



# Academic Affairs Newsletter

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## New Faculty, Spring 2013

UNA is pleased to welcome four new faculty members. They include; Mr. Jonathan Cain, Visiting Assistant Professor of Art; Ms. Nikita Duke and Ms. Clarissa Hall, Instructors in Nursing; and Mr. Chong Qiu, Instructor in Chemistry. Also, Laura Hardin has returned to full-time teaching in the Department of Communications. We wish them all success.

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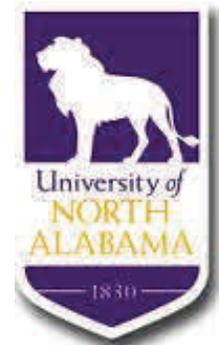
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## Factors Associated with Degree Completion

A recent publication reported degree completion rates by family income quartiles. In 2011, the estimated bachelor's degree completion rates by age 24 were as follows:

- 23.4% for students from the bottom quartile of family income, below \$33,283.
- 24.8% for students from the second quartile of family income, between \$33,283 and \$63,125.
- 44.4% for students from the third quartile of family income, between \$63,125 and \$104,750.
- 87.3% for students who were born into the top quartile of family income, above \$104,750 in 2011.

Source: Postsecondary Education Opportunity, November 2012.



## New Faculty Introductions

Mrs. Michele Derouen joined Kilby Laboratory School in the fall of 2012 from Houma, Louisiana, with 23 years teaching experience in elementary education. She has a master's degree in reading from Nichols State University and a

Reading Specialist certification. Michele was a Reading Coach, a Reading Interventionist and a Ready to Learn chair before coming to UNA. Michele and her husband, Dennis, have been married for 23 years and have two daughters. Sarah is a senior at the University of Arkansas and Amber is a sophomore at Auburn University. Being from south Louisiana, Michele is part of the Cajun nation, a Saints fan, has a Cajun accent and makes a mean gumbo. Michele really enjoys her new Kilby family and is glad to be here.

David Brommer is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography. He received his bachelor's degree in geoscience from Mississippi State University in 2000, his master's degree in geography from Arizona State University in 2002, and his Ph.D. in geography in 2006, also from Arizona State University. Following completion of his Ph.D., David joined the faculty in the Department of Geography at the University of Alabama as an Assistant Professor from 2006 through 2012. While at UA, he developed his research interests in contemporary climate variability, synoptic climatology, and in severe weather hazards publishing in a variety of peer-reviewed geography and climate journals. David's teaching interests follow his research interests, teaching courses in climatology, meteorology, climate change, and severe weather.