

- Gale Ashmore (Instructor of Spanish) was awarded a Center for Teaching Excellence Innovative Pedagogy Grant to support the “TalkAbroad” program in which students have real-time conversations with real Spanish speakers who live in Spanish speaking countries.
- Greta Bailey (Adjunct Instructor of Political Science) was appointed by the South Carolina Superintendent of Education, Molly Spearman, to serve on the South Carolina Advisory Council for Educating Students with Disabilities (ACESD). The Council works closely with the South Carolina Department of Education to ensure the educational needs of children with disabilities are met.
- Dr. Allan Charles (Professor Emeritus, Professor of History) was elected President of the Union County Historical Society, publishing several historical pieces on Union County in their *Union County News* and their *Historical Newsletter*.
- Randy Ivey (Senior Instructor of English) had his poem, “May Day Haiku” accepted for publication in the 2022 SC Bards Anthology, an anthology of South Carolina poets.
- Dr. Andrew Kettler (Assistant Professor of History) is presenting at the upcoming Southern Conference on British Studies and Chairing/Commentating on a panel at the conference. He also recently published a chapter on the Dominican Republic in a textbook called, *The Americas: An Encyclopedia of Culture and Society*, (ABC-Clio). And his book, *The Smell of Slavery: Olfactory Racism and the Atlantic World*, will be released paperback in December 2022.
- Chief Chrissie Latimore, recently had to step away from adjunct teaching of Criminal Justice for us due to having been nominated by President Biden to be the US Marshal for the state of South Carolina. She is currently awaiting Senate confirmation on that posting.
- Dr. Randy Lowell (Campus Dean, Professor of Psychology) has a paper under review: {Tremblay, K.A., Rotar, J.M., Lowell, R., & Binder, K.S. (under review). The effects of vocabulary depth, morphological variation, and repeated exposure on word learning: An examination of incidental vocabulary acquisition through eye-tracking. Submitted on 7/8/22 for consideration in the journal *Reading and Writing*}. Also received a Palmetto Undergraduate Research Experience (PURE) program grant with student Jessica Dawkins, for a total grant amount of \$2,500, for a project entitled “Context Consistency and Vocabulary Acquisition”.
- Dr. Steve Lownes (World Languages) is running through September and October, supported by a PRAGDA Spanish Film Club grant, the third annual Latin American Film Festival. This features a series of films to be viewed in person and via streaming, with accompanying follow-up discussions facilitated by USC Union faculty on each film. He also has an upcoming presentation entitled “Latin America Film for Future Nurses: Teaching Clinical Empathy and Narrative Medicine Awareness to Work with Immigrant Populations” at the 3rd Annual Barcelona International Academic Forum on Arts and Education.
- Courtney Pinnell (Nursing) received a Palmetto Undergraduate Research Experience (PURE) program grant with students Melissa Catrone and Carson Nance, for a total grant amount of \$5,000, for a project entitled “First Semester Nursing Students Anxiety and Stress Levels associated with Clinical Practicums versus High Fidelity Simulation.”
- Dr. Emily Schafer (Instructor Psychology) had a publication: [Schafer, E.S. (2022). Recognizing resilience in children: A review. *Trauma Care*, 2, 469-480. <https://doi.org/10.3390/traumacare2030039>] She also has an oral presentation entitled “Resilience in Children: Theory and Practice,” at The Barcelona Conference on

Copeland, for a total grant amount of \$5,000, for a project entitled “Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Mental Health in Students at Two-Year College Campuses.”

- Kevin Torres (Instructor of World Languages) is presenting “Teaching about the Holocaust through Literature” to at the 2023 Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages in New York City, NY.
- Dr. Andrew Pisano (Associate Professor of English) was selected as a peer-reviewer for the top tier journal *Early American Literature*. His essay "Quaker Spiritual Autobiography" was published in the edited collection *The Quaker World*. Routledge Press.
- Dr. Tekla Johnson (Assistant Professor of African American Studies) successfully completed a year-long Faculty Fellowship at JCSU on the "A Virtual Sense of Place: African American Communities of Charlotte" Grant position. She is Vice-President of Charlotte's Romere Bearden Branch of the Association for the Study of African American History and Life.
- Annie Smith (Director of Marketing and Development) was elected to Union County Council to represent District 4.
- Gene “Doc” Lipsey (Adjunct Instructor) was reelected to represent District 4 on the Union County School Board.