

Recent Hires:

(1) new faculty and staff hires from May 1 onward:

- Gale Ashmore, Instructor of Spanish
- Keith Ballington, Director of Operations
- Nicholas Jeter, IT Technician – begin date is January 4, 2022

(2) retirements from May 1 onward:

(3) tenure and promotion advancements:

- Andrew Pisano – Promoted to Associate Professor

Jennifer Emswiler:

- Spartanburg County Library 8th Annual Juried Exhibition (August-October).
- Literary Festival website creation for the virtual presentation of the 2021 Festival
usculiteraryfestival.com
- USCU Art Club first Student Art Show: created a USCU Arts website and hosted the exhibition virtually on the website due to Covid (uscunionart.com)
- Completed a painting for the Bullets and Band-aids travelling exhibition, and it begins its tour on Wednesday, November 10th in Columbia, SC and will travel throughout the Carolinas through December 2nd. <https://bulletsandbandaids.org>
- 7th Annual Colorful Abstractions Juried Virtual Art Show – November 2021 – Fusion Art.
<https://www.fusionartps.com/7th-annual-colorful-abstractions-art-exhibition-november-2021/>

Dr. Steve Lowe:

- Published *The Slow Undoing: Race, Law, and Civil Rights in South Carolina, 1940-1970*. University of South Carolina Press, 2021
- *The Slow Undoing: Race, Law, and Civil Rights in South Carolina, 1940-1970* – finalist for George C. Rogers Jr. Award.
- Appeared on the *South Carolina Lede* podcast, August 14, 2021
- Appeared on SCETV Radio's *Walter Edgar's Journal*, September 16, 2021.

Dr. Randy Lowell:

Grants (funded)

- Jackson, C.*, Lowell, R. (2021). *Meditation as a means of reducing aggression and racial implicit bias with an eyetracking shoot/no-shoot task*. Magellan Scholar Grant Program, Office of Undergraduate Research, USC Columbia, \$2,900.00 awarded.

Presentations

Jackson, C., & Lowell, R. (March, 2022). Meditation as a means to reduction of implicit racial bias. *Poster to be presented at the 68th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, in Hilton Head, SC.*

Peer Review of Scholarship

- Invited Peer Reviewer for article submission to *Reading Research Quarterly*

Dr. Steve Lownes:

Grants

- PRAGDA: Spanish Film Club, Film Festival Grant, awarded \$1500 to show 5 Latin American films at USC Union. (2021)-Funded
- GFL Assessment using the AAPPL. Pilot study funded in the amount of \$15,000 to assess World Languages taught at the University of South Carolina Palmetto College campuses using the ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL). Funded by the Office of Institutional Research, Assessment, and Analytics at the University of South Carolina. (2021)-Funded

Academic Presentation

- “Education, Contact, and Competing Priorities: Literary Reactions to Public Administrative Reforms in 19th Century Spain”-Presentation at the Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference (MIFLC). To be held virtually. October, 2021
- Presentation proposal “Where Theory Meets Practice: Paulo Freire’s *Pedagogy of the Oppressed* as Primer for Language Learning and Service-Learning” was accepted for the 7th Annual International Academic Forum’s (IAFOR) International Conference on Education for January 2022 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dr. Andrew Pisano:

I'll be presenting my paper "Cuisine de Composition: Experiential Food Writing in the First Year College Composition Classroom" at the Hawaii University International Conference in Honolulu, HI, in January 2022.

Paper, “Narrative Reckoning: Jay Atkinson’s Massacre on the Merrimack and the Critique of Anti-Indian Memorialization,” accepted for presentation at the MELUS Conference, New Orleans, March 2022.

Dr. Emily Schafer:

Publication: Schafer, E. S. (2021). Adverse childhood experiences and risky behaviors in male college students. *Journal of American college health*, 1-9. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07448481.2021.1950731>

I will be presenting at the HUIC ASHE (Hawaii University International Conferences – Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences & Education) in January 2022 on The Long-Term Impact of Trauma-Informed Care Training on Educators

I will be presenting at SEPA (Southeastern Psychological Association) in March 2022 a continuing ed session on The Traumatic and Ongoing Legacy of Slavery and Racism.

Randy Ivey:

Short story, “The Brief, Miserable Existence of Tonya Dobbin” published in THE ADELAIDE LITERARY MAGAZINE. It is a print and digital publication.

Kevin Torres:

Reviewed the 4th edition of Sentieri (Italian Textbook).

Organized a study abroad for May 2022 to Eastern Europe

Organized a talk for a Holocaust survivor to speak to USC Union students and faculty for January 2022

Gale Ashmore:

Funded grant: TalkAbroad curriculum development grant to be implemented Spring of 2022. The TalkAbroad grant is from the TalkAbroad Company and is worth up to \$3,000. It will allow all of my Spanish students to have authentic conversations with native Spanish speakers throughout the spring semester via video chat. TalkAbroad has conversation partners in multiple countries. Students will have the opportunity to select a partner from whichever country they prefer and then schedule a 15 minute conversation with that partner. Spanish 109 students will have three conversations throughout the semester and Spanish 110 and 122 students will have four conversations.

Lee Morris:

Palmetto Undergraduate Research Experience (PURE) grant rewarded to Travis Wendel (advisor Lee G Morris): *Survey of Crayfish Species in Union County, SC: Emphasis on Documenting the Spread of Invasive Crayfish Species (Procambarus clarkii)*, Summer 2021

Palmetto Undergraduate Research Experience (PURE) grant rewarded to Blaine Newton (advisor Lee G Morris):

Analyzing hair and fibers from a commercial tsantsa (shrunken head), Summer 2021

Short presentation of research projects in the Morris lab to the Union County STEM Summer Camp, with Travs Wendel and Blaine Newton – July 13, 2021

USC Union Research Club’s Virtual Lunch and Learn presentation, Blaine Newton and Lee G Morris, *Examination of Cross Hari Sections of a Shrunken Head (Tsantsa)* – October 2021

USC Union Research Club's Fall 2021 Colloquium, Travis Wendel and Lee G Morris, *Watch out for that Tree! A Study of Plant Blindness* – Dec 3, 2021

Contributed photos and editioned the full edition of the Fall 2021 edition of the Midlands Master Naturalist Association's newsletter