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# College of Arts and Letters

May 2024

## News

### ISU Graduate Students Establish Neurodivergent Social Support Group for Adults in Pocatello

“We’re creating a space where people can share their interests and feel comfortable relating to others who share some of their life experiences.”





## Commitment to Community Health in Idaho: Ride United

Since the beginning, Ride United has offered over 7,000 miles of free rides, helped community members access life-saving care, and prevented over \$200,000 in medical debt among uninsured individuals.

[Ride United](#)



## Virtual Visit from Spanish Actress Enriches Literature Class

On April 22, students of the Introduction to Hispanic Literature class had a unique opportunity to engage with Spanish actress Carolina Calema in a virtual session.

[Carolina Calema Visit](#)



## Legacy Endowment in Honor of Beloved Founding Dean of the College of Arts and Letters

Idaho State University proudly announces the establishment of the Kandi Turley-Ames Endowment Fund, a new scholarship designed to provide crucial support to students within the College of Arts and Letters.

[Turley-Ames Endowment](#)

## Legacy Endowment in Honor of Esteemed ISU Choir Director, Dr. Scott Anderson

Idaho State University is proud to announce the establishment of the Scott Anderson Legacy Endowment, a



establishment of the Scott Anderson Legacy Endowment, a fund dedicated to supporting students pursuing studies in music at ISU, that celebrates and honors Dr. Scott Anderson's remarkable 30-year career at ISU.

Anderson Endowment



## Making the World a Better Place

Joseph Chacon has a goal to make the world a better place. To get started, he graduated with a master's degree in public health and two graduate certificates, in rural health and medical anthropology, from Idaho State University on May 4 in Pocatello.

Chacon

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# Faculty

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## Kellee Kirkpatrick Appointed as AP Chief Reader

ISU's Associate Professor of Political Science, Kellee Kirkpatrick, Phd, has been appointed to the esteemed position of Advanced Placement Chief Reader.

AP Chief Reader

## Alan Johnson Named a Sterling Fellow

Congratulations to Alan Johnson on being named a Sterling Fellow by the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association





(RMMLA). This prestigious honor is awarded annually to a member who has significantly contributed to the organization. Alan will be delivering a keynote talk at the 2024 RMMLA convention in Las Vegas.

**Congratulations to the following Office for Research  
Internal *Grant Recipients***



**Lawrence Behmer, Psychology**  
Study on Rhythmic Synchronization and its  
Impact on Brain Performance, Stress, and  
Communication



**Zackary Heern, History**  
Islam in the Writings of Bahā 'u 'llāh



**Steven Lawyer, Psychology**  
A Novel Online Platform Measure of  
Commodity-Specific Delay Discounting



**Sarah Emert, Psychology**  
Minimal Intervention Necessary for  
Change - A Pilot Randomized Clinical  
Trial of Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy

## Invitation to Apply for Cultural Events Committee Funding

The Cultural Events Committee (CEC) invites all ISU faculty to apply for mini or large grants to support events that enhance the university community. Proposals are due by 5 PM on September 13, 2024.

[CEC Application Details](#)

## Student Achievements

### Student Publication in American Psychologist

Recent graduate, Dr. Elizabeth Penix's dissertation-based manuscript was accepted for publication in the *American Psychologist*, the flagship journal for the American Psychological Association. Co-authors include Ailun Li, Jacob Bingham, and Gabe Hapke and Professor Dr. Joshua Swift.

[The paper, \*No client left behind: A meta-analysis of premature termination from psychotherapy in U.S. service members and veterans\*](#) presents a systematic review and meta-analysis of psychotherapy dropout in military Service Members and Veterans.

Penix says, "Ultimately, we hope that these findings serve as a guide for clinicians and researchers serving our service members and veterans. Better understanding how frequently dropout occurs in specific populations and identifying predictors of dropout risk can help prepare clinicians, researchers, and policymakers to provide additional resources that support those who are particularly at-risk from dropping out."

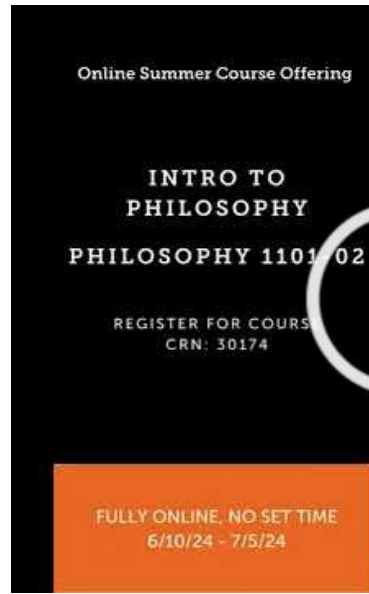


Congratulations to ISU Global Studies graduate, Ailie Maclean, on being accepted into the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University in New York with a full merit scholarship, and for being selected for the Haub Scholars Program, a scholarship and mentorship program for students pursuing careers in environmental law.

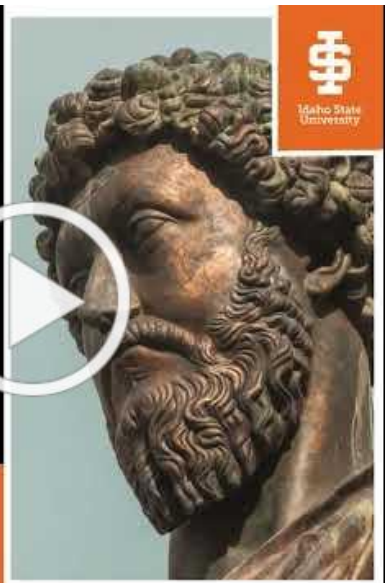
Congratulations to Jaclyn Sedlacek, Ph.D. recipient, and Luke Fredette, M.A. recipient, on winning the Department of English and Philosophy's annual [Graduate Student Teaching Awards](#), recognizing their outstanding contributions to teaching excellence at ISU.



In the College of Arts and Letters we engage in research and experiential learning that impacts our students and the communities around us.



Register for your online summer courses in the arts and humanities and social and behavioral sciences. Many of them satisfy general education requirements.



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## Events

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**The Wizard of Oz**

**Theatre Scholarship Soirée**  
*A dinner fundraiser to support ISU theatre students*

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Farm Bureau INSURANCE

Rotunda, Stephens Performing Arts Center  
6 p.m. Dinner | 7:30 p.m. Show  
\$100/plate | \$1000/table

The Department of Theatre and Dance is partnering with Farm Bureau Insurance to host a dinner to raise funds for theatre student scholarships. Join us for the final performance of "The Wizard of Oz." Characters from the show will make an appearance and guests will have the unique opportunity to enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour. For inquiries contact Tabitha LaForce at (208) 282-1404, [tabithalaforce@isu.edu](mailto:tabithalaforce@isu.edu).

## All-American Festival Concert Student Scholarship Fundraiser



Stephen's Performing Arts Center

July 6 | 5:30 p.m. Entertainment/Food | 7 p.m. Concert

Tickets: \$25

Join us for an evening of performances celebrating American composers and music forms and help support the future of the ISU music program by raising funds for student scholarships.

Contact Dr. Thomas Kloss at (208) 282-4626, [thomaskloss@isu.edu](mailto:thomaskloss@isu.edu) for information.

## Neurodivergent Social Support Group

The Neurodivergent Social Support Group is open to all adults in the Pocatello and ISU community. Please come if you'd like to join other Neurodiverse (ADHD, ASD, etc) for a Neurodiverse Support Group. Sponsored by the ISU Collaboration for Autism Research Education and Support Lab. Email [joulesemerson@isu.edu](mailto:joulesemerson@isu.edu) or [juliaduran@isu.edu](mailto:juliaduran@isu.edu) for more information or to join the Discord chat group.

### Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, June 3, 2024, 6-8 PM

Monday, July 1, 2024, 6-8 PM

Monday, August 5, 2024, 6-8 PM

Location: Garrison Hall, room 501 on the ISU Pocatello Campus

Address: 1400 East Terry, Pocatello

## More Events

# Micro Events

[ISU Calendar](#)

[Performing Arts Calendar](#)

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**Contact us. We'd love to hear from you!**

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