Happy Holidays! I am sure you are all anxiously awaiting your student's arrival home for winter break. Take some well-deserved time to re-connect and share your experiences.

Prescott College is committed to supporting your student’s educational success, the kind of success which forges lifelong bonds. *Trails Home*, the parent newsletter, is one way we hope to keep you informed and share useful information about the Prescott College Community. You may also want to visit the Prescott College web pages for parents at [www.prescott.edu/parents](http://www.prescott.edu/parents).

### Congratulations to Graduating Seniors!

- Austin Allred
- Katharine Brown
- Colin Brumsted
- Kelsey Butler
- Dena Cohen-Copeland
- Simone Crowe
- Anthony Culpepper
- Hugh Denno
- Courtney Dickinson
- Eleni Dines
- Erin Doughtie
- Mariangely Echevarria
- Robert Elste
- Simon Fitting
- Chaya Gordon
- Joshua Halbert
- Sara Hassell
- Kate Harvey
- Weston Howland
- Molly Kiff
- Taylor Kuyk-White
- Abigail Landis
- Peter Larramendy
- Emily Laszlo-Rath
- Trina Massengill
- Alexander May
- Becky McLemore
- Suzanne Monroe
- Kelly Morton
- Sarah Morton
- Wren Myers
- Amalesh Parajuli
- Michelle Precourt
- Francois Reed
- Henry Reiske
- Jeremy Riddell-Kaufman
- Michael Riley
- LeeAnn Roessler
- Sarah Roisman
- Casey Shove
- Jesse Smith

### Graduation Information

**Baccalaureate**
- Date: Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011
- Time: 4 p.m.
- Location: Yavapai College Performance Hall
  1100 East Sheldon St.
  Prescott, AZ 86301
- Details: Light snacks provided at intermission.

**Graduation**
- Date: Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011
- Times:
  - 9 a.m. - Brunch for graduates and faculty
  - 10 a.m. - Ceremony
- Location: Yavapai College Performance Hall
  1100 East Sheldon St.
  Prescott, AZ 86301
- Details: Cake and punch reception following the ceremony.

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### Faculty News

**Melanie Bishop**


Education faculty member **Anita Fernández** co-wrote a federal grant, which was recently approved by the Arizona State Board of Education to award La Tierra Community School $230,000 through the Arizona Charter School Incentive Program. The elementary school will be eligible for an additional $230,000 in 2012-2013 and again in 2013-2014. La Tierra Community School is affiliated with Prescott College and located in downtown Prescott. For more information, see [www.latieracommunityschool.org](http://www.latieracommunityschool.org).

Political Studies faculty **Zoe Hammer-Tomizuka** has contributed two chapters to the new publication *Human Rights in Our Own Backyard: Injustice & Resistance in the United States*. The nonfiction anthology is one of several books in the Pennsylvania Studies in Human Rights series published by the University of Pennsylvania Press. You can link to the book on Amazon at [http://www.amazon.com/Human-Rights-Our-Own-Backward/dn/0812243609/ref=sr_1_sc_1?sprefix=books%2Cie=UTF8&qid=1321369286&sr=1-1-spell](http://www.amazon.com/Human-Rights-Our-Own-Backward/dn/0812243609/ref=sr_1_sc_1?sprefix=books%2Cie=UTF8&qid=1321369286&sr=1-1-spell)

For the third year, faculty member **Steven Pace** was invited to chair the Accreditation Council of the Association for Experiential Education. The AEE Accreditation Council consists of volunteers who are experts in the field of adventure education. Each member of the council brings specific skills to the table. After the applicant organization's self-study and on-site review has been completed, the Accreditation Council decides if that organization is ready to be accredited.

On November 18, 2011, Dr. **Wayne Regina**'s book *Applying Family Systems to Mediation: A Practitioner's Guide* was published by Rowman & Littlefield/University Press of America. This important publication is the first book to apply Murray Bowen's family systems theory to the field of mediation and conflict resolution. Wayne says, "I'm proud to publish this book to advance..."
Wayne Regina

the field of mediation by grounding it in a solid theoretical framework and by providing practical advice to beginning and experienced mediators." Bernard Mayer, a leader in the mediation field and author of multiple books in mediation, including the classic, The Dynamics of Conflict Resolution, provides advanced praise for Wayne's book stating, "Wayne Regina offers an extremely readable, insightful, and useful guide to how we can think and act as mediators. His application of Bowen family systems theory to mediation practice sheds considerable light on how communication patterns, emotional exchange, and system dynamics influence what happens at the mediation table. . . . I highly recommend this work. . . . It is not only eye-opening, but also a very pleasurable read." Wayne's book can be purchased through amazon.com and rowman.com.

In October, Carl Tomoff, Professor of Environmental Studies, presented Effects of the Spring 2011 Pickett Fire on Avian Life to the 2011 annual meeting of the Arizona Field Ornithologists. At the organization's 2010 conference, Carl delivered the keynote address, Historical Perspectives on Birds of the Prescott Region: Evidence for Avian Response to Climate Change? In spring and summer, he volunteered as ornithologist for Sky Island Alliance’s Madrean Archipelago Biological Assessment program during two week-long field expeditions to little-known mountain ranges in northern Sonora, Mexico.

Financial Aid Office Offers New Service

On Thursday, Nov. 10, the Financial Aid Office started a new service to Prescott College students and parents. The main phone line (928) 350-1111 is now answered from 1 to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, by at least two financial aid counselors. If you or your student would like to speak with someone in financial aid, please call during these times. This extension will no longer accept voice messages. Additionally, walk-in hours will be slightly modified as follows: Chris Schriener will be available 8 a.m. to noon, and Jeremy Gray will be available from 1 to 5 p.m. The office will be closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch.

Two New Student Aid Programs Available

Does your student qualify for one of these new financial aid programs? The Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education is administering two new need-based student aid programs for the 2011–2012 academic year. First, the College Access Challenge Last Stretch Scholarship is designed to assist college students who have completed over 60 college credit hours toward their baccalaureate degree at any regionally or nationally accredited institution. Second, the Math, Science & Special Education Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program is a forgivable loan designed to financially support and to encourage Arizona resident junior or senior college students to enter into the teaching profession and teach in Arizona. For more information, you may visit www.azgrants.gov.

2011 Campus “Champions of Change” Challenge

Has your Prescott College student participated in an appropriate project for the 2011 Campus “Champions of Change” Challenge? The White House Champions of Change program highlights projects and initiatives representing President Obama’s vision of out- innovating, out-educating, and out-building the rest of the world. The Challenge invites U.S. college and university students to demonstrate how their student-led project is improving their campus community and helping America win the future. In the spring of 2012, the challenge will announce the five Campus “Champions of Change” and host a culminating event at the White House. The Challenge finalists, in addition to the concluding event, will be highlighted by MTVU and MTV Act.

In order to participate in the competition, students are asked to submit an online application at www.WhiteHouse.gov/CampusChallenge. The application consists of three essay questions and optional video/photos that demonstrate how the project created a solution that improved the student's campus or local community. The deadline to submit applications is Friday, Dec. 9, 2011, at 11:59 p.m. EST. This is a great potential opportunity for our civic-minded, eco-friendly, and social justice–oriented students to highlight their academic
and co-curricular student-led projects. Pass the word on and encourage any students you know who could qualify for this contest to apply!

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Instructional Expenses
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Library Resources
In recent years, the library has significantly expanded access to electronic resources. The library now offers access to 86,000-plus e-books and 25,000-plus full-text journals. The library faculty has integrated instruction for how to access and effectively use these resources into the first-year curriculum for all low-residency undergraduate students.

Scholarships
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For more information on participating in the Parent Mentor Program and joining the Prescott College Parents' Association, please contact msmith@prescott.edu.

Parent Articles of Interest

For the latest articles of interest to college parents today, connect with University Parent Connection's media information. Click on the link at http://www.universityparent.com/connection.

Additional articles on grades, stress, student success, time management, and more can be found at http://www.campuscalm.com.

Lifelong Learning Center

The Lifelong Learning Center provides educational and service opportunities for learners of all ages. These life-enhancing learning experiences connect the learner to self, family, community, the environment, and the diverse cultures of the world.

For more information and a schedule of classes visit http://www.prescott.edu/lifelong-learning/about/index.html.

Check Out the Latest Transitions Magazine at:

Transitions, a publication for the Prescott College community, shares news of Prescott College faculty, staff, students, and alumni through feature articles and news briefs. To read the fall 2011 issue, go to http://www.prescott.edu/experience/publications/transitions/index.html.

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