

# Academic Affairs Newsletter

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## Report from the Honors Program

In the fall of 2012, the Honors Program enrolled its largest and strongest class ever – 59 first year students with an average ACT composite score of 29. This entering class proved itself academically in the fall, earning an average GPA of 3.725. Well done, first year HP students!

## HES Students Advance in Competition!

Amanda Huffman, and Megan Boyd, Interior Design students in the Department of Human Environmental Sciences, placed in the top 15 entries in the first round of judging in the National Kitchen and Bath design competition. Out of 121 kitchen and 140 bath design entries, UNA had four recognized designs. The department will find out in February if the students placed. Good job!

## New Faculty Introductions

Dr. Tammy Winner is an Assistant Professor of English teaching in Professional Writing. She is a native of Frostburg, MD, and earned her bachelor's degree from West Virginia University, concurrent master's degrees in Education and in business administration, with a concentration in technical writing from Frostburg State University, a Master of Arts from Carnegie Mellon University and a Ph.D. in English from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She has taught English at the college level for the past 13 years teaching in the Caribbean at The College of the Bahamas and the University of Puerto Rico. Dr. Winner's primary research focus is on effective teaching practices within the realms of technical writing and technical editing. When she is not teaching or writing, you can find her fishing, walking her dog Pepe, or working in her garden.

Dr. Jonathan Fleming is an Assistant Professor of Geography. After graduating with a bachelor's degree from UNA, he worked as a GIS Product Engineer for Esri, Inc. in Redlands, CA, the world's largest Geographic Information Systems software development company. Jonathan continued academic studies at Mississippi State University, earning a M.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Science and a Ph.D. in Forest Resources specializing in applied spatial ecology. While at MSU, Jonathan worked as a consultant, instructor, and GIS coordinator in the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Aquaculture. His interests are in biogeography, applied GIS, invasion ecology, and pedagogy in geospatial science. His past research includes aquatic plant restoration, GIS suitability modeling, assessing spatial patterns in aquatic physicochemistry, and identifying scale dependent patterns of aquatic plant invasions. He is a Certified GIS Professional and Esri Certified GIS Desktop Professional. Jonathan is originally from Belgreen, AL, and is an avid hunter and competitive fisherman.

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