

# SOUTHERN'S SHINING MOMENTS

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## LIBERAL ARTS

**Kristi Brownfield**, a doctoral student in sociology, is the Carl J. Couch Internet Research Award recipient for 2011. The annual award, sponsored by the Carl Couch Center for Social and Internet Research, is open to graduate and undergraduate students of all disciplines. Brownfield's paper is titled, "Shots to the canon: the emergence of interpretation in online fanvid discourse." She posits that fanvids can serve as a gauge for the diffusion of cultural narratives and cultural meaning.

A team of archaeologists under the direction of **Mark Wagner**, from the Center for Archaeological Investigations, earned a three-year grant from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. The grant will allow the group to explore the backyard of the Crenshaw House, near Equality, for the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. The project laid out for Wagner and his team is to find out what was in the yard.

## APPLIED SCIENCES & ARTS

An American Dental Association grant will help SIU's **Dental Hygiene Program** enhance the annual "Give Kids A Smile Day." A "Give Kids A Smile Continuity of Care Grant" will allow the program to establish a computer-based case management system for participating children. The annual event, which will mark its 10th anniversary on Feb. 3, provides free dental care to children in the region.

**Erin Jackson** and **Melanie Murdock**, flight instructors in the Aviation Management and Flight program, placed fifth among 43 finishing teams at the 2011 Air Race Classic. The race began June 22, in Alliance, Neb., and ended June 24, in Mobile, Ala.



## ENGINEERING

**Jale Tezcan**, assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering, and **Qiang Cheng**, assistant professor of computer science, received a three-year, \$260,000 federal grant from the National Science Foundation. The grant is aimed at preventing structural damage from an earthquake like the kind Japan suffered this spring. The two researchers, along with graduate students, have begun pulling data together and formulating software to analyze and it.

## ATHLETICS

The SIU **volleyball team** was honored as an American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award recipient for the sixth consecutive season. Southern is one of 92 NCAA Division I schools to received the honor this year for finishing the 2010-11 academic year with a team GPA above 3.30.

Saluki swimmer **Csaba Gercsak** won the bronze medal in the 25-kilometer distance swim at the 14th FINA World Swimming Championships in Shenghai, China.

**Mike McElroy** was nominated for the 2011 Allstate American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team, which recognizes the selfless contributions to volunteerism and community service made by college football student-athletes across the nation. In order to meet the criteria set forth by Allstate and the American Football Coaches Association, each player must be actively involved and committed to working with a charitable organization, service group or community service while maintaining good academic standing.

**Alisha Matthews** and **Ashleigh Rushing** were named to the 2011 National Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholar team.

Saluki seniors **Bryan Boemer** and **David Pickard** were named to Phil Steele's 2011 Preseason FCS All-American Teams in his 2011 *FCS College Football Preview* magazine.

The Southern Illinois football team had three players named to The Sports Network/Fathead.com FCS Preseason All-America Teams. Senior center **Bryan Boemer** and senior safety **Mike McElroy** both made the second team, while senior left tackle **David Pickard** was a third-team selection.