PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
On April 13, Leslie Ann Schwarzer gave a podium presentation for her team, including Ronda Christman, Laura Racovita-Szilagyi, and Sonia Wrate. Schwarzer presented on “Senior Volunteers’ Perceptions of Benefiting Students and Giving Back to the Community Following a Multi-Patient Intra/Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Simulation.” She presented at “Moving Forward Together: Linking Research Policy and Practice,” the 2018 Southern Gerontological Society and Georgia Gerontological Society Joint Conference at Lake Lanier, Georgia.


Deyse Bravo-Rivera and Jessica Spears published an article in the May/June 2018 issue of Vibrant Life magazine titled “Story Time: The Benefits of Reading Together as a Family.”

On May 9, Tammy Overstreet presented to a group of online program directors from Loma Linda University on the topic of applying frameworks and course design principles to increase student success and engagement in online coursework. One attendee asked about the integration of faith and learning in Southern’s online courses; when they learned more about the use of the biblical foundation model (developed by Cynthia Gettys and Elaine Plemons) and Southern’s Summer Institutes, they were “particularly intrigued with the strategic intentionality” of Southern’s approach, according to Marilyn Eggers, their associate provost. Their team is excited to apply the strategies discussed and to learn more about the biblical foundation model.

Daniel Olson attended a “Seven Ways to Build a Strengths-Based Culture” seminar at Gallup in Atlanta, Georgia, on May 15.


Sonja Fordham attended the Association of Colleges for Tutoring and Learning Assistance Conference in San Diego, California, April 26-28.

In May Liane de Souza traveled to Panama with Evangelism Resource Center students to hold a 16-sermon evangelist crusade. She reported that many attendees gave their lives to Christ.

Alan Parker presented a paper on “Millennial Perceptions of Adventist Evangelism” at the 180 Symposium on Youth Evangelism at La Sierra University on May 9. He was also the plenary speaker for the Western Ontario SEEDS Conference in Church Planting on May 12.

Evie Nogales Baker and Annette Heck attended “Building Strong Brains Tennessee Training for Trainers” held May 1-2 at the Chambless Shelter in Chattanooga. They are now “State of Tennessee Building Stronger Brains Trainers.”

PROFESSORS STEP INTO LEADERSHIP
Three academic departments on campus are welcoming new leaders this summer: (left to right) Lisa Diller, PhD, as chair of the History and Political Studies Department; Peter Cooper, DMA, as dean of the School of Music; and Stephanie Sheehan, PhD, as dean of the School of Business. These individuals are no strangers to Southern, as each has served at the university for more than a decade.

EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER
On May 14-15, 25 faculty from Biology, Business, Center for Teaching Excellence and Biblical Foundations of Faith and Learning, Education and Psychology, English, Global Community Development, Journalism and Communication, McKee Library, Online Campus, Physics, and Engineering, and Technology participated in a workshop on critical thinking. Brian Barnes from the Foundation for Critical Thinking guided them through practices of not only integrating critical thinking into the classroom and daily assignments for students but also strategies to embed it deeply within courses and across disciplines on campus. On May 17-18, 12 faculty participated in additional study and practice on the topic.

Several Southern professors gave presentations during the Adventist Human Subjects Research Association 6th Annual Meeting, “Our Research Data Makes a Difference: Transforming the Church and Community,” at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, on May 18:

- **Beth Scott, Faith Laughlin,** and **Ronda Christman** gave a podium presentation titled “Students’ Perceptions of Spiritual Preparedness and Contribution to Their Community Following an Emergency Preparedness Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Simulation.” They presented on behalf of their team: **Cynthia Gettys, Laura Racovita-Szilagyi, Beckie Retzer, Leslie Ann Schwarzzer, Sonia Wrate,** and Maureen Baksh-Griffin.

- **Ronda Christman** gave a podium presentation titled “Students Understand Their Care Role and Have the Ability to Provide Care Following a Multi-Patient Collaborative Practice Simulation” on behalf of her team: **Jill Buchholz, Barbara James, Michael Liedke, Caroline McArthur, Christine Moniying, Laura Racovita-Szilagyi, Leslie Ann Schwarzzer, Christy Showalter, Christina Shrode,** and **Sonia Wrate.**

- **Beth Scott** and **Ronda Christman** gave a poster presentation titled “Time Spent Studying, on Social Media, and Spirituality: Nursing Students’ Perceptions” for their team: **E. Muriu, C. Booher,** and **R. Mitchell.**

- **Ronda Christman** gave a podium presentation titled “Student Perception of Biblical Worldview and Personal/Professional Impact of the Southern Adventist University Higher Education Biblical Foundation Course Design Model” on the research she conducted with **Lilly Tryon.**

On behalf of the team including **Ronda Christman, Cynthia Gettys, Faith Laughlin, Laura Racovita-Szilagyi, Beckie Retzer, Leslie Ann Schwarzzer, Beth Scott, Sonia Wrate,** and Maureen Baksh-Griffin, Linda Lesueur gave a podium presentation titled “Emergency Preparedness Interprofessional Collaborative Practice Simulation: Are Our Students Ready?” at the 15th Annual Faculty Development Workshop at University of Kentucky in Lexington on May 11.

At the same conference, **Ronda Christman** gave a podium presentation titled “Nursing Students Are Spending More Time on Social Media than Studying,” representing the team: **Beth Scott, E. Muriu, C. Booher,** and **R. Mitchell.**

**DEPARTMENTAL NEWS**

On April 12, several academic departments came together for an Emergency Preparedness Interprofessional Collaborative Practice simulation. There were 89 participants from the schools of **Education and Psychology, Journalism and Communication, Nursing, Religion, and Social Work,** as well as community volunteers including **Lights Volunteers.**

The School of Visual Art and Design welcomes **Nathan DeWild** as the new production/equipment and facilities manager. His previous experience includes work on The Adventists 2 and The Blueprint, The Story of Adventist Education. DeWild will help coordinate the department’s lighting lab and equipment as well as assisting other departments with video, animation, and graphic design needs through SVAD Productions. For more information, contact DeWild at **svadproductions@southern.edu.**

**HATS OFF!**

Thank you to the amazing Emergency Preparedness Interprofessional Collaborative Practice team that helped plan and implement the simulation: **Faith Laughlin, Beth Scott, Laura Racovita-Szilagyi, Carol Raney, Becky Retzer, Leslie Ann Schwarzzer, Liane de Souza, Sonya Wrate, Jay Cole, Jim and Becky Ingersoll,** and Heritage Academy.

–**Ronda Christman**

I want to express appreciation to **Mark Hyder** for serving as dean of the School of Business. During his tenure, he handled some difficult issues and was always supportive. He has a servant’s heart.

–**Julie Hyde**

Thank you to the faculty and staff of the **Chemistry Department** for the hard work you’ve put in during the 2017-2018 academic year. Your willingness to take on additional responsibilities while we’ve been short-staffed this year is valued and appreciated and has made a positive difference in the lives of our students. I’m looking forward to the good things in store for us next year.

–**Brent Hamstra**

Hats off to **Teshia Price** for her assistance in organizing and making this year’s Sigma Beta Delta Induction go so well for the School of Business.

–**Mark Hyder**

**PERSONAL NEWS**

Congratulations to Amanda (Soapes), ’05 and ’08, and Curtis Schmalenberger. Their son Brian Kelan was born four weeks early on April 19. Thank you for all of your prayers.

–**Nancy Soapes**

**Cherie Lynn Olsen** and her husband, Thomas, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Silas Tucker Olsen, on May 2.
CHANGING FACES
COMING TO SOUTHERN:
Nick Beaumonte, associate professor, Nursing
Linski Cherisol, audio visual supervisor, Information Technology
Andrew De Jesus, assistant chaplain, Chaplain’s Office
Nathan DeWild, production/equipment and facilities manager, Visual Art and Design
Patrick Geiger, appliance/electrical repair and maintenance technician, Plant Services
Holly Walker, associate professor, Nursing
Michael Weismeyer, assistant professor, History and Political Studies

LEAVING SOUTHERN:
Andrew Ashley, enrollment counselor, Admissions
Terri Fillman, office manager, Transportation
Marc-Anthony Pierre, assistant chaplain, Chaplain’s Office
Nathan Recchia, patrol officer, Campus Safety (effective August)

TRANSFERS/TITLE CHANGES:
Belinda Fisher, from shift supervisor, Deli, to office manager, Thatcher Hall
Sandra Garcia, from bookkeeper, Village Market, to office manager, Transportation
Margarita Solano, from food supervisor, Food Services, to shift supervisor, Deli

JUNE BIRTHDAYS
1 Beasley Frazier, Plant Services
2 Shawn Engle, Information Technology
2 Kimberly Muaya, Accounting Services
2 Danita Payne, Campus Shop
4 Brennon Kirstein, Chaplain’s Office
4 Lori Thompson, Advancement
7 Cristy Pratt, Education and Psychology
8 Isaac James, Marketing and University Relations
8 Carl Swafford, Graduate Studies
9 Corbett Cole, Campus Safety
10 Cheri Durst, Student Success Center
10 Adam Heck, Mathematics
11 Linda Brooks, Visual Art and Design
13 Mitch Menzmer, Chemistry
14 Nick Beaumonte, Nursing
17 Bruce Myers, Plant Services
19 Kelly Crawford, Health Services
19 Edwin Reynolds, Religion
21 Brian Laneville, Food Services
23 Valerie Mirande, Village Market
23 Heidi Olson, Chemistry
25 Tom Verrill, Financial Administration
27 Darin Bissell, P.E., Health, and Wellness
27 Linda Case, Food Services
27 Logan Swilling, Technology
28 Mary King, Health Services
28 David Nelsen, Biology
29 Marc Boyson, Visual Art and Design

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