

SUU SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY

College of Humanities & Social Sciences



Dean's Corner Message **Dean Jean Boreen**

It's a wonderfully sunny day here in Cedar City as I greet you from all of us in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Graduation is just behind us and it was a wonderful day of celebration for students, families and faculty alike. We also recently hosted our Faculty and Student Awards Banquet and came together to celebrate the wonderful academic work our graduates have participated in and acknowledge the academic and service work of our faculty and staff. You can see all of our awardees in this newsletter.

As many of you, we have many published scholars in the College. In this edition of the newsletter, we hope you'll find some suggestions for summer reading. We also highlight the amazing work of two of our faculty with our HSS Award of Excellence funded by Advance Financial Planning...

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Utah Women in Higher Education Network Mentorship Award

We'd like to congratulate Dean Jean Boreen for receiving the Utah Women in Higher Education Network Mentorship Award. She received multiple nominations for the award. Below is one of the nominations:

"Dr. Boreen makes time to meet one-on-one regularly with new faculty, providing invaluable mentorship and guidance throughout their first year. Furthermore, Dr. Boreen is always available for more advanced faculty. She has mentored faculty through the process of getting tenure and even

into administrative roles. She strives to make her office a welcoming place, featuring artwork from student artists, and encouraging faculty and students to drop by. Such availability from a Dean is unusual and greatly appreciated by all who work with her. In difficult situations, Dean Boreen is a relentless advocate, always representing the interests of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Dr. Boreen is a well-recognized expert in the area of mentoring, having published *Mentoring Beginning Teachers*, now in its second edition."

2023-2024 HSS Faculty & Staff Awards



Dr. Sangjun Park
Outstanding Scholarship



Dr. Corey Twitchell
Outstanding Scholarship



Dr. Lisa Arter
Innovative Pedagogy



Dr. Lijie Zhou
Innovative Pedagogy



Dr. Sandy Zhang
Early Career



Dr. Sierra Warner
Early Career



Dr. Kat Green
Collaborative Excellence



Angela Eyre
Outstanding Staff



Breanna Schurtz
Outstanding Staff

2023-2024 HSS Valedictorian



Jazzlyn M. Shannon, Political Science Criminal Justice

We are thrilled to announce our College Valedictorian, Jazzlyn Shannon, a first-generation graduate from Hurricane, Utah. Initially aspiring to be a lawyer, Jazzlyn discovered her passion for criminal justice at SUU, inspired by her professors. Her time at SUU has been transformative, helping her enjoy life and discover her true self. She shared, "Thanks to this university and the wonderful people in it, I now have a much better understanding of who I am and what I want to do with my life. I am so proud and so grateful to have studied here at SUU." Recently, she found a love for social work at Kolob RTC, a troubled teens' home in New Harmony. After graduation and some traveling, Jazzlyn plans to work in victim advocacy, aligning with her criminal justice interests.

Outstanding Student Awards

Outstanding Student Award, Communication | Lily Elizabeth Brunson

Outstanding Student in Message Design & Human Interaction | Joy Covington

Outstanding Student in Media Studies | Audrey A. Gee

Outstanding Student in Strategic Communication | Clara Morley

Outstanding Student in Sports Communication | Bailey Bagley

Outstanding MaPC Student Award | Wendy E. Jessen

Top English Student | Zachary J. Bagley

Top Literature Student | Em Hart

Top English Education Student | Emma I. Lloyd

Top Creative Writing Student | Shauri C. Thacker

Top Rhetoric and Writing Student | Chase L. Redd

Outstanding Film and Screen Studies Student | James D. Wilson

Outstanding Technical Writing Student | Shauri C. Thacker

Outstanding History, Sociology, & Anthropology Student | Celeste M. Johnson

Outstanding Anthropology Student | Emily L. Waite

Outstanding History Student | Sabrina L. Waite

Outstanding History Teaching Student | Makenna R. Wallace

Outstanding Social Science Teaching Student | Rebecca G. Allen

Outstanding Sociology Student | Danielle M. Tebbs

Interdisciplinary Studies Outstanding Student | Alexa L. Smith

MIS Outstanding Student | Caitlin E. Ackley

L&P Outstanding Student | Sabrina L. Waite

Outstanding Spanish Student | Abril E. Vale-Luzardo

Outstanding German Student | Samuel J. Goff

Philosophy Outstanding Student | Joseph R. Kaiser

Outstanding French Student | Anika Larson

MPA Outstanding Student | Molly A. Doyle

Political Science Outstanding Student | Kara A. Conrad

Criminal Justice Outstanding Student | Emma C. Ryan

PSCJ Outstanding Student | Victoria Caucci

Legal Studies Outstanding Student | Abigail S. Charlton

Psychology Outstanding Student | Wyatt Read

Psychology Outstanding Scholar | Kasia Watson

Applied Psychology Student | Haley LeFevre

Psychology Student Contributor | Monica Clevon Monjuil

Psychology Student Contributor | Kaitlyn Caro

Outstanding Certificate of Human Values Student | Holly Biesinger

HSS Publications

Congratulations to our HSS faculty on their recent publications

Braden Bagley:

Braden Hale Bagley, Kathryn Anthony, Candace Bright, Edward Sayre, Carrie Reif-Stice, Steven Venette & Jessica Beckham (21 Oct 2023): Controlled chaos: examining collaborative response to the 2017 Hattiesburg tornado, Qualitative Research Reports in Communication, DOI: 10.1080/17459435.2023.2271938

Kyle Bishop:

Bishop, Kyle William. "The Subaltern Brides of Frankenstein: Liberating Shelley's Unrealized Female Creature on Screen." In Creolizing Frankenstein, edited by Michael R. Paradiso-Michau, Rowman & Littlefield, 2023, pp. 83–99.

Hayden Coombs:

Coombs, H. V., Bagley, B. H., Barnhart, R., & Graudins, M. (2023). Sociolinguistic accommodation strategies utilized by international student-athletes & their interlocutors. *Comunicação Pública*, 18(35). <https://doi.org/10.34629/cpublica.728>

Kirk Fitzpatrick:

Fitzpatrick, K. (n.d.). This is ancient philosophy: An introduction. Wiley.com. <https://www.wiley.com/en-us/This+is+Ancient+Philosophy%3A+An+Introduction-p-9781119879428>

Michelle Grimes:

Forcino, S. S., Grimes, L. M., & Kuhn, B. R. (2023). Managing sibling referrals: Ethical considerations for integrated pediatric primary care. *Clinical Practice in Pediatric Psychology*. Advance online publication.

Sean Murphy:

Murphy, S. T. (2023). Self-knowledge and reflection in Schopenhauer's view of agency. *Inquiry*, 1–27. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2023.2178029>

Woods, D. B., & Stoll, T. (2024). *The Schopenhauerian Mind*. Routledge.

Corey Twitchell:

Twitchell, C. L. (2023). Relocating Yiddish voices: Narrative disfigurement and the "almost-lost" story in Edgar Hilsenrath's holocaust novel *Jossel Wassermanns Heimkehr*. *Violence: An International Journal*, 4(1-2), 148-171. <https://doi.org/10.1177/26330024231219701>

Schulte, C., Twitchell, C. L., & Schulte, C. (2023). *Zimzum God and the origin of the world*. University of Pennsylvania Press.

Spencer Wells:

Wells, S. S. (2024). *As the oracles of god: Policing the word in colonial quakerism*. Brill Academic Publishers.

Lynn White:

White, L.H. (2023). *Statistics Straight Up: The Essential Guide to Understanding and Using Statistics*. 2nd edition. New York, NY: Linus Learning. <https://doi.org/10.1037/cpp0000504>

Recognitions

The short film, "Homestead," received another recognition. It is a selection in the Utah International Film Festival on Feb. 12-17. It will be screened during the festival and is nominated for an award. Specific awards will be announced at the awards ceremony. Congrats to the Spring 2023 COMM 4760 students.

Picnic in the Ruins by Dr. Todd Petersen was picked as the Utah selection for the Good Reads reading list. One book was chosen for each of the 50 states. Click the link for more details: <https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2750-a-reading-roadtrip-across-the-u-s-a>

Social Brand and Visual Communication Research Labs

Author: Clare-Estelle Perkins

Southern Utah University is pleased to announce the launch of the Social Brand and Visual Communication Research Labs. Equipped with cutting-edge technology and research resources, these labs offer hands-on experience in social media planning, website development, VR environment design, eye-tracking research, usability testing and strategic communication. Open to current students, alumni, and local businesses, the lab provides valuable services to the community.

The labs' inception stemmed from a grant application written by communication professors Matt Barton and Lijie Zhou, in collaboration with Jean Boreen, dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Securing funding from the Utah System of Higher Education, the grant application was driven by Zhou's expertise in eye-tracking technology, positioning SUU as a leader in this field nationally.

"We recognized the potential of this technology and aimed to offer our students a unique opportunity for practical experience," said Barton. "Additionally, we sought to address the needs of local businesses grappling with effective website development and social media strategies."

The Social Brand lab's primary objective is to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and its practical application by providing students with paid positions to collaborate with local businesses on their social media strategies, website redesigns and content creation. This hands-on approach benefits students while offering valuable services to the community.

"Through practical experience, we aim to bolster our students' resumes and equip them with the necessary skills for success in the communication field," explained Barton. "We want to highlight the versatility of a communication major and emphasize the role of research in market activities."

Equipped with state-of-the-art facilities including eye-tracking technology and virtual reality research tools, the Visual Communication Research lab enables users to conduct research on consumer behavior and explore innovative engagement methods. Currently accessible to students, communication classes provide the primary pathway for involvement, with opportunities for participation in research studies led by Dr. Zhou.

"We are immensely grateful for the administration's support," Barton expressed. "Their trust in us and the provision of dedicated space underscore their commitment to our students' growth and success."

The Social Brand & Visual Communication Research Labs offer students dynamic learning opportunities, equipping them for prosperous careers in communication. Located in the America First Events Center, The Social Brand Lab is in 207B & the Visual Comm Research Lab is in 219. The labs are open and operational.





The HSS Award of Excellence

Awarded to Dr. Kirsten Graham and Dr. Mark Miller

We are thrilled to announce the recipients of the HSS Awards of Excellence in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, thanks to the wonderful support of Telton Hall and Kaden Keller from Advance Financial Planning. These awards aim to recognize and celebrate the dedication, hard work, and achievements of our exceptional faculty members.

This semester's awards have been presented to Dr. Mark Miller and Dr. Kirsten Graham for their remarkable contributions to research and their outstanding commitment to teaching. Dr. Miller and Dr. Graham have demonstrated excellence in their fields, inspiring students and colleagues alike with their passion and expertise.

The HSS Awards of Excellence will be given three times a year, providing ongoing recognition for the incredible work being done within our college. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Miller and Dr. Graham on this well-deserved honor and look forward to celebrating the achievements of many more outstanding professors in the future.

Upcoming Alumni Events

Save the dates and plan to join us!

- SUU Night at the Las Vegas Aviators, June 14. [Information and tickets.](#)
- SUU Night at the Salt Lake Bees, June 22. [Information and tickets.](#)
- Alumni Days at Shakespeare, June 27-29. [Information and tickets.](#)
- SUU Day at Lagoon, August 3. [Information and tickets.](#)
- SUU Homecoming Weekend, October 11-12.

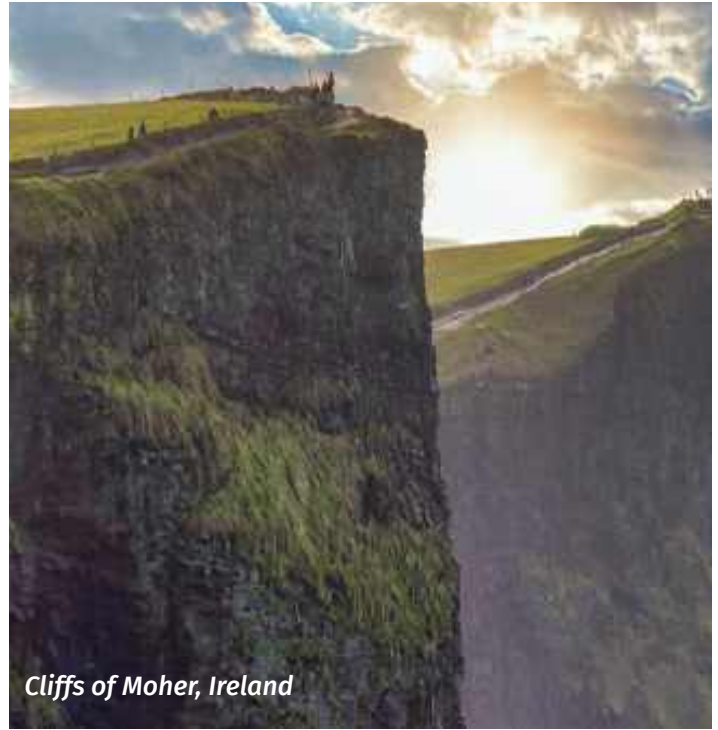


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HSS on the Go

Learn on the Go in Ireland

Join the College of Humanities and Social Sciences for an unforgettable Learn on the Go adventure in Ireland this September 21-29, 2024. This 8-day journey, designed for community members, includes visits to Dublin, Cork, County Kerry, and Galway, with highlights such as Trinity College's Book of Kells, Newgrange, Blarney Castle, Killarney National Park, the Ring of Kerry, and the Cliffs of Moher. The trip, led by Dean Jean Boreen and Associate Dean Grant Corser with local expert guides, costs \$3,750, covering accommodations in 4 or 5-star hotels, in-country transportation, two dinners, and scheduled activities. Secure your spot with a \$525 deposit by May 15th, 2024. For assistance with travel arrangements, contact Grant Corser at hss@suu.edu. Explore the rich history, culture, and natural beauty of Ireland with us on this incredible journey!



Cliffs of Moher, Ireland



Giving

[Please consider a gift to the HSS Dean's Fund for Excellence.](#)

Gifts to the Dean's Excellence Fund immediately enhance the educational experience for our students by strengthening the College of Humanities and Social Science's programs, faculty, and facilities. These gifts are among the most important and valuable forms of support to the College of Humanities and Social Sciences because they can be accessed quickly and used where the need is greatest. Gifts to the Dean's Excellence Fund provide some of the following:

- Competitive scholarships for promising undergraduate and graduate students
- Support for the Dean's strategic initiatives
- Student study abroad and internship opportunities

Last year, 42 scholarships provided over \$60,000 in scholarship support to HSS students.

For questions on the giving process, contact Michael Bailey at jmichaelbailey@suu.edu or 435-865-8195.