



In Memoriam

Jason Flynn was an associate professor of Film & Digital Media Production in the Department of Communications at the University of North Alabama. He joined the department in 2008, built its Film program into an award-winning academic unit, and served as interim department chair for the 2015-2016 academic year. He was a prolific producer, director, cinematographer, and screenwriter. His work has been screened at dozens of film festivals at the local, state, regional, national, and international levels, and his productions have earned multiple awards and recognitions. We are deeply saddened by the loss of Professor Flynn and we offer his family our heartfelt condolences

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Faculty Accomplishments and Presentations

Dr. John Hodges, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work and Dr. Joy Borah, Professor, Department of Social Work, and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs presented a paper "Predicting Use of Community Mental Health Services: Do Demographics of Consumers Matter?" at the 45th Annual Alabama-Mississippi Social Work Education Conference sponsored by Troy University at Phenix City, AL on October 6th .

Dr. Trudy Abel serves as a CAEP (Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation) SPA (Specialized Professional Associations) reviewer. She is currently reviewing four national programs for alignment with Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Standards.

Dr. Lisa Clayton, Dr. Lorie Johnson, Dr. Linda Armstrong, and Dr. Katie Kinney from the Department of Elementary Education presented "Navigating edTPA: First Year Reflections" at the October Alabama Teacher Educators Conference at the University of Montevallo.

Dr. Katie Kinney completed training in August to become a reviewer and site visitor for the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation.

Dr. Lorie Johnson, Assistant Professor, Elementary Education, and Dr. Joy Brown, Professor, Secondary Education, presented "Playing With Words: Powerful Strategies for Building Oral Language and Vocabulary Across the K-5 Curriculum" as invited presenters for the Florida Reading Association's annual conference in Orlando, Florida.

Congratulations!

Below are awardees from the University of North Alabama 2016 Homecoming Alumni Awards Banquet

Faculty/ Staff Service:

Dr. Jana Beaver- Department Chair, Associate Professor of Management

Dr. Lee Renfroe- Associate Professor, HPER

Ms. Stephanie Montgomery- Instructor, Speech Communication

Friends of the University:

Dr. Walter Campbell- Professor Emerita of Accounting

Dr. Sharon Campbell- Professor of Accounting

Best Undergraduate Research Paper:

Natasha Thomas, BSW Student, University of North Alabama, was awarded the "Best Undergraduate Research Paper" for her presentation titled "Building Community Support for People Living with HIV/AIDS in the Religious South." at the 45th Annual Alabama-Mississippi Social Work Education Conference sponsored by Troy University at Phenix City, AL on October 6th .

New Faculty



Timothy D. Butler comes to us from the University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley where he was an assistant professor since 2014. He has a PhD and M.S. in Marketing from the University of Alabama as well as a B.A. from Binghamton University. Dr. Butler's research and teaching focuses on sales, social media, innovation, marketing strategy, and retail management. He has published studies in the Journal of Marketing Theory and Practice, Journal of Customer Behavior, Journal of Strategy and Management, and Der Markt and made research presentations at the American Marketing Association, Academy of Marketing Science, and Society for Marketing Advances. Prior to academics, Dr. Butler worked in the banking, insurance, and retail industries.

Important Dates

November 1 - Promotion: Electronic Portfolio Submission Deadline

November 23 - End of "WP/WF" Period, last day for students to withdraw from a class or all classes.

Open Invitation

We invite your feedback and stories to make the newsletter more beneficial to campus. Please send submissions to djohnson@una.edu.