

CAS Bulletin: Spring 2020 ~ February

Faculty Success

- Andrew Anglin, Department of Mass Media, received the Student Life Achieving Excellence Award on Dec. 5.
- WIFI Film Festival returns for the second year with showing venues throughout the community. April 2-4, 2020 screenings will be held on campus, at the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, and at the Jayhawk Theatre in Downtown Topeka. Sponsored in part by a grant from Humanities Kansas, the festival will tie-in with this semester's WUmester theme of Citizenship and Suffrage.
- Find a schedule of March WUmester events on the back page, and a brief recap of already occurred events on the next page. Learn even more at washburn.edu/wumester.
- Brian Thomas, professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy, is being interviewed this month on campus about gamma-ray bursts by *NHK*, Japanese public television. His interview will be included in an episode of the program "Cosmic Front NEXT."
- Athletic Training Program Director John Burns will be recognized with a Service Award at the National Athletic Trainers' Association conference this summer. He was nominated by a department colleague for his years of dedication to students and the profession locally and beyond.
- Washburn Music faculty members are presenting several clinics and concerts at the Kansas Music Educators Association conference in Wichita this week. The spring music calendar on campus is full and you can find details on the last page of this newsletter.
- Professor and Chair Sharon Sullivan, who teaches courses in theatre and women's and gender studies, participated recently in The Links and Friends Advocacy and Legislative Day at the Kansas Statehouse. Sullivan speaks internationally on human trafficking and the rights of women and girls.
- Dr. Cyrus Zargar, Al-Ghazali Distinguished Professor of Islamic Studies at the University of Central Florida, presented the 2020 Thomas L. King Lecture on Religious Studies. His lecture, "Muslim Encounters with the Christian Other in Persian Sufi Poetry," explored presentation of "other" in medieval writings of Christian and Muslim authors as a context for discussion of the work of Attar."



Andrew Anglin, front middle, received the December 2019 Student Life Achieving Excellence Award.



Learn more about WIFI Film Festival, coming April 2-4, at washburn.edu/wifi.



Learn more about WUmester and the 2020 theme of Citizenship and Suffrage at washburn.edu/wumester.



Sharon Sullivan, far right, speaks about human trafficking at the Kansas Statehouse during an advocacy day organized by Links, Incorporated.

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More CAS News

WUmester

- Laura Murphy, assistant professor of anthropology and archeology in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, organized a Mabee Book Club discussion of *Plundered Skulls and Stolen Spirits* and arranged for author and Denver Museum of Nature and Science curator Dr. Chip Colwell to speak on campus.
- Civil and voting rights activist Flonzie Brown Wright came to campus this month to share her experiences during the Civil Rights Movement as part of the WUmester conversation on citizenship and suffrage.
- Dr. Koritha Mitchell presented the annual Lincoln Lecture: “Home-made Citizenship: All But Inviting Injury” and visited with faculty about “Responsible Teaching in a Violent Culture.”

Students

- Three Washburn physics students, Bijaya Basnet, Matt Christman, and Negendra Dhamala, gave poster presentations about their research at the K-INBRE conference in January. Assistant Professor Vince Rossi was the faculty mentor on all three projects.
- Washburn Debate competitors volunteered during winter break by busing/cleaning all the tables at the Kansas Children Service League’s (KCSL) Red Stocking Breakfast fundraiser held annually in Topeka at Carlos O’Kelly’s.
- Forensic Chemistry has had five students intern with the Kansas Bureau of Investigations Forensic Science Center since 2017. Currently, one student has a paid internship and two alumni are employed at the lab.

Alumni

- Dorthea Fronsman-Cecil, BA in French and BA in German 2017, won the 2019 Peter Lang Young Scholars Competition in French Studies in the category of Media and Culture.
- Tawni Schraad and Sydney Franzke Doty, 2019 elementary education graduates, received the Horizon Award for outstanding first year teachers in their districts. Schraad works for Topeka Public Schools. Doty works for Shawnee Heights Public Schools.
- Michaela Saunders, MLS 2015 and CAS office, received an Award of Excellence from the Greater Topeka Partnership in January for her work on the creation and adoption of the new City of Topeka flag.



Chip Colwell, of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, speaks in the Washburn Room about ancient DNA.



Flonzie Brown Wright shares an artifact of segregation with a student in a history class taught by Kerry Wynn.



Washburn Physics students and faculty mentor Vince Rossi (third from left) at the K-INBRE conference in January.



CAS office staff performed at the No Talent Talent Show this month in support of Washburn Theatre’s trip to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Go, Bods!

SAVE THE DATE

**CAS SPRING
POTLUCK & SOCIAL**
Noon to 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 1
MORGAN 209

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WUmester Events

Now ~ June 13 Mulvane Art Museum
I Dream a World: Portraits of Black Women Who Changed America

March Memorial Union
 Student exhibit on what voting means to them.

March 2 Noon, Mabee Library
 Mondays at Mabee: Kara Kendall-Morwick and Susan Schmitz on "Being Good Citizens for Community Cats"

7 p.m. Henderson 107
 Screening of *Suffragette* (2015) presented by Phi Alpha Theta

March 5 Noon, Shawnee Room, Memorial Union
 Gender Brown Bag: Being a Woman at Washburn: An informal roundtable

March 5 5 p.m., Memorial Union Underground
 "From Immigrant to Activist: An Evening with Luis Estrada"

March 16 ~ 20 Memorial Union & Mabee Library
 League of Women Voters Exhibit: "Celebrating the Centennial of the 19th Amendment-Women Vote: Learning from the Past; Imagining the Future."

March 16 Noon, Mabee Library
 Mondays at Mabee: Millennium Student Fellows present "Free Period!"

March 18 Noon, International House
 Screening of "Strangers in Town"

6 p.m., Henderson 112
 Harvard Method of Teaching Civics, co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the College of Arts and Sciences.

March 19 12:30 p.m., Memorial Union, Shawnee Rm
 Gender Brown Bag: Kelly Thor presents, "Transgressing Norms: Medieval Women at San Millán de la Cogolla."

March 24 3 p.m., International House
 Huscar Medina, Poet Laureat of Kansas, presents "May Our Voices Ring True"

March 25 7 p.m., Henderson 107
 Screening of *Iron Jawed Angels* (2004) presented by Phi Alpha Theta

March 27 Memorial Union
 The Right to Vote - A Conference at the Centennial of the 19th Amendment | Keynote by Sarah Deer at 4 p.m. in the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center.

March 30 Noon, Mabee Library
 Mondays at Mabee: Andrea Thimesch and Jean Marshall on "Being an Informed Voter and Voter Literacy"

April 2-4 Multiple locations
 WIFI Film Festival. Learn more at washburn.edu/wifi

See a full schedule at www.washburn.edu/wumester



CAS Events

- **CAS spring faculty meeting**
3 p.m., March 4, Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center
- **Late Winter Choral Concert**
7:30 p.m., March 5, White Concert Hall
- **Spring Break**
March 7-15 (University is open March 9-13)
- **SAI All American March Concert**
3 p.m., March 15, White Concert Hall
- **Jazz Ensemble Concert**
7:30 p.m., March 19, White Concert Hall
- **Voice Division Concert**
7:30 p.m., March 20, White Concert Hall
- **String Chamber Music Concert**
7:30 p.m., March 26, White Concert Hall
- **Coleman Hawkins Jazz Festival Concert**
7:30 p.m., April 3, White Concert Hall
- **She Kills Monsters**
7:30 p.m., April 3, 4, 10 & 11; 2 p.m. April 5, Washburn Theatre, Garvey 130
- **Washburn Wind Ensemble & Gustavus Wind Orchestra**
3 p.m., April 5, White Concert Hall
- **Low Brass Ensemble Concert**
7:30 p.m., April 7, White Concert Hall
- **Low Brass Studio Recital**
7:30 p.m., April 9, Carole Chapel
- **Erinn Renyer Faculty Cello Recital**
7:30 p.m., April 10, White Concert Hall
- **Percussion Ensemble Concert**
7:30 p.m., April 14, White Concert Hall
- **2020 Honors Concert**
3 p.m., April 19, White Concert Hall
- **Cabaret Concert**
7:30 p.m., April 19, Memorial Union Washburn Room
- **Hansel & Gretel by Washburn Opera Studio**
7:30 p.m., April 24 and 25; 3 p.m., April 26, Washburn Theatre
- **Edinburgh Fringe Festival Show**
7:30 p.m., May 1 & 2; 2 p.m. May 2, Washburn Theatre
- **Washburn Wind Ensemble**
3 p.m., May 3, White Concert Hall
- **University Band Concert**
7:30 p.m., May 4, White Concert Hall
- **Jazz Ensemble Concert**
7:30 p.m., May 5, White Concert Hall
- **Theatre Student Showcase**
3 p.m., May 8, Washburn Theatre
- **President's Concert**
7:30 p.m., May 8, White Concert Hall
- **Spring 2020 CAS Commencement**
12:30 p.m., Saturday, May 16, Lee Arena
- **Spring grades due**
10 a.m., Wednesday, May 20

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