

Staff Council

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Staff Shout Out!

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Congratulations to Casandra Siefkes, Shannon Parry, and Kara Goddard in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures for their big success with Language Fair!



Search #langfair14 on Twitter or tagboard.com to see more!

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We often see our co-workers and peers as we pass them in the hall way, at the Union in the cafeteria, or in a meeting with the dean. But how much do we really know them? Well not well at all unless we take the time to get to know them.

That's why the A & S Staff Council newsletter likes to take the time to do feature stories about staff. After all, we spend more time with our co-workers than with our families.

Let us introduce you to Rebecca Waldman in her own words:

"I was born and raised in Nairobi, Kenya. My family lived there as my father is a tropical entomologist and worked in Nairobi and the surrounding areas.

I moved to Lincoln with my parents when I was sixteen to prepare for college, for my mother to get back into the workforce, and generally so our family could get re-established in the U.S. after 18 years of being abroad. People always ask, "Why Lincoln, NE?" After all, my mother is originally from CA and my father from Bangladesh. Well, we moved to Lincoln because my parents had met and married here while my father was pursuing his PhD (here at UNL) and my mother was earning a library science degree.

As far as hobbies go, I'd be happy to curl up with a good book all day if I could, I enjoy writing as well. Whether it's interesting to others or not, I don't know, but in my spare time I enjoy being outside in nature -- running or hiking, and being inside experimenting with cooking dishes from my heritage (Indian and Italian) and baking. Above all, I love spending time with my family.



I like to say I have "2 plus 2" children: My son, Luke will be 11 in January and my daughter, Angelisa is 8. I also have two adult step-children: Braddley is in the Navy and lives with his wife and two little boys in Portsmouth, VA and Kayla currently lives and works in Omaha.

We are a "no-pet" family right now, although my little girl would REALLY love a puppy. Perhaps someday (far, far in the future...)

When my daughter started Kindergarten, I decided it was time to come back to UNL to "finish what I started." I finished up my BA in English in May 2012 and then spent the following summer being a full time mom with the intention of finding a part-time job in the fall. As a student, I loved the atmosphere and people I'd gotten to know on campus, so when I came across the posting for part-time Office Assistant in A&S Advising at UNL, I enthusiastically applied and kept my fingers crossed! I have been enjoying campus once again since my hire in September 2012."





Staff Council Survey

The College of Arts and Sciences' Staff Council would like to thank all of those who participated in the Staff Council Survey. The survey was designed to gain a better perspective as to what staff wants from Staff Council. We had a great response to the survey and will utilize your feedback.

Some of you had opted in for a prize drawing. At our last meeting we selected the winner and the prize went to Pam Waldvogel for a \$25 gift certificate to Walmart. We do greatly appreciate all who responded. Please go to our website to see detailed survey statistics. unl.edu/cas-staff-council/survey

Anytime you have an idea or a concern for Staff Council feel free to email us at AS-Staff-Council@unl.edu.

Do you update your area's website?

The college Web Group is a monthly meeting for people who work on websites (programming or content) of any skill level to get help, updates, and ideas. Mike O'Connor, the college's Web Specialist, facilitates these meetings.

The university is currently transitioning into a new website template. You can learn more on the Web Developer Network's website at <http://wdn.unl.edu>.

Please contact Mike at 472-6460 or mike.oconnor@unl.edu if you have questions.

Professional development through UAAD



The University Association for Administrative Development's mission is to provide leadership, networking, professional development and growth on behalf of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's managerial/professional employees. UAAD serves as a contributing partner to the University mission of teaching, research and service/outreach.

Please consider making a difference and become an active member of UAAD. The professional and personal rewards are endless. The program and meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month over lunch.

For more information about our organization please visit our website at <http://uaad.unl.edu/> and be sure to LIKE our Facebook page – found at <https://www.facebook.com/UNL.UAAD>



Spark is a series started by the Professional Development committee about sharing and discussing ideas from books, articles, videos, and more.

If you have an idea for a discussion and/or would like to lead a discussion, please let your Staff Council know!

Upcoming talks:

May 2014
Jiro Dreams of Sushi: A Study in Excellent Customer Service
Brad Nauman

June 2014
Workplace Longevity
Shawn Langan

July 2014
Generational Differences in the Workplace
Shannon Parry

August 2014
How Twitter has changed everything
Mike O'Connor



The Applause program honors college employees who perform their jobs extraordinarily well. Nominate any permanent college employee anytime!

<http://cas.unl.edu/applause.aspx>



The Ovation award honors an exceptional student worker. This is a great way to show your appreciation for the dedication and assistance students provide to our college!

<http://cas.unl.edu/ovation.aspx>

