2018 Celebration of Scholarship, Creativity and Engagement

Wednesday, October 24, 2018
Doudna Fine Arts Center
4-5 p.m.
Celebrating Academic Excellence

Scholarship, creativity, innovation, and the many forms of collaborative engagement that shape faculty life and student learning are central to the mission of Eastern Illinois University. For that reason, our faculty, department chairs, college deans, the provost, and the entire campus community celebrate the achievements and outstanding contributions of our colleagues and students to their disciplines and professions every year.

And, as the following pages illustrate, faculty engaged in continuing scholarly and creative activities provide outstanding mentoring experiences for our undergraduate and graduate students.

In addition to recognizing faculty performances, shows, publications, grants and other professional efforts, the University will recognize the recipient of the Edwin L. “Bud” May award and the Dean’s Award of Excellence in Summer Research and Creative Activity, as well as 2018 summer award recipients.

More importantly, the entire leadership team appreciates and applauds each and every member of EIU’s community who has contributed to our shared mission and sustained commitment to academic excellence.

Doug Bower, College of Education & Professional Studies
Richard England, Sandra & Jack Pine Honors College
Jay Gatrell, Office of Academic Affairs
Ryan Hendrickson, The Graduate School
Jeanne Lord, College of Health & Human Services
William Minnis, Lumpkin College of Business & Technology
Zach Newell, Booth Library
Anita Shelton, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

On the cover: Dr. Don Holly, professor of anthropology (photo by Chris Wolff)
Faculty Achievements

**Academic Affairs**


**School of the Arts - Art and Design**


**Biological Sciences**


**School of Business**


Chemistry and Biochemistry


School of Communication & Journalism


Counseling & Higher Education


Economics

Educational Leadership


**English**


Geology & Geography


Health Promotion


History


**Hospitality Program**


**Kinesiology, Sport, & Recreation**


**Library Services**


**Mathematics & Computer Science**


**School of the Arts - Music**


Nutrition & Dietetics Program


Philosophy


Political Science


Psychology


**Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology**


**Special Education**


**Teaching, Learning, & Foundations**


School of Technology


School of the Arts - Theatre Arts

In honor of Bud May (director of Grants and Research, 1978-2003), the Graduate School, in collaboration with the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (Grants and Research), established the Edwin L. “Bud” May Award for Outstanding Achievement in Research and Grants. The award is given each year to a member of the university community who has demonstrated extraordinary success in securing external support for research, public service or creative activity.

Dr. Robin L. Murray,
Professor of English and Women’s Studies

Robin L. Murray has directed the Eastern Illinois Writing Project (http://castle.eiu.edu/easternnwp/) since its inception in 2008. As director, she has been most pleased to see the amazing literacy across the curriculum lessons shared by the project’s K-12 teachers, thanks to generous grants from the National Writing Project.

She also teaches courses in film studies, English education, multicultural American literature, and composition. Her research and service interests are in ecocriticism and film studies, women's studies, and composition theory and practice. She has co-authored six published books: Ecology and Popular Film: Cinema on the Edge (SUNY Press 2009), That’s All Folks?: Ecocritical Readings of American Animated Features (U Nebraska Press 2011), Gunfight at the Eco-Corral: Western Film and the Environment (U Oklahoma Press 2012), Everyday Ecodisasters in Documentary and Fictional Films (U Nebraska Press 2014), Monstrous Nature: Environment and Horror on the Big Screen, and Ecocinema and the City (Routledge, 2018). Her work has appeared in Film Quarterly, Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and the Environment, Jump Cut, and other film and literary journals.

She also coordinates the film studies minor (http://castle.eiu.edu/filmmnor/).
Externally Funded Grants Received FY18

**Academic Affairs**

**Project Director:** Hendrickson, Ryan – Graduate School  
Funding Agency: Illinois Board of Higher Education  
Title of Project: Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Program

**Project Directors:** Davenport, Mona / Burkhead, Maggie - Minority Affairs  
Funding Agency: U.S. Department of Education  
Title of Project: TRIO: Student Support Services Program

**Project Director:** Chesnut, Robert - Research and Sponsored Programs  
Funding Agency: Illinois Department of Human Services  
Title of Project: Prescription Information Library FY18

**Director:** Owens, Jeff – WEIU  
Funding Agency: Corporation for Public Broadcasting  
Title of Project: CPB Community Service Grant FY18

**Director:** Owens, Jeff – WEIU  
Funding Agency: Corporation for Public Broadcasting  
Title of Project: CPB Interconnection Grant FY18

**Director:** Owens, Jeff – WEIU  
Funding Agency: Corporation for Public Broadcasting  
Title of Project: CPB Universal Service Grant FY18

**Director:** Owens, Jeff – WEIU  
Funding Agency: Illinois Arts Council Agency  
Title of Project: IACA Public Ration & Television Grant FY18

**College of Arts and Humanities**

**Director:** Crews, Daniel - Arts and Humanities Dean’s Office  
Funding Agency: City of Charleston Tourism Office  
Title of Project: Celebration: A festival of the Arts FY18

**Director:** Crews, Daniel - Arts and Humanities Dean’s Office  
Funding Agency: Coles County Arts Council  
Title of Project: Celebration: A Festival of the Arts FY18
**Director: Crews, Daniel** - Arts and Humanities Dean’s Office  
Funding Agency: Arts Midwest  
Title of Project: Arts Midwest Touring Fund-Soul Street Dance Company

**Project Director: Murray, Robin** – English  
Funding Agency: Coles County Arts Council  
Title of Project: Central Illinois Feminist Film Festival

**Director: Gisondi, Joe** - Journalism  
Funding Agency: Illinois Press Foundation  
Title of Project: EIU Summer Journalism Workshop

**Project Director: Neal, Alicia** - Music  
Funding Agency: Coles County Arts Council  
Title of Project: Women in Brass featuring the Seraph Brass Quintet

**Director: Rossi, Richard** - Music  
Funding Agency: Charleston Area Charitable Foundation  
Title of Project: CACF Support of Eastern Symphony Orchestra

**College of Education and Professional Studies**  
**Principal Investigator: Reid, Brian** - Early Childhood, Elementary, & Middle Level Education  
Funding Agency: Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville  
Title of Project: Illinois Multi-Tiered System of Supports Network Partnership

**Project Director: Rich, Cynthia** - Early Childhood, Elementary, & Middle Level Education  
Funding Agency: McCormick Foundation  
Title of Project: Bringing Civics Back Workshop

**Principal Investigators: Reid, Brian/Bower, Douglas** - CEPS Dean’s Office  
Funding Agency: Illinois Board of Higher Education  
Title of Project: Re-visioning Teacher Education: Meeting the Needs of Rural Schools and Communities in Central Illinois

**College of Sciences**  
**Principal Investigators: Colombo, Robert / Bollinger, Eric / Meiners, Scott** - Biological Sciences  
Funding Agency: IDNR/USFWS  
Title of Project: A Long Term Monitoring Program of Fish Population on the Wabash River
Principal Investigator: Colombo, Robert - Biological Sciences
Funding Agency: UIUC/INHS/IDNR/USFWS
Title of Project: Asian Carp

Principal Investigator: Colombo, Robert - Biological Sciences
Funding Agency: The Nature Conservancy in Illinois
Title of Project: Assessment of fish communities in Money and Six Mile Creeks, McLean County, Illinois

Principal Investigator: Colombo, Robert - Biological Sciences
Funding Agency: Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Title of Project: IDNR: North American Catfish Project

Principal Investigator: Deppe, Jill - Biological Sciences
Funding Agency: Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Title of Project: Illinois Bat Conservation Program: Habitat Use and Maternity Colonies

Principal Investigator: Periyannan, Gopal/Holderby, Krysten – Chemistry
Funding Agency: Mindlin Foundation
Title of Project: Functional Characterization of Glutamate Carboxypeptidase II (GCPII)

Library Services
Project Director: Schultz, William - Library Services
Funding Agency: Illinois State Library
Title of Project: Digitization of Local History Oral Interviews

Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences
Project Director: Edwards, Misty - Family and Consumer Sciences
Funding Agency: Illinois Dept of Human Services/US Dept of Health and Human Services
Title of Project: Child Care Resource and Referral FY18

Project Director: Simpson, Linda - Family and Consumer Sciences
Funding Agency: Illinois Science and Energy Innovation Foundation
Title of Project: Illinois Seniors Smart-Home Initiative: Information Resources, Training & Outreach

Principal Investigator: Cabage, John - Technology
Funding Agency: Shenyang Urban Construction University
Title of Project: SUCU Faculty Development and Student Course Instruction
Project Director: McPhillips, Patricia - Military Sciences
Funding Agency: Tawani Foundation
Title of Project: EIU ROTC Cadet Awards Promotion FY18

Student Affairs
Project Director: Davidson, Eric - Health Services
Funding Agency: Illinois Department of Human Services
Title of Project: IDHS SAPP FY18

Internal Funding

2018 Dean’s Award of Excellence in Summer Research and Creative Activity

Dr. John Bickford,
Early Childhood, Elementary, & Middle Level Education Department

John H. Bickford is an associate professor in the Teaching, Learning, and Foundations Department; graduate coordinator of MSED Curriculum and Instruction; and chair of the Institutional Review Board at EIU. He studies the sources and strategies that facilitate elementary and middle level students’ disciplinary literacy and critical thinking. Dr. Bickford evaluates classroom interventions, the historical representation and accuracy of curricula, and, in the case of this past summer’s research, of Illinois teachers’ perceptions and experiences.

He teaches courses in social studies education, content area literacy, and interdisciplinary learning. Dr. Bickford is especially proud of his research collaborations with local schools, his undergraduate students’ teaching partnerships with local schools, the success of his EIU undergraduate and graduate students’ research, and that his own research has been published in every elite journal in his field.
Melissa Ames - English
Affect’s Role in Digital Activism Accompanying In-Person Protests: A Comparative Study of Hashtag Activism

John Bickford - Early Childhood, Elementary, & Middle Level Education
Examining Veteran Teachers’ Experiences with History-Based Pedagogy

Melissa Caldwell – English
The Tactics of Adapting the Classics: Margaret Atwood’s The Penelopiad and Hag-Seed

Gary Canivez – Psychology
Independent Examination of the Construct Validity of the Behavior Assessment System for Children-Third Edition Parent and Teacher Rating Scales

Anna Cromwell - Music
CD Project: Recording Chamber Music by Living Women Composers

Barry Kronenfeld - Geology/Geography
A Hand-Crafted Cartogram of U.S. Congressional Districts

Scott Meiners - Biological Sciences
Does Genetic Diversity Lead to Greater Plant Variation in Sustainable Agriculture?

Nichole Mulvey - Communication Disorders and Sciences
Social and Language Predictors of Preschool Behavior

Britto Nathan - Biological Sciences
Designer Estrogen to Cure the Failing Sense of Smell in Alzheimer’s Disease

Suzie Park – English
“Romantic Literary Inspiration and the Science of Bringing Back the Dead”

Lee Patterson – History
The Roman Presence in Armenia
Gopal Periyannan - Chemistry and Biochemistry

Steven Scher – Psychology
Studies on the Validity of the expanded Affective Norms for English Words

Radu Semeniuc - Chemistry and Biochemistry
To bridge, or not to bridge, that is the question: The influence of a missing phenol group on the catalytic activity of copper(II) complexes.

Jad Smith – English
Thomas M. Disch's Camp Concentration

Mukti Upadhyay – Economics
Productivity Growth in Low and Middle Income Countries: What Ails the Structural Change Promise?

Edmund Wehrle – History
America’s “Forgotten War” and America’s “Longest War”: How the Korean War Haunted the Vietnam War.

Charles Wharram – English
Scholarly Article on Contagion in Goethe’s The Sorrows of Young Werther

Yordan Yordanov - Biological Sciences
Reviving sunflower production in America through understanding the genetics of mineral use adaptation

Jie Zou - Physics
Calculation of Thermal Conductivity of Gallium Nitride Thin Films: A Comparison with Recent Experimental Data
2018-19 Council on Faculty Research

College of Education
Kathryn Havercroft
Jeanne Okrasinski

College of Health & Human Services
Scott Ronspies
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