

## LEADERSHIP STUDIES WELCOMES NEW FACULTY



Dr. Jeni McRay began the fall 2013 semester as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Leadership Studies teaching in the department's international program. Jeni received a Bachelor of Arts from Oklahoma City University. She received a Master of Science in Education from Newman University and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Kansas State University.

Mr. Mardell Maxwell was recently hired as an Instructor of Leadership Studies in the department's international program. Mardell has two undergraduate degrees: a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Kansas State University and a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership from FHSU. He received a Master of Liberal Studies in Organizational Leadership from FHSU. Maxwell is currently pursuing his Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



Ms. Pandora Rupert was recently hired as an Instructor of Leadership Studies in the department's international program. Pandora received her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Arts and Sciences from Southern Oregon University and her Master of Liberal Studies in Organizational Leadership from FHSU.

## LEADERSHIP STUDIES FACULTY RECOGNIZED

Dr. Justin Greenleaf, Assistant Professor of Leadership Studies, was selected as one of the 2012-13 FHSU Men of Merit. Two current Organizational Leadership majors, Josh Doak, senior, and Tre' Giles, junior, also received this honor. The Men of Merit award recognizes men who positively define masculinity through challenging norms, taking action, and leading by example, while making outstanding contributions to FHSU and the community.



Drs. Curt and Christie Brungardt, both FHSU Leadership Studies professors, were recently named as 2013 K-State Alumni Association Fellows. They were chosen to receive this award from the K-State College of Education alumni. The program recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves in their careers.



Mr. Brett Whitaker and Dr. Curt Brungardt published in the Journal of Leadership Education, and Dr. Brent Goertzen published in the Journal of Leadership Studies.

In April, Dr. Brent Goertzen, Associate Professor of Leadership Studies, traveled to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic to participate in a mission trip. Dr. Goertzen assisted in building a home for orphanage staff.



Leadership Studies faculty members who presented at the International Leadership Association Conference in Denver, CO included Dr. Curt Brungardt, Dr. Jill Arensdorf, Dr. Brent Goertzen, and Mr. Brett Whitaker. Also attending the conference were Leadership Studies faculty members Ms. Patricia Blanton, Dr. Justin Greenleaf, and Mr. Seth Kastle, all pictured below.

## STUDENT TEAM PLACES 2ND AT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION



The FHSU Leadership Studies Undergraduate Student Team placed 2nd at the International Leadership Association (ILA) Student Case Competition in Denver, CO, from October 24 - 27, 2012. ILA is the global network for all those who practice, study, and teach leadership. The FHSU team was comprised of Laura Dougherty, graduate, Colby, KS, Jill Moeder, graduate, Hays, KS, and Megan Rinkenbaugh, senior, Augusta, KS.

The team competed against schools such as University of San Diego, University of Pittsburgh, Marietta College, Washburn University, and Kansas State University. The competition consisted of a written case study analysis, poster session, and final presentation connecting the case study to conference presentations.



## A WORLD OF LEADERSHIP

Over the past year, Korby Boswell, a junior Organizational Leadership major and student assistant in the department, has embarked on several opportunities to study abroad and gain a global perspective. In the summer of 2012, Boswell participated in a culture camp put on by Sias International University in Zinzheng, China. While in China, Boswell took courses in language, culture, cooking, martial arts, calligraphy, and table tennis. This was a particularly unique experience since the department has an active agreement with Sias, offering a degree program to students on their campus.



In the spring 2013 semester, Boswell was an exchange student to one of FHSU's partners, St. John International University, in Torino, Italy. He was a full time student, taking courses in environmental science, marketing, and Italian. As well as being a student, he was also an avid tourist trying to learn and experience as much as possible during the semester. Boswell states, "Study abroad experiences have allowed me to practice leadership skills and techniques in unique settings and on an international scale."

The department promotes study abroad programs and has a departmental study abroad trip every two years. These experiences give students the opportunity to experience leadership on a global scale.

### NOW BOARDING:

A twelve day study abroad experience including London, Paris, Florence, and Rome has been planned for May of 2014. Students will enroll in a course that connects their trip experiences to leadership theory. The trip will be led by Dr. Justin Greenleaf.

Visit our website at: [www.fhsu.edu/leadership](http://www.fhsu.edu/leadership) for more information.

### SPEAKER SERIES

The Department of Leadership Studies brings in a variety of speakers during the semester to discuss leadership views. Seth Kastle, Instructor of Leadership Studies, coordinates the Speaker Series.

Frank Curtis (pictured), Sr. District Manager of Anheuser-Busch – Eastern MA, and U.S Army Colonel, presented on leadership theory and practice. Staff Sergeant Joseph Alvey, was a guest lecturer in IDS 407, Global Challenges, presenting on force transformation. Alvey is currently an accountant, and is an Afghanistan, Iraq, and Fallujah Invasion veteran.



Coming in November 2013 is Nick Kastle, the Director of Marketing and Business Development for Morning Star Foods, who works in the global partnerships field. Morning Star Foods uses self-management techniques that were highlighted in the Harvard Business Review.

## SERVICE-LEARNING IN ACTION

The last course in the Leadership Studies Certificate program, LDRS 310: Field Work in Leadership Studies, incorporates academic service-learning into the curriculum. In essence, students are challenged to make changes for the common good through a semester-long service project. Many projects were completed virtually, internationally, and on campus during the 2012 fall and 2013 spring semesters. Here are the highlights of five projects.

**The Ellis Mission Project** – This team studied the City of Ellis' collective community values. They worked to craft a pair of statements that would accurately articulate the mission and vision of the city's residents.

**Drive for Bryan** – This team worked to raise funds to erect the final two signs for the Bryan J. Nichols Memorial Highway Project in Kansas.

**MS Walkers** – In order to raise awareness about Multiple Sclerosis in northwest Kansas, this team organized a walk for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

**Civilization On The Way** – This team focused on Shenyang's metro system, which has a flow rate of approximately half a million people per day. Students advocated to local citizens that public transportation is the best solution to China's heavy traffic.

**The Happy Kids Project** – This team focused their efforts on helping children who live in Shenyang's welfare housing. Because of their efforts, Shenyang Normal University has created a plan to frequently send clothes and books to the welfare house.

