

Southern Factor

June 2018

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

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 Benefitting 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.

Stanley Cottrell and **Jessica Spears** attended the Computers In Libraries conference in Arlington, Virginia, April 17-19. The theme for the conference was "Digital Transformation: Next Gen Tools and Strategies for Community Impact." Cottrell also attended the Ex Libris Users of North America conference in Spokane, Washington, May 1-4.

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.

Laura Racovita-Szilagyi co-authored "Challenges and Opportunities to eLearning in Social Work Education: Perspectives from Spain and the United States," an article published in the April 2018 edition of the *European Journal of Social Work*. She also co-authored two articles published in the March 2018 edition of the *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*. The articles were titled "International Service-Learning Trips: A Framework for Developing Cross-Cultural Competence" and "Global Interdependence and Its Effects on Social Work Education in the United States."

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 Chambliss 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.



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 Schwarzer, 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 Moniyung, Laura Racovita-Szilagyi, Leslie Ann Schwarzer, 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 Schwarzer, 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 Schwarzer, 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

BRAND-NEW WAY TO CONNECT

A new communication platform is now available for all Southern employees. Workplace allows you to connect with coworkers, share classifieds, and more. Every current employee should have received an email invitation. If you did not, please contact Isaac James at ijames@southern.edu or 423.236.2583.

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

Marketing and University Relations

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