Two More Microgrants Awarded, Two More Stipends Available

-Todd Ellis, Director of Teaching and Learning

Grayson College Teaching and Learning is offering two Open Educational Resources support stipends for the 2019-2020 school year. The purpose of the stipends is to assist faculty in textbook examination and course adoption of OER for spring or fall 2020 classes.

In the summer of 2019 Sarah Garrett applied for and was awarded a microgrant to adapt an OER textbook for 8 sections of English as a second language (ESL). Students estimated savings this fall is $14,000. Michael Dill received and is working on a grant in the form of release time. He will be creating an OER lab manual for students.

Full-time and adjunct faculty are encouraged to apply. The $200 stipend is divided into two parts. Part I, Apply. Selected applicants will receive a $500 stipend for academic year 2019-20.

Successful applicants will work with Library Information Services staff and the Director of Teaching and Learning during the year to examine OER texts for a spring, summer or fall 2020 adoption. The grant recipient will notify Todd Ellis in writing that they have selected a textbook to include. The textbook name and link will be sent to the grant recipient.

Part II, Adapt. Grant recipients will then create and adapt a Canvas sandbox OER course shell in which the textbook will be used. They will then receive the remaining $1000. Note, the course does not have to be designed around the textbook, although that is a common pedagogical practice.

A link to the application and additional information can be found at https://www.smore.com/3bexam.

Could climate change affect North Texas agriculture?

-Luisa Perez, Student

Over the past few decades, North Texas’ climate has changed dramatically, which can be summarized in two words: floods and extreme heat. The average temperature of North Texas has risen about one degree Fahrenheit since the first half of the 20th century. And on average, climate variables such as floods, droughts, continuous rain, and wildfires are, unfortunately, something North Texas will experience more, which can lead to economic and health problems, stated Barbara Mayes, climatologist and meteorologist from North Texas.

From TEDx to Hallofest. From our favorite photos to the season.

What international students want you to know...

-The Viking

Join us November 11th at 11:00am on the second floor of the Life Center for the Veteran’s Day Remembrance Ceremony with guest speaker Colonel Dale Howard, Perrin Air Force Base Museum.

Colonel Dale Howard served in the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War and the Kosovo Campaign. Colonel Howard retired with thirty years of commissioned service in 1998. He was recalled to active duty after the terrorist attack of 9/11; served as Senior Strategic Analyst for Counter Terrorism for the U.S. Department of Defense for the Army and Military Liaison Officer to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, retiring again in 2007.

Colonel Howard was awarded the Legion of Merit Medal, two Bronze Star Medals, the Department of Defense Joint Merit Medal, the Republic of Slovenia Silver Star Medal, as well as several other personal and unit campaign medals, ribbons and badges. He is currently retired and lives in Sherman, Texas with his wife Sally, a retired U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sergeant. Reception will follow after the ceremony, beginning at 11:30am with a veteran meet and greet.

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We are now accepting stories, poems, comics and photos! Send your work to our editor, Storm Anderson at snandonerson.vikings.grayson.edu

Remember, anyone can contribute!
New Texas law bans unwanted nude photos

The Daily Wire, “Currently, if a sponsor of the bill by telling Dallas-area Representative unpunished. people especially and one that growing problem for young Many Texas lawmakers were done. more work that needs to be acceptable behavior online to exposure is a crime on the bill. Herd said, “If indecent someone sends an unsolicited with an up-to $500 fine if came into effect, was one that businesses have amassed a large followers online. her store, and over 300,000 followers. Big businesses and some small businesses have a massed following online, and Jeff Johanson, the owner of a local technology assistant, said a website or other types of social media areas, which one could contact their potential and current customers. Businesses can take information from a person—committing indecent exposure, it is a crime. Yet if that same person engages in such an act over texting or a dating app, the unwanted recipient has absolutely no recourse, even for repetitive offenses. This must stop! Rachel*, a senior at Leonard High School, recalled that last year, another student sent Rachel an image of herself at least 7 times, even though she had never requested photos of this nature, and she repeatedly asked him to stop sending them. Another Leonard High School student also received an image of herself on the end of these unwanted pictures, and she was worried every one of her friends had been a victim as well.

This new law applies to every person commits a public mischief, which is a crime. The crime can be committed by a person to any person, including an employee, customer, or citizen, but it is considered a gross misdemeanor. The maximum sentence for a public mischief conviction is 6 months in jail and a fine of up to $1,000.

Leeann’s Southern Charm finds great success advertising on Facebook. Leeann Latimer, the owner of Leeann’s Southern Charm, a flour shop and boutique located in Leonard, Texas, said she started advertising on Facebook immediately after the bill was passed. She now has a website, a warehouse, and over 300,000 followers. Leeann and her husband, Gary Latimer, have received several positive customer reviews.

Businesses have to think twice about the potential consequences of violating the new law. If someone sends an unwanted explicit image, it can be just as difficult, if not more difficult, to remove it. Leeann Latimer suggested to continue making new groups on Facebook to bring in more customers. She has gained around 10,000 followers on Facebook, as the people who visit her store and the people in the small town she lives in. Word of mouth moves very quickly, even out of small towns. Leeann said some customers and even customers have created new accounts.

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Instructor Spotlight: Ernest Sparacin

Marlene Phillips, Director of Advising and Outreach

Ernest Sparacin can definitely tell you a thing or two about teaching adults. “Being a great teacher starts with being sensitive to the students, understanding their position, and moving forward from there,” affirmed Sparacin.

As an English as a Second Language (ESL) Instructor in a classroom with students from all over the world, Sparacin certainly needs to understand sensitivity and perceptiveness. To understand his novice students, he must rely on his and their students’ nonverbal communication. He does that by paying close attention in additions to drawings on the board. Sparacin’s unconventional background gives him a unique advantage in the ESL teaching field. Formerly an independent graphic communications designer, his job was to find new ways to share information nonverbally with consumers. His perfect skill set for an ESL instructor is one who doesn’t know English in a classroom with native speakers of multiple languages. Sparacin considered himself an imaginative hat on every day as he enters the classroom. “I make doing the work a creative and fun experience. In fact, I’m having too much fun!” laughed Sparacin.

Despite the atmosphere of fun Sparacin is known for, he considers himself a professional. “I am always there, but the hurdles without a doubt are there,” he said. “It’s been a great journey!” For over 13 years of experience in adult education under his belt, Sparacin has become the man many students have come to expect. “I always have an open door policy. It really makes a difference in how students’ think about school,” said Sparacin.

Storm’s Soapbox

Look at this cool thing I did.

Storm Anderson, Editor

Over the last two months, I’ve looked at more skulls than I think is allowed outside the Dia de los Muertos festival. The Grayson College Foundation launched AwardSpring, a new software to apply for Grayson College scholarships. As of December 1, individuals can apply for Grayson College Foundation scholarships that are awarded for the 2020-2021 academic year. The Foundation has implemented a scholarship management program called AwardSpring. Through the new scholarship system, scholarship applicants can apply for all available scholarships by completing a single scholarship application.

The AwardSpring system will automatically match the scholarship applicant the best opportunity to be considered for all available scholarships. The AwardSpring system will open on December 1, 2020.

CDC attends 200th Anniversary of the Birth of Bab

Cultural Diversity Club

On October 29, the Cultural Diversity Club attended the 200th Anniversary of the Birth of the Bab that was hosted by The Bahá’í House of Worship. The event, which is an annual event which happened at Austin College, and it was a very interesting experience with a religion that until then, was not well known by any of our members. The Bahá’í religion believes in unity through diversity and cultures, the same principles our club has. It was a great opportunity to network and learn new things.

The Grayson College Foundation scholarship process just got easier for current and future Grayson College students. As of December 1, individuals seeking scholarship assistance can take advantage of a new software to apply for Grayson College Foundation scholarships that are awarded for the 2020-2021 academic year. The Foundation has implemented a scholarship management program called AwardSpring. Through the new scholarship system, scholarship applicants can apply for all available scholarships by completing a single scholarship application.

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Design class creates public art for the Day of the Dead

Kristin Ericksson, Professor

Above: All the detail in these papel picados were created by using handmade chisels. (Photos provided by author.)

Grayson College design students made papel picado banners to celebrate the Day of the Dead, a day to honor the memory of loved ones who have passed. “papel picado, or “punched paper,” is a traditional folk art practiced throughout Mexico and is frequently used as decorations for celebrations.

Design students created both the design for their papel picado as well as the chisel they used to punch out the design before attaching the designs to string in order to hang them.

You can view these brightly colored decorations in the foyer of the Arts and Communications building in front of the Cruz Stark Auditorium.

If you would like to get involved with the arts on campus, come and join Delta Phi Delta, Grayson College’s Art Club. The art club meets 1st Tuesday of the month in AC 105/Design Room.

For more information about Grayson College Art Events, visit our website at: https://www.grayson.edu/Pathways/VisualArts/index.html or our Facebook page at: Grayson College Visual Arts Department.

For the 19th year, the 2nd Floor Gallery is proud to present Black, White, and Variants of Grey. This exhibit, meant to push the artists’ creative problem-solving skills, restricts all works into an achromatic color pallet. This total ban of color forces artists to use other means to make their work stand out among the rest.

While some artists may find these limitations difficult, Grayson student Owen Beck disagrees. “I enjoyed working with only black and white. I’ve been using a lot of color in my pieces because I don’t really know how to work with color yet. I found black and white easier because then I’m really only working with light and shadow.”

The design challenge of the exhibit has brought some of the best artists in our area to the 2nd Floor Gallery, and this year has been no exception. The 2019 exhibit features 68 works by 33 artists, including Grayson and SouthEastern students and several local professionals.

“I felt really excited seeing my own art hanging up next to some of the best local artists,” Grayson student Alexis Greenwood admits. “Everyone’s styles are really diverse and unique. I was more excited about this show than the others. You get to see everyone’s styles develop more over the semester, and it’s been really cool to see.”

The Black, White and Variants of Grey exhibit will run through the end of the Fall semester. Hours of the 2nd Floor Gallery are 9am-3pm Monday through Friday. The artist reception will be held on Friday, November 15th from 5:30-7pm at the 2nd Floor Gallery in the Art and Communications Center.

Story about a girl

- Sierra Smith, Student

This is a story about a girl who died, leaving behind her mother and two brothers.

She didn’t know what to do. The other spirits warned her not to follow her family. But she didn’t listen.

Their grief continued over the next year. Her spirit never left and so they never moved on. Her mother could no longer bear it and begged at the girl’s grave, “Please, I love you but you must leave.” And so the girl did.

She flowed and flew until she found a small thicket at the edge of a small village. There she cried alone.

Years passed in solitude until one day, the girl came across a sick black cat with bright blue eyes.

The girl watched over the cat as it struggled to survive. Yet when the first freeze came, she was once again alone.

The girl consoled over her loss. Her spirit never left and so they never moved on. Her mother could no longer bear it and begged at the girl’s grave, “Please, I love you but you must leave.”

And so the girl did.

The girl sat and stared. Her heart called out for the cat’s return.

And the cat returned to her. And for the first time in decades the girl smiled.
While the 2019 Homecoming King and Queen won’t be announced until after this issue is released, your nominees are:

- Audrey Shaw, Student Government
- Angela Perry, Honors College
- Bradays, Basketball
- Brian McGinnis, Psychology Club
- Shyenne Daniel, Black Print
- Zoe Ortiz, Student Government
- Whitney Jones, Student Government
- Kate Laemmle, Cheer
- Alex Chip, Student Government
- Liu Chi Cong "Leo", Cultural Diversity Club
- Luanne, Student Government
- Allie Daniel, Cheer

Winners will be announced at Halftime during the 2019 Homecoming game.

New Texas Open Educational Resource Law

To tell, Director of Teaching and Learning for Texas Colleges and Community Colleges, that instructors can use college course catalogs to disclose to prospective students those courses that include Open Educational Resources.

The city of Allen, Texas has one of the largest high school districts in Texas. However, these programs are being implemented in schools when they are encouraged by local law enforcement, all state and national governments.

The city of Allen, Texas has one of the largest high school districts in the nation. Allen High School employs twelve school resource officers (SROs) to help maintain order and the law. A.L.E.R.R.T. (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training), a program that teaches rapid and effective responses to active school shooters, is offered.

Leonard Blanding, Student Government shared the mandate that most departments use in active shooter situations:

- Stop the killing, then stop the threat.
- Integrate emergency medical services (EMS) into active shooter training.
- Educate law enforcement officers to manage the devastation caused by the shooter and shut down the threat effectively.


Trainings for police, EMS, and school staff are critical to preventing damage and loss of life when discussing active shooter situations. Anyone can help push these trainings by contacting the local police department and asking if they have considered furthering their training in active shooter response.

Besides training, another effective method of protection is the integration of physical technology to disguise which rooms contain firearms. One such product is the Sleeve, which works in tandem with a steel electromagnetic door lock that makes the door virtually undetectable to an intruder.

The Sleeve is a reinforced metal sleeve that slips over the top of a door, shielding it from the view of intruders. By obscuring the presence of firearms, it helps prevent potential intruders from entering the building. This product is designed to be a non-intrusive, yet effective solution for enhancing security in schools and other public buildings.

As with most intruder situations, the best line of defense is immediate and active. This is why active-shooter/intruder simulations can also help individuals gain a better understanding of how to appropriately react. This is what Mr. Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Leonard I.S.D., emphasized the importance of. Mr. Johnson has been involved in multiple inclusion programs such as Start With Hello by the Sandy Hook School. This program is designed to cultivate our community's mental health and lessen the percentage of people tempted to perpetrate these crimes.

These inclusion programs encourage students, faculty, and others despite whether or not there is a pre-existing relationship. We can push to better educate and train our communities against this threat when we have less knowledge with training. The change must come from us as a society as the threat affects us all.
**Club Life**

**Cultural Diversity Club**

The United States has enrolled international students in its universities since the 1950s. What started as 26,000 international students quickly doubled over the following decade. By the 1980s, there were an estimated 286,000. By the 21st century, a record 1.1 million international students were enrolled in the U.S. in 2017, international students consisted of 5% of the United States’ total population.

Nowadays, every mid-to late-November, the country promotes and celebrates the success of these cultural and international students held at high schools, colleges, and community organizations.

Grayson College is honored to be a part of this annual activity. The Cultural Diversity Club-- made up of exchange, immigrant, and native students-- has hosted international Education events on campus every year. This year the CDC will again host "International Day" on November 19. International Day allows international students to share food, products, and other items from their home country with other Grayson students. This event attracts hundreds every year and offers everyone a chance to increase their vision of other nations' cultures.

**SVA to host One Night in a Cardboard Box**

There was an article in the September issue of The Viking written by staff writer Stephen Linn looking for people interested in starting a new club. Happily, his efforts were successful.

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The purpose of the GC ASL Club is to connect hearing and deaf/hard-of-hearing students. In addition, the club's goal is to give hearing students a place to learn and practice ASL and learn about Deaf Culture.

The club meets every Monday from 12:15-12:50pm in the Liberal Arts Building, Room 207. Anyone is welcome to attend no matter their knowledge of ASL.

If you are interested in learning about ASL or Deaf Culture, stop by one of their meetings. Official business begins at 12:15, but they have extra signing practice from 12:00-12:15, so, if you can, feel free to stop by early to get the most out of the meeting.

The main purpose of GC ASL is to bridge the gap between the Deaf and Hearing communities. The first step in doing that is to learn a common language. So no matter how much, or how little American Sign Language you know, consider becoming active in this club.

It will help you communicate with a group of people who are often neglected. It could even be the first step towards establishing a better relationship between the Deaf and Hearing in our community.

**Improve Study Habits**

**Tuesday**

**LEA**

Criminal Justice 12:30-1:30pm, TBA

**TIPPS**

Culinary Arts

First Tuesdays, 3pm, Culinary Arts Building

**Wednesdays**

**Music Club**

12:15-1pm, CIS 202

**Honors College Club**

12:15-1pm, Nightingale Room, Library

**Criminology Club**

1pm, Viking Room

**Thursday**

**Science Club**

Bi-weekly, 3pm, SC106

**Friday**

**Culinary Tech Club**

Bi-weekly, 12:15-1pm, Nightingale Room, Library

**Saturday**

**Dental Assisting Club**

1pm, Viking Room

**Student Veterans Association**

First and Third Wednesdays, 12-1pm, Veterans Hub

**SVA**

Grayson Nursing Student Association

Contact Sophia Deodran sophia.deodran@grayson.edu

**TBA**

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It's a cold day in Colorado. Your family decided to go skiing for Spring Break. You haven't been since you were a child, but you think you can figure it out again in a few runs. While on the first slope, you start excellently, but you gain too much speed and wipe out in the middle of the run. When you fall, you heard a pop in your knee, and now you can't get up. You're going to need the help of an orthopedic specialist, a doctor who corrects tears or defects of bone and muscle replaces articular joints.

Orthopedics was created in the late seventeenth, but the procedures performed on subjects at that time were not perfected and therefore caused the patient immense pain. Dr. Richard Jelsma started medical school a few years after this new field of medicine was created.

Dr. Jelsma, a native of McKinney, Texas, attended medical school and residency at Columbia University in New York, a school known to have one of the best medical programs in the country. Dr. Jelsma's specialization has included arthroscopy and reparative surgeries. He has attended care of multiple local high school and college athletes with orthopedic problems and has performed a multitude of procedures for ligament replacement on patients who had arthritic knee or shoulder joints.

During the eighties and nineties, very doctors attempted to do shoulders and knees were done by open procedure when I was in residency.” Dr. Jelsma explained that the only procedure that must be an open procedure is a total knee or hip replacement.

“Between the last ten to fifteen years, the biggest advancement to orthopedics [has been] arthroscopic hip surgery,” continued Dr. Jelsma. During hip replacements, surgeons would drill into the hip. On the hip, Dr. Jelsma stated, “Now a large number of conditions can be treated arthroscopically in the hip, also the elbow and the wrist and ankle in this way.”

Materials used for orthopedics have also changed since the creation of orthopedics. Dr. Jelsma stated that the surgical field wouldn’t be able to get to where it is today without the development of orthopedic implants. Patients would have to wear casts for months and would get an anterior cruciate ligament, or ACL, repair and would be in a cast for 6-8 weeks, or maybe even longer. Physical therapy has dramatically improved the postoperative phase as well; patients used to lay on the floor for weeks with no mobility. Dr. Jelsma stated that positive studies have taken some of the patient’s own cells, or mesenchymal stem cells, to help the tissue to regrow onto the bone.
Above Left: Grayson Student Body President Zayla Pope (left) poses with Senator Makayla Hill. (photo by Dr. Jean Sorensen)

Above Center: Grayson nursing student Shay Evans works the crowd during TEDxAustin College on September 28. (photo by Sophia Dookran)

Above Right: Grayson music students Ellie Evans and Preston Hammond try out a booth at TEDxAustin College on September 28. (photo provided by Grayson Music Club)

Above: Winners of the 2019 Hallofest Costume contest pose for photos on October 11. (photo by OL Kelly)

Below: Archer Lightfoot and Stephen Levy of the ASL/Deaf Association pass out treats during Hallo-Hoops on October 29. (photo provided by editor)

Above: Student Life department poses with pumpkin decorating entries. (photo by editor)

Left: Student Veterans offered students a full smores’ bar during Hallofest. (photo by Liu Chi Cong)

Right: HALO provided face painting for students during Hallofest. (photo by OL Kelly)

Above: Student clubs offered Trick-or-Treaters various goods during Hallofest. (photo by Liu Chi Cong)

Left: The Cultural Diversity Club was one of many organizations to participate in this year’s Hallofest. (photo by editor)

Above: Honors Students Rosario Lleretola and Ben Li pause for a photo break at Hallo-Hoops on October 29. (photo provided by editor)