

Time to Celebrate!

The beginning of the Fall 2015 semester marked the celebration of many historical milestones. The University's 185th year was fittingly commemorated with the Investiture of President Kitts which brought people from all walks of life to celebrate the rich heritage of the Shoals, and reflect on the many remarkable achievements of UNA. Our University is stronger than ever with the largest freshmen cohort at 1,159 students and a record enrollment of 7,078, a result of the collective efforts and hard work of faculty, staff and administrators! The grand opening and ribbon-cutting of the Science and Technology Building with state-of-the-art labs and teaching and research spaces make it a world class facility, comparable to the best in the nation! The beauty of our campus is reflected in the quality of our classrooms where faculty strive every day to ensure that programs and curriculum provide our students with an enriched and transformative learning experience. What an incredible beginning to the semester: it is indeed time to "Celebrate the Shoals!" We look forward to the next 185!!



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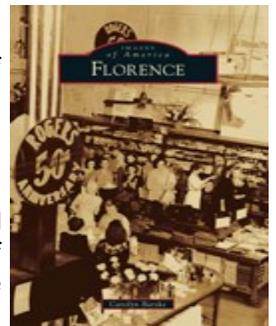
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Faculty Accomplishments!

During the 2013-2014 academic year, UNA public history graduate students Clint Alley, Jesse Brock, and Wes Garmon worked with Dr. Carrie Barske, Assistant Professor of History, to compile a pictorial history of Florence. Utilizing the photograph collections of UNA's archives, the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, and Florence Main Street, the group selected images of historic homes, businesses, churches and schools to portray the rich history and heritage of Florence. They then conducted research on the subjects of the photographs. The finished product includes over 170 images - a small fraction of those available! Arcadia Publishing released the book in the summer of 2014. Proceeds from the book go to the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area, and the UNA Public History Center.



Ms. Carol Gossett, Assistant Professor of Computer Information Systems at UNA, has been accepted into the Cengage Learning Faculty Partners' Network, a community of educators who use Cengage Learning's digital solutions in innovative ways. She is one of 17 people selected from around the country to be a part of the program assisting professors in incorporating "SAM," an interactive online learning environment. The College of Business has been using the program in CIS 125 and now Ms. Gossett can help other faculty do the same.

New Faculty



Katie Owens-Murphy joined UNA as an Assistant Professor of English. With a Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University she specializes in 20th-century American literature. Dr. Murphy joined the UNA faculty after spending two years as a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Minnesota-Duluth, where she taught courses ranging from King Arthur to U.S. prison literature. Her book, "Lyrical Strategies: The Poetics of the Twentieth Century American Novel", examines the interplay between lyric and narrative forms in the 20th-century American novel and is currently under contract with Northwestern University Press. A native of Buffalo, New York, she is excited to finally be in warm weather.

Congratulations!

UNA's interior design program, leading to a Bachelor of Science in Human Environmental Sciences, has been awarded accreditation by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA). The CIDA accreditation signifies the quality of the program and benefits the public in many ways. Parents, students, and employers of graduates from a CIDA accredited program can be assured that the program meets the rigor of peer review and develops the knowledge and skills needed to practice in the industry. Congratulations to the interior design faculty: Mr. Dwight Bunn, Mr. Dhruvil Patel and Ms. Kendra McLain on this accomplishment. UNA is the only interior design program in the state of Alabama accredited by both CIDA and the National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA).

