

Molly Hammitt (center), direct support professional, her supervisor, Shawn Smith (right), and Gerry Tracy, executive director.

Hammitt, SESDAC, Inc. Employee of the Month

Molly Hammitt, Direct Support Professional, was selected as the SESDAC, Inc. April, 2012 Employee of the Month. Molly has been a part of the organization since November, 2010.

Molly was nominated for the award by her fellow co-workers, based on her dedication to her job and the people she supports. Co-workers had the

following compliments written in their nominations for Molly: "Molly is such a hard worker and is not afraid to get in there

and get the job done. She is always willing to help staff out with any issues of scheduling. She has such a great attitude and we are lucky to have her."

Molly currently resides in Elk Point while attending USD.

SESDAC, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that assists people with disabilities to live, work, and socialize in their community. SESDAC, Inc. began providing services in 1973 and currently serves 75 people with disabilities and has 140 employees.

College of Arts & Sciences honor faculty with Cutler Awards

Darlene Farabee, Ph.D., of the Department of English, David Swanson, Ph.D., of the Department of Biology, and Barbara Yutrzenka, Ph.D., of the Department of Psychology, are recipients of the 2012 Richard and Sharon Cutler Faculty Awards in Liberal Arts at the University of South Dakota.

The three awards, each carrying a \$4,000 cash prize payable through the University of South Dakota Foundation, are presented annually to faculty who advance liberal arts education through teaching and research over a three-year span.

Farabee, the recipient in the Humanities Division of the College of Arts & Sciences, is an assistant professor with the USD Department of English. She was recognized for outstanding teaching of early modern British literature as well as Shakespeare and drama. Her current book project, "Travel and Perception on the Early Modern Stage," researches the representations of travel and movement in drama by Shakespeare.

Additionally, Farabee conducts workshops on Shakespeare and regularly reviews local Shakespeare productions for the "Shakespeare Bulletin," a peerreviewed publication dedicated to commentary on Shakespeare and Renaissance drama. She earned a Ph.D. in English Literature at the University of Delaware and has been a member of the USD faculty since 2008.

Swanson, professor of biology, received the award for the Mathematics/Natural



FARABEE **SWANSON**

Swanson has a variety of teaching and

research interests, including ecological

physiology, the evolution of physiological

adaptation in animals and ornithology. He

closely studies patterns and mechanisms

tolerance and overwintering strategies in

amphibians, and woodland and wetland

habitat use by migrating and breeding

As a result, Swanson has garnered

Wildlife Service to continue his research.

Oregon State University and has been a

member of the faculty at USD since 1990.

Yutrzenka was recognized in the Social

birds in the Northern Prairie region.

Foundation as well as the U.S. Fish &

He earned a Ph.D. in zoology from

Sciences Division for her exemplary

teaching of psychology and research

undergraduate levels. A professor of

mentorship at the graduate and

grants from the National Science

of seasonal phenotypic flexibility and

adaptation to cold in birds, freezing

Sciences Division.

research interests include professional issues and ethics, particularly ethical dilemmas facing rural providers and variables that facilitate or impede decisions to report ethical violations. Additionally, her research interests include the role of mental health in

psychology, Yutrzenka's

YUTRZENKA

integrated health care and multicultural issues in clinical training. Yutrzenka, director of the Clinical Psychology Program at USD, received her Ph.D. in psychology from the University of North Dakota and has been a member of the psychology faculty at USD since 1984.

The Cutler Awards were endowed in 2003 by Richard and Sharon Cutler of Sioux Falls, S.D. to recognize distinguished faculty in the College of Arts & Sciences. A former member of the board of directors of Senior Companions of Sioux Falls, Sharon Cutler has been active in Sioux Falls community organizations. Richard Cutler earned a B.A. in history and a J.D. at USD, and was awarded an honorary doctorate by USD in 1997. He has been chair of USD Foundation, co-chair of Campaign South Dakota, and chair of the board of trustees of the National Music Museum. He is an attorney with Cutler & Donahoe, LLP, in Sioux Falls.

Gant: Absentee now open for June 5 election

South Dakota Secretary of State Jason Gant is reminds voters that Friday, April 20, marked the start of absentee balloting for the 2012 primary election on June 5.

"South Dakotans have widely embraced absentee voting as a matter of convenience," Gant said. "In the 2010 general election, we had 411 members of the military vote overseas. However, we had an additional 63,339 South Dakota voters cast their ballots through mailed and in-person absentee balloting. This comprised 19.71 percent of all ballots cast in the 2010 general election."

According to primary data from the 2010 primary election, 11,651 or 11.3 percent of voters cast absentee ballots during the last June primary.

"From reports I am receiving from County Auditors across South Dakota, current absentee requests are light, but as we get closer to the election, experience shows us that the pace picks up greatly. Many people decide to cast their vote through absentee balloting as a matter of convenience to avoid lines at the polls," Gant said.

"If a person believes they may not be available to vote on election day, they can vote at their County Auditor's office or visit sdsos.gov to complete an application for an absentee ballot," Gant noted.

Law School's Roger Baron three-time Jackson Award recipient

Roger M. Baron is the 2012 recipient of the John Wesley Jackson Memorial Award for Outstanding Professor of Law at the University of South Dakota School of Law. Baron, nominated by students and colleagues at the Law School, also received the award in 1995 and 2008. The award was announced Saturday, April 14, during the Barristers' Ball, an annual event of the School of Law.

"Professor Baron is an entrepreneur of student experience, and events he has started here are now traditions," Dean Tom Geu said. "He is a marvelous teacher and scholar who cares deeply for students and colleagues on a personal basis. USD Law is a better place because Roger is here."

Baron, who joined the faculty in 1990 and teaches



insurance, expressed gratitude shared his thoughts BARON about

teaching to students and others attending

the ball. "What goes on in the classroom is the number-one priority in my work," he stated, noting that he strives to ensure that every minute of every hour of class is a learning experience.

Baron is active in legal issues of insurance and related matters, especially those of subrogation and reimbursement students. To date, the only other

in connection with personal injury claims. In 2006, he helped a team of lawyers prepare briefs and oral arguments in the case of Sereboff v. Mamsi, which was argued on March 28, 2006, before the Supreme Court of the United States. His various law review articles have been cited and quoted with approval by state supreme courts and appellate courts in dozens of states and Puerto Rico. His articles on subrogation have been cited in written opinions by federal district courts in Nebraska, Illinois and New Jersey.

Baron also continues to operate USDLAW, the electronic list serve allowing the free flow of communication on matters of interest to South Dakota lawyers, judges and law

USD School of Law faculty member to receive the Jackson Award three times is Charles M. Thatcher.

The Jackson Award was established in 1981 through a gift by Horace and Dorothy Jackson of Rapid City in honor of members of the Jackson family. Baron's selection was made by a committee and based on criteria demonstrating excellence in the teaching of law. These include effectiveness in the classroom; efforts to improve legal education in ways that serve the needs of the profession and of South Dakota; research and writing; contributions to the profession through public service; and contributions to the academic environment of the USD School of Law.

THIS WEEK IN S.D. NATIONAL GUARD HISTORY

By CW5 Duke Doering (Ret.)

SDNG Historian

In recognition of the South Dakota National Guard's 150 years of service to the state and nation from 1862-2012, the SDNG will be publishing significant dates in the history of the organization all year long for the media's use in your publications or broadcasts.

For more information on these events, please contact the SDNG Historian, CW5 Duke Doering at (605) 737-6581, or email duke.doering@us.army.mil.

On this date in SDNG history: April 24, 1991

On this date in SDNG history -Maj. Gen. Duane L. "Duke" Corning: Many friends and relatives attended a visitation, prior to the funeral the next day, for General Corning who passed away on April 22, 1991, at the age 74. One of the Air Guard's favorite stories about General Corning was back when he was a young officer in the Air National Guard. On January 18, 1955, Lt. Col. Duke Corning flew a T-33 jet trainer from Faulkton, S.D., to Sioux Falls. Two Air Force pilots had landed the T-33 on a grass runway after they had become disoriented and run low on fuel. Col. George Funston remembered that the plane just needed fuel and was convinced that Corning could get the T-Bird in the air. "We calculated the weight and balance of the airplane and the distance it would need to break ground. We went up to the highway and measured the calculated distance for the airplane break ground and painted a white mark on the road. Corning did an absolutely beautiful job of taking off. We were supposed to dismantle the airplane (according to the Air Force), but there was no reason not to fly it out." Corning said the highway looked much narrower in a cockpit than in a car. They had to take the highway signs down because the wings were over the ditch.

Although the Air Force crew members received royal treatment and free drinks in Faulkton, they did not fly the plane back home and South Dakota did not gain another Air Force Base in Faulkton.

April 25, 1942

On this date in SDNG history - World War II, Darwin, Australia: The Japanese, in a 24 bomber raid, dropped more than 100 bombs in the area near Darwin. As a result, Capt. Thomas J. Rozum from Humboldt, S.D., and Capt. Gerald M. Porter from Flandreau, S.D., were the 147th Field Artillery's first casualties of World War II. Porter was killed instantly and Rozum died the following day. Both were enroute to Darwin in a Jeep. Porter was killed by a bomb fragment wound in the abdomen, and Rozum attempted to take cover behind a heavy main of the water system of Darwin, but by ill chance got on the wrong side of the main and a bomb fragment dealt him the fatal blow. Both Soldiers are buried in

a large American cemetery near Sydney, Australia.

April 26, 1944

On this date in SDNG history - World War II - Cisternia, Italv: "Keeping track of mine fields and locating enemy mine fields is a job that nobody particularly wants and yet has to be done, and it fell to the lot of 109th Engineer Battalion Tech. Sgt. Joe J. Manders of Hot Springs, S.D., to tend to this detail on the Anzio Beachhead. No doubt his studies of this treacherous business contributed in no small measure to the success of the mine lifting operations. Manders

received a Bronze Star for his part. It sounds sort of routine but when one realizes that 75 percent of the casualties were from mines, his work takes on a new significance. They might have been 100 percent greater except for such painstaking and dangerous work." (World War II History Commission)

April 27, 1898

On this date in SDNG history - The 1st South Dakota Infantry Regiment was notified this date that they would be officially mobilized for the Spanish-American War on April 29,

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LELA KRUSE & FAMILY





1898, and would be moved to Sioux Falls for training. The entire regiment was encamped west of Sioux Falls near the present site of Howard Wood field by May 6, 1898. The regiment was mustered into the volunteer army of the United States on May 19, 1898, and served in the Philippines until September 1899.

The First Infantry Regiment was located in the following South Dakota

communities: Company A, Pierre Company B, Sioux Falls Company C, Yankton Company D, Worthing Company E, De Smet Company F, Aberdeen Company G, Huron Company H, Watertown Company I, Custer Company K, Brookings Company L, Spearfish Company M, Rapid City





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