Social Sciences

The Social Sciences Division sponsored LCSC’s annual Constitution Day panel discussion in September. The focus was on the 8th Amendment and capital punishment. Panelists included Dr. Leif Hoffmann (Political Science), Dr. Timothy Lynch (Political Science), Dr. Richard Moore (Political Science, retired), Dr. Gene Straughan (Justice Studies), Dr. Amanda Van Lanen (History), and Prof. Angela Wartel (Justice Studies).

Anthropology

Dr. Kerensa Allison took seven student to Ecuador this year for a three week Anthropology Field School from May 18th to June 5th. Students lived with host families in Cuenca, had Spanish classes every morning, visited many museums and archaeological sites, participated in two service learning projects (painting and planting at the San Joaquin elementary school and clearing forest for a community center in Union Venecia), and traveled extensively throughout Ecuador to experience the amazing diversity of this culture. The students involved were Ethan White Temple, Idah Whisenant, James Jamison, Wyatt Manyon, Isabel Landkammer, Sky Newman, and Tyler Biggers. Dr. Allison’s husband, Tony Allison, also facilitated the program.

History

Dr. Amy Canfield received the LCSC Foundation Award, co-organized a series of Women’s History Month events, evaluated grant applications for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), and participated in a summer NEH seminar “On Native Grounds”. Along with three public talks given locally, she presented papers at the Western Social Sciences Association’s annual meeting in Portland (Oregon) and the Women’s Leadership Conference in Moscow, Idaho. She published an article in the Pacific Northwest Quarterly titled “These Lands are Worthless Without Water: The Federal Government’s Divided Loyalties in Irrigating the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, 1902-1916.”

Dr. Christopher Riggs was elected to a seat on the Executive Committee of the Idaho Humanities Council by the Council’s Board of Directors.

Dr. Eric Martin gave a presentation at the New England Regional World History Association’s Spring Symposium in March 2015 in Boston, Massachusetts.

Students, staff and faculty of Lewis-Clark State College hosted the third annual Art of Giving food drive and matching fundraiser held in conjunction with the Art Under the Elms festival. What has been dubbed the “Send Hunger Packing” campaign, is an annual event that collects food and money for several Lewiston /Asotin food banks, including this year the Asotin County Food Bank, the Community Action Partnership, St. Vincent de Paul, the Roc-Rescue Mission, and the YWCA.

Three Social Sciences students spent the fall semester studying abroad in Costa Rica, South Kora, and Spain

History graduate Leah Boots was hired as the Executive Director of the Nez Perce County Historical Society and Museum
Student Jenny Williams (Interdisciplinary Studies: Communications and Social Sciences) spent the spring semester interning at Veritas Advisors, a political consulting firm. Her performance earned her a full time job with the company upon conclusion of her internship in May 2015.

The LCSC PoliSci Club organized a meet & greet with Idaho State, County & Local Democrats in January 2015, and co-organized a graduate school workshop for LC students.

Dr. Timothy Lynch moderated a public debate on the LCSC campus between the two candidates for the Idaho District 6 senate seat. The Political Science Club organized the debate.

Two students -- Heidi Hughes (Humanities and Social Sciences) and Kris Rawson (Psychology) -- participated in the Model European Union (EU) competition in February 2015 in Seattle, Washington. Rawson’s performance at the Model EU earned him an invitation to present a paper at the Undergraduate Research Conference on the European Union in California.

The Political Science Club and the Social Sciences Division sponsored a “Non-Partisan Election Night Get-Together” on November 4.

Political Science

Dr. Leif Hoffmann presented a paper on American and European economic policies at the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association Conference in Oregon and participated in the “American, European, and Transatlantic Markets” workshop in Washington D.C.

The Political Science Club and the Social Sciences Division sponsored a Civic Engagement Writing Contest for students in Nez Perce and Asotin counties. Contestants had to write an essay on the importance of voting. First prize was $100.
Dr. Heidee McMillin participated in a Stalking Investigations training by the Idaho State Police in November 2014.

The Justice Studies Club raffled two donated quilts and a stuffed dinosaur, and the club donated the $175 in proceeds to prison education programs.

Dr. Leif Hoffmann and Prof. Angela Wartel took three students to the Western Political Science Association conference in Las Vegas during spring break. The students -- Leticia Scott (Political Science), Renae Pasta (Justice Studies), and Joseph Carter (Justice Studies) -- gave poster presentations. Dr. Hoffmann presented a paper and Prof. Wartel served as a panel discussant.

Angela Wartel organized a “Justice Studies Day.” The event brought prison officials, police officers, and a judge to campus to talk about prisoner rehabilitation, the criminal justice system’s treatment of the mentally ill, police techniques, and campus safety.

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

Several Social Sciences Division faculty members played a key role in organizing a “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” (WMHS) event in Lewiston in April 2015. WMHS involved a march around the campus and the surrounding neighborhood to bring attention to the problem of rape and other forms of violence related to sex and gender.
**Psychology**

**Dr. Leanne Parker** won the LCSC President’s Award for Outstanding Teaching.

Dr. Parker also applied for and received Institutional Development Grant monies to take psychology students to the annual APA conference in Las Vegas, NV and to the FACES Mindfulness and Self-Compassion conference in Santa Fe, NM.

**Dr. Rachelle Genthôs** participated in the National Institute for the Teaching of Psychology (NITOP) conference in Tampa, Florida in January 2015.

In June, Dr. Diessner went to Poland and met with Prof. Katarzyna Skrzpinska of the University of Gdansk in Poland to discuss collaborative research concerning empirical approaches to the study of spirituality.

The Social Science Division sponsored the American trip of scholar Rico Pohling of Dresden, and of the Technical University Chemnitz, and his presentation at LCSC on Moral Attentiveness from a Cross Cultural Perspective. They also discussed potential collaborations between LCSC’s psychology department and the psychology department at TU Chemnitz.
Social Work

The Phi Alpha Honor Society and the Student Organization of Social Workers in Coeur d’Alene -- under the guidance of advisors Dr. Kateri Ray and Dr. J.R. Seaman -- cooperatively raised over $2,000 for Christmas gifts to be given to Foster Children by the Giving Hope Coalition. Professor Lauren Nichols and the Lewiston SOSW’s total collected donations provided Christmas for five valley families.

Prof. Sheri Weistaner was one of a select number of applicants invited to participate in a February 2015 Infant Mental Health Training in Spokane, Washington.

Dr. Eleanor Downey was elected Chair of the Idaho Board of Social Work Examiners, which is part of state’s Board of Occupational Licensing.

Dr. Downey also won two awards this year: the LCSC President’s Award for Excellence in Diversity and Cross-Cultural Understanding and the Cornerstone Award (given by the graduating class of Social Work students to a faculty member).

Jennifer Johnson, 2015 BSW Graduate presented her Social Work Research Poster at the first Idaho Conference on Undergraduate Research held by Boise State University.

The Social Work department would like to welcome Marte White, Assistant Professor and Tiffany Renner, Assistant Professor to their LCSC Coeur d’Alene campus.

Dr. J.R. Seaman retired after many years of dedicated service to LCSC as a full time and adjunct faculty member.
"I closed my eyes softly and fell in love with the way I remembered you: body, soul and all." |

On August 1, 2015, Jake and Rachelle Genthôs committed to being partners forever at their wedding ceremony in Thermopolis, WY. You can view their beautiful ceremony at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7Z3rdL7H-o

Darci Graves and Daniel Funke of Pullman, welcomed into their family, a son, Theodore Michael Graves-Funke, born July 8, 2015
Dr. Eric Martin helped to oversee a major overhaul of H-World, an online "network for practitioners of world history." The website (https://networks.h-net.org/h-world) includes a discussion forum, book reviews, and much more. He also organized a "Medieval Feast," in which students in his Medieval World class researched and made

Several faculty members participated in LCSC’s annual Native American Awareness Week in March 2015. Dr. Rhett Diessner (Psychology) moderated a panel discussion about Native American artisans. Dr. Amy Canfield (History) and Dr. Chris Riggs (History) participated in panel discussion about of the legacy of Vine Deloria Jr., an influential Native American Studies scholar.

Graduates Sandra Kelly (History and Political Science) and Idaho Whisenant (History) began working for the Lewis-Clark Service Corps. Sandra oversees the volunteer activities sponsored by the Service Corps (such as the September 11 Day of Service and the MLK Day of Service) while Idaho serves as Service learning Coordinator.

Dr. Amy Canfield was an invited speaker (along with Dr. Heather Van Mullem at the Idaho Library Association’s annual conference. In addition, Dr. Canfield wrote a review of Idaho’s Place: A New History of the Gem State for Montana: The Magazine of Western History.

Dr. Kateri Ray won the LCSC Spirit Award, and she presented her research at the Baccalaureate Social Work Program conference in March 2015.

Social Sciences Division students and faculty members actively participated in the annual LCSC Research Symposia in Coeur d’Alene and Lewiston. About 90 of the Division’s students presented on a wide range of topics, including the relationship between art and depression, the influence of Captain America on American identity, and the impact of dogs on levels of social anxiety. Five Social Sciences graduates served on a panel that examined career options for those who major in liberal arts disciplines such as history and sociology. Two Justice Studies professors -- Dr. Heidee McMillin and Prof. Angela Wartel – did pedagogical poster presentations on strategies for improving student learning and best practices in online education. Dr. Amanda Van Lanen gave a keynote address on the early history of agricultural cooperatives in Washington State. Dr. Kerensa Allison and Dr. Rachelle Genthós served as the lead organizers of the Lewiston Symposium.