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Remembering Erika

Department of Sociology awards UNC posthumous degree

Erika Lynn Miller would have received her bachelor's degree in Sociology in the Spring of 1997, but was tragically killed in a car accident six months before her graduation. Since then, Erika's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Carol Miller, along with other friends and family and grants from IBM, created the Erika Lynn Miller Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded to junior or senior students majoring in Sociology with a family studies concentration and minoring in Gender Studies and/or Early Childhood Development (Erika's degree program at UNC).

This semester, during the 20th anniversary of the memorial scholarship and 20 years after the death of Ms. Miller, the Department of Sociology will be awarding a posthumous degree from UNC to Erika, which will be presented to her parents at the annual Sociology awards ceremony at the end of April.

About Erika Lynn Miller

Provided by Bill and Carol Miller

Born: February 3, 1973

Passed: November 16, 1996



Erika was a Senior at the University of Northern Colorado. Her major was in Sociology with an emphasis in Family Studies, with minors in Early Childhood Education and Women's Studies. She was a member of the Family Studies Club and was voted president during the 1995-1996 school year. In 1995 she was a UNC Ambassador and also worked in admissions.

She loved children. Friends and neighbors in New York loved to have Erika sit with their children and during this time she began to think about a career in teaching. She found the challenge of teaching children to be very rewarding and she planned to continue her involvement with children by

pursuing her teaching certification.

Erika was an accomplished athlete, actively participating in high school track and field hockey. She was a leader among her teammates and was a member of several divisional and regional championship teams. During her high school senior year, she was awarded the Senior Superlative Award for being recognized as Most Athletic. When she moved to Colorado in 1994, her love for sports continued as she explored rock climbing, roller blading, and ice hockey. She loved Colorado and the sporting opportunities it offered.

"Days will pass into years, but we will forever remember your laughter and love for life."

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Hispanic Studies department hosts two esteemed speakers in spring semester

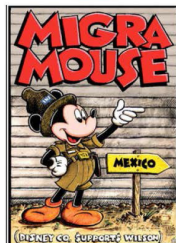
The famous political cartoonist, satirist and television writer, Mr. Lalo Alcaraz, presented at UNC on February 22. Lalo Alcaraz is one of the most prominent figures in contemporary Latinx culture and history. He consulted on the upcoming 2017 Pixar film, "COCO." He is the radio co-host of the Pocho Hour of Power in Los Angeles and is co-founder of the political satire comedy group Chicano Secret Service, as well as many other accomplishments.

LALO ALCARAZ: AN EVENING WITH THE CARTOONISTA DEL PUEBLO

February 22, 2017

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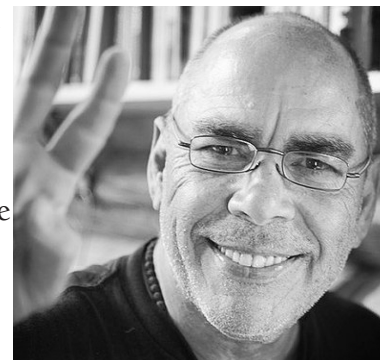
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Lalo Alcaraz is the creator of the first nationally syndicated, Latino daily comic strip, "La Cucaracha," which is read in American newspapers nationwide. Alcaraz was a writer and producer of Bordertown, and consultant on the upcoming 2017 Pixar film, "COCO."

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Jimmy Santiago Baca, an award-winning American poet and writer of Chicano descent, spoke at UNC on March 29. While serving a five-year sentence in a maximum security prison, he learned to read and began to turn his life around, eventually emerging as a prolific artist of the spoken and written word. Champion of the International Poetry Slam, winner of the Before Columbus American Book Award, the International Hispanic Heritage Award, the Pushcart Prize, and the prestigious International Award, Jimmy Santiago Baca has created a body of work which speaks to the disenfranchised by drawing on his experiences as a prisoner, a father, a poet, and by reflecting on the lush, and sometimes stark, landscape of the Rio Grande valley. He has a PhD in Literature from the University of New Mexico and currently lives in Albuquerque.



Note from the Dean



Greetings to the HSS Community! As you can see from this newsletter, HSS students, faculty and staff have been very busy bringing outstanding and thought-provoking speakers to campus; coordinating events for the benefit of the campus and Greeley communities; sharing their research findings

with the wider world; and infusing courses with community-engaged learning and scholarship.

It's been a busy season for hiring new faculty as well. When all is said and done, I will have interviewed nearly forty candidates for thirteen positions in HSS. I've learned much about our outstanding students, faculty, and staff from this process. For example, while on campus, each candidate does a teaching demonstration in which they serve as a guest lecturer in real class. I sit in on these when I can. As you might imagine, it can be a difficult task to serve as a "substitute teacher." However, I've been so proud of our students, who have been active and engaged in these demonstrations. One was even an eight o'clock class; not only was there full attendance but the students volunteered to read passages out loud and participate in a role-playing exer-

cise. How impressive is that!

Another comment I've heard time and again in this process is how impressed these visitors are with the obvious dedication our faculty have to their students. It is very clear that excellent teaching, student collaboration in research, and students' overall well-being are top priorities for our faculty. These impressions are based not only on observations of the interactions between faculty and students in the classroom, but also on information learned during private meetings between the candidates and students from the unit that's hiring. It fills me with pride to be associated with these exceptional teacher-scholars.

Finally, I'd like to give a shout-out to the administrative staff who made all these candidate visits possible. There is a tremendous amount of work involved in scheduling, arranging for locations for presentations, making lodging and dinner reservations, and countless other "behind-the-scenes" activities. All this on top of the other important activities they perform to keep their units running smoothly every day. All our administrative assistants and specialists deserve kudos for their indispensable support of the HSS mission.

I hope you'll join me in thanking all these devoted members of the HSS community for making it such a great place to learn and work.

Laura Connolly

Sigma Delta Pi Earns National Award for 10th Consecutive Year

Press Release - 3 August 2016

Mark P. Del Mastro, Executive Director, Sigma Delta Pi

UNCO's chapter of the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society has been named an "[Honor Chapter](#)" for its outstanding activities in 2015-16. This is the 10th consecutive year that UNCO has received this award. Professor Efraín Garza, UNCO's chapter adviser, was instrumental in earning this honor that was awarded to only 13 chapters nationwide in 2016. Because UNCO maintained "Honor Chapter" status for the complete triennium of 2013-16, the chapter

was also one of only 8 chapters to receive the prestigious [Octavio Paz Award](#) during Sigma Delta Pi's Triennial Convention in Miami, Florida in July.

Each summer, the over 610 chapters of Sigma Delta Pi across the U.S. are asked to submit an annual report detailing their numerous activities and projects from the academic year. Based on these reports, the National Executive Committee chooses approximately 10-15 "Honor Chapters" annual-

ly. This recognition is based upon the caliber of chapter projects that reflect the Sigma Delta Pi mission of honoring excellence in the study of the Spanish language, contributing to cultural understanding and upholding the goals of the society.

With its national office at the College of Charleston in South Carolina, [Sigma Delta Pi](#) is a member of the [Association of College Honor Societies](#), the nation's only certifying agency for college and university honor societies.

2017 HSS HONORS CONVOCATION

The annual Honors Convocation hosted by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences was held Sunday, April 9th and featured more than 100 student and four faculty honorees, with more than 200 guests comprised of faculty, families, friends, and donors. Dr. Jessica Salo, Assistant Professor of Geography & GIS and this year's winner of the Excellence in Teaching Award, delivered the keynote address.

College Scholar

Josh Packard, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Sociology

Josh Packard is a sociologist, professor and researcher at UNC, where he is also the Executive Director of the Social Research Lab. He has written numerous academic articles and given dozens of presentations in the field of sociology of religion. He regularly teaches courses in research methods, sociology of religion and sociology of community. His course materials have been included in the Association of Religion Data Archives, and his research has been profiled in numerous publications.

He is the author of three books including *Church Refugees*, which examines the phenomenon of the Dones, those people who have fled the church but not their faith. Dr. Packard earned his Ph.D. in Sociology from Vanderbilt University.

Excellence in Teaching

Jessica Salo, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Geography & GIS

Jessica Salo is a landscape ecologist and physical geographer with expertise in GIS and remote sensing. She has experience in developing geospatial models of riparian zones throughout the Southern Rockies Ecoregion. In addition to classroom instruction of many geospatial technology courses, Dr. Salo spends time outside of the classroom engaging students in learning opportunities. She has brought students to regional conferences, organized humanitarian mapathons to engage students and the community, participated in numerous departmental and university events (e.g., Research Day and Community Fest), organized many guest speakers, and advised the student club in the Geography and GIS Department.

Dr. Salo completed her PhD in Ecology in 2014 at Colorado State University.

Excellence in Advising & Service

Chris Talbot, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor & Coordinator of Gender Studies

Christine Talbot is the author of *A Foreign Kingdom: Mormons and Polygamy in American Political Culture, 1852-1890*, and has an article on "Mormons, Gender, and the New Commercial Entertainments, 1890-1920" coming out in July. Chris received her PhD in History, with an emphasis on U.S. Women's History, and her Certificate of Graduate Studies in Women's Studies from the University of Michigan. She has taught courses in Gender Studies; Feminist, queer, and Post-Colonial Theories; U.S. and U.S. Women's History; and the History of Sexuality. Chris's service to the university also demonstrates a commitment to creating opportunities for student success and achievement. Stitching together much of her service is commitment to and development of social and gender justice consciousness.

Diversity in the Classroom

Karen Barton, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Geography & GIS

Karen Barton earned her M.A. and Ph.D, both in Geography, from the University of Arizona. She has taught courses in world geography, sustainable development, nature and society, food systems and study abroad to Nicaragua, Peru, and Iceland. In all of her courses, Dr. Barton strives to teach students to appreciate diversity beyond the classroom. Barton is especially interested in experiential education and encouraging field based experiences for UNC students, both in Greeley and beyond, and will be leading a course to the Rupununi Savannah of Guyana in November 2017. In addition to taking students into the field, she arranges guest lectures with scholars of different ideologies and disciplines. Her research interests focus on the intersection of nature and culture, and the resource conflicts surrounding contested nature-society interactions.

2017 HSS HONORS CONVOCATION

In addition to honoring faculty, four HSS students were awarded for outstanding undergraduate research. Finally, 110 students were recognized from each of our 14 units: Africana Studies, Anthropology, School of Communication, Criminology & Criminal Justice, Economics, English, Gender Studies, Geography & GIS, Hispanic Studies, History, Modern Languages, Philosophy, Political Science & International Affairs, and Sociology.

Undergraduate Research Awards

Shirley Prom, Distinguished Undergraduate Research Award

“Wage Discrimination in the United States: Has it Improved Since 1974?”

Megan Bissell, Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award

“The Critique of the Critic: Constructing a Religious Art-World”

Abigail McGaha Miller, Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award

“Systemic Depreciation: An Analysis of Non-White Neighborhood

Vulnerability to Urban Gentrification in Denver, CO”

Jaime Potter, Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award

“Sexual Assault Victims’ Mental Health and Involvement in Prosecution”

Undergraduate Recognition Awards

Ahrens, Christopher
 Alsrraj, Lobna
 Arellano, Vanessa
 Baca, Jordan
 Bartmann, Mitch
 Belisairo, Lauren
 Bissell, Megan
 Blake, Tucker
 Bowe, Breelyn
 Brewer, Helen
 Brimberry, Holly
 Buchanan, Laya
 Cardenas, Gisela
 Carranza Arroyo, Alondra
 Chamberlain, Chase
 Cook, Tori
 Cordova, Kitsya
 Costello, William
 Daigle, Haley
 DeHaan, Samuel
 Delong, Tara
 Deskin, Taylor
 Diaz, Cyvel
 Diener, Benjamin
 Draxler, David
 Emory, Heather
 Faour, Tamara
 Fredericksen, Claire

Garcia, Adriana
 Garcia, Jorge
 Gilbertson, Eric
 Gorenflo, Sarah
 Hall, Taryn
 Hammer, Rachel
 Hansell, Hannah
 Heiderscheidt, Drew
 Hernandez, Miriam
 Hicks, Brittany
 Hoeft, Minatharin
 Holt, Michael
 Jackson, Whitney
 Jaquez-Arceo, Luis
 Jereb, Anna
 Johnson, Autumn
 Kearns, Megan
 Kemp, Philip
 Ketz, Jennifer
 Kloehn, Alexandra
 Koch, Lyle
 Kreiling, Robert
 Lander, Micayla
 Leeper, Katie
 Letchworth, James
 Liffick, Nathaniel
 Louch, Kayla
 Lundebjerg, Barbara

Macdonald, Chris
 Maldonado, Paola
 Mallory, Shadae
 Martinez, Darian
 Maulsby, Brooke
 McCauley, Brad
 McGaha Miller, Abigail
 McShane, William
 Medoff, Daniel
 Miller, Janelle
 Molina, Kimberly
 Monroe, Calesia
 Morante, Maria
 Morse, Josh
 Ndiaye, Djiby
 Neufeld, Haley
 Oppenheimer, Brandon
 Palizzi, Jacqueline
 Pascua, Ryan
 Persons, Nikolas
 Peterson, Tanner
 Potter, Jaime
 Preston, Anthony
 Prom, Shirley
 Raymond, Darien
 Rich, Danielle
 Rosenblum, Charlie
 Ross, Caitlin

Sattler, Tyler
 Scaduto, Anthony
 Schoneman, Emily
 Schultz, Leah
 Scott, Gabrielle
 Slepicka, Jessie
 Smeltz, Stephanie
 Smith, Tessa
 Softas-Nall, Sofia
 Sorrell, Sean
 Sparacio, Kasey
 Springer, Michelle
 Strayhorn, Nina
 Temple, Nicole
 Toca, Cassandra
 Trinder, Kiera
 Turner, Courtney
 Vandebrake, Jenna
 Vaughn, Taylor
 Verna, Theron
 Wadsworth, Roger
 Waltman, Ian
 Wann, Thomas
 Warner, Tyler
 Weimer, Jessica
 Witt, Emily

Reading for a Change

Criminal Justice faculty member implements new program in local jail

Criminology and Criminal Justice Assistant Professor Kyle Ward implemented a new program in the Weld County Jail called “Reading for a Change” last October. With the help of undergraduate and graduate students, Reading for a Change allows inmates to be recorded reading children’s books, which are loaded onto CDs. “The books and recordings are then sent home to their children so that Mom or Dad have an opportunity to maintain or build social bonds with their children,” said Dr. Ward. “We have a research component built into the program where

students get firsthand experience dealing with jail and inmates, but also can utilize the data to explore their own research questions relating to the impact incarceration has on parental relationships.”

Dr. Ward began working on this program at the Weld County Jail when he began working at UNC in 2015 and currently works with a small group of Criminal Justice students who were interested in the project. The project is being piloted by a small group, but the hope is that the project can recruit more students and expand the program to the entire

jail. Dr. Kyle, who researches prison and jail reentry barriers, worked on a similar program in the Indiana County Jail in Western Pennsylvania while he was pursuing his Ph.D. “I know the importance strong and positive family bonds can have in the prevention of recidivism,” he said. “I found that a program like this is relatively simple and inexpensive to run, and brings so much joy to the lives of the parents.”

Students interested in working on this project should contact Kyle Ward at Kyle.Ward@unco.edu.

World War I program hosted by History, Africana Studies, and Library Archives

Africana Studies Professor George Junne, along with help from the History Department and the UNC Library Archives, hosted a program about World War I on March 29th. Junne presented on the history of the war with a focus on African American and African contributions to it, while UNC alumnus William Esch gave a presentation about Eugene Bullard, the first African American combat pilot. The Head of Archival Services, Jay Trask, provided information about materials available in the Michener Library’s archives related to activities on campus and in Greeley during the war. This event took place one week before the official 100th anniversary of the United States’ entry into WWI.

In addition, George Junne led a discussion after the International Film Series screening of *Men of Bronze*, a film about the African American members of the 369th Infantry Regiment of WWI.



Soldiers of the 369th who won the Croix de Guerre for gallantry in action, 1919. Left to right. Front row: Pvt. Ed Williams, Herbert Taylor, Pvt. Leon Fraiton, Pvt. Ralph Hawkins. Back Row: Sgt. H. D. Prinas, Sgt. Dan Storms, Pvt. Joe Williams, Pvt. Alfred Hanley, and Cpl. T. W. Taylor.

Diversity Advisory Board revamped, planning upcoming activities

The HSS Diversity Advisory Board, which has in the past been active but in recent years served mainly to implement and select winners for the annual Diversity in the Classroom Award, has gained a few new members this year and hopes to be more active within the college to promote

diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives.

The first effort of the new Board was an HSS faculty, staff and student meet-and-greet with the UNC Cultural and Resource Centers, held on Tuesday, April 11th. The Board is also working toward new goals for the up-

coming academic year, including possibilities of hosting listening sessions for students, bringing speakers to campus, and collaborating on events with campus partners.

Upcoming HSS Faculty-Led Study Abroad Trips

Summer 2017

Language and Traditions in Xi'an, China

Faculty: Michelle Low and Adam Fong
Courses: FL 296 and MIND 181

Criminal Justice in London, England

Faculty: Mary Evans
Courses: CRJ 408 or CRJ 508

Study Abroad in Madrid, Spain

Faculty: Jose Suarez and Patricia Escobar
Course: FL 296

Cross Cultural Comparison of Sport in England & Spain

Faculty: Angie Henderson
Courses: SOC 395 or SOC 508

Foreign Language in Paris, France

Faculty: Lorie Sauble-Otto
Courses: FL 296 and FL 395

Fall 2017

Rainforest Conservation & Development in Guyana

Dates: November 18-26, 2017
Faculty: Karen Barton
Course: GEOG 296

HSS & International Film Series Collaboration



Jeremy Smith, IFS Student Director

This 2017 Spring semester, UNC's International Film Series (IFS) was fortunate to partner with HSS for two events designed to promote discussion about charged topics. For both our screenings of the films *Pride* (dir. Matthew Warchus, 2014) and *Birth of a Nation* (dir. Nate Parker, 2016), we were honored to be supported by Dean Laura Connolly and the rest of HSS in hosting such meaningful evenings.

With the help of HSS, both screenings were massive successes. Thanks to the Dean's help in advertising, we were able to draw sizable audiences for both, and the discussions afterwards were extremely rich and thought-producing. This semester, the IFS took as

its mission the task of expanding civil discourse within the Greeley community and the UNC culture, and our partnership with HSS could not have contributed more wonderfully to those efforts. Teaming up with the Gender and Sexuality Resources Center's director, Stephen Loveless, as well as UNC's Film Studies Director, Dr. Kenneth Chan, our discussion of *Pride* was enormously successful in spreading awareness regarding contemporary LGBTQ social and political issues. Our screening of *Birth of a Nation*, with the help of Dr. Travis Boyce (Africana Studies) and Dr. Burke Hilsabeck (English and Film Studies), was equally successful in sparking civil discourse regarding contemporary race relations and the history behind these. In the future,



we hope to continue to spread such meaningful conversations with HSS's help.

For those unfamiliar, the International Film Series is a student-run, faculty-led organization which takes pride in bringing significant and challenging films to Greeley's already vibrant culture of social awareness and community engagement. Screening materials from obscure contemporary art films to moving and powerful documentaries, the IFS rigorously follows its mission to provide world-changing thought and inspiration to the community. Follow us on social media (on Facebook at "UNC's International Film Series" or on Twitter and Instagram @uncoIFS) and check out our schedule of free films (www.unco.edu/ifs).

River expedition to Canadian Arctic will determine seed production northern limit

Jimmy Dunn, Geography & GIS



Left: Students learn to navigate whitewater in the Canadian Arctic. Photo courtesy of Jimmy Dunn.

In June of 2017, Dr. Jimmy Dunn, Professor and Department Chair of Geography & GIS, will lead a 220 mile river expedition to the Canadian Arctic to identify the northern limit of viable seed production of *Picea*

glauca and *Picea mariana*. The limit of seed production for trees is typically a place where the July average temperature is 50 degrees F. The location of that temperature average is likely much farther north than it was

in 1977, when Dunn first visited the region. The expedition will descend the Coppermine River from its last headwater lake (Rocknest Lake) to the mouth of the river at Coronation Gulf in the Canadian Northwest Territories and Nunavut Territory.

Three undergraduate students and one graduate student are committed to this expedition and are prepared to represent UNC and Geography by sharing their experience in a series of high school presentations. The expedition is funded in part by HSS and participants. In addition, a generous alumni of the expedition donated \$5,500 to help defray the cost of the trip for students.

Anthropology students work on national initiative, The Facing Project

Patricia Jolly, Anthropology

This community engaged learning project is connecting undergraduate students from Anthropology to a national initiative called the Facing Project. A Students are working locally to interview community members and gather stories that they are then retelling in their participants' voices. The stories address the issue of change in our community, as encountered by diverse individuals. The stories will be compiled into a published book that will be officially launched at a reception at the Kress Cinema and Lounge on April 26, 2017. Thirty-five students have worked



The Facing Project

on this project so far, including two graduate students, and over 16 stories have come out of the project.

By engaging community voices in reflections on change, social connectedness and mutual understanding, in our rapidly changing community, we envision that these stories and perspectives will inform collective understanding, illustrate the assets, and identify potential areas of opportunity for future col-

laboration.

[Donations to this campaign](#) are directed to the Community and Civic Engagement Fund at the UNC Foundation. Funds will support publishing the book, the book launch reception, and other programs related to Community and Civic Engagement.

Learn more at unco.facingproject.com and facebook.com/facingchange.

New Gender Studies Club combines fun, activism

Chris Talbot, Gender Studies Coordinator

The Gender Studies Program is pleased to announce the founding of its new Gender Studies Club in Fall 2016! The club encourages and supports scholarship and excellence in gender studies and seeks to empower students of all sexes, genders, races or ethnicities, orientations, statuses, and abilities. We promote awareness of gender-related issues on campus, in the community, and around the world; foster activism

and advocacy; and provide an environment where friendships can be developed. So far, our activities have included both fun and activism. We have sponsored a game night and an evening of political engagement, which gave students of any and all political positions opportunities to write or call political officials about their concerns. We have also explored gender themes in various media, with a "YouTube" night,

where students brought gender-related YouTube videos. We watched a great 80s horror film, *The Slumber Party Massacre* and discussed gendered themes in horror films. The club generally meets from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on either Wednesday or Thursday evenings and is open to anyone and everyone interested in Gender Studies. If you're interested, please contact Professor Chris Talbot at christine.talbot@unco.edu.

Anthropology hosted workshop on preservation practices

Andy Creekmore, Anthropology



Dr. Andy Creekmore of the Anthropology Department received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to bring preservation and conservation specialists Landis Smith and Sophie Hunter to UNC to assess the condition of our anthropology collections and provide advice for ongoing curation. On March 25, fourteen students and faculty participated in a workshop led by our guests to train in proper preservation practices. We learned a lot and had a great time building storage mounts for precious artifacts.

Workshop instructor Sophie Hunter explains the proper way to support a fragile object. Left - Right: Jen Ketz, Jenny Durbin, Sophie Hunter. Photo courtesy of Andy Creekmore.

Poudre River Forum hosted in Greeley with help of Economics faculty member

Mark Eiswerth, Economics and Environmental and Sustainability Studies

Students and faculty at UNC were in for a special treat this February, as the 4th Annual Poudre River Forum was held in Greeley at the Island Grove Events Center. The Forum had been hosted in Loveland in previous years, but the event facilitators based at CSU were eager to try out a different venue and the result was a huge success. The City of Greeley's Water and Sewer Department was enthusiastic about helping to fund the attendance of UNC students - and as a result several

students were able to participate. At UNC, Annie Epperson (Natural Sciences Librarian and Associate Director for UNC Community & Civic Engagement) coordinated UNC's involvement at the Forum, with assistance primarily from Bill Hoyt (Earth and Atmospheric Sciences), Mark Eiswerth (Economics; Environmental and Sustainability Studies), and Kevin Cody (Environmental and Sustainability Studies). In addition, UNC staffed booths at the venue to inform attendees about UNC pro-

grams in Community & Civic Engagement, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, and Environmental and Sustainability Studies. Feedback from students who attended has been tremendous, as the day provided opportunities not only for learning about our local watershed but also networking with a variety of professionals.

More information about the Poudre Runs Through It Study/Action Work Group, which hosts the Forum, can be found at <http://prti.colostate.edu/>.

Pin Up! The Movie and Sassi Conference

The Society for the Academic Study of Social Imagery (SASSI), sponsored by the School of Communication, hosted a conference on March 18th examining the "image of rebirth."

SASSI is a re-launch of the long-standing SSSI (Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery) conference, which was founded by Will Wright of CSU-Pueblo and hosted for 25 years in Colorado Springs, CO. After a two year break, SASSI was rebranded at UNC. For more information,

visit unco.edu/sassi.

In addition, to kick off this event, a film produced by Journalism and Media Studies Assistant Professor David Staton, *Pin Up! The Movie*, was screened for free the evening before the conference. The film "tells the story of the modern pin up girl – and the women who inspire her. It's the first-ever film to explore this vibrant, and growing, subculture." For more information on the documentary, visit pinup-themovie.com.



Bear News studio gets facelift



Left: Crews from Peak Stucco and Stone begin attaching stonework to the new set in Candelaria 1315. The wood pillars were covered with mesh and heavy paper before grout and stone were applied. Peak donated approximately \$5,000 worth of stone and labor for the sets.

Right: The finished news set. The sports set got a similar treatment. The green panels are chroma key panels which allows students to put graphic images and video behind the anchors.



Photos courtesy of Dale Edwards.

Journalism students take New York City

Michelle Honald, Journalism

The Student Public Relations Network (SPRN) embarks on its annual networking trip on April 19th. An unprecedented 30 students from the Journalism & Media Studies program are heading to New York City to learn the latest about their prospective careers and to make connections sure to last a lifetime.

Visits to Good Morning America, the BBC and The New York Times, among others, have been scheduled during the two day event. Follow along on Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat using #SPRNTakesNYC from April 19-22.

Journalism faculty members Michelle Honald, Dale Edwards, David Staton, and Natalie Stevens will be leading the trip.

HSS FEATURED ALUMNI

Jenna Williams, Geography & GIS

Upon graduating from UNC with a BA in Geography and an emphasis in GIS I began working with the NASA DEVELOP program where I am learning how geospatial technologies can be used to study numerous aspects of the environment. This program is a part of NASA's Applied Science Program under the Earth Science Directorate that aims to "integrate NASA's earth observations to help meet the challenges of environmental change and improve life on our planet." Over the past two years I have worked my way through this program starting as a team member, graduating to Center Lead after three months and finally to the prestigious Fellow position after a year. As a team member, I gained valuable skills in how to conduct useful and actionable environmental research with scientific integrity. As a Center Lead in Pocatello, Idaho I was entrusted with the cultivation and success of not only our location's projects and partnerships, but with the team members as well. This was an educational experience in leadership and mentorship, valuable skills I am grateful to have started to recognize and learn early in my career. In my current position as a Communication Fellow at the NASA Ames Research Center, I work with interdisciplinary team members across the country to strengthen and promote the overall DEVELOP program. We do this through internally and externally-focused initiatives which communicate the applicability of NASA Earth science to society. Working on this team has allowed me to utilize a completely different set of skills, less technical-based but more focused on relational skills, all the while helping steer the program and leave it better than when I first started.

Overall I have been able to do a lot of really incredible things such as attend numerous leadership retreats at NASA headquarters, travel to present research at several conferences, spelunking at Craters of the Moon NP, and eat some pickleweed while on a site-visit at Elkhorn Slough located on Monterey Bay near Moss Landing in California. But something I have recently begun to truly understand as I apply for grad schools and new jobs



Photo courtesy of Jenna Williams

is the importance of taking the time to really build a strong network of reliable, helpful individuals who you can contact in the future if you need help of any kind. A professional network is important and it starts when you are in school. It's not just the professors who can help you but your peers, too, because as you grow in your career so will they. Staying connected is not all that difficult and the benefits are incredible. Honestly, I believe that one of the most valuable resources I will take with me throughout my career are the individual connections I've built up while at UNC and in DEVELOP. Go Bears!

2017-2018 Program Updates

The College of Humanities & Social Sciences is welcoming many new courses in fall 2017 as well as some impressive changes to a few of our programs.

New Courses

ANT 233 – Anthropological Linguistics
ANT 245 – Introduction to Ethnomusicology
ASIA 116 – State, Society, and Culture in Contemporary Asia
ENG 229 – Introduction to Professional Writing and Document Design
ENG 329 – Professional Writing and/as Digital Video
ENG 429 – Advanced Professional Writing and Document Design
GEOG 308 – Crime Mapping
GER 117 – German Hospitality
GER 216 – German Literature in Translation
MAS 101 – Careers in Mexican American Studies
GEOG 514 – Web GIS Development and Management
GEOG 515 – Geospatial Statistics
GEOG 527 – GIS Programming and Automation
GEOG 580 – Enterprise Database Development and Management for GIS

Program Changes

The Asian Studies bachelor's degree is getting two exciting new emphases: Chinese and Japanese K-12 Teaching. These new emphases now round out the teaching options for all of the languages we offer here at UNC.

The Department of Geography & GIS is offering a new graduate certificate in Geographic Information Science (GIS), along with four new graduate courses.

The Mexican American Studies bachelor's degree is also getting new concentrations:

- Community Health and Nutrition
- Globalization, Border and Migration
- Social Justice and Public Policy
- TESL, Bilingualism: Mexican American and the U.S. Educational Experience
- Youth Advocacy

TO OUR SPRING 2017 GRADUATES: CONGRATULATIONS!



All undergraduate Spring 2017 HSS graduates and their guests are invited to a short reception following the 10 a.m. commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 6th. The reception will be held on the plaza outside the East Entrance of Candelaria Hall.

We hope to see you there!

All of us in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences would like to offer our sincere congratulations on completing your degree at the University of Northern Colorado. We wish you the best of luck in the next stages of your journey.



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