

**TO: The Faculty Senate**

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**Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs**

**DATE: April 10, 2013**

**SUBJECT: Provost's Report for April 2013**

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**I. FACULTY SEARCHES:**

We have currently filled nine positions, two offers are out, and interviews continue.

Robert Giambatista	Associate Professor	Management/Marketing
Michael Jenkins	Assistant Professor	Sociology/Criminal Justice
Michael Azar	Instructor	Theology/Religious Studies
Yibai Li	Assistant Professor	Operations & Information Management
Dawei Zhang	Assistant Professor	Operations & Information Management
Arthur Catino	Assistant Professor	Chemistry
Benjamin Willis	Assistant Professor	Counseling & Human Services
Jessica Bachman	Assistant Professor	Exercise Science & Sport
Lori Magnuson	Assistant Professor	Counseling & Human Services

**II. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT:**

Provost Enhancement Awards

The winners of the Provost Enhancement Awards will be announced at the Faculty Appreciation Day dinner on April 17<sup>th</sup>. (Note: usually we hold the Faculty Appreciation Night on a Friday, when at least by the class schedule everyone can attend. This year we were not able to do so because of scheduling conflicts. My apologies to those who cannot make it to this year's dinner. We will make every effort to return to Friday next year.)

Summer Grants

The Faculty Development Board recommended funding for the following grant proposals:

- > *An Interdisciplinary Approach to Understanding the Influence of Technology on Behavior, Cognition, and Learning*, Bryan R. Burnham (Psychology) and Kristen A. Yarmey (Weinberg Memorial Library)
- > *Criminal Justice in Pennsylvania*, Harry R. Dammer (Sociology and Criminal Justice)
- > *Innovative Techniques for Teaching Proof-Writing*, Jennifer F. Vasquez (Mathematics)
- > *Lurch: Mathematical proof Validation*, Kenneth G. Monks (Mathematics)
- > *Opening Up the Nuclear Shell model to the Masses*, Declan Mulhall (Physics/Electrical Engineering)
- > *Morals and Art Spaces: Gentrification in an Arts and Entertainment District in Baltimore*, Meghan Ashlin Rich (Sociology/Criminal Justice)
- > *The geography of Disappearing: Meatyard, Butchertown, and Perspective in Naomi Iizuka's 'At the Vanishing Point'*, Hank Willenbrink (English and Theatre)

### Clavius Grants

The Faculty Development Board recommended funding for three Clavius Program proposals:

- > *God and Science: A Reading of Plantinga's 'Where the Conflict really Lies; Science, Religion and Naturalism'*. Patrick Tully (Philosophy), Daniel Haggerty (Philosophy), John Deak (Chemistry), Steven Dougherty (Mathematics)
- > *A Native American Experience: A Conversation with a Navajo Medicine Man*. John P. Sanko (Physical Therapy)
- > *Women's Response in Contemporary Catholicism*. Jean Harris (Political Science) and Mary Ann Foley (Theology/Religious Studies)

### **III. FACULTY RESEARCH COMMITTEE:**

#### Grants

The Faculty Research Committee recommended funding for the following grant proposals:

- > *Bedside Nursing as a Work Setting: Influences of Practice environment, Education, Experience, and Expertise*, Mary Jane K. DiMattio (Nursing)
- > *Examining Links Between Migration behavior and Song in Field Sparrows: A Test of the Reliable Signaling Hypothesis*, Michael Carey and Robert Smith (Biology) with Vincent Marshal (Adjunct Faculty, Biology)
- > *Immunocytochemical Characterization of Merkel Cells in Skin Sensory Structures*, Gary Kwiecinski (Biology)
- > *India Shining: A Test of How the Top 500 Companies in India Use the Web and Social Media to Assist Media Relations and Public Relation*, Sufyan Mohammed (Communication)
- > *Exploring Difference in Consumer Purchase Intentions Based on Exposure to Internet Advertising and Mobile Advertising*, Sufyan Mohammed and John Strain (Communication)
- > *Murals and Art Spaces: Gentrification in an Arts and Entertainment District in Baltimore*, Meghan Ashlin Rich (Sociology/Criminal Justice)
- > *Multimodal Learning in Ants: Olfactory, Visual and Tactile Learning in Ants*, Marc Seid (Biology)
- > *Cross Cultural Collaboration in Literature and Film: The Case of Cerlos Cerda*, Jamie H. Trnka (World Languages and Cultures)
- > *Palabras: Dispatches from the Festival de la Palabra*, Hank Willenbrink (English and Theatre) and Yamile Silva (World Languages and Cultures)

#### Patent Process Recommendations

FRC recommended that two faculty projects be moved forward into the patent application process.

- > *Solar Sustainability Energy Project*, James Loven and Nicholas Truncala
- > *Behavioral Thermometer System*, Margarete Zalon, Robert Spalletta, and Herb Hauser.

### **IV. JESUIT COMMONS: HIGHER EDUCATION AT THE MARGINS (JC:HEM):**

JC:HEM is a collaboration between the AJCU and Jesuit Refugee Services to provide on-line learning opportunities to students in refugee camps. Academic offerings include the Diploma in Liberal Studies and certificate level Community Service Learning Tracks. Students are in Amman, Jordan; Kakuma Camp in Kenya and Dzaleka Camp in Malawi. Faculty from many AJCU schools are volunteering time to teach courses in these programs that are coordinated through Regis University. We are proud to say that two University of

Scranton faculty, Dr. Jordan Petsas and Dr. Aram Balagyozyan from the Economics/Finance Department are in the midst of teaching an 8 week course in economics to students in Malawi.

**V. JESUIT HERITAGE/IGNATIAN WEEK**

Jesuit Heritage/Ignatian Week is April 21 – 27, 2013. For detailed information on the events that are planned throughout the week visit <https://my.scranton.edu>

**VI. FELLOWSHIPS and SCHOLARSHIPS:**

**Truman Scholarship**

This year we had 3 finalists among the 199 Truman National Finalists. We have received notification that Vivienne Meljen, a senior Biochemistry, Cell & Molecular Biology major, has been selected as a 2013 Truman Scholar.

A special thanks to Dr. Mary Engel, Director of Fellowships and Scholarships, and the students' recommenders, for a great job in supporting all our candidates.

**VII. FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS:**

This year we have a total of eight Fulbright finalists. As of this writing, we have received notice that four have been awarded Fulbright Scholarships; two have been notified that they are alternates and we are anticipating the results for the remaining two finalists in the next month.

Join me in congratulating:

- > Elena Habersky, a fourth year **International Studies, Philosophy** major, who has been awarded a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship to Jordan;
- > **Shannon Habertzettl, a master's degree candidate in School Counseling, who has been** awarded a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship to Malaysia;
- > Joseph Seemiller, a fourth year Neuroscience major, who has been awarded a Fulbright Research Grant to Germany;
- > Jan Wessel, a fourth year International Business major, who has been awarded a Fulbright Research Grant to Hungary.

A special thanks to Dr. Susan Trussler, Fulbright Program Advisor, and the students' recommenders, for a great job in supporting all our candidates.

**VIII. SUSTAINABILITY**

The University of Scranton has planned a series of events for Earth Week 2013 to promote sustainability and encourage students, faculty, staff and area residents to "Leave Our Planet Better Than We Found It." Earth Week events begin Thursday, April 18, with the opening of the Environmental Art Show featuring art and photography concerning environmental themes submitted by University students, faculty and staff. For details on all the events visit <http://www.scranton.edu/news/royalnews/releases/2013/03/19/Earth-Week-Events.shtml>

**IX. BROWN BAG LUNCH:**

Two Brown Bag Luncheons have been scheduled in April. On Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> I have invited department chairs to come and discuss the "Chair's View of Dean's Responsibilities." The meeting will be held in the Provost's Conference Room for 11:45 to 1:00 pm.

The second meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:45 to 1:00 pm in the Philosophy Department's Conference Room. The topic will be announced at a later date.

**X. FACULTY BOOK DISCUSSION AND DINNER:**

The Faculty Book Discussion and Dinner will be held on May 9, 2013 at 5:30 pm in The DeNaples Center Room 406. The book to be discussed is *The Eternal Life of Henrietta Laks*, by Rebecca Skloot. Please contact Linda Walsh at x7520 to get a copy of the book and make a reservation.

**XI. CHAIRPERSON ELECTIONS:**

The following Departments elected a new chairperson:

Daniel Mahoney	Accounting
Joan Wasilewski	Chemistry
Gloria Tansits-Wenze	Education
David Hair	Exercise Science and Sport
Daniel West	Health Administration/Human Resources
Nabil Tamimi	Operations & Information Management
Patrick Tully	Philosophy

**XII. CURRICULUM APPROVALS:**

<u>New Course</u>	<u>Date Posted</u>
PHIL 337: The Art of Living	11/20/12
PHIL 130X: Intro to Philosophy – Truth in Being	11/20/12
ARTH 108: Asian Art and Cultures	01/07/13
ART 110: Introduction to Art	01/07/13
PHED 113: First Aid/CPR AHA	02/13/13
PHIL 341J: The Subject & Medieval	02/25/13
PHYS 255: Nanotechnology: Physics of Small Systems	10/23/12
 <u>Course Change</u>	
NURS 594: Theory and Research Application	11/27/12
NURS 593: Research Methodology	11/27/12
HAD 517: Global Health Management	01/03/13
PHIL 412J: Art & Metaphysics	02/20/13
NURS 507: End of Life Care	02/13/13
EXSC 230: Health Promotion/Disease Prevention/Health Disparities	02/13/13
EXSC 413: Worksite Health Promotions	02/13/13
PHIL 413J: End of Philosophy	02/20/13
 <u>Program Change</u>	
Superintendent Letter of Eligibility Program Application	11/30/12
Art History Minor	01/21/13
T/RS Change in Course Categories	02/13/13
Academic Development Program	11/13/12

### **XIII. THE COLLEGES:**

#### College of Arts and Sciences

- > The University of Scranton and the Commonwealth Medical College will host the third annual Northeastern Pennsylvania Conference on Aging on April 11, 2013. The conference will provide a forum to educate practitioners, providers, researchers, economists and the community through presentations that promote healthy aging through an integrated approach.

Linda P. Fried, M.D., dean and DeLamar Professor of Public Health at Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University, New York, is the keynote speaker. A leader in the fields of geriatrics and epidemiology, Dr. Fried is also the senior vice president of Columbia University Medical Center and professor of medicine at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons

- > William Kullman, deputy chief of international affairs of the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives discussed “International Efforts to Combat Firearms Trafficking” at The University of Scranton at a lecture on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Kullman ’80, a University of Scranton alumnus has served at deputy chief since 2009. As a senior policy and legal advisor on international agreements on arms and explosives, Kullman has expertise on efforts combating illicit arms trafficking internationally, as well as international and national security issues.
- > Ted Merwin, Ph.D., associate professor of religion and Judaic studies at Dickinson College, Carlisle, will deliver a lecture titled “You Don’t Have to Be Jewish: Non-Jews’ Growing Investment in Jewish Life” at The University of Scranton on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Presented by the University’s Weinberg Judaic Studies Institute.
- > The University of Scranton’s Department of Mathematics is hosting the sixth annual Integration Bee on Thursday, April 25 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the DeNaples Center ballroom. This calculus-based competition is like a spelling bee except, instead of spelling words, contestants compute integrals.
- > Latin American Studies will presented a free lecture by "Mexican Foreign Policy under President Pena Nieto: Prospects and Challenges" on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The lecture was presented by Dr. Jose Luis Garcia A. of Universidad Iberoamericana, Puebla (Mexico).

#### Panuska College of Professional Studies

- > On March 21, 2013, the TEAC Accreditation Committee accepted the Accreditation Panel's recommendation for initial accreditation, five years.
- > The University of Scranton will host the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Healthcare Symposium, titled “Innovation in Population Health Management,” which brings together healthcare professionals, students and consumers. Sponsored by the Scranton chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives, the symposium will be presented on

Thursday, April 18, in the McIlhenny Ballroom of the DeNaples Center. Following a reception and dinner, Dennis J. Kain, president of Tyler & Company, will deliver the keynote address describing how real-life organizations can team up to improve our nation's health. A leader in healthcare operations and national consulting for more than 30 years, Kain has conducted searches for large health networks, academic medical centers and community hospitals across the country. He holds a bachelor's degree from Lafayette College, Easton, and a master's degree in healthcare administration from The George Washington University, Washington, D.C. He is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Kania School Of Management

I am pleased to announce that John A. List, Homer J. Livingstone Professor of Economics at the University of Chicago, has agreed to deliver the 28th Henry George Lecture, which is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1st in the McIlhenny Ballroom. Steven Levitt and Stephen Dubner, in their best-selling book "Super Freakonomics devoted several pages to Dr. List's work and describe him as "One of the most prolific experimental economists among the new generation..." and a leader in the field of behavioral economics.