

Board of Alumni meeting, October 30, 2016

Faculty honors and achievements:

Biology professor Greg Hermann has been awarded a nearly half-million dollar grant from the National Science Foundation, his third NSF grant since joining Lewis & Clark. His three-year project on the development of lysosome-related organelles in nematodes will engage between 25 and 55 undergraduates each year in mentored, investigative, and original research.

For Associate Professor of English Pauls Toutonghi, summer break meant a three-month national tour for his new book, *Dog Gone*. Now he's back in the classroom, teaching fiction writing and encouraging his students to mine their own lives for stories.

On October 19, the national Phi Beta Kappa Society launches its (En)Lightning Talks series with Associate Professor of Biology Greta Binford, who'll illuminate the value of spiders. The talk kicks off Phi Beta Kappa's designation of Portland as an Arts and Sciences City of Distinction.

On Monday, Oct. 24, Associate Professor of Geological Science Liz Safran will take to the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) stage to explore the role that visual media can play in helping the Pacific Northwest become an "earthquake culture." She will dive into the origins of the hazards we face and some of their potential impacts, as well as explore the power and pitfalls of existing disaster preparation messaging.

The 2016 Luciano Tomassini Latin American International Relations Book Award Committee awarded an honorable mention to *Alien Nation: Chinese Migration in the Americas from the Coolie Era through World War II* (University of North Carolina Press, 2014), by Professor of History Elliott Young.

Assistant Professor of History, Reiko Hillyer, will be awarded the Southern Historical Association's Fletcher M. Green and Charles W. Ramsdell Award at the 2016 annual meeting in St. Pete Beach, Florida. This prestigious award recognizes the best article published in the highly acclaimed *Journal of Southern History* during both 2014 and 2015.

The Department of Energy has awarded Lewis & Clark a \$255,194 grant in support of Assistant Professor of Jessica Kleiss' research project, "Macro-physical Properties of Shallow Cumulus from Integrated ARM Observations." Dr. Kleiss will have overall responsibility for the collaborative project, which also involves Dr. Charles Long from CU-Boulder and Drs. Laura Riihimaki and Evgueni Kassianov from Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL).