Music

The 39th annual conference of the International Double Reed Society was held at OU, June 22-26, 2010, featuring 120 events. Co-hosts were oboe professor Johanna Cox and bassoon professor Carl Rath. Ms. Cox debuted a new English Horn concerto composed by Miguel del Aguila and Prof. Rath performed in three concerts. More than 800 double reed enthusiasts attended from around the world.

Sculpture

Paul Moore, OU School of Art and Art History, Artist in Residence, recently unveiled his 10" bronze figure of Curtis Mewbourne, founder of the Curtis W. Mewbourne School of Earth and Energy. The sculpture resides in the Brian and Sandra O'Brien Plaza at Sarkeys Energy Center. Moore was also recently awarded the Silver Medal for Sculpture at the 45th Annual Cowboy Artists of America Show.

Scholarship

Dr. Clamencia Rodriguez (Communication & WGS) is a co-editor of a two-volume work titled "Making Our Media: Global Initiatives Toward a Democratic Public Sphere" published by Hampton Press. The second volume “National and Global Movements for Democratic Communication” was released this year.

Prof. Melissa Stockdale (History) and two colleagues published Space, Place, and Power in Modern Russia: Essays in the New Spatial History with Northern Illinois University Press. This work explores Russian development from the 18th century to the present day, utilizing the lens of both physical and cultural space.


Undergraduate Student Research

Ms. Elise Knowlton, OU senior, Goldwater Scholarship recipient, & honors student in the Department of Zoology won the best student presentation at the Congress of the International Society of Neuroethology held in Salamanca, Spain this past August. Knowlton earned the award competing against a field of more than 100 graduate students and post-docs from around the world. Knowlton’s paper, “Hasty Tasting of Chemical Information: Functionally Redundant Peg Sensilla on the Scorpion Pecten,” described a new method for studying how scorpions sense chemicals in their environment.
President’s Monthly Research and Development Highlights

Funding

- Dr. Charles Rice (Chemistry & Biochemistry) received $1,235,000 from the NIH, as an R01 grant for his project “Metal Binding to the Bacterial Cell Wall.”

- Dr. Gregory Burge (Economics) was awarded a Grant/Fellowship from the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy for his proposal entitled "Urban Sprawl, Land Prices, and Impact Fees". A leading resource for policy makers and practitioners, the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy addresses issues involving the use, regulation, and taxation of land. The Lincoln Institute seeks to improve the dialogue about urban development, the built environment, and tax policy in the United States and abroad.

- Prof. Yiqi Luo, Research Fellow Dr. Shuli Niu, and Ph.D. student Sasha Hararuk (all of Botany and Microbiology) have been awarded $70,000 by the U.S. Civilian Research And Development Foundation to conduct a global change experiment in Ukraine with a research team from National University “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy,” Ukraine. The team will study ecosystem responses to climate change in Karadag Natural Reserve (Crimea, Ukraine) by adding or reducing precipitation by 20%, 40% and 60% in the treatment plots. The project will quantify changes in carbon, nutrient, and hydrological cycles in response to the treatments.

- Dr. Yang Hong (CEES) will lead a 3-year $500,000 grant on capacity building in hydrometeorological hazard risk reduction in Pakistan. This project is funded by US Department of State, USAID and the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC) in the wake of recent devastating floods.

- Dr. Henry Neeman of Information Technology is lead PI on two NSF cyberinfrastructure grants: "Oklahoma Optical Initiative" ($1.17M), which focuses on statewide high performance networking, and "Acquisition of Extensible Petascale Storage for Data Intensive Research" ($793K), which will deploy the largest data storage system in OU history.

Students

ARRC student David Bodine (Ph.D. student in Meteorology & MS student in Electrical Engineering) was recently invited to Beijing, China to an international forum of scientists and engineers to present his work on severe storm observations with radar. Bodine was one of only a few students from around the world to be invited to this prestigious international forum.

Bryan Rindfleisch (Ph.D. student, History) was awarded the Summersell Prize for best article by the journal *Southern Historian*. He received this award for his article entitled, “The World Turned Upside Down: The Impact of the American Revolution on the Patterns of Inheritance, Marriage, and Kinship among Southern Planter Loyalist Families.”

RECOGNITION

Dr. Michael Mares, Director of the Sam Noble Museum, was recognized by the National Science Foundation for five and a half years of Distinguished Service on the Biological Sciences Advisory Committee (BIO-AC), including two years as chair.

SERVICE

Prof. Pradeep Yadav (Finance) was elected to serve as the first Chairperson of the European Finance Association. The Association has always had annually elected Presidents, but now also has a Chairperson for longer-term overall strategic leadership.