



# Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

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## NEWS

### Shore named 2005 Kansas Professor of the Year

Psychology professor **Ellie Shore** enjoys teaching, but never thought about achieving recognition for doing it. Yet her colleagues, peers and students thought differently, as did the Carnegie Foundation and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

This past November the two organizations jointly named Shore the 2005 Kansas Professor of the Year. The award recognizes professors for their extraordinary dedication to undergraduate teaching. Students, faculty and colleagues write letters in support of the professor's nomination.

"Obviously, the award is an honor. When people say you're good, it feels good," said Shore.

**Charlie Burdsal**, professor of psychology and department chair, said the department was thrilled when Shore won. "We've made a real effort to value teaching," he said. "To see one of our faculty win such an award validates what we believe in terms of undergraduate education."

Across the United States, peers and colleagues nominated almost 400 professors for the 2005 award. The Carnegie Foundation and CASE selected 40 winners from the states, Guam and the District of Columbia. They also selected four national winners.

In Kansas, Shore is well-known for her significant contributions to substance-abuse

counselor training and her work with the Kansas Humane Society. On campus, she is known for nurturing students, using an engaging teaching style and possessing a low-key, humble personality.

A modest woman, Shore downplays her achievement as Professor of the Year, saying, "We forget what a role chance plays in our lives."

However, many individuals recognize her greatest strength: teaching. Their confidence underscores that chance had nothing to do with the award.

Wichita State University has four Kansas Professors of the Year, all of whom are part of Fairmount College. In addition to Ellie Shore they include:

- **Peer Moore-Jansen**, associate professor of anthropology, 2002;
- **Erach Talaty**, professor of chemistry, 1999;
- **Mel Kahn**, professor of political science, 1989

also like a teacher who isn't too serious, but it has to be an appropriate sense of humor, obviously."

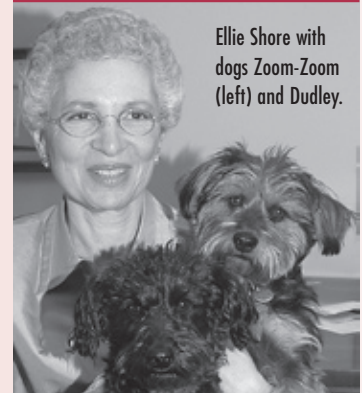
Students seem to share her philosophy. In his letter of support for Shore's nomination as Professor of the Year, **Dale Autrey** wrote, "As a student, I

#### Teaching philosophy

Shore believes students consider the best teachers to be those who are excited about their area of study, easy to communicate with, and lighthearted in their approach in the classroom.

"I think it's harder for students to stay distant if the teacher is enthusiastic. I think where teachers go wrong is when they understand a topic at a higher level but can't translate it to a level that works without dumbing it down," she said. "Students

#### FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Ellie Shore with dogs Zoom-Zoom (left) and Dudley.

As a young woman, **Ellie Shore** enjoyed literature and going to the theater in her native New York City. After completing her bachelor's degree she moved to Nebraska to start on a master's degree in English. There she learned about educational psychology and vocational counseling, and her educational path turned to psychology.

She has won three WSU awards that recognize her mentoring and teaching skills: Cooperative Education Program, Faculty Advisor of the Year, 2001; Kansas Regents' Award for Leadership in the Advancement of Teaching, 1989; George A. Lewis Award for Excellence in Teaching, Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 1985.

In her free time, Shore enjoys weekly French language lunch meetings, and gardening, needlework and crocheting. She and retired WSU professor Dick Laptad share their home with dogs Zoom-Zoom and Dudley, and Dave, the female cat.

Shore earned her bachelor's degree in English literature from Brooklyn College. She earned her master's in educational psychology and measurements and her doctorate in community and clinical psychology from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.



## Faculty and Staff Accolades

Six Fairmount College faculty and staff have won university awards recognizing their contributions to teaching, research or service. **Brigitte Roussel**, MCLL-French, won the Leadership in the Advancement of Teaching Award and **Susan Schultz Huxman**, Elliott School of Communication, received the Academy for Effective Teaching Award. Two faculty members earned recognition for their research: **Francis D'Souza**, chemistry, Excellence in Research Award, and **Rhonda K. Lewis**, psychology, Community Research Award. **Samuel Yeager**, Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs, and **Robert Phillips**, Fairmount College Dean's Office, received the President's Distinguished Service Awards for faculty and unclassified professionals, respectively.

**Elizabeth Behrman**, physics, was selected as a Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics Scholar for the academic years 2006-2008.

The Chinese Physics Society included a book by **James Ho**, physics, "Low Temperature, Superconductivity, and Magnetic Levitation," in a list of 100 physics books recommended for students and the general public, in celebration of the World Year of Physics.

**Jackie Williams**, School of Community Affairs, received the Governor's Martin Luther King Community Service and Leadership Award for his work in the community and across the state. Williams co-chairs the Governor's Task Force on Racial Profiling, and has served on the Wichita Crime Commission and the Kansas Peace Officers Association.

**Don Wineke**, English, won the John R. Barrier Distinguished Teaching Award. It is given to a full-time faculty member in the humanities and social sciences divisions of Fairmount College.

Co-authors **Wan Yang**, **Sal Mazzullo** and **Chellie Teal**, geology, won an honorable mention for best paper, "Sediments, Facies Tracts, and Variations in Sedimentation Rates of Holocene Platform Carbonate Sediments and Associated Deposits, Northern Belize-Implications for 'Representative Sedimentation Rates,' in the Journal of Sedimentary Research.

## IN MEMORIAM

**James Tomayko**, former associate professor, computer science, died Jan. 6, 2006. While at WSU, Tomayko donated NASA documents he collected, dated 1965-1979, to Wichita State University Libraries, Department of Special Collections. These documents include logbooks from Gemini, Apollo, Skylab and Apollo-Soyuz space missions.



William D. Bischoff

Dear alumni and friends:

You may have heard that Wichita State is employing a new information management system.

The legacy system in use at WSU has served its purpose and is nearing the end of its realistic uses.

The new program, the WSU Information Network (WIN), is being implemented in phases. WIN is a secure and reliable data management system. Fairmount College

## DEAN'S MESSAGE

faculty and staff recently underwent training to use the student advising and information module.

The legacy system has segmented databases, some of which are not connected or don't "talk" to one another. However, faculty, staff and students will be able to access information from a single, integrated database once WIN is completely installed. David Alexander, professor of physics and WIN project manager, has been involved with this project since its introduction in 2004. Keith Pickus, associate dean, has assisted with training Fairmount College personnel on the use of the finance module, which handles budgets and accounting practices.

Most important, students will benefit greatly once the system is fully operational. WIN will allow students to control their personal information, including

address changes, registration, fee payment and degree audits; track loan applications, tuition waivers and scholarships; and reduce trips to campus for administrative purposes. WIN will be accessible 24 hours a day.

Faculty and staff will benefit, too, from the use of one common business system that will streamline operations and reduce paperwork. Alumni and donors will gain from a secure system that will make it easy for university staff to update contact information and gift histories.

WIN will be completely installed by July 2007. My best wishes to you for a relaxing and fun-filled summer.

Sincerely,

## McDonald chosen to lead university research administration

At the core of a strong liberal arts and sciences education is a thriving research program involving students, faculty, the university and the community.

**David McDonald**, professor and chair of biological sciences, plans to drive this point home in his new position as associate vice president for research and director of research administration.

"I care about WSU," said McDonald. "I see a lot of unmet potential, and if we play our cards right, we could really prosper as a research institution."

McDonald plans to build his strategy for growth upon the long-standing success of his predecessor, **Gerald "Skip" Loper**, who is also an associate professor of physics.

"Skip has brought the office to a very high level. He's got the trend going up, and I think the signs are good for us to continue to do that."

McDonald sees his new position as very important to Fairmount College because of



David McDonald

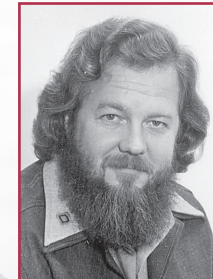
its large number of grant-active departments, especially in the natural and social sciences. Funding is also available in the humanities, although grant support is usually much smaller. Fairmount College received about \$6.1 million in grant funding in fiscal year 2005. Federal agencies such as the Department of Justice, National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health have generously funded programs or projects developed by faculty members **Andra Bannister**, **Dennis Burns** and **Jim Snyder**, respectively.

McDonald's pursuit of promoting research doesn't stop with WSU and Fairmount College.

## Puebla summer program to celebrate 40th anniversary



Robert Phillips



John Koppenhaver,  
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For more information about the Puebla summer program, visit the program Web site at <http://mcll.wichita.edu/>

In September 1966 **Henry Malone**, American studies, delivered to President **Emory Lindquist** his report on the summer immersion program 21 students had recently completed in Puebla, Mexico. Students, he wrote, said the most valuable experience was living with and sharing the daily lives of their Mexican hosts.

Now in its 40th year of operation and under the direction of **Robert Phillips**, Fairmount College Dean's office, the Puebla summer program retains the goal of the early Puebla institutes — "*convivir con los mexicanos*" — to coexist with the Mexicans. More than 1,900 students and teachers have participated.

### From Sputnik to Puebla

The Puebla summer program grew from the heart of the National Defense Education Act, passed by Congress in 1958 and following the launch of the Soviet satellite Sputnik. International competition for space exploration was underway, and presidents Harry S. Truman and John F. Kennedy were pushing for America to be first to land on the moon.

To support Americans in becoming front runners in the fields of technology, science and international communication, NDEA authorized funding to support federally backed programs in science and technical fields. It also strengthened educational opportunities in science, mathematics and foreign languages.

Phillips thinks the Puebla program still represents the heart of NDEA. "The program provides opportunities for students and teachers to study the Spanish language and gain the invaluable experience of living in another country," he said.

In 1993, Hotel Colonial staff celebrated its 30-year relationship with Wichita State University and recognized **John Koppenhaver**, emeritus associate professor of Spanish, for his contributions as a professor and director of the program. Plans are underway for the 40th anniversary celebration this summer of the relationship between the city of Puebla and Wichita State.

## NEW FACULTY & STAFF

**Dinorah Azpuru**, assistant professor, political science  
**Alejandra Bonifacino**, instructor, MCLL-Spanish  
**Victoria Browning**, budget coordinator, Self-Help Network

**Kristy Egbert**, assistant to the chair, biological sciences  
**Glenn Fox**, instructor, mathematics

**Tara Gregory**, research associate, Self-Help Network  
**Susan Lass**, instructor, mathematics

**Louis Latimer**, information specialist, Self-Help Network

**Amy Lauters**, assistant professor, Elliott School of Communication

**Yun-Hwa Mau**, undergraduate laboratory coordinator, biological sciences

**Ed Merkle**, research assistant professor, psychology  
**Jianliang Qian**, assistant professor, mathematics

**Helen Reiner**, clinic director, psychology  
**Victoria Shaffer**, assistant professor, psychology

**Niall Shanks**, Curtis D. Gridley Professorship in the History and Philosophy of Science

**Bin Shuai**, assistant professor, biological sciences

**Lisa Thrane**, assistant professor, sociology  
**Karen Tones**, instructor, sociology

## Faculty Retirements

Psychology professor **Gary Greenberg** arrived at WSU in 1966, and retired in 2005. His research focused on comparative psychology—the evolution and development of behavior—and on human/animal interactions. Greenberg now resides in Chicago.

**Gerald "Skip" Loper** began working at Wichita State in 1964. During his 42-year career at WSU, he has held positions as associate professor in physics; chair of the physics department; interim chair of computer science; acting assistant dean of the graduate school; associate dean, Fairmount College; interim Fairmount College dean; interim executive director of the National Institute for Aviation Research; associate vice president for research and director of research administration. His retirement plans include travel, relaxation and cooking.

Professor **Philip H. Schneider**, English, started his career at WSU in 1967 and is retiring as the director of the Creative Writing Program. His stories have been published in such journals as "Columbia," "The Fiction Review," "Epoch," "Manoa," "Cimmaron Review," "Fiction Network," "Beloit Fiction Journal," "Nantucket Review" and "Kansas Quarterly." Schneider will complete his career at WSU by acting as faculty marshal for the Fairmount College commencement ceremony, Friday, May 12.

## Student Accolades

The WSU debate team pair of **Zach Brown** and **Dustin Wiens**, both political science majors, won the Junior Division at the University of Texas, Dallas competition Jan. 7. They won all of their preliminary rounds (6-0) and were the top seed beating Johnson County Community College in quarterfinals, Kansas State University in semifinals, and the University of Richmond in finals. Brown was named the top speaker in the division, and Wiens was rated the 9th speaker. **Matt Agnew**, political science, and **Eric Robinson**, creative writing, teamed to take third-place honors in the Junior Division with a record of 5-1 in the preliminary rounds. They beat Emporia State University in the quarterfinals and lost to the University of Richmond in the semifinals on a 2-1 decision. Agnew was the named 7th speaker in the division.

The debate team also received a bid to the prestigious National Debate Tournament in Chicago. They finished the season ranked 29th nationally and 4th regionally.

At the Model United Nations regional conference in St. Louis, **Matthew Long**, **Joseph Penney** and **Steven Edmiston**, all political science majors, earned an outstanding delegation award. Long also won an outstanding delegate award. The WSU team represented Australia, Egypt and Cyprus this year.





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found her to be one of the most motivating, encouraging, and stimulating instructors I have experienced. I found her able to handle difficult students with unusual grace and flair. In an era when education seems to be lowering the standards of excellence, she raises it, demanding my best, within my abilities."

Burdsal thinks Shore's strongest personality traits contribute to her teaching.

"Ellie is honest and you can trust her. She doesn't tell you what you want to hear unless she believes it," he said. "She's really directed and knows what she wants out of a class."

### **Research, learning and service**

Shore's research background in alcohol use and abuse started when she was in graduate school and working for the Nebraska Division of Alcoholism. She became interested in the issue of prevention—a new concept of the late 1970s—and designed prevention programs. It became the center issue of her research and teaching path.

In 1993, the State of Kansas enacted

legislation requiring substance-abuse counselors to complete 18 hours of content-specific coursework for certification. Shore volunteered to develop the relevant courses at WSU. In 2004, when the state increased the certification requirements to include an associate's degree with specific coursework, she worked with the Kansas Addiction Educators Section and Addictions and Prevention Services to develop a 29-credit-hour college curriculum. She developed the extensive and detailed coursework manual for the program, and AAPS adopted the manual for use as a guide for all AAPS-approved universities and community colleges in Kansas.

Animals play a significant role in Shore's life, too. Through a chance encounter with a Kansas Humane Society volunteer, Shore began a research and service path that explored reasons for animal turnover, pet overpopulation and animal welfare. It was a path she hadn't planned to take.

"It really was not so much a love of animals, but I was drawn into the Humane Society and their work," she said. "It is hard work and the people who do the work deserve a lot of credit."

Although she enjoys learning from colleagues, students and animals, her passion for education is most evident in her own upcoming commencement ceremony. Shore is completing a bachelor of arts degree in French in May.

For someone who gives much credence to chance in life shaping its outcome, one thing is certain: Ellie Shore makes the most of the opportunities she's given.

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