

Dean's Message

I hope that everyone has had a happy and productive holiday season. As we anticipate the opening of a new semester and a New Year, I wanted to share with you some thoughts. SUU takes pride in being part of and making an impact on the many communities it serves. I would like to highlight some of the many ways in which the College of Humanities and Social Sciences make a contribution.

HSS recently sponsored the fall semester's final Convocation exploring the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945. In this unique event, we partnered with the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum to bring a traveling photo exhibit to SUU along with one of the relatively few remaining primary survivors, Ms. Shigeko Sasamori (pictured here), who delivered the Convocation's keynote address. We learned of a then 13-year old girl who saw the plane and bomb fall, only to be knocked to the ground by the shock wave, terribly burned by the heat wave, and then miraculously found days later by her parents. She survived the ordeal and was put back together through 22 surgeries. Her story does not debate US or Japanese poli-



cies or decisions. Rather, she reminds us that all who are involved in war are, in one way or another, victims. To avoid war and its fate, we need to constantly work toward geopolitical diplomacy, peace, and, of course, nuclear disarmament. Ms. Sasamori not only spoke to a large crowd during the Convocation, she also visited numerous SUU classes, as well as area schools and organizations. In all, she touched the hearts and minds of over 1,050 people in the SUU-Cedar City community.

I would also like to make you aware of one of SUU's hidden gems—its Bureau of Land Management Archaeology Repository. The repository has been here at SUU for quite some time, and it has recently come under the umbrella of HSS. As the name suggests, the repository largely serves to house collections from archaeological surveys and excavations conducted on government lands. Our well-equipped facility allows for the storage and analysis of a wide variety of archaeological materials ranging from the ancient to the historic. It is a facility where students can receive training in archaeological curation and research, as well as one that provides a vital link between SUU and the preservation of our region's cultural and historical heritage.

Accolades

**10 year Anniversary of HSS
Speech Center
Hispanic Center**

Also . . .
• \$90,000 BLM Grant
• Archeology Repository

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New Speech Center

Fall 2008, SUU opened its doors to the new Speech and Presentation Center. The Center is available to all SUU students for personal help improving Speechwriting, delivery, and presentations, including PowerPoint and Podcasts. Help with speech anxiety, practice interviews and other communication needs is also available. Partnered with Student Government and the Leavitt Center, the Center will additionally serve mediation needs. This semester, the SUU Speech and Presentation Center has already served over 200 students and given several workshops for community organizations. Faculty, staff, and public individuals or organizations are also welcome in this Center for similar requests. For more information contact: the Communication Dept. 586-7861.



On December 3rd, the Board of Regents approved the new 18 credit hour **Speech Certificate**. This certificate prepares the student for speech writing and presentations. If you are interested in earning this certificate, please contact the Communication Department at (435) 586-7861 or

<http://www.suu.edu/hss/comm/>

HSS Kudos

Michael Ostrowsky's book, "Self-Medication and Violent Behavior", will be published in early 2009 by LFB Scholarly Publishing Company. LFB offers monographs and textbooks presenting the best new scholarship in a number of fields in the social sciences. Monographs are published in focused series.



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Each title is refereed by the series editors who are senior scholars that are well-known in the field. Each series is interdisciplinary, introducing scholars in one discipline to the work of others in related fields. The book will be published in the series, "Criminal Justice: Recent Scholarship". This series explores criminal justice from a variety of perspectives, including criminology, police science, sociology, victimology, and the law. Together the books offer the latest approaches to crime in America from multiple perspectives. The book will be sold as a research tool to primarily a library market.



Bryce Christensen published "Same-Sex 'Marriage' As Verbicide: Reaffirming the Linguistic and Cultural Heritage That Once Made 'Marriage' a Word of Substance and Hope" in "What's the Harm? Does Legalizing Same-Sex Marriage Really Harm Individuals, Families or Society?" edited by Lynn D. Wardle and published by University Press of America (2008). He also published a poem, "Bayside Immortals," in "First Things" (2008) and presented "'O Newton, Shall Thy Name Survive?' The Misleading Image of Newton in 18th-Century Poetry" at the 62nd Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association Convention (2008).



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Student Successes, Everyday Leaders

Amanda Richardson (Communication, 2007) is the Marketing and Promotions Assistant for KSL 5 TV in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Andrea Wright (Communication, 2004) received two gold awards at the Utah Broadcasters Association UBEE Awards in Salt Lake City October 24, 2008. Andrea is an assistant in the programming department of Cherry Creek Radio in St. George, UT.

Art Challis (Communication, 1972) received a gold award for Best Sportscast at the Utah Broadcasters Association UBEE awards in Salt Lake City October 24, 2008. Art is an Associate Professor of Communication at SUU.

Cal Rollins (BIS, 1997) received three gold awards at the Utah Broadcasters Association UBEE Awards in Salt Lake City October 24, 2008. Cal is the station manager and faculty advisor for KSUU-FM.

Cort Crandall (Communication, 2008) is the public relations specialist for Health Equity in Salt Lake City (a company based out of New York).

Darren Vaughan (Communication, 2007) is the assistant sports editor at the Daily Times in Farmington, N.M.

Dean O'Driscoll (Master of Professional Communication, 2007) received a gold award at the Utah Broadcasters Association UBEE Awards in Salt Lake City October 24, 2008. Dean is the Vice President for University Relations at Southern Utah University.

Joshua Bonzo, (German, 1997) Has completed his graduate studies and now has his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in German. He recently received a position as Assistant Professor in the German Department at Washington State University in Pullman, WA.

Marc Dotson (Poli, 2007) is studying at the London School of Economics and Political Science in the master International Political Economy Program.

Melinda McGuire (B.S., History, 2008) is attending San Francisco State University in San Francisco, CA.

Rachel Wiggins Hatch (2004) is a dissertator in French at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Shawn Deneven (Communication, 2000) received six awards (2 gold, 4 silver) at the Utah Broadcasters Association UBEE awards in Salt Lake City October 24, 2008. Shawn is the productions director for the Canyon Media Radio Group in St. George, UT.

Thomas Seaton (Sociology 2008) has been accepted into the Anthropology graduate program at Northern Arizona State University.



Almost all of the German teachers who have taught in southwestern Utah's public schools during the past three decades graduated from SUU's German Department. These include the German teacher at Cedar High, **Jeff Corry**; Boulder High, **Myron Cottom**; South Sevier, **Dale Woolsey**; at Delta High, **Jason Thomas**; and at Beaver High, **Mel Osborn**. To the south, there is Snow Canyon High, **Gerlinda Braunberger**. Snow Canyon Middle School, **Earl Wood**; Valley High, **Jim Hoyt**; Pineview High, **Kendrick Snow**; Dixie High, **Burke Staheli** and **Justin Keate**. These, along with many others across the state and nation, were all graduates from SUU's German Department. We are reminded each year when these schools attend the SUU German Fair for high school students in the area just what an impact SUU's German Department has had on the local area.



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