, 2 - 6 p.m.
  - June 17: John Curtis High School, New Orleans, 6 - 6 noon
  - June 18: West Jefferson High School, New Orleans, 8 a.m. - 12 noon
  - Cost: $25.00 cash or check

- **June 24 – Purple Swarm Football Camp, Grades 9-12**
  - Registration will be from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the NSU Fieldhouse. The Camp will be from 1:30-5 p.m. at a cost of $25.

- **June 25 – Purple Swarm OL/DL Camp, Grades 9-12**
  - Registration will be from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the NSU Fieldhouse. The Camp will run from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at a cost of $25.

- **June 25 – Purple Swarm 7-on-7 Shootout, Grades 9-12**
  - Round Robin tournament to guarantee at least three games.

For more information, call (318) 357-5252 or email hollowaye@nsula.edu NSU Football Camp Coordinator Coach Jeremy Offutt at (318) 357-4230

**Men’s Basketball**

- **June 17-18** – Team Camp
- **July 6-8** – Day Camp – Boys and Girls ages 5-14
- **July 8-10** Challenge Camp – Boys 7th-12 grade
- **July 25-28** – Hoops for Kids – Bossier City - Ages 4-14

The cost of the Team Camp is $300.

The cost of the Day Camp is $85 per child. On-site registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the WRAC.

Hoops for Kids will be held at Christus Schumpert Center in Bossier City. Session 1A for ages 4-5 from 8-9:30 a.m. at a cost of $55. Session 1B for ages 6-7 from 8-10:30 a.m. at a cost of $75. Session 2 for ages 8-10 from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at a cost of $75. Session 3 for ages 11-14 from 2:30-5 p.m. at a cost of $75.

**Lady Demon Basketball**

- **June 19-22** - Position Camp – Girls 5th-12th grade
- **June 27-30** – Little Dribblers – Boys and Girls Ages 5-12
- **July 11-13** – Team Camp – Varsity and Junior Varsity Players

Position Camp is $275 per camper for overnight campers, $225 for commuters. A $50 non-refundable deposit is required. Registration will be at University Place II from 2-4 p.m. June 19.

Little Dribblers is $75 per child and will be held at the WRAC. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. June 27.

The cost of the Team Camp is $425 (3 days/8 games), $350 (2 days/5 games), $700 (2 teams). A $100 deposit is due by June 30.

**Demon Softball**

- **June 1-3** - Summer Youth Camp - Grades 1-6
- **June 7** – Summer Elite High School Camp – Grades 7-12 – Mesquite, Texas
- **June 9** – Summer Elite High School Camp – Grades 7-12 – Natchitoches

The Summer Youth Camp will be from 9 a.m.-noon at the Lady Demon Softball Field. The cost is $50 or $40 for siblings. Team discounts are available.

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The Summer Elite High School camps will be from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The cost is $50 or $40 for siblings.
Call (318) 357-6009 for more information.

Lady Demon Soccer

July 9-11 – Elite Soccer Academy Goal Keeper and Striker School - Ages 12-18
July 22-14 – Elite Soccer Academy Day Camp - Ages 5-13
July 14-17 – Elite Soccer Academy Intensity Training Camp – Ages 12-18

Goal Keeper and Striker School is limited to the first 45 players and 15 goalkeepers to register. The cost is $235 for a residential camper or $175 for a commuter. A non-refundable deposit is due at the time of application. The application deadline is June 1.

Times for the Mini Day Camp (ages 5-7), Junior Day Camp (ages 8-13) and Goal Keepers Day Camp (ages 8-13) are 8 a.m.-noon. The cost is $85 per participant with a $10 discount if registered before July 1. Registration/check-in will begin at 7:30 a.m. Monday, July 11.

Lady Demon Volleyball

July 23-24 – NSU Team Camp
July 30-31 – NSU Team Camp

The cost is $175 per athlete (minimum of 8) and $55 for each coach.

For more information, call the NSU Volleyball office at (318) 357-4227.

Tennis

June 6-8 - Tennis Camp - Ages 5-16

The camp will be held from 9 a.m.-noon at the Demon Tennis Complex. The cost is $80 per child. For more information, call Luc Godin at (417) 827-6292 or e-mail godinl@nsula.edu.

For more information and links to brochures and downloadable registration forms, go to http://www.nсудemons.com/ViewArticle.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=20000&ATCLID=204928096&KEY=&DB_OEM_ID=20000&DB_LANG=&IN_SUBSCRIBERCONTENT
Yankowski accepted into international competition

Professor of Art Michael Yankowski had two works accepted into the 30th annual Design in Wood, an international competitive exhibition of fine wood working. Presented in association with the San Diego Fine Woodworkers Association, works will be on display at the San Diego County Fair Grounds in Del Mar, Calif. The exhibit runs June 10-July 4. Underwriters for the exhibit include American Woodworker Magazine, Fine Woodworking Magazine and Wood Magazine.

Yankowski’s two sculptures have been on display during the annual faculty exhibition at the Orville Hanchey Gallery at NSU. “Ham and Cheese on Rye” is a carved and fabricated ham sandwich with pickle on a turned plate made from a variety of woods. It opens to reveal a box. The second sculpture is called “Letter Box” and was inspired by a stack of letters to his grandmother.

Works for the exhibit were judged on design integrity, understanding and use of materials; use of form and color; and overall craftsmanship.
Fresh Campus director Gallien will present at health conference to share information on smoke-free campaign

Dr. Tara Gallien, assistant professor in the Department of Health and Human Performance, will present at the American College Health conference in Phoenix this month. For the second year in a row, she will share information on her initiatives with NSU’s Fresh Campus organization, which she has directed for the past three years. In utilizing grant funds to travel to leadership conferences and other events, she is also sending a student representative to the 2011 Philip Morris Invitational Stakeholders meeting, with representation organized by TobaccoFreeKids.

Gallien, whose background is fitness and nutrition, is in her third year as director of NSU’s Fresh Campus organization. Fresh Campus is a statewide campaign with a presence at 12 Louisiana college and universities. Gallien became involved with Fresh Campus after being contacted by a representative from Tobacco Free Living, which is funded through the Louisiana Public Health Institute. She began educating herself on the topic and applying for grants to get the program going.

“Very few states are putting a statewide initiative together at the college level to get college students engaged in this public health issue,” she said. “This is the first year people are starting to pay attention to our message. It’s a slow process.”

Earlier this year, Gallien completed a project to raise awareness of the environmental impact of cigarettes when she and several students collected over 4,000 cigarette butts from the grounds around campus. The project was part of a smoke-free campaign funded by Tobacco Free Living.

Carley McCord, a recent graduate from Baton Rouge who joined Gallien in the Fresh Campus initiatives, said college students often overlook the issue.

“After going around campus picking up cigarette butts, I realized that this was a serious issue that needs to be handled,” she said. “By living smoke-free one is not only healthier but their longevity increases by numerous amounts. I wish the students of NSU would come together and promote the wellness that can be achieved by living smoke-free.”

Since Fresh Campus started, NSU has moved its designated smoking areas 25 feet away from building entrances. Gallien said many people on campus are not aware of Louisiana’s 2007 Smoke-Free Air Act, which requires all state K-12 schools to remain smoke-free, or that NSU houses three schools, the NSU Elementary Lab, NSU Middle Lab and the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts. Gallien would like individuals on campus to feel a responsibility to enforce the policies, but does not want to ostracize smokers. She has discovered that campaigning for a smoke-free campus touches nerves.

“A smoke-free campaign is personal. It’s not just a public health issue and people are sensitive. The conflict is a person’s right to breath clean air versus the right to smoke,” she said. “The policies we have here are in common practice in other parts of the country. Since 2007, we’ve gone from 100 smoke-free campuses nationwide to over 500 today. It’s happening nationwide.”

Gallien has gauged the feelings of NSU faculty and staff through on-line surveys and forums with mixed reaction. Some employees have thanked her for bringing the issue to the forefront while others have taken offense. She is trying to provide education and advocacy in a non-threatening manner.

“It keeps coming back to a personal rights issue, but it’s about the environmental and health impact of second hand smoke. We don’t want to be anti-smoker and we don’t want to antagonize anyone,” she said. “Education is definitely a big part of the campaign.”
Water Aerobics
Date: June 1-Aug. 12, Mon, Wed, & Fri
Time: 2-3 p.m.
Fee: $75
Location: Nosom Natatorium
Instructor: Denise Poleman

Basic Floral Design
Date: June 11, 18, & 25, Sat
Time: 1 - 4 p.m.
Fee: $200 tuition plus $100 supply fee
Location: The Master's Bouquet 108 South Dr., Natchitoches
Instructor: Dawn Martin (LA State Licensed Florist, member of SAF & LSFA)

COUPON CLASS - Star Smart Savings
Date: June 11, Sat
Time: 9-11 a.m.
Fee: $29
Location: Dodd Hall, Rm. 132-B
Instructor: Pam Harding

Scrapbooking Your Vacations
Date: June 18, 25, July 9, & 16, Sat
Time: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Fee: $49 + participant purchases own supplies
(Contact ECE for supply list)
Location: Dodd Hall, Rm. 132-B
Instructor: Terrie McCallister

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