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President’s Research Awards

The University of South Dakota has awarded grants for outstanding research to one social work and two biomedical faculty members who were chosen by external reviewers for their research accomplishments, publications and grant success. The 2017 award recipients each receive a $3,000 grant and a plaque.

Candidates were reviewed based on past and current research accomplishments- including criteria such as publications, presentations, successful grantsmanship, peer reviewer experience, maintenance of an active graduate or undergraduate program and being conferred other competitive research awards.

The Innovation & Entrepreneurship award further required that the winner demonstrate innovative thinking or research findings that had promising commercial potential, as well as a concept that had progressed beyond the theoretical stage to the applied stage.

President’s Award for Research Excellence:
New/Mid-Career Faculty
Soonhee Roh, Ph.D.
School of Health Sciences

President’s Award for Research Excellence:
Established Faculty
Brian Burrell, Ph.D.
Basic Biomedical Sciences

President’s Award for Research Innovation & Entrepreneurship
Samuel Sathyanesan, Ph.D.
Basic Biomedical Sciences
The University of South Dakota College of Arts & Sciences announced the appointment of Laura Vidler, Ph.D., as the new Associate Dean of Administration. Vidler will replace Tina Keller, Ph.D., who retires on Aug. 21 after 28 years at USD and more than a decade in the Office of the Dean.

Vidler came to USD in 2014 to serve as professor and chair of the Department of Modern Languages & Linguistics. Since joining USD, Vidler has received multiple awards, including the Mosaic Award for Inclusive Excellence from the USD Center for Diversity and Community in 2016, and the College's 2017 Richard and Sharon Cutler Award for the Liberal Arts. In March 2017, she was appointed by President Abbott as the faculty athletics representative. Prior to joining USD, Vidler was professor and program director of Spanish in the Department of Foreign Languages at the United States Military Academy, West Point.

Vidler holds degrees in Spanish from the University of California, Irvine, and New York University. She has published numerous works on performance studies and drama of the Spanish Golden Age. Her work problematizes the study of early modern staging practices and develops new theoretical models for such study. She is also a dynamic classroom instructor with more than two decades of experience teaching Spanish language, civilization and literature. Vidler is a member of the board of directors of the Association for Hispanic Classical Theater.

Unleash Your Legacy: Alumni Achievement Awards

Join the USD community for a celebration of the University of South Dakota and this year's Alumni Achievement Award recipients to be held during the 103rd Dakota Days weekend.

2017 award recipients:

- **Professional Achievement**
  - Bryan Hisel '73, '82

- **Service to the University**
  - Dan Radigan '79

- **Public Service**
  - Hon. David Gienapp '64

- **Emerging Leader**
  - Frank Leibfarth '08

Enjoy special entertainment, guest speakers, drinks and hors d’oeuvres while celebrating this year’s award recipients. [Register here!](#)

Register for other events at [www.usdalumni.com/events](http://www.usdalumni.com/events).
Law students from the University of South Dakota will host two free legal clinics open to veterans, active members and military families in Hot Springs and Rapid City, Sept. 21-22.

Sponsored by the South Dakota Military Legal Alliance, the Veterans Legal Education Group and the South Dakota Low Income Tax Clinic, 16 USD law students will join legal professionals in the area to answer questions from clients seeking advice.

Kaleb Paulsen, president of the Veterans Legal Education Group at USD, estimated they would assist over 125 military community members over the course of two days.

“This clinic is an opportunity for aspiring attorneys to join forces with practicing attorneys, allowing us to give back to those who have made continuous sacrifices for us and the rest of America,” Paulsen said.

The first event on Sept. 21 will occur at the South Dakota Veterans Home in Hot Springs from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Shuttles will be available to transport veterans to and from the Hot Springs VA location.

The second event, on Sept. 22, will be located at the Rapid City Veterans of Foreign Wars from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Before heading home, the law students will walk in the annual Black Hills Veterans March in Deadwood on Sept. 23.

**Upcoming Lectures on Campus**

**Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar**

The Phi Beta Kappa Society will host George Dyson, a historian of technology, as part of their visiting scholar program. Dyson will present “Project Orion: A Path Not Taken into Space” on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 5 p.m. in Churchill-Haines Laboratories, Room 118.

**Oscar Howe Memorial Lecture**

On Thursday, Sept. 21, the 28th Annual Oscar Howe Memorial Lecture with take place at 7 p.m. in Farber Hall, Room 111, Old Main. The lecturer this year is Angela Swedberg, who is a bead and quillwork artist who also specializes in the restoration of Native art. She will be presenting “The Hob Menace: The Dangers of Hobbyism and Artifact Manipulation in Relation to Future Museum Collections.” There will be a reception following the lecture held in Room 118. This lecture is co-sponsored by the Oscar Howe Memorial Association and the College of Fine Arts at the University of South Dakota.

**Harrington Lecture**

The College of Arts & Sciences will host the 65th annual Harrington Lecture Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. at Farber Hall in Old Main. This year’s lecture, “The Perils of Postmodern Pedagogy,” will be presented by Jack Niemonen, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Anthropology & Sociology. A reception will be held immediately following the lecture.

**Dark Matter Day**

Monday, Oct. 30 the USD Department of Physics will host Dark Matter Day. It starts at 6:30 p.m. in Patterson 117 and is open to everyone. The talk, “Is Dark Matter a Mirage,” given by Dongming Mei and Joel Sander, is followed by an open house for the dark matter-related labs and the promise of dark matter candy.
McKenzy Raterman started out as a Coyote and returned to the University of South Dakota to help students and establish a stronger connection with the community.

Raterman is from Delmont, South Dakota and “flipped around a lot.” She moved to Long Beach, California, after college and lived in Rapid City for five years before coming back to Vermillion.

Having earned an undergraduate degree in psychology with a minor in chemistry and then a master’s in educational administration from USD, Raterman knew she wanted to come back to Vermillion because it felt like home.

Raterman has been the graduate registration coordinator since the start of summer 2016 after working at admissions for two and a half years. Before coming to USD, Raterman worked as a manager at Victoria’s Secret for five years. “Part of my job at Victoria’s Secret was recruiting sales associates and potential store managers. It was an easy transition into recruiting students to education. I have always loved recruitment, but wanted to do it for a university I felt a bigger connection to, which is what brought me back to USD.”

Now working in the USD Graduate School, Raterman’s primary job duty is degree audit and conferral for all graduate students to make sure their programs of study are compliant with catalog requirements. She also coordinates the graduate assistantship program. Raterman is responsible for contacting all 450 graduate assistants across campus and making sure they maintain eligibility for the program.

Getting to meet a variety of people is another perk of the job. “My favorite part about my position at USD is working with our students, in any capacity. We have an amazing student population and every student story is unique. I appreciate the opportunity to get to hear each one,” said Raterman. Eventually, Raterman would like to work more hands-on with students and possibly pursue a doctorate or Ed.D. and teach.

Raterman said her time at USD taught her a lot about working in higher education and helped her appreciate the school even more. “I have not been here long, but I’ve learned a lot about USD in the time that I’ve been here,” Raterman said. “Coming from being a student to an employee, I thought I kind of knew everything already, but there was a lot more to learn about the function of the university as a whole and every day I learn something new. It’s eye-opening in a good way because I can see it’s a stronger community than I realized as a student.”

Do you know someone who should be featured in a "5 Minutes with" article? Nominate him or her by emailing aviso@usd.edu.
In the southeast corner of the university library, there is an office that makes a whole world of difference to USD. The Center for Academic and Global Engagement (CAGE) is always trying to find new ways to reach students and improve their time – and for some, their time away - from USD.

CAGE uses high impact practices, or HIPs, to create a more meaningful experience for USD students as they make their way toward graduation. There are a variety of high impact practices used all over campus, including internships, writing-intensive courses and capstone courses, but CAGE specializes in more immersive HIPs.

The first big high impact practice is the study abroad program. There are two study abroad options for students: individual, including overseas studies and National Student Exchange, and faculty-led programs (FLPs). Two full-time assistant directors work with students who study abroad. Søren Peterson oversees FLPs while Virginija Wilcox works with students on an individual basis to ensure they get the most out of their student exchange.

Peterson loves his position at USD. He has found that high impact practices do not just help students feel more engaged and connected to campus, but faculty benefit as well. The one thing he wants students and faculty alike to know is that “being part of a faculty-led program can be challenging, but anyone can do it.” Peterson works hands-on with faculty to develop study abroad opportunities. The process to develop a faculty led trip can be 12-18 months of paperwork and planning, but Peterson assures everyone that it is worth it in the end.

He discussed the financial burden many students cite as a reason for not studying abroad and wants USD students to understand that with enough planning it is possible for most.

Not all of CAGE’s high impact practices are in other countries. CAGE is also home to the Alternative Weekend of Learning (AWOL), a service learning program. Kim Albracht advises AWOL, helping to craft programs that students want to see on campus. AWOL has helped continue a food recovery network that started as a senior capstone project.

Albracht’s other major role is helping pair students who want to do research with faculty mentors. “Students have this misconception that faculty members aren’t approachable, when in reality they love teaching students, that’s why they work here,” Albracht said. Undergraduate research helps students ask questions about their fields and create a deeper level of understanding in their disciplines.

There are high impact practices outside of the CAGE office, but the work done by CAGE staff is helping to put USD on the map by creating thoughtful, worldly students ready for their next challenge. CAGE is always looking for more students and faculty to work on research opportunities or travel abroad so consider your options next time you see a CAGE flyer.

Faculty and Staff Appreciation Days

The USD Coyote volleyball, soccer and football teams would like to welcome USD faculty and staff and their families to our USD Faculty and Staff Appreciation Days coming this fall.

The first of these events is Friday, Oct. 6 at the First Bank & Trust Soccer Complex. The USD soccer team will play Omaha at 4 p.m. Faculty and staff can bring USD IDs to the ticket booth for free admission for them and their families.

The next event is a volleyball game on Friday, Oct. 13. The Coyotes will host in-state rival SDSU at 7 p.m. Once again, faculty and staff can bring their USD IDs to the ticket booth for free admission for them and their families.

The third event is a football game Saturday, Oct. 14 at the DakotaDome. The Coyotes kick off against Indiana State at 2 p.m. Faculty and staff can get half price admission ($10 adults, $5 youth) for them and their families. Tickets can be purchased in advance by clicking here and using the promo code “GOYOTES2017,” or they can also be purchased on the day of the game with a staff ID.

For more information contact the USD ticket office at 605-677-5959.
Welch Named Employee of the Month

Krista Welch, accounting assistant, has been named USD’s August employee of the month.

Janet Fulk, a co-worker in physician assistant studies, nominated her for her willingness to go the extra mile. Fulk said, “Krista has consistently gone above and beyond for me personally on numerous occasions. She has reviewed and approved multiple invoices for me in a pinch and has always been willing to work with me whenever I have needed her help. Even when I should have known the answer to the question I asked her, she was always friendly and courteous when answering and never made me feel like I was burdening her by asking sometimes silly questions.”

Welch is responsible for auditing and approving vouchers for payment, assigning contract numbers to state and consultant contracts and auditing procurement card transactions. She has worked in her current position for about two-and-a-half years. Prior to that she lived in Sioux Falls and worked at Sioux Empire Federal Credit Union.

Her favorite part about working at USD is the people with whom she gets to work, which is fitting, considering how appreciated she is at USD. Fulk said, “I believe Krista is a huge asset to USD and to the accounting department and she should be recognized for her extraordinary contribution to her department, to me personally, as well as to the larger USD community.”

Physical Therapy Faculty Attain Rare Certification

Brandon Ness, D.P.T. and Hanz Tao, D.P.T., associate professors in the Department of Physical Therapy, have been certified by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties as sports clinical specialists.

Ness and Tao are now members of an elite group. Only one percent of the nation’s physical therapists possess a sports certification, and there are only five others in South Dakota. But Ness and Tao occupy an even more select level of expertise. According to Lana Svien, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Physical Therapy, “It is even rarer that a sports clinical specialist has completed a highly selective year-long residency in sports physical therapy, as did Ness and Tao.”

Ness has been at USD since 2015, and Tao started at USD in 2016.

Not only do Ness and Tao teach and prepare students in USD’s physical therapy program, they also perform physical therapy evaluations, helping USD’s athletic trainers guide treatment of USD’s Division I student-athletes.

University of South Dakota President James W. Abbott will deliver the annual State of the University address on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 4 p.m. in Aalsfs Auditorium, which is located inside Robert L. Slagle Hall on the USD campus. The address is open to the public and students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend.
South Dakota HR Professionals Week is Sept. 11-15

In response to an initiative by the head of human resources at the University of South Dakota, Gov. Dennis Daugaard has proclaimed Sept. 11-15 as Human Resource Professionals Week for the state of South Dakota to recognize key values the profession demonstrates, as well as the vital role HR has in all state organizations.

E. Lee Felder Jr., vice president for human resources at USD, said, “It’s always refreshing to underscore the integral functions HR performs on a daily basis for the benefit of human capital and productivity impacting the entirety of our great Mount Rushmore State. Everyone can thrive with HR working side-by-side with other leaders exuding a strategic mindset, ensuring all employees are treated with fairness, equality, respect, dignity and equanimity while striving to always do and be the best for South Dakota.

“What we propose to do is provide better customer service and responsiveness to each and every individual we come in contact with,” said Felder.

To mark the week at USD, there was a reception with cake in the Pit on Sept. 12 in the Muenster University Center. On Thursday, Sept. 14 at 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., HR will celebrate with its HR super users in honor of their support to the Human Resources department.

For additional information please contact the human resources department at 605-677-5671 or stop by Slagle Hall Room 206.

Executive Education

Imagine that your work team is struggling with deciding which improvements will have the greatest impact or they just can’t seem to gain momentum on a project. You’ve found some good resources on YouTube and some helpful articles. You’ve even found a promising course or workshop. But you’re still struggling.

Now imagine that there is a one-day course near you that your entire team can attend. This course promises targeted learning with new concepts and guidelines for how to apply them. You’ll get to interact, collaborate and network with peers in different industries and roles who face similar challenges, but offer diverse points of view.

The Beacom School of Business has turned this conception into reality with executive education. “Executive education is short, non-credit learning and development designed for working professionals and senior executives to help their organizations achieve higher productivity and enhance their competitiveness,” said Linda Halliburton, director of Graduate Business & Executive Education Programs. “It requires no application or admission to the university, no tests or grades. Participants are motivated to attend because they need to solve or improve something in their workplace.”

The Beacom School of Business launched executive education in spring 2017 with an event called the “Beacom Sampler” held at the University Center in Sioux Falls. The business community was introduced to the depth and breadth of resources available to them through the school. More than 80 people attended and had an opportunity to learn new skills in areas such as communication, negotiation, marketing, process improvement, ethics, strategy and innovation. Participants also participated in a needs assessment survey, which helped to inform this fall’s courses in team-building, project management, negotiation and lean management. In the future, other courses will be offered, including strategic planning, emotional intelligence, accounting, data driven decision-making, time management and productivity, and many other topics.

“Executive education is not just for executives and it’s not just for business,” Halliburton said. “Individual contributors and leaders at all levels in any organization benefit from targeted learning specific to their needs.” In addition to public, open-enrollment courses, any organization – including any department within the university – can choose to bring a course on-site and have it customized to address their unique situation.

For information on special pricing for open-enrollment courses or to bring executive education to your department, email ExecEd@usd.edu.
Online Merchandise Store Launched

The University of South Dakota merchandise store, Charlie's, has launched a new online platform, www.usdcharliestore.com, making it easier for fans and alumni to purchase Coyote clothing and gifts.

“We expect the online store to be very popular as a convenience for our fans, especially those USD graduates who have moved away from South Dakota,” said Tena Haraldson, USD marketing director. “We offer business casual wear along with the traditional sweatshirts and T-shirts in a broad range of sizes.”

Orders from the online site will be filled and shipped by the staff of the downtown Charlie's store, and personalized service is the No. 1 priority.

“If you have a question about fit or you are looking for gift suggestions, give us a call and we’ll make sure you are happy with your selections,” said store manager Diane Wirth.

“We want to see everyone wearing red to support USD, from the babies and kids to the adults and pets,” she said. “We also have a great line of decor and gifts to please any Coyote fan.”

USD opened a downtown Charlie's store in September 2016 and offers game day merchandise through a trailer at the DakotaDome. USD also operates a store in the Sioux Falls Empire Mall called Jack & Charlie's in a partnership with South Dakota State University. All purchases from Charlie's help to support student scholarships.

Occupational Therapy Faculty Receive Prestigious Certifications

Two faculty members of the occupational therapy department have received significant and prestigious certifications in their fields. Each is now the only occupational therapist in South Dakota to hold board certification in their respective areas of expertise.

Shana Cerny, OTD, assistant professor, received board certification in pediatrics, and Whitney Lucas Molitor, OTD, assistant professor, received board certification in geriatrics. “Board certification is a rigorous process and demonstrates advanced knowledge and exceptional expertise in a given specialty,” said Barbara Brockveult, Ph.D., chair of the occupational therapy department.

Cerny began teaching at the University of South Dakota department of occupational therapy in 2012, and Lucas Molitor began her teaching duties in 2015. Nationwide, Lucas Molitor is one of only 29 occupational therapists certified in geriatrics, and Cerny is one of only 122 occupational therapists certified in pediatrics.

Closing reception for
J. Steven Manolis: Painting Vermillion Red Exhibition
Friday, Oct. 6, 2017, 4 - 6 p.m.
John A. Day Gallery in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts
The University Libraries at the University of South Dakota is exhibiting its biennial international altered book exhibition "Bound and Unbound IV," juried by Eli Show, an artist, musician, and performer from the Midwest, living and working in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, now through Jan. 3, 2018. Show holds a B.F.A. from the University of South Dakota and an M.F.A. from Syracuse University, New York.

Show selected 39 works from 26 artists representing Australia, Denmark, Romania, the United Kingdom and the United States. “In the works that were selected for this show, I am curating what I believe to be a transformation from object to icon,” said Show. “These works are ruminations and ideations of what the book as an object has a chance to become once divorced from its original intent.”

“We are asked as viewers to contemplate these works in consideration of the objects they were born of. The title of this show is "Bound and Unbound," a reference to how books are assembled and made. It is a reference to the object itself without considering the information within its pages. It is looking at the object of a book as its physical form: pages, registers, binding and cover,” said Show.

Altered books are a mixed media artwork that changes a book from its original form or meaning by various processes like cutting, painting, tearing and collage. Sponsored by the University Libraries Art and Exhibits committee, the committee seeks to both showcase a diverse range of current international altered book art and to present the work locally.

Dean of Libraries Dan Daily said: “‘Bound and Unbound IV’ promises continuity, unity and diversity as an exhibit of altered books. Continuity. ‘Bound and Unbound IV’ builds upon the tradition of curating a thought provoking and visually interesting exhibit of altered books at the University of South Dakota. Unity. Artist and curator Eli Show has selected, from a seemingly disparate submission of works, a body of work that conveys the idea of potential and possibility. Diversity. ‘Bound and Unbound IV’ includes works from artists who are shaped by diverse places, experiences, and identities.”

Committee member Sarah A. Hanson-Pareek, curator of Photographs and Digital Projects at the University Libraries said, “Every exhibition has its own unique sense of time and place. Every two years we wait with anticipation to see what artists are up to, where the medium is going, how many artists we have return for exhibition, and how many new faces we see. As always, we have a very wonderful grouping of artists from very diverse backgrounds. And, beyond this exhibition, we digitize each work and place it into our digital library. USD is amassing a nice online collection of altered books for teachers, researchers, scholars, and artists to study.”

Show explained, “These works are examples of when a book goes beyond its contents and becomes more than a possession. Your favorite book is something beyond a written tome of increasingly important thoughts. It is something that you use to construct yourself: to become wiser, excited, smarter, faster, better informed, inspired and more empathetic. I see these themes in the works themselves.”

To read more about each artist and to view a video of the juror discussing the works, please see the “Bound and Unbound IV” LibGuide.

“Bound and Unbound IV” is available for viewing online in the Digital Library of South Dakota. The exhibition is located in the exhibition cases on the second floor of the library and open to the public during library operating hours.