Northwestern recognized two faculty members with awards for their scholarly endeavors during the school’s 24th annual Research Day. The awards capped off a day in which a record number of graduate and undergraduate students from a variety of disciplines presented their research in oral presentations and a poster session.

Dr. Sanghoon Park, assistant professor of educational technology in the College of Education and Human Development, was named recipient of this year’s Dr. Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award, which recognizes outstanding research, distinguished artistic performance and creative work completed within the last three years. Evaluations are based on scholarly or creative significance, national, regional or local impact, originality and ingenuity of project design and critical recognition by experts in the field.

Park has been on faculty at NSU since 2006. He has been involved in an extensive range of projects including interactive educational media, animated pedagogical agents, innovated learning tools, and mobile technologies in various learning contexts. With his research experience, he has published a book on...
Dr. Margaret Cochran congratulated her student, Henri Loridans V of Shreveport, for earning a Student Research Award. Cochran also served as chair of the Research Day committee.

Laramie Lemon of Opelousas also earned a student research award. She was congratulated by her faculty sponsor, Dr. Francene Lemoine, and Dr. Margaret Cochran.

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the topic of multimedia learning and positive emotion and more than 30 journal articles and conference proceedings. He also has presented more than 40 papers at national and international conventions.

The NSU Research Committee also initiated a new award this year in honor of the late Dr. Jean D’Amato Thomas, to be presented to a senior faculty member whose career has included a significant commitment to research and service to their disciplines. Nominees must have been significant contributions to their fields of study, remained dedicated to a consistent research agenda spanning their careers, including publications, presentations, research grants or other related activities, and have demonstrated a sustained record of service to the discipline.

The recipient of the first-ever Dr. Jean D’Amato Thomas Lifetime Achievement Award is Dr. J. Mark Thompson, professor of low brass in the Mrs. H.D. Dear Sr. and Alice E. Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts. Thompson has been on faculty at NSU for 11 years and engaged in trombone literature for 34 years studying on the origins, heritage and function of music. He has produced two books on trombone literature and serves on the publications and literature committee of the International Trombone Association, which he chaired, and later became chair of the advisory council on literature for the ITA. Thompson was the recipient of the Dr. Mildred Hart Bailey Research Award in 2006.

Beginning this year, plaques recognizing the two faculty awards will be on display in the Thomas-D’Amato Reading Room at NSU’s Watson Library.

Students sponsored by Dr. Francene Lemoine and Dr. Margaret Cochran were named Student Research Award winners. The students were Laramie Lemon of Opelousas and Henri Loridans V of Shreveport.

Awards were presented by Dr. Lisa Abney, provost and vice president for academic and student affairs.

Cochran was chair of the Research Day committee.

NSU adopts Lactation Policy for faculty, staff and students

NSU is adopting a Lactation Policy in accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, H.R. 3590. In recognition of the well-documented health advantages of breastfeeding for infants and mothers, Northwestern provides a supportive environment to enable breastfeeding faculty, staff, and students to express their milk during work and school hours. Breastfeeding faculty, staff and students who choose to continue providing milk for their infants after returning to work/school may expect lactation assistance in the form of time, place, information and institutional support for one year. For more information on the new policy contact Health Services at 357-5351 or Human Resources at 357-6152.
Northwestern will change the dates and location for its Spring Commencement Exercises due to a construction project in Prather Coliseum.

The College of Nursing and Allied Health will hold its ceremony Tuesday, May 3 at 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Bossier City.

Graduates from the College of Education and Human Development and those receiving degrees in Journalism and Social Work and from the Louisiana Scholars’ College will take part in a ceremony Thursday, May 5 at 10 a.m. at the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

On Thursday, May 5 at 3 p.m., diplomas will be awarded to those earning associate and bachelor’s degrees in general studies in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

Those receiving graduate degrees in art, clinical psychology, English, heritage resources and music along with those earning bachelor’s degrees in addiction studies, communication, criminal justice, English, fine and graphic arts, heritage resources, music, political science, psychology and theatre will participate in commencement on Friday, May 6 at 10 a.m. in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium.

A ceremony for graduates from the College of Science, Technology and Business will be held Friday, May 6 at 3 p.m. in the A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. Graduates from the Class of 1961 will also be honored with a second diploma during this ceremony.

For more information, contact the NSU Registrar’s Office at (318) 357-6171 or go to http://registrar.nsula.edu/graduation-information.

Commencement will have different times and locations

Nominations open for Fleming Thomas Award

Watson Library and the Fleming A. Thomas Faculty Information Literacy Award Committee are soliciting nominations for the 2011 award. Please send nominations to Gail Kwak either in print or by email by the close of business on April 29, 2011.

kwak@nsula.edu

Fleming A. Thomas Faculty Information Literacy Award Criteria and Nomination Process

Criteria (Ranked by importance)

- Coordinates with librarians to create assignments which will ensure a positive research experience for students
- Schedules information literacy sessions for students, and participates in the process of educating students in resources in their field
- Encourages students to work one-on-one with librarians to further their research
- Transforms students into life-long learners who have the information literacy skills to advance in their chosen field
- Serves as an example to students through use of library resources in their own research

Nomination Process –

- Any NSU or BPCC@NSU faculty member or student may make a nomination. Nominees must be currently employed at the time of the nomination
- Self-nomination is encouraged
- Nomination must include a brief explanation of how the nominee meets each criterion and any other relevant information
- Nominations must be submitted by a date after midterm the spring semester designated by the chair of the award committee
- The award committee will be chaired by a librarian and will include 2-3 other members drawn from the library faculty and the library council
- The recipient will be notified as soon as the committee finalizes its decision, and will be recognized and receive a plaque at the fall faculty institute

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Gallien and students collect cigarette butt litter, raise awareness of environmental impact

Dr. Tara Gallien, assistant professor in the Department of Health and Human Performance, and 13 students collected 4,036 cigarette butts in less than 50 minutes on campus.

“We counted each and every one of them after they were collected. This is an important environmental issue that is also related to the NSUGreen Initiative,” Gallien said.

Gallien provided further facts:

- Cigarette butts are the most common form of litter worldwide. On campus alone, 4,036 were collected in 50 minutes.
- Cigarette butts are made from cellulose acetate, a synthetic fiber that takes up to 25 years to decompose.
- Toxins from the chemicals trapped in the cigarette butt seep into the ground, thus contaminating soil and groundwater.
- Nearly four miles of paper per hour is used when making cigarettes. This doesn’t include the packaging.
- Annual deforestation related to the production and curing of tobacco is as high as 45% and 40.6% in places such as South Korea and Uruguay, respectively.

The majority of this information comes from TobaccoFreeKids.org.

Giant interactive map will be on display at E-Lab

The NSU Elementary Lab School will host a giant National Geographic traveling map of North America in May. The map measures 35 feet by 26 feet and weighs 102 pounds. The map gives student explorers a fun, interactive experience through content and activities that enliven the study of geography. It will be at NSU Elementary Lab from May 9 – 20 as part of National Geographic’s Giant Traveling Maps program, organized by National Geographic Live, the public programming division of the National Geographic Society.

The brightly colored, smooth vinyl surface of the map accurately illustrates North America’s oceans, seas, rivers, mountains, countries and capitals. The map, designed for grades K-8, comes with a trunk full of accessories, including interactive games, geography adventures, atlases and books that teach students about the physical characteristics of the continent as well as its rich history and varied cultures. Some of the activities are “A Tale of Twenty Cities,” in which students explore the physical and economic reasons behind the locations of North American cities, and “Grocery Store Geography,” in which bean-bag-tossing skills are called upon to test students’ knowledge of where foods are produced in the continent.

“This will be a memorable experience for the students, as they will be actively be engaged and experience geography in a hands-on way,” said Dr. Paul Nagel, coordinator of...
ASEE will honor Hall with McGraw Award

Dr. Tom Hall, retiring head of the Department of Engineering Technology, has been named winner of the 2011 James H. McGraw Awards sponsored by the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE), a non-profit organization that brings together engineering educators from all of the engineering and engineering technology fields to collaborate on solutions to promote excellence in instruction, research, public service, and practice. The James H. McGraw Award recognizes outstanding service in engineering technology education and is presented to a faculty member, author, or administrator who is, or has been, affiliated with an institution that provides engineering technology education.

“The James H. McGraw Award is considered to be the premier national award given each year for engineering technology education,” Hall said. “It has been won by many of the true icons in ET education.”

Sponsored by the ASEE Engineering Technology Council, the James H. McGraw Award is presented for outstanding contributions to engineering technology education. Established in 1950, the award is funded by the Glencoe Division of MacMillan/McGraw-Hill and consists of a $1,000 honorarium. McGraw was recognized as the dean of industrial publishers. He spent some 40 years in the publishing business, beginning as a teacher turned subscription salesman and going on to lay the foundation of one of the largest industrial publishing organizations in the world.

Recipients of the award must have made clearly discernible contributions to engineering technology education and demonstrate outstanding achievement in teaching, publications, administration or other activities that include studies, surveys and leadership in local and national institute groups.

“It is truly an honor for me to receive this award from my peers in Engineering Technology Education,” Hall said. “It is quite humbling to be listed alongside the true pioneers and leaders in engineering technology.

Hall will receive the award this summer in Vancouver during the annual ASEE conference. He serves as the immediate past chair of the Engineering Technology Council and on the editorial board of the Journal of Engineering Technology.

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the Louisiana Geography Education Alliance.

“This map will allow our students to take what they learned in class and apply it in a real world setting,” added Caron Coleman, principal at NSU Elementary Lab.

“Experiencing a map of this size can really awaken a student to the power of maps and the limitless depth of geography,” said Dan Beaupré, National Geographic’s director of education partnerships for National Geographic Live. “Whether they are using the map to learn place names or to compare state-to-state CO₂ emissions, students are physically involved in a hands- and feet-on way that makes geography into an event.”

The maps also help showcase My Wonderful World, a multiyear, National Geographic-led campaign to improve geographic literacy and to help students become more informed global citizens. The campaign (mywonderfulworld.org) is designed to improve the geographic literacy of young people ages 8-17 by motivating parents and educators to make geography more available and accessible in school, at home and in the community.

To learn more about the Giant Traveling Map project, visit www.nationalgeographic.com/giantmaps.
Sympathy

Raymond “Chris” Christensen, former professor of electronic engineering technology, passed away on April 13. Services were held at the St. Joseph Village Chapel, 1205 Sandy Lake Road, Coppell, Texas, on April 18, with interment at the Dallas-Ft. Worth National Cemetery.

A plant was sent from the NSU Floral Fund to the funeral service for Mrs. Clytie Reed, mother of Gloria Smith, College of Education, library specialist.

A memorial from the Floral Fund was made to Greenfield Church of Christ, Greenfield, Ind., for Mrs. Betty Myers, mother of Paula S. Stewart, administrative assistant, Small Business Development Center, and her husband, Dr. Donald Stewart, assistant professor, Criminal Justice.

Services for Opal Carter, mother of John Carter of Plant Services were held April 26 at Hixson Brother Funeral Home in Pineville. A plant was sent from the NSU Floral Fund.

A plant was sent to the funeral service for Mrs. Frances Townsend who worked in Business Affairs and Athletics and retired from Northwestern State University.

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Dr. Paul Nagel, College of Education and Human Development, presented at the 27th National Technology and Social Science Conference in Las Vegas, Nev., April 18-19. Nagel presented “Sharing a World of Seven Billion People: Activities for Global Understanding” and “Using GPS to Discover the Hidden Las Vegas.”

Dr. Jung Lim, Dept. of Journalism, and Dr. Sanghoon Park, Dept. of Educational Leadership and Technology, presented a research paper “The Effects of Part-Task and Whole-Task Instructional Approaches on Learner Performance, Cognitive Load, and Attitudes Toward Complex Learning” at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) in New Orleans on April 11.

The paper reported findings and suggestions of a research study that investigated the effects of two instructional approaches (whole-task vs. part-task) on learner acquisition and transfer of a complex cognitive skill - multiple-page layout design using Adobe InDesign.

Dr. Park and Kenneth McLeod also presented a research paper at the same conference on April 9. The paper was titled “Promoting Motivation and Mathematics Achievement for Students With Learning Disabilities Using Web-Based Resources.”

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Thomas W. Reynolds, Jr., instructor in Language and Communication, successfully defended his dissertation Wiki Readers Wiki Writers on April 12 and will receive his Ph.D. in English from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette on May 14.

Radiologic Science faculty and a student have published an article in a peer-reviewed publication. “Delayed growth in the development of Radiologist Assistants role” appears in the March/April issue of AHRA’s Radiology Management and addresses a rising concern of federal stakeholders stunting the growth of another intermediate health-care provider (radiologist assistant) in health-care settings.

Ben Wood is a radiologic science faculty on the Shreveport campus and Shannon Koveleskie is a student in the R.T. to B.S.R.S program pursuing her baccalaureate degree. The R.T. to B.S.R.S. degree is designed for technologists to earn a baccalaureate degree while maintaining employment.

Dr. Gerra Perkins, College of Education and Human Development, and students Meagan Candiotto, Christy Taylor, and Rita Martin attended the American Counseling Association’s (ACA) annual conference in New Orleans, March 23-27.

Dr. Perkins was also appointed to the ACA Ethics Committee by the ACA Governing Council at the conference. The term will begin this July and end June 2014.
**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.

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/](http://theatre.nsula.edu/current-shows-at-northwestern-theatre-and-dance/).

**Gruesbeck to attend summer weaving workshop**

Assistant Professor of Art and Gallery Director Leslie Gregory Gruesbeck will travel to Penland School of Craft, in Penland, N.C., this August to study Ikat weaving techniques under instructor Polly Barton of Santa Fe, N. M.

Gruesbeck received a work-study scholarship from Penland School to attend this two-week workshop.

She will travel to North Carolina with the assistance of the 2010-11 Derby Professorship, which she received last spring.

Penland School of Crafts is a national center for craft education dedicated to helping people live creative lives. Located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, Penland offers one-, two, and eight-week workshops in books and paper, clay, drawing, glass, iron, metals, photography, printmaking and letterpress, textiles, and wood. The school also offers artists’ residencies, community collaboration programs, and a gallery and information center.

As the 2010-11 Derby Professor, Gruesbeck has also travelled to Sydney, NSW, Australia, to present at the Fifth International Conference on Arts and Society. She also toured and consulted with the staff of the Sturt Center for Craft in Mittagong, NSW. Sturt is the oldest, working accredited craft school on the Australian continent.

Leslie Gruesbeck visited Sydney, Australia, as a presenter in last year’s International Conference on Arts and Society.
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Ms. Janet Colson, Creole Heritage Center, College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies & Research, received notification of a subsequent $70,200 award from National Park Service through the Cane River Creole National Historical Park for “Archiving Creole Language.” Ms. Sheila Richmond and Ms. Loletta Wynder are collaborators.

Dr. Julie Delabbio, Aquaculture Research Center, College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies & Research, received notification of an $111,140 award from the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center for “Aquaculture Research Project: River Water Research.”

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Dr. Paul Nagel, Department of Teaching and Learning, College of Education and Human Development, submitted a proposal to the National Science Foundation for “Building a Climate Change Education Network.”

Dr. Shane Rasmussen, LA Folk life Center, College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies & Research, submitted a proposal to 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, submitted a proposal to the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission for “2011 Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival.”

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 DCFS Region 7.”

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 DCFS Region 8.”

Dr. Tara L. Gallien, Department of Health and Human Performance, College of Education and Human Development, submitted a proposal to the Louisiana Public Health Institute for “The Louisiana Tobacco-Free College Initiative (LTFCI).”

Dr. Michelle Morris, Department of Teaching and Learning, College of Education and Human Development, submitted a proposal to Louisiana Serve Commission for “Little Hands Building Big Gardens: Sprouting Seeds of Success.”

Mr. Joe Morris, Department of Criminal Justice, History and Social Sciences, College of Arts and Letters, submitted a proposal to U.S. Department of Justice for “Social Media and Community Oriented Policing.” Ms. Daphne Leven son and Ms. Polly Snell are collaborators.

Mr. Joe Morris, Department of Criminal Justice, History and Social Sciences, College of Arts and Letters, submitted a proposal to U.S. Department of Justice for “Critical Employee Emergency Planning.” Ms. Daphne Leven son and Ms. Polly Snell are collaborators.

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

The NSU Contemporary Music Ensemble presented Erik Satie’s “Vexations” in a rare complete performance. The 20-hour performance took place in Magale Recital Hall beginning on April 8 and concluding on April 9. Performers included NSU students Brad Smith, Nathan Glassy and J.C. Bryant on vibraphones, pianist Corey Joachim and NSU faculty member Paul Christopher, assistant professor of music theory and low strings on cello.

A wonderful abstract backdrop was created by NSU art student Jeremy Jones with the help of CAPA faculty member Leslie Gruesbeck. Funds raised at the concert were donated to Hub Ministries to help the homeless in the Shreveport/Bossier City area.

Performers after the 20-hour “Vexations” concert were, from left, Nathan Glassy, Brad Smith, J.C. Bryant, Corey Joachim and Paul Christopher.
Helping Hands, a service organization under the direction of Student Support Services, raised $789.25 to support cancer research and health care for cancer patients through three fundraisers April 6, 7 and 9.

Executive members of Helping Hands, the organization and advisors donated all proceeds to the We Are Family Relay for Life team, represented by Judy Rachal, director of University Printing, cancer survivor, We Are Family team member and chair of the Natchitoches Relay for Life.

Helping Hands has participated in several service projects this year, including hosting the 10th annual Black History Program.

“The organization is always looking for service projects to participate in,” said Jamie Flanagan, advisor.

For more information on Helping Hands, contact Student Support Services staff members at 5901 or visit 243 Kyser Hall.
Dr. Begona Perez-Mira was a presenter at the annual Louisiana Business Education conference. Her topic focused on integrating the latest technology into an interactive classroom.

NSU business professor Dr. Margaret Kilcoyne, right, received the Making the Difference Award during the Louisiana Business Education conference. She was congratulated by Becky Draughn, LABC president.

Business faculty present at LABC conference

Dr. Margaret Kilcoyne received the Making the Difference Award from the Louisiana Business Education during the organization’s annual conference in New Orleans.

Dr. Kilcoyne, professor and coordinator of Assessment and Academic Services in NSU’s School of Business, organized the one-day conference. She is now president-elect of LABC and will serve as a member of the executive board of the Louisiana Association of Career and Technical Education. She will be president of LABC in 2013.

In receiving the award, Kilcoyne was recognized by her dedication and commitment to LABC and her contributions towards the organization’s goals.

At the conference, Dr. Kilcoyne and Dr. Begona Perez-Mira presented the topic “Become an iTeacher with iP3 Technologies for an Interactive Classroom,” which illustrated how instructors can remodel and jazz up classrooms by incorporating cutting edge technology tools.

Business educators from across the state attended the conference, including instructors, faculty and students of business programs in public and private schools from junior high to university levels.

Membership in LABC is open to individuals interested in working cooperatively for the improvement of business and office education in Louisiana.
Hill House or I House is one of the domiciles featured in an exhibit at Watson Library’s Cammie G. Henry Research Center. The photograph is from the George Stokes Collection.

Library exhibit will feature vernacular architecture

Northwestern State University’s Cammie G. Henry Research Center is presenting “A Historical Perspective on Vernacular Architecture of Natchitoches” through November.

“The exhibit features vernacular or indigenous and folk architecture of Natchitoches Parish beginning with the Cad-dos through the American settlers,” said University Archivist Mary Linn Wernet. “It traces the history of house structures from the French and Spanish Colonial period through the American Territorial period. These include Natchitoches landmarks Badin-Roque House, Leme House and Wells-Tauzin Home.

The Cammie G. Henry Research Center is housed on the third floor of NSU’s Watson Library. Hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m.-noon Friday. For more information, research questions, or special appointments, contact Wernet at (318) 357-4585.

Ms. Lisa Rougeou and Dr. Martha Rhymes of the College of Education and Human Development submitted a proposal to the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) that was accepted for their March 2011 Conference in San Francisco.

Their presentation “Bold Conversations to Enrich Classroom Practice: Inquiry-Based K-16 Collaboration” featured collaborative work between Dr. Rhymes and Ms. Donna Beauboeuf at NSU Elementary Lab School which was sponsored by Ms. Rougeou through NSU Writing Project. Pictured at the conference are Beauboeuf, Rougeou, and Rhymes.