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Anthony Lipscomb's Summer with PlayStation

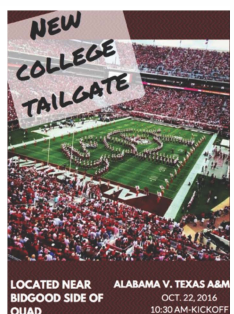


New College student Anthony Lipscomb always dreamed of attending E3 (Electronic Entertainment Expo). This past summer he lived that dream — interning for PlayStation and doing what he loves best — designing, playing, testing, and marketing video games. Anthony did value tracking for PlayStation's third party games such as Destiny 2, Assassin's Creed, and Star Wars Battlefront 2.

He also created and presented a comparative analysis to the entire Third Party Relations team. At E3, he was able to watch and critically evaluate E3 Press Conferences, and he produced content focusing on eSports with one of his managers for the Call of Duty World

Championships. In addition, Anthony created a PlayStation based eSports concept that received positive reviews, which led to him being invited to participate in a brainstorming session for PlayStation's next steps in eSports. Lastly, Anthony helped garner social media support for titles such as Titanfall 2, Lego Marvel Super Heroes 2 and Shadow of War.

2016-2017 NEW COLLEGE EVENTS



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New College Welcomes Dr. Vincent Willis



Dr. Vincent Willis, Assistant Professor in Social Sciences

Dr. Vincent Willis joined New College in August 2016 as an Assistant Professor in the Social Sciences. Willis is from the small town of Jacksonville, Arkansas, which he describes as being best known for housing an Air Force Base. Willis earned his undergraduate degree from Morehouse College in African American Studies and his master's degree in the same area from The Ohio State University. Willis then returned to Atlanta where he completed his PhD at Emory University with a research focus in education and youth activism. He is currently working on a book about high school activists during school desegregation in Georgia.

Dr. Willis teaches NEW 237: Cooperation and Conflict and NEW 273: Social Issues and Ethics and has a .25 appointment in the Department of Gender and Race Studies. In reflecting on the past year in New College, Willis notes "It's been a supportive journey so far. People care about learning here, and there's something to be said about students investing in their future. When students are invested in their own outcome, the results are incredible." Dr. Willis' advice to students: "Be bold. The world is in so much need of your genius. People who change things see a world beyond their reality."

DR. CATHERINE ROACH SELECTED AS 2017 BURNUM DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

Dr. Catherine Roach was selected by UA President Stuart Bell as the 2017 Burnum Distinguished Faculty, one of the highest honors bestowed on professors at The University of Alabama. Dr. Roach was only the fourth female faculty in UA history to receive this prestigious award. After being presented her award on April 19, 2017, Dr. Roach delivered a lecture and was honored at a dinner hosted by President Bell at his residence on the UA campus. The Burnum Distinguished Faculty Award, established by Celeste Burnum and the late Dr. John F. Burnum, is given annually to recognize and promote excellence in research, scholarship, and teaching. Since joining New College in 1998, Dr. Roach has authored three scholarly books, two historical romance novels, 10 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters, 12 essays, a government report, two book reviews and more than 60 academic presentations. In 2013-2014, she was the Fulbright Distinguished Chair at the University of Leeds (UK).

NEW COLLEGE STUDENTS LAUNCH INDEPENDENT GAMING STUDIO

New College launched Game Lab 142 as part of our new arts entrepreneurship initiative in 2016. The lab afforded New College students and others interested in gaming the opportunity to design and test analog and video games. In spring 2016 (with funding from New College) Game Lab members: Nick Gray, Anthony Lipscomb, Alex Haisting, Rachel Christ, and Robert Petit attended SXSW in Austin Texas for the gaming expo. Inspired by the game developers they met there, Alex, Rachel, and Robert returned from their trip with the idea of creating their own independent studio. This summer they founded High Five Studios LLC, and are preparing to launch their first commercial video called "Prisoner" on Steam, a game purchasing service, and Xbox. This fall they will be working in a space provided by New College alumnus Josh Sahib, co-founder and CEO of Brewery Buddy. They have also gained sponsorship for their studio and have been commissioned to develop an application for a new gaming cafe in Tuscaloosa. In March 2018, they will return to SXSW, where they have been invited to be one of the presenters. Alex, Rachel, and Robert each received a \$1000 Jeff Levitz Scholarship for creativity and entrepreneurship.

New College Professor Barbara Brickman Hosts

Media Camp for Girls



Dr. Barbara Brickman and attendees of Druid Girls Media Camp.

From June 26-30, 2017, Dr. Barbara Brickman, along with four undergraduate interns, taught twelve girls the fundamentals of filmmaking. The girls, ages 10-13, were divided into three teams, and each group produced their own film which was shown at the end of the week-long camp. The low-cost Druid Girls Media Camp was specifically aimed at underrepresented girls who often do not have the opportunity to attend summer camps or learn the technical skills of operating high-end cameras, editing, writing script, and producing video and audio productions. The camp evolved from a class Dr. Brickman

taught two years ago called Girls Film School.

Students in the class worked on the logistics of the camp, designed the curriculum, and created marketing and promotional materials. Brickman, who served as the camp director, had two primary goals for the camp: 1) empower young women to create their own stories and 2) teach girls critical media literacy so they can critically examine media portrayals of young women. Plans are already underway for next year's Druid City Girls Media Camp. Dr. Brickman will be offering her course, Girls Film School, again this spring.

Dr. Michael Steinberg Leads 7th Class in Belize



Dr. Steinberg's class fishing in Belize.

In May of 2017, Dr. Michael Steinberg led his 7th trip to Belize with 22 students in tow. Students enroll in NEW 450/GY 450: Conservation Field Studies in Belize for a two-week adventure in Central America. This experiential learning class offered students the opportunity to help preserve the world's most diverse ecosystem and improve quality of life for villagers while learning about the role of culture in environmental sustainability. Steinberg wants the students to see "a different side of Belize and the tropics than they would get off the side of a cruise ship." The students snorkeled nearly every day, collecting data near the Belize Barrier Reef, the largest coral reef in the Northern hemisphere; they interacted with Mayan residents

in the remote rainforest village of San Pedro Columbia where they tasted local food, learned about villagers' handmade crafts and planted trees on the banks of the nearby Columbia River in partnership with the Toledo Institute for Development and the Environment. They also participated in service projects, including coral-reef rehabilitation, beach and trail cleanups, and fish and coral-reef diversity data collection. Dr. Steinberg will return to Belize with a new group of students in May 2018.

NEW COLLEGE LOUNGE GETS A FACELIFT



New College Council president, Kaylin Wallen (right), decided the New College Student Lounge needed a facelift, so she spent last year studying design, collecting data on lounge usage, drawing designs, and creating budgets – all as part of an independent study in which she earned academic credit.

In May, Kaylin presented her ideas to the New College faculty, who voted to dedicate funds for the redesign. This summer Kaylin oversaw the redesign project and helped fellow New College student Megan Fletcher (left) build tables and bookcases for the lounge.

The newly redesigned lounge opened in conjunction with our annual community meeting to rave reviews. As part of the redesign project, the New College Council will host an art exhibit featuring artwork, relics, and memorabilia from New College's past.

New College Students Travel Abroad

New College student **Matthew Zelif** received the highly prestigious National Security Education Program (NSEP) David L. Boren Scholarship. He is spending this year studying at the University of Ghana, where he lives in an international student hostel with his roommate from South Korea. Since arriving in Ghana this summer, Matt has been studying Asante-Twi, one of the dialects of the Akan language of West Africa. The National Security Education Program was part of the 1991 National Security Education Act and provides undergraduate scholarships, graduate fellowships, and institutional grants to help U.S. citizens better understand foreign cultures, thus strengthening U.S. economic competitiveness and enhancing international cooperation and security. Recipients of the Boren Scholarship accept a Service Requirement to work for the federal government in the national security arena.

Julia Quan, who graduated in May of 2017, is one of 14 University of Alabama students selected for Fulbright awards. Julia recently arrived in Macedonia and has begun meeting faculty members at St. Kliment Ohridski at Bitola. As an English teaching assistant, Julia will help teach the “practical application” section of one or two English speaking classes and a technical writing class. More than 11,000 applicants compete for approximately 1,500 Fulbright awards each year. Sponsored by the U.S. State Department, Fulbright is the largest U.S. international exchange program, offering opportunities for students, scholars, and professionals. New College faculty Dr. Catherine Roach and Dr. Marysia Galbraith have also participated in the Fulbright program.

New College and NASA

Ginger Morgan, a New College May 2017 graduate who is now pursuing her MBA, eventually wants to be a physician’s assistant. But, on the other hand, maybe she will open her own business promoting the panoramic lens that she helped develop as part of a team that won the NASA Technology Transfer Competition. Ginger participated in the project because she wanted to gain some business experience in how to take an idea, develop a prototype, and then market it to potential users. Gingers hopes that one day cardiologists will use the panoramic lens during heart surgery.

Ginger greatly appreciated the opportunity to work with highly regarded engineers and scientists who found value in her idea. However, Ginger’s experience in the real world of tech transfer taught her that the process from idea to implementation is a lengthy one, involving prototype development (which requires funding), clinical research, and FDA approval.

At the annual College of Arts & Sciences Honors Day program, Ginger was recognized as one of four recipients of the Dean’s Merit Award (making her the 3rd New College student in a row to receive this award). Ginger was also the recipient of the Campbell-Portera Scholarship Award and one of the 2017 Outstanding UA Seniors.

NEW COLLEGE AWARDS 39 SCHOLARSHIPS IN APRIL

At the annual New College Honors Program, 87 New College and New College LifeTrack students received scholarships and special awards for a total of \$46,500. The following scholarships were awarded:

- Jeff Levitetz Scholars
- Byron Franklin and Ophelia Burke Watson Scholarship
- Bernard C. and Alma B. Weber Scholarship
- Harry Lyon (Bing) Blewitt Scholarship
- Hugh Holloway Endowed Scholarship
- Samuel Thomas Barnes IV Memorial Scholarship
- Samuel J. Senter Memorial Scholarship
- Fran Geddes Outstanding Service to New College Award
- Jerome Rosenberg Scholarship
- Dean Bernie Sloan Spirit of New College Award
- Suzanne Younger Awards

Other Notable Achievements

- Congratulations to New College student **Jessica Procter**, who recently placed 7th in the 2017 Miss America pageant.
- Congratulations to **Dr. Marysia Galbraith** for being awarded the 2017 Bronislaw Malinowski Social Science Award by The Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America. Dr. Galbraith traveled to Poland this summer to receive her award.
- Congratulations to May 2017 graduate **Emma Smith** who won first place in the division of arts and humanities at the Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity conference for her ethnographic study of the community of Norwood.
- Congratulations to May 2017 graduate **Emily Gaetano** who entered the Peace Corps in September working in agriculture in Cameroon.
- Congratulations to **Dr. Catherine Roach**, whose book *Happily Ever After*, was recently featured in the "Cover to Cover" exhibit at the Dinah Washington Cultural Arts Center.
- Congratulations to **Dr. Andrew Dewar** whose trio album "Encantamientos" was published in the Spring of 2017, along with harpist **Anne LeBaron**, a New College alumna, Roy O. Disney Chair of Composition at the California Institute of the Arts, and legendary Italian percussionist Andrea Centazzo. The album was named a "recommended new release" in the New York City Jazz Record magazine.
- Congratulations to **Dr. Michael Steinberg** and **Dr. Marysia Galbraith**. Both were prominently featured in the 2016-2017 UA Service Learning magazine: "Conservation in Belize" and "Incorporating the Arts." Also featured was New College's internship in Walker County: "Summer of Service."



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