



## L&L Undergraduate Scholarship Recipients Fall 2016

### Roberta Wright Reeves:

- ♦ Brandon Baca
- ♦ Anthony Garcia
- ♦ Stormy Mack
- ♦ Aaron White
- ♦ Sierra Bailey
- ♦ David Barkley
- ♦ Levi Brown
- ♦ Tristen Carter
- ♦ Ayrial Hiracheta
- ♦ Jennifer Hollars
- ♦ Kaelene Mooney
- ♦ Jesse Tafoya
- ♦ Charyssa Lamb Woodcook
- ♦ Ryan (Rio) Hernandez
- ♦ Tanner Edwards

### Peyton & Ola Barrington:

- ♦ Rossanna Ramos
- ♦ Dania Martinez-Diaz

### Mang Pew Lee:

- ♦ Gabriella (Gabby) Gonzales
- ♦ Nicole Del Angel

### Rev. & Mrs. B.H. Warren Memorial:

- ♦ Jaci Monroe

### Christa Kunkel Smith:

- ♦ Sarah Beasley

### Zaphryn Memorial:

- ♦ Marissa Felton

### Dr. Sherman Brown Neff:

- ♦ Jade Jones

### Dr. Don & Mrs. Lannie Cook

- ♦ Andrew Reynolds

### Frances W. Bass Redinger

- ♦ Brian Gonzalez

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congratulations to our recipients!**



**“The man who  
does not read  
has no advantage  
over the man who  
cannot read.”**

**-Mark Twain**

## May 2016 L&L Study Tours



*Costa Rica Trip Participants: Dr. Joshua Mora, Andrew Cosper, Holli Foster, Keilie Heinrich, Aaron Montgomery, Bridgit O'Connell, Alicia Pando, Sarafina Pride, Tyler Seward, and Adam Taylor.*

*England Trip Participants: Dr. Cindy McClenagan, Dr. Troy Gregory, Sierra Bailey, David Barkley, Dakota Crawford, Taylor Garza, Sage Gregory, Rio Hernandez, Jenn Hollars, Kyle McClenagan, Kaelene Mooney, Abigail Pearce, and Jesse Tafoya.*

During the May 2016 micro term, the School of Languages and Literature led two study tours: one to Costa Rica and one to England. Dr. Joshua Mora guided eight students on the study tour to Costa Rica, returning to a location he has visited nearly every year since 2009, Nosara Costa Rica (specifically Playa Guiones on the Pacific Coast). They were also fortunate to have a former student, Andrew Cosper, as an assistant to Dr. Mora. Andrew is now a graduate student at Texas Tech where he is teaching Spanish to first year students.

Students studied hard while they were there, but on the weekends the students had time to enjoy the culture and fun activities in Nosara. The first weekend they went horse-back riding through the jungle and mountains. The tour ended up at a coffee plantation where a Costa Rican family cooked them an

authentic “Tico” meal. “Tico” is the nickname the Costa Rican people use for themselves. The following weekend the students went on a Canopy Tour, or zip-lining. The zip-line they have in Nosara is the longest in Central America and is a very popular tourist attraction. They also enjoyed a walking tour to the foot of a volcano and a spelunking adventure on their last weekend in the city of La Fortuna.

During their free time from class, the students were also able to enjoy the beach and other surroundings in Playa Guiones. Part of their assignment was to interview the native folks of Nosara and write a paragraph based on the information they learned. It was a great study tour adventure, and we look forward to another successful tour to Costa Rica next May.

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## Sigma Tau Delta

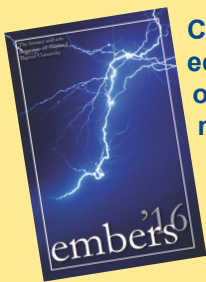


Holly Falkner, Bridgit O'Connell, Dr. Laura Brandenburg, Dr. Karen Beth Strovas, Sierra Bailey, Hadley Bonner, Alexa Lunsford, and Dylan Clark.

The Eta Theta chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society, continues to be a strong and successful presence in the School of Languages and Literature.

Dr. Strovas and Dr. Brandenburg once again traveled with our students to Sigma Tau Delta's annual convention. This year, the convention was held in Minneapolis, MN, and four of our students were selected to present:

- Haley Bonner: "Criticism on Genres and Eras: Displacing *Jane Eyre*"
- Dylan Clark: "Philosophy of Magic"
- Sierra Bailey: "The Postmodern Universal"
- Holly Falkner: "Double Yellow Line"



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## May Study Tours (continued)



In the same time frame, Dr. Troy Gregory and Dr. Cindy McClenagan co-led a study tour to England. The nearly three-week trip included extended stays in London, Bath, and Whitby, as well as excursions to numerous locations such as Stratford-upon-Avon, Wells, Hay-on-Wye, and Edinburgh, Scotland, just to name a few. As they traveled, students completed six hours of coursework by reading literary pieces related to each location, discussing connections between the sites and the readings, and then journaling about those connections.

Most of the students who participated in the study tour were English majors or minors, but a few of the travelers were fulfilling general education or "core" course requirements. Either way, the hands-on learning experience was of great benefit to all, and many plan to join next year's May 2017 tour, which will focus on the beautiful cathedrals scattered throughout the English countryside. Dr. Gregory plans to return as a co-leader, with Dr. Maria O'Connell joining him in her second stint as an England study-tour leader.



## An Update from the Writing Center

The Writing Center recently underwent a few personnel changes in an effort to better serve students. While Dr. Brent Lynn will continue in his position as Writing Center Director, Ashley Edlin is now a Writing Center Associate, and we're happy to welcome Sierra Bailey as the new Writing Center Assistant. Sierra is a junior English major who has worked as a student tutor in the Writing Center for the last year, and we're excited to

have her with us in this new position.

In addition to workshops, thank you notes, and face-to-face and online tutorials, the Writing Center will also be assisting in the evaluation of graduate admissions essays in the coming semesters. Other changes and upcoming features include new video resources, updated handouts, and additional and updated web content.

## Student Honors

### Research and Performance Champion

Senior Holly Falkner was The School of Languages and Literature's Research and Performance Champion for the 2015-2016 school year. Her winning work of creative fiction, "Double Yellow Lines," is about a young boy who is forced to face the realities of growing up when his childhood friend chooses a path that he cannot follow.

*Congratulations, Holly! We are so proud of you!*

### Spring Award Winners

The following students were recognized for outstanding accomplishment in their respective fields of study during Wayland's Spring Awards Chapel:

Sarah Van Der Linden- *English*  
Miguel Teos- *Spanish*  
Holly Falkner- *German*  
Bethany Rogers- *Chinese*  
Shane Spencer- *French*



Holly Falkner presenting at the Sigma Tau Delta Convention.

# L&L Graduate Programs



Dr. Erin Heath, Dr. Karen Beth Strovos, Raylene Nuffer, Camy Brunson, Dr. Brent Lynn, Dr. Laura Brandenburg, and Dr. Cindy McClenagan

The Master of Arts in English (MAE) begins its sixth year this fall 2016. Seven students completed their MAE degree during the 2015-2016 academic year: Felicia Bechtold, Kathleen Tuttle, Jeff Parish, Racheal Childers, Elizabeth Jemar, Camy Brunson, and Raylene Nuffer. Three of the seven also finalized a Master's thesis under the direction of a thesis chair and committee. With the assistance of Dr. Maria O'Connell, Jeff Parish researched and wrote, "Holy Altered History! Retconning the American Frontier Past, Present, and Future." Felicia Bechtold worked under the guidance of thesis chair Dr. Karen Beth Strovos to complete, "The Reconciliation of Feminism and Religion in *The Awakening*." Finally, Dr. Jim Waller directed Elizabeth Jemar's thesis, "Terrorized

Women: Revelations of Suspense and Terror in Ann Radcliffe's Gothic Romances." Two additional students, Brad Heller and our own School of L&L administrative assistant, Kristen Reddoch, are preparing to graduate this December 2016. Congrats to all!

A new Master of Arts in Humanities was instituted in fall 2015. As an interdisciplinary degree, it allows graduate students to pursue an emphasis in two of three areas—English, History, or Religion. Although the program is too young to have graduated any students, interest and enrollment continue to increase.

If you'd like more information about either one of our graduate programs, feel very free to contact Dr. Cindy McClenagan at [cindym@wbu.edu](mailto:cindym@wbu.edu), or Kristen Reddoch at [kristen.reddoch@wbu.edu](mailto:kristen.reddoch@wbu.edu).

## Mayfield Scholarship



The School of Languages and Literature has raised nearly 25% of the funds necessary to endow a scholarship in honor of long-time English professor, Dr. Arch Mayfield. Though Dr. Mayfield no longer teaches at the Plainview campus, he continues to teach for Wayland online in a part-time capacity. While we miss his presence greatly, we are delighted that online students are still able to learn from Dr. Mayfield and experience his wonderful spirit.

Once we reach the \$25,000 endowment mark, the interest accrued by the fund will be used as scholarships for English and Language students. Working together, we believe we can not only honor Dr. Mayfield, but also offer worthy students the opportunity of a faith-based education at Wayland.

If you would like to donate to the Dr. Arch Mayfield Scholarship, please contact our Advancement Office at 806-291-3427.

## Faculty Scholarship and Involvement

### Faculty Scholarship

- **Dr. Laura Brandenburg:** "Teaching Technical Communication Online: Successful Strategies for Relevant, Workplace Assignments." (Presented at the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association Conference.)
- **Dr. Deborah Kuhlmann:** "A Flying Leap of Faith: Sue Monk Kidd's *The Invention of Wings*." (Presented at CCTE and received honorable mention.)

- **Dr. Cindy McClenagan:** "Postcolonialism and the Pursuit of Identity in Kidd's *The Invention of Wings*." (Presented at CCTE.)
- **Dr. Maria O'Connell:** "Breaking Borders and *Breaking Bad*: Using Unconventional Choruses to build a Narcotragedy" (Published in *Breaking Down Breaking Bad: Critical Perspectives* edited by Matthew Wanat and Leonard Engel.)

### Faculty Awards and Involvement

- **Dr. Cindy McClenagan:** Received Wayland's 2016 Piper professor nomination.
- **Dr. Joshua Mora:** Participated in the Texas Learning Consortium at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin.
- **Dr. Karen Beth Strovos:** Awarded the "Member in Print" scholarly publishing award from Delta Kappa Gamma, a women's education organization.

## Help us keep in touch!



*You don't want to miss seeing our goofy group pictures every year, do you??*

*Don't forget to keep us updated on your current contact information. We would love to stay in touch!*

To make sure our records are up to date, please take a moment to send us the following information:

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## Education Beyond the Classroom



I first learned about the School of Languages and Literature study tours when I was in high school, so I enrolled at Wayland knowing I would have the chance to study abroad. However, I never imagined that both trips would exceed my greatest expectations and would become the highlight of my college experience.

In 2015, I traveled with Dr. Mora and nine other students to Costa Rica. From breathtaking sunsets to local cuisine, each moment of the trip emphasized the importance of language learning. Listening to the top ten Costa Rican radio hits with Marta (our cook), making friends with a young woman from the village, and joining locals on the beach to enjoy magnificent sunsets are just a few of my favorite memories. My appreciation for Spanish grew as I engaged with the

culture. While grammar and vocabulary are essential, encountering social structures and cultural values brings the language to life.

Similarly, traveling throughout England altered my understanding of literature. Picking a single, favorite event is impossible as each dawn and dusk marked a full day of learning. While in Bath, I walked the streets of favorite authors and characters. Our countryside rambles, made complete by recitations of pastoral poetry, improved my awareness of countless literary topics. Meanwhile, I was enchanted by the ageless North Sea, the rugged moorlands, and the ancient ruins of Whitby—time ceased to exist as we traversed centuries of history. In the end, literature transformed into something more than mere ink on a page, and my various experiences encouraged me to deepen my literary studies.

Moreover, the L&L study tours remind me that my education doesn't end when I leave the classroom. The world itself offers countless opportunities to learn, and I know that my time abroad will continue to inspire my academic pursuits.

*Sierra Bailey is a junior English major from Amarillo who also serves as a Writing Center Assistant. She enjoys good books, good coffee, and good friends. Sierra loves to travel, and hopes to move to England one day as she pursues a graduate degree. She can be reached at [sierra.k.bailey@wbu.edu](mailto:sierra.k.bailey@wbu.edu).*

## Congrats on your retirement, Dr. Jim Waller!

Dear Friends!

I'm closing out 36 years in the classroom this August and already am fondly looking back down the trail. After teaching at the Air Academy, I returned here to my home in Anchorage, Alaska; then, a serendipitous phone call from then Director Jeff Anderson was the beginning of fifteen years with Wayland. My better half, Darla, has served Wayland as an academic adviser running our test center for 11 years, too. I'll greatly miss Wayland, but most of all, you. How blessed we are in Languages and Literature to have colleagues whose truest wish is not for self, but for preparing our students. I like to recall that just as God spoke the world into being, we've been following His lead as we work and play with



words--how could we do better? Sincerely, thanks for your warmth and consideration over the years! Excelsior!

Jim Waller