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Faculty Development Leave for 2013-14

Dr. Michael Pretes from the Department of Geography has been awarded a Faculty Development Leave for two semesters: Fall 2013 and Spring 2014. Based at the University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY, Dr. Pretes will use this opportunity to conduct and publish research on sovereign wealth funds, resource management, and tourism in the Rocky Mountains region of the U.S. and also in Australia. Out of his research activities, he plans to develop two geography field courses for UNA students to those two regions. It is expected that the proposed activities for this leave will enhance his knowledge in that field of research, and more importantly enhance his capacity to contribute to the objectives of UNA through teaching, research, and service.

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Social Work News

Dr. Joy Borah, Chair of the Department of Social Work, has been selected by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the national accrediting body for the discipline of social work, to participate in the Social Work Research delegation to Cuba in June, 2013. Social work educators, nationally selected by CSWE, will work in collaboration with faculty from the Universidad de Havana on social work education and practice in the two countries; a special focus of the program will be a study of comparative policy initiatives in health care.

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Distance Learning/Technology Conference



Educational Technology Services and the Distance Learning Advisory Committee have planned a conference on Thursday, April 4, that will demonstrate how beneficial technology

can be to all courses, whether online, hybrid, or traditional. The conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Performance Center, Guillot University Center. David Pogue—author, *New York Times* technology columnist, *Scientific American* writer, and host of “NOVA Science Now” on PBS—will give the keynote address. (See Pogue’s website, <http://www.davidpogue.com>, for more of his fascinating background.) Athens State University Instructional

Designer Mark Gale and UNA Instructional Designer Natasha Lindsey will discuss exemplary design practices. The conference will also include a student panel moderated by online learning veteran Scott Ready to discuss student expectations. Lunch will be provided; please e-mail BJ Wilson, bhwilson@una.edu, to make your reservation for this exciting conference.

Good Student Opportunity

Dr. Craig Christy is now coordinating outbound UNA students who wish to participate in the Magellan Exchange Program (<http://www.magellanexchange.org/>) for study abroad in Austria, Belgium, Costa Rica, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Netherlands, Spain, and South Korea. Students can study abroad for a semester or academic year, and some summer programs are also available. Courses at UNA’s partner universities in the Magellan Exchange can be taken in English or the host country language. While the member universities are primarily business oriented, courses are available across the spectrum of university disciplines. Students continue to pay their UNA tuition; room and board expenses are approximately the same as at UNA. This is an exceptionally affordable opportunity for internationalizing a students’ course of study.

New Faculty Introduction

Clarissa Hall, a 1991 graduate of the University of North Alabama with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing, worked in management in home health and the hospital setting for many years. She returned to UNA to work in the Bennett Health Center and obtained a Master of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Recently Clarissa had been working as a Nurse Practitioner in a local pediatrician’s office. She is currently pursuing her doctorate at UAB and conducting a research project at Kilby Laboratory School regarding the effects of walking on the cardiovascular health of children. Clarissa is married, has a daughter who is 16, and a 13 year-old son. She is very excited to be back as part of the UNA family.

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