

Notes from the Director

Dear Friends,

We've been busy in the School of Letters and Sciences.

This fall we are launching a new online degree in organizational leadership: <https://sls.asu.edu/undergrad/proginfo/lsorglba>. We are excited to offer this program because it will help students develop skills to succeed in a wide range of organizations. We are thrilled that so many students have already chosen this degree. For those of you who have family and friends along the Arizona/California border, let them know that the Organizational Studies degree is also available face-to-face at ASU's site in Lake Havasu City: <http://havasu.asu.edu>.

We are also offering another degree at Eastern Arizona College in Thatcher. Last year we began offering the BIS in Organizational Studies at Eastern Arizona College. This fall we are adding the Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree. I love spending time with the students, faculty, and administrators in Thatcher because their enthusiasm is contagious.

I also want to take this opportunity to welcome Dr. Tony Clark to our ranks. This fall he will begin teaching courses with the "BIS" prefix. I am impressed with his commitment to helping students learn. I hope that you have an opportunity to register for one of his classes.

I hope that you have had a good summer and that you have a great fall semester.

Best,
Duane Roen

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Since 1996, the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies degree has offered ASU students an opportunity to apply knowledge in new ways to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world by either focusing on two subject area concentrations or by pursuing the more recently established Organizational Studies option. In 2009, the School of Letters and Sciences also welcomed the Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree to its offerings. As one of the largest and fastest growing programs at ASU, we currently have 4,183 interdisciplinary studies majors, 675 liberal studies majors and 10,227 combined graduates.

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Welcome to the Family!

by Ashley Hopf

No, we aren't talking about the royal baby. We're talking about the newest members of our BIS family! Please join me and rest of the faculty, staff and students in welcoming Tony Clark, Cristina Hansen and Stacey Shields to the BIS community. We will be highlighting each of our newest BIS faculty and staff members in upcoming editions of *Kaleidoscope* to learn more about them, how they found their way to the BIS program, and any fun facts along the way. Welcome Tony, Cristina and Stacey!

Joan Fullmer: A Story of Success

by Connor Maddox

Joan Fullmer is not your traditional college student. She does not trek around campus, does not carry a backpack ridden with multiple electronic devices to Facebook, Tweet or Instagram, and is not graduating with the traditional anxiety college students have of finding a full time job after classes have ended. Rather, Joan is graduating with an immense sense of accomplishment. After a lifelong career, Joan made the decision to complete a college degree. Accomplishing this goal at 83 years young, Joan was kind enough to share her story.

Born in Allentown, Pa. in 1930, Joan stayed in Pennsylvania until the age of 20, when she married and moved to Tulsa, Okla. Joan spent her early adult years working in various offices, eventually finding her niche in public contact jobs. Believing the most important aspect of any business is customer service, Joan began developing and refining her problem-solving skills to better improve her level of customer service. Doing so allowed Joan to quickly advance her banking career from a typist of loan documents, to writing manuals, training personnel, and eventually becoming vice president in charge of construction lending for homes, buildings, and subdivisions, a position Joan held for more than 20 years. It was here that Joan truly showed off her problem-solving skills, inasmuch as that was the riskiest area of lending.

Having retired and finally being afforded the time and finances to do so, Joan decided to complete her 62 year college journey. She set her sights on the Liberal Studies degree offered through the School of Letters and Sciences at ASU, striving to become a more well-rounded, educated individual. Though this opportunity has been a personal goal of hers, it has also given Joan the chance to be an outstanding role model for her grandchildren.

When asked what advice she would give incoming BLS students, Joan responded, "By all means take the classes that interest you, but also find classes that will fit you for a career path. Jobs are scarce for people with BLS degrees, but having another skill will open the door for opportunities to use your degree." Joan's plans for her future are sweet and simple; she wants to spend time with her family, read, and enjoy the beauty of nature. In her spare time, Joan enjoys gardening, playing the piano, and of course, staying in contact with all of those who cheered her on during her time at ASU. Joan will proudly complete her BLS degree in August and will join the graduating class of Summer 2013. On behalf of the entire BIS and BLS community, we congratulate Joan on her accomplishments and wish her the best of luck in all future endeavors!



Meet the BIS Advisor

Jamie Eggerling

by Shawna McDonald

As is tradition around here, the writers of the *Kaleidoscope* newsletter would like to take the time to properly introduce you to one of our newest BIS/BLS staff members. Jamie Eggerling works as an academic advisor for the BIS organizational studies, liberal studies, and technical communication programs offered through the Polytechnic and Online campuses. Jamie began her journey as a student at ASU, graduating in 2009 with her interdisciplinary studies degree with concentrations in psychology and communication. As a student, the BIS program was recommended as an option to Jamie since she had so many credit hours in both communication and psychology; it was the perfect way to blend both areas of study without sacrificing credit hours. After graduating in 2009, Jamie worked in student services roles for various higher education institutions and also completed her master's degree in education before finding her way back to ASU in 2012. Returning to Sun Devil territory to become an academic advisor for the BIS program has been a good fit for Jamie. She loved the program as a student, and her work here has allowed her to continue helping like-minded students in an online platform, something Jamie has always been passionate about.

When asked what she likes most about the interdisciplinary studies program, Jamie's reply is, "it gives students a chance to combine their disciplines and what they are interested in, and also really try to put a practical use to their degree in the workplace." Jamie firmly believes the BIS program makes a well-rounded student through the blending of different concentration areas, and the core courses. These courses show students how to actively apply their education in a field they are interested in. In her advising sessions, Jamie makes sure students understand the core of the degree and how the classes build upon one another. Jamie ensures that students understand the purpose of the classes, especially BIS 401 internship requirement. Jamie recommends the applied internship option first and foremost because it is the best hands-on experience a student can get, and it may lead to employment after graduation; it did for her. On behalf of everyone at the School of Letters and Sciences, keep up the good work Jamie!

Fun Fact: Jamie is an amateur photographer.



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Tell-a-Devil Network student representatives are valued members of the Arizona State University fundraising team. Benefits of becoming a member of the team include:

- Sales and fundraising experience
- Resume-building
- Valuable networking
- Opportunities for advancement to management positions

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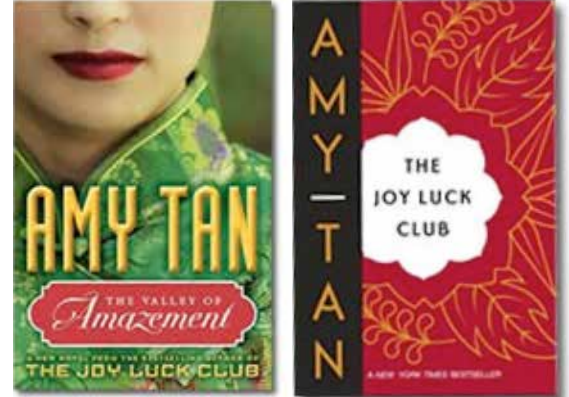
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An Incredible Season of Writers are Coming to Piper ...

Amy Tan

Thursday, Oct. 17

Recipient of the Academy of Achievement Golden Plate Award, the Bay Area Book Reviewers Award, the Commonwealth Gold Award; and a finalist for the National Book Award, the National Book Critics Circle Award, the Los Angeles Times Fiction Prize, and the Orange Prize.



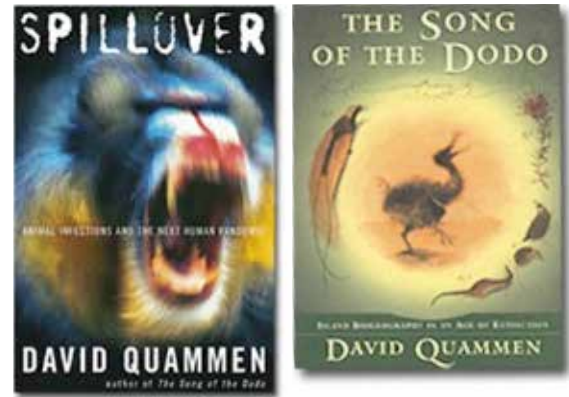
David Quammen

Thursday, Nov. 7 and Friday, Nov. 8

Former Rhodes Scholar, Lannan Foundation Fellow, and Guggenheim Fellow; three-time recipient of the National Magazine Award; and recipient of the Helen Bernstein Book Award for Excellence in Journalism, the Natural World Book Prize, the John Burroughs Medal for nature writing, and the Stephen Jay Gould Prize.

This event is presented with our co-sponsors:

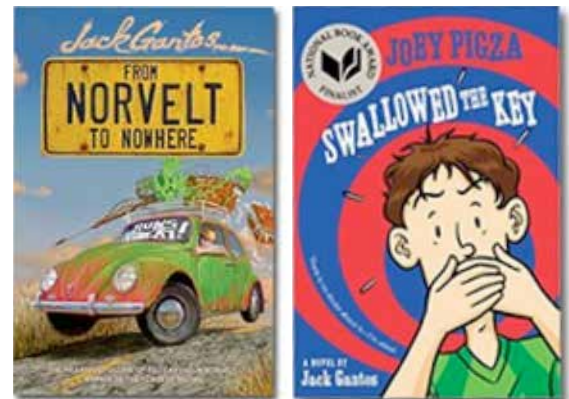
- Barrett, The Honors College
- Center for Science and Imagination
- Institute for Humanities Research
- School of Life Sciences
- School of Letters and Sciences



Jack Gantos

Saturday, Dec. 7

Recipient of the Newbery Medal, the Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction, the Quarterly West Novella Award, the California Young Reader medal, the Newbery Honor, the Printz Honor, and the Sibert Honor; finalist for the National Book Award for Young People's Literature; and longlisted for the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize.



Fall 2013 Academic Calendar

<https://students.asu.edu/academic-calendar>

Session A: (7.5 Weeks) Thursday, 8/22–Friday, 10/11			
Session B: (7.5 Weeks) Wednesday, 10/16–Friday, 12/6			
Session C: (15 Weeks) Thursday, 8/22–Friday, 12/6; Final Exams 12/09–14			
\$50 Late Registration Fee Begins (does not apply to ASU Online students)			Aug. 12
Tuition Fee Payment Deadline – For registration through Aug. 11 for non-financial aid students and students who have not accepted any financial aid awards for the summer. For students who accepted their financial aid awards, no payment is due on this date. the due date for Tuition charges for students registering through Aug. 11 with accepted Financial Aid is extended to Sept. 11. https://students.asu.edu/tuitiondeadlines			Aug. 13
Classes Begin	Session A Aug. 22	Session B Oct. 16	Session C Aug. 22
Last day to register or drop/add without college approval	Session A Aug. 23	Session B Oct. 17	Session C Aug. 28
Residency Classification Petition Deadline			Aug. 28
Labor Day Holiday Observed – university closed			Sept. 2
Tuition and Fees 100% Refund Deadline https://students.asu.edu/tuitionrefundpolicy	Session A Aug. 28	Session B Oct. 22	Session C Sept. 4
Tuition Fee Payment Deadline – for non-financial aid students For registration from Aug. 12 – Sept. 3			Sept. 3
Deadline to Apply for Graduation https://students.asu.edu/graduation			Oct. 1
Academic Status Report #1 – Students can view ASRs in My ASU within 24 hours after the last reporting day	Session A Sept. 4 – 6	Session B Oct. 28 – 30	Session C Sept. 30 – Oct. 7
Fall Break – Classes Excused			Oct. 12 – 15
Academic Status Report #2 – Students can view ASRs in My ASU within 24 hours after the last reporting day	Session A n/a	Session B n/a	Session C Nov. 4 – 11
Course Withdrawal Deadline https://students.asu.edu/drop-add	Session A Sept. 11	Session B Nov. 5	Session C Nov. 6
Veteran's Day – university closed			Nov. 11
Thanksgiving Observed – university closed			Nov. 28 – 29
Complete Session Withdrawal Deadline – As part of a complete session withdrawal a student must withdraw from ALL classes in a session. Beginning the first day of classes, undergraduate students are required to work with the University Registrar's office to facilitate the withdrawal process https://students.asu.edu/drop-add	Session A Oct. 11	Session B Dec. 6	Session C Dec. 6
Classes End – Last Day to Process Transactions	Session A Oct. 11	Session B Dec. 6	Session C Dec. 6
Study Days	Session A n/a	Session B n/a	Session C Dec. 7 – 8
Final Exams	Session A last day of classes	Session B last day of classes	Session C Dec. 9 – 14
Final Grades Due	Session A Oct. 14	Session B Dec. 12	Session C Dec. 12 – 18
Commencement	graduate – Dec. 17		undergraduate – Dec. 18
Degree Conferral Date			Dec. 18
Grade Replacement/Academic Standing Processing			Dec. 19 – 20
Winter Holiday – university closed			Dec. 24 – 25