

Monthly Report to the Faculty
Provost Julie Bernier
September 2011

Welcome to the start of another new year. Thanks to everyone for their flexibility in managing the flood and making quick adjustments to your schedules. I can't imagine better teamwork to make the shift as seamless as we managed. I trust schedules are getting back to normal and the semester is off to a great start.

Welcome to our New Faculty:

DEPT	NAME	GRADUATE OF	COMING MOST RECENTLY FROM
Art	Pamela Anneser	Yale University	Plymouth State
Nursing	Mary Bantell	Columbia University	Texas A & M University
CoBA	Deborah Brownstein	University of Maryland, College Park	Plymouth State
Ctr for Environment	Denise Burchsted	University of Connecticut	University of Connecticut
Health & Human Perf.	Rebecca Busanich	University of Iowa	University of Iowa
Nursing	Ann Marie Cote	University of Phoenix	Speare Memorial Hospital
Nursing	Sandra Gamble	Salem State University	Bay Ridge Hospital, Lynn, MA
Education	Hilary Knipe	The Pennsylvania State University	The Pennsylvania State University
History & Philosophy	Michael Kopish	University of Wisconsin, Madison	University of Wisconsin
Counselor/Schl Psych	Nancy Puglisi	Union College	University System of New Hampshire
Music, Theatre, Dance	Mark Stickney	Rutgers University	Southern Utah University
Education	James Stiles	The Ohio State University	Rowan University
Mathematics	Osama Taani	New Mexico State University	New Mexico State University
Education	Alison Wenhart	Arizona State University	William Jewell College
CoBA	Tinglan Yang	University of New Hampshire	Plymouth State

PSU Confers first two Doctoral Degrees

Cheryl Baker and **June Hammond Rowan** successfully defended their doctoral dissertations in August becoming the first two students to complete PSU's Doctor of Education (EdD) in Learning, Leadership, and Community. Their degrees will be conferred on August 31, 2011. Dr. Baker's dissertation, *Understanding Lack of Membership in RSEEC's Newly Developed On-line Professional Learning Communities: A Quantitative and Qualitative Study*, examines why New Hampshire's rural educators chose not to join newly developed on-line professional learning communities, what they perceive as barriers to membership, and what might motivate them to become members of on-line professional learning communities. Dr. Hammond Rowan's dissertation, *Planning Boards in New Hampshire: What They Do and How They Learn About Planning*, is a qualitative study that examines the work of planning boards in four New Hampshire towns. **Congratulations Dr. Baker and Dr. Hammond Rowan!**

Personnel changes

A number of personnel shifts have occurred in Academic Affairs. Joyce Larson will serve as Interim Director of Institutional Research for this academic year. Thank you Joyce. A debt of gratitude is due to Amy Morrill for taking on the interim role of Registrar since Joyce's departure to IR and while we searched for a new Registrar. Amy - Thank you! Please join me in welcoming George Gilmore as our new Registrar. George earned his degrees from Towson State and UMass Amherst and completed the Harvard University Graduate School of Education Management Development Program. He has served as Registrar from Dubai to Abu Dhabi, and most recently at California State University, California Maritime Academy.

New Department Chairs

We have a number of newly appointed Chairs this year. At the end of this report you'll find an updated list of the Department Chairs along with pertinent contact information.

Assessment initiatives this year

As we progress through our NEASC Self-Study we are aware of the need to continue moving forward with identifying and assessing student learning outcomes. As such, this year I will be charging the Deans to work with Department Chairs and faculty in refining department and program outcomes and making progress in capturing evidence demonstrating that outcomes are being met. Daniel Moore and the Assessment Advisory Group will assist in this process.

All departments will identify and articulate department and program outcomes by the end of January, 2012. By the end of the Spring Semester 2012, departments will identify and articulate the evidence that will be used to determine the extent to which outcomes are being met.

Toward a Paperless Campus

You will recall last spring we announced that among other cost-saving initiatives, we would be reducing our reliance on printed publications. The printed phone directory will no longer be published in paper format. For your convenience, pdf versions of the directory are available for download and storage on your machine (or print if you must). To access the pdf version, first log-in to myPlymouth and then proceed to the Directory <https://www.plymouth.edu/webapp/phonebook/>

There you will find a printable version of the directory for the following:

[Faculty/Staff](#) 

[Departments, Services, Etc.](#) 

[Students](#) 

With this Fall, we have printed our last print version of the **Time and Room Schedule**. The Registrar's office will be seeking input and working with others to determine the most effective means of searching and browsing for course availability in time for Spring Registration. Watch for more information.

The 2011-12 **Academic Catalog** is the last Catalog to be published in print format. We will still create a pdf version of the catalog for download and searching. The Academic Catalogs are available on the website beginning with the 2000-01 year through the present at <http://www.plymouth.edu/academics/undergraduate-programs/college-catalog-search/>

Last year we piloted the use of an online **course evaluation system** called Course Eval. This year we will extend the pilot to the full campus by integrating Course Eval in every Moodle course and to include all faculty. Later this year faculty will be asked for feedback regarding this course evaluations system for future revisions before fully implementing Course Eval in FY13 as the official course evaluation tool for PSU.

Internationalization

Many initiatives are under way this year to increase internationalization efforts. As you know, ELS Language Centers began operating here on campus two years ago in Mary Lyon Hall. Each year, ELS brings several dozen international students to the PSU campus to study the English language.

Bruno Isidro, the Director of ELS is looking to create connections for PSU faculty and students with ELS students. ELS is looking to increase the number of faculty who serve as guest speakers in ELS classrooms or faculty who will welcome ELS students in auditing a class. If you would like to serve as a guest lecturer, open your class to ELS students, or simply stop in to meet some of our international students studying English through ELS, please contact Bruno Isidro at gisidro@els.edu

Academic Calendar revisions

The Academic Calendar Task Force is in the process of being appointed ~ thanks to those that volunteered. The members are: John P Clark- Chair, Roger Blake, Lisa Spradley, Liz Ahl, David Beronä, Bob Nadeau, Terri Potter, Nancy Betchart (Ex-Officio), Amy Morrill (Ex- Officio), OS and student members to be named.

They will be charged with the following: To deliver recommendations for a revised Academic Calendar to the Provost no later than December 2, 2011. An overall goal is to reduce the number of days between Move-In Day in the fall and Commencement Day in the spring.

Rationale:

- Reduce the amount of “down time” when students are on campus and classes are not in session.
- Provide students with earlier opportunity to gain summer employment by ending the year one week earlier.
- Improve town/gown relations.
- Review opportunities to enhance summer conference offerings.
- If possible avoid date conflict with PSU/UNH commencement.

Key points to consider:

1. Accreditation requirements
 - a. Confirm the number of days/hours required to ensure we are meeting NEASC guidelines (e.g. 37.5 hrs per 3 cr. Class)
2. First semester
 - a. The first day of classes shall be after Labor Day. This may mean move-in day occurs on Labor Day.
 - b. Shorten the time period from move-in day to the start of classes.
 - c. End fall semester no later than December 22.
 - i. In order to accommodate, consider alternatives to the traditional Monday thru Friday Finals Week
 - ii. Review holidays (ie. Columbus Day, travel day before Thanksgiving, etc.)
3. Winterim
 - a. Preserve adequate time for PSU to maintain Winterim session.
 - b. Consider alternatives to the traditional class time offerings during Winterim (e.g. start classes before January 1).
 - c. Review number of days classes are not held between the end of first semester and the beginning of second semester.
4. Second semester
 - a. Move Commencement Exercises one week earlier.
 - b. Review holidays and other days classes are not held-ie. Winter Carnival.

Pakistani Educational Leadership Project

Another highly successful Pakistani Educators Project! Since September of 2003, the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), has provided over three million dollars in funding for an international professional development program and cross-cultural exchange for educators hosted by Plymouth State University. The “Pakistani Educational Leadership Project” consists of Pakistan and U.S. components managed by project director Blakeman Allen with the assistance of a U.S.-Pakistan team. As host, PSU provides valuable staff contributions, significant cost sharing, and an institute home.

The project’s eighth summer institute took place at PSU during July. With thanks to campus and local communities, the State Department delegation of 40 Pakistani educational leaders immersed themselves in productive professional development training and rich cross-cultural experiences. The delegates explored innovations and best practices in educational leadership across disciplines and engaged in shared activities with U.S. colleagues and friends.

The success of the project’s institute component depends on teamwork across countries and campus.

- Project team: Blake Allen, project director; Sally Kilfoyle, project assistant and 2011 institute planner; Lisa Baldwin, project assistant; Riffat Ayesha (Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi), in-country coordinator; Beena Raza (Lahore), Talat Khurshid (Islamabad), Khurshid Ahmed (Peshawar), alumni advisors

- Institute team: Andrea Ladd Caulder, institute coordinator; JoAnn Guilmet, technology advisor; Julie Crisafi (Colby-Sawyer), residential director, Mary Lyon; Lisa Dalzell (CoGS), Deo Mwano (New England College '11), Sam Wisel (PSU '12), community advisors, Mary Lyon; Adam Sheetz, graduate assistant; Savannah Fitzpatrick (PSU '13), volunteer
- PSU Pakistan committee: Tammy Hill, Physical Plant; Lisa Ladd, Global Education Office; JoAnn Guilmet, Lamson Learning Commons; Investigator Jennifer Frank, University Police; Tara DiSalvo, Office of Sponsored Programs; Thomas Weeks, Residential Life; Keith Botelho, Sodexo
- Institute instructors: Educational Leadership: Christie Sweeney, Leo Sandy, Kathleen Norris. Environmental Education: Mary Ann McGarry, Marguerite Crowell, Warren Tomkiewicz, Melissa Peplinski. Technology: Norm Shippee. Master Action Portfolios: Kim Rawson Sychterz, Julie Tallman, Emily Squibb, Kathleen Smith
- Educational enrichment: David Berona; Trish Lindberg; Beth Shahidi; Bob Hlasney; Anne Jung; Gary McCool; Michael Fischler, Gary Goodnough and the doctoral cohorts; Sue Scheinman, Speare Hospital; Arts in Education Institute; Plymouth Writing Project; Newfound SAU; Pease Public Library; Lin-wood High School "Girls of Summer;" New Hampshire Music Festival
- Across campus: Offices of the President, Provost and Sponsored Programs; College of Graduate Studies; Residential Life; Prospect Dining Hall staff; Lamson Learning Commons staff; John Clark; Mary Hill

Besides rich campus and community interactions, the Pakistani delegation, accompanied by project and institute staff, met in Washington, D.C. with senior officials at the U.S. Department of State, Embassy of Pakistan, and Voice of America. By invitation, Sam Wisel made a presentation to Ambassador Adam Ereli, ECA, on the fall, 2010, Flood of Flags event that he and Bryan Funk (PSU '11) organized to assist flood-affected project alumni. Ambassador Haqqani, Pakistan's ambassador to the U.S., also hosted the delegates at an Embassy reception. VOA later interviewed Blake Allen and several delegates for a live broadcast on the project.

With the project's in-country phase the current focus, 200 Pakistani educators have benefitted from the institute experience, sharing outcomes with more than 100,000 of their colleagues and students throughout Pakistan. With over three million dollars in funding from the U.S. Department of State linking Plymouth and Pakistan through an international professional development program, the project support demonstrates the impact of U.S. foreign policy on education at the grassroots level. Congratulations to all on another successful institute.

NEWS FROM ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Art

- **Liz D'Amico's** sculpture "On the Turtle's Back" was part of AVA Gallery's 18th Annual Juried Exhibition in Lebanon, NH earlier this summer. The exhibit was juried by Katherine Hart, Interim Director of the Hood Museum of Art. The sculpture was first shown in a PSU Faculty Exhibit. Liz currently has a solo exhibit "Multi-Media Mix" at the Quechee Inn in Quechee, VT from August 22 – September 22nd. It includes about fifty paintings, handpulled prints, collages, photographs and a portfolio of twenty additional works. She has a mixed media work on canvas entitled "Green" in WCA/NH's "Vertical" Exhibit at the Margret and H.A. Rey Center Gallery in Waterville Valley through September 5th. Liz also participated in the Pop-Up Gallery and Magnet Art Project in Concord on August 26-27th.
- Along with many international fiber artists, one of **Marylena Sevigney's** sculptures was recently included in a book, called "500 Felt Objects: Creative Explorations of a Remarkable Material" by Nathalie Mornu. It was published by Lark Crafts and juried by Susan Brown, associate curator of textiles at the Cooper Hewitt, National Design Museum in New York City. The works range from wearable's to home decor, to sculpture.

- **Annette Mitchell** has work in the International Fiber Collaborative held at the Museum of the American Quilter in Paducah, KY through October. Other recent exhibitions include work on exhibit at the Gallery at WREN, the Vertical Show at The Rey Center, Waterville, NH, and the Magnet Open Art Project in Concord, NH.
- In part supported by a PSU Professional Development grant, **Dick Hunnewell** spent three weeks in Guatemala during July and August conducting research for his course “Mesoamerican Arts: Maya to Frida Kahlo.” Having gone in previous summers to the monumental sites of Tikal, Yaxha, and Copan, Dick expanded his topographical knowledge this year at lesser renowned sites like El Baul on the Pacific coastal zone and Mixco Viejo, a late highland center. Additionally, he was able to further his understanding of indigenous weaving – its history, technique, classification, and conservation -- by visiting the extensive collection of Maya weaving at the *Museo Ixchel del Traje Indigena* in Guatemala City and by talking with contemporary weavers at the village of San Antonio Aguas Calientes, near Antigua. Dick also purchased several examples of weaving as demonstration pieces for his class.

Atmospheric Sciences and Chemistry

- **Dennis Machnik** made planetarium presentations over 8 days to about 1600 students in RI during the month of June. On August 13th he presented 4 programs at the “Curious George Day” at Waterville Valley (H. A. Rey, author of Curious George, also made wonderful constellation books for kids.)
- **Brendon Hoch** and graduate student **Amy Terborg** launched a weather balloon with radiosonde instrumentation to commemorate the dedication of the Captain Jonathan D. Grassbaugh Weather Station at Hampstead Middle School in Hampstead, NH on May 31. Captain Grassbaugh was killed in action in 2007 by a roadside bomb while serving with the U.S. Army Rangers on a supply mission.

Biological Science

- **Katie Rose Boissonneault** presented a poster, “Gene discovery and expression profiling in the toxin-producing marine diatom, *Pseudo-nitzschia multiseriata* (Hasle) Hasle” at the 1st International Conference on the Molecular Life of Diatoms at the Georgia Institute of Technology in June.
- **Chris Chabot, Katie Rose Boissonneault**, and their graduate and undergraduate research students attended the New Hampshire IDeA Network of Biological Research Excellence (NH-INBRE) 1st Annual Meeting in Whitefield, NH in August. They gave the following presentations:
 - **Katie Rose Boissonneault**: “Gene Discovery and Characterization in the Toxin-producing Marine Diatom, *Pseudo-nitzschia multiseriata*” (oral presentation)
 - **David Tardif** and **Chris Chabot**: “Finding Time: the Search for Biological Clocks in Marine Invertebrates” (oral presentation)
 - **Nichole DiLuzio, Cassandra Rogers**, and **Katie Rose Boissonneault**: “Determination of a Suitable Selection Agent and Corresponding Resistance Gene for the Genetic Transformation of *Pseudo-nitzschia multiseriata*” (poster)
 - **Pamela Felie, Brooks Henningsen**, and **Katie Rose Boissonneault**: “*Pseudo-nitzschia multiseriata* genomic DNA Library” (poster)
 - **Brooks Henningsen** and **Katie Rose Boissonneault**: “Characterization of an Unknown Transporter Gene in the Toxin-producing Marine Diatom, *Pseudo-nitzschia multiseriata*” (poster)
 - **Dan Hull, C.J. Freeman, Kevin Chesmore, Betsy Piburn, Sue Swope**, and **Chris Chabot**: “Identification of genes and quantification of proteins involved in *Limulus* clocks” (poster)
 - **David Tardif, Abby Tibbetts**, and **Chris Chabot**: “Circadian Clock Localization in the Ghost shrimp, *Palaemonetes pugio* and the northern crayfish, *Orconectes virilis*” (poster)

- **Christopher Wilk, Brooks Henningsen, and Katie Rose Boissonneault:** “Primer Design & Testing for Gene Expression Assays in *Pseudo-nitzschia multiseriata*” (poster)
- Technical specialist **Amy Ueland** and **Brigid O’Donnell** co-led a one-week camp, “Ecological Expeditions,” as a part of Mindflight in July, working with middle-school aged students from around the state. The course focused on measuring biodiversity in several habitats in the Plymouth area. Students collected macroinvertebrates from two different ponds and calculated biodiversity metrics for each and also visited Pemigewasset River, Walter Newton Natural Area and Livermore Falls.
- Over the summer, **Len Reitsma** led Nature Walks at D Acres and the Bear Pond Natural Area, and was an invited professional for Career Day at the Hebron Village School. He served as a consultant both to The Nature Conservancy (on a broad-based inventory of Canada Warbler populations on a 13,000 acre parcel of land in Canaan, Dorchester, and Lyme), and to Greener Ethiopia, a non-profit planting trees in Ethiopia. He also gave several invited talks over the summer: a seminar on fragmentation and bird populations as part of a four-part series organized by Linking Lands Alliance and funded by the Wellborn Ecology Fund (part of NH Charitable Foundation), a talk about Greener Ethiopia to the Canaan Bird and Garden Club, and a talk on migrant bird population ecology at the Newfound Lake Audubon Center.
- **Len Reitsma** co-authored an article, “Habitat use of the Louisiana Waterthrush during the non-breeding season in Puerto Rico,” with former M.S. in Biology student **Michael Hallworth** and current student **Kyle Parent**. This article is being published in the September issue of the *Wilson Journal of Ornithology*.
- Adjunct faculty member **Doug Sanders** co-authored an article, "A reversal learning task detects cognitive deficits in a Dachshund model of late-infantile neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis," to be published in the September issue of the journal *Genes, Brain & Behavior*.
- Professor Emeritus **Larry Spencer** was re-appointed by the governor, with the approval of the Executive Council, to the NH Rivers Management Advisory Council for another three-year term. He represents the interests of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions. He also served over the past six months on the Holderness 250th birthday planning committee and acted as the webmaster (see <http://www.holderness250.org>). As part of the celebration, he led a group of hikers to the old town farm site. Dr. Spencer also recently reviewed a new book by Derek Turner (Paleontology: A Philosophical Introduction) for *Choice*, a journal of the American Library Association.
- M.S. in Biology student **Nicole Ramberg Pihl** and her advisor **Kerry Yurewicz** presented a poster, “The influence of predatory smallmouth bass on northern crayfish: field distribution patterns and laboratory behavioral responses,” at the national meeting of the North American Benthological Society in May.
- Two M.S. in Biology students defended their theses in August:
 - **Alexi Kimiatek** (advised by **Len Reitsma**): “Age influences breeding ecology and sexual signaling of male Canada Warblers, *Wilsonia canadensis*, in central New Hampshire”
 - **Rachel Whitaker** (advised by **Brigid O’Donnell**): “*Salvelinus fontinalis* in a mountain stream in northern NH”

Center for the Environment

- While Tropical Storm Irene was traveling through New Hampshire, CFE’s assistant professor of hydrology **Mark Green** and research assistant professor **Lisa Doner** worked day and night from Saturday, August 27, through Saturday, September 3, to collect over 50 samples from the Pemigewasset River watershed in the Plymouth/Campton area. The storm generated an unprecedented opportunity to learn about the Pemigewasset watershed, how it produces major floods, and the water quality during floods. The volume of rainfall on the landscape from the storm likely caused elements such as carbon, phosphorus, and aluminum to be released and flushed through the system and into the rivers and streams. Capturing the large release of elements at one time is unique, and the data from the sampling effort will help understand the

potential implications for forest health after such large flushing events. Water samples from the Pemi River are being analyzed in the CFE Environmental Research Laboratory, so check the CFE website soon for updates.

- This summer, **Lisa Doner** and **Mark Green** began NSF-funded field work in Iceland, accompanied by CFE graduate student **Christina Maki** and ES&P undergraduates **Christopher Myers** and **Benjamin Bolaski**. Their project aims to determine how climate affects sediment deposition in lakes and if the North Atlantic Oscillation is a major influence on the geochemistry of those deposits. This summer, field work concentrated on Vatnsdalsvatn, the southernmost lake in the study. From May 20-July 20, graduate student Maki collected 15-minute interval samples on stream conditions, groundwater samples, and discharge data from various water sources. During her field season, Maki camped in a tent for two months, walked or rode a bicycle 8 miles daily to and from the field site, and managed to collect over 5,000 samples. She accomplished all this despite weather conditions that included one of the coldest springs on record, with freezing temperatures well into June and many days with sustained winds of 40-50 mph. Maki's perseverance and successes this summer exemplifies the great potential for achievement of graduate-level research at PSU. In addition, over three weeks in July, Doner, Myers and Bolaski collected over 500 soil samples, made detailed surveys of six soil pits and established automated stations that will generate year-round temperature data, at 15 minute intervals throughout the water column of four different lakes, amounting to nearly 1.5 million data points.
- **Denise Burchsted** has joined CFE as a postdoctoral scholar. Designed as a 2-year position, Denise will focus on teaching graduate courses, working with graduate students, and participating in an active research agenda. Her work focuses on aquatic landscapes across various scales. This year, Denise will teach graduate courses on Ecosystem Management, Nature of Environmental Systems, and Restoration Ecology.
- CFE welcomes six new full-time graduate students to the **MS in Environmental Science and Policy program**. The students started on September 1 with a new student orientation, boat tour of Squam Lake, and BBQ. These students have come to PSU from around the country and we look forward to working with all of them, as well as with our continuing students. We currently have 10 full-time graduate students enrolled in the program, plus several part-time students.
- This summer, graduate student **Kristin Brandt** assisted CFE and the USGS with a project studying carbon loss through stream water. Kristin regularly collected samples from research sites at the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest and maintained field equipment.
- CFE's project studying aluminum concentrations in surface and ground water in the White Mountain National Forest was featured in a recent [NHPR article](#). The story explains the work being done by graduate student **Chris Nealen**, and is an example of the continuing partnership between WMNF and PSU.
- **Kristin Brandt**, graduate student at CFE, and **Aaron Johnson**, manager of the Environmental Research Laboratory, spoke at the Jefferson Conservation Commission meeting on June 22. They presented results from CFE's work with the Israel's River Volunteer Advisory Group on monitoring the river's water isotope and winter chloride levels. Funding for this project was provided in part by the *Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, North Country Region* as a sub-award from the Coös County Outreach Initiative of the Center for Rural Partnerships at Plymouth State University.
- Assistant professor **Mark Green** worked with the Hubbard Brook Research Experience for Undergraduates at Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest this summer. He mentored students who conducted research on the structure of forest soils and mapping groundwater.
- Interim associate director **June Hammond Rowan** completed her EdD in Learning, Leadership, and Community at PSU in August. Her dissertation focused on planning boards in New Hampshire and explored what they do and how they learn about land use planning.
- In August, **Mark Green** led a workshop, "Quantifying Uncertainty in Ecological Studies," and gave a talk at the Ecological Society of America meeting in Austin, TX on "Long-term trends in uncertainty of element fluxes at the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest." He also presented a

poster on “Explaining Declines in Evapotranspiration at the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest” at the Gordon Research Conference on Catchment Science: Interactions of Hydrology, Biology & Geochemistry in Maine in July.

- **Lisa Doner** was co-author for two presentations at the 5th International Limnogeology Congress in Konstanz, Germany, Aug 31-Sept 3, 2011. The presentations were “Holocene Fresh Water Ostracoda from the Black Sea Coast of Turkey,” and “The study of sedimentary records of modern coastal lakes on Thrace and the Black Sea coasts of Turkey.

Publications:

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- Dean, W.E. and **Doner, L.** (2011). A Holocene record of endogenic iron and manganese precipitation and vegetation history in a lake-fen complex in northwestern Minnesota. *J. of Paleolimnology*. DOI:10.1007/s10933-011-9544-7
- Dean, W.E. and **Doner, L.** (2011). A Holocene record of endogenic iron and manganese precipitation, isotopic composition of endogenic carbonate, and vegetation history in a lake-fen complex in northwestern Minnesota. U.S. Geological Survey Open-File Report 2011–1106. 41 p. <http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2011/1106/pdf/OF11-1106.pdf>
- CFE’s work with the White Mountain National Forest on monitoring water quality at the site of the former Ore Hill Mine was included in an [article](#) in *Technology News and Trends*, a newsletter about soil, sediment, and groundwater characterization and remediation technologies published by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Counselor Education and School Psychology

- The **Counselor Education and School Psychology Department** is participating in the 2011 National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Walk on October 2 in Concord. The department invites anyone interested to join its team or to make a donation to help the office reach its \$500 fundraising goal. NAMI is dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness.
- Professor of Counseling and School Psychology **Leo Sandy** presented on "Perspectives on Intimacy" at The 7th Annual All-Day Workshop on Picking Up The Pieces After Divorce and Separation at St. Joseph’s Church in Belmont, N.H., on April 9. At the same event, Assistant Professor of Counselor Education **K. Hridaya Hall** presented sessions entitled "Finding Peace in Challenging Times: Tools for Self Care" and "Finding Meaning in Changing Relationships: Exploring Our Paths."
- Professor of Counselor Education **Gary E. Goodnough** has been appointed to the American Counseling Association’s Ethics Code Revision Task Force.

College of Graduate Studies

- This academic year, the College of Graduate Studies will provide more than \$600,000 in funding for 62 **graduate assistants**. Each year PSU graduate students fill key support positions at the University through the College’s Graduate Assistantship (GA) program. Some GAs play key roles in undergraduate instruction—teaching biology labs or first-year composition classes, serving as athletic trainers and clinical supervisors—while others might assist in the Campus Counseling Center, advise students in University Studies, or compile information for accreditation reports. Each GA receives a stipend for the hours they devote weekly to their duties, plus tuition waivers for graduate classes.
- The College’s Concord location and New Hampshire Public Television have again partnered to present the **Community Cinema program**, which provides free screenings of documentaries on a range of topics. The movies will be shown once a month at 6 p.m. at a new venue, thanks to new co-sponsor, the Red River Theatres at 11 S. Main Street in Concord. The films scheduled to

be shown this fall are: *Peace Unveiled* on September 20; *Deaf Jam* on October 18, and *We Still Live Here (as Nutayunean)* on November 15. Visit the College of Graduate Studies website at plymouth.edu/graduate for more information.

- **Cheryl Baker** attended the New Hampshire State Board of Education meeting in June to discuss the development of the Rural School Educator Effectiveness Collaborative. The Collaborative is a grant-funded effort and is the result of the work of members from Plymouth State University, Granite State College, Keene State College, New England College, North Country Education Services, and the Southwest NH Educational Service Center. Its mission is to provide quality professional development to NH's rural educators. Additionally, Cheryl was one of five New Hampshire educators invited to attend the Regional P-12 Summit on Virtual Education in April. Sponsored by the New England Comprehensive Center and the New York Comprehensive Center, leaders from six states convened to discuss how virtual education will affect policies and procedures currently in place in public education.

Computer Science

- Christian Roberson's paper, "Aligning Generations to Improve Retention in Introductory Computing Courses," was published in the June 2011 edition of the Journal of Computing Sciences in Colleges.

Criminal Justice

- **David Mackey** and Kevin Courtright, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, presented their paper "Identifying beliefs about victims among university students: Assessing predispositional factors and the role of victimization" at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Sciences held at Roger Williams University in June.
- **Bob Fitzpatrick** and **David Mackey** presented their paper "Assessing College Criminal Justice Programs: A Review of Recent Practices and the Value of Pre and Post Testing" at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Sciences held at Roger Williams University in June.
- **David Mackey** was awarded the Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Sciences Regional Fellow Award at its June 2011 annual meeting. The award is presented annually to an individual who has made significant contributions to scholarship in criminal justice education through published works, scholarly papers, and accomplishment in teaching, grants, and other related professional activities. He also recently completed the Manchester Police Department's Community Satisfaction Survey. The report was published by the Union Leader and is available at <http://www.unionleader.com/assets/pdf/UL9344086.PDF>.
- **Kristine Levan** had the following chapter published this summer, "Gangs and Violence," in *Key Issues in Crime and Punishment: Corrections* (Edited by William Chambliss)

Education

- Assistant Professor **Christie Sweeney**, co-coordinator of the educational leadership graduate program, published, "Adapting the K-W-L Reading Strategy to Foster Experiential Learning for Pre-service Teachers," in the spring edition (Vol XIV, p. 39) of *The New Hampshire Journal of Education*.
- **Meagan Shedd** presented: "Early childhood educators' classroom literacy practices: An examination of relationships." The presentation occurred at the Annual Meeting of the New England Education Research Organization, New Bedford, MA. In July and August, Megan developed Kindergarten science learning experiences as part of the Boston Bruins I.C.E School Committee, Community Outreach and Educational Programming Development which will be available for distribution and implementation in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island through the Boston Bruins website. Throughout the summer, Meagan continued working on the New Hampshire Striving Readers State Literacy Interdisciplinary Team (LIT) New Hampshire Engagement Task Force to produce the state literacy plan for New Hampshire

- **Mary Earick** was appointed to The New Hampshire Commission on Effective Teaching: Phase II.
- **Pat Cantor** and **Mary Cornish** presented at the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Professional Development Institute in June on “Learning about Constructivist Teaching.” Dr. Cantor was also invited to represent higher education on the NH State Team that attended the pre-conference Summit of the States, a national meeting on early childhood policy for the coming year. Drs. Cantor and Cornish have also been engaged in activities associated with their multi-year grant as part of the Coos County Early Childhood Development (ECD) Initiative. The ECD Initiative is a multi-year, multi-partner initiative dedicated to improving the lives of young children and their families in Coos County; it is funded by the Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund of the NH Charitable Foundation. The PSU Early Childhood grant focuses on professional development and preparation of early childhood teachers and directors. In July, Drs. Cantor and Cornish offered a one-day institute on Adult Roles in Children’s Play and Playful Learning for 27 Coos County early childhood teachers and directors. This was the latest in a series of professional development opportunities they are offering, related to the theme of Play at the Heart of the Curriculum. This fall and spring, Drs. Cantor and Cornish will be providing on-site consultation for Coos County early childhood programs to develop play-based projects for their classrooms. In addition, a cohort of Coos County Early Childhood Leadership students will receive full tuition and fees at PSU for up to four years, beginning in fall 2011; in exchange, the students agree to work in early childhood in Coos County after graduation. The five students in the Cohort have been selected and had their first Cohort meeting with Drs. Cantor and Cornish on Friday, September 2. The students are: **Samantha Hallee, Dana Lyons, Kelly Mason, Amanda Pike, and Brooke Stevens.**
- **Susan Shapiro** presented "Barriers and Strategies to Social Relationships for All Children" at the New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education's Annual Summer Inclusion Conference, in Lakewood, NJ, on June 28-29th. She also presented "Differentiated Instruction as Classroom Management" to teachers and administrators at the APEX Conference in Bartlett, NH on August 18th.
- **Marcel Lebrun** presented at the International Association of Special Education Conference in Windhoek Namibia, Africa. The presentation was entitled School Shooters: Victims or Monsters. He also worked extensively in three special education schools in Namibia providing instructional training and support to teachers of visually impaired, deaf or hard of hearing students, cognitively impaired at the elementary levels and learning disabled students at the high school levels. He worked directly with these student populations to enhance the acquisition of multiple skills. He also presented a workshop to the Conway School District on August 29th on “Response to Intervention: Tier 1 Interventions for classroom teachers.” He also completed the second edition of *Books, Blackboards and Bullets* which will be released October 16th 2011. Marcel presented a workshop on Differentiated Instruction On September 1st to the faculty at New Hampton Prep High School.

English

- **Joseph Monninger** has been invited to Washington, D.C. as part of a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Peace Corps. Monninger served in the Peace Corps in Burkina-Faso, West Africa, and later incorporated his knowledge of Africa in his 1991 novel, *The Viper Tree*, which will be featured in a special Peace Corps Writers collection displayed at the Library of Congress.

Health and Human Performance

- **Cheryl Coker** and her colleague Virginia Overdorf presented a workshop entitled “Improving Movement Analysis and Intervention Skills in Professionals” at the International Association for Physical Education in Higher Education (AIESEP) conference in Limerick, Ireland this past June.

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- **David Beronä** was invited to the Czech Republic on April 26-28, 2011 as the guest speaker at the Institute of Czech Literature, Academy of Sciences in Prague where he presented a paper "The Woodcut Novel: A Tribute to the Art of Storytelling." He also presented a paper "Telling Stories Today in Woodcuts" at the symposium, "Comics Studies: Potentials and Perspectives" at *Palacký* University in Olomouc and a talk on wordless narratives the following day for the university community at-large. During the summer, David attended the Comic Arts Conference at the San Diego Comic-Con International, July 22, 2011 where he presented a paper, "Contemporary Woodcut Novels." He was also part of a panel as a contributor to the forthcoming textbook "Critical Approaches to Comics." David's new publication was released in August 2011: *Alastair Drawings and Illustrations*, edited with an Introduction by David A. Beronä was published by Dover Publications. This retrospective volume showcases the works of a leader of the Decadent movement, Baron Hans Henning Voigt (1887-1969), better known as Alastair and his unique place in twentieth century art and illustration.

Mathematics

- **John Donovan** and **Greg Superchi** taught the Intel Mathematics Program to 25 regional elementary school teachers from Lisbon High School in August.
- **Natalya Vinogradova**, Director of the Math IMPACT Center is leading the INTEL Math grant, a state-wide initiative to improve student learning in mathematics. This program is funded through a \$500,000 per year Math Science Partnership Grant gained through the efforts of the Rochester School District, Plymouth State University, New Hampshire Impact Center, University of New Hampshire – Manchester, University of New Hampshire – Leitzel Center, Croydon and Newport School Districts, North Country Education Services and New Hampshire Department of Education.

Music, Theatre and Dance

- Two episodic books by **Paul Mroczka**, "Web Success" and "NYC Theatre," will be premiering on iTunes in 2011. Both are published by area851, which is a high-tech company in Germany and the U.S.
- During the summer, **Holly Oliver**, Music Education Program Coordinator, served on the NH State Department of Education revision committee for Music Teacher Preparation Standards. She has also been accepted into the next cohort for PSU's EdD program and began coursework over the summer.
- **Elizabeth Cox** was part of a multi-disciplinary panel on acting, presenting "Voice and Acting; Encouraging Freedom through Responsible Practice" at the Association for Theatre in Higher Education national conference in Chicago in August. She also attended the Voice and Speech Trainers Association national conference, "Vocal Play, Improv, Comedy, Song, and Character" also in Chicago. Beth also visited with PSU theatre alums: **Amanda Frechette**, stage manager at New Leaf Theatre; **Lina Vong**, team leader/administrator at City Year; and **Curtis Jackson**, performer/understudy for Steppenwolf's Theatre for Young Adults.
- **Jonathan Santore** had two new works premiere in August – "Adjectives" was premiered by Jaren Hinckley, professor of clarinet at Brigham Young University, at the International Clarinet Association Clarinet Fest at Cal State-Northridge, and "Festival Fanfare" was premiered by the New Hampshire Music Festival Orchestra. A shorter version of this fanfare was played in the lobby at performances throughout the NHMF summer season, as were fanfares by PSU students **Allison Jacques, Todd Parker, Nathan Simard, Scott Monighetti, Eddie McCarron, and Bobby Davis**.
- **Kathleen Arcchi** was invited to present a workshop, "Steps to Belting," at the New England NATS Summer Conference held in Wellesley, MA in August.
- **Dan Perkins** led a group of 35 singers on a performance tour through Ireland in July. The group included 1 current PSU student, 5 alums, and 1 faculty member.

- **Carleen Graff** adjudicated for the National Piano Guild in Vermont as well as for the NH Music Teachers Association in May and June. She assumed the office of President of the New Hampshire Music Teachers Association in July, 2011.

Social Science

- **Bryon Middlekauff** published an Op-Ed piece in the September issue of the *Association of American Geographers Newsletter*.

Social Work

- **Steve Gorin** was highlighted twice for his upcoming articles on “Social Security” and “Health Care Reform” in the Oxford Bibliographies Online section on Social Work. He was also a guest on *The Exchange* (NHPR 7/15/11) to discuss Social Security and debate with Andrew Biggs, the former Principal Deputy Commissioner of the Social Security Administration. Steve served as a panelist in July in Nashua on the "Essential Budget" sponsored by NH Citizens Alliance and Working Families Win to review proposed changes and discuss how Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security work together to form a social safety net. He and Russ Armstrong, both members of the NH State Committee on Aging, published an “Our Turn” column in the Concord Monitor (8/25/11) titled "Confusion on Social Security and Medicare: They're not broke, don't add to debt"; the article was also published in the Laconia Citizen. He published "The New Threat to Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security" in the August edition of *Health & Social Work*.
- **Scott Meyer** held a training seminar for Pemi Baker Community Health staff entitled “Managing Professional Role and Behaviors in Home Health and Hospice”. He was also interviewed and quoted for a NH Sentinel Source.com (6/29/11) article, “On the Edge: A Look at Fathers’ Rights in NH’s Court System,” in response to a man who immolated himself in front of the Keene courthouse.
- **Cynthia Moniz** served as the Delegate from NH to the National Association of Social Workers Delegate Assembly held Aug 5-6. The Assembly meets every 3 years to establish program priorities for the association and profession and to establish and revise its social policy statements.

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