

Monthly Report to the Faculty
Provost Julie Bernier
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It's hard to believe we are heading into the last few weeks of the semester. The snow will be flying before we know it. I hope everyone has had a productive semester. As we approach the close of 2011, I wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season and will look forward to your return in January.

NEASC Accreditation

The NEASC Steering Committee, led by Dean Nancy Betchart is busy at work gathering data, meeting to review and discuss their findings and beginning to draft responses to the accreditation standards. Our onsite visit will occur during the Fall of 2013. It seems a long way out, but with all that needs to occur between now and then in preparation, it will be upon us in no time. In the next few months you will start to see drafts of the various chapters and there will be a period for public review and comment of each. We hope you will take time to review the draft responses and offer comment for future revisions. This self-study process is perhaps the most important aspect of the NEASC accreditation process. It is a time for review and self-reflection; to see what we do well, and where we can make improvements. We look forward to this work and to your participation in the process.

Update on CourseEval

The online course evaluation system, CourseEval will be ready for a campus-wide pilot over Winterim. A standard set of questions will be used for this first term. In Spring, we hope to implement general education questions and allow for departmental specific and individual questions to be added. Thanks for your understanding during this transition process. As we begin to implement, there will be time for your input, feedback and revision to the process.

White Mountains Experience offered for students this Winterim

The White Mountains Institute, the Center for Rural Partnerships, and the Rural Studies Council will introduce the *White Mountains Experience* this Winterim. The White Mountains Experience is an intensive, field-based, multidisciplinary academic opportunity. Each year, the WME addresses a specific topic of importance to the White Mountain region across two sessions – one session held during Plymouth State's Winterim and one session held during Summer Session. The capstone of the WME will be a multi-day field experience in the White Mountains region where students can apply their coursework in the spectacular outdoor laboratory that the region represents. In all, the WME provides a rich and holistic academic program that will foster intellectual and social growth, and prepare students to be productive citizens of the region and the world.

More info → <http://www.plymouth.edu/white-mountains-institute/programs/white-mountains-experience/>
Courses offered this Winterim → <http://www.plymouth.edu/white-mountains-institute/programs/white-mountains-experience/winterim-2012-courses/>

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Scholarship, awards, and noteworthy service activities

Art

- **Jason Swift** chaired a session titled “Current Trends in Studio-Based Practices Research” at the 2011 Southeastern College Art Conference in Savannah, GA in November. His paper was titled “Finding Voice Through Autoethnography and Reflective Inquiry in the Studio Practice.” The session included presenters from universities in London, Texas and Florida.
- **Annette Mitchell** and **Terry Downs** are exhibiting their work in a show titled “Parallel Rhythms” at Rivier College in Nashua from November 1-December 12, 2011. Annette also has prints in the show titled “Plymouth Printmakers--Chapter 2-Original Works at the Gallery” at Red Gate Farm in Plymouth from November 5-December 31, 2011. She was also in an exhibition at the Mill Brook Gallery & Sculpture Garden in Concord, NH from September 9-October 23, 2011 to raise money for animal rescue.

Atmospheric Sciences and Chemistry

- **Jim Koerner** hosted the semi-annual meeting of the New Hampshire Space Grant Consortium (NHSGC) at PSU on November 2, 2011. The meeting covered the outlook for NASA Space Grant funding, future proposal and reporting timelines, and updates by the NHSGC affiliates, which included UNH, Dartmouth, the Community College System of New Hampshire, the Mt. Washington Observatory, US First, the Rey Center, and Plymouth State.
- **Brendon Hoch** participated in training on November 19th for taking daily snow-surface albedo observations as part of a UNH-sponsored project affiliated with the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS). Three undergraduate meteorology students (**Liana Haddad, Stephen Lanciani, and Kevin Lupo**) and one graduate student (**Brett Rathbun**) also attended the training. Hoch will be supervising the students as they take daily measurements of precipitation and radiation on the rooftop of Boyd Science Center throughout the winter season. In exchange for providing data, the department acquired a digital pyranometer and other measurement tools which may be used for additional teaching and research activities.

Biological Science

- **Chris Chabot** gave an invited talk at Colby-Sawyer College on November 14th entitled “Finding time: Identification of clocks and clock cells in horseshoe crabs and lobsters.”
- **Kerry Yurewicz** and eleven students from her Freshwater Ecology course attended the 10th annual Undergraduate Symposium on Sustainability and the Environment at Bridgewater State University on November 19th. More than 40 posters from students and their faculty mentors at 10 schools throughout New England were presented, including the following three from PSU:
 - **Scott Barta, Alex Finn, Amanda Hollenbeck, Mary Lenehan, Corey Miller, and Kerry Yurewicz**: 30-year trends in turbidity at Squam Lake in Holderness, NH
 - **Rebecca Jacobson, Jami Woodworth, Kate Worthen, and Kerry Yurewicz**: Water quality assessment through biomonitoring of macroinvertebrates at Glove Hollow Brook in Plymouth, NH
 - **Holly Miller, Paul Ramberg Pihl, Tyler Remillard, and Kerry Yurewicz**: The bioassessment of environmental conditions at Quincy Bog in Rumney, NH

The Center for Active Living & Healthy Communities

- **Barbara McCahan** and **Rebecca Busanich** would like to thank all of the PSU faculty & staff who participated in the initial round of data collection for Healthy People in a Healthy Place (HP²) by taking the online health culture audit. At this time, analysis of this audit is underway. The second round of HP² data collection will take place during the spring semester, where all faculty & staff will be encouraged to attend a focus group and provide further input on the development of an

employee-based health and wellness program here at PSU. Stay tuned at the beginning of the spring semester for more information.

The Center for Rural Partnerships

- **Thad Gulbrandsen**, director of the Center for Rural Partnerships and interim coordinator of the White Mountains Institute at Plymouth State University, **is the 2011 recipient of the Young Professional of the Year award from *Business NH* magazine.** The award honors an outstanding professional, age 40 or younger, who is a rising star in their industry, and who has demonstrated leadership and a commitment to giving back to the community. An anthropologist who uses an entrepreneurial approach to address problems and community issues with a personal style that brings out the best in others, Gulbrandsen's selection was based on his commitment and success in assisting smaller, outlying communities. He deserves the award, both for his accomplishments and his potential to help forge an exciting future for New Hampshire. Co-author of the award winning book, *Local Democracy Under Siege: Activism, Public Interests, and Private Politics* (NYU Press 2007) and several other articles and book chapters on topics related to globalization, local democracy, regionalism, sustainable development, and social inequality, Gulbrandsen was named as part of the *Union Leader's* "40 Under Forty" young leaders who make a difference in New Hampshire in 2008. Congratulations Thad!
- The Center for Rural Partnerships, the Museum of the White Mountains, and other regional and PSU collaborators celebrated the end of years of successful collaboration around the **Weeks Act centennial anniversary.** Successes include dozens of public programs, new research and publications, public exhibitions, online content, a broadcast quality film (nearly finished), and an excited new media project (the Weeks Act Legacy Trail). Not yet advertised to the public, our colleagues may get an advance preview of the Weeks Act Legacy Trail (Phase I) at: <http://whitemountainsinfo.com/walt/>
- **White Mountains Institute courses** are listed for Winter 2012 for students interested in satisfying general education requirements, making faster progress toward graduation, and having experiential learning opportunities in the White Mountains.
- **Ben Amsden** and Environmental Science and Policy graduate student **Micah Hall** attended the regional meeting of the Northern Forest Tourism Network at Lyndon State College in Vermont. Micah presented his compilation of economic impact research, a project he completed at the request of the Network's tourism research subgroup.
- In partnership with Lakes Region Planning Commission and Lakes Region Listens, **Fran Belcher** co-facilitated two regional community conversations to update the Lakes Region Bike/Pedestrian Plan. The outcome of this series of five local conversations is to collect public input on local cycling and pedestrian activities and target unsafe areas for improvements.
- The Center for Rural Partnerships will be a co-sponsor of the **20th Annual Mud Symposium for Nurses** in March 2012, to be held in Coos County.
- **Fran Belcher** has been invited to represent Plymouth State on the Belknap County Community Corrections Task Force. The focus for this cross-sector coalition is to identify local needs and coordinate community based support systems for the new Belknap County Corrections Facility.
- **Fran Belcher** continues her work with the Lakes Region United Way, Belknap County Economic Development Council and Mr. Jeff Beard, doctoral candidate from Plymouth State on the Financial Stability Partnership to address the root causes of generational poverty in the Lakes Region.
- **Thaddeus Gulbrandsen** presented, "Paradise by the Dashboard Light: Planning, Assessment, and the New Business of the State," which was part of the panel "Govern by Numbers: Models, Plans, and the Quantitative in the Welfare State," at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Montreal, QC, Canada.
- **Alice Richmond** has left PSU to embark on graduate studies and the next phase of her career.

Center for the Environment

- **Mark Green, Doug Earick, and Brian Eisenhauer** joined colleagues from Dartmouth, UNH, and other institutions of higher education at the NH EPSCoR strategic planning meeting to continue work on an NSF-funded project on interactions among climate, land use, ecosystems and society. Mark presented a research outline as part of the aquatic working group.
- **Brian Eisenhauer**, interim director, spoke on November 19 at the All Saints Church in Peterborough about the environment and sustainability as part of the NH Master Chorale performance of "Singing for the Earth" led by **Dan Perkins**.

Counselor Education and School Psychology

- **Nancy Puglisi**, an associate research faculty member in Counselor Education and School Psychology, and **Cheryl Baker**, director of graduate recruitment and outreach in the College of Graduate Studies, presented a poster session November 4th at the 18th New Hampshire College and University Council (NHCUC) Academic Affairs Fall Conference. The topic of the poster session was, "Are you an Educateur?"

Criminal Justice

- **Kristine Levan** has co-authored a recently published paper: "Media and prison sexual assault: How we got to the 'Don't drop the soap' culture," in the *International Journal of Criminological and Sociological Theory*, 4(2). She also chaired a roundtable presentation "Faculty Writing Groups: Challenges and Directions," at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. Kristine has also been appointed to the CADY (Communities for Alcohol and Drug-free Youth) Sustainability Leadership Committee

Education

- **Pat Cantor** presented a paper on "Romanticism and the Beginnings of Early Childhood Education in the United States" at the History Seminar at the Annual Conference of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) in Orlando on **November 4**. Pat has also been appointed to the state-wide Early Childhood and Family Mental Health Advisory Group, which will spend the next two years developing a trans-disciplinary credential in Early Childhood and Family Mental Health and a self-assessment process to aid those who wish to obtain the credential. She represents higher education programs on the Advisory Group
- **Marcel Lebrun** began training in three Boston schools on the PBIS positive behavior support program. Training was given to Harbor Pilot Middle School in Dorchester on November 3rd, Mario Umana Academy in East Boston on November 4th and East Boston High School on November 17th.
- In September **Kathleen Norris** presented on using the CIPP model for program improvement at the National Evaluation Institute Consortium for Evaluation and Assessment in Teacher Education in Oxford, Mississippi. She also presented on the importance of developing relationships with rural graduate students at the National Rural Education Association conference in Hilton Head, South Carolina in October. Kathleen also worked recently with two cohorts of graduate students who teach at the Shanghai American School in China as they developed research that benefits their students and the school.
- **Meagan Shedd** presented "Lean on Me: Assessing and evaluating your classroom literacy practices with a little help from your friends" at the annual conference of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) November 2-5 in Orlando, Florida. She also co-presented "The Common Core Standards on technology: A *shift* in focus for states" with Kathryn Roberts from Wayne State University and Rebecca Norman from Mount Saint Mary College at the Literacy Research Association in Jacksonville, Florida on November 3.
- **Mary Earick** has been appointed to the New Hampshire Department of Education Commissioner's Fellowship for Teacher and Leader Effectiveness. Fellows will collaborate in the design of a pilot teacher evaluation system with the expectation that "new knowledge and

understanding” will be integrated into teacher/leader preparation programs. The development process will include faculty from SIG (schools in need of improvement) grant recipients, Department of Education and Institutes of Higher Education faculty.

- **Michael Fischler's** "A Letter Long Overdue," which reflected on an incident which occurred the day after Martin Luther King was assassinated, was selected for re-publication in McGraw-Hill's, Annual Editions/Multicultural Education, 16th Edition, 2011, which compiles the outstanding articles in the field, published in previous years.

English

- **Joseph Monninger and Liz Ahl** were recognized for recent works at the tenth biennial New Hampshire Literary Award reception and ceremony. The awards are sponsored by the New Hampshire Writers' Project, a nonprofit serving 800 writers and readers in New Hampshire and 16 states. Joseph Monninger received the award for Outstanding Children's Literature, for *Wish*; and Liz Ahl, the Readers' Choice in Poetry, for *Luck*. Monninger's *Wish* is the moving story of a New Hampshire boy, Tommy, who has cystic fibrosis and receives from a wish foundation a trip to actually see the great white sharks. Ahl's poetry in *Luck* captures moments in daily life, whether at a bus stop or listening to music, and invites readers to be more aware of their experiences. Monninger, the author of nineteen books of fiction and non-fiction, has won numerous awards, including two national awards for young adult fiction. Ahl won a 2008 chapbook contest and has published widely in national journals. The New Hampshire Literary Awards are given biennially, for first editions of books written by authors who live in New Hampshire, who are New Hampshire natives, or who deal with subject matter inherently connected to New Hampshire.
- **Karolyn Kinane's** poem, "Ordinary Life," was published in The Poetry of Yoga: A Contemporary Anthology.

Environmental Science and Policy

- **Warren Tomkiewicz, Mary Ann McGarry and Lisa Doner** assisted Dr. Won-Young Kim, a seismologist at the Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University, in setting up a seismograph station on the PSU campus to collect background earthquake data for a northeast regional data set. The intent is to establish a permanent station on campus for research and teaching purposes.
- **Zack Churchill**, a junior ES&P major on an exchange program at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand, won a geology photo contest with his images of the basaltic dikes in Acadia National Park. The photo is hanging in the geology building on the UO campus.

Global Education Office (GEO)

- We congratulate **Lauren Bergeron**, BA Spanish 2012, on being selected as one of five national finalists in the NAFSA (Association of International Educators) Connecting Our World Student Diplomat contest. Lauren studied abroad in Costa Rica this past spring through one of our affiliate providers, Academic Programs International, where she currently serves as a Peer Mentor. Here is the link to the video she submitted: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qcm8YxsQb3Q&feature=feedu>. The winner will be announced in the next few weeks.
- **Lisa Ladd, Jess Morel, Jess Pine and Deb Regan** attended the Region XI NAFSA Conference, "Internationalizing the Campus – Local Voices, Global Choices" in Manchester November 9-10. Jess Pine participated in a panel presentation, "Short-Term Study Abroad Programs: Lessons Learned and Sharing Ideas for the Future."
- Over 40 faculty, staff and students attended GEO's second annual Open House during International Education Week. Congratulations to MBA student **Sandra Chiorala** from Romania who won the International Food Challenge.

Health and Human Performance

- **Barbara McCahan's** Physical Activity and Aging class presented a 3 day workshop of fitness and balance assessment and programming for 18 older adult community members. Additionally, this class is partnering with the Inter-Lakes Senior's Center in presenting a program called "Paw's and Pals" which matches students trained as "dog walkers" with older adults to participate in an outdoor experience with dogs at the Meredith Human Society.
- **Christian Bisson** presented findings from a North American research in Adventure Education academic teacher training at the 39th Association for Experiential Education in Jacksonville, FL. He was also invited to be a member of a panel discussion on the development and use of the academic immersion semester in Adventure Education.
- The Health and Human Performance Department was very well represented at the recent New Hampshire Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NHAPERD) annual conference. Physical Education and Physical Education/Health Education teacher certification students and faculty presented the following: *Turning Point for Instructing, Reviewing and Motivating Students in PE* - **Louise McCormack**, **Amy Green** ('12), **Anthony Fallacaro** ('12), **Joey Ellis** ('12) and **Courtney LeCours** ('12); K-12 Physical Education Standards-Based Grading and Reporting - **Lynn Johnson**; Softball Skills and Drills For Teaching and Coaching - **Lynn Johnson** and **Amy Green** ('12); The Highs and Woes of Student Teaching – **Louise McCormack**; Pitching Basics and Beyond for Fast Pitch Softball – **Lynn Johnson** and **Amy Green** ('12); Dancing for Wellness – **Irene Cucina** (Over 50 current physical education teachers were involved in the presentation including 7 current HHP students who assisted with the presentation); Diagnosing Errors: Basic Movement Principles – **Cheryl Coker**; Adaptations for All – **Courtney LeCours** ('12) and **Joey Ellis** ('12); Moving and Learning in School – **Nate Mirke** (MEd '12), **Courtney LeCours** ('12), **Morgan O'Connell** (MEd '12), **Sarah Tymula** ('12), **Joey Ellis** ('12) and **Mike Cappiello** ('12).
- **Louise McCormack** organized and offered welcoming remarks an alumni breakfast at the NHAPERD conference. The breakfast was attended by many PSU alumni. Greetings were also offered by Interim Director of Alumni Relations, **Rodney Ekstrom** and **Linda Levy**, HHP Chair.

HHP members receive AWARDS

- In addition to the presentations at the NHAAPERD Conference, HHP students and faculty were honored at the annual Awards Banquet. **Courtney LeCours** and **Joey Ellis** were recognized as the Outstanding Majors from Plymouth State and Courtney was selected as one of two Outstanding Future Professionals from New Hampshire.
- **Louise McCormack** was named to receive the NHAAPERD prestigious "EDie" Award (The New Hampshire Excellence Education Award). She will be presented with the award at the Annual Department of Education "Excellence in Education EDies" celebration in June.

Lamson Library and Learning Commons

- **David Beronä** published his essay, "Wordless Comics: The Imaginative Appeal of Peter Kuper's *The System*," in "Critical Approaches to Comics: Theories and Methods" New York: Routledge, 2011.

Languages and Linguistics

- **Barbara Lopez-Mayhew** and **Eric Cintron** presented at the ACTFL (American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages) Annual Conference, Denver, CO, November 19th, 2011 on "Spanish/Hispanic Cinema: a Team-Taught Approach."
- **Barbara Lopez-Mayhew** presented with GEO Director **Deb Regan** at the Universidad Austral, Puerto Montt Campus, Chile. "Plymouth State University and Opportunities for Study Abroad and Exchanges."
- **Barbara Lopez-Mayhew's** critical edition of "*La traición en la Amistad*" has been reviewed and cited as a main critical resource in a 3 yr. database / web source

<http://www.outofthewings.org/db/play/la-traicion-en-la-amistad>, created and developed by an Arts and Humanities Resource Council collaboration between King's College London, Queen's University Belfast, and the University of Oxford.

Music, Theatre and Dance

- In October, **Kathleen Arcchi** presented a session on *New Trends & Resources in Vocal Pedagogy: Child and Adolescent Voices* at the NHMEA OctoberFest in Manchester. In November, she conducted a workshop on the NH All-State audition song for choral directors participating in PSU's All-New England Choral Festival, and was invited to present a voice master class at Salem High School.
- **Elizabeth Cox** is performing at Canterbury Village in "The Shaker Sisters Entertainment 1930" during the Christmas at Canterbury events in December.
- In November, **Jonathan Santore** attended the premiere of his new setting of Psalm 98 for chorus and organ. The setting was commissioned by St. James Episcopal Church in Greeneville, TN, in honor of its long-time choirmaster and organist, James Winfree, and premiered in a concert of music performed and written by Winfree's students (including Santore).
- **Rik Pfenninger** recently had five of his tracks placed on the cable television series "Sixteen and Pregnant."

Psychology

- With the help of two recent grads- **Aaron Treadwell**, and **Mandy Reagan**, Psychology Professor **Brian Healy** published a manuscript in the *Journal of Psychophysiology* titled "Measures of RSA Suppression, Attentional Control, and Negative Affect Predict Self-Ratings of Executive Functions," Volume 25, pp. 164-173, 2011.
- **Angela Kilb** has recently co-authored an article with M. Naveh-Benjamin in the September 5th, 2011 issue of the *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition*. The article was titled "How the Measurement of Memory Processes Can Affect Memory Performance: The Case of Remember/Know Judgments." Advance online publication. doi:10.1037/a0025256.
- **John Kulig** and **Jacob Topliffe** (student) presented a research poster entitled "False Consensus or False Uniqueness? It depends on how you ask the question" at the annual meeting of the New England Psychological Association, October 29th at Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT.

Social Science

- **Katherine Donahue** presented "The Ocean is Our Garden: Conflict over Water Rights in Point Hope, Alaska" at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Montreal. Kate was also the discussant of a paper in that session titled "The Legacy of Resource Extraction: Public Concerns, Corporate Expansion, and Shifting Politics." She also attended the meetings of the Society for the Anthropology of Europe, for which she has most recently served as Member-at-Large. Four undergraduate Plymouth State students also attended a portion of the meetings.

Social Work

- **Stephen Gorin** and Russ Armstrong, chair of the State Committee on Aging, spoke about the current and future status of Medicare at the Inter-Lakes Senior Center.
- **Cynthia Moniz** joined a 45-member, multi-state National University Title IV-E Task Force formed in October at the annual CSWE conference. There are 34 states (including NH) with some type of IV-E program but there is no national data about these BSW/MSW graduates. The purpose is to build a national data set of demographic, curricular, and outcome-based evaluation elements.
- **Scott Meyer** presented a session on "Effective Engagement with Elders and their Families" at the 2011 State of NH Abuse Prevention Conference (Lebanon, NH).

Writing Center

- On November 7th, **Jane Weber** and **Aditi Grover** (CoBA) presented "Teaching Writing in a College Course" at the National Writing Project in NH's *Taste of the Writing Project* Conference in Concord. Attendees of the session were high school teachers interested in learning instructional strategies as well as more about the expectations of college level writing.