NEW DEAN FOR THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Dr. R. Brent Thomas was named as the new dean for LA&S by Dr. David Cordle, provost and vice president for academic affairs. “The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is truly the heart of the university, and the dean position in LA&S is one of ESU’s most important leadership roles,” said Cordle. “It’s gratifying that after a thorough national search, the best choice for the dean appointment turns out to be someone we already know and admire. Brent Thomas has demonstrated great leadership as chair of the Department of Biological Sciences. He is now ready and fully prepared to build upon Marie Miller’s work as Emporia State’s Arts & Sciences dean.”

Thomas, who became dean on June 8, identified his first order of business — finding a new chair for the Department of Biological Sciences, the position Thomas has filled since December 2008, two years after he began teaching at Emporia State University.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fall Calendar

Career and Graduate School Fair—MU Webb Hall 9/11
Grad School/Career Services Boot Camp—MU Greek Room 9/18
Durst Research Award Proposals Due 10/3
Thesis/Dissertation Support Award Applications Due 10/17
Graduate Recruiting—Memorial Union Main Street 10/21
Grad School/Career Services Boot Camp—MU PKP Room 10/29
Intent to Graduate for Spring 2015 due 10/31
Graduate Recruiting—Memorial Union Main Street 11/12
Thesis and Dissertations due to Graduate School 11/14
Grover Scholarship Applications Due 11/21
Graduate Commencement—Albert Taylor Hall 12/13

FROM THE DEAN

“Summer afternoon-summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language” (Henry James).

Fall, 2014—Already! Seriously, what happened to the summer? I remember those slow, warm, summers, that seemed to go on forever. Not so this summer! While I was able to get a few good summer reads finished, I feel as if the summer has gone so quickly. F. Scott Fitzgerald said, “And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer. “ Summers matter and I hope all of you have had time away to refresh and rejuvenate and prepare yourself for the fall academic semester.

Welcome to the Fall semester!
NEW PRESIDENTIAL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Thanks to the generosity of President Shonrock, the Graduate School will be awarding two Presidential Graduate Scholarships during the Fall 2014 semester. Students will be awarded $4,000 per year ($2,000 per semester) and the scholarships are automatically renewable for the 2nd year of study, provided the recipients maintain a 3.5 gpa. Scholarship applications are due August 14. To qualify, students must have an undergraduate degree from ESU with a 3.5 cumulative gpa. Students will be required to demonstrate evidence of leadership experiences and activities which indicate promotion of the common good.

NEW DEPARTMENT CHAIRS

Dr. Eric Yang has been appointed Interim Chair of Biological Sciences.

Dr. Matt Seimears has been appointed Chair of Elementary Education/Early Childhood/Special Education

Dr. Zeni Colorado has been appointed as Chair of Instructional Design and Technology

Dr. Daniel Stiffler has been appointed as Chair of School Leadership/Middle and Secondary Teacher Education

Dr. Michael Smith has been appointed as Interim Chair of Social Sciences

Dr. Shawna Shane has been appointed as Chair of Health, Physical and Recreation

SCHOLARSHIP/RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Two Robert J. Grover Scholarships will be awarded during the fall 2014 semester. The application deadline is November 21, 2014. Applications are available online at http://www.emporia.edu/grad/scholarships-awards/. Each award recipient will receive $400.

The Harold Durst Graduate Research Award will be awarded during the fall 2014 semester. The application deadline is October 3, 2014. Applicants must be completing a thesis/dissertation and must submit a Research Proposal. The recipient will receive $1000.

JOE KERN WORKSHOP

Joe Kern, Instructional Designer for Distance Education, will present a workshop entitled “Teaching Tools for Student Interaction.” The workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7, from 3:00-4:00 in the PKP Room in the Memorial Union. All faculty and students are welcome to attend. Graduate teaching assistants are required to attend.
UPCOMING FACULTY/STUDENT WORKSHOPS

Ms. Terri Summey will present the following workshops for faculty and students.

Tuesday, Sept. 23rd, Blue Key Room, Union - 3-4 pm: Cite it Right! - Need help citing your sources? Want to learn some tips for finding citations? Looking for tools to help you out? In this workshop we will cover the basics of citations. Learn a little bit about the tools and citation managers that are available to help you create citations from library resources, Google Scholar and much more!

Tuesday, Sept. 30th, White Library 209E - 3-4 pm: Taming Your Research with Zotero - Come and learn about this free citation tool, that is more than a citation creating machine. It is a reference manager, resource organizer, works-cited creator, and research tamer. (Hands on)

Tuesday, Oct. 7th, White Library 209E - 3-4 pm: Getting Started with EndNote - Looking for a tool to help you cite your sources. EndNote can help you out. This workshop will focus on the basics of EndNote which is found as part of the Web of Science Package. (Hands on)

Tuesday, Oct. 14th, White Library 209E - 3-4 pm: Changing How You Research with Mendeley - Mendeley is a free citation management tool that allows you to collect, organize, and share your research resources. This workshop will introduce you to the basics of this tool. (Hands on)

FULBRIGHT FACULTY SCHOLARS

Dr. John Barnett was recently awarded a Fulbright Faculty Scholarship for research in Vietnam. He will visit Vietnam during his sabbatical leave in spring 2015. He will be in Vietnam for 6 months doing research regarding “Public Policy and Agriculture.” He will be doing his research at Hanoi Agricultural University.

Previous Fulbright Faculty Scholars from Emporia State are:

James Aber—Physical Sciences—received award in 1993—taught in Warsaw Poland
Herbert Achleitner—SLIM—received awards in 2001 and 2005—taught in Sophia, Bulgaria and Belgrade, Serbia
David Edds—Biological Sciences—received award in 1996—research in Nepal
Thomas Isern—Social Sciences—received award in 1991—research in New Zealand
Phil Kelly—Social Sciences—received award 1989—taught in Asuncion, Paraguay
Kim Kreicker—Modern Languages—received award in 2007—research in Paraguay
Scott Waters—Elementary Education—received award in 1998—research in China
MEMORIAL TO FALLEN EDUCATORS DEDICATED

Bagpipes played solemnly in the distance as family, friends, colleagues and community members approached the Memorial to Fallen Educators on Thursday afternoon. The memorial, located on the Emporia State University campus, was dedicated Thursday, June 12, in a special ceremony to honor the 113 educators who have died while performing their duty — educating America’s young people. The keynote speaker was Ruthanne Buck, Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education. She expressed her appreciation for the memorial but stated, “It is my hope that we never etch another name into the granite.”

Anthony Salvatore of the Newtown Connecticut Administrators Union and Thomas Kuroski with the American Federation of Teachers, also from Newtown, also spoke at the dedication ceremony. Both expressed that taking part in the memorial dedication was a part of their journey to healing, as well, as a fitting tribute to the lives of their friends and colleagues.

All of the names were read aloud by Thomas Kuroski, Liesl Fressola, Sandy Hook Elementary Teacher, and the members of the NTHF Class of 2014.

The black granite monument was constructed on the Emporia State University campus next to the historic one-room school house. The 6 foot by 6 foot black granite book will be engraved with the names of the nearly 113 educators who lost their lives in our nation’s schools. The memorial plaza will be a fitting and permanent tribute to these unsung heroes.

CAREER AND GRADUATE SCHOOL FAIR AND ALUMNI NETWORKING EVENT

Emporia State University will be hosting a Career and Graduate School Fair on September 11 from 10:00am—2:00pm in Webb Hall of the Memorial Union. Emporia State alumni recruiters who attend this event are invited to also attend a “VIP Networking Event” following the fair. The special event will be held from 2:00-4:00 in the Preston Family room of the Union. Up to two alumni recruiters from each organization can attend. Recruiters can register through their Hire-a-Hornet account, contact Career Services at career@emporia.edu, or call 620-341-5407.
NEW GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

- Daniel Able, SLIM
- Melanie Arroyo, Counselor Education
- Emma Bailey, Counselor Education
- Shannon Boise, HPER
- Carrie Booth, Psychology
- Samantha Brandt, Counselor Education
- Andrew Brei, HPER
- Sharon Cairns, SLIM
- Lori Church, Counselor Education
- Corie Covino, SLIM
- Victoria Crocker, SLIM
- Joel Cushing, HPER
- Megan Dugan, SLIM
- Sean Dwyer, HPER
- Lee Ann Eggers, SLIM
- Matt Fairbanks, HPER
- Angel Freeman, SLIM
- Morgan Gibson, SLIM
- Chad Hablutzel, IDT
- Tyler Hancock, HPER
- Stephen Harmon, Psychology
- Alexandra Hemmen, Elementary Education/Early Childhood/Special Education
- Joanne Kaechele, Elementary Education/Early Childhood/Special Education
- Gustave Karagrozis, HPER
- Douglas Keesee, HPER
- Kayla Kettleson, SLIM
- Katie Kremperger, HPER
- Zachary Leming, SLIM
- Katharine Lidgett, SLIM
- Joseph Magagnoli, HPER
- Jessica McCaulsky, SLIM
- Jeffrey Miller, Business
- Kelly Miller, IDT
- Stephanie Miller, SLIM
- Sarah Mullins, Counselor Education
- Perry Munuhe, Business
- Charlotte Nance, SLIM
- Sarah Noller, Biological Sciences
- Jon Parker, HPER
- Kathleen Reid, HPER
- Jeannette Remington, SLIM
- Jared Richards, SLIM
- Heather Robinette, Business
- Deirdre Roscoe, SLIM
- Joaquin Sampson, SLIM
- Kaitlyn Schafer, Counselor Education
- Kristina Scott, SLIM
- Sarah St. John, SLIM
- Mark Swails, SLIM
- Leslie Taylor, IDT
- Cole Webb, Business
- Taylor Whipple, Counselor Education
- Anniina Wooge, Business

ESU GRADUATE SCHOOL RECRUITING

We will have a recruiting table on Main Street in the Union on October 21 and November 12. The Grad School and Career Services will also be holding two Grad School Boot Camps on September 18 and October 29. Don’t forget that September 11 is ESU’s Career and Graduate School Fair, 10-2 in Webb Hall in the Union.

In addition to our on-campus recruiting, we kick off September with a trip to Topeka for the Washburn Career Fair (September 10). Then we are back to Emporia for the Great American Market downtown on the 13th. We visit our neighbors in Oklahoma at University of Central Oklahoma on September 17. There will be a trip to the McNair Scholar’s Conference in Kansas City (19). Next, we’re off to Utah to recruit at Utah Valley University (23), Brigham Young University (24) and University of Utah (26). Then back to Oklahoma at Oklahoma Christian University (29).

October begins with the Tri-College Fair in Fargo, ND (1). We will be attending the Kansas Association for Gifted Conference in Overland Park on October 5-6. Then off to Nebraska to recruit at University of Nebraska-Kearney (7) and the Nebraska Library Association conference (8-10). Next is a week in Texas with trips to Texas Women’s University (13), Texas Wesleyan (tba), UT Arlington (15), and UT Dallas (16). We end October with a trip to College of the Ozarks (23).

Our off-campus fall recruiting concludes with a trip to Wisconsin for the National McNair Conference (October 31-November 2).