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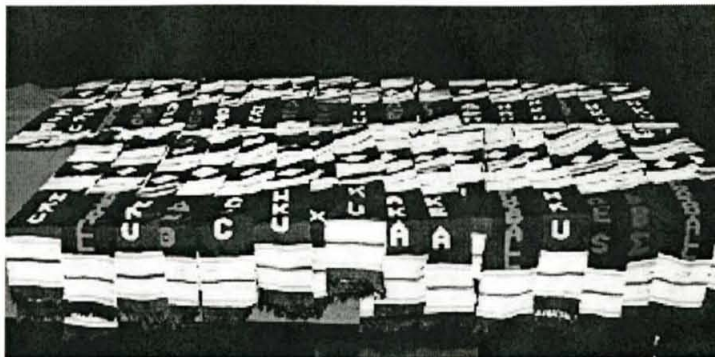
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## *A Tradition of Community Achievement*

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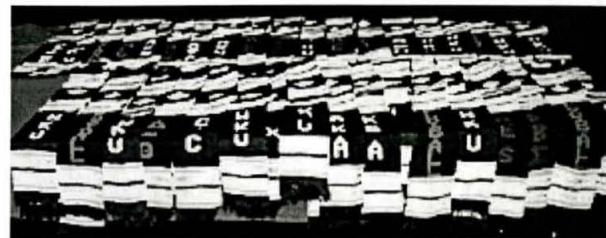
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Many offices and departments on campus work hard to ensure that the commencement ceremony is meaningful and memorable for students and their guests, but one campus office goes even a step further for its Outstanding Black Graduates.

The Office of Diversity Programs sponsors the Outstanding Black Graduates Recognition Ceremony each semester to honor African American students who have successfully completed all requirements for graduation. It also seeks to empower students to continue successful ventures while remembering the contributions of Western Kentucky University to their successes.



Kente cloth is hand-woven in Ghana West Africa and in African culture is donned on special occasions. The diamond represents wealth and riches. The golden stool is a symbol of leadership and unity. The golden key symbolizes knowledge, the foundation of the graduates' college experience. photo provided courtesy of Office of Diversity Programs

**Editorial Staff** Dr. Monica Burke, associate director of the Office of Diversity Programs, organizes the event, which is held before both December and May graduations. She said the program symbolizes the African American tradition of community achievement.



The ceremony contains several elements that signify the heritage and ancestry of African Americans, beginning with the processional of the students. They enter to the sound of African drums, provided by the Village Drum Corp from Nashville. The main part of the ceremony, the presentation of Kente stoles, offers another link between the students and their heritage. Kente cloth is a hand-woven textile made in Ghana West Africa. It is worn on special occasions, similar to the way a tuxedo, evening gown, or formal attire is worn in Western culture. Historically, Kente could only be bought by those who had a sufficient standing in society, and is preferred attire among royalty even today.

The symbols embossed on the Kente stoles have significant meanings. The diamond represents wealth and riches. The golden stool is a symbol of leadership and unity. The golden key symbolizes knowledge. These symbols appear on all the stoles, but students personalize their own stoles with symbols that are important to them. Burke said other common symbols include music notes, athletic symbols or numbers, and names of spouses and children.

The Outstanding Black Graduates program began in May of 1998. Since then, it has grown into an eagerly anticipated event by the University community, as well as students and their families. Burke said that the ceremony is always filled to capacity.

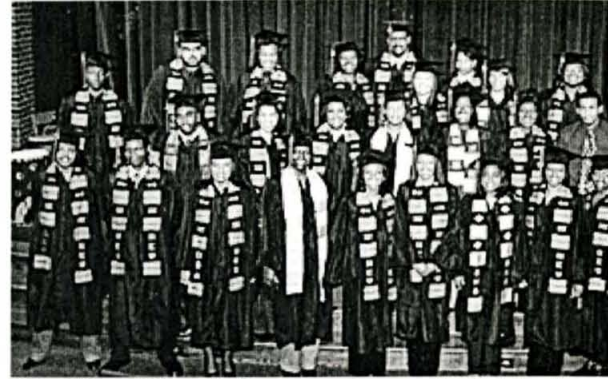
“Every year it’s standing room only,” she said.

This semester, approximately 40 students will be participating in the May ceremony, which will be

held at 2 p.m. on May 6 in the Downing University Center theater.

Each year, a speaker is invited to address the graduates. Burke said the message revolves around the theme of plan, pursue, and persevere. This year's speaker is Dr. Pam Johnson, director of the WKU School of Journalism and Broadcasting.

Burke said the feedback she gets from students and parents is that the Outstanding Black Graduates Ceremony is special because it is so much more intimate than the commencement ceremony. A particularly emotional part of the program is the family appreciation moment. This is a brief period when graduates present their parents with flowers and spend a few minutes expressing their gratitude to them and to other important people in their lives for helping them reach their goals.



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photo provided courtesy of Office of Diversity Programs

“Each graduate reads a personal statement to recognize those who have played a significant role in their accomplishments and successes,” Burke said, and added that there’s not a dry eye in the room during this portion of the program.

To commemorate the ceremony and the students’ successes, Burke puts together a souvenir booklet that is distributed to students and parents. She said that in the past, she has always run out of booklets because parents want to share them with so many people, and Burke has always had to print more and send them in the mail.

Burke said that the program helps to keep graduates involved with Western even after they leave. They receive gifts from the WKU Alumni Association, and the Society of African American Alumni pays their membership to that organization for one year.

“The ceremony offers a community acknowledgement of the students’ accomplishments,” Burke said.

“It makes me proud, of the students primarily, but it also makes me happy that we’re putting on something that the parents and students seem to enjoy,” she said.

*All faculty and staff members are invited to the ceremony.*



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Americans have a fascination with the doomsday scenario as portrayed in blockbuster disaster flicks, but Dr. John All, Geography and Geology, says the possibility of a global climate catastrophe is more than just Hollywood hype and special effects.

“Because of the way movies over dramatize, I think we now tend to look at anything that seems doomsday-like as not being real,” Dr. All said.

But the effects of global climate change, he said, are very real—and imminent.

So why aren’t we hearing about these imminent threats to our way of life every night on the evening news? All said that the way the media are trained to cover news events is partly responsible.

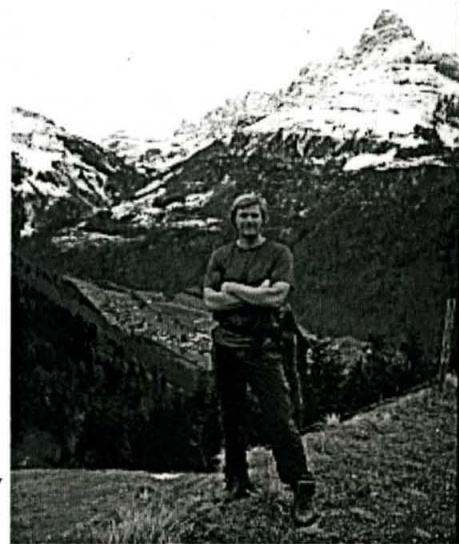
“In order to create a ‘balanced view,’ they give equal time to both sides of an issue,” he said. “When in fact there is no equal side to global climate change. 99.99 percent of scientists realize it is going on. Global climate change is a simple matter of physics. There is no disputing it, but the two or three scientists who do dispute its possible effects on our planet are given equal weight.”

All said that some of the effects of global climate change are in evidence already. He cited the four hurricanes that hit Florida, which hasn’t happened in more than a century; a hurricane hitting Brazil (which has never happened in recorded history), repeated California floods, a decade long drought in the West, the ravaging of trees in Alaska by insects, and melting permafrost as examples. “There’s this overwhelming amount of evidence and none of which, even when it is reported in the news, is linked back to climate change,” All said.

He said that the media alone does not perpetuate the head-in-the-sand mentality about global climate change. He said that recently, science has been utterly disregarded in political decision-making. “Scientific panels used to be filled with research academics, now they’re filled with industry people.”



He said that global climate change is neither a Democratic nor a Republican issue. He mentioned the Kyoto agreement as an example, an agreement that he characterized as “trying to put out a fire by spitting on it.” He said that neither political party has made a commitment to decreasing the human contributing factors that are responsible for the changing climate.



In his free time, Dr. All is an alpinist who has climbed on three continents using technical rock, ice, and aid-climbing techniques.  
photo by Martha Zimmerman

He said the movie, *The Day After Tomorrow*, though it was over dramatized, accurately portrayed the effects of global climate change, especially for Europe, which is inhabitable because of the North Atlantic Drift current that begins near Florida. Continued climate change will cause that current to shut down, which has the potential to throw Europe into a small ice age in the next few decades.

Without a doubt, "global" climate change is an international issue. All is currently involved in organizing a United Nations committee to study the possible effects of climate change on human health.

He said that the spread and increase of such diseases as malaria and West Nile virus are due to a changing climate, as areas become warmer and more suitable for disease.

All said that climate change is not characterized simply by warming, but by extremes in weather conditions. He gave this past winter in Kentucky as an example. "It was near 80 degrees in January then there was ice again."

He said that the increase in severe thunderstorms rather than day-long soaking rains is another indicator. "Under global climate change, you expect super heat, then super cold, and they can be one right after the other. It's climate disruption. Basically you're adding energy to the atmosphere, so you can expect more storms."

Though Europe is not projected to fare well under global climate change, some colder climates like Russia and Canada will become warmer and enjoy longer growing seasons. So what about Kentucky?

All said Kentucky will likely become a tropical zone. The Commonwealth is modeled to be about 40 percent wetter, while much of the rest of the country becomes dryer. "That will offset the increase in temperature so that our soil moisture should remain roughly constant. Basically, we will have a climate similar to what Georgia has now."

But that isn't why All chose to move to Kentucky. Originally from Georgia, All said that he began missing trees while he was in Arizona working on his Ph.D., and came to Kentucky because land was inexpensive and he wanted to own his own farm. He said that the WKU mascot, the Hilltoppers, also appealed to the mountain climber in him.



In addition to teaching and research, Dr. All is a nature photographer.

photo by John All

It was All's love of the outdoors that led him to Kentucky and to his current career. "I've combined my legal knowledge with my desire to protect the environment," said All, who received his J.D. in international environmental law from University of Georgia. "Geography is the place where I can best do that."

All teaches a class in global climate change and shows a video on the topic in each of his classes. "Global climate change is that important. It impacts environmental planning, biodiversity and geography. Because it has such a pervasive impact, I talk about it in all my classes."

He said it is important that people be educated on global climate change and what it can mean for the

future.

“Global climate change— positively not possibly— is going to be more important to humanity than the bubonic plague and nuclear weapons. It’s probably going to change ecosystems, when combined with human acts, as much or more than the meteor that wiped out the dinosaurs.”

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## A is for Accreditation

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“Accreditation” is a word on everybody’s lips these days, but Western Kentucky University’s Department of Counseling and Student Affairs already has something to talk about.

Two programs in the department, the mental health counseling program and the marriage and family therapy program, recently received accreditation from the Council on Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs.

Dr. Bill Greenwalt, program coordinator, said that such an accreditation has several advantages for graduates of the two programs.

“It will help them should they move to another state or seek licensure in another state, it helps them to validate the educational experience. It helps a graduate who decides to go on to do doctoral work,” he said.

Greenwalt said graduating from an accredited program means that graduates can take the licensure exam immediately instead of having to wait for two years until after their supervised internships. “That’s just one of the benefits of graduating from a CACREP program.”

“Graduates of Mental Health Counseling and Marriage and Family Therapy programs that are accredited by CACREP have a decided advantage in the job market,” added Dr. Aaron Hughey, department head. “A lot of employers look very favorably on graduates from accredited programs. In all honesty, our programs were excellent before accreditation; this is more of an external affirmation of that quality.”



Faculty Members in the Department of Counseling and Student Affairs include: Front: Neresia Minatrea, Jill Duba, Aaron Hughey, Vernon Sheeley Back: Bill Greenwalt, Tracy Lara, Shawn Spurgeon, Donald Nims, Fred Stickle  
photo by Sheryl Hagan-Booth



Jill Duba, assistant professor in the Department of Counseling

To receive accreditation from CACREP, the department had to undergo a two-year self-study, which produced a 1,500 page document that explains how the department meets particular standards.

“We really did not have to make that many changes,” Greenwalt said. “The programs were very solid to begin with.”

Greenwalt said Dr. Fred Stickle, who was largely responsible for developing the programs, based them



on the CACREP standards, which left the department on good footing to meet the 2001 revised CACREP standards.

"Achieving CACREP was indeed a group effort," Hughey said. "Dr. Greenwalt provided leadership for the process, but it took the entire faculty more than a year to make sure the curriculum fully met the standards, conduct the self-study, and then host the site visitation team. I am very proud of the way everyone pulled together to accomplish this very important goal."

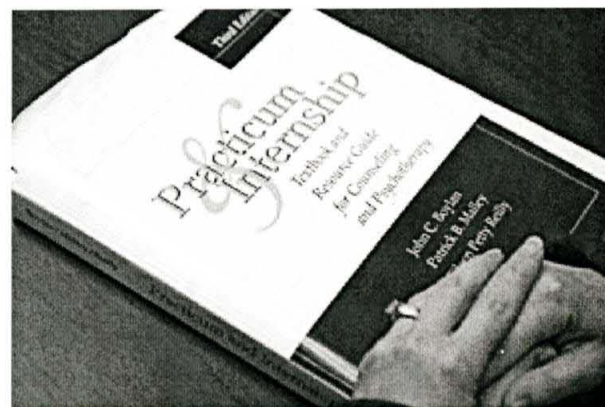
Approximately 20 students graduate from the mental health counseling and marriage and family therapy programs each year.

"There are very few schools that have both marriage and family therapy and mental health counseling accredited programs," Greenwalt said. "Those are two very intensive programs."

Western is the only school in Kentucky that offers both accredited programs.

Greenwalt said that when most programs initially receive a CACREP accreditation, they get accredited for two years. Western's programs, however, received accreditation for eight years, which is an additional source of pride.

"Accreditation has already helped the department to gain a more coherent focus on who we are and what are mission is as a faculty," Hughey said. "It has also helped us to secure the additional resources necessary to maintain and enhance the overall quality of all of our programs. We do plan to pursue accreditation and/or certification for our other graduate programs; i.e., Student Affairs and School Counseling, within the very near future."



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## 2005 Faculty Awards

Western Kentucky University annually recognizes outstanding contributions by faculty members in the areas of Teaching, Research/Creativity, Public Service and Student Advisement. The following faculty members have been selected by each of the Colleges for awards this year. They are also the finalists for the University-wide awards, which will be announced at Commencement.

*echo* congratulates each of the award recipients.

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### **Bowling Green Community College**

Teaching Award – Paul Bush, Academic Support  
 Public Service Award – Julie Shadoan, Business and Computer Studies  
 Student Advisement Award – Freda Mays, Business and Computer Studies



### **College of Education and Behavioral Sciences**

Teaching Award – Dr. Steven Winginger, Psychology (not shown)  
 Research/Creativity Award – Dr. Sharon Mutter, Psychology  
 Public Service Award – Dr. Frederick Grieve, Psychology  
 Student Advisement Award – Dr. Elizabeth Shoенfelt, Psychology



### **College of Health & Human Services**

Teaching Award – Dr. Beverly Siegrist, Nursing  
 Research/Creativity Award – Dr. Marilyn Gardner, Public Health  
 Public Service Award – Dr. Doris Sikora, Consumer and Family Sciences (not shown)  
 Student Advisement Award – Dr. Beverly Siegrist, Nursing



### **Gordon Ford College of Business**

Teaching Award – Dr. Brian Strow, Economics  
 Research/Creativity Award – Dr. Johnny Chan, Finance  
 Public Service Award – Dr. Harold Little, Accounting  
 Student Advisement Award – Sheri Henson, Accounting (not shown)



### **Ogden College of Science and Engineering**

Teaching Award – Dr. Les Pesterfield, Chemistry  
 Research/Creativity Award – Dr. Young-Seok Shon, Chemistry  
 Public Service Award – Dr. Stacy Wilson, Engineering

Student Advisement Award – Dr. David Coffey, Agriculture



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**Potter College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences**

Teaching Award – Dr. Jeffery Samuels, Philosophy and Religion

Research/Creativity Award – Dr. Robert Antony, History

Public Service Award – Tim Broekema, Journalism and Broadcasting (not shown)

Student Advisement Award – Robert Adams, Journalism & Broadcasting



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**University Libraries**

Research/Creativity Award – Brian Coutts, Library Public Services

Public Service Award – Sean Kinder, Library Public Services



*Photos by LaDonna Harmon*

## *It's In the Mail!*

by Bob Edwards

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Anyone who has futilely searched for a "lost" piece of mail or package at Western can take comfort in the fact that the likelihood of it happening again is about to be reduced significantly.

On Friday, April 29, 2005, Western Kentucky University's Board of Regents approved a request to change the University's official mailing address from 1 Big Red Way to 1906 College Heights Boulevard.

15<sup>th</sup> Street, which originates in front of the Science and Technology Hall and goes past Cherry Hall, the top half of Big Red Way, and Dogwood Drive, now officially becomes College Heights Boulevard. The remainder of Big Red Way will be renamed Avenue of Champions. (see graphic at bottom)

The change accomplishes a couple of things. First, it acknowledges Western's impending centennial. The College Heights name pays homage to a historical address of the University, and the 1906 designation represents the year Western was founded. Second, the change will enable the University to create a unified mailing address for the entire campus. Currently, there exists a patchwork system for residence halls and some academic buildings and departments. For example, Barnes Campbell Hall's address is 419 Regents Avenue. Bates Runner Hall is listed as 310 Virginia Garrett Avenue. The Academic Complex is officially 1601 Normal Street. There are literally dozens of other, similar examples.

A more efficient WKU box numbering system will replace the confusing system of number and street addresses. Each individual building on campus, along with departments within the building, will be assigned a box number. The new system will allow for a more effective method of sorting and delivering campus mail. The real beauty of the new system is the flexibility to "retire" box numbers of departments or centers as they disappear, combine with another area or move. New numbers will be created for new areas.

Another benefit of the address change- not having to suffer the embarrassment of long pauses or snide comments when you tell someone our mailing address is "One Big Red Way."

*Bob Edwards is the assistant vice president for University Relations.*





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**Agriculture**

Orville Dotson, Instructor

**English**

John Spurlock, Professor

**Staff Retirees**

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**Academic Advising**

Cheryl Chambless, Director

**Building Services**

Euell Fields, Building Services Attendant  
Jessie Marie Hooten, Group Leader, Building Svcs

**Environmental Health & Safety**

Joy Gramling, Environmental Health & Safety Technician

**Facilities Management**

Philip Zibart, Stockroom Associate

**Library Public Services**

Lucy Daniels, Supv, Circulation Desk

**Library Special Collections**

Laura Harper Lee, Curator, Education

**Office of the President**

Cynthia Kimbler, Administrative Assistant

**Special Events**

James Cox, Material Handler

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**Faculty Status Change**

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**Architect & Manufacturing Sciences**

Travis Wilson, Visiting Assistant Professor

**Mathematics**

Jean-Claude Evard, Instructor

Paul Hill, Professor

Marc Lengfield, Assistant Professor

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### **Staff Status Change**

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#### **Building Services**

Janice McDonald, Building Services Attendant

Jeanette Nowak, Building Services Attendant

Wendy Pillow, Building Services Attendant

#### **Community College**

Julie Gee, BW PT Tech 00

Amy Thomas, Educational Assistant

#### **Dean's Office, Gordon Ford College Business**

Raja Bhattacharya, MP Temp PT Exec 00

#### **English**

Tomitha Blair, Office Associate

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### **New Faculty**

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#### **Accounting**

Yining Chen, Professor

#### **Architect & Manufacturing Sciences**

Gregory Arbuckle, Assistant Professor

#### **Biology**

Michael Smith, Assistant Professor

#### **Chemistry**

Buchang Shi, Instructor

#### **Communication**

Kumi Ishii, Assistant Professor

Jenifer Lewis, Instructor

Patric Spence, Instructor

#### **Community College**

Ronald Mitchell, Instructor

Amy Seymour, Instructor

#### **Counseling & Student Affairs**

Tammy Shaffer, Assistant Professor

#### **English**

Kenneth Wesley Berry, Assistant Professor

Angela Jones, Assistant Professor

Elizabeth Weston, Assistant Professor

#### **Music/Continuing Education**

Angela Rex, Professional-in-Residence

**Physical Education & Recreation**

Bruce Larson, Assistant Professor  
Ronald Ramsing, Assistant Professor

**Political Science**

Victoria Gordon, Assistant Professor  
Jonathan Winburn, Assistant Professor

**Psychology**

Carrie Pritchard, Assistant Professor

**Sociology**

Kumiko Nemoto, Assistant Professor

**Special Instructional Programs**

Sylvia Dietrich, Assistant Professor  
Tadayuki Suzuki, Assistant Professor

**Theatre & Dance**

Elena Shura Pollatsek, Assistant Professor

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**New Staff**

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**Agriculture**

Joseph Reynolds, Agriculture Technician

**Biology**

Jessica Harazin, Office Coordinator  
Xinnan Niu, Lab Tech & Coordinator

**Campus Services**

Cristin Lanham, Landscape Gardener/Recy Ldr

**Communication**

Laura Wagoner, Office Assistant

**Computer Information Systems**

Jennifer Melear, Office Assistant

**Consumer & Family Sciences**

Lisa Murphy, Director, Early Childhood Ctr

**Dean's Office, CHHS**

Lynn Hazlett Sherry, Office Associate

**Distance Learning Program**

Stephanie Keeler  
Carole Runyon, BW PT Tech 00

**Distributed Learning**

Elizabeth Romero Fuerte, FT Temp PNF

**Extended Learning & Outreach (DELO)**

Christopher Rhyneron, Business Manager

**Health & Fitness Lab**

Lindsay Collins, BW PT Tech 00

**Human Resources**

Racheal Rigsby, Benefit Accounts Associate

**Journalism & Broadcasting**

Sarah Nagy, Office Associate

**Mathematics**

Patricia Wiesbrook, Office Assistant

**Men's Football**

Cary Marquell, Assistant Coach

Eric Mathies, Assistant Coach

**Purchasing and Accounts Payable**

Jacqueline Alford, Accounts Payable Associate

William Ogles, Office Associate

**Student Financial Assistance**

Kenyetta Martin, Financial Aid Minority Counselor

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**Faculty Promotions**

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**Agriculture**

Nevil Speer, Professor

**Art**

Brent Oglesbee, Professor

**Biology**

Lawrence Alice, Associate Professor

Scott Grubbs, Associate Professor

Shivendra Sahi, Professor

**Chemistry**

Mary Thandi Buthelezi, Associate Professor

**Community College**

Carol Evans, Assistant Professor

Deborah Lively, Associate Professor

Freda Mays, Associate Professor

Karen Powell, Associate Professor



Linda Todd, Associate Professor

**Computer Science**

James Gary, Associate Professor

**Economics**

Michelle Trawick, Associate Professor

**Engineering**

Kevin Schmaltz, Associate Professor

**Folk Studies & Anthropology**

Timothy Evans, Associate Professor

**Geography & Geology**

Catherine Algeo, Associate Professor

**History**

Malia Formes, Associate Professor

**Mathematics**

Ferhan Atici, Associate Professor

Jens Harlander, Associate Professor

**Modern Languages**

Laura McGee, Associate Professor

**Music**

Wayne Pope, Associate Professor

**Nursing**

Susan Jones, Professor

**Physical Education & Recreation**

John McLester, Associate Professor

**Psychology**

Steven Wininger, Associate Professor

**Social Work**

Saundra Starks, Associate Professor

**Theatre & Dance**

David Young, Associate Professor

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**Staff Promotions**

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**Academic Affairs & Provost's Office**

Teresa Jackson, Administrative Assistant

**Admissions Office**

April Gaskey, Telecounseling Supervisor

**Chemistry**

Kaneia Cummings, Operations Specialist

**Housing & Residence Life**

V. Lynne Holland, Associate Director

**HVAC Services**

Paul Barbour, Sr Boiler Operator

Michael Boehmer

David Williams, Sr Boiler Operator

**Library Public Services**

Kenneth Gary Whittle, Supv, Circulation Desk

**Student Financial Assistance**

Kristie Hughes, Coord, FinanAid Info Systems

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**Building Services**

Justin Childress, Group Leader, Building

**Kathy Day, Supervisor**

Lisa Harp, Group Leader, Building

**Correspondence Studies Office**

Amanda Wilson, Coord/Correspondence

**Equal Opportunity/504/ADA Comp**

Carolyn Boards, Office Coordinator

**Extended Learning & Outreach (DELO)**

Elizabeth Laves, Assistant to the Dean

**HVAC Services**

Johnny Allen, Supervisor, Heating Plant

Philip Harmon, Asst Supervisor, Heating Plant

**Maintenance Services**

Joe Keith, Supervisor, Preventative

**Purchasing and Accounts Payable**

Pamela Davidson, Buyer/Procurement Card

**Student Financial Assistance**

Cynthia Burnette, Director

**Telecommunications**

Angela Robertson, Office Coordinator

**Undistributed Housing**

Christopher Burch, Coordinator, Facility Services

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**Biotechnology Center**

Naomi Smith, Research Assistant

**Educational Television Services**

Nicholas Grace, BW PT Tech 00

Rapheal Heltsley, BW PT Tech 00

**Inst Combustion Sci & Env Tech- POD**

Jian-Zhong Zhu, BW PT Temp Tech 00

**Institute for Rural Health**

Sandra Conroy, BW PT Temp Tech 00

Kristina Harvey, Office Associate

Kent Koostra, BW PT Maint 00

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### **Professional Activities**

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#### **Art**

Kim Chalmers's solo exhibition, titled "Owls", featuring large-scale works on paper will be shown at Youngsan University, Busan, Korea, May 15 -21.

Heather Pulliam presented a paper, "Phoebe Traquair and the 'Celtic' Style: Medievalism, Nationalism and Gender in Nineteenth-Century Scotland" at the Midwest Art History Society, 32nd Annual Conference held at the University of Cincinnati, April 7-9.

#### **Biology**

Ken Crawford conducted a workshop, "Frogs and Toads of Kentucky," for teachers of the Jefferson County Public Schools Center for Environmental Education at the Blackacre State Nature Preserve. It included the presentation "Declining Amphibian Populations."

Steve Huskey presented a project entitled "Scaling snook suction: the effects of body size on feeding performance" with co-authors Peter Wainwright (UC Davis), Ralph Turingan (Florida Tech), and Andrew Carroll (UC Davis) at the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Annual Meeting in San Diego. Huskey also co-authored "Force transmission during suction feeding in centrarchid fish" with Andrew Carroll, Peter Wainwright, Dave Collar (UC Davis), and Ralph Turingan.

Heather Johnson presented, "Are We Adequately Preparing Kentucky's Ethnic Minority Students in Science?" at Strategies for Change: Kentucky's Ethnic Minorities in Higher Education Conference on March 28-29 in Louisville.

Jeffrey Marcus published a research article, "Jumping Genes and AFLP Maps: Transforming Lepidopteran Color Pattern Genetics" in the science journal *Evolution & Development*. He also led a group of volunteers on April 15-17, as they attempted to find and identify all of the moth and butterfly species in Mammoth Cave National Park. This survey, nicknamed "The Butterfly Blitz" was the first ever attempted in Mammoth Cave and was a joint project between the Western Kentucky University Department of Biology, the Society of Kentucky Lepidopterists, and Mammoth Cave National Park.

#### **Counseling and Student Affairs**

Jill D. Duba, with co-authors V. White-Kress, D. Cruikshanks, K. Eriksen, H. Hartwig Moorhead, B. Kelly, R. Newgent, S.B. Paez, and N. Sherman presented "Professional advocacy: Creative methods for advocating and training others to advocate" at the American Counseling annual conference in Atlanta. Duba also presented "Treating couples when one has a severe mental illness" at the International Association of Marriage and Family Counselors Annual Conference in New Orleans.

Don Dinkmeyer, Jr. was the featured presenter for the annual Western Kentucky Counseling Association conference held at Lake Barkley State Park on March 10.

Kelly M. Burch-Ragan served as a member of the National Board of Counseling Examination Committee. This exam is given nationally two times per year and is the exam that most states, including Kentucky, use toward licensure. Ragan was also elected president of the International Association of Addictions and Offender Counselors, a division of the American Counseling Association.

### **Modern Languages**

Linda S. Pickle received a U.S. Department of Education Improving Educator Quality grant on March 15, through the Council of Postsecondary Education, which will enable 35 P12 world language teacher and postsecondary colleagues to participate in a year-long series of professional development, including study abroad.

### **Music**

Michael Kallstrom received performances of his compositions "Inner Flame" and "Crimson" by faculty of the Kansas State University department of music in March and April. On April 1-2, he hosted a conference for 50 members of the College Music Society Great Lakes Chapter that was held at WKU.

Heidi Pintner gave two performances in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico with the Vivace Players, a California-based chamber ensemble on March 18-20. The event featured the international premiere of "It Had to Be" for flute, oboe, clarinet, and piano by Michael Kallstrom and was hosted by the San Miguel Pro Musica.

Heidi Pintner hosted a flute day for high school and college students with guest artist Katherine Borst Jones March 18-20.

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### University Libraries Activities

Miami of Ohio Drama Group will perform "Girl Who Sang Wolf" on May 14 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Performances by will be held in the Kentucky Room of the Kentucky Library and Museum. The 30-40 minute performances are free and open to the public. Contact: Lynne Ferguson (270) 745-2594 or [lynne.ferguson@wku.edu](mailto:lynne.ferguson@wku.edu)

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#### *"Antiques Roadshow" Ken Farmer headlines "Appraisal Day"*

Ken Farmer, one of the most popular and highly respected appraisers on PBS' "Antiques Roadshow," is the featured appraiser at the Kentucky Library and Museum's second annual "Appraisal Day," 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Saturday, May 21, at the Kentucky Building.

This year, appraisals will be given on tools, toys and textiles. Farmer will be providing appraisals mainly on tools, even though he is qualified to appraise musical instruments, furniture, art, folk art and decorative arts. David Chelf, certified appraiser and owner of David Chelf Auctions and Real Estate in Smiths Grove, Ky, will assist him.

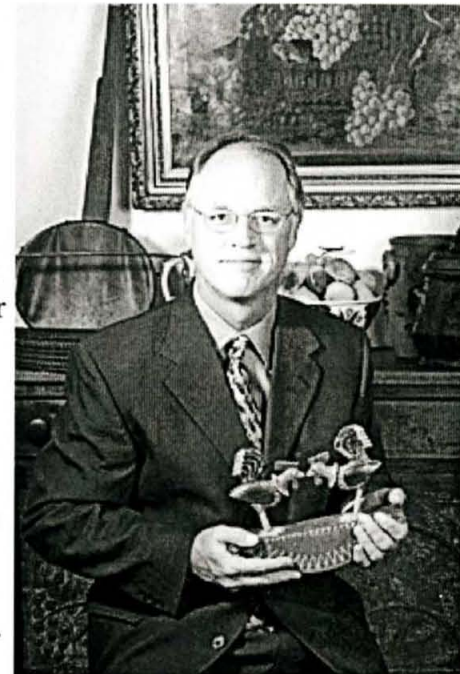
Toy appraisals will be handled by Eric Jodlbaur, from Maryland, and Timothy Mullin, head of Library Special Collections. Textile appraisers will be Helen Thompson, from Lexington, who will be appraising quilts and coverlets, and Mary Toleh, Nashville, who specializes in a variety of textiles and vintage clothing. Sandy Staebell, museum registrar, will be assisting the textile appraisers.

And there's more! At 7 p.m., Ken Farmer will be featured at an informal gathering designed to give sponsors, Library/Museum Associates and other special guests an additional opportunity to interact with him. Following a reception and dinner, Farmer will provide a limited number of appraisals for sponsors and talk about his experiences on the "Antiques Roadshow," where he has been a guest appraiser since 1995. Cost to attend the evening event is \$15 for Associates, and \$20 for others wishing to participate.

Antique dealers will also be setting up booths for the public. This year, the number of dealers is limited to five and display space will go to the first five respondents. Next year, dozens of antique dealers will be able to participate.

Tools, toys and textiles are very popular collector items, and a huge crowd is expected on May 21. Cost for appraisals will be \$5 per item, with a limit of two per person. All appraisals will be oral only.

For more information, contact Earlene Chelf (270) 745-5263 or [earlene.chelf@wku.edu](mailto:earlene.chelf@wku.edu) or check the Website: [www.wku.edu/Library/kylm](http://www.wku.edu/Library/kylm)



Ken Farmer, the featured appraiser for the Kentucky Library and Museum's "Tools, Toys and Textiles" Appraisal Day, is frequently a guest on PBS' "Antiques Roadshow." photo courtesy of Ken Farmer Auctions & Appraisals, LLC.