Dr. Honorée Jeffers (English) won a 2011 Creative Writing Fellowship in Poetry from the National Endowment for the Arts. The fellowship includes $25,000 to allow Jeffers the time and means to focus on writing.

Funding

Drs. Jizhong Zhou, Yiqi Luo, & Zhili He (all of Botany & Microbiology) have been awarded a $3M grant by the DOE to study the responses, adaptations and feedback mechanisms of biological communities to climate change. They are joined by colleagues from Michigan State University, the University of Florida, & the Georgia Institute of Technology.

The Bureau of Land Management in Las Cruces, New Mexico, has awarded Dr. Patricia A. Gilman (Anthropology) funding to support archaeological survey in southwestern New Mexico and graduate student field and laboratory training.

Dr. Tyrrell Conway received a four-year, $1.5M NIH-NIGMS award to study the “Symbiosis of E. coli and the Intestinal Microbiota in a Mouse Model.” The grant is one of the first projects funded by the new “Dynamics of Host-Associated Microbial Communities” initiative, which is part of the “NIH Roadmap Human Microbiome Project.”

Patent

Past and current Electrical and Computer Engineering faculty and students, Hakki H. Refai, Erik Petrich, James J. Sluss, Jr., Monte P. Tull, Pramode Verma, Gerard K. Newman, and Martina Dreyer were awarded a patent for “Light surface display for rendering a three-dimensional image,” on December 28, 2010. The patent is the result of a sponsored research agreement with 3DIcon Corporation.

Scholarship


Dr. Justin J. Wert (Political Science) will have his book, Habeas Corpus in America: The Politics of Individual Rights published by the University Press of Kansas in March.
**President’s Monthly Research and Development Highlights**

### News from CCE
- The Bernard Osher Foundation has provided a $1,000,000 endowment gift to sustain the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) on the Norman campus.
- CCE/CEAP received $11.5 Million in new funding from the USPS for the USPS Personnel Services Contract.

### Dance
- Profs. Mary Margaret Holt & Steve Brule created original choreography for Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana* and Prof. Jeremy Lindberg, created original choreography for Bela Bartok's *Sonata for Two Pianos and Percussion*. Both were performed in a collaboration with colleagues in the School of Music.

### Physics & Astronomy Faculty Recognized
- Prof. Bruce Mason has been recognized as a Fellow of the American Physical Society, "for outstanding leadership in physics education, as director of the ComPADRE project and as Editor of the MERLOT physics collection of educational resources."
- Professor Kimball A. Milton has been elected as a Foreign Member of the Royal Norwegian Society of Sciences and Letters Academy. He will travel to Trondheim, Norway to accept his diploma.

### Gaylord College Undergraduates Excel
- Karen Hudson (Senior, Journalism Broadcasting) was one of 10 students from across the country to be chosen by the Washington Center for Politics and Journalism for its Spring 2011 Politics and Journalism Semester. This opportunity will allow Hudson to work for a national news organization in Washington, D.C.
- Chris Lusk, Renee Selanders, and Nicole Hill have been selected for copyediting internships this summer through the Dow Jones News Fund program. As interns, they will write headlines, edit stories and design pages during a 10-week program. All interns receive free pre-internship training seminars, 10 weeks' salary, travel allowance and $1,000 scholarships upon returning to school.

---

The Office of the Vice President for Research will soon announce the formation of three new Aspire 2020 Action Teams that will begin meeting this spring. These action teams will engage in conversations about Graduate Research, Undergraduate Research, and Education Research. Check the Aspire 2020 webpage at https://Aspire2020.ou.edu for up-to-date information and to learn how you can participate in these important conversations.