



NEW COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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Greetings, New Collegians! We had another successful year, and I'm delighted to share some of the highlights with you in this newsletter.

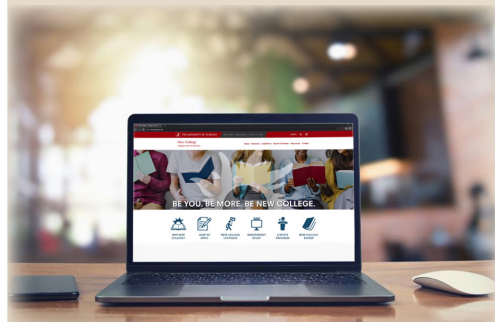
Our community continued to grow in meaningful ways. We admitted 55 new students in 2022, with depth studies ranging from game design to gastronomy. In August, we welcomed Drs. Bruce Blair and Emily Elliott, experts in public leadership and coastal geomorphology, respectively, and in December, Drs. Dewar, Galbraith, and Spears returned from their Fall sabbaticals. In coordination with alumni, we also initiated efforts to formalize a support board.

New College students continued to excel in and out of the classroom. In addition to our Fulbright recipients from earlier this year, current students studied abroad in countries from Brazil to Italy. Others are serving as editors for on-campus publications, like the Marr's Field Journal and Nineteen Fifty-Six, while others are engaged in internships and conducting undergraduate research.

I hope you enjoy reading about these highlights and will consider joining our forthcoming support board.

- Julia A. Cherry, Director

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FRIENDS OF NEW COLLEGE

In an effort to engage our diverse alumni and to provide support to current students, New College is working to establish an official support board at the University. The objectives of the group will be to assist, support, and promote the program by enhancing communication and connection among board members, other alumni, and New College in ways that benefit students. In addition, an active alumni support board can advocate for the program, help raise funds to support students, and assist with recruitment.



Terry, Hunter, Benetollo, and Trotter

Building on the momentum from our 50th Anniversary activities last year, several alumni volunteered to initiate the process of creating a Friends of New College group. The first step: drafting bylaws. In August, Jim Trotter ('15) hosted Dr. Julia Cherry and alumni April Patterson Benetollo ('92), Mary Scott Hunter ('95), and Nina Jones Terry ('78). Over dinner, the group laid the groundwork for the support board, and over the subsequent month, finalized a draft that is now being reviewed by the University. Once approved, we hope to officially launch the Friends of New College Support Board later in 2023.

In the meantime, this group of alumni wanted to begin the work of helping students while also honoring long-time New College Dean, Dr. Bernie Sloan. To that end, they are helping to raise the last bit of money to officially endow a scholarship in his honor. If you are interested in contributing to this effort, you can give by visiting <https://newcollege.ua.edu/giving/> (or use QR code on prior page) and clicking on the link to the University's secure giving page. You can then search for "Sloan" in the "Choose Fund" box to select "Bernie Sloan Endowed Scholarship" for your donation. Every amount is significant and will help reach the goal!

WHO'S NEW IN NEW COLLEGE?



Dr. Bruce L. Blair

Join us in welcoming our newest faculty members, Drs. Bruce Blair and Emily Elliott.

Dr. Blair joined us in August of 2022 as a New College LifeTrack Instructor. His teaching interests are Leadership Studies, Public Administration, and Energy Policy.

Dr. Elliott also joined New College as an Assistant Professor in August, with teaching interests in Geology, Coastal Hazards, Coastal Geomorphology, Climate and Watershed Sciences.

We are glad to have them aboard as part of the New College Family.



Dr. Emily Elliott

Walker County Internship



New College's partnership with the Walker Area Community Foundation enters its thirteenth year in 2023, with continued support from the David Mathews Center for Civic Life's Jean O'Connor Snyder Internship Program.

This year's Interns will learn about civic engagement in rural communities before and while living and working in Jasper, Alabama, in June and July. New Collegians Olivia Goble and Tanner Jones will be joined by Madi DuBoise (Communications), Sadie Keller (Math), Madi Skinner (Public Health), and returning super-intern Lorin O'Rear (Education).

Stay tuned for updates and photos in a future edition of this newsletter!

"GOOD SEX" Book Launch Event

Dr. Catherine Roach, along with guest Dr. Lizzie Smith, director of UA's Safe Zone Resource Center, held a book launch event in November for her latest title, *Good Sex: Transforming America through the New Gender and Sexual Revolution*. The book, which was an extension of the Sexuality and Society course she teaches for New College and features excerpts from her students, covers various aspects of the history and ever-evolving landscape of sexuality in The United States. You can preview and purchase a copy of Dr. Roach's book from Indiana University Press or your favorite bookseller.



Dr. Lizzie Smith & Dr. Catherine Roach



NEW COLLEGE & NEW COLLEGE LIFETRACK

FALL 2022 GRADUATION CEREMONY



New College and New College LifeTrack celebrated our Fall 2022 Graduates on December 9, 2022, at the Bryant Conference Center.

We were proud to recognize each of these innovative and outstanding scholars and their achievements. We are honored to have been a part of their educational journeys and wish them all the very best in their future academic and professional pursuits.

Congratulations to our newest alumni!



Tina Adams
Fosters, AL
Leadership Studies
~ *Summa Cum Laude*



Melissa Bailey
Tuscaloosa, AL
Literature, Art, & Society
~ *Magna Cum Laude*



Eric Batton
Conroe, TX
Leadership Studies
~ *Magna Cum Laude*



Kelly D'Angelo
Loxley, AL
Leadership Studies
~ *Cum Laude*



Chris Ellison
Slidel, LA
Leadership Studies



Monica Hollie
Tuscaloosa, AL
Leadership Studies



Jeff Nabors
Northport, AL
Leadership Studies



Elizabeth Porterfield
Tuscaloosa, AL
Literature, Art, & Society



Andrew Steven Rosser
Oakland, FL
Leadership Studies



Shannon Roulaine
Moundville, AL
Community Studies
~ *Summa Cum Laude*



James Wayman
Lancaster, CA
Leadership Studies

GRADUATES NOT PICTURED



Kacy Belew
Huntsville, AL
Leadership Studies

Sherry-Lea
Bloodworth Botop
Birmingham, AL
Community Studies

Richard Cargile
Fayette, AL
Leadership Studies
~ *Cum Laude*

Danielle Drinkard
Richmond Hill, GA
Community Studies
~ *Cum Laude*

Jon Grant
Hemet, CA
Leadership Studies

Jonathan Johnston
Oceanside, CA
Leadership Studies

Rachel Justice
Pinson, AL
Science, Technology,
& Culture

Doreena Mink
Brookwood, AL
Leadership Studies
~ *Magna Cum Laude*

William Moore
Montgomery, AL
Leadership Studies

Brooke Morrow
Beaumont, TX
Leadership Studies

Meg Ollie
Hoover, AL
Recording Studio
& Artist Management
~ *Cum Laude*

Isabel Retsinas
Tuscaloosa, AL
Leadership Studies
~ *Cum Laude*

Adrianna Scott
Worthington, OH
Brand Management
& Marketing

April Sutton
Brandon, MS
Community Studies

Michael Tindal
Austin, TX
Science, Technology,
& Culture
~ *Magna Cum Laude*

Carson Vanderpoorten
Philadelphia, MS
Leadership Studies
~ *Cum Laude*

Malcolm Zahir
Cumming, GA
Science, Technology,
& Culture



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Ellen Griffith Spears in The Netherlands



Spears in Middelburg

Dr. Ellen Griffith Spears, a professor of Environmental History in New College and the Department of American Studies, completed a residency at the Roosevelt Institute for American Studies in October, which provided an opportunity for her to develop her next book project on the history of environmental justice activism in the US South in a transnational/translocal context.

Read more about Dr. Spears at <https://www.roosevelt.nl/nieuws/new-roosevelt-visitingprofessor-2/>



Marysia Galbraith in Poland



Books & Galbraith

Dr. Marysia Galbraith spent her Fall sabbatical in Poland with colleague Roberta Books on a mission to help uncover Jewish heritage, memories, artifacts, and landmarks there.

This quest, born from Dr. Galbraith's desire to learn more about her own heritage, has led to the discovery of numerous inspirational and insightful pieces of research, art, and history that can now be accessed and cherished by people everywhere.

To learn more about her work, visit her website at <https://uncoveringjewishheritage.com>

NEW COLLEGE ABROAD

Andrew Dewar in Sweden



Dewar

Following his Spring Fulbright in Canada, Dr. Andrew Raffo Dewar began his Fall sabbatical in Sweden, which included an EMS electronic music studio residency and concert at Fylkingen in Stockholm in November. During this trip, Dr. Dewar had the privilege of performing at the most famous new music venue in Sweden.



NEW COLLEGE IN THE WILD

Since the “reopening” of the world, New College classes have taken advantage of every opportunity to get outside the walls of Lloyd for hands-on learning and fun. Here are a few shots from our Everyday Forestry, Outdoor Leadership and Service, and Interdisciplinary Sciences courses.



LEVITETZ LEADERSHIP PROGRAM SEED GRANT COMPETITION



In Fall 2022, The Levitetz Leadership Program awarded over \$30,000 in Innovation Seed Grants and Light Bulb Research Awards to support the following bright, deserving scholars as they develop their ideas to help better our world. These students will present their work in Spring 2023.

Read more about their projects at <https://llp.ua.edu>

SEED GRANT WINNERS

Creative Category

Oluwafunmilayo Akinpelu
"The Arts of War: The Hearts of War"
George Berry
"SeaQueens: Fabulating the Past Through Dance to Connect My Identity to the Present"
Carlson Hayes Coogler
"Not Just Surface: Embroidering as Seeing Beyond"
Kennedi Grant
"University black"
Dana Gordon Moot II
"The Daily Glyph"
Katherine Murray
"Grabbing Traces"
Emily Petro
"Peachro Musical Project"
Christopher Youssef
"Bama Microbiota"

Social Entrepreneurs Category

Divya "Mona" Anchan
"Dramathink"
Hannah Berry
"The Food Farmacy at the Good Samaritan Clinic"
Garrett Kennedy
"ECo Free Swap"
Chandler Olson
"Seahorse and Co"
Jake Pietroniro
"Bach at the Rock"
Anne Roberts
"Girl Talk: Using Education and Empowerment to Build a Community of Stronger (soon-to-be) Women"
Andrew Sheridan
"The Food Allergy Toolbox"
Luke Turner
"Concerts for Joy"

For-Profit Category

Olivia Catheryne Bruno
"NephSol, Inc."
LaKisha Cargill
"R.I.B.S. Real Inspiring Black Sista"
Daryl Deeter
"Daryl's Pops"
DeAndra Gauntt
"DeAndra Impressions"
Ian C. Jobst
"3D: Daemon Digital Designs"
Jacob Noordhoek
"Pole Pouch"
James Edwin Pemberton
"Audio/Visual Hybrid Productions"
Corban Walsh
"Sano"
James White
"James White Pressure Washing"



LIGHT BULB WINNERS

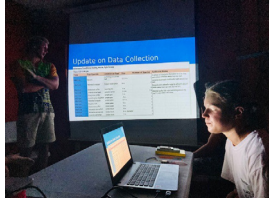
Geoffrey Alintoff "The Future of Clinical Psychadelics in America"

Jacob Dorris "Designing Online Tools to Increase Public Participation in Freshwater Mussel Conservation"

Katherine Hartley "Bama Bites Back: Alternative Solutions for Alabama's Invasive Plant Species"

Matthew Snyder "How Can College Experience Shape Portions of Wisdom?: A correlational study of college major's effect on wisdom."

Back To Belize with Dr. Michael Steinberg



Once again, New College students had a great time learning about conservation during Dr. Steinberg's 2022 study abroad trip to Belize.

Students studied diverse rainforests and coral reefs and visited Mayan ruins for a glimpse into a past civilization. Belize is unique in that it still contains relatively undisturbed rainforests and the longest barrier reef in the Western Hemisphere. The trip was divided between a rainforest and a marine field station located next to the barrier reef, giving the group easy access to some of the most diverse environments on the planet. Here, students gain an understanding of the fundamental importance of biodiversity, while examining current conservation efforts to safeguard this biodiversity, familiarizing themselves with the most important aspects of tropical lowland terrestrial and marine ecosystems, understanding the role of local culture in sustainable conservation, and experiencing new and unique cultures and environments.

The course is open to all and is designed for students who are interested in conservation issues, biogeography, marine sciences, ornithology and birding, archaeology, and outdoor adventures!

Hanna Drake and Josh Miller Visit



Renowned activist and poet Hannah L. Drake and IDEASxLAB CEO Josh Miller were hosted on campus by Dr. Catherine Roach in September. During their visit they gave a talk on their Kentucky-based [Un]Known Project and met with New College faculty and students for small group discussions on racial justice and reconciliation.

Discover more about this initiative at <https://ideasxlab.com/unknown>

New College in Bennington, VT for CIEL Conference



Dr. Julia Cherry, Professor John Miller, Dr. Natalie Adams, along with New College students Kathleen Kelley and Deep Singh, attended the Consortium for Innovative Environments in Learning (CIEL) Conference in Bennington, VT on Oct. 28-29. During the conference, our students presented in panels about self-directed learning and visited local landmarks like the Battle of Bennington Monument and the Frost Stone House Museum.



Fresh Grounds Coffee Hour



2022 saw the return of the Fresh Grounds coffee hour, where students and faculty gather in the lounge to discuss various topics and issues over coffee. In New College we love these opportunities to get together, ask and answer questions, and build community among members of the NC family. We were glad to be able to once again host this event for the first time since the pandemic began.



GETTING BACK TOGETHER AGAIN...

Brunch With A Professor



We also resumed our Meal with a Professor series. Professor Holland Hopson hosted a brunch at his home for New College students in October.

NC Council At Get On Board Day



Get On Board Day in August was a great success. New College Council President, Deep Singh (pictured), organized members of the Council to represent the program during this recruiting event for new UA students.

New College students are our greatest ambassadors. They do such a great job spreading the word about New College. We wouldn't be who we are without them. Enrollment is up, in large part because our students inform other UA students about everything they can do and be in our program.



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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Jerome Warren



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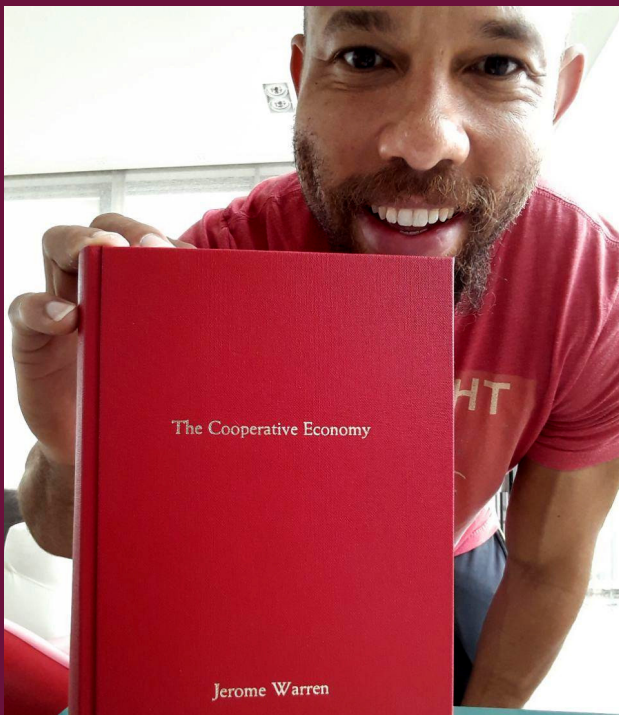
New College class of 2010 alumnus, Dr. Jerome Warren, recently completed his doctoral dissertation in economics at the University of Cologne in Germany. He did so in less than two years' time, achieving high honors (*magna cum laude*) from his dissertation committee. In his dissertation, entitled *The Cooperative Economy: Toward a Stakeholder-led Democracy*, Dr. Warren develops an economic theory of cooperation and contributes to three distinct research strands: democratic theory, relational economics, and cooperative enterprise.

Building on multi-disciplinary literature on the evolution of cooperation going back to Charles Darwin, Pyotor Kropotkin, and Mobile's own Edward O. Wilson, Dr. Warren synthesized concepts with both theoretical and empirical research on cooperative enterprise.

In his next role, Dr. Warren will apply his multi-pronged research focus as a post-doctoral fellow in Brussels at the Belgian Royal Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, an institution celebrating 250 years of service. There, he will lead a chair established by the Belgian sovereign wealth fund, "Société Fédérale de Participations et d' Investissement" (SFPI).

In this new position, Dr. Warren will be advising the SFPI on developing a sustainable view that incorporates both ecological and social perspectives. His proposal, which was accepted by the independent panel of experts, is entitled *An Organizational Vision for A Sustainable Belgium*.

Learn more about Dr. Warren and access his dissertation at: <https://www.asms.net/news/outstanding-asms-alumnus-and-scholar-dr-jerome-warren-class-of-2005>



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MORE NEW COLLEGE NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS



- Assistant Professor Holland Hopson collaborated with Karen Brummund and Allison Grant to bring us their “Tracing Thin Air” project in November. The main exhibition portion of the project showed at the Dinah Washington Cultural Arts Center in Tuscaloosa, AL. A one-night-only video and sound installation followed in early December. <https://art.ua.edu/news/ua-art-professors-collaborate-in-tracing-thin-air/>
- Professor John Miller was invited to be a featured speaker at George Mason University’s School of Law, and has had several poems published recently. Check two of them out at: <https://www.oysterriverpages.com/poetry-by-john-miller>
- Dr. Natalie Adams was featured on the latest podcast from History this Week. She was the guest expert on the history of cheerleading. You can listen to the podcast at <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-birth-of-cheer/id1628827919?i=1000584764986>
- Dr. Julia Cherry and colleagues in Biological Sciences, Geography, and Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering received funding from NOAA through its new Cooperative Institute for Research Operations in Hydrology (CIROH) partnership with UA. This \$1.9M award is focused on developing actionable guidance for Nature Based Solutions (NBS) that can be implemented to reduce coastal flooding and increase community resilience along the US Gulf Coast.
- NC student Ta’Kyla Bates was made Managing Editor for Nineteen Fifty-Six, the first Black student-led magazine published by UA’s Office of Student Media. <https://1956magazine.ua.edu/>
- Assistant Professor Holland Hopson, along with Jason Guynes, professor of art and art history, and Sarah Bryant, assistant professor of book arts, were among 38 artists from around the Southeast U.S. whose work was selected for the juried B22: Wiregrass Biennial at the Wiregrass Museum in Dothan, AL. <https://wiregrassbiennial.com/>
- Just about every photo you see in this newsletter was taken by our very own office associate, Jennifer Kunz. We truly appreciate her and her photography skills. Because of her, we never miss a moment. Thanks Jennifer! Check out her work at: <https://www.facebook.com/JKunzPhotography>

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