

Welcome New Colleagues!

The New Faculty Orientation, sponsored by the VPAA's Office, was held on August 17, 2015. The program offered new faculty an overview of academic priorities, information on campus resources, the tenure and promotion process, employee benefits, Banner, and Canvas. As part of the event, faculty had the opportunity to meet with the President, Provost, and other campus leaders, faculty and staff. Orientation sessions themed "Coffee and Conversation" will continue throughout the first year to allow new faculty to meet, network and collaborate. Each session will focus on topics of practical interest such as "Surviving Your First Year!" We are proud of the new faculty cohort who join our distinctive team of teacher-scholars at UNA. Welcome!

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Faculty Accomplishments!



The Department of Geography is pleased to announce that Professor Emeritus of Geography **Dr. William Strong** was recently awarded the 2015 Distinguished Mentor Award (DMA) by the National Council for Geographic Education. The recognition took place at a special ceremony during the National Conference on Geography Education (NCGE) on Saturday, August 8, 2015, at the JW Marriott Hotel in Washington, DC.

Dr. Herve Dovoedo, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, co-authored with Professor Subha Chakraborti of the University of Alabama, a paper entitled "Power of Depth-Based Two-Sample Multivariate Location Tests for Skewed Distributions," published in the *Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation*, vol. 85(10): 2015.



New Faculty

Dr. Leshan J. Elliott joined UNA as an Assistant Professor and Program Director of Industrial Hygiene (IH), overseeing the program's accreditation through ASAC-ABET, as well as maintaining its National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Training Grant. Dr. Elliott has eight years of experience in the field of industrial hygiene/environmental health and safety (EHS), and most recently as Sr. Vice President of EHS at Constellium (formerly Wise Metals). Dr. Elliott holds a Ph.D. in environmental health sciences (2008) and a master's degree in public health (2003), both with concentrations in industrial hygiene, from the University of Alabama-Birmingham. She is a 2003 graduate of UNA's industrial hygiene program where she was awarded the prestigious Keller Key for the graduate with the highest grade point average. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, and holds the top two industry certifications in the field: Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) and Certified Safety Professional (CSP).

Congratulations!

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program in the Department of Counselor Education received accreditation from the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). CACREP is the national accrediting body for counselor education programs and is the recognized training standard for counselors by the Institute of Medicine and the Veteran's Administration. This streamlines the licensure/certification process for counselor education graduates and prepares them for counseling jobs anywhere in the United States.

We invite your articles to be included in this newsletter. It's your time to ROAR!