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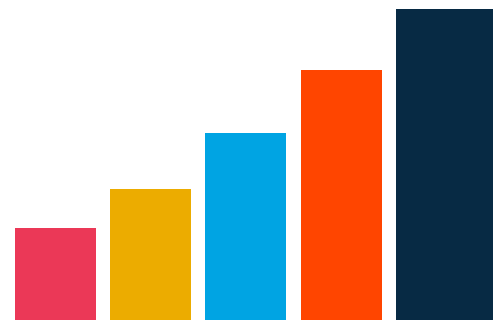
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Message from the Dean

Academic year 2023-2024 found the College of Humanities and Fine Arts moving forward on many fronts. Our annual report highlights many of the positive teaching and learning events presented by the college.

Before we enter into those specifics, the faculty and staff of the college, who are the life-blood of our activities, are to be highlighted. Dr. James Humphreys (History) and Dr. Amanda Joyce (Psychology) were the college's Board of Regents Award for Teaching Excellence recipients. University Faculty Awards were presented to Dr. Juyoung Song (English and Philosophy) for the Distinguished Research Award, Dr. Megan Saint Peters (Psychology) for the Faculty Innovation Initiative Award, and Dr. Michael Bordieri (Psychology) for the Stephen B. White Award.

The college awarded Dr. Brittany Wood (Political Science and Sociology) the Excellence in Teaching Award. Dr. Tamara Feinstein (History) received the CHFA Collegiate Research and Creativity Award. The award for Excellence in Service and Leadership was presented to Dr. Michael Bordieri. The college Mentoring Award was presented to Dr. Carrie Jerrell (English and Philosophy).

The college Staff Excellence Award was presented to Cheryl Hicks, Administrative Assistant II, in the Dean's office.

The college also presented two Outstanding Scholar Awards for 2023-2024 to students. Madison Johns received her degree from the Department of Art and Design in Graphic Design. Elise Eaton earned her bachelor's degree in History with Social Studies Teaching Certification. In the Fall of 2023, two of our college graduates were named MSU Outstanding Seniors: Syler Kennedy (B.S., Sociology with a minor in Legal Studies) and Kaid Marek (B.A., Psychology with a minor in Gender and Diversity Studies).

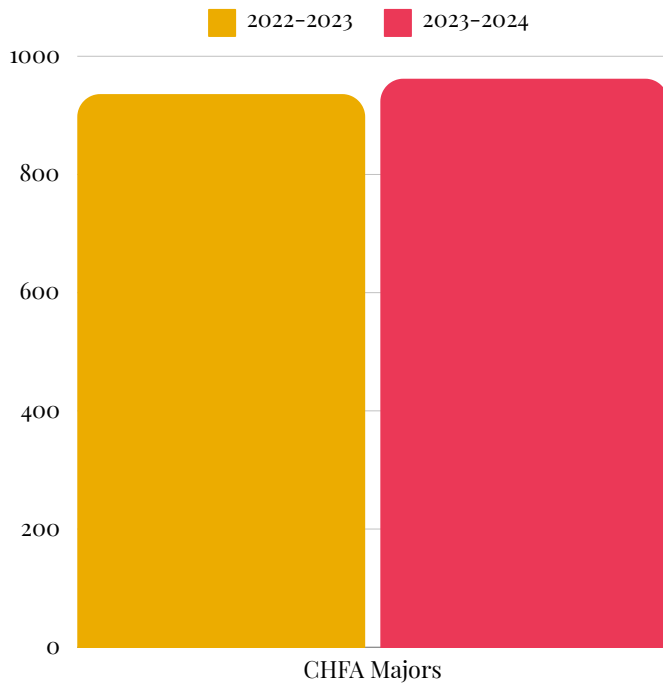
As you read through this annual report, you will find that each of our departments focuses on students through excellence in the classroom, scholarship and creative activity, performances, guest artists, guest speakers and lecturers, a film series, exhibitions in our galleries, and mentoring students for success following graduation. These endeavors have contributed to the growth of our student body, increased our student's success upon graduation (including an uptick in law school and graduate program acceptances) and provided successful internship candidates in areas around the country. Our programs are nationally accredited (when applicable) and our Graphic Design program has been named best in the Commonwealth two years in a row by an external review process.

The College of Humanities and Fine Arts will continue to make our students' education the priority. Our faculty and staff work hard each day to equip our students with the skills necessary to be successful. I trust this annual report will shed light on our success.

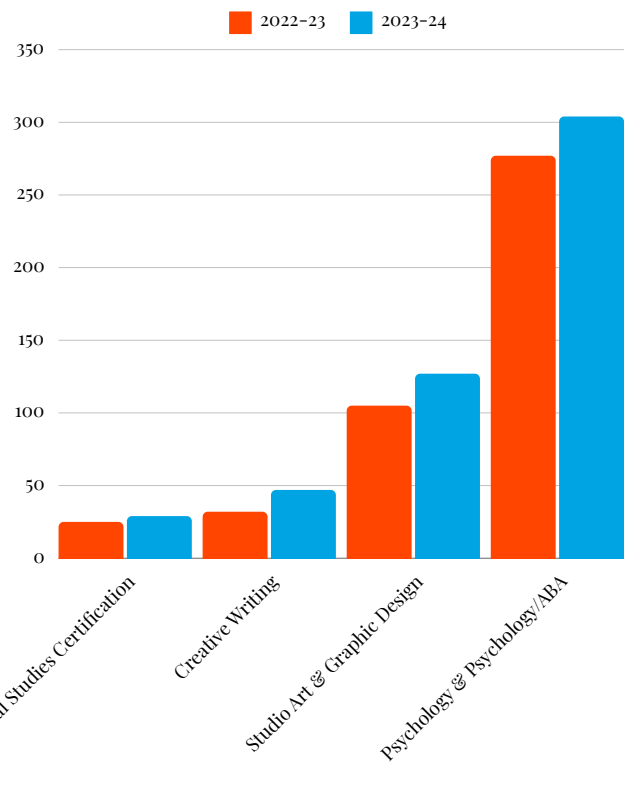
Respectfully,
David Balthrop, Dean

CHFA Enrollment

The College of Humanities is experiencing positive growth. In 2022-23 we had 936 majors, and in 2023-24 we had 962 majors. From 2022-23 to 2023-24, many of our programs grew or remained steady in enrollments.

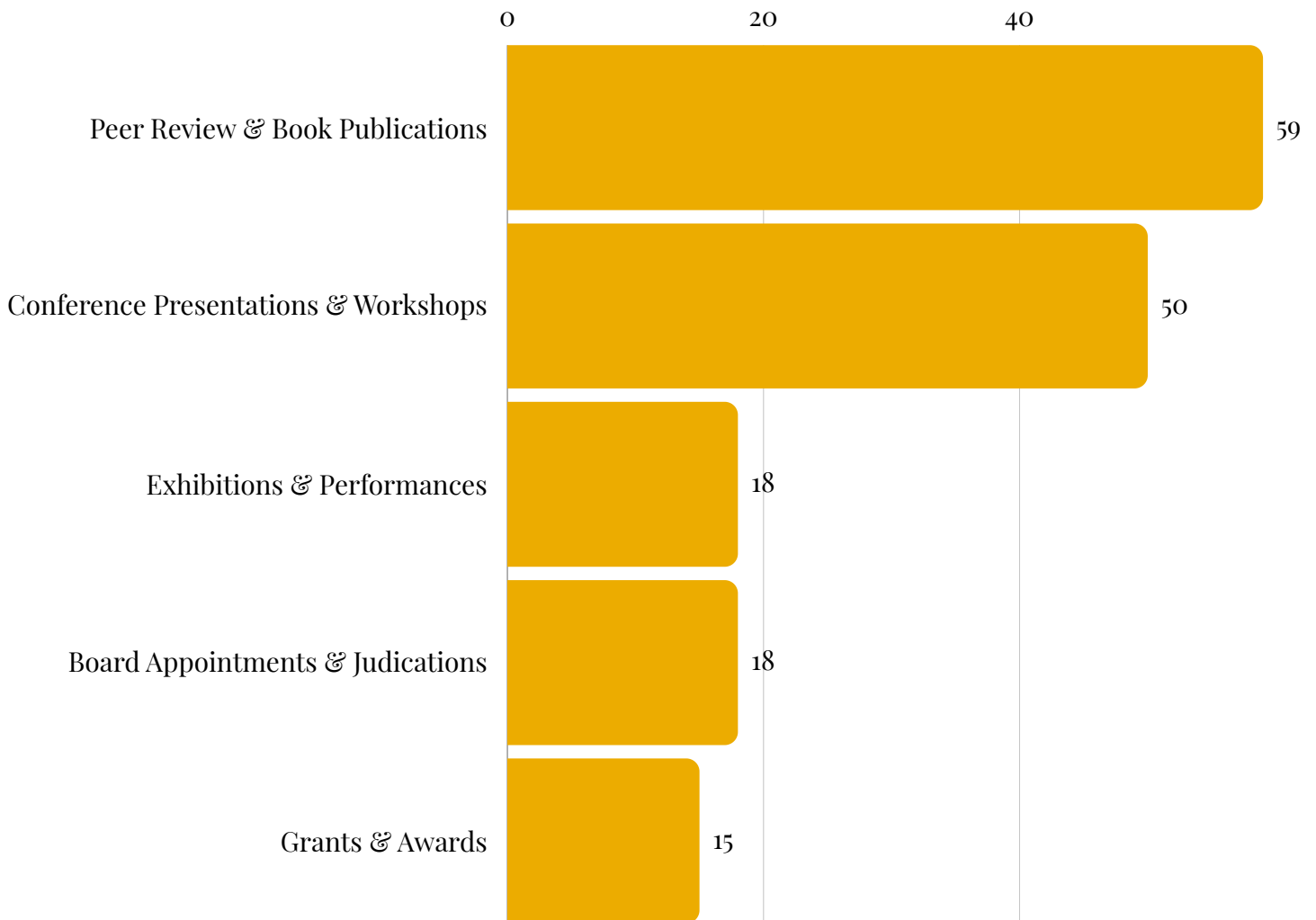


Example Programs



Faculty Excellence

Faculty in CHFA had a prolific year in research and creative activity, with over 160 presentations, performances, awards and appointments external to Murray State University.



Faculty Excellence

Art & Design

Professor Scott Cook exhibited his work in *Positive/Negative 39* National Juried Art Exhibition at Slocumb Galleries at East Tennessee State University and was a visiting artist at the Holland College of Arts and Media's Micro-Fab Lab in Cape Girardeau, MO, where he also taught a workshop and gave a lecture.

Professor Lu Colby had a solo exhibition, *A Room of Her Own*, in Bill Ford Gallery at the Paducah School of Art & Design's 2D Graphic Design Building. She also gave an accompanying artist talk.

Dr. Antje Gamble published *Cold War American Exhibitions of Italian Art and Design* with Routledge. She also published a review of Caroline M. Riley's book, *MoMA Goes to Paris in 1938: Building and Politicizing American Art* in *Panorama: Journal of the Association of Historians of American Art*. Dr. Gamble also served as the Juror Panelist for the 62nd annual Juried Art Exhibition at the Owensboro Museum of Fine Art in Owensboro, KY.

Professor Cintia Segovia Figueroa exhibited her work in *Infinite Weight / Present Histories: The 2nd Annual Juried Photography Exhibition* at the University of West Georgia, and *Aperturas y Obstaculos* at the Clemens Fine Arts Center. Professor Segovia Figueroa served as the juror for *Art Through The Lens 2023* in Paducah, KY, and was part of a partnership grant for serving as moderator for three events for the Kentucky Arts Council during Celebrating the Art and Culture of Kentucky. She was also featured in an artist profile in the *Northern Kentucky Review*.

Professor and Associate Dean Nicole Hand exhibited her work in three exhibitions: *Holding Space*, a solo exhibition at Freight House Gallery in Paducah, KY; *United Marks*, in the King Family Exhibition Case, Visual Art Center at the University of Colorado-Boulder; and *CVAD Collection*, Print Press at the University of Texas-Denton.

Professor Katie Knoeringer exhibited her work at the Cerulean Arts Collective in Philadelphia, PA, and taught a workshop. She also juried the Murray Art Guild's *Visual Evidence* exhibition and had a solo exhibition, *Hewn from Paper*, at Murray Art Guild.

Professor Mike Martin exhibited in the invitational exhibition *ThinkSmall 12*, co-curated by Dana Frostick and Heidi Thacker at Artspace Gallery in Richmond, VA. The traveling exhibition he juried, *Blurring Boundaries: The Women of American Abstract Artists, 1936-Present*, was on view at The Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury, CT.

Professor Sarah Martin's work was exhibited in *imagining wholeness: expressive art and well being* at The Curb Center at Vanderbilt University. Professor Martin also served as the juror for the Tennessee Craft: Member Exhibition, Customs House Museum and Cultural Center, Clarksville, TN.

Professor John Utgaard exhibited his work in three exhibitions: the Yunomi Invitational 2023 National group exhibition in ClayAKAR, Iowa City, IA; *Facets*, the national invitational group exhibition at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Jacksonville, FL; and the Yellowstone Art Auction 56 National juried exhibition and benefit auction at the Yellowstone Art Museum in Billings, MT.

Dr. Rebecca Williams presented "Creating Assessments: Narrating Achievement with ChatGPT's Guiding AI" at the KyAEA Fall Conference at Thomas More University. She presented "Engaging Activities to Get Teens Talking About Art" with Elizabeth Debban and "Dynamic and Time-Efficient Lesson Planning with your Work BFF, ChatGPT" with Dr. Libba Willcox at the NAEA National Convention in Minneapolis, MN. Dr. Williams also received the Higher Education Art Educator of the Year Award, sponsored by the Kentucky Art Education Association, and served on the Content Expert Panel for The Data Visualization Project, which is funded by the US Department of Education's Assistance in Arts Education grant program.

Photo Professor Cintia Segovia Figueroa was the Juror for the Yeiser Art Center's annual "Art Through The Lens" show.



Dr. Rebecca Williams received the KYAEA Higher Ed Art Educator of the Year Award.



Dr. Antje Gamble celebrated the publication of her first book.

Faculty Excellence

English & Philosophy

Dr. Alicia Carthell's article, "An Analysis of Bias in Language Content in Books Used in Technical and Professional Writing Courses: A Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice Matter," was published in *IEEE Transactions of Professional Communication*.

Dr. Sara Cooper published a co-authored book chapter, titled "Drafting While Drifting: Developing a Digital Village of Support and Advocacy During the COVID-19 Pandemic," in *It Takes a Village: Academic Mothers Building Online Communities* (Palgrave Macmillan).

Dr. Shimikqua Ellis's article, " 'I'm really just scared of the White parents': A teacher navigates perceptions of barriers to discussing racial injustice," was published in *English Teaching Practice and Critique*.

Dr. Ray Horton's review of the book, *Faith in Exposure: Privacy and Secularism in the Nineteenth-Century United States* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2023), by Justine S. Murison, was published in the journal *Early American Literature*.

Dr. Michelle Panchuk's chapter, "Power and Protest: A Christian Liturgical Response to Religious Trauma" appeared in *Philosophies of Liturgy: Explorations of Embodied Religious Practice* (Bloomsbury).

Dr. Gwen Paradise received a prestigious Literature Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts in support of their fiction and non-fiction writing. The program operates on a two-year cycle with fellowships in prose and poetry available in alternating years. Competition for fellowships is extremely rigorous.

Dr. Ho Ryong Park published the article, "Four ESOL Graduate Students' Hybrid Learning Through a Reflective Project: A Qualitative Case Study" in the *Australian Journal of Teacher Education*; and "Enriching Middle School Students' Learning Through Digital Storytelling: A Multimodal Analytical Framework" in *ECNU Review of Education*.

Two sonnets by **professor Pamela Parker** were chosen for inclusion in an anthology, *Thirty Poems in Thirty Days*. The anthology was released by Trio House Press at the Association of Writers and Writing Programs annual conference in spring 2024 and was used as a writing prompt source for National Poetry Month in April.

Dr. Rebecca Rosen received the Richard Beale Davis Prize for 2022-2023 from the Modern Language Association Forum on Early American Literature for her essay, "The Voice of the Innocent Blood Cries Aloud from the Ground to Heaven': Speaking and Discovering Infanticide in the Early American Northeast."

Professor Kari Shemwell received a grant from the British Arts Council to attend a residency in Scotland to work on her novel.

Dr. Saihua Xia's article, "Chinese Students' Transcultural Strategies: Intentions to Navigate Identity Conflicts and Expand Their Identities Through Hong Kong Study Experiences" was published in the Journal of Comparative & International Higher Education.



Murray State students and faculty from the TESOL (Teaching English to Students of Other Languages) program attended the annual KYTESOL conference.

Faculty Excellence

Global Languages & Theatre Arts

Professor Matthew Crider was elected to co-chair the Southeastern Theatre Conference's movement and physical theatre committee. He also coordinated The Rural Renewal, a regional stage combat workshop, hosted at Murray State, and served as one of the instructors and choreographers for the Louisiana Tech Stage Combat Workshop. In addition, Professor Crider served as lead author for a universal rubric for all Society of American Fight Directors testing, and as Title IX/ADA/DEI instructor for candidates for teacher certification for the Society of American Fight Directors. He also gave a guest lecture on Commedia and Clowning for Louisiana Tech grad students.

Dr. Robert Fitz served on the Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship National Selection Committee and was part of the Peace Corps Virtual Service Pilot Project, working via WhatsApp with community librarians in Mozambique to develop teaching methodologies for basic literacy. Dr. Fitz also published "Ekphrastic Allusions to Frederick II in the Libro de Alexandre" in *British Spanish Studies Journal* and was a peer reviewer for *Calíope: Journal of the Society for Renaissance and Baroque Hispanic Poetry* from the University of Pennsylvania. He gave a conference presentation titled "Ekphrastic Apocalypse: Joachimist Prophecy in the Libro de Alexandre" at the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, and co-taught a class with faculty from the International University of San Isidro Labrador in Pérez Zeledón, Costa Rica.

Professor Lissa Graham was accepted into and completed an intimacy Intensive Workshop at the University of South Carolina.

Professor Daryl Phillipy was invited to the Hendrix-Murphy Foundation as a visiting guest director at Hendrix College, where he directed, gave a lecture, and taught a workshop. He also attended the world famous Stella Adler Acting Studio in Los Angeles, CA.

Dr. Elena Picech-Reisinger gave the presentation, "Teaching Language in Context through On-Site Visual Perception" at the 20th Southeast Coastal Conference on Languages & Literatures at Georgia Southern University.

Dr. Tanya Romero González published "Revelaciones históricas: Lo fantasmagórico en La plaza del Diamante" in the [Revista de Literatura](#) and served on the Fulbright National Selection Committee to Research and study in Spain. She also published a co-authored book chapter, "Drafting While Drifting: Developing a Digital Village of Support and Advocacy During the COVID-19 Pandemic," in *It Takes a Village: Academic Mothers Building Online Communities* (Palgrave Macmillan).

Dr. Thérèse St. Paul presented "The Lost Voice of the Weaving Goddess in the Arthurian Lay of the Mantel" at the Traditional Cosmology Society 40th Anniversary Conference.

Faculty Excellence

History

Dr. Brian Clardy served at the chair of the Kentucky Humanities Council and the State Oral History Commission. He also published an article, "Between Civic Dissent and Ornate Idealism: Robert F. Kennedy's Address to the Impact Symposium at Vanderbilt University, March 21, 1968" in the *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*.

Dr. Tamara Feinstein published her first book, titled, *The Fate of Peruvian Democracy: Political Violence, Human Rights, and the Legal Left*, with the University of Notre Dame Press. She also published an Electronic Briefing Book, titled "Peru's Truth and Reconciliation Commission: 20 years later," with the D.C. based non-profit research institute, the National Security Archive. In addition, Dr. Feinstein gave a poster presentation at the American Historical Association's annual meeting and served as a peer reviewer for the *Latin American Research Review*.

Dr. Selina Gao published three articles: "Folklore Goes to War: Folksongs, Yangge and Storytelling in Communist Bases during the Second Sino-Japanese War" in the IAFOR Journal of Cultural Studies; "Strengthening National Identity and Cultural Cohesion: Wartime Folklore Studies in Southwest China," in *Reconstructing the Past: Journal of Historical Studies*; and "In the Shadow of War: Nationalism and Folk Studies in Wartime Beijing and Shanghai," in the *Journal of Nationalism, Memory & Language Politics*. Dr. Gao was also an article reviewer for *African and Asian Studies* and a book reviewer for *The Power of Print in Modern China: Intellectuals and Industrial Publishing from the End of Empire to Maoist State Socialism*, Columbia University Press.

Dr. Marjorie Hilton presented the paper, "Civilizing Russia's 'Barbarous Kingdom': Gender and Violence in Hulu's *The Great*" at the Popular Culture Association's national conference. The paper was also published in *Historical Reflections/Réflexions Historiques*. Dr. Hilton also served as a discussant for a panel at the Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, and refereed one book manuscript for University of Toronto Press and one academic article for the journal *History of Retailing and Consumption*. In addition, she served on the Executive Council of the Southern Conference on Slavic Studies.

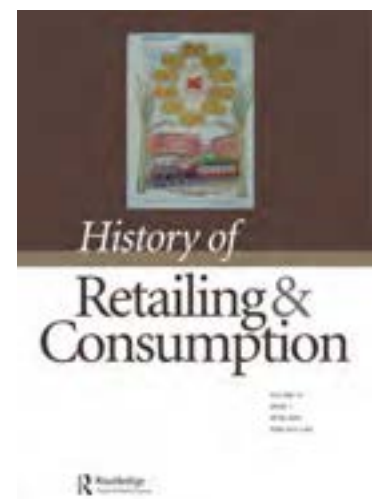
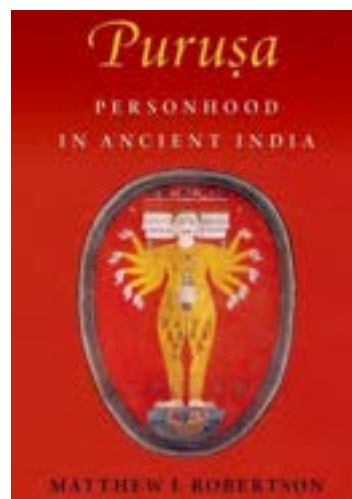
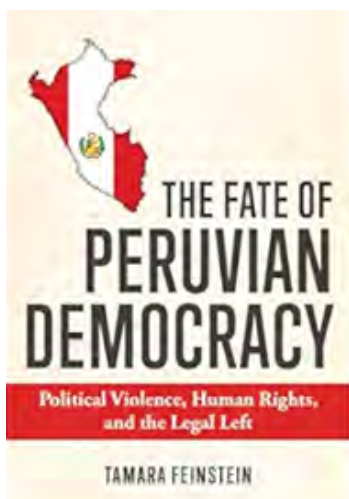
Dr. James Humphreys wrote an entry on the Fourth Amendment's guarantee of No Unreasonable Searches and Seizures, which was featured on the website of Constituting America. He also wrote a review of *The Papers of Andrew Jackson, Volume XI, 1833*, which was published in the *Journal of Southern History*.

Dr. Aaron Irvin published the chapters, “Polytheism, Proselytism, and Puppies: The Dynamics of Distinction and Unity,” in *New Approaches to Ritual in the Roman World* with Archaeopress, and “Globalization and the Urbanization of Roman Gaul” for an upcoming globalization volume with Brill Press. Dr. Irvin’s research was featured on several series airing on the History Channel, including *Ancient Empires*, *Dark Marvels*, and *Jesus - Crown of Thorns*. In addition, he presented his research, “Community as Cult in Pre- and Post-Conquest Gaul” at the European Archaeological Association Annual Conference at Queen’s College in Belfast, UK.

Dr. Olga Koullis published “Democracy for Some: Greek American Institutions and the Greek Junta, 1967-74” in *The Commonwealth Review of Political Science* and “Organizing Minds and Managing People: J.P. Morgan Bankers on Transatlantic of Communication and Capital, 1917-1920” in the *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*. She also presented “Vanguard of the Bourgeoisie: Morgan Bankers, Communities of Interest, and Managing Democratic Publics” at the annual Business History Conference and the Ohio Valley History Conference.

Dr. Christine Linder presented a paper, “Children, Family, and State: Evolving Conceptions of Childhood in the Ottoman Empire,” at the Middle East Studies Association’s annual meeting in Montreal.

Dr. Matthew Robertson’s article, “The Yogi Physician: The Conscious Self and the Yoga of Karmic Observation in Early Ayurvedic Medicine” was published in *Numen*; a second article, “An Epidemic at Kāmpilya: Crisis and Clear Awareness in Early India,” is under review with the *History of Science in South Asia*. Dr. Robertson also presented his paper, “Hindu Responses to Climate Change” at the Annual Conference on South Asia in Madison, WI.



Faculty in the Department of History published work in a number of academic venues this year.

Faculty Excellence

Music

Dr. Stephanie Carlson and **Dr. Amy McCann** performed at the International Clarinet Association's ClarinetFest 2023 in Denver, CO, as members of the Larkspur Reed Trio. The performance included a newly commissioned work for the event. Dr. McCann also delivered a presentation entitled "Reeding is Fundamental" at the festival. Dr. Carlson and Dr. McCann also performed Ruth Gipps' *Trio for Oboe, Clarinet, and Piano, Op. 10* at the Music by Women Festival held at the Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, MS.

Dr. Ashley Cumming presented at West Virginia Music Educator's Association annual Conference with her quintet, Spark Brass.

Dr. Mike D'Ambrosio's composition *Compressionism* was recorded by the Palisade Trumpet Collective and released on CD and on most streaming platforms under the title "Sojourn."

Dr. Joan Eckroth-Riley was awarded the First District KMEA College/University Music Teacher of the Year for 2024. She also presented a session at the Kentucky Music Educators Conference titled, "Choice, Process, Performance; From Page to Stage," and an online session on Orff Schulwerk for students in the online Graduate degree program at Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD.

Dr. Tana Field performed "Songs of Longing" at the Korean Composers Festival in Northfield, MN.

Dr. Matthew Gianforte and **Dr. Meeyoun Park** served as faculty members at the Indiana University Summer Piano Academy. Dr. Gianforte also participated in three recitals as a soloist and duo pianist with Dr. Park at the American Liszt Society Festival, held at Palm Beach Atlantic University, FL.

Dr. Brent Johnson's presentation, "Painting Phrases - Guiding Performers to Make Artistic Decisions in Band," was selected through juried process for inclusion at the New Mexico Music Educators Conference at the University of New Mexico.

Faculty Excellence

Political Science & Sociology

Dr. Ihsan Alkhatib presented a paper at Southern Political Science Association Conference.

Dr. Paul Foote presented a paper at Southern Political Science Association Conference and served as president of the Kentucky Political Science Association. Dr. Foote also had a publication in the *Commonwealth Review of Political Science* and served as that journal's co-editor.

Dr. Alexandra Hendley had a publication in *Sociological Focus*, and her peer-reviewed teaching resource, originally published in 2021, was selected for inclusion in a curated set of resources for high school sociology teachers. Dr. Hendley was also recognized by the national headquarters of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society, with the Circle of Distinction Award.

Dr. Ann Johnson presented a paper at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Conference.

Dr. Diane Nititham gave a talk as part of the panel, "Melting Pot or Mixed Salad: Wrangling Identities in Diasporic Communities" for the University of California-Los Angeles' Diasporas: Transnational Migrations, Spaces, and Identities Series. Dr. Nititham also presented papers at the National Women's Studies Association Conference and the University of California-Irvine's interdisciplinary conference, Worldmaking through Global Asias. She also published a co-authored book chapter, "Drafting While Drifting: Developing a Digital Village of Support and Advocacy During the COVID-19 Pandemic," in *It Takes a Village: Academic Mothers Building Online Communities* (Palgrave Macmillan).

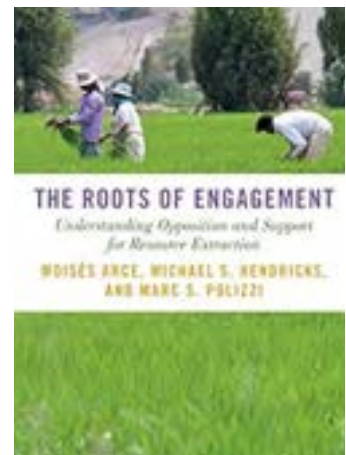
Dr. Ayorinde Ogunyiola presented a paper at the Society for Social Studies of Science Conference and won the Weather Ready Research Award. Dr. Ogunyiola also had a publication in *AI & Society: Knowledge, Culture, and Communications* and a chapter published in *AI Assurance* with Academic Press.

Dr. Rita Pavone presented a paper at the Southwestern Social Science Association Conference.

Dr. Jeremy Phillips conducted a Restaurant Tax Feasibility Study for the City of Bellevue, KY, and served as external reviewer for the University of Tennessee–Martin’s Public Administration Program. Dr. Phillips also served as the managing editor of *Public Integrity*.

Dr. Marc Polizzi’s book, *The Roots of Engagement: Understanding Opposition and Support for Resource Extraction*, originally published in 2023, was translated into Spanish for publication. He also presented a paper at the International Studies Association Midwest Conference and gave a workshop presentation for the Stone Center for Latin American Studies at Tulane University.

Dr. Brittany Wood presented a paper at the Southern Political Science Association Conference and served as treasurer for the Kentucky Political Science Association. Dr. Woods had three publications, in the *Commonwealth Review of Political Science*, the *Journal of Geography in Higher Education*, and the *Journal of Business Administration Online*.



Faculty in the Department of Political Science & Sociology garnered an impressive number of publications this year.

Faculty Excellence

Psychology

Dr. Mike Bordieri published two co-authored manuscripts: "Using Debriefing as a Tool to Enhance the Educational Value of Undergraduate Research Participation" in *Teaching in Psychology*; and "Exploring the stability of the gender gap in faculty perceptions of gender climate at a rural regional university" in *Plos ONE*. Dr. Bordieri also received a grant from the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Patrick Cushen was elected to Fellow status for Midwestern Psychological Association.

Dr. Jana Hackathorn published the articles, "The Relationship between Sport Fan Dysfunction and Trait Aggression" in *Findings in Sport, Hospitality, Entertainment, and Event Management*; "The guilt that guides me: religiosity, sex guilt, and the demonization of sex workers" in the *Journal of Social Psychology*; and "Perceptions of sexual harassment in the United States: Empathy predicts derogation of victims and perpetrators" in *Sexuality and Culture*.

Dr. Laura Liljequist published "Structured Ethics Education in Speech-Language Pathology Graduate Students" in *Teaching and Learning in Communication Sciences & Disorders*.

Dr. Amanda Joyce presented "The Power of Music" at the Mid-Atlantic Teaching of Psychology Conference and "Using ChatGPT (You Read That Right) to Encourage Discussion" at the Focus on Teaching and Technology Conference.

Dr. Esther Malm published work in the *Journal of Exercise and Nutrition*, *Current Psychology*, and *Sexuality and Disability*. Dr. Malm also received an International Fellowship Award from the Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program, Carnegie Cooperation of New York, as well as the Black Faculty Oakland University Summer Award.

Dr. Sean Rife published "Trust in information mediates the relationship between political orientation and perceptions of the COVID-19 pandemic" in the *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*.

Dr. Megan St. Peters published in *Addiction Neuroscience* and received two grants: a DANA Foundation Brain Awareness Week Grant, and a Mamie Phipps Clark Diversity Research Grant for "Impact of Meta-stereotypes on Anxiety following Interracial Social Interactions."

Dr. Dan Wann published work in *Findings in Sport, Hospitality, Entertainment, and Event Management*, the *Journal of Sport Behavior*, and *Sports Marketing Quarterly*. Dr. Wann was also recognized nationally by Reasearch.com, and was interviewed by ESPN, CNN, and APA News.

Faculty Excellence

Murray State University & College of Arts and Humanities Awards

University Awards

Dr. Tamara Feinstein (History) was named the CHFA Collegiate Researcher.

Professor Yoko Hatakeyama (Global Languages) received the Education Abroad Hall of Fame Award.

Dr. James Humphreys (History) and **Dr. Amanda Joyce** (Psychology) received Board of Regents Teaching Awards.

Dr. Megan St. Peters (Psychology) received the Faculty Innovation Initiative Grant.

Dr. Juyoung Song (English & Philosophy) was named the MSU Alumni Association Distinguished Researcher.

Dr. Rebecca Williams (Art & Design) and her family were awarded the South Atlantic College and University Residence Hall (SAACURH) Regional Level Institution Faculty of the Month, as well as the Outstanding Faculty Award sponsored by the Murray State Council of College Heads.

College of Humanities and Fine Arts Awards

CHFA Excellence in Teaching

Dr. Brittany Wood, Political Science & Sociology

CHFA Excellence in Research & Creative Activity

Dr. Tamara Feinstein, History

CHFA Excellence in Service & Leadership

Dr. Michael Bordieri, Psychology

CHFA Excellence in Mentoring

Dr. Carrie Jerrell, English & Philosophy

CHFA Staff Excellence

Cheryl Hicks, Dean's Office



Dr. Jim Humphreys (BOR Teaching Award)
& Dr. Tamara Feinstein (CHFA Collegiate
Researcher).

Faculty Excellence

College of Art and Humanities Awards

CHFA Research & Creative Activity Grants

Dr. Stephanie Carlson (Music): "The commissioning and world premiere of Forever Home for Oboe, English Horn, and Clarinet by composer Nancy Williams."

Professor Cintia Segovia Figueroa (Art & Design): "A series of photographs and a video featuring the tobacco field workers or tabacaleros, in Spanish, in Western Kentucky."

Dr. Diane Nititham (Political Science & Sociology): "Multi-stage Migration and Community: A Collaborative Ethnography with Filipinos in Barcelona."

Dr. Ho Ryong Park (English & Philosophy): "The Influences of the AI Robot in ESL Learning."

CHFA Teaching & Research Circles

Dr. Elena Picech-Reisinger (Global Languages): Gender and Diversity through Global Perspectives

Dr. Tamara Feinstein (History): Encouraging Post-Pandemic Student Engagement

Dr. Zack Garrett (English & Philosophy): Research Methods Teaching Circle for ENG 900

Dr. Danielle Nielsen (English & Philosophy): Culturally Responsive Grading Practices Across Disciplines

CHFA Outstanding Scholars

Murray State University named CHFA graduating seniors **Syler Kennedy** and **Kaid Marek** as the recipients of the fall 2023 Outstanding Senior recognition. Students recognized with this honor are known for their academic excellence and professionalism. Kennedy earned a Bachelor of Science in Sociology with a minor in Legal Studies. Marek earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a minor in Gender and Diversity Studies.

Each semester, CHFA departments nominate graduating seniors for the CHFA Outstanding Scholar Award, selected by the CHFA Chairs Council. **Madison Johns** (BFA, Graphic Design) received the award in fall 2023, and **Elise Eaton** (BA in History/Social Studies Certificate) received the award in spring 2024.





Student & Alumni Success

Department of Art & Design

- **Madison Johns** was named CHFA Outstanding Scholar for Fall 2024
- **Abigayle Cothran, Alexis DeVaul, and Amber Ryan** had work selected for LEXARTS, a juried exhibition for art majors at ArtsPlace Gallery in Lexington, KY.
- **Alexus DeVaul** won an award in the Biodiversity Art Exhibition sponsored by Murray State's Department of Biology.
- **Katie Hart** and **Isabel Bolanos** were ORCA and SLIP grant recipients to travel to the Society for Photographic Education's Midwest conference from October 20-21, 2023, hosted at Columbia College in Chicago.
- **Harley Simmons** was accepted into four MFA program for printmaking, and will be attending Northern Illinois University.
- **Chloe Cheng** (2021) completed their MFA Exhibition, *Alabaster Glory*, at the Hitte Institute of Art & Design at the University of Louisville.
- **Kait Stewart** (2019) exhibited work in four exhibitions located in Illinois, California, and Missouri.
- **Dr. Sacha Sharp** (2010) was honored as Distinguished Young Alumna by the MSU Alumni Association.
- **Delaney Rogers** (2020) completed their MFA Exhibition, *ENDO/EXO*, at the Tipton Gallery at Eastern Tennessee State University.
- **Arden (Kora) Carlson** (2019) completed their MFA Exhibition, *Passages*, at the Sculpture Gallery at the University of Arkansas.
- **Paulina Villanueva** (2007) was a contestant on the tv show *Pictionary* (November 2023). She also wrote and starred in a one person show, *Adopted by Appalachians*, which premiered at Hollywood Fringe Festival, June 13-30, 2024, in Los Angeles, CA.
- **Rashod Taylor** (2007) exhibited their work at McLean County Arts Center, in Bloomington, IL; the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX; and was awarded 2023 Outstanding Fine Arts Young Alumni Award at Murray State University's Taste of the Arts.



Student & Alumni Success



Department of Art & Design, cont'd.

- **Cara Crowley** (2020) completed their MFA thesis exhibition at Syracuse University.
- **Baily Roman** (2020) graduated with a Masters in Public Administration from Northern Kentucky University.
- **Christen Johnson Napp** (2016) graduated with a Master of Arts Museology/Museum Studies from John Hopkins University.
- **Cameron Savage** (2020) had his MFA Thesis Exhibition, *Silence After*, at Louisiana State University.
- **Madeline Bartley** (2010) had a solo exhibition, *Without Flowers*, at the Arcangel Gallery, in Buffalo New York.
- **Jerry Pili** (2007) taught bookbinding workshops at the Arrowmont School of Art & Craft and at the Frist Museum in Nashville, TN.
- **Kirsten (Moore) Mendoza** (2022) and her team won first place at the 2023 SCGC Championships.
- **Kayla Chinn** (2022) received Teacher of the Month honors twice in the 2023-2024 school year at Southern Middle School.
- **Kimberly (Bell) Kinsland** (2018) graduated with a Masters in Instruction & Technology from Western Governors University in June 2023.
- **Emily (Harris) Dippie** (2016) had a session accepted at the South Eastern Museum conference for Fall 2024 that will explore alternative methods to museum education.

Department of English and Philosophy

- **Ava Chuppe** was accepted into the MA program in English at the University of Mississippi.
- **Ava Hurt** was accepted into the MA program in English at Western Kentucky University.
- **Kiersten Holland** was accepted into the MA program in English at Eastern Illinois University.
- **Shelbi Owen** was accepted into the MA program in English (creative writing emphasis) at Eastern Illinois University.
- **Morgan Baker** was accepted into the MA program in English (creative writing emphasis) at Eastern Illinois University.
- **Morgan Tinin** was accepted into the MA program (Creative Writing emphasis) at Missouri State University.
- **Hayden Eubanks** gave a research presentation at the Midwest Popular Cultural Association Conference in Chicago. Hayden was also accepted into the MA program in English at Western Kentucky University.
- **Matthew Callahan, Ava Chuppe, and Hannah Foote** presented their Honors thesis at Scholars Week.
- Doctorate of Arts student **Hannah Lancaster** gave a research presentation at the American Literature Association annual conference in Chicago.
- **Libby Gerdes** (2023) began work as a reporter at The Southern Illinoian was accepted to the MFA program in creative writing at Southern Illinois University.
- **Danica Fuerst** (2023) was accepted into the MA/PhD program in Rhetoric and Composition at UMass-Amherst.
- **Rachel Bell** (2021) graduated with an MA in literature from Mississippi State University and was accepted to the PhD program in literature at the University of Southern Mississippi.



Student & Alumni Success

Department of Global Languages and Theatre Arts

- **Maia Annalise** received a summer internship with the Barrington Stage Company.
- **Olivia Beach** received an internship with the Cincinnati Playhouse.
- **Erin Fairweather** received an ORCA grant for “Pedro Mexía and the Politics of Translation in the Early Modern World.” The grant funded a visit to the Newberry Library in Chicago.
- **Megan Smith** was accepted into the Spanish Linguistics Masters program at Arizona State University.
- **Rebecca Estes** and **Eve Jacobson** participated as a translator and presenter in the Partner organization Project with the Department of Agriculture Science.

Department of History

- **Entropy Cramer, Elise Eaton, Rachel Drury, McKenzie Quertermous, and Matthew Graves** presented at MSU Scholars Week.
- **Haley Garrison, Matthew Graves, McKenzie Quertermous, Jason Schaefer, Savannah Johnson, and Ethan Allen** presented at the Symposium for History Undergraduate Research at Mississippi State University.
- **Elise Eaton** presented work at the 29th Annual James A. Barnes Conference at Temple University in Philadelphia.
- **Nate Holcomb** submitted a paper to *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* (acceptance pending).
- **Brandon Hamilton** submitted a paper to the *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* (R & R).
- **Elise Eaton** was named Outstanding Senior for the Department of History and was the CHFA Banner carrier for commencement.
- **Quinn Litchfield** was named Outstanding Phi Alpha Theta/History Club volunteer.
- **Seth Gillespie** was awarded an internship at the Smithsonian Museums.
- **Ian Brockman** was awarded an internship at Judge Joseph Holt House in Hardinsburg, KY
- **John Ridge** (2017) is ABD in European History at University of Mississippi.
- **Sam Baum** (2016) completed his PhD from the University of Arizona.
- **Annie Davis** (2022 BS & 2023 MA) accepted a position at the Museum of the Horse in Lexington and hired in June as Collections Manager at the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame, Saratoga Springs, NY.
- **Christ Goodlett** (1999) a Senior Director of Curatorial and Educational Affairs, was interviewed by CBS news in May.



Student & Alumni Success



Department of Music

- **Seulki Kim** won the 2023 Bluegrass Young Artist Piano Competition at the Kentucky Teachers Music Association.
- **Grayson Pate** won the 2023 Music Teachers National Association's Young Artist Piano Competition.
- **Maisah Johnson** won 1st Place in Upper College Musical Theatre Treble at the Kentucky Regional National Association of Teachers of Singing auditions.
- **Traicoryn West** won 1st Place in Upper College Musical Theatre TBB (tenor-baritone-bass) at the Kentucky Regional National Association of Teachers of Singing auditions.
- **Allyson Pair** won 2nd Place in Senior Treble at the Kentucky Regional National Association of Teachers of Singing auditions.
- **Jessie Leal** won 2nd Place in Senior Treble at the Kentucky Regional National Association of Teachers of Singing auditions.
- **Traicoryn West** was a Semifinalist in Senior TBB (tenor-baritone-bass) at the Kentucky Regional National Association of Teachers of Singing auditions.
- **Kristina Belt** was a Semifinalist in Lower College Musical Theatre Treble at the Kentucky Regional National Association of Teachers of Singing auditions.
- The **MSU Trumpet Ensemble** was accepted to perform in the live semifinal round (by competitive audition) at the National Trumpet Competition.
- **Ryn Jenkins** and **Chloe Perry** reached the semi-finals of the College Solo Division at the National Trumpet Competition.
- **Gabe Cowles** won the Tuba Mock Orchestral Competition at the South East Regional Tuba Euphonium Conference, Middle Tennessee State University.
- **Arin Mollette** placed 3rd in the Tuba-Young Artist Solo Competition at the South East Regional Tuba Euphonium Conference, Middle Tennessee State University.



Student & Alumni Success



Department of Political Science & Sociology

- **Skyler Kennedy** was named Murray State University Outstanding Senior for December 2023 Graduation.
- **Audrey Stallings, Nate Hunt, Jocelyn Stark, Katie Ford, Katrina Seelentag, Ali Khatib, and Weslan Banks** received the Outstanding Delegation Award (overall) at the Midwest Model United Nations Conference.
- **Nate Hunt** and **Jocelyn Stark** received the United Nations Environment Assembly Outstanding Delegation Award at the Midwest Model United Nations Conference.
- **Brandt Knasel** won the General Assembly 2 Position Paper Award at the Midwest Model United Nations Conference.
- **Mary Huffman** and **Audrey Stallings** won the World Health Organization Position Paper Award at the Midwest Model United Nations Conference.
- **Weslan Banks** and **Ali Khatib** won the General Assembly 4 Position Paper Award at the Midwest Model United Nations Conference.
- **Nate Hunt** and **Jocelyn Stark** won the United Nations Environment Assembly Delegates Choice Award at the Midwest Model United Nations Conference.
- **Briona Young** won the 2023 Rafai Award for the Best Undergraduate Paper at the Kentucky Political Science Association.
- **Phillips "Hayden" Terry III** won the 2024 Rafai Award for the Best Undergraduate Paper at the Kentucky Political Science Association. Terry also won a Pi Sigma Alpha Travel Grant and presented a research paper at the Pi Sigma Alpha National Conference in Washington, D.C.
- **Audrey Stallings, Grady Ward** and **Phillips "Hayden" Terry III** presented a research paper at the Kentucky Political Science Association.
- **Cassi Layne, Dillon Barrett, Jacob Lemon, Adalynn Taylor, Atsuya Nakanishi, Briona Young, and Jackson Miller** presented a research paper at MSU's Scholar's Week.
- **Syler Kennedy** received an internship with Calloway County Attorney's Office.
- **Colson Thomas** received an internship with the Republican Party of Kentucky.
- **Makayla Blazier** received an internship with Carmi, IL Public Defender's Office.
- **Megan Fietsam** and **Piper McClain** received internships with Circuit Court Judge Andrea Moore.
- **Courtney Odom** received an internship with Timmel Associates, LLC law firm.
- **Dillon Barrett** and **Ryan Dia** received military commissions.
- **Luke Wyatt** and **Audrey Stallings** were selected for the Vice President of Student Affairs Top 10 Student Leader Award.



Student & Alumni Success



Department of Political Science & Sociology, cont'd.

- **Jennifer LaRose** (2018) graduated with PhD in Sociology from Louisiana State University and is now an Assistant Professor of Sociology.
- **Steven Jokinski** (2018) graduated with a PhD in Political Science from the University of Missouri and is postdoc at the University of Kentucky.
- **Gray Crawford** (2020) graduated from SIU School of Law and joined the Department of Public Advocacy in Paducah.
- **William Groves** (2023) started a job as a Social Studies Teacher at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School.
- **Chris Mahan** (2016) started a position as a career/college advisor in TRiO program at Clatsop Community College.
- **Tully Pritchett** (2020) started a position as an Administrative Support Assistant for the Umpqua National Forest.
- **Christian Barefield** (2020) started a position as Residential College Director (Hall Director) at Washington University in St Louis.
- **Jessica Hodges** (2018) is a Psychology Instructor at Owensboro Community and Technical College.
- **Mary "Katie" Weatherspoon** (2018) stated a position as an Intake Case Manager for Department of Social Services in South Carolina.
- **Rachel Phelan** (2017) is a Human Services Program section supervisor with the Department for Aging and Independent Living at the Cabinet for Health and Family Services in KY.
- **Jessie Kinder** (2021) is working for a real estate investment company called Rebuilt.
- **Brianna Lindsay** (2019) received a Masters in Global Studies in 2022 from Roskilde University in Denmark.
- **Casey Brugh** (2018) started in the Clinical Psychology PhD program at Central Michigan University.
- **Chelsea Sams** (2021) works for Patient Care Customer Service for Rotech, Jackson, TN.
- **Holly McNeil** (2016) was appointed Directing Attorney for the Paducah Department of Public Advocacy.



Student & Alumni Success



Department of Psychology

- **Noah Branson** published *Hissy Fits in Class: Educational Response to Emotional Dysregulation* in *Closing the Educational Achievement Gap for Students With Learning Disabilities* (pp. 56-75). IGI Global.
- **Xavier Brown** presented "Post-event rumination, perfectionism, and social anxiety" at the 95th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association. Chicago, IL.
- **Payton Bunting** was awarded the 2023 Psi Chi: Mamie Phipps Clark Diversity Research Grant for "Impact of Meta-stereotypes on Anxiety Following Interracial Social Interactions" (\$1500). The project was ranked in the top 10%, so Dr. Esther Malm, the faculty mentor, was given a stipend as well.
- **Entropy Cramer** presented "Extracurricular activities and sense of belonging" at the annual conference of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- **Hannah Ericksen** received an ORCA \$935 for "Memories of Home and Family" and received the PSI CHI Outstanding Undergraduate Psychology Student.
- **Jess Feezor** presented "Self-esteem and tendencies to sabotage romantic relationships" at the annual conference of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- **Timothy Galyon** presented "Sport fandom and work behaviors" at the annual conference of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL, and received the Murray State Psychology Department Outstanding Undergraduate Non-Thesis Research Project award.
- **Callie Hart** received an ORCA Grant for \$240 to present her research, "Sport fan preferences," at the annual conference of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- **Hannah Hayes** presented "Exploring the moderating role of psychological flexibility on the relationship between structural barriers, attitudinal barriers, and stigma on mental health treatment-seeking" at the 2023 meeting of the Louisiana-Mississippi Association for Contextual Behavior Science.
- **Leah Hunter** presented "Peer response and assistance to suicide thoughts and behavior in university students" at the 2023 meeting of the Louisiana-Mississippi Association for Contextual Behavior Science.
- **Emily Kinsey** presented "Striking out or hitting a homer: Sport fandom and dating" at the annual conference of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- **Lanie Krumenacher** presented "Stigma in rural mental health care: A mixed methods approach" at the annual conference of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL and was awarded the MSU Psychology Department Outstanding Graduate Thesis.
- **Kaid Marek** presented "Unstable self-esteem and traditional gendered attitudes predict homonegativity" at the annual conference of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL. They also presented at the Posters at the Capitol research symposium: "Under pressure, pushing down on men: Precarious manhood and male role norms influence men's self-esteem to be more unstable." In addition, they presented "Murray State women: Stressed, depressed, and feeling the press of internalized sexism" at the joint Murray State-UT Martin Science Symposium. They also received two ORCA Grants and were named the MSU Outstanding Senior.
- **Nathaniel Paredes** presented "Does Parenting matter in college adjustment?" at Mid-South Psychological conference, Martin, TN.
- **Jordan Pearsall** and **Xavier Brown** presented "Further investigation of sport memories: Examining predictors of positive sport rumination" at the 95th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association. Chicago, IL.

Student & Alumni Success



Department of Psychology, cont'd.

- **Jordan Pearsall** presented “Dressed for success: Dress codes, enclotted cognition, and job satisfaction” at the annual conference of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- **Vara Ramayanam** presented “Strategies in Decision Making among Indians in India, Indians in America and Americans” at Mid-South Psychological conference, Martin, TN.
- **Wyatt Taft Randall** received the MSU Psychology Department Outstanding Graduate Student award.
- **Tyler Robinson** and **Xavier Brown** published “The name’s Bond, parasocial bond: Imagined interactions and state-level empathy,” in the *Journal of Social Psychology*.
- **Tyler Robinson** presented “Team identification, empathy, and pro-social behaviors: An Intergroup Rivalry Approach and Optics” and “Bonds: Perceptions, close relationships, and empathic processing” at the annual conference of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL. He also received the MSU Psychology Department Outstanding Graduate Research Project award.
- **Clare Uhlik** received an ORCA Grant for \$260 and presented “Association between impulsivity and positive expectations of marijuana” at the annual conference of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- **Chloe Whitfield** presented “Association between impulsivity and positive expectations of marijuana” at the annual conference of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL and received the MSU Psychology Department Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis Research Project award.
- **Alli Wood** received the MSU Psychology Department Outstanding Undergraduate Student Service Award.
- **Tommy DeRossett, Brooke Kordys** and **Hillary Copeland** (2018) published “I’m one of the good ones: An investigation into dysfunctional fandom, the dark triad, perspective taking, and restrictive emotionality” in the *Journal of Sport Behavior*, 46, 29-47.
- **Tommy DeRossett** (2018) was hired as an Assistant Professor at Queens University.
- **Stephanie Green (Cash)** (2014) was the Kentucky Association of Psychology in the Schools Regional Award Winner for West Kentucky Educational Cooperative School Psychologist of the Year.
- **Jessica Hodges** (2021) was hired as a tenure track instructor at Owensboro Community and Technical College.
- **Abby Miller** (2023) was accepted into the MA program in Critical Museum Studies at the University of Buffalo.
- **Brooke Jacobs** (2016) started Delve Health Consulting.



Recruitment Events & Community Outreach

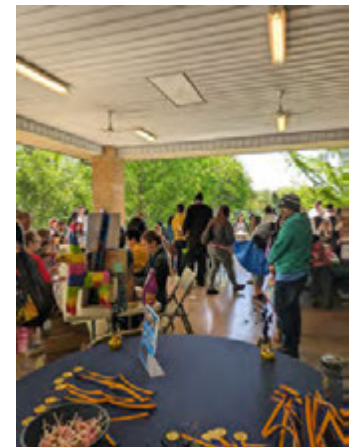


The College of Humanities and Fine Arts hosts and participates in many recruiting events throughout the year. In addition to teaching, research, and service loads, CHFA faculty continue to draw prospective students to campus and remain committed to recruitment.

During Fall 2023 and Spring 2024, our departments hosted 7337 high school and middle school student on campus, in addition to the recruiting events organized by Murray State University. Faculty also traveled to conferences where they recruited for their programs; the Department of Music alone visited sixteen high schools in 2023-2024.

Below is a list of some of the recruitment events hosted by CHFA and recruitment events attended by CHFA faculty, with the number of attending students in parenthesis.

- Athena Music Festival (160)
- Constitution Day (50)
- Educator Rising (208)
- Engage (92)
- Festival of Champions (1490)
- Quad State (430)
- Quad State Chorus (263)
- Quad State Honors (408)
- Quad State Middle School (226)
- Quad State Strings (250)
- GLTA Showcase (100)
- Governor's School for the Arts Recruitment Day (400)
- History Day (60)
- KYAEA Student Exhibition & Opening Reception (86)
- KY College and Career Day (100)
- Leadership Tomorrow (50)
- Racer Institute Music Arts (74)
- Shakespeare Festival (710)
- SPARK (500)
- Town & Gown (19)
- Summer Art Workshop (60)
- Vocal Arts Camp (37)



Recruitment Events & Community Outreach



The College of Humanities and Fine Arts is the cultural hub of Murray, Kentucky. This is evident in the extensive list of events hosted by departments, partnerships with the community, and the frequency with which our faculty member's expertise is sought out by local new agencies. Below are a few examples of these partnerships and the impact it has on the Western Kentucky community.

- Dr. Rebecca Williams (Art & Design) worked with Debi Henry Danielson, Director of the Murray Art Guild, to apply for the "Arts for All" Kentucky-Side By Side Grant. Dr. Williams's students designed and taught classes as part of this grant and participated in the Murray Elementary School's Spring Swing by hosting a face painting booth.
- Professor Mike Martin (Art & Design) was elected president of the board of directors for the Murray Art Guild Community Art Center and assisted MAG in completing a Community Development Block Grant for the Purchase Area Development District. MAG was awarded \$750k for its new building development.
- Art & Design Professor Cintia Segovia Figueora's students photographed clothing pieces from Angel's Attic to promote the nonprofit on Facebook.
- Art & Design Professor Nicole Hand's advanced printmaking students exhibited their work at the Freight House restaurant in Paducah, KY. They exhibited 25 pieces and sold 17 pieces from the exhibition. The Freight House has asked for this to be an annual exhibition.
- The University Galleries hosted The Magic Silver Show, a juried exhibition featuring works of 80 different regional, national, and international artists. Artist and Curator Frances Jakubek served as the juror. The exhibition is sponsored by Dr. Constantine and Jo Curris in memory of their daughter, Elena.
- In addition to student exhibitions, the University Galleries hosted seven exhibitions and six visiting artist talks by regional and national artists. All exhibitions and lectures are open to the public.
- The Department of Art & Design hosted its annual Holiday Art Auction of artwork donated by faculty, students, community members, visiting artists, and alumni. Works are sold through both a silent and live auction as a way to raise money for Art & Design major scholarships. In Fall 2023, the event raised \$9,367.
- The Creative Writing program hosted three nationally acclaimed authors as part of the Murray State Reading Series. The authors gave craft talks to English majors and read from their work. The readings are free and open to the public.



Recruitment Events & Community Outreach, cont'd.

- The Department of English & Philosophy hosted a professional development day for regional English teachers. The event included MSU faculty-led workshops, panels, and discussions on content and pedagogy applicable to high school classrooms, with the goal of supporting regional educators in their work, as well as strengthening the university's connections to the teachers and, by extension, their students.
- Kentucky Shakespeare's professional traveling company produced four performances of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* for the 2024 Murray State Shakespeare Festival. Nine regional schools and over 700 students attended the festival, which also included a flash mob, movie screenings, a community reading at the Calloway County Public Library, an acting workshop, and book giveaway.
- The Department of English and Philosophy partnered with The Pride Center to host 2022 Kentucky Teacher of the Year and poet Willie Carver, author of *Gay Poems for Red States*, for a public reading.
- The CHFA Humanities Series hosted twelve events in 2023-2024 including screenings, lectures, panels, and a podcast listening event.
- The Department of Global Languages and Theatre Arts hosted the Kite Festival with the Horticulture Club at the Murray State Arboretum.
- The Department of Global Languages and Theatre Arts produced five plays in 2023-2024, including a children's show that brought over 700 grade schoolers to campus. The department's productions also partnered with the Department of Music, MSU Libraries, and the Pride Center.
- The Department of Global Languages and Theatre Arts hosted a language showcase, open to area high schools, which brought over 100 high school students to campus.
- The Department of Global Languages and Theatre Arts hosted weekly language tables for students and community members wanting to work on their language skills.
- The Department of Global Languages and Theatre Arts hosted Cinema International, a weekly film and discussion series free and open to MSU students, faculty, and the wider community.
- Multiple faculty and students from the Department of Global Languages and Theatre Arts worked as interpreters for local health departments and health fairs. They also partnered with the School of Agriculture to offer translation services to the community and migrant farm workers.

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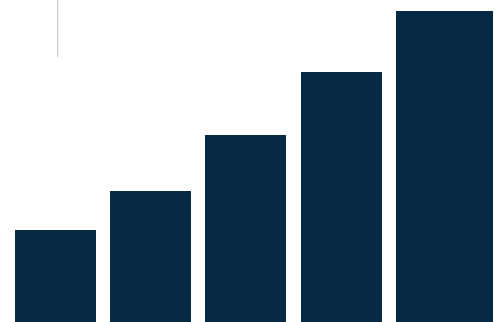
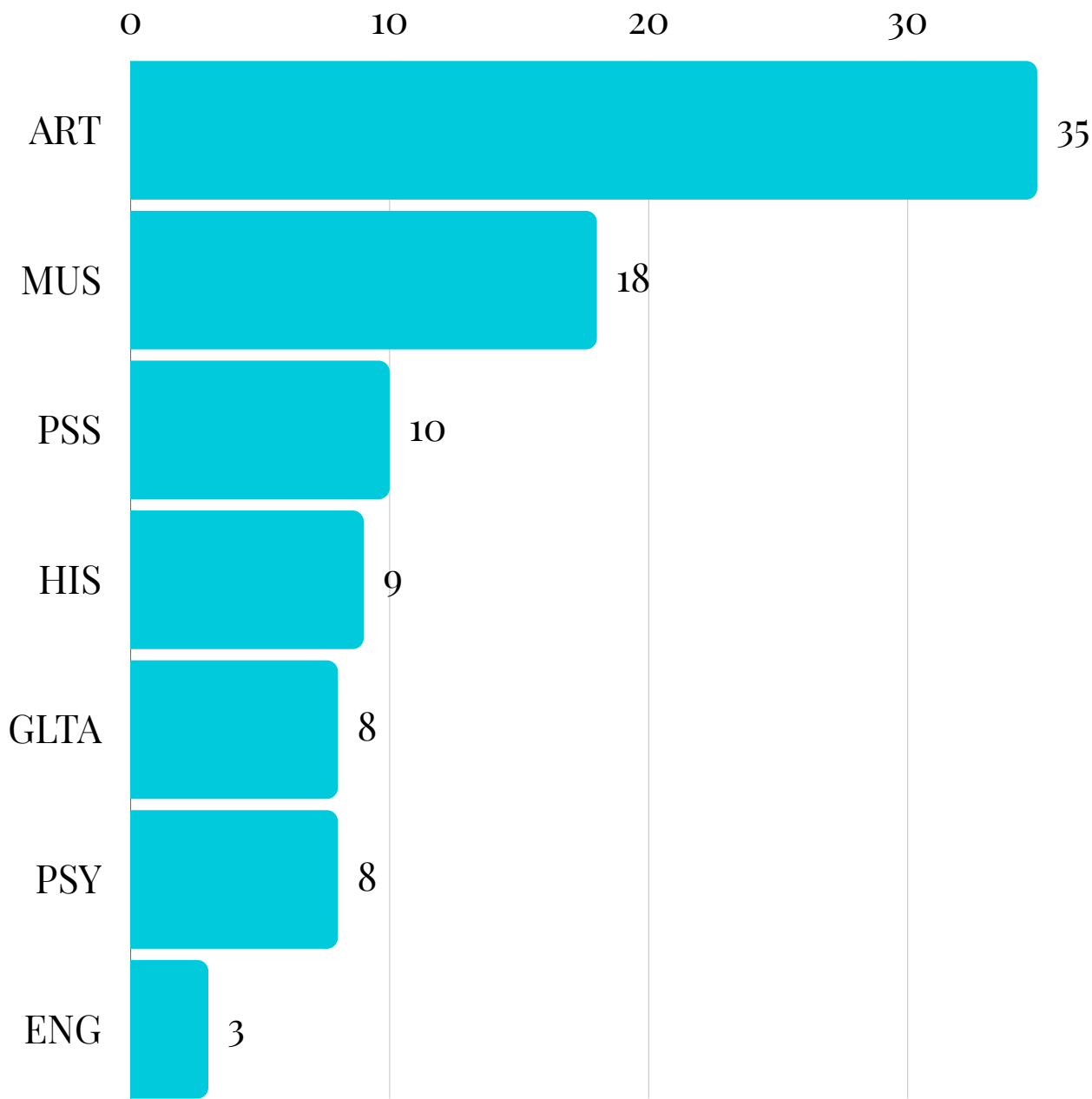


- The Department of History hosted its annual Easley Lecture and continued its community lecture series at the Calloway County Public Library. Both series are free and open to the public.
- Dr. Brian Clardy gave seven regional lectures focused on Black History Month, the importance of the humanities and literature, and his experience as a delegate for the Democratic National Convention.
- Dr. Tamara Feinstein attracted an international audience with her presentation for the National Security Archive.
- Dr. Christine Lindner served as the president for the local NOW chapter and organized a community showing of *Becoming bell hooks* and subsequent panel discussion.
- The Department of History hosted a lecture on the murder of George Floyd, which attracted a large local and campus audience.
- The Department of Music hosted five different Quad State music events, which bring over 1500 high school and middle school students to campus.
- The Department of Political Science and Sociology hosted a series of workshops and seminars for Constitution Day, with students from Murray State, as well as regional high school students and the community in attendance.
- The Department of Political Science and Sociology collaborated with the Department of English and Philosophy and hosted Pizza, Politics, and Society with guest speaker Josh Shepperd, which was attended by students and community members.
- Dr. Ihsan Alkhatib (Political Science) was a guest speaker for the Tea Party of Calloway County and was interviewed by WPSD about Gaza and interviewed by KFVS12 about the Kentucky 3 Strikes Law.
- Drs. Ihsan Alkhatib (Political Science) and Christine Lindner (History) presented a public event about the war between Israel and Gaza. providing historical and political context to the community.
- Dr. Mike Bordieri (Psychology) hosted a workshop for the Western Kentucky Counseling Association.
- Dr. Esther Malm (Psychology) served as a technical advisor for the Center for Learning and Childhood Development - USA/GHANA.
- The Department of Psychology partnered with LifeWalk to sponsor a Walk for Suicide Prevention.



CHFA Student Employment

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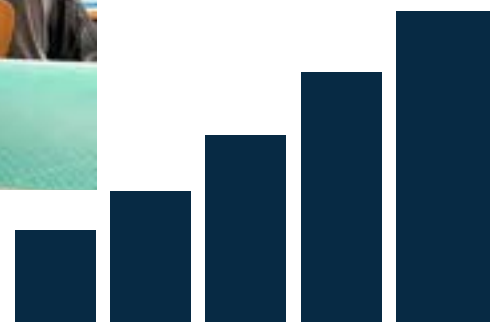
Four students have curatorial positions: Curator of Education at the Kentucky Derby Museum, Curatorial Assistant Manager for Louisville Slugger Museum, Visitor Services and Communication Associate KMAC Museum, and M.K.G. Art Management Art Advisor.

Eleven students secured teaching positions (new or changed positions): Bearden Middle School, Dream Academy, Elkhorn Middle School, James Madison Middle School, Jefferson County Public School, Livingston High School, Paducah Middle School, Rose Parks Magnet Middle School, Southern Middle School, Vista Del Sur Accelerated Academy, and West Louisville Elementary.

Four students continued to graduate programs at Northern Illinois University (printmaking), The Art of Education University (art education), Florida State University (photography), and California State University (design).

Seven graphic design students work in their field, including as Multimedia Designer with the Nashville Zoo, Art Director for New Honor Society, Software Engineer CSI, Junior Designer for Clever Factory, Multimedia Assistant for Amatrol, Art Director for Inspire, Graphic Designer at Panariagroup, Multimedia Marketing Intern, and Graphic Designer & Installer.

Nine other art & design majors gained full time employment at Dollar General (Senior Communication Specialist), Hadley Pottery, Journeys (photography specialist), The Eastern Shore Art Center (Community Outreach Director), ZAX Custom Screenprinting and Embroidery (screenprinter), Murray Bank (teller), Henry County Medical Center (Admitting Clerk), Playoland Photo Studio (business owner).



CHFA Student Employment, cont'd.



Department of English and Philosophy

One student received an internship at the University of Kentucky Press.

One student was hired as a public relations manager for congressional representative James Comer's office.

Eight students continued onto graduate programs at Illinois State University, Missouri State University, Northern Kentucky University, Southern Illinois University - Carbondale, University of Louisville, University of Mississippi, and Western Kentucky University.

Several students secured teaching positions, including at Calloway County High School, Herrin High School (Herrin, IL), Hopkinsville Middle School, and Russellville High School.

Department of Global Languages & Theatre Arts

Three students were employed as Costume Directors/Supervisors at Ocala Civic Theatre, Assumption High School, and Actors Theatre Louisville.

One student continued on to graduate school at Arizona State University.

Four students secured teaching positions at Henry County High Schools, Calloway County High School, Heath Middle School, and with the Upward Bound Program.

Department of History

Four students secured teaching positions at Fulton City, Hazelwood Schools, Murray High School, Webster City Schools.

Five students continued on to graduate program: Marquette University (PhD), Mississippi State (MA), Murray State University (MA & MPA), Northern Kentucky University (Law School)

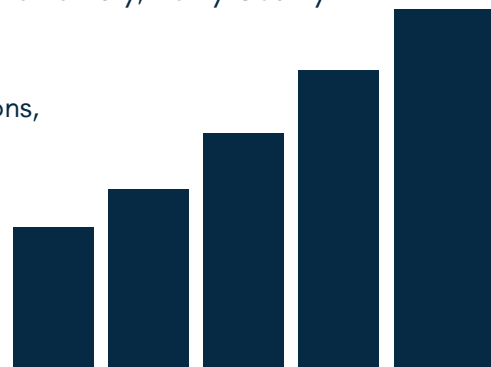
Department of Music

Nine students continued onto graduate programs at Illinois State University, Mannes School (NYC), Michigan State University, Oklahoma State University, University of Houston, University of Delaware, University of Kentucky, and University of North Texas.

One student secured a university teaching position as Assistant Professor and Director of Choral Activities at Pacific University.

Five students secured teaching positions at Century High School, Lakewood Elementary, Henry County High School, and Will Rogers Elementary.

Three other music majors gained full time employment with LogJam Productions, Nottelmann Music Co, and Wasserman Music.



CHFA Student Employment, cont'd.



Political Science & Sociology

One student was hired as a Social Worker for the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Six students continued onto graduate programs at Cornell University Law School, Murray State University (MPA), Rutgers University, Southern Illinois University School of Law, University of Missouri School of Law, and University of West Virginia.

Three other political science and sociology majors gained full time employment with the Circuit Clerk's Office, a Commission in the U.S. Army, and as a salesperson for a trading company in Japan.

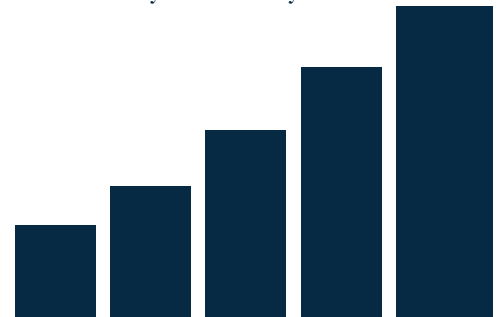
Psychology

Seven students continued onto graduate programs at Murray State University, Texas Tech University, and the University North Carolina Greensboro.

One psychology major was hired as a Clinician at Emerald.



Dr. Alkhatib and pre-law students visit the J. David Rosenberg College of Law at the University of Kentucky.

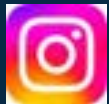




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