Spring 2019 Alumni & Friends Newsletter

Our College continues to accomplish much in educating students inside and outside the classroom, providing professionalization experiences, and show-casing how a liberal arts curriculum prepares students for success in a globalized world. Our faculty continue to receive accolades for their teaching and scholarship. Our students and alumni continue to earn recognition from external organizations. We have furthered partnerships with community organizations because of the success of our internship programs and external grants that strengthened community ties. I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter about some of our many successes. We would love to hear from you! Lucas McMillan

Alumni Updates

Gary Adamo is Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Ingham County, Michigan. He earned his J.D. from the Cooley Law School, Western Michigan University.

Kierra Brown (pictured, top right) is an Attorney with Boykin & Davis LLC in Columbia. She earned her J.D. from Pennsylvania State University.

Beth Burdette Eavenson is Region 5 Representative for the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. She earned a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Georgia.

Tanisha Elder works at the Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina. She earned a Master of Public Administration degree from USC.

Jesse Garbowski is Project Manager at Imagine Exhibitions, having recently left the Atlanta History Center where he managed the Cyclorama Digital Interactive Exhibition. He earned a M.A. in public history from University of West Georgia.

Megan Hughes (pictured, top left) is Strategic Business Coordinator for Altamira Technologies Corporation in the greater Washington, D.C. area.

Ryan McNulty (pictured, middle right) graduated from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. in 2019. He is studying for the Bar this summer and joins the Houston office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP this fall.

Brad Nickles is Principal of Emerald High School after years of success as a social studies teacher. He earned an M.Ed. from Clemson University.

Lane Riley (pictured, middle left) is Associate Coordinator for Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina. She was previously Director of Delta Hands for Hope, a non-profit organization in Mississippi, and was honored as one of the CBF’s “25 Young Baptists to Know” in 2017.

Chelsey Steifle is Human Resources Manager at Eaton Corporation.

Kendra Tamaklo is a graduate student in the Ed.S. in School Psychology program at Georgia Southern University.

Brad Utter is Senior Historian and Curator at the New York State Museum. He earned a M.A. in public history from the University of Albany.

Olive Lander Wilson visited campus in April for the College's honors and awards program where she met history student Cameron Pate-Addis, 2019-2020 recipient of the William T. Lander, Jr. Scholarship. Mrs. Wilson and her daughter, alumna Laura Lander, are donors to this fund.
Student News

Students present research at national, regional, and state-level meetings

- National Conference for Undergraduate Research
- Carolina Undergraduate Social Science Symposium
- Southern Sociological Society
- Lander’s Student Academic Symposium
- Time of Tradition & Transition: A Symposium on the South and WWI

Students spend semesters abroad and in Washington, D.C.

- Students spent semesters in Washington, D.C. had internships on Capitol Hill, White House Office of Management and Budget, and with the public relations office at The Kennedy Center.
- Students studied abroad in Canada, Greece, South Korea, and the U.K. In fall 2019, students will study in some of these locations and in Israel.

Students recognized at College’s honors & award program

- 32 students were awarded departmental scholarships
- 24 students received departmental, college, and university awards
- 35 students were inducted into disciplinary honor societies

Students complete internships locally and far away

**Psychology Internships**
- Beckman Center for Mental Health Services
- Beyond Abuse
- Bowers-Rodgers Children's Home
- Carolina Pride Foods, Inc.
- The Greenwood Museum
- Project Hope Foundation
- Synergy Counseling

**Criminology Internships**
- Community Initiatives
- Eighth Judicial Circuit Solicitor’s Office
- Foothills Alliance
- Greenwood County Clerk of Courts
- Hawthorne Merrill Law Firm
- Newberry Police Department
- Office of Student Affairs, Lander University
- S.C. Department of Probation, Pardon, & Parole
- S.C. Works – Upper Savannah Council of Governments
- White House Office of Mgmt. & Budget – Washington, D.C.

**Sociology Internships**
- Abbeville Police Department
- Mags House
- Office of Career Services, Lander University
- Perry Correctional Institution

**Political Science Internships**
- Carriage House
- Geoly Law Firm
- Hodges Law Firm
- Lander University Foundation & Alumni Center
- Upper Savannah Council of Governments

**History Internships**
- The Kennedy Center – Washington, D.C.
- Newberry High School Library
- Ninety Six National Historic Site
- The Greenwood Museum

Adventures in Summer 2019

History student Maddie Hudlow (pictured above) is interning at the KGB Espionage Museum in New York City in summer 2019.

She is an example of a student who is continuing to professionalize themselves for life after graduation, but not earning academic credit. The internships listed on this page are 2018-2019 “official” internships supervised by faculty members and usually occur in the fall and spring semesters. No matter the case, experiential learning is key at Lander.
Students honored with student life awards
- Samuel Lander Man of the Year – Jake Powell (pictured)
- Presidential Ambassador Newcomer of the Year – Jake Powell
- Harkness Diversity Award – Courtney Cannon (pictured)
- Inductees into the Hall of Leaders – Sydney Shepard

Many graduate programs accept our new alumni
- Clemson University
- Duke University
- Georgia Southern University
- New York Law School
- Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
- University of South Carolina - Columbia
- University of Winchester, England
- Western Carolina University
- Winthrop University

Congratulations to Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 graduates!

Criminology and Sociology graduate Kaitlynn Stahl received the Thayer Award from University President Richard Cosentino in May 2019.
Faculty Highlights

Professor of Psychology Jonathan Bassett was awarded a sabbatical for spring 2020 to work on a book project that builds upon his impressive scholarly record.

Associate Professor of History Franklin Rausch was named 2019 Distinguished Professor. An engaging teacher and active scholar of Asian history and religion, Dr. Rausch recently spoke at the Republic of Korea’s Consulate General in Los Angeles.

Assistant Professor of Psychology Shana Southard-Dobbs won the 2019 Young Faculty Teaching Award. Four students mentored by Dr. Southard-Dobbs presented research at the 2019 National Conference for Undergraduate Research.

Meredith Uttley was named Professor Emerita of Anthropology and Sociology following her retirement in December 2018. One of the ways we celebrated Dr. Uttley’s 25 years on the faculty was with a reception in her honor (pictured).

Historians Ryan Floyd and Kevin Witherspoon both published books in late 2018:

**The American South and the Great War, 1914-1924**
co-edited by Ryan Floyd and Matthew Downs (University of Mobile)
Louisiana State University Press

> Dr. Floyd was interviewed by S.C. Public Radio and SCETV this year and gave the keynote address at the 2019 meeting of the Georgia Association of Historians. His book was the centerpiece of Lander’s Symposium on the South and WWI.

**Defending the American Way of Life: Sport, Culture, and the Cold War**
co-edited by Kevin Witherspoon and Toby Rider (Cal State-Fullerton)
University of Arkansas Press

> Dr. Witherspoon’s book won the Best Edited Anthology Award at the 2019 meeting of the North American Society for Sports History.

Two successful grants for the College

S.C. Humanities awarded the College two grants of NEH funds in 2018-2019. Both strengthened community ties and helped students learn about important topics. *Achieving the Promise: Democracy and the Informed Citizen* brought politicians, non-profit leaders, journalists, and engaged citizens to campus in many events and was led by Dr. Ashley Woodwiss. Over 1,250 people attended events that included the February meeting of the Greenwood City Council (pictured on the next page). As part of this series, four students’ essays on civic engagement were published in the *Index-Journal* and other students’
writings were published in Lander’s student newspaper, *The Forum*. Videos, photos, and information about these events is found at [www.lander.edu/atp](http://www.lander.edu/atp).

On Mar. 14-15, *Time of Tradition and Transition: A Symposium on the South and World War I* brought visitors from across Upstate S.C. (and beyond) to campus to join students in learning from historians and archivists. One panel examined commemoration debates about Greenwood’s war memorial, and another included presentations by Lander students. See the program at [www.lander.edu/ww1](http://www.lander.edu/ww1).

Hear scholars’ interviews on S.C. Public Radio [here](http://www.publicradio.com) and [here](http://www.publicradio.com). SCETV journalists were on campus too and recently launched its project, an exclusive series of videos with scholars on [KnowItAll.org](http://www.knowitall.org), a website that is a partnership of SCETV and the private sector to give teachers quality digital content to use in the classroom.

[Click here](http://www.knowitall.org) to choose among 20 videos. We are happy that scholars’ expertise shared at the Symposium is now available to teachers to advance social studies education.

What can you do to help us?

1) offer time and space to mentor students with an internship or give career advice
2) lend time and talent to participate in a mock interview or judge a presentation
3) donate funds to the College online with the [Lander Foundation](http://www.lander.edu/lander-foundation) or call 864-388-8350.

We particularly seek investment in our students through funds for student research or scholarships. Examples are the *Deb Acorn Student Research Fund in Psychology* or newly-established *Abby and Joel Cleland Student Research Fund in History*. Alumni are encouraged to build upon the Clelands’ initial gift and honor a gifted teacher and mentor, Professor Emeritus of History Joel Cleland (pictured).

We are also grateful to two loyal alumni for recently establishing the *Rob and Angela Strickland Political Science Scholarship*. It will be awarded to a POLS student pursuing a law career, following in the footsteps of Angela Strickland, Co-Managing Partner of the Columbia law office of Bowman and Brooke LLP.

*We appreciate all of our donors’ time, talent, and treasure!*