

Monthly Report to the Faculty
Provost Julie Bernier
September 2, 2009

Welcome back, everyone. It is such a joy to see the faculty and students return to campus.

Last week, we had a wonderfully successful Faculty Week and yesterday, one of our best Convocations ever. Thanks to David Zehr, Alice O'Connor and all those who presented during Faculty Week and thanks to Gale Beckwith, Melissa Levin, David Zehr, Briana Bradley, the HUB staff and everyone who helped plan Convocation.

Some personnel changes to announce:

The PASS office and the Writing Center will now report to **David Beronä**. With the integration of these support services with the library and the learning commons, David's title has been changed to **Dean of Library and Academic Support Services**.

Deb Regan, who has been serving as interim Director of the Bagley Center, has been named the permanent Director. In addition to the ongoing duties of directing the Bagley Center, Deb will be working with the International Steering Committee to develop a new leadership model to oversee and "pull together" the many international and global initiatives on campus.

Patrick Cate, who has been serving as Interim Director of University Studies, has been named Director of the program. Patrick and Barbara Wirth are in the process of assessing the program and proposing services that will serve a greater number of students. We'll hear more about their plans in the coming months.

Please welcome our newest faculty members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>
Christie Ahrens	<i>Education</i>
Benoni Amsden	<i>Center for Rural Partnerships</i>
Cheryl A. Coker	<i>Health and Human Performance</i>
Jeremiah S. Duncan	<i>Atmospheric Science and Chemistry</i>
Kimberly A. Duncan	<i>Center for the Environment</i>
Douglas L. Earick	<i>Center for the Environment</i>
Mary E. Earick	<i>Education</i>
Chantalle R. Forgues	<i>Business</i>
Mark B. Green	<i>Center for the Environment</i>
Rémy Grosso	<i>Languages and Linguistics</i>
K. Hridaya Hall	<i>Counselor Education and School Psychology</i>
Kristine M. Miller	<i>Criminal Justice</i>
Robert A. Nadeau	<i>Business</i>
Kathleen Norris	<i>Education</i>
Brigid C. O'Donnell	<i>Biological Sciences</i>
Christine M. Rine	<i>Social Work</i>
Jason A. Swift	<i>Art</i>
Kristen K. Williams	<i>Education</i>

ELS Language Centers:

ELS, located in the garden level of Mary Lyon, has begun accepting applications for English language studies. The Director, Gonzalo Isidro-Bruno (who goes by Bruno), arrived about a month ago and has been hiring staff and establishing the center. The first 7 students have been admitted – they are from Japan, Taiwan, China, Thailand, Rwanda, and Saudi Arabia.

ELS will operate continuously in 4-week sessions, 52 weeks per year. Students completing the program at level 112 will meet the language requirements for matriculation. Students enrolled in ELS, will live in Mary Lyon Hall or participate in “Home Stay” programs. If you are interested in hosting home stay students, contact Bruno at gisidro@els.edu or stop by Mary Lyon Hall. His office is located in the suite along with the Advising Center and University Studies.

Summer Vacation?

President Steen’s answer to the question “So, it must be quiet around here in summer?” can sum up the answer to the same question asked of our faculty members. Many individuals assume you are “on vacation” during the summer months. What follows, will challenge those assumptions. Our faculty have been busy, engaged scholars. Congratulations for all the awards, presentations, exhibits, shows, readings, and publications since our last meeting in May.

News from Academic Affairs

Art

- **Annette Mitchell** has had the following exhibitions: Small Gems/NHWCA Juried Exhibition, Manchester, NH; AVA's Sixteenth Annual Juried Summer Exhibition, Lebanon, NH; Inspire2Knit & Tea Show, Plymouth, NH; Incredible Print Show, Artstream Gallery, Rochester, NH; Printmaking: Impressions Juried Exhibition, New Hampshire Institute of Art, Manchester, NH; Neoteric Abstract Juried Exhibition, Limner Gallery, Hudson, NY; Momenta III Juried Exhibition, Two Rivers Printmaking Studio, White River Junction, VT; Trajectory, Print Invitational, Silver Cultural Art Center, Plymouth State University, NH; The Boston Printmakers 2009 North American Biennial, 808 Gallery, Boston University, Boston, MA; Four Featured Faculty, Drerup Art Gallery, Plymouth State University, NH; Prints of the Year: What's New in New Hampshire Printmaking, Franklin Pierce Law Center, Concord, NH; Love, Lust, & Desire, McGowan Fine Art Gallery, Concord, NH
- **Catherine Amidon** was awarded a New Hampshire State Council of the Arts Grant for the exhibition *Karl Drerup: A Modernist Drawn to Life*; she solicited addition funding from a private source to fund a catalogue. She was also invited to organize a booth about *Beyond Brown Paper* for the *Coos Goes South* celebration in front of the State House in May and invited to give a lecture about *BBP* for an AMC educational program in July. Catherine worked with Naomi Kline to bring a collection of vintage posters to PSU, and she solicited the donation of seven major enamels by Karl Drerup from a private donor. Catherine was also selected by the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to attend a national forum in June in Buffalo, NY entitled “Stewardship of America’s Legacy: Answering the Call to Action.”

Atmospheric Science and Chemistry

- **Eric Hoffman** gave a presentation at the AMC Cardigan Lodge in Alexandria on Aug. 18th. The presentation was entitled "A Needle in a Haystack: Tornado Chasing in the Midwestern United States".
- **Dennis Machnik** gave four planetarium presentations for the public on August 8th as part of the Curious George Day at Waterville Valley. He saw about 90 people, half of them young children. On the 17th of July, Dennis did a program for the Cub Scouts in Rochester.

- **Lourdes Aviles** has been appointed by the American Meteorological Society Council to serve on the History of Atmospheric Sciences Committee, which will meet during the 90th AMS Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia in January 2010.
- **Lourdes Avilés** and **Brendon Hoch** attended the 2009 Unidata Users Workshop held on June 8-12 at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, CO. The topic was "Using Operational and Experimental Observations in Geoscience Education." The workshop provided an opportunity to learn about the latest advances in observing technologies and techniques and their use in education, research, and operations. An array of educational and instructional sessions was presented showcasing various observing systems with special emphasis on their usefulness in teaching and student learning.
- **Brendon Hoch** attended a training workshop at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder Colorado on August 6-7. The workshop provided instruction on using Thematic Realtime Environmental Distributed Data Services (THREDDS), a software application which simplifies the discovery and use of scientific data. The software application will provide meteorological and other environmental datasets seamlessly to Plymouth State faculty and students, as well as other partners worldwide. Brendon also organized and co-led three training presentations for the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS). The events were held in Plymouth, Concord, and Unity, NH. The goal of the program is to encourage citizens to have fun participating in meteorological science and to gather accurate high-quality precipitation data for use by the National Weather Service and other parties to improve forecasting of major rain and snow events. Anyone can get involved by visiting <http://www.cocorahs.org>

Biological Sciences

- The Kim Ayers Award was presented to **Larry Spencer** at the annual meeting of the Lakes Region Planning Commission at the Laconia Country Club in June. Larry serves as the chair of the Holderness Conservation Commission.
- **Len Reitsma** co-authored four research posters at the 127th Annual Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union at UPENN in Philadelphia Aug 11-15, 2009. Three posters were co-authored with PSU undergraduate and graduate students (Michael Hallworth, Marissa Goodnow and Jesse Wampler) on the Canada warbler work Reitsma has been doing for seven years now, and one poster was on northern waterthrush research in Puerto Rico co-authored with Drs. Joseph Smith and Peter Marra of the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center.
- **Kerry Yurewicz** co-authored a paper, "Comparative landscape dynamics of two anuran species: climate-driven interaction of local and regional processes," that was published in the scientific journal *Ecological Monographs* (79(3): 503-521, August 2009).

Computer Science and Technology

- Conference Presentation:
 1. Cheng, E., Qiu, K., and **Shen, Z.**, On Broadcasting, Neighbourhood Broadcasting, and Whitney Numbers of the Second Kind, 2nd Canadian Discrete and Algorithmic Mathematics Conference (CanDAM 2009), May 25-28, 2009, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- Journal Articles Published:
 1. Cheng, E., Qiu, K., and **Shen, Z.**, An efficient routing algorithm for disjoint shortest paths on qHypercube, Proc. the 3rd Annual International Conference on Combinatorial Optimization and Applications (COCOA'09), June 10-12, 2009, Yellow Mountains, China, Springer LNCS 5573, pp. 375-383.

2. **Shen, Z.**, Qiu, K., and Cheng, E., On the surface area of the (n, k)-star graph. *Theoretical Computer Science* (2009), doi:10.1016/j.tcs.2009.05.007.

3. Cheng, E., Qiu, K., and **Shen, Z.**, On deriving explicit formulas of the surface areas for the arrangement graphs and some of the related graphs. *International Journal of Computer Mathematics* (2009) doi:10.1080/00207160903134255.

Counselor Education and School Psychology

- The *Journal of Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations*, published by Common Ground, has published an article written by **Leo Sandy** and **Scott Meyer** (SW), "Educating for Global Citizenship in the New Millennium" in the May issue. **Leo** also published an article on Teen Suicide in *Protocol*, the newsletter of the NHASP (New Hampshire Association of School Psychologists).

Criminal Justice

- **Stephanie Halter** was awarded the Dissertation of the Year Award from the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) in June at their annual meeting in Atlanta. APSAC is a national organization whose mission is to enhance the ability of professionals to respond to children and families affected by abuse and violence.
- **David Mackey** attended the annual meeting of the Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Sciences and presented 3 different papers with his co-authors: Michael Smith (Saint Anselm College), "Rating the intrusiveness and reasonableness of searches targeting youths;" Christopher Remillard (CJ PSU class of 2010), "Beyond the classroom with applied research: The illustrative case of the community satisfaction survey;" and Kevin Courtright and Susan Packard (both of Edinboro University of PA), "Empathy among college freshman: Examining predispositional traits and roles of education and maturation."
- **Mark Fischler** was invited to speak at the Boston Integral Meetup at Samadhi Yoga in Newton, MA, and gave a talk on "What is Integral Law?"

Education

- **Kathleen Norris** reports that the **EdD cohort** has completed its first two courses, Emerging Perspectives on Learning and Development, and Quantitative Methods for Program Assessment and Evaluation. The students are preparing for their fall course, Ethical Leadership and Advocacy. They became connected as a professional learning community in the first course and were involved in experiential and service learning through the Program Evaluation course. The cohort took on the development of a program evaluation proposal for Bridge House, the Plymouth shelter for those experiencing homelessness.
- The **K-12 Curriculum Administrator certification program**, a post-master's area, is in the approval process with the State Dept of Ed and students are already inquiring about admission into it.
- **Marcel Lebrun** and **Kim Williams** published a new book entitled, "Keeping Kids Safe, Healthy and Smart." The book is published by Rowman Littlefield Publishers and was released June 15th, 2009. The book highlights all kinds of hidden dangers for children in their schools, homes and communities. It offers a variety of resources and interventions for both parents and educators.
- **Clarissa Uttley** reports that IRB approval was granted for a research project entitled "Social Emotional Development in University Child Care Center Children." This research will include collecting baseline data on the social-emotional development of children in a university setting and will also be used to support future grant proposals on related research. This research will be occurring during the 2009-2010 academic year and will involve both the Plymouth State

University Child Development & Family Center and the University of Rhode Island Child Development Center. During the past summer, Clarissa served for three week as a Panel Chair for the Administration of Children and Family (ACF) grant review process for Early Head Start and Head Start Expansion funding through the ARRA (stimulus) funds. This was an opportunity to work with numerous people from around the country and in various roles relating to the care and education of young children, as well as to be influential in the selection of projects that would receive funding through this expansion effort.

- **Pat Cantor** and **Mary Cornish** presented on "Seduced by the Screen: Helping Families to Understand the Impact of Screen Media on Infants and Toddlers," for 60 early childhood professionals at the Oh Baby! Conference, Plymouth State University, [May 21, 2009](#).
- **Pat Cantor** and **Clarissa Uttley** presented on "Playing to Learn about Constructivism" at the National Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Professional Development Institute, Charlotte, North Carolina, [June 2009](#). The presentation drew on their work and that of Mary Cornish in teaching ER 2200, The Constructivist Approach in Early Care and Education.
- **Christie Ahrens** and **Kathleen Norris** are participating in the Educational Research collaborative group that has been organized at the State DOE. The first meeting was in August and information on available data sets and potential research questions was shared.

Health and Human Performance

- **Linda Levy** had the following publications:
 - 1) Co-authored a chapter titled, "The Supervision, Questioning, Feedback Model of Clinical Teaching: A Practical Approach" in Weidner, TG. (2009), *The athletic trainer's pocket guide to clinical teaching*. Slack Inc.;
 - 2) Willeford KS, Fincher AL, Barnum MG, Gardner G, Guyer MS, **Levy LS** & Sexton P. (2009). Improving Clinical Education through Proper Supervision. *Athletic Training Education Journal*, 4(1):6-7;
 - 3) **Levy LS**, Sexton P, Willeford KS, Barnum MG, Guyer MS, Gardner G & Fincher AL. (2009). Clinical Instructor Characteristics, Behaviors and Skills in Allied Health Care Settings: A Literature Review. *Athletic Training Education Journal*, 4(1):8-13; Sexton P, **Levy LS**, Willeford KS, Barnum MG, Gardner G, Guyer MS & Fincher AL. (2009). Supervised Autonomy. *Athletic Training Education Journal*, 4(1):14-18;
 - 5) **Levy LS**, Gardner G, Barnum MG, Willeford KS, Sexton P, Guyer MS & Fincher AL. (2009). Situational Supervision for Athletic Training Clinical Education. *Athletic Training Education Journal*, 4(1):19-22;
 - 6) Barnum MG, Guyer MS, **Levy LS**, Willeford KS, Sexton P, Gardner G & Fincher AL. (2009). Questioning and Feedback in Athletic Training Clinical Education. *Athletic Training Education Journal*, 4(1):23-27; and
 - 7) Gardner G, Sexton P, Guyer MS, Willeford KS, **Levy LS**, Barnum MG & Fincher AL. (2009). Clinical Instruction for Professional Practice. *Athletic Training Education Journal*, 4(1):28-31.
- **Christian Bisson** had a chapter published in a new edited book entitled "Rock Climbing." The chapter is titled "Building Climbing Anchor Systems" and covers the science and art of building safe anchor systems in recreational and educational rock climbing environments. The book was co-edited by [Timothy Kidd](#) and [Jennifer Hazelrigs](#) through Human Kinetics.
- **Mardie Burckes-Miller** coordinated Plymouth State University's 4th Eating Disorders Conference this past spring at Church Landing at in Meredith. The conference was partially grant funded from NH Endowment for Health and NH Charitable Foundation. The conference was expanded from one day to 1.5 days, with a pre-conference for school professionals on eating disorders.

More than 120 participants from all over the country attended and heard some of the best national speakers on the topics of disordered eating, obesity and eating disorders prevention and treatment. She, with health education classes and the Health and Wellness Club, coordinated the 7th Annual Eating Disorders Silent Auction to raise money for eating disorders prevention activities in the Plymouth area last April. Mardie and Arianne Szymas, nutritionist with Plymouth State and SODEXHO, were trained as facilitators in a national program to decrease negative body image issues, called Body Reflections. This spring students facilitated a peer led Body Reflections program in residence halls. This Fall both will conduct a Body Reflections program for 25 residential life community advisors and residential life directors during in-service sessions. She also trained SODEXHO employees in CPR and AED this summer.

- New faculty **Cheryl Coker**, had a textbook published, *Motor Learning and Control for Practitioners*, by Holcomb Hathway Publ.
- **Barbara McCahan** participated in planning and implementing the Annual Leadership Development Conference for The Eastern District Association of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education and Recreation which was held in Portland, ME on August 19-21st. The conference was attended by EDA representatives from across 13 eastern states and Puerto Rico.
- **Margie King, Keith Belmore** (PSU Ass't Athletic Trainer, BS '05), Heather Wenninger (MS '09), Laurel Horne (MS '08), Rachel Salazar (MEd '07), Eric McQuaid (MEd 09), **Brian Boyls-White** (MS '09), and **Kristen Scott** (PSU Graduate Assistant, MS '10) presented "Getting to the Core: Assessment and Intervention Strategies" at the National Athletic Trainers Association Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium in June. Margie also presented at a week-long training session, "Cancer Exercise Specialist Training Course," at the Rocky Mountain Cancer Institute in July. In August, she presented "Optimizing Performance: Central and Peripheral Fatigue" at Colorado College.
- **Irene Cucina** attended and presented at the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Leadership Conference in Washington, DC in June.
- **Irene Cucina, Lynn Johnson, Barbara McCahan** and Morgan O'Connell (senior physical education teacher certification student) attended the Eastern District Association of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Leadership Conference in Portland, ME in August. Lynn is currently the EDA President, Barbara is the VP Elect of Physical Activity and Recreation, Irene serves as the Board of Governor Representative, and Morgan is serving as the Student Representative on the Executive Board of this professional association.

Lamson Library

- **JoAnn Guilmett** attended the New Hampshire Educational Media Association conference in North Conway in May and presented "8 steps to move your school library to an Information Commons."

Languages and Linguistics

- **Barbara Lopez-Mayhew** has had a book published: *Valor, agravio y mujer* by Ana Caro Mallén de Soto, 17th century Spanish author. Ed. Barbara Lopez-Mayhew. European Masterpieces Cervantes & Co. - Spanish Classics Nº 42, May 2009. She also participated June-July 2009 in the XIXI Congreso Intercontinental of ALDEEU (Asociación de Licenciados y Doctores Españoles en los Estados Unidos), hosted by IUIEN: Instituto Franklin at the University of Alcalá de Henares (birthplace of Miguel de Cervantes, author of *Don Quijote de la Mancha*). She presented a paper in Spanish on *Un nuevo canon literario: los retos y beneficios de incluir a dramaturgas del*

Siglo de Oro. (A new literary canon: the challenges and benefits of including women playwrights from the Spanish Golden Age).

- **James Whiting** presented a paper, "Low-Incidence ELL Teaching and Learning: Challenges and Possibilities", at the 8th annual Teachers as Researchers Conference held at UNH Manchester in May. In the paper, Whiting reported on-going survey and qualitative research he has been pursuing on teaching English language learners in low-incidence, low-population settings in New England.

Mathematics

- **John Donovan** has been appointed to the Mathematics Teacher Editorial Panel of The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics'. The Committee is composed of Council members who have made contributions in special ways to the profession and who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership in mathematics education.

Music, Theatre and Dance

- The Pemi Choral Society, conducted by **Robert Swift**, participated in UNISONG2009 in Ottawa, Canada, in early July. The national choral festival featured selected choirs from all ten Canadian provinces. Pemi was the first USA choir ever to be invited to participate.
- **Elizabeth Cox** presented at the national theatre convention, the Association for Theatre in Higher Education, in August in New York City. Her workshop "Utilizing Sign Language as a Tool for Actors" incorporated her research and techniques for work on actor physicality and connection to text. Also in August, Beth attended the national conference of the Voice and Speech Trainers Association, working with international teachers Kristin Linklater, Patsy Rodenburg, and Catherine Fitzmaurice in master classes on speech, breath and Shakespeare's text.
- **Kathleen Arcchi**, the NE Regional Governor for NATS (National Assoc. of Teachers of Singing), ran the NE-NATS Summer Conference, August 17-19, at Proctor Academy, Andover, NH. Among the participants in the conference were **Connie Chesebrough**, coordinator of collaborative piano in the MTD department, who was a staff pianist at the conference, and **Amanda Munton '00**, adjunct instructor of voice. Connie and Amanda performed "Three Ages of Women" by Lee Hoiby in a workshop entitled "Staging the Song Recital." **Daniel Perkins** accompanied **Eva Nagorka** of Plymouth, also on this same program.
- **Connie Chesebrough** also collaborated with lecturer Leslie Holmes and soprano Lori Anderson York in a workshop entitled "Paul Verlaine: The Composer's Poet", featuring songs of Debussy, Fauré and Hahn.
- **Carleen Graff** was an adjudicator for the Maine Music Teachers Association Pine Tree Piano Competition in Orono, ME in early May. She also adjudicated for the National Guild of Piano Teachers in Denver in early June.

Philosophy

- **Ray Perkins** and **Leo Sandy** (CE/SP) published "Curricular Innovations: Self and Society" in the Spring 2009 Edition of *The Peace Chronicle*, the newsletter of the Peace and Justice Studies Association.

Social Science

- **Michelle Fistek** and **Bob Egbert** attended the Northeastern Political Science Annual Convention May 8-9 in Portland. They gave a presentation about the PSU chapter which may be turned into

another CQ publication. Michelle also attended the Netroots Nation 2009 Convention in Pittsburgh, August 13-16, to gather information about the role of blogging and how they are translating blogging into citizen activism. Netroots Nation is a gathering of over 2000 liberal bloggers who meet to learn how to mobilize and how to translate their blogging into the adoption of public policy.

- **Peng-Khuan Chong** gave a talk on “President Obama’s Foreign Policy and Its Effects On Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia” this June in Malaysia. Included in the audience were NGOs, the Minister of Culture and Tourism, policy researchers and entrepreneurs. He also consulted with Penang Heritage Trust members who were responsible for winning the UNESCO designation for Penang as a World Heritage site.
- **Xiaoxiong Li** took part in the activities organized by the Pease Library at Plymouth and led a book discussion (*Wild Swans*) in Feb. 2009 at the library. He was actively involved in the program entitled Exploring China Series sponsored by the Young Ladies Library Association Endowment Fund in cooperation with the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire. He delivered two talks, “China under Mao” and “Current China,” at the Pease Library at Plymouth in March and April 2009.
- The University of Delaware Press published Xiaoxiong’s book Poppies and Politics in China: Sichuan Province, 1840s to 1940s in June 2009. He was also invited and served as chair of a PhD dissertation defense committee for the History Department, Sichuan University, Chengdu, China, and also gave two talks about US financial crisis and responses of US toward the crisis at Sichuan University and History Institute, Sichuan Social Science Academy, Chengdu, Sichuan in June 2009.

Social Work

- **Stephen Gorin** was invited to attend President Obama's Town Hall Meeting in Portsmouth, NH and asked to write a report on the event for national NASW 's health care blog. Steve was asked by NASW to prepare a report/position paper on Social Security funding that was submitted to the White House. This report, as well as a report he wrote on reducing health care spending, are posted to NASW's website. As Editor-in-Chief of *Health and Social Work*, Steve also worked with Rep. Carol Shea Porter to develop a Viewpoint article, "Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Government Initiatives to Relieve It," for the August 2009 issue of the journal.
- **Scott Meyer** co-presented "Educating for Global Citizenship: A Dialogue" with **Leo Sandy** (CE/SP) at the International Conference on Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations held in Riga, Latvia in June.
- The third edition of **Cynthia Moniz** and **Stephen Gorin's** textbook, "Health and Mental Health Care Policy: A Biopsychosocial Perspective," was released by Pearson/Allyn & Bacon in July. Cyndy & Steve also completed a new Instructor's Manual to accompany the text which is available online.