Prof. Penny Pasque, Adult and Higher Education, has been named Emerging Scholar for 2008-2010 by the ACPA, College Student Educators International Association.


Prof. Shivakumar Raman, Industrial Engineering, was elected to the Board of Directors for the North American Manufacturing Research Institution of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.


The Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard has awarded Prof. Peter Cahn, Anthropology, a fellowship for the 2008-2009 academic year for resident study at Cambridge on the topic of religious change in contemporary Mexico.

Prof. Michael A. Mares and Dr. Janet K. Braun, Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History, discovered a mammal new to science. Their article on the discovery, with Ron Van den Bussche and Brandi Coyner of Oklahoma State University, will appear in Zootaxa, an international web-based journal. The research, supported by the National Science Foundation, describes a new species of mouse from isolated desert valleys of northwestern Argentina. Specimens are preserved in the Mammal Collection and the Oklahoma Collection of Genomic Resources at the SNOMNH.

Prof. Susan Laird, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, just completed her term as Immediate Past President on the Executive Board of the Philosophy of Education Society. She served as President-Elect from 2005-2006 and as President from 2006-2007.

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Dr. Yongpei Guan, Assistant Professor of Industrial Engineering, received the prestigious CAREER award ($400,001) from the National Science Foundation for his research project titled “A Study of Stochastic and Robust Integer Programming: Algorithms, Computations and Applications.”

Dr. Guan’s CAREER Award brings to 10 the total of such awards received by the College of Engineering since the program began in 1983, with another Award in the final stages of approval.

Dr. Emily Johnson, Associate Professor of Russian, delivered an invited presentation at the University of Toronto as part of the symposium “Eurasian Cities: Between Metropolis and Frontier.” Dr. Johnson’s paper was entitled: “Urban Blight as Public Spectacle: Petersburg in the Work of Vsevolod Krestovsky.”

Prof. Loretta Bass, Department of Sociology, was invited as a plenary speaker at the Children in Crisis Conference held at the University of South Carolina Upstate on March 28, 2008. She presented “Child Labor and Child Trafficking in Africa.”

Prof. Janet Brennan Croft, Head of Access Services, University Libraries, co-authored “An Index to Mythlore: Issues 1-100” with Edith Crowe, Professor Emeritus, San Jose State University.

Prof. Mark Nanny, Civil Engineering and Environmental Science, received a grant of $253,352 from ConocoPhillips to examine the adsorption of certain acids that might promote corrosion in equipment and contaminate aquatic organisms.

University Outreach is in the third year of a contract with the U. S. Postal Service to provide services to the National Center for Employee Development (NCED) in Norman. The five year contract is for $15.5 million and total funding is 44.2 million. The University has been providing such training services for over 18 years.

Dr. Jason Houston, Assistant Professor of Italian, won a summer research grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.