

# Academic Affairs Newsletter

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## An Update from Dr. Katie Kinney

Kaitlin Ashley, Honors student, and Dr. Katie Kinney introduced iPads in Marisa Frederick's kindergarten literacy centers at Kilby last year and have extended efforts to 1<sup>st</sup> grade mathematics journaling with Mrs. Mandy Wicks through the acquisition of a Preservice Teacher Action Research Grant from the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics entitled "1, 2, 3...Math iJournals for Me!" After receiving the grant last summer, Dr. Kinney and Kaitlin submitted a proposal in the fall for NCTM's regional conferences in the fall of 2013. They were invited to present "iJournals: Math Journaling With a 21st Century Twist" at all three regional conferences. Currently, they are trying to figure out which conference to accept and which ones to regret. Kind of a nice problem to have! :)

## Publications

Faculty are encouraged to keep us informed about journal publications and/or books published so we can keep the campus up to date. Please limit submission to current publications. A recent notification:

Chen, C., Jones, K., and Xu, S. (2012). The Communication Methods of Today's Students. *CPA Journal*. 82 (11), pp. 66-71.

Dr. Jones is a Professor of Accounting here at UNA. The article can be viewed online at <http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/e005d279#/e005d279/68>.

## New Faculty Introduction

Originally from Fairfax, Virginia, Dr. Tiffany Bostic-Brown was awarded the Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance from Virginia Commonwealth University and a Master of Music degree and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree with emphasis in Vocal Performance and Stage Direction from Louisiana State University. Known for her "sweet and ethereal" voice, Dr. Bostic-Brown has performed throughout the United States and Europe as a concert artist, recitalist, and operatic artist. In addition to live performing, Dr. Bostic-Brown has made a professional recording of select works as well as a video recording and national PBS broadcast. Since joining the UNA music faculty in 2010, Dr. Bostic-Brown has taught music theory private voice and served as stage director for UNA Opera/Musical Theatre. She is married to Dr. Terrance Brown, UNA Assistant Professor of Music (Voice).

## Graduate Admissions and Services

The graduate admission function at UNA is embedded within the Office of Admissions. While this has worked well, the opportunity to clearly identify a graduate office and use it in support of marketing graduate programs can be difficult. In recent months much discussion has occurred about separating graduate admissions from the Office of Admissions. This has now been approved and effective March 1, 2013, Russ Darracott, who currently serves as Graduate Admissions Counselor, will head a stand alone office. Graduate Admissions will remain the same, but Russ will work diligently to support departments with graduate programs on behalf of such areas as marketing, follow-up contact with students and promotional materials. He will also attend area graduate and professional events at nearby universities to market UNA graduate programs. Coordinators of graduate programs are encouraged to contact Russ and meet with him about ideas that will help strengthen graduate programs. Be assured that Russ will not assume major administrative duties. This is not a graduate dean's office. Thank you in advance for your support as Russ initiates this transition.

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