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## Psychologist, Alumnus Kent Hutchison Gets Research Funded

Kent Hutchison, leading expert on addiction has gotten research funded by the [National Cancer Institute](#) and drug companies to discover why some people get addicted and others don't. The NCI and companies have invested over \$1 million in his research. [More](#)

## Alumna Chosen to Head Native American Project

Gena Timberman, a 1996 graduate, was asked to become the head of the Oklahoma Native American Cultural and Education Authority after graduating law school. She now oversees the [\\$170 million project](#) that will showcase Oklahoma Native American culture to the world with a museum, park, commercial center and visitor center. [More](#).

## Regents Professor Saves Wetlands

Loren Smith, a zoologist and professor teaches students to look at the ecosystem to determine what organisms are flourishing or struggling in an environment. He also won the 2011 [Environmental Law Institute's](#) 2011 National Wetland Award for Science Research. His research at OSU is helping to preserve the Great Plains' wetlands and other ecosystems. [More](#).

## Zoologist Gets Grant to Study Rats

Alex Ophir, OSU zoologist, was awarded a grant from the Department of Defense for \$740,000 to explore the potential of bomb-detecting rodents. The research will be conducted to see the life-saving possibilities and uses for the [African giant pouched](#) rats. The research will also help to streamline training by discovering different traits of the rats that would suit them to different types of environments. [More](#).

## Opera Comes to OSU Enriching Curriculum and Students

April Golliver, associate professor of music has traveled the world singing opera and has returned to OSU to help build a program that would draw young talent from the state and nation. To accomplish this, Golliver is working with the OSU Foundation and the [Tulsa Opera](#) to create a partnership that would bring experience and prestige to the opera program at Oklahoma State. [More](#).

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