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NEW FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Yasmin A. Flores is an Assistant Professor of Music who joined the Department of Music and Theatre in August 2010 as woodwinds specialist, teaching clarinet, saxophone, and bassoon lessons, as well as coaching student woodwind chamber ensembles. Her duties also include teaching freshman theory and class woodwinds. She previously taught at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa and at Troy State University in Troy, Alabama. Dr. Flores is a 2009 graduate of the University of Iowa earning the Doctor of Musical Arts degree. Her DMA essay is titled "The Clarinet Works of Gustav Adolph Heinze." Dr. Flores is currently working on an article for the *Clarinet Journal* and has plans for making a CD recording of the three pieces treated in her dissertation. During Spring Break 2011, Flores embarked on a successful performance/lecture tour with concerts and master classes at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa; Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas; and Troy University in Troy, Alabama. Dr. Flores' next project is to record a CD entitled: "A Little Taste of Everything" featuring pieces by Louis Spohr, Robert Muczynski, and Paul Jeanjean. The CD will include Yee Sik Wong on piano and Tiffany Bostic-Brown as soprano soloist for the *Six German Songs* by Louis Spohr.

Dr. Melvin Davis, a native of the Shoals area, joined Collier Library as Director of Library Services in July 2010. He earned a B.A. (1996) at UNA before moving to Tuscaloosa, Alabama to attend the University of Alabama where he earned three degrees: M.A. in Latin American Studies (1999); M.L.I.S. (2001); and, Ph.D. in History (2005). Dr. Davis held librarian appointments at the University of Alabama, Nashville Public Library, and Middle Tennessee State University. More recently, he served the Florida College System at the College Center for Library Automation (CCLA) in Tallahassee, Florida. In this position, he worked on behalf of Florida's 28 state-funded colleges to coordinate library resource licensing for a system wide FTE of over 350,000. Dr. Davis was an advocate on behalf of the college system while developing skills as a project manager in the areas of product and technology integration. Working alongside staff from the State University System and the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida, he helped lay a foundation for collaborative licensing of electronic library materials for all academic institutions in Florida. Dr. Davis' research interest in the library arena focuses on collaborative ventures, technology integration, and next generation library services. At the same time, he maintains an active research agenda in the field of history, including contributions to a forthcoming CQ Press encyclopedia and by way of ongoing work as a book reviewer. Dr. Davis' wife, Michelle, who earned an MFA from Florida State University (FSU), is an adjunct in the Art Department at UNA and an online adjunct at FSU.

CONGRATULATIONS

Thanks to all who invested hard work on behalf of the 2011 University Awards Gala. Congratulations to the following faculty and staff award recipients:

Dr. Ernestine B. Davis, 2011 Diversity Award for Faculty

Dr. Andrew L. Luna, W. T. McElheny Award

Mr. Robert L. Hendren, Outstanding Service Award

Dr. Nicholas Mauriello, Eleanor Gaunder Phi Kappa Phi Excellence in Teaching Award

Dr. J. Matthew Green, Academic Affairs Award for Outstanding Scholarship/Research
Dr. Marilyn B. Lee, Academic Affairs Award for Outstanding Service
Dr. Linda S. Lewis, Academic Affairs Award for Outstanding Teaching

MEMORIAL TO TIM CARTER

Tim Carter, faculty member in the Department of Criminal Justice, passed away on Sunday, April 24 after a brief battle with cancer. The UNA community will miss Tim's dedication to his students and colleagues. His chair, Phil Bridgmon, provided some additional information.

Tim Carter came to UNA in 2007. Prior to joining our faculty, he was Chair of criminal justice at Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA. He also held prior faculty appointments at the University of Houston, Penn State-Fayette, and Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Before his academic career, Dr. Carter worked in corrections, probation, and parole for the State of South Carolina and held several military police positions with the United States Army. In addition to being widely published in the area of environmental crime, Dr. Carter received much recognition for his professional service. He served admirably on the Faculty Senate, Graduate Council, and Curriculum Committee. In 2008, he was awarded the Service Award by the Security and Crime Prevention Section of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Tim was also dedicated to the communities in which he lived, and served on numerous non-profit boards that support children and families. He most recently served on the board of the Cramer Children's Center in Florence, AL.

AFTERMATH OF STORMS

We are receiving information about several UNA employees and students who lost everything in Wednesday's storms. For now, their job and/or their classes are secondary as they try to recover from the devastation. Be mindful of their circumstances, understanding that many are without power and unable to make contact with campus. In times like these, we stand together as a UNA community, offering our fullest measure of thoughts, prayers, and support.