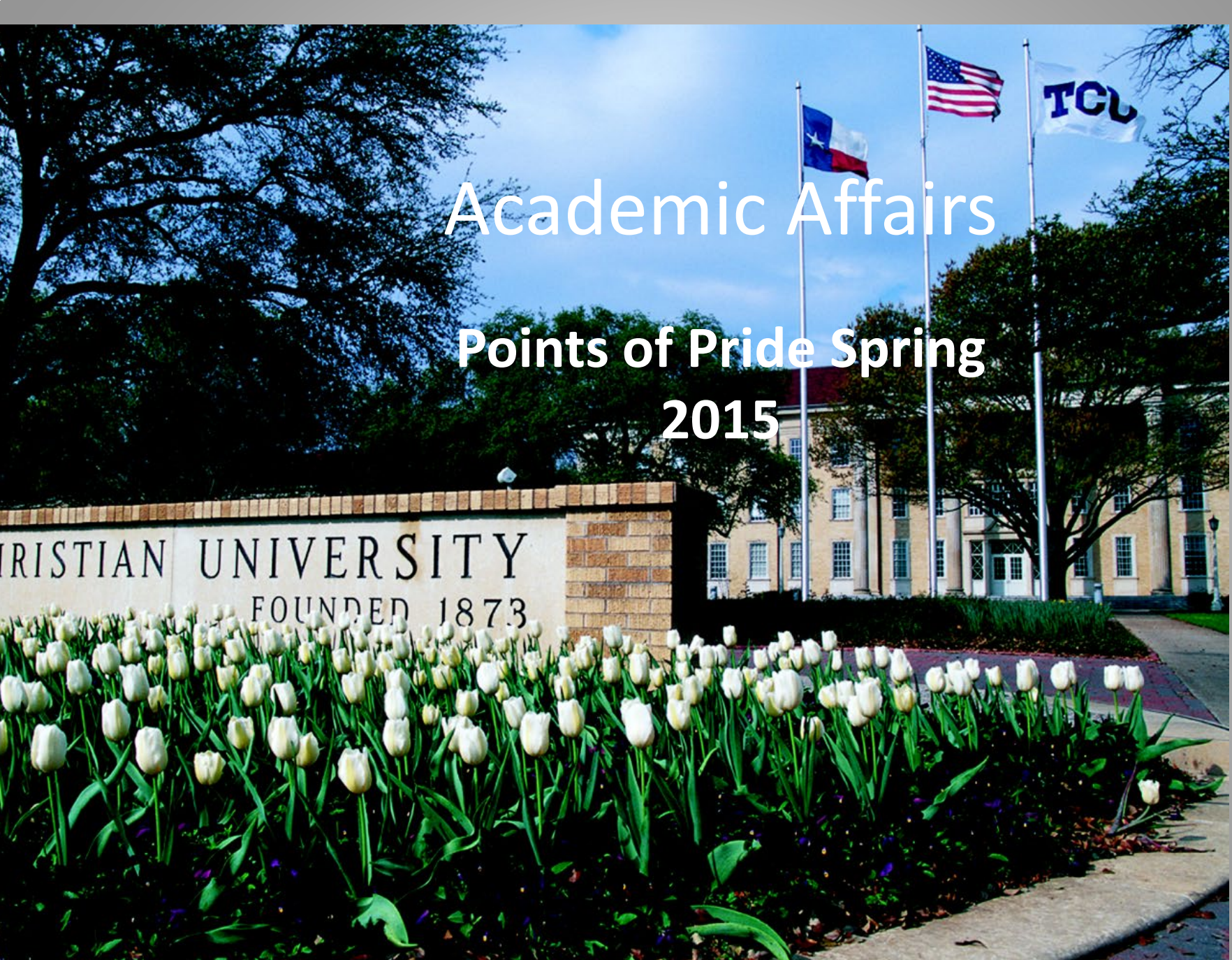


# Academic Affairs

## Points of Pride Spring 2015

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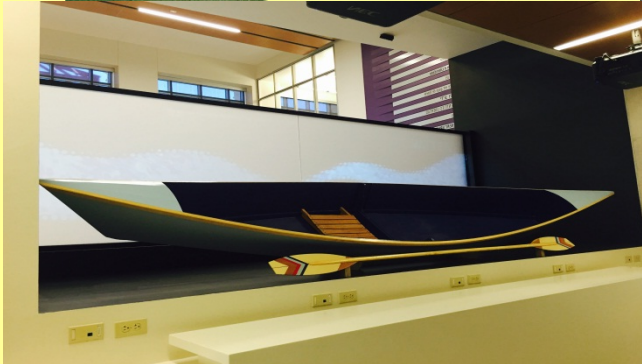


# ADDRAN

## College of Liberal Arts

### Mission:

To Advance Life Long Learning and  
Discovery



- **English:** David Colón's latest work, [\*Between Day and Night: New and Selected Poems 1946-2010\*](#), Miguel González-Gerth, has been named an "[Outstanding Title](#)" by the 2014 edition of *University Press Books for Publics and Secondary School Libraries*.
- Ed McNertney, **Economics**, won Outstanding Educator Award , Southwestern Society of Economists lifetime achievement prize. The award also recognizes decades of organizational leadership: as SSE President, Program Chair, Executive Committee member and Editor of the *Southwestern Economic Review*.
- **Cross Discipline Student Trip:** While hundreds of college students will flock to the beaches of Panama City, Florida, this spring break, 18 TCU students are heading to the other Panama City — in Central America. As part of the [TCU Global Academy](#), these students will spend the week working with four non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to address real-life global challenges in the areas of sustainability, urban planning, women's health and education.  
  
Each of the students was selected based on a rigorous application process and assigned to one of four NGO teams — [CATHALAC](#), [MUCEC](#), [Voces Vitales](#) and [Wetlands International](#).
- **Political Science:** Vanessa Bouché, assistant professor of political science, in partnership with [THORN: Digital Defenders of Children](#), a non-profit organization dedicated to driving technology innovation to fight child sexual exploitation, recently released a significant report. Based on a yearlong study, the document reveals the ways in which traffickers leverage various technology platforms to recruit, groom and sell domestic minor sex trafficking victims.
- **Modern Language Studies:** The 2015 Tournées French Film Festival will be held at TCU, Jan. 27-March 3, thanks to a professor in its Dept. of Modern Languages Studies. Joshua Blaylock applied for and received a three-year grant from the French-American Cultural Exchange. The festival is sponsored by the Face Foundation and by the Cultural Service at the French Consulate in Houston. The screening is included in the official calendar of the French Cultures Festival 2015.

# -- College of Education --

Mission: To Develop effective, ethical educators with a passion for learning

- The **Early Childhood Education** program received the award for Best Practices in Support of Multicultural Education and Diversity from the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in February 2015.
- Drs. Jan Lacina and Robin Griffith have been selected to serve as editors for the International Literacy Association journal, *The Reading Teacher*.
- Dr. Cecilia Silva, professor of education, was awarded the TCU Dean's Teaching Award for outstanding teaching and mentorship during December commencement.
- The **TCU Andrews Institute of Mathematics and Science Education** received a \$257,437 grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to continue a professional development program for 32 middle and high school biology teachers.
- North Texas' top spellers will compete in the TCU College of Education Regional Spelling Bee in March. The winner will go on to represent North Texas in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.



# Schieffer


## College of Communication



### Mission:


To educate students to think, act and communicate effectively, ethically, critically and creatively in a global environment enriching their personal and professional lives


- **Communication Studies:** Last week, our nationally competitive forensics program placed highly in the Pi Kappa Delta National Championship tournament: Donald Griffin won first place (the national champion) in impromptu speaking, four other TCU students placed in various events and the team was ranked excellent in both individual events sweepstakes AND in combined debate/individual event sweepstakes.
- **Communication Studies** will host Wiley College debate (e.g., the Denzel Washington movie) for the 80th anniversary of the FIRST INTERRACIAL DEBATE held on a major University campus (held here at TCU in 1935).
- **Communication Studies** faculty rank among the top 5 programs in the U.S. In both research productivity and research quality (according to criteria developed by the National Communication Association). All of the other ranked programs are generally large, PhD granting programs.
- Ten **Film TV & Digital Media (FTDM)** undergraduates (majors and minors) presented research findings of their own, alongside professors and graduate students from across the nation and abroad, at the recent Analyzing the 1950s: Media, Politics, Culture Conference, which occurred on the TCU campus.
- **FTDM** associate professor Joel Timmer has been appointed editor of the *Texas Entertainment and Sports Law Journal*.
- **FTDM** professor Kylo-Patrick Hart has been appointed the founding co-editor of Intellect Ltd.'s new academic journal *Queer Studies in Media & Popular Culture*.




**TCU Debate Team  
VS.  
The Great Debaters  
of Wiley College**

*A debate  
80 years  
in the  
making...*








**Wednesday, March 18, 2015  
7:00 p.m.  
Mary Counts Burnett Library  
Reading Room**



An 80th anniversary commemoration of the first interracial debate on a U.S. college campus: TCU vs. Wiley, 1935. Debate is free and open to the public.





# Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences

- **Susan Weeks is the new dean of Harris College**

Weeks has served as acting dean since January 2014, in addition to her roles as associate dean for nursing and health innovation and director of the [TCU Center for Evidence Based Practice and Research: A Collaborating Center of the Joanna Briggs Institute](#).

- **Nursing:** Six UG nursing students were accepted and participated in the United Nations Shots for Life program focused on global immunization
- TCU nursing students with faculty support provided over 2800 flu vaccinations to the TCU community
- MSN alumnus Les Rodriguez, has just completed his year of service as President of the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists.
- **Social Work:** Graduating first class of MSW students in May 2015.
- Dr. Nada Elias-Lambert, along with a colleague from UTA, began a bystander-focused sexual violence prevention campus-wide initiative at TCU.
- Dr. James Petrovich was selected as Social Worker of the Year for the National Association of Social Workers Fort Worth Branch.
- **Kinesiology:** 100% pass rate in athletic training certification exam over the past three years.
- Consistent placement of students in physical therapy programs.
- **Davies School:** This was another record year for applications to our **Speech Language Pathology** graduate program. 290 students from over 36 different states applied for 20 slots.
- **Miller Speech and Hearing Clinic (MSHC)** provided discounted hearing services to children in collaboration with Early Childhood Intervention of North Texas (MHMR of Tarrant County), and continued to offer discounted services to TCU Faculty & Staff. MSHC again provided in excess of 2500 hours of speech, language, and hearing services to over 300 families..
- MSHC initiated hearing aid services to further provide opportunities for our students to be exposed to hearing impaired populations. In meeting this goal, we are also providing a valuable benefit to TCU retirees, faculty, and staff.

## Mission:

The mission of Harris College is to enhance the human condition by preparing graduates who think and practice as ethical leaders, and by advancing knowledge of health and human development within the global community. Faculty fulfill this mission by offering a dynamic curriculum that is responsive to the local and global communities. Students are prepared for a variety of professional roles, including clinical and generalist practice, teaching, or further study in graduate programs. Faculty provide exemplary education in the context of the highest standards, preparing students to enter careers that will benefit society.



# College of FINE ARTS

Mission: To provide students with a superior arts education, nurture ethical and responsible leadership, foster excellence in creative discovery and research, and contribute to the cultural enrichment of a global society



- School of Music student pianist Daria Kiseleva won the First Prize of the BNDES International Piano Competition in Rio Janeiro. This is the Brazilian equivalent to the Cliburn Competition. She will have the opportunity give numerous concerto and solo concerts in the coming years.
- School of Music students Neil Hoang in percussion and Peng Wang in string bass were selected as semi-finalists in the YOUNG TEXAS ARTISTS MUSIC COMPETITION.
- The School of Classical & Contemporary Dance has established a new semester abroad program in dance at University of Roehampton in London, rated the top dance program in the UK
- The Theatre Department had a successful New York City Senior Showcase over spring break. In a rented off-Broadway Theatre they performed for talent agents and casting directors from New York City and elsewhere on the East Coast. Our 14 seniors garnered 16 immediate callbacks (which occurred the next day), 4 future callbacks ("call us for an interview when you've moved here"), and remarkably, two immediate auditions for the next day from the casting director of *The Book of Mormon*. These are unheard of results for a college theatre program.



# NEELEY

## School of Business

*It's more than business. It's Personal.*

### Neeley appoints new endowed chair in finance

- Dr. Paul Irvine, an expert in capital markets, investments, investment banking and market microstructure, has been appointed to this new endowed chair in finance, provided by the generosity of John and Marsha Kleinheinz.
- **Military Times Ranks Neeley School in Top 75 Best for Vets**  
Selection focuses on veteran culture and curriculum, cost in the context of military and veteran benefits, overall veteran policies and publicly available quality measures.
- **Neeley School Marketing Department Ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the Nation**  
In a recently released ranking of university marketing departments across the U.S., TCU's Neeley School of Business ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the U.S. out of 39 ranked schools, based on the number of articles faculty members have had accepted and published in the *Journal of Marketing* over the past five years.
- **TCU MBA Swaps Community Service for Insight from Mark Cuban**  
Bryan Redd took an innovative approach to asking Mark Cuban for entrepreneurial advice: He offered three hours of service for answers to three questions.
- **Entrepreneurship Student Wins TCU Elevator Pitch Second Year in a Row**  
Tanner Agar won over his fellow TCU students again this year with a new concept for helping craft breweries get into the brats and salsa business.
- **High School Students Navigate the Bulls and Bears at TCU**  
For 38 high school seniors, a week at TCU was more about bulls and bears than Horned Frogs, as they gathered for the TCU High School Investor Challenge.
- **Alumni Help Neeley Finance Students Land Top-Tier Investment Assignments**  
"It's nearly impossible to land a prime investment banking internship or full-time position without talking to and working with someone who has done it before," said Robert Strong BBA '10, senior associate at Captra Capital.
- **TCU Teaching Honors for Garry Bruton and Rob Rhodes**  
Two Neeley School faculty members were honored with TCU's highest awards at December commencement. **Garry Bruton**, entrepreneurship professor, received the Dean's Research and Creativity Award. **Rob Rhodes**, professor of professional practice in business law, received the Dean's Teaching Award.
- **TCU MBA Ranks No. 4 Nationally for Most Competitive Students in 2015 Princeton Review**  
For three years in a row, the Neeley School of Business at TCU has been featured in the Top Ten Most Competitive Students in The Princeton Review's annual ranking of graduate business programs. This year, TCU's Neeley School moved up to 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation, the highest ranking yet.
- **The Economist Ranks TCU MBA Faculty No. 2 in the World and Graduate Career Services 20<sup>th</sup>**  
TCU is ranked one of the best in the world and is one of only four Texas universities in the ranking of full-time MBA programs. Here is a sample:

**Mission: To develop ethical leaders with a global perspective who help shape the business environment. To develop and disseminate leading edge thought in order to improve the practice of business.**





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## Science & Engineering

Mission: To support the mission of the University; to provide a quality and rigorous education in the sciences, mathematics, and engineering; to conduct an active program of research and discovery while integrating the teaching and research missions; and to provide for all students experiences that will facilitate their becoming and continuing to be scientifically and mathematically literate citizens.



- The **Institute of Child Development (ICD)** continues to change the world for children across the globe through their therapeutic model, Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI®), which is taught and utilized across 42 states and in 13 other countries.
- TCU's Student Affiliate Chapter of the American Chemical Society (Chemistry Club) has been selected to receive an Outstanding Chapter Award for the third consecutive year and has received more than \$4,000 in micro-grants awarded by the ACS since 2010.
- The annual CSE *Pennies for the Cure* competition, sponsored by the Student Advisory Board, raised more than \$600 (totaling more than 8,000 coins) for the Fort Worth affiliate of Susan G. Koman.
- Becky Johnson, professor of professional practice in the **School of Geology, Energy & the Environment** was awarded a \$173,490 grant from Tarrant Regional Water District, allowing her to engage students in research on the impacts of the new water supply that will sustain Dallas/Fort Worth for the next 100 years.
- The College launched and concluded a new five-part series, Fireside Forum, designed to help CSE students develop specialized skills and knowledge to succeed as professionals across various STEM disciplines. This event, moderated by Dean Hartman, invited TCU alums and industry professionals to speak on a selected topic.
- A group of **senior engineering majors** has paired with the University of North Texas Health Science Center to create a bone-processing machine, used to help identify found human remains in their Center for Human Identification. This project and others of this sort are possible through the yearlong engineering capstone course (funded from industry sources), which is celebrating 20 years of excellence.

In the next academic year, the newly endowed Hunter Enis Endowed Chair in Petroleum Geology will bring new innovative industry programs, latest technologies and energy management strategies directly into the classroom. The search encompasses many well-known names in the energy industry.





Mission: To assist high-achieving students in reaching their full intellectual potential through challenging academic endeavors, a unique residential component, and community involvement.

To promote critical thinking and creative inquiry, an understanding of world cultures, and an appreciation of ideas across disciplines. To foster student collaboration and strive to ingrain inquiry as an authentic, integral, and enduring aspect of students' identities. To enrich the intellectual life of the University and promote lifelong involvement with local, national, and global issues.

**STUDENT NEWS:** Record-breaking number of students presenting undergraduate research in 2014-2015--153 total between December and April

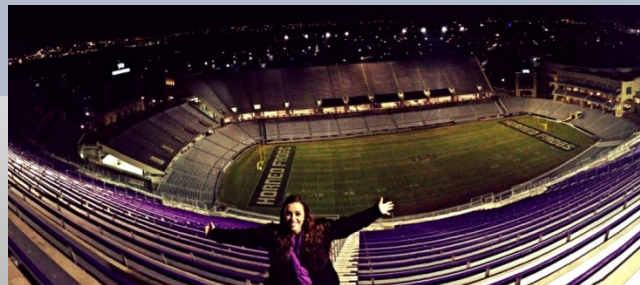
For the current year, blogs linked to the TCU Honors website are chronicling experiences of TCU Honors Students abroad (in Morocco, Macau, and Taiwan) through the Fulbright program: Darren Middleton: *Rastafari and the Arts: An Introduction*. London and New York: Routledge, 2015.

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*Approaching Silence: New Perspectives on Shusaku Endo's Classic Novel*, eds. Mark W. Dennis and Darren J. N. Middleton. London and New York: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2015.

Sarah Robbins: *Teaching Transatlanticism: Resources for Teaching Nineteenth-Century Anglo-American Print Culture*, eds. Linda K. Hughes and Sarah R. Robbins. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2015.

Wendy Williams: *George Eliot, Poetess*. Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2014.



# TCU University Programs

*...Make the Difference...*

Mission: Crossing boundaries between colleges and schools, to offer a broad collection of unique, flexible academic experiences with multi- and inter-disciplinary curricula that advocate global citizenship and ethical leadership

- **Intensive English**
- **The Center for International Studies: Study Abroad**
- **TCU MLA**
- **Ranch Management**
- **TCU Women & Gender Studies**
- **William L. Adams Center for Writing**

- **Women & Gender Studies:** Women's Studies completed its 20<sup>th</sup> year as a minor and certificate program at TCU. 44 students are currently registered for the minor or certificate programs as undergrads and another 58 graduate students are certificate seekers. The program was recently renamed, *Women and Gender Studies* (WGST), to more appropriately reflect the learning and research foci for the program here. More than 70 faculty identify as WGST Affiliate Faculty.
- **International Studies:** TCU was named the 2015 Heiskell Award Winner for Internationalizing the Campus. See <http://www.iie.org/en/Who-We-Are/IENetwork-Membership/Heiskell-Awards/Internationalizing-Campus/2015-Texas-Christian-University> for all the details.
- **Ranch Management:** A new initiative at the Ranch Management Program is helping to recruit future natural resources managers to the college program. High school students from age 14-17 join the program for the *Ranch Brigade* week in July. This selective program includes activities and field trips to introduce the "cadets" to important issues in ranching and resource management. Last summer the program hosted 24 cadets from Texas and Georgia.
- **Research:** In November 2014 we signed a Memorandum of Understanding for research collaboration of mutual benefit with the James Hutton Institute of Scotland. The Hutton Institute is a well-recognized research and problem solving organization centered on sustainability and resource utilization.
- **Graduate Studies:** Dissertation/Thesis Boot Camp was well attended this year with 17 students. In addition a Job Search Boot Camp, Digital Footprints Workshop, and Research Training Workshops were held for graduate students. These programs are wonderful professional development for current students and are helping us recruit great students to TCU graduate programs.

