**People**

- Prof. Alan McPherson, International and Area Studies, was an invited speaker at the Center for the Study of the Americas at the Copenhagen Business School, Denmark. He also will be the Central American Visiting Scholar at the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies at Harvard University in spring 2010.

- At the annual meeting of the Southwestern Association of Naturalists in Monterrey, Mexico, Dr. Gary D. Schnell, Zoology and Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History, received the George Miksch Sutton Award in Conservation Research.

- Prof. Michael Mares, Director of the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History, is President-elect of the American Society of Mammalogists, the world’s oldest and largest society of 3,000 scientists who study mammals.

**SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT**

- Prof. Amy Cerato, School of Civil Engineering and Environmental Science, is among 100 beginning researchers nationwide named by President Obama as a recipient of the multi-Federal agency Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE). This is the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. government on outstanding scientists and engineers starting their independent careers. Prof. Cerato was the only civil engineer chosen nationally and is the first faculty member in OU’s history to receive a PECASE award.

**People**

- Prof. Leehu Loon, Landscape Architecture, and graduate students received the Merit Award in the Communications Category by the Central States Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

- Musicology Prof. Jennifer Saltzstein gave an invited presentation titled: “Vos avés bien le rousgnol oï: Vernacular Wisdom and Thirteenth-Century Arrageois Song” at the University of Cambridge as part of Knowledge and Learning in the Middle Ages: A Conference Celebrating the 800th Anniversary of the University of Cambridge.

- Gaylord College doctoral student Katherine Eaves received the top student paper award from the Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communications, in the magazine division, for her paper on celebrity motherhood in People Magazine.

**Funding**

- Prof. Robert Rennaker, AME, received a prestigious 3-year NIH RO1 grant for $965,000 to develop and test an innovative neural interface system that, among other things, can serve as a brain machine interface for “thought” controlled prosthetic systems to assist injured soldiers.

- Profs. Daniel Resasco and Jeff Harwell, CBME, and Benjamin Shiau from Petroleum Engineering, received $246,398 from the Advanced Energy Consortium to develop tailored nano-hybrid systems to aid the extraction of oil and underground conversion of heavy crudes.

- Prof. Bruce Roe and colleagues at the Charles and Peggy Stephenson Research and Technology Center received a $6.8 million NSF grant to sequence the tomato genome.
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People
✓ Stamatios Kartalopoulos, Williams Professor in Communications Networking, is the 2009-2010 Distinguished Lecturer of the Communications Society of IEEE. He also authored the book "Security of Information and Communication Networks" and is a plenary speaker for upcoming conferences at Harvard and Cambridge universities.
✓ Prof. of Honors and the History of Medicine, Sarah W. Tracy, received a 2009-2010 Countway Library of Medicine Fellowship from the Center for the History of Medicine at Harvard University.
✓ Alan Garrido, a native of Columbia and MS student in CEES, won the Best Student Presentation Award at the American Society of Mining and Reclamation annual meeting. His laboratory colleague, doctoral candidate William Strosnider, received the Memorial Scholarship at the same event.

Scholarship
✓ History Prof. Stephen H. Norwood published a book titled The Third Reich in the Ivory Tower: Complicity and Conflict on American Campuses. It already received a starred review in Library Journal, and an interview with Professor Norwood about the book appeared in Inside Higher Ed.

Funding
✓ Prof. Ben Holt, Botany & Microbiology, received a $230,000 NSF grant to study the functional analysis of multi-gene complexes.
✓ Zoology Profs. P. L. Schwagmeyer and Douglas W. Mock received a 3-year $90,000 NSF grant to determine how pairs of adult house sparrows respond in real-time to increases and/or decreases in the amount of parental care the partner provides.
✓ CEES Profs. Robert Nairn and Randall Kolar were awarded $500,000 from the Grand River Dam Authority to support graduate and undergraduate students working in the Grand Lake watershed.
✓ Physics Prof. Neil Shafer-Ray received a 3-year NSF grant of $400,000 to search for electronic structures that would help differentiate between competing models of particle physics.

People
✓ Prof. Janet Brennan Croft, University Libraries, was named Scholar Guest of Honor for Mythcon 41, the annual conference of the Mythopoeic Society. The society studies the works of J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis, Charles Williams, and other fantasy authors.
✓ Zachary Taylor, graduate student in the OU Bioengineering Center (OUBC), received a prestigious National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.