



SPRING 2016 NEWSLETTER

MAJORS

African-American Studies
 Anthropology
 Art & Design
 Biological Sciences
 Communications, Media Arts & Theatre
 Chemistry
 Computer Science
 Criminal Justice
 English
 Foreign Languages & Literatures
 General Studies
 Geography
 History
 International Studies
 Liberal Studies
 Mathematics
 Music
 Physics and Engineering Studies
 Political Science
 Psychology
 Sociology

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GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Biology
 Computer Science
 Counseling
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VISION STATEMENT

The College of Arts and Sciences will be recognized for its depth and breadth of scholarship; its commitment to utilizing pedagogies that effectively teach students while equipping them for the workplace; its student and community engagement in research and creative activities to foster economic growth, social justice, and lifelong personal development; its support of all education programs in the University by teaching critical thinking, numeracy and creative and purposeful writing. It will be recognized for engagement in major issues that both challenge and foster democratic thought.

Nowhere are the mission and ambition of Chicago State University better reflected than in the College of Arts and Sciences.

We offer you the opportunity to grow into your best, most complete self. Become acquainted with diverse cultures and yourself. Discover the joys of teaching and learning. Think. Write. Perform. Learn how to compute and construct. Master the art of managing yourself and others.

Complement your quest for knowledge and personal fulfillment with the vast offerings of one of the most dynamic cities in the world.

As the end of the spring 2016 semester approaches, we have much to reflect upon and celebrate!

Who would have thought a year ago we would go ten months without state appropriations? Despite the budget impasse in Springfield and the resultant myriad of challenges during academic year

2015-2016, we are still here! CSU's commitment to its mission will be personified in a few weeks as over 700 students participate in the Three Hundred Fifty-Eighth Commencement

Ceremony. We take great pride in celebrating the accomplishments of our students and seeing them attain

their dream of a university degree. To our graduates, the faculty, staff, and administrators salute you!

As summer approaches, it is tinged with sadness. Several of our colleagues will not be returning as a result of the budget crisis, and others have decided to retire from the University. To our esteemed colleagues, know the College is all the better because of your dedicated service, and we wish you the very best in your future endeavors.

In closing, I encourage everyone to use the summer to reflect, refresh and imagine what a redefined CSU would look like as we approach our sesquicentennial anniversary. I hope that you are as excited as I am about the opportunity of reshaping teaching, research, service, and learning at CSU!

- LeRoy Jones II, Dean and Professor, CAS



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ALUM HIGHLIGHTS



Dr. Tiffany P. Brown was raised in a low-income household on the south side of Chicago with her parents, four sisters, and a brother. She graduated Valedictorian from Burnside Scholastic Academy elementary school and in the Top 10 from Kenwood Academy high school. She was awarded the President's Cup, which is given to the most outstanding graduating senior, from Chicago State University (CSU) in 2009 when she received her Bachelors in Chemistry. Dr. Brown also received her Doctorate in Pharmacy from CSU in 2013.

She is currently serving her community as a pharmacy manager in a retail pharmacy on the south side of Chicago. Dr. Brown has published a book entitled "10 Tactics to Tackle Studying" in 2014 that has been featured in Jet magazine and is available on Amazon.com as well as Barnes & Noble. The book is geared towards helping students to be more independent learners. She continues to be a motivational speaker and mentor to students of all ages. Dr. Brown is looking forward to creating a scholarship to inspire more minorities to overcome adversity and gain higher levels of education!

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MATHEMATICS BS/MS

The BS/MS degree in Mathematics has been approved by the IBHE.

PHYSICS PROGRAM

This academic year CSU will graduate six black physics majors which is about 3% of the nation's African American Physics Majors. Only two other institutions (of the roughly 750 institutions with a Physics major) graduate more than 6 African American Physics majors per year according to the American Physical Society. While less than 1% of the nation's graduating physics majors are African American Women, CSU's most recent graduating class is 50% African American Women.

ALUM ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Geraldine Cochran is a newly appointed Assistant Dean of the Douglass Project for Women in Math, Science and Engineering at Rutgers University. Prior, Dr. Cochran served as the Project Manager for the American Physical Society (APS) Bridge Program and the Associate Director of the Multicultural Center for Academic Success (MCAS) and an Adjunct Professor at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). Dr. Cochran completed a PhD in Curriculum and Instruction at Florida International University under the direction of Dr. Eric Brewster. Dr. Cochran earned her bachelor's degrees in physics and mathematics, as well as a Masters of Arts in Teaching, from Chicago State University. While at CSU she became interested in physics teaching and physics and astronomy education research. **For more information on Dr. Cochran see <http://www.apsbridgeprogram.org/about/bios.cfm#cochran>**



Mr. Sam Franklin, CMAT alumnus, was promoted to producer for the morning show at WGCI iHeart Radio, fall 2015;

Ms. Malissa Wright, CMAT alumnus, was hired as a news anchor at KSN TV News fall 2015;

Mr. Darren Davidson, CMAT alumnus, won for Best Producer for his film Falling Upwards at the NeoNoir Film Festival in Los Angeles fall 2015;

Mr. Greg Baker, CMAT alumnus, was promoted to Producer at WVON fall 2015;

Mr. Derek Dow, CMAT alumnus, was selected among over a thousand applicants to perform in the NBC Universal Diversity Showcase in Los Angeles fall 2015;

Mr. Nathan Parade de la Feraude, CMAT alumnus, was hired by WVON fall 2015;

Ms. Kendra Lewis Clark, CMAT alumnus, is a drama instructor at the Alex Haley Academy



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

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Shanice Brown who took part in the Airports Going Green Hackathon, in fall 2015, took 3rd place in the competition. According to Ms. Brown "it was awesome! So awesome that I even placed 3rd in the competition! I won a trophy and prize money! Furthermore, I presented my app idea at the 'airport going green' convention; overall it was a great experience and I realized that I have a knack for programming."

Ernest Paul Jones, a CMAT major, was the voice actor of the animated commercial for The Smithsonian Museum directed by our very own professor Jiba Molei Anderson.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T2bkBKOBMQU>

Sreeteja Pallu: Sreeteja came from Hyderabad, India to pursue her Master's degree in computer science at CSU. Naturally, she was very nervous about moving thousands miles away from home and coming to the United States. But, she quickly found comfort at the level of how the CSU community was pleasant and welcoming. With the help of the Offices of Student Affairs and International Programs, Sreeteja quickly adjusted to the system and joined several activities and clubs. She is a high achieving student with a 4.0 GPA, graduating in May 2016; she also works as a tutor and lab assistant in the department of math and computer science. In her spare time, Sreeteja enjoys art, design, painting and jewelry making. The College of Arts and Sciences salutes Miss Sreeteja Pallu.



Essence Jackson-Jones: Essence is a senior in Art & Design and her art work was featured on the Illinois Bureau of Higher Education Student Art Exhibition web site.
<http://www.ibhe.org/IBHEBulletin/160122.pdf>



Paris Griffin, CMAT major and SGA President was selected by the Thurgood Marshall Fund for a paid summer internship in public relations in Cupertino, California with Apple, fall 2015.



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[EVENTS]

CAS hosts CPS South Regional High School Science Fair

CAS signs a MOU with University of Brasilia in Brasilia, Brazil

Cuba music event

A writing workshop for High Schoolers

President's Art Gallery Exhibit

CAS welcomes Dr. Calhoun

CMAT/GLOBAL INSTITUTE/GLOBAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION, AND A PROGRAM IN POLITICAL SCIENCE: INVITES THE MEDIALINE

(Felice and Michael Friedson); Worthy Mideast news to present on "An American view from the middle east" at CSU January 26, 2016.

<http://www.themedialine.org/category/news/>
(one of their reporter, Steven Sotloff was beheaded for reporting on Syria).

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OUR WORKS

LIST OF EXHIBITS/PUBLICATIONS/PERFORMANCES/GRANTS BY FACULTY AND STUDENTS

ART AND DESIGN, COMMUNICATIONS, MEDIA ARTS AND THEATRE, AND MUSIC

Angela Dieffenbach was selected for Construct, an exhibition celebrating Chicago Artists Month and the Chicago Architecture Biennial, curated by Hunt Tackbary, Director of Showroom Art at Holly Hunt, and Jason Kalajainen, Executive Director at Luminarts Cultural Foundation. The opening was held at FLATstudio No. 1050 [1050 W. Wilson] on October 23, 2015.

Adam Fotos has been selected to teach a Master Class with Chicago high school students at the Chicago Cultural Center in conjunction with the Architecture Biennial exhibition through the Chicago Architecture Foundations in December of 2016.

Niki Grangruth recently exhibited an ongoing series of collaborative photographs entitled "Muse" at C33 Gallery in Chicago. As part of the programming related to the exhibition, she gave an artist talk "Gender, Performance and the Creative Process" and hosted an artist-led print viewing at the Museum of Contemporary Photography.

Mike Kelly is beginning a new collaboration to complete a series of interactive video displays for the Marcus Garvey Museum in Kingston, Jamaica with funding from the Institute of Jamaica (IOJ), Jamaica's "most significant cultural, artistic and scientific organization." He will be visiting Kingston to install the projects during Spring Break. He is also developing a new learning app called *Fun with Stewart S.T.E.M.* with award winning Art on the Loose.

Lindsay Obermeyer is a resident artist on the neurology research team of Dr. Amar Dhand, a doctor, researcher, and professor at Washington University's School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO. Professor Obermeyer's key role is to translate the social network data of recovering stroke patients and work it into a large art installation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital. The work will then travel to the University of Chicago Hospital. In addition, her artwork "Glass Prairie" was on exhibit at Northeastern Illinois University this fall, and her outdoor sculpture "Adjust the Thermostat" is on exhibit with Cool Globes in Battery City Park in New York.



Christine List produced and directed a film with her former CSU graduate student, **Ms. Shahari Moore**, entitled *B Love* which premiered opening night at the Black Harvest Film Festival at the Gene Siskel Film Center. The project starred Eamonn Walker (NBC's *Chicago Fire*) and Brely Evans (BET's *Being Mary Jane*).



Thomas Lucas completed the CTA commission project plan for the 87th Street Red Line station in Nov 2015. Two major artworks made from stainless steel, glass and ceramic tile are included in the installation. Two students assisted in this work. In addition, his artwork was displayed at a group exhibition at N'Namdi Contemporary in Miami, FL; the show was in conjunction with the annual Art Basel Art Fair, December 2-5, 2015.

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Kamesha Khan directed a new play by Obie nominated playwright Nikkole Salter called "*Repairing a Nation*" for eta Creative Arts Foundation.

Karen Martinson assistant directed a staged reading with **Kamesha Khan** this summer as part of the "*Black Lives, Black Words*" event at Greenhouse Theatre in which CMAT professor Jennifer Jackson performed, as did CMAT alumnus Sydney Van Munster.

Jiba Molei Anderson directed the animated commercial for The Smithsonian Museum. CMAT major, Earnest Paul Jones, was a voice actor for the project, which was created by Griot Enterprises and Brightseed Collective. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T2bkBKOBMQU>

Don Winter, along with his current and former students, worked on independent television projects for Hubbard Street Dance Studio, WMAQ client spots, 5/3rd Bank, Eon, Pearl City, Alexian Brothers Hospitals and Tyler Morris.

Karen Martinson presented as part of the "*I Remember: Working as a Woman in Dramaturgy*" roundtable at the annual conference of the Association for Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE) this year held in Montreal, QC in August. She was appointed to ATHE General Council subcommittee on Multi-Disciplinary Programming and served as a member of the Collaborative Research Grants Committee for American Society for Theatre Research. She also serves as co-chair of the Emerging Scholars Symposium of the Mid-America Theatre Conference.

Roxanne Stevenson conducted the CSU Community Jazz Band as they performed for thousands at the Trinity UCC's Jazzapalooza, August 21, 2015. The band also performed for the Chicago Jazz Philharmonic's Cuba Town Hall meeting held at Chicago State University, November 10, 2015, and the Jazz Education Network International Conference in Louisville, KY; January 6-9, 2016. Professor Stevenson orchestrated the band's first fundraising event at the Quarry Event Center, December 6, 2015, with the CSU Community Jazz Band.

Roxanne Stevenson performed with her group Roxanne Stevenson RSVP at the Christ Baptist Church of Memphis Tennessee's Annual Women's Retreat at the Hyatt McDonald's Campus, October 15, 2015, and North Shore Faith Community Church's Gospel Jazz Concert, December 18, 2015.

Roxanne Stevenson performed in November with the Chicago Community Choir (a choir that combined a north side and south side coalition of singers). She and a horn section from the CSU Community Jazz Band recorded the CD "Great Joy" with the choir in December 2015.

Roxanne Stevenson gave a Master Class for the National Honor Society's 50th Annual meeting held at the Chicago Sheraton. She also coordinated the 15th Annual Chicago Football Classics High School Marching Band Competition in September 2015 at Soldier Field with Morgan State vs. Howard University. She also as an adjudicator for the 11th Annual Olympian Marching Band and Drumline Festival at Rich Central High School in Olympia Field, Illinois in October 2015.

Mark Sudeith performed three concerts with Greek saxophonist and CSU alumnus, Dr. Athanasios Zervas, at CSU and the Odeion School of Music in September, October, and November of 2015. Prof. Sudeith participated in three recording sessions in October 2015 with the Northwest Choral Society and the Gargoyle Brass.

William Jason Raynovich performed at the 10th anniversary gala of New Music Chicago and gave numerous performances with the experimental music group, Articular Facet. His work Duet for Solo Violoncello was heard on Relevant Tones on WFMT in October of 2015.

James Hendricks released the CD "Morning Has Broken" through iTunes, Pandora, Jango Radio, and Google Play in October 2015.

Jane Florine, Mike González and Marianella Yanes: "*Tango: Sex and Rhythm of the City.*" Latin American Music Review 36/1; 120-23 (2015).

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ENGLISH, FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE

Brenda E. Aghahowa, Lydia Magras, Concetta Williams, and **Kelly Norman Ellis** moderated a round table discussion: "Literacy in the Lives of African Americans." The Association for the Study of Black Life and History Centennial Conference; Atlanta, Georgia; Sept 24, 2015.

Kelly Norman Ellis: In Rhythm and Resistance: Teaching Poetry for Social Justice by Linda Christensen and Dyan Watson. Rethinking Schools, 2015.

Virginia Shen was promoted from Senior Advisor (2010-2013 and 2013-2016) to Commissioner (2015 to 2018) of the Overseas Compatriot Affairs, a cabinet level honorary appointment by the government of Taiwan, the highest governmental recognition for overseas Taiwanese-Americans. She serves as a liaison between Taiwan and the Taiwanese-American communities in the Midwest, facilitating cultural, educational, and informational exchanges.

Kelly Ellis voiced her outrage against the violent takedown and dragging of a student in a South Carolina classroom.
<http://www.chicagocbslocal.com/2015/10/27/local-advocates-express-outrage-over-arrest-of-south-carolina-student>

GEOGRAPHY, SOCIOLOGY, HISTORY, AFRICAN AMERICAN AND WOMEN STUDIES

Daniel Block "Chicago: A Food Biography," Rowman & Littlefield Press (2015).

Lionel Kimble: "A New Deal For Bronzeville: Housing, Employment, and Civil Rights in Black Chicago," Southern Illinois University Press (2015).

Pancho McFarland: "The Chican@ Hip Hop Nation," Michigan State University Press (2015).

Tekleab S. Gala: "Geographically Isolated Digressional Wetlands – Hydrodynamics, Ecosystem Functions and Conditions," Applied Ecology and Environmental Sciences, 2015, Vol. 3, No. 4, 108-116.

Tamara Friehat, Gebeyehu Mulugeta and Tekleab S. Gala: "Modeling Urban Sprawls in Northeastern Illinois," Journal of Geosciences and Geomatics, 2015, vol. 3, no. 5, 133-141.

Margaret King: "Spatial Analysis for Urban Economic Development: An Office Market Analysis," SAGE Research Methods Cases (2016) <http://www.srmo.sagepub.com/view/methods-case-studies-2016/n33.xml?rskey=ZjZDKw&row=7>

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, PHILOSOPHY, AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

Marian E. Perkins - Interviewed by a Reporter - TV Osaka, Osaka, Japan - Topic: "Policing & the Community in the United States in The Wake of the Killing of Several Unarmed Americans, including, Tamir Rice; Eric Garner and Michael Brown, by Police Officers."

Marian Perkins was a special guest on "WBEZ" (91.5 FM). The topic was "Police Stop and Arrest of Sandra Bland" in Aug 2015.

Marian Perkins: served as a moderator for the film showing "On 2nd Thought" hosted by Positive Black Women, Inc. and the Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez; Chicago State University, October 21, 2015.

April M. Bernard: "Transforming Justice, Transforming Lives: Women's Pathways to Desistance from Crime," Lanham, MD: Rowan & Littlefield Press (2015).

Lewis "Lew" Myers, Jr. attended the 20th Anniversary of the Million Man March in Washington, D.C., October 10, 2015.

Philip C. Aka: "Biafra: Humanitarian Intervention in Africa 45 Years Since Nigerian Civil War, 1967-1970." Paper Presented at Workshop on Rethinking the Origins of Humanitarian Action in Africa: Religion, Secularism, and the Nigerian Civil War (1967-1970), University of Ghana at Legon, Oct. 18-20, 2015.

Philip C. Aka, Aref A. Hervani, and Elizabeth Arnott-Hill: "Protection Against the Economic Fears of Old Age: Six Micro and Macro Steps for Bridging the Gap in Retirement Security Between Blacks and Whites," Vermont Law Review, Vol. 40, No. 1 (2015), pp. 1-67.

CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS AND ENGINEERING

Amber Wise was awarded a travel grant from the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) to attend the Gender Summit 7 in Berlin Germany in November 2015 and presented summaries of her research and met with potential academic collaborators in chemistry and nanomaterials.

Ehab A. Abourashed, **Aida Abraha**, Shabana I. Khan, **Tanika McCants** and Saad Awan. Potential of Horse Apple Isoflavones in Targeting Inflammation and Tau Protein Fibrillization. Natural Products communications, 10(9): 1577-80 (2015).

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SOCIAL WORK

Seyfried, S.F., Timmermans, C., and Hall, D. (2015). Caring for self, inside and outside of the workplace. NASW, IL Networker, November 9, 2015.

Seyfried, S.F., Hall, D. & Timmermans, C. (2015). Mindfulness practice in the workplace: A practical skill for professional and personal self-care. NASW-IL (National Association of Social Work, IL Chapter, Statewide Conference – Wheeling, IL, October 19 – 21, 2015.

Seyfried, S.F. (2015). Cultural and Contextual Adaptation of a Workplace Mindfulness Intervention: Lessons Learned. Abstract submitted to the 143rd APHA (American Public Health Association) Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, October 31- November 4, 2015.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHEMATICS (STEM)

Mel Sabella (PI): A collaborative grant (\$159,882) with the University of Colorado, Boston University and George Mason University awarded by the National Science Foundation (NSF). The four-year project is titled, "Scaling Undergraduate STEM Transformation and Institutional Networks for Engaged Dissemination (SUSTAINED)."

LeRoy Jones, II (PI): The Center for STEM Education & Research's Predominantly Black Institutions Competitive Grant was renewed by the U.S. Department of Education. The \$3 million 5-year award will continue to fund its K-16 STEM initiatives.

Institute for Innovation in Computer Science (IICS) has received an official recognition from the Department of Energy under its Mentor-Protege Program. We are the first institute within a state university that is recognized by this program. The IICS has the potential of being the cornerstone of the Department to provide direct industrial experience to students in mathematics and computer science while they are in school.

The **CSU STEM Learning Assistant (LA) Program** has expanded from three LAs in one discipline (Physics) when it started to seven LAs in two disciplines in Fall 15. This spring we expanded to twenty LAs in five disciplines as a result of departmental collaborations and grants from the Department of Education and NSF. <http://msscsu.wix.com/csu-la-program>

Chris Botanga: Renewal of USDA-T-CAP grant (\$14,000) in collaboration with the University of Minnesota in fall 2015. The project is titled: Molecular and Histological Characterization of Hallow and Solid Stem genotypes of wheat.

Chris Botanga, in collaboration with three other institutions, received a NIFA-USDA Grant award (\$626,856) on a project titled "Collaborating to Enhance Participation of Underrepresented Minority Students in Plant Sciences." In addition Chris Botanga is Co-PI on the NIFA-USDA Grant award which is funding to be used over a three year span. The overarching goal of this award is to mentor and strengthen students' science self-efficacy, and increasing students' awareness of career opportunities in the Government, industry and private sectors.

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2015-16 TUITION/FEES

IN STATE
UNDERGRADUATE: \$11,758
GRADUATE: \$7,596

OUT OF STATE
UNDERGRADUATE: \$20,458
GRADUATE: \$12,528

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CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY CORE VALUES:

Intellectual development

Creative and innovative
thinking and learning

Dignity and unique
talents of all persons

Responsible choices and actions

Personal and academic excellence

Personal, professional
and academic integrity

Diversity

Leadership, service, philanthropy,
social justice, and entrepreneurship

Pride in self, community
and the university

Lifelong learning