**People**

- Prof. Amy McGovern, Computer Science, chaired the 2009 Oklahoma EPSCoR Women in Science Conference. It seeks to excite young women about careers in science and technology and this year drew more than 500 middle, junior and high school students and 90 teachers from over 60 schools in Oklahoma. She also chaired the 2008 event and will be chair in 2010.
- Dr. Brian Langerhans, Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the OU Biological Station, was awarded the American Society of Naturalists Young Investigators Prize. It recognizes outstanding and promising work by early-career investigators.
- Prof. Mary Linn, Native American Languages Curator at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History, has been selected as the 2009 DaVinci Institute Fellow.

**Scholarship**

- Dr. W. Jackson Rushing III, Adkins Presidential Professor of Art History and Mary Lou Milner Carver Chair in Native American Art, delivered a lecture, “Bad Dogs: Culture and Context in Native American Art Since 1960,” at the Roswell Museum and Art Center on March 19.
- Using long-term data from New World tropical rainforests, Dr. Laurie J. Vitt, Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History and Zoology Department, with co-investigators, recently demonstrated that tropical forest lizards may be more vulnerable to global warming than temperate zone species.

**People**

- Prof. of Public Relations, Katerina Tsetsura, was a featured speaker at the Dedication of the Global Public Relations Center, a new center for global public relations research and teaching at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.
- Prof. Yiqi Luo, Botany and Microbiology, was invited to serve as an advisor for an European Union project titled “The Terrestrial Carbon Cycle Under Climate Variability and Extremes – a Pan-European Synthesis: CARBO-Extreme.”
- Dr. Musharraf Zaman, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education in the College of Engineering, became Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Geomechanics, American Society of Civil Engineers. Prof. Zaman served as a co-editor of this prestigious journal for the past seven years.

**Funding**

- Dr. Penny Hopkins, Noble Foundation Presidential Professor of Zoology, received a Fulbright Specialists grant to assist faculty at the Central Institute of Fisheries Education in Mumbai, India for developing a curriculum in crustacean endocrinology and establishing a PhD program.
- Profs. Peter Mc Fetridge and Matthias Nollert, CBME, received a prestigious $353,706 grant from the National Institutes of Health for “Development and Assessment of a Natural Bioscaffold for Vascular Reconstruction.”
- The NASA Oklahoma Space Grant Consortium, under the direction of Dr. Victoria Duca Snowden, received an outstanding award on the occasion of its 20th anniversary and is eligible to apply for the next five-year cycle of funding.
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✓ Prof. Chris Weaver, Computer Science and Associate Director of the Center for Spatial Analysis, gave a presentation on synthesizing interactive visual query interfaces at the Harvard Center for Geographic Analysis.

✓ Rebekah Rogers and Sara Vaughan, both undergraduate students in Linguistics, presented, respectively, "Perception Difficulties in Chinese Learners of English" and "Semantic Roles and the Preposition 'with': A Preliminary Analysis," at Student Research and Performance Day. Both papers were sponsored by Prof. Marcia Haag, Modern Languages and Literature.

✓ Film and Video Studies Prof. Timothy Shary gave an invited talk titled "Cold War Childhood: How Hollywood Convinced Youth to Fight," at the Children and War Conference hosted by Rutgers University.

Scholarship

✓ Dr. Mohammad T. Alhawary, ConocoPhillips Prof. of Arabic Language, Literature and Culture, recently published *Arabic Second Language Acquisition of Morphosyntax*.

✓ Dr. Rozmeri Basic, Associate Professor of Art History and Associate Dean of the Weitzenhoffer College of Fine Arts, presented the paper “Remedies for Cultural Iconoclasm,” at the Annual Midwest Art History Conference, Nelson--Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, MO.

Funding

✓ Drs. Dan O’Hair (Communication), Judee Burgoon (Communication), Mathew Jensen (Management Information System), and Claude Miller (Communication) received a $300,000 instrumentation grant from the US Air Force to equip the Oklahoma Message Analysis Laboratory.

✓ Prof. Binil Starly, Industrial Engineering, received a prestigious 5-year NSF CAREER Grant to develop a hybrid layered manufacturing technology for biological applications.

✓ Dance Prof. Austin Hartel II received a 2009-2010 Fulbright Scholars Grant to conduct research in Assuncion, Paraguay.

✓ Prof. of French, Julia Abramson, received a grant from the Oklahoma Humanities Council for book research and has been invited to speak in Strasbourg, France at the July conference on European Cuisines.

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✓ Dan Allen, a Ph.D. student in the Department of Zoology, has been awarded an NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant. Allen’s research investigates how the diversity of freshwater mussel assemblages influences the quantity of nutrients provided by mussels to stream food webs.

✓ Professor Rajiv P. Dant, Helen Robson Walton Centennial Chair in the Division of Marketing and Supply Chain Management, will keynote the 17th International Colloquium in Relationship Marketing, September 16th to 19th 2009 in Maastricht, The Netherlands. He also is part of an international 14-member research team that received a three-year, $300,000 National Agency of Research (France) grant to study franchising trends of in France.