

TO: Faculty Senate

FROM: Michelle Maldonado, Ph.D.  
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

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RE: Provost Report

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## **Administrative Appointments**

Dr. William (BJ) Cunningham has accepted the position of Associate Dean of the Panuska College of Professional Studies. He has twenty years' experience in leadership roles working with healthcare including pharmacy, clinical psychology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, physician assistant, and human services. He served as an Assistant Dean at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Associate Vice President and Dean of Students at the University of the Sciences. He currently serves as the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies at Chestnut Hill College, where he oversees eight master's programs and a Doctor of Clinical Psychology program. Dr. Cunningham also serves as a faculty member and teaches online courses in negotiation and conflict resolution, and cyberwarfare.

He earned a BA in history and political science from Gettysburg College, an MA in comparative politics at American University, an MLitt in political studies at the University of Auckland, and an interdisciplinary PhD from the Carter School of Peace and Conflict Resolution at George Mason University.

I would like to thank Dr. Mary Jane DiMattio for her excellent efforts this year as Interim Associate Dean.

I would also like to thank the search committee for their initiative through this process.

I am also pleased to report that Dr. David Dzurec, Interim Dean and Dr. Maria Squire, Interim Associate Dean, will remain in their positions for the CAS

## **Faculty Searches**

We have successfully completed thirteen searches:

Laura Chapman	Assistant Professor	Health & Human Performance
Geng Liu	Assistant Professor	Physics/Engineering
Katorah Williams	Assistant Professor	Criminal Justice, Cybersecurity & Sociology
Christiane McDonald	Faculty Specialist	Health & Human Performance
Katherine Stefanelli	Assistant Professor	Counseling & Human Services
Samantha Herrick	Associate Professor	Counseling & Human Services
Megan Whitbeck	Assistant Professor	Counseling & Human Services
Mark Fenner	Assistant Professor	Computing Sciences
Michael Crowell	Associate Professor	Physical Therapy
Michael Hague	Assistant Professor	Biology
Carrie Griffiths	Faculty Specialist	Occupational Therapy
Farshad Merrikh-Bavat	Assistant Professor	Physics/Engineering
Kelly Filchner	Assistant Professor	Nursing

## **Faculty Development**

Summer Grants.

Nine faculty members were awarded Summer 2023 grants:

Patrick Clark	“Light from Darkness: The Role of Anti-Exemplars in Christian Ethics.”
Ovidu Cocieru	“The Impact of a Classroom as Organization on University-to-Work Transition and Early Careers.”
Kate Cummings	“Professional Obsolescent? Librarians in a Changing World.”
Taewan Kim	“Institutions and Entrepreneurial Growth Aspiration.”
Christian Krokus	“Spiritually Vulnerable: Christian de Cherge (1937-1006), Catholic-Muslim Dialogue, and Beyond.”
Andrew LaZella	“The Misalignment Problem: Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Human Values.”
Ann Pang-White	“Care, Dependency, and Ethics of Assistance: A Confucian Perspective.”
Meghan Rich	“Urbanization as a Social Problem.”
Robert Shaffern	“ <i>Sex Workers and Indulgences in Fourteenth-Century Viterbo.</i> ”

## Curriculum

### New Program

	Date Posted
Secondary Education Postbaccalaureate Certificate	1/24/23
Accelerated Program Psychology to Applied Behavior Analysis	1/11/23
Health Informatics Health Administration Specialization	12/6/22

### Program Change

Accelerated Program Health Informatics Program	1/24/23
COUN 509: Professional Issues for Counselors (C)	2/3/23
COUN 509: Professional Issues for Counselors (R)	2/3/23
COUN 509: Professional Issues for Counselors (S)	2/3/23
Mathematics, BS	3/1/23
Asian Studies Program	3/1/23
Public Policy and Service Minor	3/1/23
Education Middle Level Teacher	3/3/23
Early and Primary Teacher	3/3/23
Education Secondary	3/3/23
Environmental Studies	3/1/23
Latin American & Latinx Studies Concentration	3/1/23
SJLA Program	3/7/23
Secondary Education World Languages	3/16/23
Secondary Education Chemistry	3/16/23
Secondary Education English	3/16/23
Education Studies Minor	3/16/23
Kinesiology	3/13/23

### Program Deletion

German Major	12/12/22
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**New Course**

LIT 107X: Global Aesthetics of Care	2/2/23
PSYC 242: Psychology of Racism	2/2/23
ME 354: HVAC Systems Design	2/3/23
ENLT 216J: Rhetoric and Poetics	2/2/23
HIST 265: African American History to 1865	3/1/23
HIST 272: Black American Superheroes	3/1/23
HIST 365: Black on Screen to 1989	3/1/23
T/RS 270: Civil Rights Movement	3/1/23
T/RS 271: Black Women & Spirituality	3/1/23
ME 362: Materials Selection	3/1/23
BUAN 365: Business Analytics with Python	3/6/23
NURS 516: Psychiatric Theories	2/28/23
NURS 537: Psychotherapeutics II	2/28/23
NURS 538: PMHNP Practicum II	2/28/23
NURS 527: Psychotherapeutics I	3/6/23
NURS 528: PMHNP Practicum I	3/6/23
NURS 547: Psychotherapeutics III	3/6/23
NURS 548: PMHNP Practicum III	3/6/23
NURS 781: PMHNP Scholarly Project I	3/6/23
NURS 791: PMHNP Scholarly Project II	3/6/23
NURS 792: PMHNP Role Immersion	3/6/23
NURS 793: Role Immersion Practicum	3/6/23
NURS 513: Clinical Neuroscience	4/5/23
NURS 525: Psychopharmacology	4/5/23
ENLT 228: Literature, Race, and the Law	3/29/23

**Course Change**

ENLT 310J: Literature of the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	2/2/23
ENLT 375: The Works of Toni Morrison	2/2/23
PSYC 239: Environmental & Conservation Psychology	2/2/23
CHEM: M.A. Thesis	2/2/23
NURS 452L: Clinical Experience in Nursing Care of Children and Families Lab	2/7/23
NURS 452: Clinical Experience in Nursing Care of Children and Families	2/7/23
HPRO 310: Behavior Theory in Health Promotion Practice	2/7/23
HPRO 400: Health and Wellness Coaching	2/17/23
COUN 509C: Professional Issues: Clinical Mental Health Counseling	2/3/23
COUN 509R: Professional Issues: Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling	2/3/23
COUN 509R: Professional Issues: School Counseling	3/3/23
INTD 110J: The Magis	3/1/23
BIOL 364: Virology	3/1/23
OT 420: Physical Rehabilitation	3/13/23
OT 420L: Physical Rehabilitation Lab	3/13/23
OT 230: Anatomy & Mechanics	3/13/23
OT 230L: Anatomy & Mechanics Lab	3/13/23

OT 231: Neuroanatomy

3/13/23

### **Course Deletion**

PS 221: Politics of Southeast Asia

3/1/23

PS 332: Modern Japan

3/1/23

### **Update**

- A new amateur ham radio station is planned for The University of Scranton's Amateur Radio Club through support from a nearly \$200,000 Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC) grant awarded to Nathaniel Frissell, Ph.D., assistant professor physics and engineering. The grant will support antenna systems and state-of-the-art equipment to allow HF, VHF, UHF and microwave operations including amateur satellite operations. The new station will be located in the glass-walled study room 596 on the fifth floor of the Loyola Science Center, with additional lab space on the same floor. The station will give students the chance to learn about amateur radio, radio engineering and radio science, in addition to allowing them to participate in Ham Radio Science Citizen Investigation (HamSCI) research.
- Gerard Dumancas, Ph.D., associate professor of chemistry was selected as a Visiting Faculty Fellow by the U.S. Department of Energy. He will have the opportunity to work with some of the world's leading scientists at the Lawrence Berkely National Laboratory in Berkely, California.
- The 28<sup>th</sup> Henry George Seminar will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The lecture, presented by Sandra E. Black, Ph.D., professor of economics in international and public affairs at Columbia University will discuss "Where Does Wealth Come From?".
- An article written by University of Scranton Doctor of Business (DBA) graduates Amanda S. Marcy, '10, G'11, DBA '21, assistant professor of accounting at The University of Scranton, and Ronald Douglas Parker, DBA '21, assistant professor of accounting at Western Carolina University, received the 2023 Curt Verschoor Ethics Feature of the Year Award from the Institute of Management Accountants' Committee on Ethics and Strategic Finance. This is the second-time Dr. Marcy received the Curt Verschoor Ethics Feature of the Year Award.
- The recently released 2022 Brigham Young University Accounting Rankings have placed The University of Scranton Accounting Department and faculty among the best research institutions in the world.

The Accounting Department of The University of Scranton ranked No. 5 (tied) in the world for accounting education research published in the most recent six-years in a listing considered to be the gold standard in accounting disciplines. The 2022 Brigham Young University Accounting Rankings also recognized several accounting faculty members individually for their research publication success.

This is the [third consecutive year](#) that the University's Accounting Department was ranked in the top five in the world for research success in the prestigious Brigham Young University Accounting Rankings. The Accounting Department and the prolific research of its faculty have been recognized previously by two academic journals including one which

ranked it as [No. 1 for the number of publications in the leading five accounting practitioner journals.](#)

- The University of Scranton will host the 2023 Math Integration Bee for area high school students on Thursday, Apr. 27. The competition, offered free of charge, begins with registration at 4:15 p.m. in the McIlhenny Ballroom of the DeNaples Center. The competition serves as practice for participants to improve skills for upcoming Advanced Placement calculus tests.
- Forty OT students participated in a walkability study in partnership with Scranton Tomorrow. The study was designed to assess the conditions and safety of sidewalks, curb ramps, crosswalks and intersections and the level of connectivity between transit facilities and pedestrian areas for all members of the community, including those with limited mobility.
- The University of Scranton Community English as a Second Language (ESL) Program received a \$2,000 critical needs grant from the [Scranton Area Community Foundation.](#) The grant will be used to purchase textbooks and workbooks to serve the growing number of community members who seek to improve their English. Through this program, which is free to participants, University of Scranton students tutor local refugees and immigrants in English as a second language at the Language Learning Center, located in O'Hara Hall on the University's campus.  
The University's World Languages and Cultures Department oversees the University's Scranton Community ESL Program. Yamile Silva, Ph.D., professor of Spanish, serves as the department's chair.
- On March 28, The University of Scranton was named a Voter Friendly Campus, one of 258 campuses in 38 states and the District of Columbia by Fair Elections Center's Campus Vote Project and NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. The initiative recognizes institutions that have planned and implemented practices that encourage their students to register and vote in the 2022 elections and in coming years.