

LIBERAL ARTS NEWS



Nicholls State University's online history bachelor's was ranked in the top 10 by collegesrank.com. Nicholls ranked No. 8 out of the 25 schools selected and second in Louisiana. To create the rankings, the website considered degree investment return, student and alumni evaluation, cost value, matriculation and academic success.



Languages and Literature's on-line degree was once again listed in [Best Online Bachelor's Degrees in English Programs](#), ranking 24 out of the top 25 nationally. Rankings are based on the quality of the program.



Mass Communication Department Head, James Stewart, will serve as the international president of the Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication.



Generous Donation Leads to New Student Media Center

The Nicholls State University student-led Colonel Media Group will soon have a space to prepare them for the evolving media landscape, thanks to a donation from Corey and Tina Callais. The family donated \$295,000 to create the Desalvo-Callais Family Convergence Media Center. The center will bring together the various student media publications currently spread across campus.

Within this new space, students will be able to share content across multiple platforms while working in a learning environment that more closely resembles industry settings. Included will be a public relations office, a photo studio, a conference room and a large, open workspace where student journalists from the Nicholls Worth, La Pirogue, KNSU Radio and KNSU TV can work together.

"This space will allow students working on various projects to share space, content and ideas way more efficiently than they have been," said Dr. James Stewart, Mass Communications Department Head. "We're so thankful to Tina and Corey because this is going to give our students a more realistic learning environment."

Accredited by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications, the Nicholls Department of Mass Communications is a leader in the South for communication education.



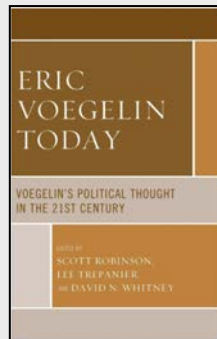
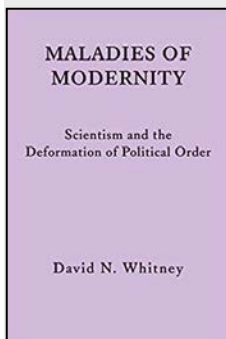
Dr. Lori Richard, Assistant Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies, recently had the article *No Fancy Software Needed: Using Existing Institutional Data to Identify At-Risk Students*, accepted by *Academic Advising Today*, is a publication of the National Academic Advising Association.



NICHOLLS ART PROFESSOR EXHIBITS IN CHINA

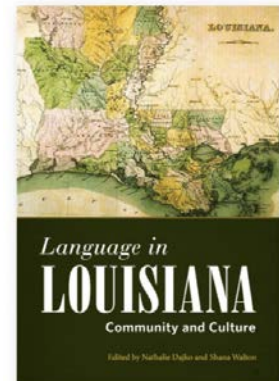
Five of **Professor of Art Deborah Lillie’s** photographs were selected by New York curator, Susan Dooley, for exhibition in China. The images will be a part of the Pingyao International Photography Festival. The photographs are from Lillie’s series, “Collateral Damage,” the subject of which was a collection of glue traps.

The Pingyao International Photography Festival is an annual event in Pingyao, China. Pingyao is a 2,700-year-old ancient walled city and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Advocating diversity, internationalism and professionalism, the festival attracts about 100,000 visitors. It is an important stage for photographers from around the world.



A book entitled *Maladies of Modernity: Scientism and the Deformation of Political Order*, authored by **Associate Professor David Whitney**, Department Head, Social Sciences, was released in spring of 2019. A second book entitled *Eric Voegelin Today: Voegelin's Political Thought in the 21st Century*, was co-authored by Dr. Whitney and was released in August.

Language in Louisiana, Community and Culture, edited by Nicholls **Associate Professor Dr. Shana Walton** (Languages and Literature), in collaboration with Tulane’s Nathalie Dajko, has been released and is now available for purchase. Walton and Dajko will be presenters at the Louisiana Book Festival as well as several conferences. **Robin White, Associate Professor**, authored a chapter for this collection.



Have student, department or college accomplishments, awards, activities or events to share? Send your photos and copy to

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INSIDE CHAUVIN'S MYSTERY SCULPTURE GARDEN

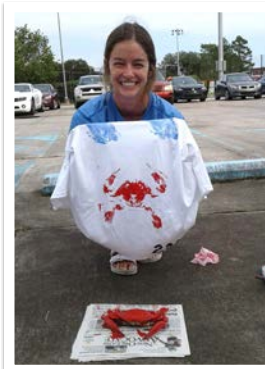


Dr. Deborah Cibelli, Professor of Art, provides a faculty interview about the Nicholls Chauvin Sculpture Garden for WWLTV.

Available online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

FISH PRINTS

Nicholls Art and Biology students learned the Japanese fish printing technique of Gyotaku in a workshop coordinated by **Professor Gary LaFleur** and **Professor Deb Lillie** with help from Nicholls Biology Society Officers. Students produced T-shirts using a range of specimens from blue crabs to gar to bluegill.



OPEN MIC NIGHT

Students from across the university participated in the Creative Writing Reading Series Open Mic Night in the Colonels Retreat. Students read poems and short fiction they've written and many students included work they are drafting or have written for the creative writing classes they are taking in the Department of Languages & Literature.



FREE SPEECH PANEL DISCUSSION - CONSTITUTION WEEK



Several Nicholls professors gave their perspectives on free speech during a panel discussion presented in honor of the university's Constitution Week. Members of the panel included **Assistant Professor Nicki Boudreaux**, Mass Comm., **Professor Rusty Thysell**, Social Sciences; **Associate Professor David Whitney**, Head, Social Sciences; **Professor Paul Wilson**, Head, History & Geography; and **SGA Vice President Markaylen Wiltz**. The panel was moderated by **Professor James Stewart**, Head, Mass Comm.