

RESEARCH @ FSW

Research @ FSW has been created to update Florida SouthWestern faculty and staff on exciting new developments in faculty research, creative expressions, research publications, and other highlights. This quarterly publication is the primary tool for faculty to share research successes with colleagues. If you have items for a future newsletter, contact Jennifer Young, Public Relations and Marketing Associate for Academic Affairs, at Jennifer.Young@fsw.edu or x-11101 (Thomas Edison Campus).

Faculty Research Profile

Marty Ambrose, English

Project-Claire's Summer: A Novella

The novella that I plan to write explores the famous Byron/Shelley summer of 1816 from a new perspective, with the first-person narration of Claire Clarmont and the historical memoir approach.



This type of re-telling of history creates an innovative reconstruction of literary events, with an accessible (and marketable) slant. I also believe "voice" is the most important part of storytelling, and Clarmont has a voice that has not been heard, except through journals and letters. The creation of her quasi-fictional character provides the authorial freedom to explore lesser-known aspects of her life. In short, the memoir keeps its historical roots, but allows for creative transcendence of simple facts. No other memoir has touched on this character or subject, so I would be authoring a work that would stand out among other novels within this genre.

The historical memoir needs to be both creative and meticulously researched. I have authored and published several novels, and I have an agent who has been my business partner for over ten years. Also, I have written short memoir articles and teach the art of memoir writing in my CRW 2001 class. Thus, I feel that my ability to deliver and publish a creative project is solid. The methodology for my research would include two aspects: Updating myself on recent Clarmont scholarship and traveling to destinations that would provide primary research (Geneva and Florence).

Provost/VPAA Corner

The Academic Research Council has awarded another round of research grants, totaling more than \$19,000 to the following faculty for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Congratulations to these faculty members.

Faculty Member and Project Title

Dr. Juan Zaragoza (Mathematics) - Promoting a Culture of Metacognition in Math Courses

Professor June Davis (Nursing) - The Transition to an Innovative, Evidence-Based Curriculum and Its Effects

Dr. Elizabeth Schott, Professor Don Ransford, Dr. Rona Axelrod, Professor Laurice Garrett (Mathematics) - Incorporating Inquiry Based Learning into a FSW Mathematics Course

Dr. Bruno Baltodano (Political Science) - Indigenous Female Revolutionaries Research

We will continue to explore the expansion of scholarly activities at FSW including sabbaticals and assisting faculty with research grant opportunities. I will be putting together an ad hoc advisory committee to help map out our direction in scholarly pursuit including how this activity is rewarded.



Dr. Jeff Stewart
Interim Provost/VPAA

Faculty News

Dr. Bruno Baltodano, Professor, Political Science, contributed to the forthcoming book:

Cottman, M.I., Huseby, J.W., with Baltodano, B. (2016). *Confronting al Qaeda: The Sunni Awakening and American Strategy in al Anbar*. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.

Dr. Gabriel Gaidos, Professor, Biochemistry, co-authored this recent publication:

Gaidos, G., Panaitiu, A. E., Guo, B., Pellegrini, M., & Mierke, D. F. (2015). Identification and Characterization of the Interaction Site between cFLIP L and Calmodulin. *PLoS one*, 10(11), e0141692.

Dr. Wendy Chase, Professor, Humanities, authored this recent publication:

Chase, W. (2015). Penetrating Art-Creative Interventions in the Age of Internet Porn. *The International Journal of Communication and Linguistic Studies*, Volume 13, Issue 3 pp.23-31.

Natala Orobello, Professor, English, has recently published two books via Amazon Digital Services LLC: A book of poetry, *Respite: Ode to Owl Town Farm* (2015) and a cookbook, *Home for the Holidays* (2015).

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