



COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS AND COMMUNICATION

September 2014 | Faculty Recognition

[Dr. John Fleming, Interim Dean](#)

COLLEGE "SPOTLIGHT" ON FACULTY EXCELLENCE

Each semester on our college homepage (www.txstate.edu), we feature faculty identified by their Department or School leadership as pioneers in their fields. In these feature "Spotlight" videos, our faculty are provided an opportunity to share how their research is applied to their teaching in the class room setting thereby benefiting not only our students but the world beyond Texas State. Our most recent posts are linked below:

[Dean's Welcome](#) (Very important to view...only because I want to make sure that it has more views than any of Tim's videos.)

[Spotlight on Jenny Buschhorn](#)

[Spotlight on Grayson Lawrence](#)

PROGRAM RECOGNITIONS

[The School of Art and Design's MFA program](#) was one of 11 listed in the August 2014 edition of [PRINT Magazine's](#) article "The Best MFAs in the Country."

[Dance-Colleges.com](#) looked at 332 dance programs in the United states and ranked the top 25. Texas State was #24 (one spot ahead of Julliard). Among schools that only offer an undergraduate degree, Texas State was #5.

EVENTS

[www.TxStatePresents.com](#) New College Fine Arts Events Automated Ticket System For Music, Theatre, Dance, and Encore events as well as Membership & Benefit Processing for the Friends of Fine Arts and Communication.

[Master Calendar](#) (contains all fine arts and communication events | both ticketed and free)

Art Gallery Events:

Monday, September 22: 2PM [JCM 2121]
Visiting Artist's Lecture: Katrina Moorhead

Tuesday, September 23: 2PM [Gallery 3]
Visiting Artist's Lecture: Francesca Fuchs 5-7PM
Opening Reception: Katrina Moorhead (Gallery 1) & Francesca Fuchs (Gallery 2)

Sampling of Faculty Accolades:

ART AND DESIGN

Joining museum professionals and scholars from 25 countries, **Gina Tarver** attended the Seventh International Conference on the Inclusive Museum in August at the Autry National Center of the American West in Los Angeles, where she presented "*Liberating History: New Museography at the Casa Museo Quinta de Bolívar.*"

The Menil Collection in Houston has acquired one of **Tommy Fitzpatrick's** paintings. In addition, his work will be featured in the next edition of *New American Paintings*. Tommy's exhibit "Gordian Knot" also opens at [Holly Johnson Gallery in Dallas](#) on Sept. 6.

Jeff Dell participated in a three-person exhibition in Baltimore that was reviewed three times. Additionally, he participated in a show at Galleri Urbane in Dallas, with some sales to a new hospital and some private collectors.

Dana Frankfort has an upcoming solo show with catalogue: South Campus Carillon Gallery, Tarrant County College, Fort Worth, TX. She also has a Summer 2014 group show: "Split Seven," curated by Matt Phillips at Fowler Arts, Brooklyn, NY.

Ashe Laughlin currently has a solo show, "Stratum," at [Mighty Fine Arts in Dallas](#), which was written up in *Culture Map Dallas*.

Brian Johnson's solo show, "[Ignoring Evidence and History](#)," opens on September 6th at Gay Fay Kelly at Prizer; the reception is from 7 - 9pm.

Maia Wright designed an interactive museum exhibit that is on display at the University of Montreal in their interdisciplinary art and science research center, Le Carrefour des arts et des sciences, September 4–November 14, 2014.

Shawn Camp has an upcoming solo show "An Equal and Opposite Reaction" at Gallery Shoal Creek in Austin that opens Friday, October 17th and will run through mid November.

Burt Pritzker's work will be included in the upcoming book *Flatbed Press at 25* published by the University of Texas Press.

Polly Lanning Sparrow has a work exhibited in "It Narratives: The Movement of Objects as Information" at [Franklin Street Works](#) in Stamford, CT, through Nov. 9; she is also a participant in Austin's Women & Their Work Gallery "[Red Dot](#)" benefit, through Sep. 21.

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Sean Horan recently published two studies that look at professional communication challenges:

Cowan, R. L., & Horan, S. M. (2014). Love at the office: Understanding workplace romance disclosures and reactions from the coworker perspective. *Western Journal of Communication*.

Horan, S. M., Raposo, P., & Carton, S. T. (2014). Priest as teacher II: Under standing priests' communicative misbehaviors. *Communication Quarterly*, 62, 18-35. doi: 10.1080/01463373.2013.822902

Tricia Burke recently published two articles on communication in romantic relationships:

Ruppel, E. K., & Burke, T. J. (2014). Complementary channel use and the role of social competence. *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication*. [Advanced Online Publication](#). doi:10.1111/jcc4.12091

Burke, T. J., & Segrin, C. (2014). Bonded or stuck? Effects of personal and constraint commitment on loneliness and stress. [Personality and Individual Differences](#), 64, 101-106. doi: 10.1016/j.paid.2014.02.027

Marian Houser, **Michael Burns**, and **Melinda Villagran** are working with Texas State Learning Communities to promote Alcohol Awareness and links between [Binge Drinking and Risky Sexual Behavior](#).

Houser is training peer educator's in her graduate Health Communication Training seminar to deliver interactive training seminars to 650 undergraduate students living in Learning Communities at Texas State during the month of October. Visit: <http://www.PartySafe.txstate.edu> to view materials being developed for this campaign.

Melinda Villagran, **Maureen Keeley**, and **Michael Burns** recently received a grant from Special Olympics of Texas to develop a health communication training program for physicians who care for patients with intellectual disabilities. Grant funds will be used for program development and the collection of pilot data that will be used in a future grant submission

SCHOOL OF MUSIC

The [Somos Musicos blog](#)

Ian Davidson (oboe, fine arts) has been named by the Regents of the Texas State University System as a new Regents Professor. This high honor has been given to only 20 individuals throughout the System, 10 of whom are at Texas State's San Marcos campus. Prof. Davidson will be specially recognized at the December Commencement ceremony for the College of Fine Arts and Communication.

Jazz pianist/composer faculty **Hank Hehmsoth** was guest clinician/trainer at Fort Eustis- Williamsburg, Virginia, with the US Army School of Music, & the US Air Force band attending. He worked with adult professional career musicians on: Innovative Practice Techniques; Contemporary creativity; Maximizing individual potential; Global/Cross-cultural impact of music education Texas State alumnae. He also conferenced with 2-star general Major General Mark MacCarley to develop plans to use the arts, especially music, as a bridge between cultures, and a way to spread freedom and creativity around the world, while spreading American goodwill.

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DANCE

The Southern Black Theatre Festival selected **Eugene Lee** as their national honoree at this year's 4th biennial festival held September 25-28, 2014 in Shreveport, Louisiana. He was the recipient of the Judi Ann Mason Spirit of Creativity Award-named in honor of the late Louisiana native and inaugural SBTF national honorary chair, Judi Ann Mason—award-winning Hollywood veteran writer and screenwriter of the movie **Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit**.

ALUMNI ACCOLADES

Lindsey Thomas, BFA Studio Art 2007, has been selected as the 2014 Dripping Spring ISD Elementary Teacher of the Year. Ms. Thomas is in her sixth year as an art teacher in the district, having taught three years each at Rooster Springs Elementary and Walnut Springs Elementary.

STUDENT ACCOLADES

Some 14 [Texas State Opera Theatre students](#) were selected to perform at highly selective and prestigious opera internships this past summer. Chosen from music schools and conservatories across the country and around the world, Texas State students excelled at the Amalfi Music Festival in Italy, Opera of the Ozarks, Chicago Summer Opera, and the Castleton Festival, et. al.

The official list of participants in the [NPR Next Generation Project](#) at the CBI National Student Electronic Media Convention in Seattle, WA Oct. 20-25 has been released, and KTSW News Director **Reynaldo Leanos** made the cut. Rey joins a substantial list of KTSW staffers chosen to participate in the Next Gen Project-- we're up to 8 or 9, including Rey—and he helps to keep our status as the institution with the most students chosen over the years to participate in this project.

More than 300 members of the [Bobcat Marching Band](#) had an exciting weekend September 27 and 28. Led by **Kyle Glaser**, Saturday they performed at the University of Tulsa football game, cheering on the Bobcats to an overtime victory. On their way back to San Marcos on Sunday, they performed for halftime of the Dallas Cowboys home game in their Arlington AT&T Stadium.



"Eat 'em, Eat 'em up, Go Cats Go!"

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