LSU Shreveport is excited and proud to appoint Brian J. Sherman as the new Dean of the Noel Memorial Library. Sherman previously served as the interim dean of the Noel Memorial Library since 2015.

“Brian Sherman brings significant experience and expertise to our leadership team at the Noel Memorial Library. His passion for serving students, faculty, and the Northwest Louisiana community aligns perfectly with the mission of LSU Shreveport,” said Dr. John S. Vassar, Provost at LSUS.

Sherman received his B.A. in education from LSUS in 2001. Four years later, he earned an M.A. in history from Louisiana Tech University, then, in 2007, an M.S. in library and information science from the University of North Texas.

Sherman’s career in library science has culminated in over 15 years of experience in academic and public libraries, expertise with a broad range of library services, and eight years as an academic library department head.

He has a combined 13 years’ experience working at the Noel Library with roles including circulation, microforms and media, and technical services.

For the last five years he has served as the head of access services and systems where he oversaw all aspects of system hardware and software in the library, provided training for software and electronic resources, and formulated policies and implemented new services.

Before that he served as the head of acquisitions at McNeese State University's Frazar Library in Lake Charles for several years as well as being an adjunct faculty member teaching library science courses.

In his new role at LSUS, Sherman provides oversight of strategic planning, budgeting, staff development, and evaluation of services and personnel, and coordinates the collection development activities of the library.

In addition to serving in various capacities on special LSUS committees, Sherman has a working knowledge of how LSUS operates, and more specifically, how the library contributes to campus and surrounding communities.
He is excited in this new position to lead the university library into the digital age of the 21st century.

“The university library has the unique capacity to offer an intellectual and a social space where students can interact with recorded knowledge in new and collaborative ways,” Sherman said. “This collaboration, which is not a foreign concept to libraries, is not exclusive to students. The library facility is becoming a hub for other campus resources in addition to the services which libraries have excelled at such as research assistance and information literacy instruction. I am happy to be serving here at LSUS and creating a stimulating learning environment.”

**Higher Ed on the Ballot Nov. 8**

In case you haven’t heard, the Nov. 8 ballot includes a proposal related directly to higher education.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment #2 reads:

*“Do you support an amendment to authorize the postsecondary education management boards to establish the tuition and mandatory fee amounts charged by institutions under their supervision and management, without legislative approval?”*

**YES:** Allows university management boards (e.g. the LSU Board of Supervisors) to adjust tuition/fees

**NO:** Maintains the state Legislature’s authority over tuition and fee levels; Louisiana is the only state that requires a 2/3 vote of the legislature to adjust tuition/fees.

In case friends or family ask you to explain this amendment to them in advance of the election, here are some facts:

- Louisiana is the ONLY state in the nation that requires a 2/3 vote of the legislature to adjust fees or tuition. Tuition and fees in other states are set by management boards that weigh these factors: amount of state appropriations provided, quality of academic offerings, availability of financial aid, competition for students, student demands, workforce/employer expectations of graduates, economic development efforts of state or locality, diversity, and state/federal mandated costs such as pension and health benefits.
- Currently in Louisiana, tuition/fees are approved by the legislature in June, only about six weeks before the start of a semester. Management boards could announce changes earlier, giving students and parents more time to plan.
- Students are represented on the management boards in Louisiana.
- The management boards represent constituents from the congressional districts of the state. They are appointed by the governor in staggered six-year terms and must be confirmed by the Senate. The boards are constituted this way to ensure broad perspectives from across the state are included in deliberations.
- For more information on the amendment, visit [LSU Government Relations](https://www.lsugov.com), or nonpartisan sites [Council for a Better Louisiana](https://www.councilforabetterlouisiana.org) and [Public Affairs Research Council](https://www.parclouisiana.org).

**LSUS Community Helping Haiti**

LSU Shreveport is partnering with Numana Inc. to raise money and package meals for those in Haiti affected by Hurricane Matthew. LSUS’ Goal is $4,000, which equals 13,000 meals for the hurricane victims.

Fundraising has started this semester and will continue until Feb. 2017 where volunteers will dispense rice, beans, and vitamins into bags that will then be shipped to Haiti.
“Students and student organizations can fundraise money to send meals over to Haiti,” said Kassie Johnston, a graduate assistant for the Institute for Nonprofit Administration and Research at LSUS. “LSUS has a total goal of $4,000 and every 30 cents raised provides a meal. Faculty and staff are encouraged to get involved in fundraising and volunteering. Departments within LSUS are welcome to create fundraising teams and set a goal. They are also encouraged to volunteer at the packaging event.”

On Feb. 25, 2017, interested individuals can meet at the LSUS gymnasium to participate in the Numana Inc. packaging event. The donations made during the fall and early spring semesters will provide the food items that the volunteers will then package and ship to those in need.

“I see it as a responsibility to provide money and the time it takes to package these meals,” Johnston said. “I have the ability and the resources to give back, and I now know what is happening in Haiti. Here in the states I am abundantly blessed with great hospitals and doctors. I do not go hungry. I have shelter. I have money and it may not be a lot, but I have enough. For me this event is not about how great I am, but it is about the people in Haiti. They are not less than me because at any point in my life I could be where they are, but they are people who have been affected by something outside of their own capability. They are dying daily from the lack of nutrition and so when someone gets cholera they have a short time frame to live. Thirteen thousand meals may not be able to fix all problems in Haiti, but if one life is spared then to me this is all worth it.”

Numana Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to relieving international hunger.

Visit the Numana Inc. website to learn how you can donate to the hurricane relief efforts and volunteer at LSUS and local areas.

For more information about the packaging event or how you can help, email Kassie Johnston at johnstonk99@lsus.edu.

**Two LSUS Mass Communication Seniors Win SJF 2016 Competitive Scholarships**

The Shreveport Journalism Foundation announced today that two LSUS mass communication seniors have won both of the SJF 2016 competitive scholarships. Jessica Ingram of Bossier City was awarded the 2016 Kerry Garland Memorial Scholarship which goes to a junior or senior majoring in the field of mass communication, journalism, or public relations. Ingram, who is studying public relations, is the ninth LSUS student to earn this award since it began in 1987 and the third consecutive LSUS scholarship holder. Elles Rock, also of Bossier City, was named the 2016 recipient of the Orland Dodson scholarship for journalism. First awarded in 1991, Rock is the eighth LSUS student to be chosen for the Dodson scholarship. Both students will be honored by the Foundation at a dinner and awards ceremony on November 17. John Lee, senior vice-president and co-found of the foundation, will present each winner with a personal plaque and a $1,000 check at the conclusion of the
annual meeting. Perpetual plaques will be on display in the Department of Arts and Media in Bronson Hall through the next year.

LSU Shreveport to Host Veterans Day Program
LSU Shreveport will host its annual Veterans Day commemorative program on Friday, November 11, at 11 a.m. at the flagpole in the center of campus.

The program will feature Retired Command Sergeant Major Michael A. Long as the guest speaker. Sergeant Major Long entered military service in June 1969 and retired in October 2004, his final assignment serving as Command Sergeant Major of the 405th Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Polk, LA.

His military assignments include two tours in the Republic of Vietnam with the 405th Special Operations Group and the 415th ASA Aviation Company. He also served in the Republic of Germany and participated in Operations Urgent Fury, Just Cause, and Desert Storm.

Sergeant Major Long's awards include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 oak leaf clusters), the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry (individual award), Jumpmaster, Honduran Jump Wings, Air Medal and various unit citations.

Upon his retirement from the military, Sergeant Major Long continued to serve and represent Veterans and Veteran causes in his participation within the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association and the Patriot Guard Riders.

Sergeant Major Long has served as National President of the CVMA on two different occasions. He currently serves as the CVMA Louisiana State Representative. He was the first Ride Captain for the Patriot Guard Riders in the state of Louisiana, and is the past commander of American Legion Post (retired) 387, New Llano, La.

For further information, contact Jeffrey Morlock, LSUS Veterans Affairs Liaison, at (318) 797-5390.

LSUS Student Veterans Organization Participate in Fall Fest Fair, Sponsored “22Kill”
During the week of Fall Fest, Oct. 26 – 28, the Student Veterans Organization participated in the student event sponsored by the Student Activities Board (SAB). The members’ purpose was to create awareness and support for service members across campus and the community.

“The Student Veterans Organization is a fledgling organization which strives to create a community which serves as a forum for, promotes the growth of, and serves the needs of all matters unique to the veteran lifestyle, mindset, and expectation,” said Christopher Pace, president of the Student Veterans Organization. “What this means is that we support veterans by spreading awareness of veteran issues, sharing veteran culture with non-service members, and creating a community which likeminded veterans and their families can be a part of. We dedicate ourselves in supporting the transition from the military to the civilian world and, more importantly, to academia. With these goals we have set, we knew the importance of this event with concern to how it would craft our identity as an organization. An identity that, too often, is associated with a broken, hurt, or mentally unstable veteran.”

To promote awareness and support for their organization, the members sponsored an activity called “22Kill,” a name created to show what is happening in the small but robust veteran community.
“After the release of a 2013-decade long study by the Department of Veterans Affairs, which cited that almost 22 veterans commit suicide each day, a veterans based non-profit organization named ‘Honor, Courage, Commitment,’ partnered with other likeminded organizations to create ‘22Kill’ with the aim of spreading this information and funding research to determine why and what is happening,” Pace said. “This is what we chose to support, not because we ourselves are broken but instead because we support our teammates. Not all veterans are broken. In fact, the vast majority are not and it is up to the veteran community to show others how to help and support our brothers and sisters in arms.”

The organization presented two challenges to students and student organizations at the fair: donations and push-ups.

“These events were designed to encourage student organizations to compete against one another for prizes we offered, as well as, the ability to attach their name to a philanthropic activity,” Pace said. “For the push-up challenge, the entire winning organization earned custom dog-tags specific to this event and a plaque in the University Center identifying their effort. For the donation challenge, the winning organization earned a holiday party which the Student Veterans Organization will plan, fund, and execute for them.”

“Through the course of the event, we were able to raise $335 and student organizations pledged $5,289 for push-ups. This is monumental, considering the event was only six hours divided into two, three hour days. The donations raised go directly to research for PTSD, traumatic brain injury, as well as other afflictions prevalent in veteran community.”

Pace said that one of the most important aspects of the event was bridging the gap between service members and non-service members.

For more information about the Student Veterans Organization, contact Christopher Pace at Pacec70@lsus.edu or 701-500-1947, or visit their Facebook page.

Leadership Studies Doctoral Program Faculty and Students Present at the 18th Annual Conference of the International Leadership Association (ILA)

Three Leadership Studies doctoral program faculty and seven doctoral students represented LSUS well as they attended the ILA Conference and delivered four presentations thanks, in large part, to financial support from Provost Vassar’s office and the Noel Foundation. Each of the Leadership Studies Doctoral Program professors were also able to make this trip due to the financial support provided by their endowed professorships made available by the agencies/families named and the Louisiana Board of Regents Endowed Professor/Chair Program. The first three presentations were all delivered on Friday, November 4, and the final one was presented on Saturday, November 5 as indicated below.
• **Panel Discussion—Cultivating Self-Leadership in African-American Adolescent Females:** Co-presenters: Tracey Burrell (Cohort 2 and LSUS Director of Clinical Experiences & Alternate Certification for the School of Education) and Dr. Iris Johnson, Leadership Studies Program Director and LSUS Endowed Capital One Professorship in Education. Dr. Emmanuel Clottey, unable to attend the conference, served as a research consultant for Tracey Burrell’s research.

• **Workshop—The Ethical Leadership Style Questionnaire (ELSQ):** This presentation featured the doctoral dissertation of Dr. Chikeleze and related research of the other co-presenters. Co-presenters included the renowned Dr. Peter G. Northouse, Professor Emeritus, Western Michigan University; Dr. Jim Ludema, Co-Founder and Director of the Center for Values-Driven Leadership in the College of Business at Benedictine University, and former doctoral candidate, Walter R. Baehrend, Senior Manager, Wireless Services of Nokia. Dr. Chikeleze, full-time LSUS Leadership Studies faculty member, is the current recipient of the LSUS Dalton Woods Family Endowment Professorate. With connections made following this presentation both Devonye Brown and Bill Haacker (Cohort 1 students) obtained the additional support needed for the foundations of their doctoral research!

• **Panel Discussion—Nonprofit Organizations and Inclusive Leadership: Stories from the Field.** Three Cohort 1 students presented four different perspectives on leadership in non-profit organizations. Robert “Bobby” Darrow, doctoral candidate and Managing and Artistic Director of the Shreveport Little Theatre highlighted both the Shreveport Little Theatre and the Shreveport Philadelphia Center; David Hylan, doctoral candidate and Executive Director of the Betty & Leonard Phillips Caddo Deaf Action Center highlighted that agency. William “Bill” Haacker, doctoral student, employee of the LSUHSC and Program Director of the Renesting Project, Inc. highlighted the Renesting Project. Dr. Michael Chikeleze served as the panel chair. Dr. Melissa Hawthorne, LSUS Endowed R & M Calhoun Professorship in Education Professor, served as the research consultant.

• **Panel Discussion—Supporting Collaboration with Stakeholders for Inclusive Leadership in Turnaround Schools.** Three Cohort 1 students discussed leadership and collaboration required in the turnaround of public schools in Caddo Parish. Presenters—all employees of Caddo Parish Public Schools were: Shelita Cannon-Hoey, doctoral student and Curriculum Specialist; Tonya Evans, doctoral candidate and Supervisor of Mathematics; and Marvin Rainey, doctoral student and Principal of Midway PreK-3 Elementary School. Drs. Chikeleze and Johnson served as planning consultants, and Dr. Hawthorne served as the research consultant for the presentation.

Note: Doctoral candidates have successfully completed all foundation coursework in the program; successfully completed both their written and oral comprehensive exams; and are currently conducting their doctoral research with an eye towards graduation by May, 2017.

**PHOTO:** Shown L-R standing: Dr. Michael Chikeleze; David Hylan; Tonya Evans; Shelita Cannon-Hoey; Dr. Melissa Hawthorne; Tracey Burrell; Marvin Rainey; and William “Bill” Haacker. Shown L-R seated: Devonye Brown; Robert “Bobby” Darrow; and Dr. Iris Johnson

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This week in LSUS Athletics

This week will be a busy one for the Pilots teams as it will feature two men’s basketball games, two women’s basketball games and two baseball Fall World Series contests. So don’t miss any of the action this week as your Pilots hit the court and field for an exciting week.
MEN’S BASKETBALL: The Pilots look to improve upon their 1-0 record on the season tonight as they take on the Dallas Christian Crusaders (0-4) at The Dock at 7 p.m. On Wednesday the Pilots will host the ETBU Tigers at 7 p.m. For LIVE STATS for both games CLICK HERE.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL: The Pilots look for their first win of the season but it won’t get any easier this weekend as they take on no. 9 Lyon College (0-1) at 7 p.m. on Friday in game two of the LSUS Classic. No. 3 Our Lady of the Lake will take on Xavier at 5 p.m. on Friday. Saturday will feature the same four teams but OLLU will face Lyon at 3 p.m. while the Pilots will take on Xavier at 5 p.m. All four teams are either ranked or received votes in the NAIA preseason poll. For LIVE STATS for ALL GAMES, CLICK HERE.

BASEBALL: Purple leads the series 1-0 after their 5-0 win in game one last night. Gold will have a chance to even the series this Saturday at 1 p.m. Game three of the series will be on Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. For complete coverage of this year’s Fall World Series, CLICK HERE.

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1. **Doubt.** Yesterday I attended the LSUS Drama Club presentation of “Doubt: A Parable,” a play by John Patrick Shanley. It was terrific. You may recall the 2008 movie of the play that focuses around a Catholic school principal (Meryl Streep) questioning a priest’s ambiguous relationship with a troubled young student. The LSUS play was directed by Robert Alford II. The play set was designed by colleague Jorji Jarzabek. The cast executed the play in a terrific manner with great tension, emotion and execution of the dialogue. Bravo. Pictured: Kandace Grey, Kaitlyn Nix, Megan Lowe, Patrick Laurent and Professor Alford.
2. **ArkLaTex ICC.** Saturday I welcomed attendees to the inaugural ArkLaTex Interdisciplinary Cell Conference event, focused on STEM research of students and faculty. **Dr. Alena Smith** secured support from ASCB and LBRN to begin this conference that features research boards, great speakers and the keynote speaker from the CDC. LSUS faculty, led by **Dr. Elahe Mahdavian**, and students have served as hosts. Among the important persons in the audience, **Dr. K. Gus Kousoulas**, LSU AVC for Research and Economic Development (with over $100M in personal grants secured over his lifetime).

3. **Debate Team.** The LSUS Debate Team will host its regional tournament in debate and public speaking events this coming weekend, November 11-13. I hope you will consider judging for this event. To learn more and/or volunteer, contact **Jorji Jarzabek** at 5318 or Mary.Jarzabek@lsus.edu. The Debate Team competed this past weekend at ETBU. Both **Trey Gibson** and **John Vassar** were able to join Jorji, our Debate Coach for this semester, at the tournament. Our hearts and thoughts continue to be with Trey and **Emilie**.

4. **Rep. Glover.** **Representative Cedric Glover** was the keynote speaker this morning at a LSUS Town Hall Meeting sponsored by the SGA to encourage student voting in tomorrow’s election. Rep. Glover gave a terrific speech-speaking about how the saying “all men are created equal” first became the ideal of this nation and then of the world. This is true today for all within the United States to be able to exercise the privilege of voting. We encourage you to vote tomorrow by permitting you up to two hours of time to vote.

**Congratulations, Mike.** **Mike Ferrell** starts his 40th year of employment today. Amazing. **Shelby Keith**, Search Chair for the VCBA/CFO search, released the names of the candidates earlier today. Their names are:

- Glendon Forgey – President, Trinity Valley Community College
- Theogen Melancon – City Administrator, City of Eldorado
- Darrell Morrison – Senior Manager for Business and Financial Analysis, University of Texas at San Antonio
- Adnan Samhan – Director of Accounting, LSUS