

**Monthly Report to the Faculty**  
**Provost Julie Bernier**  
**February 2012**

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful holiday season and a productive (or restful) Winterim.

**Reminder - University policies**

Cell phones

A quick reminder to all faculty: It is appropriate to require students to abstain from all **cell phone** use during class, however we ask that students be allowed to leave their cell phones on (on vibrate) during class. The text alert system is the primary means of communication during an emergency or when other critical information must be shared (such as plans for curtailed operations). If all phones begin to vibrate at once, that would be an appropriate time for everyone to look at their phones. Information about the emergency communication system can be found here → <http://www.plymouth.edu/emergency/communications/> and the link to sign up for the emergency text alerts here → <http://www.plymouth.edu/emergency/alert/> . If you have not yet done so, I encourage you to sign up for the emergency alert system.

Scheduled Classes

All classes are to be held at the time, day, and location as advertised. Any changes to the schedule must be approved by the Department Chair. A faculty member may not move a class to online that was not previously advertised as such.

Faculty Absence

Faculty are required to hold all classes or to make alternate arrangements for coverage or delivery online if absence cannot be avoided. All faculty shall inform the Chair and department Administrative Assistant of all planned and unplanned absences.

Office Hours

Full-time faculty shall hold a minimum of 4 office hours per week. All other faculty shall hold a minimum of 1 hour for each 3 or 4-credit course taught. Office hours shall be posted.

**Adjunct Union**

In December, a majority of the eligible adjunct faculty voted in favor of the State Employees Association of New Hampshire, SEIU Local 1984 as their exclusive bargaining unit representative. The union will now become the exclusive agent for the following adjunct faculty: All undergraduate adjunct faculty who are employed by PSU and who have taught at least five semesters in the last five years or who have currently begun their fifth semester in the last five years. Excluded are all fulltime employees, research faculty, graduate assistants, student teaching supervisor, performance studies instructors, and all other supervisors, managers, or confidential employees.

**Nursing**

It's official! This Winterim our third-year Nursing students took their first nursing course marking the official launch of the program. They now begin their 17-month intensive nursing curriculum that will run straight through the summer months. Congratulations to the nursing faculty and best wishes to our nursing students as they begin their journey.

### Course Eval- online course evaluation system

As announced in the Fall, we ran a second pilot of the Course-Eval system over Winterim and are on track for a roll out this Spring. Stay tuned for follow up as we progress through the semester.

### Community Cinema returns this Spring

Community Cinema, a partnership between PSU and NHPTV and features documentary screenings from PBS Independent Lens. The series begins on Feb 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Boyd Hall, followed by a discussion with Ann Berry (Education). The first documentary will be "Deaf Jam," a neighborhood slam poet from New York collaborates with a hearing-impaired writer to create poems that not only sing, they dance. Five documentaries will cover topics on race, gender, disability, and inclusivity. Coming later this spring: "Daisy Bates: First Lady of Little Rock," "Women, War and Peace," "Troop 1500" and "Hell and Back Again." For more information, contact Daniel Moore.

### Admissions Activities

We are about to launch our busy season for Admissions tours and Admitted Student Open Houses. Faculty participation by opening your classes and being available to meet with prospective students and parents is a crucial element in our recruiting efforts. Be on the watch for requests from Admissions and please make every effort to be available for conversations with parents and students and in opening your classroom for observations.

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

### **Scholarship, awards, and noteworthy service activities**

#### Art

- **Annette Mitchell** will have a one person show titled "Lineswept" at New Hampton School's Galletly Galler, February 1-29. The work will feature sumi ink coupled with block prints of northern NH landscapes. Currently, Annette has work in the "What's New in NH" Printmaking Show in Concord, and will have prints in a show at the ArtStream Gallery in Rochester, NH March 3-April 30th titled "Inspired By."
- **Elizabeth D'Amico** is one of the featured artists in the Library Arts Center 2012 Selections Exhibit in Newport, NH. Jurors selected artists from the LAC's 2011 Juried Exhibition. The dates for the show are Saturday, February 4 – Friday, March 16, with an opening reception on Friday, February 3 from 5 – 7pm. Liz also has ten miniature works in "Love, Lust & Desire" at McGowan Fine Arts Gallery in Concord, NH from January 31 – February 17, also with an opening reception on February 3rd from 5 – 7pm.

#### Atmospheric Sciences and Chemistry

- Two recent biotechnology majors have published as first authors in prestigious journals. **Issa Moody**, a Ph.D. candidate in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry at University of California-Irvine and **Joshua Boucher**, a Ph.D. candidate in Molecular and Cellular Biology at the University of Maine Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, have published the following articles in *Science* and the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, respectively:  
Choi, Y.,<sup>†</sup> Moody, I.S.,<sup>†</sup> Sims, P.C, Hunt, S.R., Perez, I., Weiss, G.A., Collins, P.G. Single Molecule Lysozyme Dynamics Monitored by an Electronic Circuit. *Science*, **335**, 319-324 (2012). <sup>†</sup> Denotes equal contribution

<http://www.sciencemag.org/content/335/6066/319.full?sid=faa5c413-9c68-4f3b-8a04-f065cbfb1ea7>  
(<http://www.visualcv.com/jq3pso9>)

Boucher J, Peterson, S, Urs S, Zhang C, Liaw L. The miR-143/145 Cluster is a Novel Transcriptional Target of Jag-1/Notch signaling in Vascular Smooth Muscle. *J. Biol. Chem.* **286**, 28312-28321 (2011).

<http://www.jbc.org/content/286/32/28312> ([http://gsbs.umaine.edu/people/profile/joshua\\_boucher](http://gsbs.umaine.edu/people/profile/joshua_boucher))

#### Biological Science

- **Chris Chabot** organized and co-hosted (along with Win Watson of UNH) a retreat for the NH INBRE principal investigators at the Silver Fox in Waterville Valley on 10-11 January, 2012.
- **Fred Prince** wrote an article on Wild Brook Trout that appears in the February 2012 issue of *Fur Fish & Game*, a national outdoor magazine.
- **Michele Pruyn** co-authored an article, "Effects of age-related increases in sapwood area, leaf area, and xylem conductivity on height-related hydraulic costs in two contrasting coniferous species," that appeared in the January 2012 issue of the *Annals of Forest Science*.
- **Len Reitsma** and former M.S. in Biology student **Marissa Goodnow** co-authored an article, "Nest-site selection in the Canada Warbler (*Wilsonia canadensis*) in central New Hampshire," that appeared in the December 2011 issue of the *Canadian Journal of Zoology*.
- Professor Emeritus **Larry Spencer** gave a presentation entitled "Bonaire: A Natural History of the Island" at the Pinkham Notch Lodge of the AMC as part of their International Dinner Sessions. His talk was based on four visits to the island over the past fifteen years. It included slides of both marine and terrestrial creatures found on this semi-desert island which has on its license plate "Divers Paradise". This is the 22<sup>nd</sup> year for the program. Larry's was the third of twelve presentations in this year's series, and this is the fourth time he has participated in the program.
- **Kerry Yurewicz** co-authored an article, "Environmental gradients and the structure of freshwater snail communities," that appeared in the December 2011 issue of *Ecography*.

#### Center for the Environment

- **Brian Eisenhauer** is serving as a regional advisor to "Water Equals National Education Campaign: Transforming Young People's Relationship with Water," a national water quality education project funded by the USDA. The goal of the project is to shift young people's relationship with, and consciousness of, water. As a regional advisor, Brian will help ensure the work is relevant to water issues in the northeast.
- **Mark Green** presented a talk to the Governor's Water Commission on climate change and the impact on water resources in the White Mountains on December 13, 2011.
- **Mary Ann McGarry** has been awarded a Faculty Fellowship by Study Abroad Italy (SAI) a PSU study abroad provider since 2003. The SAI Faculty Fellows Program recognizes faculty from affiliated universities who are engaged in scholarship activities that promote global awareness, and deepen the understanding of the arts and sciences. The Fellowship provides international travel and a one month stay in a private apartment in Rome. Mary Ann will be studying the environmental impacts of volcanic eruptions.

#### College of Education, Health and Human Services

- **Gail Mears** co-authored "The Supervisory Relationship When Women Supervise Women: An Exploratory Study of Power, Reflexivity, Collaboration, and Authenticity," in *Journal: The Clinical Supervisor*. Lorraine Mangione, Gail Mears, Wendy Vincent & Susan Hawes, pages 141-171

### Criminal Justice:

- **David Mackey** and **Kristine Levan** co-edited a book that was recently published: David Mackey and Kristine Levan (Eds.) (2012). "Crime Prevention," Jones and Bartlett.

### Education

- Ten PSU students and one faculty advisor traveled to Bolivia in January on an international service and cultural exchange trip. The trip required two years of fund-raising, but was worth every moment. **Lisa Spradley** (faculty advisor on the trip) reports seven full days of life-changing experiences. The group was able to work in a girl's orphanage (group home) for four days. Activities included planting vegetable gardens, painting walls and creating an awesome play space for the youngest girls. Much time was also spent playing outdoors with the girls ranging in age from about 3-16. Age appropriate crafts rounded out the week's experiences. One day was spent at the affiliated boy's orphanage (group home) a few blocks away. All ten PSU students are seniors and their majors range from elementary education to social work to business to criminal justice to meteorology. It was a life-changing trip for all eleven PSU travelers, and hopefully one that left indelible marks of goodness and good will on our new Bolivian friends as well.
- **Marcel Lebrun** has published his eighth book entitled: "Rebels in Society: The Perils of Adolescence." It was released nationwide January 1<sup>st</sup>. It is published by Roman Littlefield Publishers. The content looks at psychopathology, hate crimes and the juvenile justice system. It investigates the experiences of adolescents and a variety of emotional and behavior disorders.
- **Kathleen Norris** presented on Survey Development to the NH Department of Health and Human Services in January.

### English

- **Ann McClellan** presented "From Happy Homes to Contaminating Cloisters: Women's University Communities in Interwar Britain," at the November annual History of Education Society Conference in Chicago, IL.
- **Vanessa Alander** (EN adjunct) was awarded a PEP Grant from the CCCC committee to attend their annual convention (March 22-25) in St. Louis, Missouri.
- **Megan Birch** is being appointed to serve on the NCTE Committee Against Racism and Bias in English Teaching.
- **Karolyn Kinane's** article "To imitate and inspire awe: Enclosure in the Katherine Group saints lives" has been published in *Magistra: A Journal of Women's Spirituality in History*, vol. 16 no. 2 (Winter 2011).
- **Liz Ahl's** poem, "Juarez: Sugar for the Narco-Saints," was selected by poet Naomi Shihab Nye as an honorable mention in the 5th annual Split This Rock Poetry Contest for "poems of provocation and witness."

### Global Education Office (GEO)

- Forty-six PSU students are studying abroad this semester including fourteen who are participating in a 'Sustainability Italy International Service Learning Program' with PSU faculty **Warren Tomkiewicz** and **Mary Ann McGarry** at St. John International University in Torino, Italy. The remaining students are spending their spring semester in Portugal, Czech Republic, Argentina, Thailand, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, England, and with Semester at Sea (stopping at ports in Antigua, Aruba, Jamaica, Cuba and the Bahamas).

- To further integrate ELS students with the campus community, GEO, ELS and the Dean of Students Office have started an initiative that puts the language learners in the teacher role. In brown bag style, twice a week during Winterim, we heard from Korean, Arabic, Chinese and Swiss German natives about their culture and came away with new phrases. **Language Circles** will continue throughout the spring semester.
- **Joseph Monninger** has been selected as the accompanying PSU faculty for the fall 2012 Freshman Abroad Program at the University of Limerick, Ireland.
- During Winterim, three faculty led groups of students on international trips. **Lisa Spradley** (Education) traveled with 10 students on an international service trip to Bolivia. Students worked with boys and girls group homes helping them plant vegetable gardens and build classrooms. **Jonathan Higgins** (LL adjunct) and Trent Boggess (CoBA) traveled to China with 8 students studying "Business & Culture in China" and visiting Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong. **Len Reitsma** led 11 "Tropical Biology" students to Ecuador, staying at the Wildsumaco Wildlife Sanctuary, a company dedicated to conservation and preservation of a sustainable piece of the rainforest and its wildlife.
- 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.
- 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

- **Linda Levy, Liesl Lindley and Margie King** attended the Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Meeting and Symposium in January. Accompanying them was 16 undergraduate and graduate athletic training students. Margie King was honored at the conference when the Research to Reality Lecture was named in her honor. It will now be known as the Marjorie A. King Research to Reality Lecture.
- **Lynn Johnson** presented the at the 2012 Vermont Education Health Initiative Winter PATH Adventures "Brainstorm" Workshops sponsored by the Vermont School Board Insurance Trust on January 24th in Killington, VT and January 25th in Stowe, VT. Her presentation was titled: *Exercise and the Brain – An Enriching Combination*.

#### Mathematics

- **Dana Ernst** presented the talk "Collaborative peer review between two IBL number theory courses" in Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Collegiate Mathematics at the 2012 Joint Mathematics Meeting in Boston, MA on January 4. Dana also took a dozen students to the 2012 Joint Mathematics Meeting in Boston and his research students Joseph Cormier, Zach Goldenberg, and Jessica Kelly presented a poster there on their research titled "Classification of the T-avoiding permutations and generalizations to other Coxeter groups" during the Undergraduate Student Poster Session.

#### Museum of the White Mountains

- We are in the final phase of selecting a construction firm for **MWM renovations**. Plans are on schedule and the building is slated to open October 2012.
- A grant of \$10,400 was awarded by the New Hampshire Humanities Council and one for \$31,500 by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation for the opening exhibition “Passing Through: The Allure of the White Mountains.” A team that includes **Catherine Amidon, Marcia Schmidt Blaine**, and Lindsay Burke is organizing the exhibition. Other Consultants include: Byrant Tolles (prints and works on paper), Adam Apt (WM maps), and Pavel Cenkl (WM literature).
- With grant funding for “Passing Through:” **Marcia Schmidt Blaine** has been hired as the project humanist, Carrie Brown has been hired as an Educational Consultant, and Moore Huntley productions is being contracted to create two audio visual segments. Grant funding is also being used to hire PSU alumni Lauren Plummer ('11) to find GPS coordinates for select paintings and prints in the exhibition to encourage museum visitors to experience the region directly by visiting the sites selected by WM artists. These experiences and information can then be shared by participants using an array of technologies listed below.
- **Catherine Amidon** has been appointed to the Local Organizing Committee for Geological Society of America that will be meeting in Bretton Woods in 2113. The museum will have a poster board exhibition in the Mount Washington Hotel, as well as an on-line exhibition about geology and land-use in the White Mountains. This will be followed by a larger exhibition in the Museum later in 2013. Because of the relationship to the conference, a number of renowned geologists on the Organizing Committee are exhibition consultants.
- The Museum has a **virtual footprint** that not only includes a Website, but also interactive Facebook and Foursquare sites. A new soon to be released, interactive technology used for “Voices over the Lake” developed by the ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center in Burlington VT will be used in conjunction with the “Passing Through” exhibition. It will allow visitors to upload stories, photos, film-clips, and more. The collections are also being loaded into ContentDM for a larger pool of international users.
- The spring 2012 museum Interns are **Holly Parisi** ('13) and **Jordan Floyd** ('14). Student volunteers include **Briana Drew** ('12), **Beth Cook** ('14 who was an intern, now a volunteer) and **Brandon Sereni** ('12). Additional volunteers include Althea Goudrey, who is finishing a Masters in Museum Studies at Tufts University, and Jessica Bunker from the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust.
- The second Advisory Committee meeting was held in October. The group divided into three working sub-committees charged to look at policy and procedure for Collections, Membership, and Strategic Planning.
- Francis “Dolly” MacIntyre has donated her collection of paintings by WM Women Artists and all her books and research materials related to her thesis “Women Artists of the White Mountains 1840-1940” for Dartmouth College.
- Collector John “Jack” Newton has donated over 5,000 rare books and maps of region
- Richard “Dick” Smith’s widow Barbara Smith has donated large quantity of photos of his photographs shout for National Geographic and other national and regional publications. The MWM has copyright on all images.
- Gifts have also been received from: James Day (photos), Connie Crocker (photos, postcards and ephemera), Raymond Turmelle (photographs)
- Phase I of the Charter Membership campaign was launched in November; there are nearly 60 members at levels ranging from \$25 to \$1,000.

Music, Theatre and Dance

- **Kathleen Arecchi** was invited to conduct a Voice Master Class at Salem High School in December.
- **Connie Chesebrough** accompanied the Belknap Mountain Invitational Festival chorus in Gilford, NH, on January 6. High school students from the Lakes Region area rehearsed and performed an evening concert under the baton of Anthony Trecek-King, conductor of the Boston Childrens' Chorus.
- **Gary Corcoran** recently presented an in-service conducting workshop for the music faculty of the Westborough (MA) Public Schools.
- **Carleen Graff** adjudicated in West Chester, PA, for the Eastern Division finals of the Music Teachers National Association competitions. She judged the junior solo piano and the senior piano duet categories.
- **Jonathan Santore's** piece "Gallery Resonare," for solo trumpet, was selected for performance at a concert entitled "60/60" at the University of South Dakota on Friday, January 27. The entire concert consisted of works composed especially for the concert in no more than an hour -- specifically, between 4 and 5 pm Eastern time on Saturday, January 7th.
- In December, **Mark Stickney** attended the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic and was invited to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Archives to research scores for a project on the music of 19th Century Newport, Rhode Island. In January, he coached the New Hampshire All State Chamber Ensemble Brass Quintet at Timberlane High School, and guest conducted the Lakes Region Music Festival Concert Band at Moultonborough Academy.

#### Pakistani Educational Leadership Project

- Facebook open group: "The Pakistani Educational Leadership Project"
- With the U.S. Department of State funded project encompassing both Pakistan and U.S. components, the focus currently is on the Pakistan phase. Last summer's delegation of forty Pakistani educators is implementing **Master Action Portfolios (MAP)** that they designed during the keystone institute housed at Plymouth State. With the forty predominately representing remote, rural areas throughout Pakistan, local contexts and challenges shape institute outcomes. They range from lack of infrastructure and resources, to harsh weather conditions, and sustained systemic volatility.
- During November, project director **Blake Allen** returned to Pakistan to meet with 2004-2011 alumni, senior officials from U.S. Embassy Islamabad and the Government of Pakistan and its Foreign Office, and in-country collaborators. She also participated in dynamic MAP sessions led by 2010 and 2011 alumni.
- Joined by project assistant **Lisa Baldwin**, the trip also included opportunities for Allen and Baldwin to work with Islamabad-based project team members, rather than remotely by e-mail and Skype. Baldwin provided financial oversight and advice on policies and processes. In addition Allen and Baldwin met representatives from numerous civil society institutions and organizations. They included Teach for Pakistan; the U.S.-Pakistan bilateral Fulbright Commission; Hunerkada College of Visual and Performing Arts; United Nations Development Programme; the U.K.'s Department for International Development Pakistan; Save the Children Pakistan; and education and human rights foundations.
- A visit by Allen and Baldwin to a drop-in **center for child laborers** provided a poignant reminder of the importance of aid reaching grassroots communities. The children ranged in age from toddlers to teen-agers, with most refugees from Afghanistan and the flood-affected areas. They worked as rag pickers and "mechanics." With the drop-in center abutting their refugee camp, it provided them with a special opportunity to participate in a safe learning environment. Within

the context of Pakistan's large population of vulnerable child laborers, the drop-in centers represent small victories.

#### Social Science

- On January 24, 2012, **Katherine Donahue** spoke in Denver, Colorado, about her book "Slave of Allah: Zacarias Moussaoui vs. The USA." Donahue was invited by the Denver World Affairs Council. The Alliance Française was a co-sponsor.

#### Social Work

- **Stephen Gorin** was appointed by the Editor-in-Chief of the Social Work section of Oxford Bibliographies (Oxford University Press) to serve as a member of the five-person standing Editorial Board for a three-year term.
- **Scott Meyer** presented a training seminar for Pemi-Baker Community Health for staff entitled: "Self-Care: Coping with Feelings of Grief and Loss in Hospice Care". He was appointed for a three year term as a Board Member for NH Children's Trust, Concord, NH. He also conducted a training seminar for our program's field instructors entitled: "Strategies to Enhance BSW Student Learning in Field Agencies". Our new online student practicum learning contract and evaluation instrument (adapted as online instruments by **Christine Rine** with support and assistance from **Justin L'Italien**, Instructional Multimedia Specialist, Lamson Learning Commons) were introduced at this seminar.
- **Cynthia Moniz** was appointed by the President of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) to serve as a member of a national Delegate Assembly Review Task Force (Jan-June, 2012) to make recommendations for alternatives to achieving the same goals (adopting public and professional policies, and establishing organizational priority goals). She was asked to join as a past Chair of the Delegate Assembly Planning Committee.
- **Christine Rine** and R. M. Hartinger-Saunders published "The Intersection of Social Process and Social Structure Theories to Address Juvenile Crime: Toward a Collaborative Intervention Model" in the *Journal of Human Behavior In The Social Environment*, 21(8), 909-925. Christine was also awarded a PSU AY2013 Faculty Research and Scholarship award to develop a *GIS Foster Care Project* in conjunction with NH-DCYF and a SW practicum student.