

# Academic Affairs Newsletter

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## Study Abroad

Alabama A&M University recently hosted a study abroad fair. Six faculty attended on behalf of UNA: Jeff Bibbee, Chiong-Yiao Chen, Craig Christy, Francis Koti, Scott Infanger, and Greg Pitts. Thanks to these faculty and others who are helping prepare students for a global society.

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## Faculty Web Pages

Faculty members with the technology expertise to do so can create web pages for their professional and classroom use without using the designated web lion. If they wish to do so, they should contact Jeremy Britten, web communications manager, to get a URL and server space. In such cases, the faculty member is responsible for creating, maintaining, and editing the web page as needed. They are also responsible for compliance with general web design guidelines and ensuring that all web page material is work related. Faculty members who wish to have a web page but don't have such expertise should consult the web lion for their department. Also, if faculty members currently have a web page, please ensure that it is maintained and kept current. Thank you.

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## New Faculty

Dr. Mark Greer is an Assistant Professor of Mathematics. Originally from Arizona, he received his bachelor's degree at Northern Arizona University, and his master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Denver in 2013. Dr. Greer's area of research focuses on nonassociative mathematics, specifically quasigroups and loops. Examples of quasigroups and loops arise in projective geometry, special relativity and quantum mechanics. He has published several articles in the field, as well as given numerous talks at international and domestic conferences. Aside from continuing his personal research, Dr. Greer is currently building a new research project combining quasigroups, latin squares and cryptography with several undergraduates here at UNA. He has also started a weekly colloquium, where talks are given by students and faculty detailing projects and necessary background topics for new undergraduate research.



## Nursing Student Research Presentation

NU 406 (Research in Nursing) students will present their research efforts to colleagues and to the campus. The dates are November 19 and 21, from 1 - 3 p.m. Presentations will occur in Stevens Hall Auditorium and the campus community is invited. Thanks to the College of Nursing for supporting student research at UNA.

## COAS Dean Search

The search committee to hire a dean to replace Dr. Vagn Hansen has been established. The members are: Dr. Melvin Davis, Chair; Drs. Dennis Balch, Mary Bowers, Thomas Calhoun, Frank Diaz, Ian Loeppky, Lynne Rieff, Patricia Sanders, and Alex Takeuchi. Thanks to these individuals for their willingness to assist with this important responsibility.

## NCATE Visit for COEHS

A team representing the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) will be on campus November 17 - 19, 2013, to conduct an on-site review of all UNA teacher education programs. UNA is one of twenty-one institutions in Alabama that are recognized by NCATE, and was one of the first five to be accredited in 1954. The November review was preceded by an off-site review in August. A special "Thank You" to all of the UNA faculty, staff, administrators and P-12 partners who continuously support the accreditation efforts of the College of Education and Human Sciences.

Dr. Donna Lefort

## Budget Stat

In 2007, the State of Alabama appropriated \$33,707,514 to UNA. Five years later (2012), the State of Alabama appropriated \$24,764,488.

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