Department Updates

New Resource for Instructors

I would like to inform you all about a resource that has been made available to our department. Guieswende Rouamba has been hired as an Instructional Design Technology Specialist assigned to our department. He is available to help instructors combine educational technology with pedagogy to increase course effectiveness. His complete bio is attached to this newsletter and I would encourage anyone to contact him to arrange a consultation.

GTA and Lecturer Files Due

All GTA and Lecturer reappointment files for both summer teaching/positions and Academic year are due Wednesday, April 1st by 5pm.
Commencement Stories

It’s that time of year again that we are looking for outstanding student stories from seniors graduating in May to feature for May Commencement and we would like to have a few from each college! The content for these is very simple and if you prefer, you can just send an email address for the student and we can follow up directly.

To ensure we can prep for posting during Finals Week, please send them to me by APRIL 15. You can send the stories as you gather them, they do not have to all come in one big chunk. For each story we just need the following information:

STUDENT’S NAME: HOMETOWN: COLLEGE: MAJOR(S):
Involvements while on campus:
Plans after graduation:
Answer this question: “I am most looking forward to ______________ after graduation”
Answer this question: “The BEST thing about being a Husker is ______________”
**Please send a higher quality photo to go with your write up.**

Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything additional, thanks!

Important Message from Financial Services

Request for Employee Information/Social Security Numbers

Beware of phishing calls requesting social security numbers or verification of social security numbers. Employee information, especially social security numbers, should never be given in response to such requests. Inquiries should be submitted to the Payroll Office at payroll@unl.edu or by contacting 402-472-2010.

Fraudulent Tax Returns

Recent news stories have focused on filings of fraudulent tax returns. In some instances, an individual received a notice from the IRS, after filing his/her tax return, that a return had already been filed under his/her social security number. If you are aware of any employees receiving this notice please contact Jo Bialas at jbialas2@unl.edu or call 402-472-8611.

Digital Humanities Bootcamp

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s Department of History and History Graduate Students’ Association are co-sponsoring a Digital Humanities Bootcamp (https://dhbootcamp.wordpress.com/) for Beginners on April 8th and 9th in conjunction with the Nebraska Forum on Digital Humanities (http://cdrh.unl.edu/news-events/DH15). All events are free; however, you must register for the DH Bootcamp. We hope you’re able to join us for a great opportunity to learn key skills in the digital humanities.

Bravo!
Jordan Stump
Check out the article on UNL Today “Arts and Sciences faculty collect college honors” featuring Jordan and his ORCA award.
http://news.unl.edu/newsrooms/unltoday/article/arts-and-sciences-faculty-collect-college-honors/

Bravo!
Radha Balasubramanian
The Senior Vice Chancellor has approved her promotion to Full Professor.
Bravo! to Jennifer Isasi and Naroa Puente-Ortiz for representing the Modern Languages Department at the BRR, this time in the West part of the State of Nebraska and during a long weekend in Spring break.

Thank you for your hard work.

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**March**

- **Monday, 02 March**: German Section 10:30 | 1223A OLDH
- **Tuesday, 03 March**: Spanish Section 11am | 1126 OLDH
- **Wednesday, 04 March**: Spring Faculty Meeting 3:30-5pm
- **Thursday, 05 March**: Executive Committee Meeting 11 AM | 1111 OLDH
- **Friday, 06 March**: French Section 10:30 | 1107 OLDH
- **Saturday, 07 March**: No Language Classes
- **Sunday, 08 March**: No Language Classes

**April**

- **Monday, 01 April**: German Section 1:30 | 1223A OLDH
- **Wednesday, 02 April**: Executive Committee Meeting 11 AM | 1111 OLDH
- **Thursday, 03 April**: French Section 10:30 | 1107 OLDH
- **Friday, 04 April**: No Language Classes
- **Saturday, 05 April**: No Language Classes
- **Monday, 06 April**: Spring Break
- **Tuesday, 07 April**: Spanish Section 11am | 1126 OLDH
- **Wednesday, 08 April**: Spring Break
- **Thursday, 09 April**: Spring Break
- **Friday, 10 April**: Spring Break
- **Saturday, 11 April**: Spring Break
- **Sunday, 12 April**: Spring Break

**March Break**

- **Monday, 23 March**: Spring Break
- **Tuesday, 24 March**: Spring Break
- **Wednesday, 25 March**: Spring Break
- **Thursday, 26 March**: Spring Break
- **Friday, 27 March**: Spring Break
- **Saturday, 28 March**: Spring Break
- **Sunday, 29 March**: Spring Break

**April Break**

- **Monday, 20 April**: Spring Break
- **Tuesday, 21 April**: Spring Break
- **Wednesday, 22 April**: Spring Break
- **Thursday, 23 April**: Spring Break
- **Friday, 24 April**: Spring Break
- **Saturday, 25 April**: Spring Break
- **Sunday, 26 April**: Spring Break
Greetings all,

A few months ago, I was hired by the Office of Online and Distance Education as one of their Instructional Design Technology Specialists (IDTS). I was delighted to learn that I will be working for the College of Arts and Sciences, and particularly for the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures. It is therefore a great pleasure for me to work with your department as my past experience matches your department goal. I taught French at West Virginia University as a GTA and I also worked for West Virginia University Academic Innovation to develop digital interactive math games.

My role for your department is to:
• provide one-on-one consultation and support for instructors of online, blended, and face-to-face courses,
• help instructors integrate instructional strategies with effective, innovative supporting technologies,
• help address specific instructional challenges and ensure effective evidence-based learning environments,
• help identify and deliver faculty and GTA development opportunities tailored to the needs of your department.

I believe that great educational technology tools and good pedagogy can increase courses’ effectiveness and efficiency. I am very excited to work with your department to bridge good educational technology and good instructional design for a great student learning experience.

My office is at 229 Burnet Hall and my phone number is 402-472-2607. I look forward to meeting and working with you all.

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REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED. DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW SCREENING WITH DIRECTOR IAN THOMAS ASH.

For more Information, Please contact Kawasaki reading Room Director Madoka Wayoro mwayoro@unl.edu 402-472-9427
On behalf of the chancellor’s Diversity Administrative Council, University Communications is working toward the development of a new clearinghouse website for UNL diversity programs, resources, events, etc.

As a critical part of that process, we are seeking input from students, faculty and staff on the types of content to include in the new Diversity site and the optimal architecture/navigation of that content. We have already led a focus group with current students, and now **we are asking for your help to find 1-2 participants for separate faculty and staff focus groups.**

**FACULTY FOCUS GROUP**  
Thursday, April 9  
3:00-4:00 pm  
Nebraska Union – 213

**STAFF FOCUS GROUP**  
Friday, April 10  
9:30-10:30 am  
Nebraska Union – 212

Our ideal focus group size is 8-10 (so please encourage RSVPs soon to secure an opportunity to participate), and we’d prefer to have representation from several academic colleges / campus units. Please ask those interested in participating to RSVP by emailing Andy Schadwinkel by Friday, April 3 at:  

aschadwinkel@unl.edu

Thanks,  
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Register: 2015 Innovation in Pedagogy and Technology Symposium

University of Nebraska Information Technology (UNIT) and University of Nebraska Online Worldwide are pleased to present Partnering for Success, the 2015 Innovation in Pedagogy and Technology Symposium. Participants will have the opportunity to learn from nationally recognized experts, share their experiences, and learn from the initiatives of colleagues in online education and technology.

Reserve your spot today

Event Details:

- May 14, 2015 - 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (CST)
- Cornhusker Marriott Hotel - Downtown Lincoln, Nebraska
- Breakfast and Lunch Provided
- Cost: Complimentary to University of Nebraska faculty and staff
Collaborate with leaders in education and technology

- **Dr. Mark Milliron**, Co-Founder and Chief Learning Officer, Civitas Learning. Milliron, an award-winning leader, author, speaker and consultant who has worked across all grade levels and types of organizations will present "Emerging Insights on the Next Generation of Learning in Higher Education."

- **Tanya Joosten**, Director of eLearning Research and Development at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Joosten works to guide strategic eLearning efforts at the campus, state and national levels, to develop innovative programming for the UWM campus and to lead a team of researchers to advance the field of eLearning. Joosten will present two sessions, "Promoting Student Access and Success through Research" and "Taking Advantage of Social Media in Your Courses."

View the [symposium agenda](#) for a full list of presenters and topics.
CENTER FOR DIGITAL RESEARCH IN THE HUMANITIES

10th Anniversary Celebration

April 1, 2015
3:00 to 4:30 PM
319 Love Library South
Safety Culture: Perspectives & Practices

Presented by Sean Kaufman
National/International Educator, Consultant, Behavioral Solutions Expert

Wednesday, April 15, 2015
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.      City Campus Union
Pre-registration Required For This Event
Go to: “News” (right side) at EHS web site, http://ehs.unl.edu)

Sean will discuss safety culture based on his experience with Emory University, CDC, and other public and private entities, including information on best practices for improving and sustaining safety cultures.

This colloquium will be applicable to everyone, especially laboratory researchers, PIs, safety committee chairs, department heads and deans.

For more information, contact Betsy Howe (402) 472-5488 or ehowe2@unl.edu) at EHS.
Colloquium Series facilitated by Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) and the Office of Research & Economic Development
Medieval and Renaissance Studies Program

Presents

“Goodbye to the Vikings”

Vladimir Polach, Frank A. Belousek Distinguished Scholar and Visiting Professor, Department of History, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Co-sponsored with the Department of History

Dudley Bailey Library
April 1, 5:00 pm
228 Andrews Hall

Refreshments will be served

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Medieval and Renaissance Studies Program

Presents

A pre-play talk about Medea with Laura Lippman, the play’s director, and Ian Borden

Medea by Anthony Sandys (1868)  Amphora showing Medea killing her son (c. 340-320 BCE)

Temple Building
April 16, 6:00 pm
Room 104

Pizza & soda will be served

Please RSVP to unl.medrenstudies@gmail.com by April 14.

Those who don’t RSVP can still attend the pre-play talk, but should not expect to have any food.

To get a BOGO coupon for tickets, please contact unl.medrenstudies@gmail.com, or kjohnson6@unl.edu. For more information, see the Events section of http://www.unl.edu/medren/

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