

Monthly Report to the Faculty
Provost Julie Bernier
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Welcome back everyone and best wishes for a successful semester.

Teacher Education

The State Department of Education visit for all teacher education programs will take place in Fall 2009. Teacher education faculty have been working to prepare for the fall State Department visit as well as to meet NCATE requirements for a future reaccreditation site visit. They will need the support of department faculty in the coming months. Thank you in advance all for your efforts to provide the required materials as we prepare for this important review process. A special thank you to Irene Cucina and the staff in the Office of Teacher Certification for their efforts in leading the teacher education faculty through this process.

Grant Funding Opportunity

We have an exciting opportunity to apply for “National Institute of Health (NIH) Collaborative Funding for enhancing research infrastructure and training at undergraduate institutions” through NH-INBRE (Idea Network of Biomedical Research Excellence). Funds are available for faculty in multiple disciplines interested in studying “health related issues important to the local community surrounding the partner institution”

While most of the proposed research projects will involve faculty in laboratory disciplines such as **Biology**, **Psychology**, or **Chemistry**, a significant portion of related research is also done by non-laboratory researchers such as public **health** researchers, **computer scientists**, **geographers**, **mathematicians**, **social scientists** and **statisticians**.

If you are interested in more information, please contact George Tuthill as soon as possible. The Dartmouth program director will be on campus shortly. The internal deadline is February 13th with an INBRE deadline of Feb. 20th.

2nd Annual Faculty Research Grant awardees named. The Research Advisory Council has recommended funding five faculty proposals for FY10. Thank you to all those who participated.

Congratulations to the following faculty:

Lisa Doner, *Climate Influences on Amphibian Phenology, Hermit Lake, Mt. Washington, NH*

Karolyn Kinane, *Medieval and Renaissance Forum and Fair: Improving outreach efforts to New England scholars, PSU, and the Plymouth Community.*

Deborah John, *Associations among Translation of Center of Foot Pressure, Balance, Functional Fitness, and Fear of Falling with Middle-to-Older Adults by Falls Risk*

Brian Eisenhauer, Kate Donahue, *How Can We Help?: A Qualitative Needs Assessment for EcoHouse Outreach*

Margie King, *Quantification of Qualitative Clinical Assessment in Rehabilitation.*

Spirit Night 2/5

Thursday night is Spirit Night at the Foley Gymnasium. The Plymouth State University Men's and Women's Basketball teams take on the Lyndon State College Yellow Jackets . The women's game tips off at 5:30 PM and the men's at 7:30 PM. Free t-shirts, music, DJ, and performances by our very own PSU Dance Team and Cheerleaders. This will be a great night of hoops, spirit, giveaways, and Panther Pride.

Can't make it to the game? Tune in to the Webcast. Log on to www.nsnsports.net to watch complete live coverage.

ETC's Wizard of Oz will close this weekend at the Capital Center in Concord. Tickets are selling fast for Friday evening at 7:00 pm and Saturday at 2:00 and 7:00 pm. Tickets are available at <https://tickets.ccanh.com/Online/>

NEWS FROM ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Art Department

- **Annette Mitchell, Nick Seigney, Jong Kim, and Phil Lonergan** are the artists being featured in an exhibit in the Karl Drerup Art Galley from January 21 – February 28th. Their works – sculpture, handmade bound books, ceramic vessels, foam plate prints, and art quilts – may be seen Mon. – Sat .10 a.m.-4 p.m., Wed. 10 a.m.-8 p.m., and by appointment. The Gallery is closed on Sundays and PSU holidays.
- **“Myths and Masks,”** an exhibit of the masks created by the students in **Jay Moskowitz’s** Fall sections of Creativity and the Visual Works, will open in Lamson Library on February 5th with a reception at 3 p.m.
- The annual **Friends of the Arts juried exhibition** (February 2-27) honors imaginative and skillful work by students in secondary schools in central and northern New Hampshire. The exhibition includes artists from public and private high schools, providing an opportunity for students and their teachers to explore and observe a wide range of media, processes, themes, and subject interpretations. The opening reception is February 8th, 4-6 p.m.

Department of Atmospheric Science and Chemistry

- **Susan Swope, Marguerite Crowell,** and undergraduates Jonathan Goulette, Shannon Courcelle, and Andrew Hornberger worked with high school seniors from Winnisquam Regional High School in Tilton, NH during an all-day workshop held in Boyd. Students toured the campus and experimented with a forensic DNA profiling lab. The students are AP chemistry students of Joshua Keaton, Science Department Chair and chemistry teacher at WRHS, and a PSU alumni.

Center for Rural Partnerships

- Two new faculty grants have been awarded for the PSU-Coös County Outreach Initiative:
 - **Catherine Amidon** (Karl Drerup Gallery) received funding to plan a collaborative eco-art program in preparation for the Centennial Celebration of the 1911 Weeks Act.
 - **Dan Lee** (Business Department) received funding to plan an innovative local and regional economic indicators project, serving counties and towns in Coös County and rural New Hampshire.
- Three members of the Center for Rural Partnerships made presentations at the PSU Research Advisory Council Grant Writing Workshop on January 21:
 - **Ben Amsden:** “How to Compile and Utilize Data” and “Hypothetical RAC Grant – The Do’s and Don’ts” (with **Mark Okrant**)
 - **Frances Belcher:** “Project Development and Grant Writing”
 - **Thad Guldbrandsen:** “Partnerships & Collaborations”
- **Ben Amsden** presented “Anatomy of A Successful Partnership” in collaboration with Pat Garvin at the Tillotson Learning Community meeting held in Crawford Notch in January.
- **Fran Belcher** led an effort to establish the founding documents and a communications plan for the newly established NFHERN (Northern Forest Higher Education Resource Network). NFHERN Steering Committee members are from: U Maine Fort Kent, U Maine Farmington, White Mountain Community College, Lyndon State College (VT), Sterling College (VT), and Paul Smith College (NY).
- The Center submitted a research report in support of the White Mountains National Forest Transport Plan. The purpose of this report was to provide information in support of the WMNF alternative transportation planning process. Research and writing for this report was conducted on behalf of the White Mountain National Forest and their partners by **Ben Amsden** in collaboration with PSU faculty, students, and off-campus partners.
- **Ben Amsden** was named Associate Editor of the *Journal of Unconventional Parks, Recreation, Tourism, and Recreation Research*.

Communication and Media Studies Department

- At the 2008 Convention of the National Communication Association, **Kylo-Patrick Hart** presented "The False Promise of Consumer Culture: Commodity Consumption's Deleterious Illusion of Empowerment" (a top paper in the American Studies Division) as well as "Exploring African-American Popular Culture and Chocolate Babies," **Annette Holba** presented "Ren as a Guide to Communication Ethics: An Aesthetic Principle of Philosophical

Leisure from an Eastern Perspective," and **Eun-Ho Yeo** (with Kyung-Woo Park) presented "Perception of 'Speaking Well' Among College Students in Korea."

- At the Masculinities, Femininities, and More Conference at the University of West Georgia, **Cathie LeBlanc** presented "Gender in On-line Communities" and **Evelyn Stiller** presented "Don't Know Much about Politics? How Women and Girls Blog."

Criminal Justice Department

- **Mark Fischler** led a discussion on the meaning of "Integral Law" in the world today at Boulder Integral, a community of shared philosophical agreement and committed practice.

Education Department

- An article by **Mary Cornish** and **Pat Cantor**, "Thinking about thinking...it's not for philosophers': Using metacognitive journals to teach and learn about constructivism," was published in the December 2008 issue of the *Journal of Early Childhood Teacher Education*.

English Department

- **Liz Ahl** has won the 2008 Slapering Hol Press chapbook prize. Her chapbook, "A Thirst That's Partly Mine," is a collection of poetry about human interaction with the natural world. A chapbook is a small book or pamphlet containing poems, ballads, stories or religious tracts. Slapering Hol Press is housed at the Hudson Valley Writers' Center, a non-profit organization dedicated to nurturing a community in which literary writers and those who love literature celebrate the creative process. The Press, named from the old Dutch for Sleepy Hollow, was established in 1990 to advance the national and international conversation of poetry and poetics, principally by publishing and supporting the work of emerging poets. Liz will be reading from the chapbook on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. at the Pease Public Library in Plymouth. Copies of the chapbook provided by the PSU Bookstore, will be available for purchase and signing.
- **Joe Monninger's** latest book, "Hippie Chick," has been chosen one of 2008's Most Distinguished Books by *The Bulletin* of the Center for Children's Book. *The Bulletin* is published by The Johns Hopkins University Press for the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, which selects the best children books each year for its annual Blue Ribbon prize. *Bulletin* editor Deborah Stevenson said the authors making the list are the best in the country and are often a precursor to receiving other book awards. "Hippie Chick" is a Robinson Crusoe-like survival story of a 15-year-old free spirited girl, Lolly, who enjoys sailing in the Florida Keys until she is thrown off her capsized boat. After regaining consciousness in the water, she is ready to accept death until she is helped by an unlikely rescuer, a trio of manatees. Monninger says he was inspired to write the story after visiting the area.

Health and Human Performance Department

- Linda Levy, Margie King, Liesl Lindley, Keith Belmore, Brian Bolys-White, Kristen Scott and six undergraduate and graduate athletic training students attended the Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association (EATA) Annual Conference and Clinical Symposium. One of the undergraduate students, Ali Serrani ('09), earned 2nd place in the first annual Quiz Bowl. She will represent the EATA in the nationally sponsored quiz bowl in San Antonio in June.
- Liesl Lindley was elected as the President-elect for the New Hampshire Athletic Trainers' Association.
- Linda Levy, Ashley Schmidt (MS '10) and Brad Emerton (BS '10) provided athletic training services for the ETC's production of the Wizard of Oz. This is the first year that the collaborative goals of the ETC have extended into the HHP Department.
- Irene Cucina traveled to Washington, DC in January to attend an NCATE Auditor Training program. As an NCATE Auditor she will be reviewing institutional reports before the Board of Examiners attends the on-campus visit.
- Christian Bisson and former PSU faculty Dr. Robert Stremba co-edited a textbook, "Teaching Adventure Education Theory – Best Practices."

Lamson Library

- David A. Beronä: Exhibit Review. "LitGraphic: The World of the Graphic Novel." Norman Rockwell Museum, November 10, 2007-May 26, 2008. *International Journal of Comic Art*. 10:2(Fall, 2008): 808-810.

- David also spoke in January at the College Book Art Association Biennial Conference, University of Iowa Center for the Book —Art, Fact, and Artifact: The Book in Time and Place. "Contemporary Woodcut Novels: Telling Stories in Pictures."

Music, Theatre and Dance Department

- The Pemi Choral Society (Director, **Robert Swift**), received a public citation of commendation from Governor Lynch in honor of its 35th anniversary concerts in December.
- **Carleen Graff** held master classes in January - At the Goodwin Studio in Dover she worked with three groups of students, including a class of adults. At the Manchester Community Music School, Dr. Graff worked with students from 5th grade through high school age.
- **Dan Perkins** was guest conductor and clinician for the Maine District I Choral Festival in No. Berwick, Maine in January. He also led the PSU Chamber Singers on a performance/study tour of the U.S. Southwest January 6-12, 2009.
- **Matt Kizer** has been nominated for Best Scenic Design through the NH Theatre Awards for the production of ALL SHOOK UP (Summer, 2008) at the Papermill Theatre of Lincoln, NH. The awards will be presented on February 8, 2009.
- **Elizabeth Cox** performed in a January theatre production with Stage One Productions in Manchester, NH.

Social Science Department

- **Khuan Chong** led a delegation to Houdegbe North American University Benin (HNAUB) in January. He is a member of the Board of Governors of HNAUB, and part of his responsibilities includes lectures on African – Southeast Asian Affairs at the Nkrumah School of International Relations and to help in honorary degree celebrations. He also met with the Benin Minister of Industry, Minister of Science and Technology and the Minister of Trade.

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