

USD honors Arts & Sciences faculty



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Dudley, the recipient in the Humanities Division of the College of Arts and Sciences, is chair of the USD Department of English. He was recognized for outstanding teaching of American literature and exceptional contributions to graduate education in English. A scholar of African American literature and the literature of the American West, and a nationally esteemed expert on the literary movement of American Naturalism, Dudley's recent accomplishments include chapters or entries in the Oxford Handbook to American Literary Naturalism, the Encyclopedia of Twentieth-Century Fiction, and the Research Guide to American Literature: Realism and Regionalism, 1865-1914. He earned a Ph.D. in English at Tulane University and has taught at USD since 2003.

Nepokroeff received the award for the Mathematics/Natural Sciences Division for her excellent teaching of advanced plant biology classes as well as general biology courses, and for her dedicated mentoring of undergraduate students conducting research in her laboratory. As a specialist in the origin of plant diversity and patterns of distribution in plants, Nepokroeff has been awarded multiple National Science Foundation grants. Her recent publications include articles in the International Journal of Plant Science and the American Journal of Botany. She earned a Ph.D. in botany from the University of Wisconsin and has taught at USD since 2001.

Sternadori was recognized in the Social Sciences Division for her exemplary teaching of journalism and of the study of contemporary media at both introductory and advanced levels. Blending quantitative and qualitative methodologies, her research focuses on how the structure and elements of a news story influence the perceptions of the

audience. Scholarly articles by Sternadori have recently been published in the Journal of Media Psychology, Media Report on Women, and the Journal of Broadcasting and Electronic Media. She received her Ph.D. in journalism from the University of Missouri and has taught at USD since 2008. Sternadori is also the coordinator of the Women's Studies Program at USD.

The three awards, each carrying a \$3,500 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.

The Cutler awards were endowed in 2003 by Richard and Sharon Cutler of Sioux Falls to recognize distinguished faculty in the College of Arts and 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.

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Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	4,522,659
Cash and Bank Deposits	32,226,830
Agents Balances of Uncollected Premiums	231,936,603
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	31,775,157
Other Assets	308,996,967
TOTAL ASSETS	3,522,928,723
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	1,401,843,830
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	324,969,050
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	22,685,501
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	18,270,360
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes	0
Unearned Premiums	400,141,046
All Other Liabilities	162,204,215
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,330,114,002
Special Surplus Funds	23,110,063
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	5,000,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	623,472,070
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	541,232,588
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	1,192,814,721
TOTAL	3,522,928,723

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2010

Direct Premiums Written	369,710
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USD Law School Hooding Ceremony honors graduates

The University of South Dakota will honor graduates from the USD School of Law with a Hooding Ceremony at 5:30 p.m. in Slagle Hall Auditorium on Friday, May 6.

Thomas J. Erickson, vice president, Government and Industry Affairs for Bunge North America and a 1987 graduate of the USD School of Law, will provide the keynote address. Erickson represents the interests of Bunge North America and Bunge Limited in the United States, Canada and Mexico on matters of public policy. Prior to joining Bunge, Erickson served as a commissioner at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), where he was one of five commissioners responsible for overseeing the U.S. futures and option markets.

A member of the State Bar of South Dakota and of the District of Columbia Bar, Erickson was nominated CFTC Commissioner by President Bill Clinton in February 1999 and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to a four-year term.

A native of Sioux Falls, Erickson received a B.A. in government and international affairs from Augustana College and a J.D. from the USD School of Law. Following law school, Erickson served as legislative assistant to U.S. Sen. Thomas A. Daschle, D-S.D. Prior to joining the CFTC, Erickson was assistant to the president/legal counsel at the National Grain Trade Council (NGTC). As legal counsel to the NGTC, he represented the grain trade and futures markets on matters of agricultural policy, futures trading, international trade, grain quality and tax issues.

Following the School of Law Hooding Ceremony, a reception for the law class of 2011 will be at the Muenster University Center Ballroom.

SDPB Radio dominates Payton Hand 2011 Murrow Awards benefit set for May 19

South Dakota Public Broadcasting Radio's staff has earned nine of 12 regional 2011 Edward R. Murrow awards for reporting, including the coveted "Overall Excellence" award. The awards, presented by the Radio Television Digital News Association, are among the most prestigious journalism honors in the country.

"This reflects the outstanding journalism we bring to the people of South Dakota every day," said Joe Tlustos, SDPB director of radio. "Our news producers are devoted to fairness, accuracy and quality."

The awards are named after one of America's greatest journalists, Edward R. Murrow, who rose to worldwide prominence for his courageous reporting during WW II. SDPB Radio earned the awards in the "Radio, Small Market" category in competition with public and commercial radio stations in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North

Dakota and South Dakota. The awards include:

- Overall Excellence
- Continuing Coverage: 2010 Flooding – Jenifer Jones and Jackelyn Severin.
- Feature Reporting: Black Hills Lion Capture – Charles Michael Ray
- Reporting, Hard News: Cheyenne River Blizzard Recovery – Charles Michael Ray
- Investigative Reporting: Red Flag Landslide – Charles Michael Ray
- News Series: Reservation Suicide Epidemic – Jim Kent
- Sports Reporting: Women's Football Clinic – Gary Ellenbolt
- Use of Sound: Jewel (Cave) Past 150 – Charles Michael Ray
- Writing: Novel Writers – Vicky Wicks

To listen to the stories, go to www.rtdna.org, click on "2011 Winners!" at the top left, click on Region 4, go to "Radio, Small Market," and follow the links for each winning story.

A supper, silent auction and bake sale to benefit Payton Hand and her family will be held Thursday, May 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Elk Point.

Pork sandwiches, chips, baked beans and beverages will be served. Cost is \$5 per plate. Payton, 10-year-old daughter of Doug and Tammy Wohler of Elk Point, was diagnosed with Philadelphia Chromosome Positive Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia on Feb. 10.

Payton has two brothers – Austin, 8 years old, and Chance, 6 years old. Her grandparents are Doug and Tammy Wohler of Vermillion, Wes and Dawn Coffee of rural Elk Point and Scott and Cindy Koeppel of South Sioux City, NE. Payton is a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and had been attending fourth grade at Jolley Elementary School in Vermillion.

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FOR THE RECORD

Cases Disposed 4/15-21/11

Judge Tami Bern presiding

Aloung Hakim Aloung, 824 S. Menlo Ave., Sioux Falls; Driving under influence-2nd offense, recharged; Driving with revoked (not suspended) license, recharged; Driving under influence-2nd offense, \$500.00 plus costs; Driving with revoked (not suspended) license, dismissed; Twenty days county jail is suspended based on the conditions of the court

Ethan A. Turner, 1101 W. 22nd Street, Sioux Falls; Reckless driving*, \$350.00 plus costs; Possession of alcohol by minor*, \$54.00 plus costs; *This offense may have been previously reported as having been disposed

Gaige Barry, 601 Linn, Yankton; Driving under influence-1st offense, \$350.00 plus costs; Possess two ounces of marijuana or less, dismissed; Use or possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed; Speeding other roadways, dismissed; No drivers license, \$54.00 plus costs; Five days county jail is suspended based on the conditions of the court

Elisha Marie Shangreaux, 904 Tom Street, Vermillion; Driving under influence-1st offense*, \$350.00 plus costs; *This offense may have been previously reported as having been disposed

Ethan Manning, 25 Cottage Place, Vermillion; Simple assault, \$300.00 plus costs; Thirty days jail is suspended based on the conditions of the court

Christopher Brian Rose, 415 Linn Street, Yankton; Reckless driving*, \$350.00 plus costs; Open alcoholic beverage container accessible in vehicle*, \$54.00 plus costs; Driving with suspended (not revoked) license*, dismissed; *This offense may have been

previously reported as having been disposed

Jay David Jeremiason, 31476 S.D. Hwy. 19, Vermillion; Driving under influence-1st offense, \$350.00 plus costs; Five days county jail is suspended based on the conditions of the court

Derek Cummings, 222 N. University, Vermillion; Reckless driving*, \$350.00 plus costs; Driving with revoked (not suspended) license*, \$300.00 plus costs; *This offense may have been previously reported as having been disposed

Adam Seth Uehling, 2205 N. Eastwood, Norfolk, Neb.; Having an altered or invalid license in possession, \$300.00 plus costs; Driving with suspended (not revoked) license, dismissed; Seat belt violation, dismissed

Kyle Entringer, 47088 230th St., Colman, S.D.; Driving under influence-1st offense, \$350.00 plus costs

Riordan Eugene Rich, 220 Sycamore #45, Vermillion; Possess two ounces of marijuana or less, dismissed; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage, \$371.00 plus costs; Use or possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed

Ryan J. Gilbertson, 416 East Cedar Street #101, Vermillion; Driving under influence-1st offense, recharged; Driving under influence-1st offense, \$350.00 plus costs

Charles S. Gresser, 800 N. Plum #314, Vermillion; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage, recharged; Possess two ounces of marijuana or less, recharged; Use or possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage, \$371.00 plus costs; Possess two ounces of marijuana or less, dismissed

Magan Ann Wetham, 16 W. Main Street #201, Vermillion; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage, \$371.00 plus costs

Brittany Ann Rederick, 507 Jefferson Street #6, Vermillion; Simple assault, recharged; Simple assault, dismissal-reduction; Disorderly conduct, \$100.00 plus costs; Fourteen days county jail is suspended based on the conditions of the court

Brendan M. Smith, 802 N. Plum Street, Vermillion; Possess two ounces of marijuana or less, recharged; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage, recharged; Use or possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed; Possess two ounces of marijuana or less, dismissed; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage, \$371.00 plus costs

Marissa Kaye Marczewski, 629 12th Street, Sac City, Iowa; Driving under influence-1st offense, \$350.00 plus costs; Five days county jail is suspended based on the conditions of the court

Dakota Michael Wheeler, 800 N. Plum Street #224, Vermillion; Driving under influence-1st offense, recharged; Possess two ounces of marijuana or less, recharged; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage, recharged; Use or possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed; Carry handgun without permit, recharged; Driving under influence-1st offense, \$350.00 plus costs; Possess two ounces of marijuana or less, dismissed; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage, dismissed; Carry handgun without permit, dismissed

Brett Claire Chase, 703 Lower Street, Newcastle, Neb.; Reckless driving, \$350.00 plus costs

Cain Knutson, 31275 463rd Ave., Vermillion; Having an altered or invalid license in possession, \$300.00 plus costs

Daniel Devaney, 4439 Shenandoah Trail, Sioux Falls; Aiding and abetting entering or refusing to leave, \$275.00 plus costs; Thirty days county jail is suspended based on the conditions of the court

Brett J. Nielsen, 8 Prairie Drive, Vermillion; Driving under influence-1st offense, \$350.00 plus costs; Open alcoholic beverage container accessible in vehicle, dismissed

Michael J. Phillips, 3092 Cottonwood Dr., Waukee, Iowa; Under twenty-one driver, \$54.00 plus costs; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage, \$416.00 plus costs; Possess two ounces of marijuana or less, dismissed; Use or possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs

Alexandra S. Voeltz, 725 East Clark, Vermillion; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs

Andra H. Leonard, 725 Clark, Vermillion; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs

Chaltu B. Ayano, 813 S. Highland Ave., Sioux Falls; Fail to maintain financial responsibility, dismissed

Christopher D. Mart, 623 Sharpe St., Vermillion; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs

Emily Irene Struck, 725 E. Clark Street, Vermillion; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs

Rachael Anne Weber, 725 E. Clark St., Vermillion; Possession

of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs

Alex Michael Nurnberg, 700 E. Cherry Mickelson #301, Vermillion; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs

Cases Disposed 4/22-28/11

Jesse M. Hofland, 107 Prospect Street, Vermillion; Petty theft 2nd degree-\$400 or less, \$69.00 plus costs

Carl Collision, 2303 Burleigh Street, Yankton; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Eric Larson, 45432 Jetley Park, Meckling; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Walker Quinn Willman, 303 S. 3rd Street, Beresford; Set belt violation, \$25.00

Brenda Tigert, 2711 Falcon Ct., Vermillion; County speeding, \$39.00 plus costs

Tuan Quoc Nguyen, 833 E. Duke Street #14, Vermillion; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Ryker Tieszen, 421 Cottage Avenue, Vermillion; Speeding other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

Michelle D. Jensen, 212 E. 34th Street, South Sioux City, Iowa; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Wade B. Johnson, 29501 473rd Avenue, Beresford; Expired annual inspection, \$104.00 plus costs

Michael John Millage, 31247 Greenfield Road, Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25.00

Melissa Budihis, 308 W. 6th St., Yankton; Open container, \$54.00 plus costs

Cassie Harrison, 110 Sandalwood Ave., Yankton; No drivers license, \$54.00 plus costs

Justin Scheetz, 2607 E. Hwy. 50, Yankton; No drivers license, \$54.00 plus costs

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road conditions, \$54.00 plus costs

Mark Brown, 504 Crawford Court, Vermillion; Fail to maintain financial responsibility, dismissed; No S.D. registration in possession of S.D. carrier, \$64.00 plus costs; No drivers license, \$54.00 plus costs

Anthony P. Leber, 31366 Hillcrest Pl., Vermillion; County speeding, \$39.00 plus costs

Kyle Stene, 46921 S.D. Hwy. 46, Beresford; Failure to make proper stop at stop intersection, \$54.00 plus costs

Ashley Allen, 116 E. National, Vermillion; Open container, \$54.00 plus costs

Michael J. Hessman, 107 Iowa St., Wakonda; County speeding, \$50.00 plus costs

Garrett Schnathorst, 6105 S. 156 Ave., Omaha, Neb.; Renewal registration during assigned month, \$54.00 plus costs

Cases Disposed 4/22-28/11

Judge Tami Bern presiding

Jose Manuel Cancino-Cisneros, 1740 Nash Street, Sioux City, Iowa; Possess two ounces of marijuana or less, recharged; Impersonation to deceive law enforcement officer, recharged; Possession of alcohol by minor, recharged; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage, dismissed; Display another's nondriver identification, \$300.00 plus costs; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$54.00 plus costs; Possess two ounces of marijuana or less, dismissed; Impersonation to deceive law enforcement officer, dismissed; Five days county jail is suspended based on the following conditions – Repaying this county for all court-appointed attorney fees