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A word from the dean

Kevin Schriver, Psy.D.



The fall semester at a university is quite exciting: Students returning, faculty ramping up for courses, and activities all over campus. One of the things that is very exciting for the College of Education and Social Sciences is right out our front door of the Gott Educational Center—the new forum fountain with the impressive sculpture.

If you have not been to SBU recently, you really need to come and see this new look. It is a sculpture that embodies our mission as a university and reminds us of Jesus' Great Commission to all Christians. Our promise from the College of Education and Social Sciences is to uphold both—the Great Commission and the mission of SBU.

When you come to campus, enjoy the centerpiece and come on in to Gott and visit us; we'd love to see you.

Faculty Focus

Student Spotlight

*Alumni
Achievements*

Dr. Dwight Haun

Professor and Chair
of Department of
Education



How many years have you taught at SBU? 18

Where were you born?
Maryville, Mo. I went

to school from first grade through high school in Plattsburg, Mo. (population 2092!).

Why did you choose to study Education?

I felt called to this career and area of service. Teachers I had in high school inspired me to want to be a teacher. I was also interested in and enjoyed classes in physical education and math, the two content areas in which I am certified to teach. In addition, my parents were teachers; my dad in agriculture and my mom in preschool.

What is your spare time hobby?

My hobbies are any project I work on with my wife, playing golf, staying active, doing woodworking projects, and fixing (or at least attempting to fix) things around the house.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

The people – my advisees, students, the faculty and staff I work with in the Department of Education, my esteemed colleagues on campus and the extended SBU family. I am

Aric Gooch

Social Science
Education and
Political Science
double major



Family:
Curtis and Vicky Gooch of Bolivar, Mo., two sisters and a brother

Hobbies:

Hiking, hammocking, Ultimate Frisbee, ping pong, watching movies

Why did you choose your major?

I have enjoyed government and history for a long time. In high school I was a tutor and really enjoyed teaching and helping students understand what they were learning.

What do you like about the faculty?

The faculty has been one of the best parts of my experience here at SBU. In each class I can see how knowledgeable each of them are in their individual subjects. Outside of the classroom the professors have been there for me, too.

What do you see yourself doing after you graduate?

I hope to get into a Ph.D. program in Political Science and become a political science professor.

Anything else fun to know about you?

Last summer I lived in Washington, D.C. for a month

Eli Samek '13

Deputy Juvenile
Officer in the
Delinquency Unit in
the Greene County
Juvenile Office



Why did you choose SBU?

I chose Southwest Baptist for the opportunity to double major in Psychology and

Criminal Justice. Dr. Kelly Martin, along with other faculty, provided a comprehensive approach to criminology and the social sciences. I also have family ties to SBU, as my mother, Tamara Samek, teaches in SBU's College of Education and my grandfather, Dr. Tom Padgett, is a former Dean of the English Department at SBU.

What was the important thing at SBU that helped in your career?

The importance of critical thinking has been vital in my career. The ability to analyze and evaluate issues has been applicable in the workplace and throughout life in general. I'm grateful for the SBU faculty who encouraged me to think critically in areas of academics and personal beliefs.

Suggestions for other Criminal Justice majors?

I suggest students explore various potential career paths

blessed to work with and around people whose faith is evident and whose personal walk with Christ inspires me. SBU feels like family.

What advice/or what would you want to share with students?

Make plans for eternity, set some goals for a few years down the road, but take one day at a time. We will be most satisfied when we walk one day at a time with the Lord. We are not perfect so we will fall and I am thankful that, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9

Washington, D.C., for a month and had an internship in the office of Missouri Sen. Roy Blunt, past President of SBU. I had an amazing time in our nation's capital because of all the history that is in the city. The internship was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity getting to work with his staff on minor projects and doing research as well. From a future educator's perspective, I enjoyed being able to see the process of a committee meeting and a vote on a bill on the Senate floor. The connections I was able to make in Washington, D.C., will help me accomplish my goals in the future and provide me with an experience that not many get the opportunity to have.

and areas of interests in order to develop skills, gain experience, and create future opportunities. I also encourage students to take full advantage of the academic environment at the university and challenge themselves to grow intellectually and spiritually.

Department News

New internship opportunities for political science majors

HISTORY/POLITICAL SCIENCE

Dr. Coyle Neal and Dr. Kwasi Ofori-Yeboah met with the City of Bolivar Administrator, Darin Chappell, several times during spring and summer to establish an internship program with the city for political science majors.

The two professors also met with Dr. George E. Connor, professor and head of the Political Science Department at Missouri State University, on June 26 to coordinate and harness our resources in exploring more internship opportunities for our students in Jefferson City and Washington, D.C.

The department celebrated Constitution Day, a campus-wide event on September 17. The speaker was Matthew Martens, (former chief legal counsel for the Division of Enforcement at the Securities and Exchange Commission). He spoke to the Business Law and Supreme Court classes in the morning and at a public lecture in the afternoon.

KINESIOLOGY

The fall 2015 semester is the first semester our

Department News

New behavioral sciences courses being offered in Springfield

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Behavioral Sciences classes are being expanded on the Springfield campus to meet demand. We will now have one seated and two online sections each of General Psychology, Human Growth and Development, and Elementary Statistics in spring 2016.

We are offering new and exciting classes for spring on the Bolivar campus, such as "Forensics, Mental Health, and the Law" – where students learn everything from the insanity defense to expert witness testimony.

Angelia Ham and the social work program hosted a successful volunteer fair on August 31 in the student union. About 30 agencies were represented and spoke with students about volunteer opportunities. Also, students attended the Child Abuse & Neglect: Mandated Reporting seminar that was presented on Oct. 22. This is especially beneficial to students working toward degrees in Behavioral Sciences and Education, as well as any profession that falls under the Mandated Reporter obligation.

GRADUATE EDUCATION

Physical Education majors will be following the new DESE guidelines. This semester is also the first semester our Sport Management majors will be following our new program of study. The Sport Management program was revamped to fit the needs of the current job market.

Department personnel have met to rewrite our course objectives in all our courses and align them with our Program Level Student Learning Outcomes.

Gina Whitehead attended the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators October 11-13, 2015, in Tampa, Fla.

EDUCATION

All student teachers are engaged in completing the new Missouri Pre-Service Teacher Assessment (MoPTA), a series of four tasks completed throughout the student teaching semester.

Mr. Ken Spurgeon arranged mock interviews involving fall 2015 student teachers and area principals. The interviews were held in the Gott Educational Center on Wednesday, October 14. There were 18 teacher candidates who chose to participate in the interviews.

Dr. Tammy Condren is co-leading the "123Lead" 2015 Cohort program through MAESP for first-, second- and third-year principals to focus on effective building-level leadership. Dr. Tammy Condren and Dr. Jim Truelove attended the CCCU conference "Doctoral Programs in the CCCU: Conversations and Collaboration" at Azusa Pacific University (Sept. 16-19).

Dr. Pam Hedgpeth is serving as a member of the Leadership Development System for DESE. Additionally, she participated in the Effective Principal Coaching training through the National Center for Education and Economy.

Dr. Joe Sartorius is serving on a committee to develop leader training (project) for DESE. His particular area of development focuses on training for leaders in the area of assessment.

Dr. Truelove completed his work with the HLC Assessment Academy. Dr. Truelove was selected to be a member of the HLC Peer Review Corps, serving as a peer reviewer for Open and Standard Pathways. He participated in training in Chicago October 21-23.