**People**

- Prof. Linda Zagzebski (Philosophy) has been invited to give the Stanislaw Kaminski Memorial Lectures for 2010-2011 at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland.
- Prof. Suman Basuroy (Marketing) received the 2009 Carol and Bruce Mallen Lifetime Achievement Award for Scholarly Contributions to Motion Picture Industry Studies from UCLA’s Anderson School of Management.
- Dr. Doug Gransberg (Construction Science) has been appointed to the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada.
- Prof. Kuang-Hua Chang (AME) was the 2009 recipient of the Don Davis Award given by the Oklahoma City Committee on Disability Concerns. This honor is granted in recognition of service which substantially advances opportunities for people with disabilities in the greater Oklahoma City area.

**In the Field**

- Dr. Lynn Soreghan (ConocoPhillips School of Geology & Geophysics) and graduate students Allison Stumpf and Kristen Mara spent three weeks this December and January in the Antarctic, conducting research to assess patterns of weathering in various climates. Dr. Megan Elwood Madden also serves as a co-investigator on the project. See Dr. Soreghan’s blog about their travels at [http://faculty-staff.ou.edu/S/Gerilyn.S.Soreghan-1/Blog/MyBlog/Blog/Blog.html](http://faculty-staff.ou.edu/S/Gerilyn.S.Soreghan-1/Blog/MyBlog/Blog/Blog.html)

**Funding**

- Profs. Mrinal Saha, Cengiz Altan (Mechanical Engineering), Daniel Resasco, Brian Grady, Dimitrios Papavassiliou, Alberto Striolo (Chemical Engineering), & Kieran Mullen (Physics) received $598,179 from the U.S. Department of Defense (EPSCoR) for their project “Experimental and Theoretical Studies of Carbon Hierarchical Structure in Multifunctional Polymer.”
- Prof. Robert H. Cichewicz’s (Chemistry & Biochemistry) lab will receive funding for an NIH R01 award to discover and develop new antimicrobials from fungi to treat antibiotic resistant bacterial infections. This application was successful on its first submission.
- Ben Holt (Botany & Microbiology) and associates received $90,000 from OCAST Plant Science Research for their proposal titled “Conservation of the Chromatin Associated R/K52 Motif.”

**Students**

- Dominique Pittenger (MS student in the Construction Division, College of Architecture) was awarded one of nine University Transportation Center Graduate Research Awards at the Transportation Research Board’s annual meeting in Washington DC, January 16. Pittenger is developing life cycle cost models for 23 different pavement preservation treatments to enhance the sustainability of Oklahoma highways. Persons traveling south on Sooner road between 89th and Franklin can see the field test sections in the outside lane upon which she will base her analysis.
Scholarship

- The book “Smart Process Plants: Software and Hardware Solutions for Data Accuracy” by Prof. Miguel J. Bagajewicz Samuel (CBME & the Center for Engineering Optimization) was published by McGraw-Hill in November.
- The Oklahoma Study of Incarcerated Women and Their Children 2009, by Prof. Susan F. Sharp (Sociology) and Emily A. Pain (Sociology graduate student) in cooperation with the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth was released January 22 and was showcased at the Summit on Incarcerated Women on January 26 at Oklahoma Christian University.
- Prof. Ellen Greene (Classics) published a co-edited volume, The New Sappho on Old Age with Harvard University Press.

Funding

- Priscilla Griffith and Jiening Ruan (Instructional Leadership & Academic Curriculum) have received a No Child Left Behind Title II, Part A, Teacher Quality State Grant from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education in the amount of $171,200 to provide professional development to teachers in high-needs school districts to increase child outcomes.
- Profs. Sub Gollahalli and Ramkumar Parthasarathy (AME) received $475,976 from the U.S. Department of Energy for their research project titled "University of Oklahoma Biofuels Refining Engineering."
- The Center for the Study of Wireless Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC), under the leadership of Profs. Hank Grant (Industrial Engineering) and Hazem Refai (Electrical Engineering) has been awarded a NSF Industry/University Research Center Grant worth $57,771.

People

- School of Dance lecturer Holly Tall Chief was invited to perform the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy in The Nutcracker for the Antelope Valley Ballet Company in California. Ms. Tall Chief has performed the role with numerous companies across the southwest and her professional performing experience includes Ballet West of Salt Lake City, UT.
- Dr. Eren Erdener (Architecture) was selected to serve as a lead panelist to review pre-proposals in the NSF’s Division of Emerging Frontiers in Research and Innovation - Science in Energy and Environmental Design (EFRI-SEED).
- Prof. Krishnaiyan Thulasiraman (Computer Science) delivered the inaugural address at the Platinum Jubilee (75th) Conference of the Indian Mathematical Society on December 27, 2009. This conference marked the centennial year of the Indian Mathematical Society.

Events

- OU’s Center for Early Childhood Professional Development, the Hardman Center for Children with Learning Differences, and the Southwest Institute for Families and Children will co-host The Literacy Coaching Institute, February 25-27, 2010 at Embassy Suites in Norman. The event will bring together over 75 literacy educators from across the US.
- Researchers, scientists & students from OU’s School of Meteorology were principal presenters in more than 60 sessions at the 90th Annual American Meteorological Society meeting in Atlanta. Presentations covered climate change, new scientific partnerships, social sciences’ role in weather research and wind energy.
- Research findings by OU faculty and student astronomers were on display at the winter meeting of the American Astronomical Society, held January 3-7 in Washington, DC.