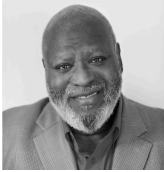


Cornerstone

Transformational Scholarship at Azusa Pacific University

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Faculty Spotlight

Kimasi L. Browne, PhD
Director of Ethnomusicology & Research
APU College of Music and the Arts

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Kimasi L. Browne and Jean N. Kidula (eds). *Resiliency and Distinction: Beliefs, Endurance, and Creativity*. Richmond, CA: Music Research Institute Press, 2013. 484 pp. \$34.95, ISBN 9781933459066.



Student Spotlight

Danielle Briscoe
Undergraduate
APU School of Nursing
Recipient of APU Undergraduate Travel Award

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My experiences at the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Research Conference in Prague...
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Calendar and Events

Forthcoming workshops, events, and scholarly ephemera sponsored by the APU Office of Research & Grants (ORG).

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Trivium

Excerpts from Dr. Steve's *Almanac of Christian Trivia*



Prospect with Pivot

A Powerful Search Engine for Grants

Prospecting for funding opportunities and collaborators? The APU Office of Research & Grants recently acquired Pivot, a product of ProQuest Community of Science (COS). We invite faculty, staff, and student-faculty mentor dyads to experience this intuitive and easily implemented online tool. Pivot combines a funding warehouse of over 25,000 opportunities with a database of over 3 million researcher profiles. The system provides tools to save searches, explore possibilities for collaboration, share opportunities with colleagues, and subscribe to email alerts when records are added or changed.

Pivot uses an algorithm that generates scholar profiles from faculty pages the world over. Profiles from our university are matched with current funding opportunities in the COS funding warehouse. You can instantly find scholars with matching research interests—whether at APU or other universities. Pivot also facilitates searches for individual scholars with aligned funding opportunities based on expertise.

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Pivot At-A-Glance

- Provides access to the most comprehensive warehouse of federal and private extramural grant funding opportunities
- Identifies relevant scholarly expertise at home and abroad
- Helps establish research teams and connectivity
- Enables users to create timelines leading to grant submission deadlines
- Provides weekly updates on saved searches
- Builds strong network connections for future opportunities

Student Spotlight

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...were incredible. It was my first time presenting and attending an international nursing congress and I was unaware that it would be so impactful. It was a weeklong conference and I was honestly expecting to be bored with listening to presentations about research after the second day. To my surprise I enjoyed every day of the conference and came to the realization that I am really interested in nursing research.

I plan on doing rural nursing in developing countries in Africa and was surprised at how many sessions were about evidence-based practices in developing countries where there are little or no resources. I was able to network with many nurses who have the same passion of bringing standardized, quality care to the poorest of the poor in developing countries, making many valuable personal and professional connections during the conference.

Presenting at the conference was also a great honor. I did not know how sought-after our research would be. It was very encouraging to have so many seasoned nurses and nurse educators praise our research and our presentation, and ask for copies. Presenting at such a prestigious level also helped develop my public speaking skills. I am so grateful to Azusa Pacific University for providing me with an outstanding education and encouraging me to pursue research and further my education at this conference.



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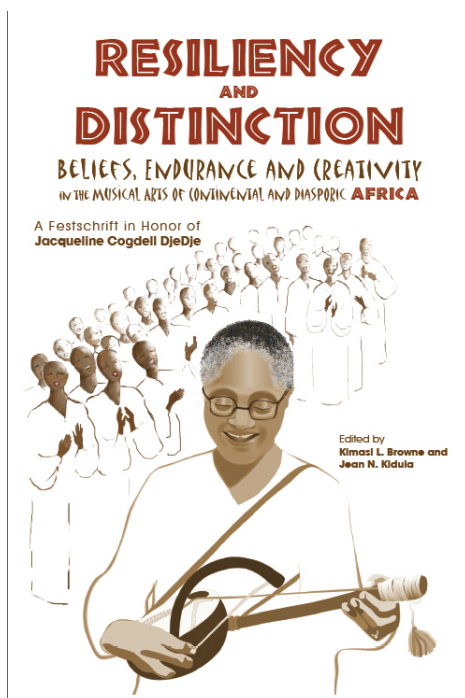
Finding the right funding and collaborative match is critical to helping put your best foot forward with a grant proposal. Pivot is designed to help investigators and applicants achieve this goal. The program allows you to refine queries, perform pinpoint searches using filters, and manage potentially attractive opportunities. Pivot searches are accurate, fast, and focused.

Community of Science is renowned in the academic community for its coverage and inclusion of funding from a wide variety of sources. Perhaps even better, COS is a portal to the global research community. The tool may open unexpected doors through discovery of colleagues with similar interests in Europe, Latin America, Africa, and the Far East. Pivot integrates funding opportunities with scholar universe through intelligent mapping features that expedite discovery, collaboration, and dissemination. With the adoption of Pivot, APU joins an esteemed list of subscribing institutions, including the University of California system.

You can read more about COS Pivot services and access training resources, including written instructions, videos and training webinars at <http://pivot.cos.com/support>. It's a snap to register and create your own profile. Should you need help, we invite you to contact the Office of Research and Grants for a consultation. Thanks to the Office of the Vice Provost for Research & Graduate Programs for Pivot. (MCM)



Calendar & Events



Faculty Spotlight

Resiliency & Distinction (MRI, 2013) is a festschrift edited by Drs. Kimasi Browne (APU) and Jean Kidula (University of Georgia) honoring ethnomusicologist Dr. Jacqueline Cogdell DjeDje upon her retirement from the Herb Alpert School of Music at UCLA. Over the decades, Dr. DjeDje's research considered developmental pathways in continental and diasporic African music. She is perhaps best known for her award-winning monograph *Fiddling in West Africa* (Indiana University Press, 2008). Dr. DjeDje also wrote extensively about gospel hymns and spirituals in African American experience.

Resiliency & Distinction is a compendium of scholarship by authors mentored or inspired by Dr. DjeDje. Contributions honor the remarkable vitality of African worship music, with essays marking the role of choral competitions in diasporic Ghanaian Methodists and contextual spaces at Faithful Central Bible Church of Inglewood. Other contributions consider ethnomusicological issues in the Caribbean and continental Africa. *Resiliency & Distinction* is the culmination of a dream forged in the context of prayer between Drs. Browne and Kidula. The work is endowed with substantive fruit; celebrating a premier scholar through inquiry worthy of her legacy. (KSR)

Festschrift (n.)

A collection of writings published in honor of a scholar. From German, *fest* (celebration) + *schrift* (writing).



Workshops

Compliance Training: Responsible Conduct of Research

2/10/14 (2:30 – 4 PM) Authorship and Plagiarism – Friends Conference Room, Duke 216

3/6/14 (1:30 – 3 PM) Collaborative Research and Mentoring – Duke 603

4/10/14 (2:30 – 4 PM) Data Management and Peer Review – VIP Room

The Prescient Scholar: A Research & Grants Colloquium Series

2/17/14 (1 – 2 PM) Grant Proposal Development I – Duke 603

3/24/14 (1 – 2 PM) Grant Proposal Development II – Duke 603

3/26/14 (2 – 3 PM) Research with Archival Data – Hispanic Conference Room, Duke 218

4/14/14 (1 – 2:30 PM) Grant Budgeting I – Duke 603

4/23/14 (1 – 2:30 PM) Grant Budgeting II – Duke 603

Events

Common Day of Learning 3/4/14**Sabbatical Lunches (12:00 – 1:00 PM) - LAPC**

1/22/14 *Timothy Finlay*

2/6/14 *Robert Mullins*

2/18/14 *Sarah Adams* (Research Luncheon)

3/12/14 *Mark Arvidson*

3/25/14 *Ed Mazza*

4/9/14 *Adrien Lowery*

4/15/14 *Constance Brehm*

Compliance Partners

IRB

2/5/14 Application deadline for February meeting

3/5/14 Application deadline for March meeting

4/2/14 Application deadline April meeting

Consultations

Dr. John Trent (contact ORG for appointment)

2/27/14 – 2/28/14

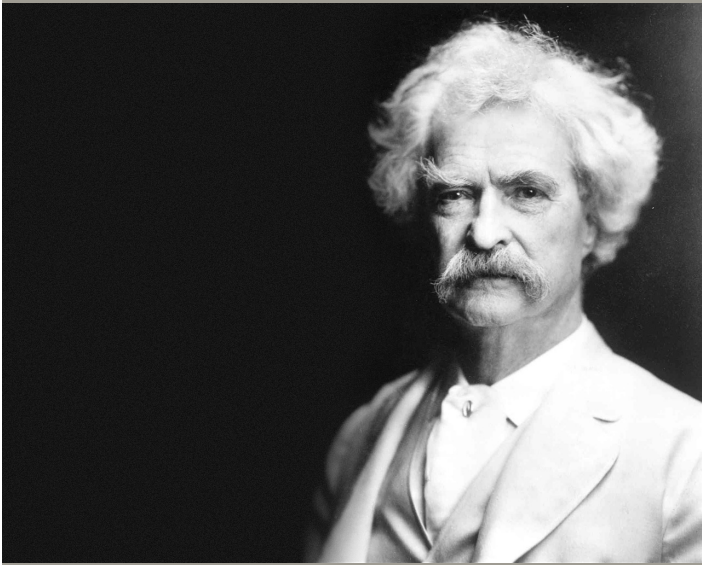
4/3/14 – 4/4/14

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Trivium

The quest for a newsletter title led to a homegrown, “must read” APU scholar—essential reading for up-to-date information on almost any topic. *The Almanac of Christian Trivia* (InterVarsity, 2007) is authored by our own Dr. Steve Wilkens (Department of Theology & Philosophy). While the *Almanac* did not provide a final newsletter title, we were greatly amused with Steve’s razor wit. We think you might be too.

*If a group really wants to show some academic muscle, they get a jump-start by using Latin. One motto just screaming to be adopted by some institution is “I see, I hear, I learn,” or rendered in the more sophisticated Latin, **Video, Audio, Disco...***



It is better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to open one’s mouth and remove all doubt.

~Mark Twain

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