

# Farewell and thanks to 22 Boise State retirees

The latest round of retiring faculty and staff have a combined total of 540 years of service to Boise State, a wealth of awards, and a level of commitment to students and the university that is unsurpassed. Twenty-two dedicated teachers say goodbye to full-time academia, but their influence on students and contributions to their fields will leave a lasting legacy. Here's a brief look at this year's distinguished retirees:

**MARY ALLEN**, associate professor of accountancy, retired after two stints and 11 total years at Boise State. She taught as a special lecturer before leaving to get her Ph.D. and then returned to Boise. Her areas of emphasis included financial accounting and corporate governance. She is also a CPA. Allen includes among her greatest accomplishments seven published professional articles and serving as the honored faculty member for Top Ten Scholar Alyssa Tiedeman in 2004.



**LARRY BARNHARDT** joined Boise State in July 1997 as the first dean of the newly named Larry G. Selland College of Applied Technology. After studying architectural drafting at a two-year vocational college, Barnhardt became a drafting instructor and thus began his 35-year career as an advocate for vocational technical education. He notes that being dean of the college and helping shape its evolution into the comprehensive college that it is today was the most fulfilling aspect of his career.



**JOHN BIGELOW** retired after serving most recently as chair for the Department of Management. He came to Boise State in 1982. Bigelow has a doctorate in organizational behavior and an undergraduate degree in physics. In addition to a long teaching career at Boise State, he spent several years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ethiopia.

**JIM COOK**, chair of the Department of Music, came to Boise State in 1992. An

accomplished pianist, he has performed across the country and has made several trips to China to perform with chamber groups and teach at Chinese conservatories in Shanghai and Beijing. Cook regularly performs on his 18<sup>th</sup> century fortepiano and has done extensive studies on the performing practices of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. He also has combined his studies in music history with art history, especially the relationship of humanistic studies to 20<sup>th</sup>-century problems. Cook recorded a CD of Bach performances and is familiar to Music Department concert attendees as an accompanist in chamber recitals, student recitals, juries and master classes.



When **DAVID COX** joined the Department of Instructional and Performance Technology in 1992, the department had 81 students enrolled. As department chair, Cox helped IPT's development substantially: In 2006, more than 160 degree-seeking students were enrolled in IPT courses, and the department now has more than 500 graduates. As a scholar and teacher, Cox is a well-known expert on learning/cognitive styles and their application in a variety of settings. He has published widely on the subject and been a frequent presenter at professional conferences. In addition, he developed a course on learning styles that has been popular among IPT students for many years.



Communication associate professor **DAWN CRANER** retired after 34 years at Boise State. During her tenure she taught more than 20 different courses, focusing mostly on interpersonal communication and public presentation, did consulting/training for professional and business organizations, and chaired numerous committees, including the universitywide curriculum committee. The



past president of the International Interpreters' Theater Alliance, she is also the 1999 recipient of the Exemplary Womanhood Award from Lambda Delta Sigma and was inducted into the Utah State University Hall of Honor in 2006.

**JANET STRONG DAVIS** devoted more than 33 years of service to Boise State as a librarian with the Albertsons Library before she retired last fall. Strong Davis was hired in 1973 as a circulation librarian and retired as orientation librarian and coordinator of user services. She was president of the Idaho Library Association in 1985-86 and was also active in the Pacific Northwest Library Association. After earning a master's of library science from the University of Washington, she earned a master's degree in communication from Boise State in 1998.

**MARLIN GAINES** began his Boise State career in Caldwell in 1980, where he started the agricultural equipment technology program. In the early 1990s, he moved to the Boise campus as an instructor in the automotive technology program, eventually working his way up to program head. Colleagues credit him with improving the program to the point where graduates are now highly sought after by local employers. For many years, he was the state chairman for the national Ford/AAA troubleshooting contest, which brought high school students from across Idaho to the BSU campus. He also served on several campus committees, including the Sabbatical and Retention Study committees.

**JOHN GRIFFIN** was hired by the Department of Mathematics in 1983 to develop an undergraduate computer science curriculum. The result: A bachelor's degree in CS approved by the State Board of Education in 1993 and first accredited in 1994. When the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science separated in 2001 and the computer science component moved to the College of Engineering, Griffin joined the new department as founding chair, a position



he held until his retirement. Griffin's research interests are in the areas of computer security and cryptography. He is a member of the Association of Computing Machinery and the IEEE Computer Society.

History professor **ERROL JONES** joined Boise State in 1982, specializing in Latin American history. In the 1970s, he taught in Mexico and later, on a fellowship from Tufts University, at the Universidade



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Federal de Santa Catarina in Brazil. In 1979, Jones became director of the Utah History Fair at Utah State. In 1992 his resource book, *Latin American Military History* (with David LaFrance), was selected by the American Library Association as one of the best annotated bibliographies for that year. In 2006, Jones received the Library Faculty Award. He is currently writing on the history of electrical power in Mexico and researching the history of Hispanics in Idaho. He will retire this fall.

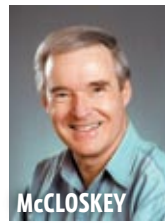
**MELINDA LINDSEY** has been with the College of Education since 1987. Lindsey, the chair of the Department of Special Education, specialized in reading and language arts, students with mild disabilities, early childhood special education language, development and disorders, curriculum-based measurement and program evaluation. She was honored with the Early Childhood Excellence Award, presented by the Idaho Division of Early Childhood in 1998, and was recognized for her outstanding service to the College of Education in 1995. She also volunteered extensively, including with the Boise State Teacher Education Association, the Council for Exceptional Children and the Bilingual Education Student Organization.



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**DICK McCLOSKEY's** Boise State career began in 1976 in the Department of Biology, where he served as the environmental education specialist. In 2000 he was honored by the Idaho Academy of Science as the Distinguished Science Communicator.

During his long career, he taught anatomy and physiology, animal behavior and other courses. He also taught more than 200 public workshops attended by 10,000-plus participants on topics ranging from environmental education along Boise's Greenbelt to advanced ecology. He helped shape the science curriculum in public schools by serving on a committee of the State Board of Education that developed Idaho's high school exiting standards. McCloskey has more than 100 publications to his credit, and he served as adviser to a generation of graduate students in education, biology and interdisciplinary studies.



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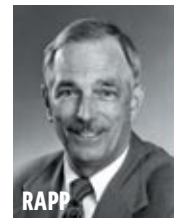
**BEVERLY MILLER** worked in the Albertsons Library for 38 years. After stints at Minot State College in North Dakota and Rocky Mountain College in Montana, she was hired by Boise State in 1968 as a circulation librarian and later became a reference librarian and head of interlibrary loans. Miller, who earned a master's degree, her second, in history from Boise State in 1998, was instrumental in the establishment of the Women's Center and women's studies programs at the university. She also served on the board of the Idaho Women's Network in its early years and for many years on the board of HERS/West at BSU. In the 1970s and '80s she was also active in the National Organization of Women.

**MARGARET "MAGGIE" MILLER** began her career at Boise State as a student at Boise State College in 1970. She returned 24 years later as a counselor education professor in the College of Education. Miller played many roles during her tenure in the college, serving as chair of counselor education, interim chair of elementary education and specialized studies and interim dean, as well as sitting on numerous search and planning committees. Her awards include a "Friends of the Volunteer Services Board" award in 1995 and an Outstanding Service to the College of Education award in 1996. She is a nationally certified counselor/school counselor and a licensed professional coun-

selor in Idaho, as well an experienced public school teacher and counselor. Her research has focused on the role of counseling in education reform with emphasis on equity and ethical practice in a multicultural society, including special needs populations.

**JIM NICHOLSON** joined Boise State in 1984 as director of Counseling Services and a professor of psychology. During his 23 years with the university, he chaired the Counseling Department for seven years and initiated and chaired the graduate counseling program. During Nicholson's tenure, the counseling program earned and maintained accreditation by the International Association of Counseling Services. He is the co-author of the book *The Creative Counselor* and the author or co-author of 15 articles in professional publications. He also made more than 100 presentations at professional conferences. He was named 1991 Administrator of the Year by the BSU Association of Office Professionals and was the winner of the 2007 David S. Taylor Service Award for service to students.

**DICK RAPP** served as associate vice president for Student Affairs and director of the Career Center. Rapp started at Boise State in 1970 as the director of Placement Services and was one of the three founders of the professional staff organization, serving the first two terms of its history. He then became assistant vice president for Career and Financial Services until moving into Student Affairs and the Career Center in 1984. During his tenure he created the comprehensive career planning and placement program, served as adviser to the university's Academic Grievance Board and worked on the steering committee for the Legacy student system and PeopleSoft implementation. He was the first recipient of the university's David S. Taylor Service Award to Students. He was also named the Boise State Association of Office Professionals' 1996 Administrator of the Year and the 2007 Professional Staff Member of the Year.



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**LARRY REYNOLDS** came to Boise State in 1979 as a member of the Department of Economics. During his career he was twice honored as an outstanding faculty member by the Associated Students of BSU, as the College of Business and Economics Professor of the Year, and served as a John Elorriaga Fellow from 1999-2002. He authored or co-authored more than 50 academic articles and served as a consultant on numerous projects. His most recent interest has been the development of multimedia tools for the classroom and the Internet.



**REED SHINN**, former co-director of the Selland College of Applied Technology's drafting technology program, is still teaching as an adjunct instructor for the College of Engineering (computer drafting) and College of Arts and Sciences (architectural history). Shinn earned four degrees, including an advanced master's degree in architecture from Harvard, and early in his career worked for the world-renowned architect Buckminster Fuller. He worked as an architect on several major construction projects in North America and overseas before he moved to Boise in 1971 to take a job as a manager with Boise Cascade. He joined the Boise State faculty in 1993 as an adjunct instructor and was hired on a full-time basis the following year.



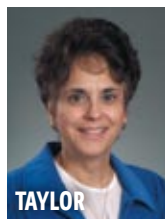
During his 34 years at Boise State, physics professor **WILLIE SMITH** helped educate a generation of students. He taught large lecture sections of introductory courses and associated labs, guided the senior seminar capstone course for many years, and developed an introduction to biophysics course, his specialty. A past president of the Idaho-Utah section of the American Association of Physics Teachers, Smith helped Boise State host the international summer meetings of AAPT in 1993 and 2002. He served five years on the Faculty Sen-



ate and on numerous university committees. Smith is currently treasurer of the American Association of University Professors and was a co-founder of Engineers and Scientists for Social Responsibility.

Known for his gaudy neckties and helpful demeanor, **ADRIEN TAYLOR**, coordinator of reference services for the Albertsons Library, retired last fall after 30 years of service to Boise State. An active member of the Idaho Library Association, Taylor contributed book reviews to the *Idaho Librarian*, served on a number of committees, and led the organization as president in 1986-87. In 1991 he was selected as Idaho's Librarian of the Year. Perhaps even more impressive, in 1987 he was the winner of Boise State's Outstanding Faculty Award — a tribute that traditionally went to a professor in an academic department and a rare honor for a librarian.

Nursing professor **PAT TAYLOR** taught at Boise State for 27 years. Nationally certified as a critical care nurse, she served as director of the bachelor of science in nursing program. Her areas of interest over the years include a pathophysiology course that attracts 200 students a year, critical care nursing and parish nursing. Taylor served on several advisory boards, including Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, Boise State's Department of Respiratory Therapy, and St. Paul's Catholic Student Center.



Dental assistant program director **BONNIE TOLLINGER** came to Boise State in 1976 from a position in Wisconsin. In addition to her teaching duties, she wrote the original expanded function curriculum for the state of Idaho. She also worked closely with the state board of dentistry for more than 30 years reviewing and/or initiating changes in dental assisting. A former president of the Southwest Idaho Dental Assistants Association, she was dedicated to providing quality dental assisting education and helped make Boise State's program a highly regarded program throughout the valley. She was involved in several campus committees, including Promotion and Tenure, and Matriculation.

## First Editions

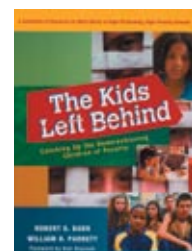


Following are selected new books by members of the Boise State Community.

### THE KIDS LEFT BEHIND

By Robert Barr and William Parrett

Education professor Parrett and professor emeritus Barr include 18 research studies that are meant to reveal best practices for reaching and teaching underachieving children from underprivileged backgrounds. The book, subtitled *Catching Up the Underachieving Children of Poverty*, includes strategies for parents, educators and communities, as well as ways to maintain high expectations for students. The book is in the top 10 best sellers this year for its publisher, Solution Tree. Solution Tree nominated the book for the National Staff Development Council's book of the year award.



### SLAVES OF THE SHINAR

By Justin Allen

Philosophy alumnus Allen has written a debut novel described as "promising" by *Publisher's Weekly*. *Slaves of the Shinar* is the story of a land consumed by war, of a people trying to survive, and of two men in the middle of it all, redefining themselves and their futures. Set against the chaotic and bloody backdrop of the Middle East's first great war, this fantasy epic — part Homer, part Tolkein, part R. Scott Bakker — brings the reader into a gritty, realistic world where destiny is foretold by gods, and death is never more than a sword-stroke away.

