

Congratulations!

Two nursing faculty recently completed doctorate degrees at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. Dr. Linda Austin defended her dissertation on May 1 and Dr. Michelle Nelson on May 15, and both received the Doctor of Philosophy degree. Dr. Austin is a member of the Online Nursing Department and Dr. Nelson is in the Traditional Nursing Department.

The Department of Sociology and Family Studies is pleased to announce that the **Master of Science Program in Family Studies** was approved by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education on Friday, June 13, 2014. The online program requires 33 hours of graduate work in the field and is designed to focus on the family as a social unit in its developmental, dynamic, comparative, and structural aspects, and the significance of the family as a system that impacts individuals and society. Student applications are currently being reviewed. Please feel free to share this information with any interested individuals. Students seeking additional information should contact Dr. Amber Paulk, Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Sociology and Family Studies, at 256.765.4855 or apaulk@una.edu.

Dr. Paul Davison received a \$20K grant from the USDA Forest Service. The grant supports collection of rare bryophytes found in the Southern Appalachian region and development of an instructional field guide.

Congratulations to the following student recipients of the Undergraduate Research Award: **J. Michael B**, "A Proposal to Investigate the Nonpolitical

Motivations of British Foreign Policy under Lord Lansdowne and Sir Edward Grey, 1900-1907" (Dr. Jeffrey Bibbee, faculty mentor); **Rosmely Hernandez**, "The Effectiveness of Monotherapy versus Combination Therapy on Respiratory Pathogens Isolated from Sputum Samples Collected at Different Medical Facilities" (Dr. Lisa Blankenship, faculty mentor); **Joseph Dawson**, "The Evaluation of the Properties of Aminium Carboxylates and Their Effects on the Atmospheric Aerosol" (Dr. Chong Qui, faculty mentor); and **Nealey Sims**, "Correlation of Depositional Sequences in Upper Cretaceous Deposits of East Alabama" (Dr. Mark Puckett, faculty mentor). The Undergraduate Research Award supports student initiated research efforts that are focused in their field of study. Each of the award recipients will receive \$1000 to conduct their research and three credit hour tuition waver.

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Good Advice

Below is a link to the best commencement speech I have ever heard. Then again I may be a bit biased since I worked for Bill McRaven from 2005 to 2007 in Special Operations Command Europe (he only wore two stars then). He is probably one of the most brilliant and positive human beings I have ever met. Just about every Thursday afternoon (if he was not on the road), he would wander around the HQ with a cup of coffee and just stop in offices and sit down and ask you "what the hell you were working on." I learned something from every one of those conversations. While I would love for every one of our students to hear this, I think it might provide some inspiration to faculty and staff as well. ~Wayne P. Bergeron, LTC (ret.)

<http://blogs.militarytimes.com/scoopdeck/2014/05/19/top-seals-life-advice-make-your-bed/?sf26377370=1>

Honors Program Expands

The University Honors Program is very pleased to announce two new additions to the staff: Dr. Melissa Driskell, Instructor in Geology, joined the Honors Program in June as Assistant Director. A geology undergraduate while at UNA, Dr. Driskell is trained in geophysics and seismology with a M.S. degree from Arizona State University and a Ph.D. from the University of Memphis. Dr. Driskell is married to Josh Driskell, and they have two children: Ciarán (10) and Bella (9). Dr. Driskell will continue to teach in the Department of Physics and Earth Science in addition to her work with the Honors Program.

Ms. Laura Beasley joined the Honors Program staff in October 2013, in a temporary capacity and became the permanent Administrative Assistant in May. Laura graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, with a B.S. in Conservation and Resource Studies. She is originally from California but has lived in Florence for 22 years. Laura is married to Brad Beasley, and they have three children: Grace (18), Mike (16), and Griffin (11). Please join us in welcoming the new staff!

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