

SUU COLLEGE OF Humanities & Social Sciences



Dean's Corner Message

Dean Jean Boreen

Greetings from all of us in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. We are days away from graduation and, I am happy to finally see, us getting some spring weather. This time of year is a wonderful one for us on campus. We recently hosted our Faculty and Student Awards Banquet and came together to celebrate the wonderful academic work our graduates have participated in and acknowledge the academic and service work of our faculty and staff. You can see all of our awardees in this newsletter.

I'm also excited to introduce our two newest HSS Board members: Sherilyn Ranstrom and Klynton Jessup. We have a very active board made up of alumni as well as friends of The College of Humanities and Social Sciences and appreciate the work they do in supporting our students and the College as they work with us to share the wonderful activities going on in the College.

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“Learn on the Go” in Greece!

The Role and Function of Myth and Religion in Western Thought

Learn on the Go is an educational travel program designed to provide meaningful travel experiences. Learn on the Go experiences are designed, and led, by faculty experts in the SUU College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Our programs are cost effective, and revenue provides scholarship funds for students studying within the college.

Learn on the Go will be in Greece in October, 2023. Led by Dr. David Lunt and the College of Humanities and

Social Sciences, our group will travel to Greece to learn about mythology and religion in Western thought while exploring some of its most iconic places. Our program will include visits to Athens, Delphi, and Nafplio with time spent at the Acropolis and ancient temple sites. In each location, we will be guided by Professor David Lunt who has published extensively and teaches university courses on connections between myth, religion, and history in ancient Greece.

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2022-2023 HSS Student Awards



HSS Valetorian

Aspen English

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Psychology Outstanding Student

Marta Mohedano Jurado



Psychology Outstanding Scholar

Dylan Jensen



Applied Psychology Student

Amelia Merritt



Psychology Student Contributor

Emily Arrington



Psychology Student Contributor

Angelica Jaegle



PSCJ Outstanding Student

Anna Ruecker



Political Science Outstanding Student

Thomas Cloward



Criminal Justice Outstanding Student

Andrew Romero



Legal Studies Outstanding Student

Eliza Berrett



MPA Outstanding Student

Clara Webster



Language & Philosophy Outstanding Student

Drake Baltzer



Outstanding Spanish Student

Samantha Burgess



Outstanding German Student

Eleora Johnson



Outstanding French Student

Breanna Lake



Philosophy Outstanding Student

Karaline Taylor

Student Awards Continued



**INDS Studies
Outstanding Student**
Zoe Southers



**MIS Outstanding
Student**
Jana Stoneman



**Outstanding HSA
Student**
Brinlie Benson



**Outstanding Anthro-
pology Student**
Gracie (Fairchild) Rayl



**Outstanding History
Student**
Cedar Williams



**Outstanding History
Teaching Student**
Suzanna Allred



**Outstanding Social
Science Teaching**
Miranda Shakespeare



**Outstanding
Sociology Student**
Priscilla Gonzalez



**Top English
Student**
Kylie Brown



**Top Literature
Student**
Jiayi Ge



**Top English
Education Student**
Madalynn Belliston



**Top Creative
Writing Student**
Hannah Quantz



**Top Rhetoric and
Writing Student**
Aspen English



**Outstanding Film &
Screen Studies Student**
Paige Jorgensen



**Outstanding Tech.
Writing Student**
Adalynn Rich



**Outstanding Comm.
Student**
Aspen English



**Message Design
Outstanding Student**
Haley Brinkerhoff



**Media Studies
Outstanding Student**
Andrea Rodgers



**Strategic Comm.
Outstanding Student**
Kassidy Larsen



**MaPC Outstanding
Student Award**
Jordan Draper

2022-2023 HSS Faculty & Staff Awards



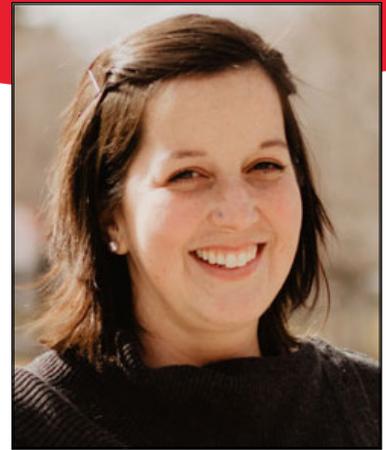
Outstanding Scholarship Award

David Lunt, HSA



Outstanding Scholarship Award

Kris Phillips, L&P



Innovative Pedagogy Award

Crystal Koenig, HSA



Innovative Pedagogy Award

Julie McCown, Engr.



Early Career Award

Braden Bagley, Comm.



Early Career Award

Matt Newsom, HSA



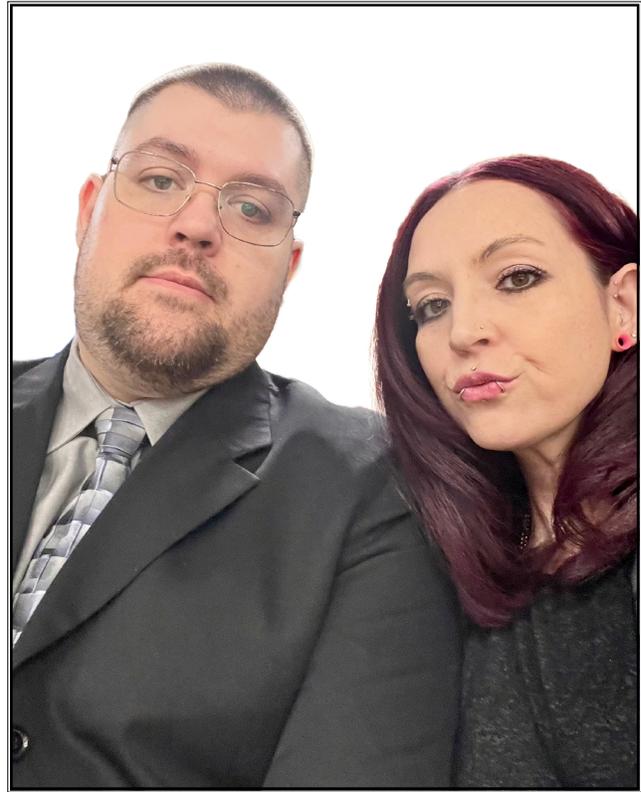
Collaborative Excellence Award

Roger Carter, MPA



Outstanding Staff Award

Alyson King, Engr.



HSS Advisory Council's Newest Members

We want to give a warm welcome to Klynton Jessup and Sherilyn Ranstrom, two new members of the HSS Advisory Board. We had the pleasure of interviewing them both, and are excited to share a little bit of information about them!

Sherilyn Ranstrom

Sherilyn Ranstrom received a BS in Psychology from SUU. The university has a special place in her heart as she feels it is where she got her start in life. Additionally, she found SUU to have “top notch faculty”, and is glad to see that the university continues to have wonderful faculty. Sherilyn shared that her education gave her the chance to break out of the narrow perspective she was raised with. “My journey through school was the foundation of my independence, self-confidence, and success.” She wants to share the message that education isn’t just about a degree, it is a lifelong process. “Beyond the degree, education is what allows us to explore new ideas, connect with others, and understand the world around us.”

Klynton Jessup

Klynton Jessup graduated from SUU with a BS in General Studies and minors in both German and Philosophy. His favorite part about SUU was and remains to be the faculty. Klynton is now working as a software engineer manager for Dropbox and has 3 businesses of his own. When asked about the role his education plays in his life, Klynton stated, “The Humanities gives you the ability to relate to and understand other people, the ability to think critically about multiple, conflicting problems, the ability to research and write thoroughly, and communicate clearly.” It is his belief that his background in the Humanities would have set him up for success in any field that involves interacting with people.



HSS Publications

Congratulations to our HSS faculty on their recent publications.

Call, Justin T. "The Day the Gods Went Silent." *The King Must Fall: A Grimdark Magazine Anthology*. Edited by Adrian Collins et al., Grimdark Magazine, 2022.

Ping, Larry. Liberalismus und Nationalsozialismus, Eine Beziehungsgeschichte. Edited by Elke Seefried, Ernst Wolfgang Becker, Frank Bajohr, and Johannes Hürter. Stuttgart: Franz Steiner, 2020. Pp. 458. *Central European History*, Vol. 55, Nr. 1, March 2022. p. 158.

Riley Koenig, C. M., Koenig, B.L., & Sanz, C. M. (2023). Portrayals of wild primates in documentary films: Reason for concern? *Primates*, 64, 177-189. (<https://rdcu.be/cVUDv>)

Shoemaker, Ryan. "In That Classroom." *Weber: The Contemporary West*, vol. 39, no. 1, Fall 2022, pp. 84-93.

Shoemaker, Ryan. "The Private Investigator." *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought*, vol. 55, no. 2, Summer 2022, pp. 129-142.

Shoemaker, Ryan. "Come as You Are." *Made in L.A.*, edited by Cody Sisco, Resonant Earth Publishing, 2023, pp. 17-41.

Taggart, Nano. "On Selecting the Contents of Care Package Number Three." *The Shore Poetry*, vol. 15, Autumn, 2022. <https://www.theshorepoetry.org/issue-15>.

Taggart, Nano. "Bathymetry." *The Laurel Review*, vol. 55, Issue 1, 2022, pg. 125.

Taggart, Nano. "The Listeners." *Pilgrimage* vol. 44, Issue 1, 2023, pg. TBD.

Taggart, Nano. "On the Verge of Nothing." *Pilgrimage* vol. 44, Issue 1, 2023, pg. TBD.

Taylor, J. R., Stein, K. A., & Barton, M. H. Say it like you meme it: Looking back on Covid memes as an extension of the news cycle. *Northwest Journal of Communication*.

UBA Job Fair

Department of Communication Student Trip

In March of this year, the SUU Department of Communication took 14 SUU students and 6 students from Utah Tech to Salt Lake City to attend the Utah Broadcasters Association job fair at the University of Utah. While up north, they took tours of KUER TV and Radio, Rio Tinto Stadium and the Real Salt Lake Production Studios, Broadway Media group, and KSL TV and Radio stations.

The trip director and chair of the SUU Department of Communication, Dr. Matt Barton said, "It was a fantastic trip! Our students handed out dozens of resumes, made some great connections with professionals, saw a lot of career and job possibilities they may not have been aware of, and learned about job and internship opportunities available now and in the coming months. While it was a long day, our students were awesome, respectful, professional, asked great questions, and (in one student's words, "loved every minute!"



Giving

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Gifts to the Dean's Excellence Fund immediately enhance the educational experience for our students by strengthening the College of Humanities and Social Science's programs, faculty, and facilities. These gifts are among the most important and valuable forms of support to the College of Humanities and Social Sciences because they can be accessed quickly and used where the need is greatest. Gifts to the Dean's Excellence Fund provide some of the following:

- Competitive scholarships for promising undergraduate and graduate students
- Support for the Dean's strategic initiatives
- Student study abroad and internship opportunities

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