

**Provost Report for the Month of
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Submitted by Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
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Office of Sponsored Programs

I am pleased to share with you that Jaynay Picket has joined the staff in the Office of Sponsored Programs. Jaynay comes most recently from UNH and she has extensive experience in sponsored programs. She joins Liane Sutcliff and Tara DiSalvo, who along with Ann Thurston have done an exceptional job of keeping the operation running smoothly during this transition period. Many thanks to them all for the countless additional hours over the past year.

Vice Provost is Named

In November I announced a reorganization of the Office of Sponsored Programs and a re-defining of the Vice Provost position into a Vice Provost for Research and Engagement. This change is in recognition of the increased importance of PSU's external engagement. Increasing the level of external funding is a key strategy in managing PSU's financial well-being and this reorganization and the redefinition of the Vice Provost position will provide faculty with the support they need to be successful in pursuing extramural funding.

I am pleased to announce, the Vice Provost for Research & Engagement is **Dr. Thaddeus Gulbrandsen**.

Thad has been with PSU since 2005 when he became the founding director of the Center for Rural Partnerships. He has also served as a member of the faculty in Social Science and Environmental Science & Policy. Over the past six years, under Thad's leadership, the Center has grown to include six staff members. The Center has led dozens of initiatives, developed strategic partnerships with off-campus organizations, and created numerous service-learning and research opportunities for PSU students. As part of the Center's larger efforts, Thad has led initiatives in sustainable development, regional heritage, alternative energy, creative forestry practices, local food, and more. The work of the Center has been funded by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, the US Department of Education, and several other agencies, foundations, and organizations. A key component of that work has been collaboration. Facilitating collaboration is one of Thad's greatest strengths. He has been a catalyst for innovative engaged scholarship among students and faculty and has arranged valuable partnerships for PSU with regional organizations, helping to expand our reach and attract new funding to the institution.

Thad's research and scholarly work stands at the intersection of the humanities, social science, and community-economic development. He is best known in New Hampshire for his work in rural sustainable development, work that has earned him the recognition as the "Young Professional of the Year" in 2011 and on the "Forty under 40" who make a difference in New Hampshire. Outside of New Hampshire, Thad is better known as an anthropologist of globalization & democracy and social inequality. As part of that work, he is co-author of the award-winning book, *Local Democracy Under Siege: Activism, Public Interests, and Private Politics* (NYU Press 2007), and several other publications on globalization & democracy, regionalism, immigration, and urban development. His work has been funded by the National Science Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, the Mellon Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, and numerous others. In all of his work, Thad finds innovative ways to involve students in research and public engagement.

Thad was trained as an urban anthropologist, earning his doctoral degree in anthropology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He earned his bachelor's degree in anthropology from UNH.

He has taught courses in, globalization, urban anthropology, the anthropology of North America, Community Engaged Research, and First Year Seminar to name a few. Thad has proven himself a highly effective teacher and mentor, a nationally recognized scholar, and an individual who knows how to bring the right people together to find solutions that make a difference to the community. I believe he is well prepared to serve as PSU's first Vice Provost for Research and Engagement. Thad will begin as Vice Provost on August 1, 2012. The Office of Sponsored Programs will be relocated this summer to the 2nd floor of Speare (Room 220).

The Vice Provost for Research and Engagement will:

- Provide comprehensive services to researchers/scholars, centers and colleges to enhance opportunities for external funding and in all aspects of sponsored projects.
- Coordinate the regulatory functions with faculty committees for compliance in areas such as human subjects (IRB) research and care and use of Animals (IACUC).
- Provide work closely with the Research Advisory Council who will serve in an advisory capacity to the Vice Provost.
- Coordinate the application and selection process and manage the Provost Research Development Fund.
- Facilitate collaboration and engagement with the region in serving PSU's mission.
- Serve as the Service Learning Liaison and implement the charge of the Service Learning Taskforce.
- Generally promote, advocate and serve as a resource to the campus about Service Learning, ensuring that Service Learning gains and retains momentum on the PSU campus.
- The Vice Provost for Research and Engagement will support the centers, institutes and museums who emphasize research, outreach, and the scholarship of engagement
- Support, encourage and marshal nominations and applications process for national and international student awards (e.g. Fulbright, Rhodes, Goldwater, etc.).

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Scholarship, awards, and noteworthy service activities

Art

- **Kathi Smith** has her artwork included in a group show "Winter Installation" at the George Marshall Store Gallery in York, Maine through April. She also was included in the group exhibition "Love, Lust, and Desire" at McGowen Fine Art, Concord NH this past month. In March she will participate as a visiting artist at Nichol's College, in Dudley Mass. This experience includes a solo exhibition of recent ink drawings completed during her residency at Virginia Center for the Creative Arts in January, as well as an ink drawing workshop with students the following day. Opening Reception March 23rd.
- **Terry Downs and Annette Mitchell** have prints published in former PSU grad Susan Schwake's new book "Art Lab For Kids," published by Quarry Books of Beverly, MA and they have been invited to participate in an exhibition introducing the new book at Artstream Gallery in Rochester, NH titled "Inspired By" for the month of March.

Atmospheric Sciences and Chemistry

- Students **Zack Breen** and **Erik Wilson** just completed their work with the International Asteroid Search Campaign and contributed to recording and measuring the speed and location of Near Earth Objects with their reports being accepted by the Minor Planet Center. In the last four years PSU students have made many important measurements of NEOs, Potentially Hazardous Asteroids, and discoveries of main belt asteroids.
- **Eric Hoffman, Lourdes Aviles, Jim Koermer**, seven meteorology graduate students, and five undergraduate meteorology majors attended the Annual Meeting of the American Meteorological Society (AMS). Jim co-chaired a session, entitled "Transportation and Technology", which was part of a joint session of the "28th Conference on Interactive Information Processing Systems" and "Seventh Symposium on Policy and Socio-Economic Research". Jim presented two papers, entitled "NH NASA EPSCoR Project: Icing Assessments in Cold and Alpine Environments" and "Potential Benefits and Pitfalls Associated with Surface Transportation and Technology." Six graduate students (**Bonnie Anderson, Ron Harris, Derek Mallia, Dana Strom, Amy Terborg, and Taleena Sines**) and one undergraduate student (**Sam Lillo**) presented posters of their research at the Meeting. Three undergraduate students (**Katie Laro, Steve Lanciani, and Courtney Shepard**) served as student workers for the AMS. The meteorology faculty also manned a table at the AMS Career Fair.
- In January, **Jim Koermer** also formally started a 3-year term as chair of the AMS Intelligent Transportation Systems/Surface Transportation Committee, which also makes him an ex-officio member of the AMS Board of Economic Enterprise and Development. Jim has also been named the new chair of the AMS Committee of Judges, which evaluates applications for nearly 25 AMS undergraduate scholarships. Jim previously served as a member of this committee for the past 2 years.
- **Katie Laro**, a senior meteorology major working on research with Jim Koermer as her mentor, was selected as one of 73 students from over 850 applicants to present a poster on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, by the Consortium for Undergraduate Research (CUR). Katie will be presenting a poster on her research, which was started during the summer of 2010 at Kennedy Space Center(KSC)/Cape Canaveral Air Force Station (CCAFS) and which has continued as her senior research project. Her work was updating and enhancing a 16-year study of wind gusts associated with warm season thunderstorms in the KSC/CCAFS area. The results of this research are being used for planning and operational forecast considerations.
- **Dennis Machnik** visited two schools in Cranston, RI - Oaklawn Elementary and Orchard Farms Elementary. He gave about two dozen portable Starlab presentations. His audiences consisted of students in K - 6, a group of children with special needs children, and an after school professional development program for about a dozen teachers. Dennis also gave a portable Starlab presentation for the Waterville Valley Ski School.

Biological Science

- Professor Emeritus and adjunct faculty member **Larry Spencer** reviewed the book, "Wildlife Behavior and Conservation" by Richard H. Yahner, for *Choice* (a publication of the American Library Association). The reviews are used by college and university libraries to determine whether books should be purchased.
- **Kerry Yurewicz** co-authored an article, "Influence of size, loss of tail, and burst speed on risk of predation in the banded gecko (*Coleonyx variegatus*)," appearing in the March 2012 issue of *The Southwestern Naturalist*.

Center for the Environment

- **Mark Green** is co-investigator on a team that was awarded support for a synthesis working group. In the summer of 2012, the group will meet at the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest to look at hydrologic legacies arising from historical land use. Funding for the group is from the Long Term Ecological Research network.

- The Squam Lakes Association has awarded funds to CFE to support the development of a Lake Recreation Management Decision System (LRMDS) for the Squam Lakes. The Squam LRMDS will utilize a variety of data sources and public input to define standards and present management options to help ensure the health of the Squam Lakes. The project is a joint effort between CFE, Squam Lakes Association, and the NH Department of Environmental Services' (DES) Lakes Management Program. **Brian Eisenhauer** is overseeing the project and working with graduate student **Andrew Veilleux** who will use this project as part of his thesis research for his MS in Environmental Science and Policy.
- Come join us for our spring colloquium! On Wednesday afternoons from 4-5 pm the Center for the Environment hosts the Environmental Science Colloquium series in room 001 of the Boyd Science Center. The talks cover a wide range of topics around environmental science. For more information, contact **Angela Uhlman**. A list of speakers is posted on the [CFE website](https://www.plymouth.edu/center-for-the-environment/2107/spring-environmental-science-colloquium/) (<https://www.plymouth.edu/center-for-the-environment/2107/spring-environmental-science-colloquium/>)
- CFE is organizing and hosting the **NH Water & Watershed Conference** on March 23rd at Plymouth State. This event features over 35 presentations about a variety of water related topics. For agenda and registration information, visit the [conference website](https://www.plymouth.edu/center-for-the-environment/2012-nh-water-watershed-conference/sponsors-vendors/).
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Center for Rural Partnerships

- **Ben Amsden, Daniel Lee** (CoBA), and student **Zach Lacroix** gave a presentation detailing the economy of Grafton County to the quarterly meeting of the Grafton County Economic Development Council.
- **Ben Amsden**, with partners from UVM Extension, presented a webinar on food safety and agritourism. The webinar was attended by over 40 farmers, extension agents, and food professionals from around the country.
- **Fran Belcher** attended the Belknap County Criminal Justice Symposium on Jan 13, 2012. The purpose for the county-wide event was to review the findings of David Bennett, a national consultant in the field of corrections planning and community corrections. Mr. Bennett outlined his findings, some of which could have implications for partnership projects with PSU's Criminal Justice, Social Work, Business, Computer Science, Education and Counselor Ed/School Psych faculty. This event was a part of a broader, ongoing effort to plan for a new corrections facility in Belknap County. For more information on this event and potential opportunities for faculty and students, please contact Fran Belcher at fbelcher@plymouth.edu.

College of Business Administration

- The Professional Sales Leadership Program, led by **Robert Nadeau**, was just accepted as an associate member to the University Sales Center Alliance, a consortium of recognized and accredited sales programs across the Nation who also sponsor the Certified Sales Student designation.
- **David Leuser** presented an invited 60-minute Webinar to the New Hampshire-Vermont Chapter of the Healthcare Financial Management Association, entitled "Managing Cross Generational Communication in the Workplace."

Counselor Education & School Psychology

- **Leo Sandy** published " A Tribute to School Counselors" in *Connections*, the journal of New Hampshire School Counselor Association, Vol 17, No. 1 February 2012.
- **Nancy Puglisi** presented a StressEraser workshop on February 1st at the PSU Counseling Center's Staff Retreat.

Education

- **Clarissa Uttley** has recently concluded work as a Panel Coordinator for the 2012 Corporation for National and Community Service's (CNCS) AmeriCorps State and National grant review. Applicants for this grant were to submit applications designed to improve lives, strengthen

communities, and foster civic participation through service and volunteering. **Clarissa** has also been appointed to the editorial review board of a new academic, peer-reviewed journal from the American Psychological Association, *Human-Animal Interaction*. **Clarissa Uttley** is serving in her second year as a conference proposal reviewer for the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

- **Susan Shapiro** presented "Inclusive Education: Where are we today?" and "Facilitating Friendships for All Kids" to parents and educators at the Maine Down Syndrome Conference on Saturday, January 28th. **Susan** also conducted a day-long training for New Hampshire elementary educators titled "Differentiated Instruction: Accessible Curriculum" in Concord, New Hampshire on Tuesday, February 14th.
- **Patricia Cantor** has been appointed to the Early Learning Guidelines Task Force for the Child Development Bureau of the NH Department of Health and Human Services. This two-year Task Force will be revising and rewriting the NH Early Learning Guidelines for children ages birth through 5. Pat is representing higher education on the 15-member Task Force.

Lamson Library and Learning Commons

- Outreach Librarian **Anne Jung** served as a judge for the Lin-Wood High School National History Day Project on January 12, 2012 in Lincoln, NH and as a judge for the Merrimack High School National History Day Project on January 17, 2012 in Merrimack, NH. **Anne** also welcomed 60 8th grade students into the Lamson Learning Commons for a day of research for a science class assignment. The visit represents the 4th year in an ongoing collaborative project between Anne and Team 8 teachers from Plymouth Elementary School. **Anne** also welcomed 30 7th and 8th graders from Russell Elementary School (Rumney) into the Lamson Learning Commons. This is the first time students from Rumney have done a research visit at the Library. They were accompanied by their English teacher and other educational staff.
- **Jennifer Green** published an article, "Millennials at Work: Re-imagining Communication in Order to Improve Training," in *Visual Resources Association Bulletin*; Spring 2010.

Mathematics

- **Dana Ernst** has been awarded a Category 2 Small Grant from the Academy of Inquiry-Based Learning to fund development of course materials for an abstract algebra course that emphasizes visualization and incorporates technology. On February 28th, **Dana** gave a talk and ran a workshop at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. The talk, titled "The Futurama Theorem", was given during the UNO Mathematics Colloquium series. The workshop, titled "Permutation Puzzles", was a Math Teachers' Circle workshop designed for secondary and middle math teachers in the state of Nebraska.

Music, Theatre and Dance

- **Kathleen Arcchi** served as an Adjudicator at the NATS-Boston Art Song and Aria Festival held at Boston University on Feb. 11th. Four of her voice students entered the Festival, and tenor **Michael Dodge '14** was awarded Third Place in Division II/Lower College that included entrants from Boston University, New England and Boston Conservatories.
- **Carleen Graff** recently gave a workshop for teachers at the NHMTA Seacoast Chapter on Ensemble Repertoire, including information on the PSU Piano Monster Festivals. On February 4th she gave a master class to middle school and high school students at the Concord Community Music School.
- **Paul Mroczka's** web book *WebSuccess* is now being released by Hudson Digital Publishers on iTunes. His musical *Cowboys*, co-written with John Briggs, is being produced at the Cumberland County Playhouse in Tennessee.
- MTD alumna and current faculty member **Amanda Munton** is featured singing operatic vocals on the song "King Me," by the Grammy-nominated heavy metal band Lamb of God. The song was chosen for use by HBO for spring trailers for their TV series *True Blood*.

- **Dan Perkins** and the **PSU Chamber Singers** were in residency at Emmanuel Music in Boston on February 4th-5th, rehearsing and performing a Bach cantata with the professional orchestra and singers there. **Dan** recently performed a series of three concerts with his piano Trio Veritas in Manchester, Concord, and Plymouth (February 10th-12th), and accompanied 14 student representatives of the PSU student chapter of the American Choral Directors Association to the Eastern Division convention in Providence, RI (February 15th-18th).
- **Rik Pfenninger** has just placed ten Orchestral tracks and ten Big Band vocal tracks with Prolific Arts in Dallas, Texas. One of his works entitled "Celebrar" can now be heard on the CD *Cinco de Mayo Celebration*, released by Worldwide Harmonics on Apple itunes.

STUDENT NEWS:

- In addition to the news about Michael Dodge above, **Molly Finkel**, a senior Music major, has been named one of the three winners of the New England College Band Association's first Solo and Ensemble Contest. Molly, a bassoonist, will perform a solo during the first half of this year's New England Intercollegiate Band concert to be held on March 31st at Gordon College in Massachusetts. Molly will also represent Plymouth State as a member of the New England Intercollegiate Band, as will **Kyle Quirion**, a first-year Music Education major and saxophonist.

ALUMNI NEWS:

- In addition to the news about Amanda Munton above, in mid-February, **Daniel Brevik '11**, currently in the graduate program in vocal performance at the New England Conservatory, performed in Offenbach's *La Perichole* in Boston. He had a principal, comic role and was favorably reviewed on Boston-area classical music websites.

Small Business Institute

- PSU "swept first place honors" at the National Small Business Institute Conference in the Project of the Year Competition! PSU Small Business Institute Director Craig Zamzow was joined at the 2012 Annual Conference by two members of the winning student team for the Dartmouth Skiway Project, **Judy Stabolepszy** and **Patrice MacNevin**. The third member of this stellar team is **Jennifer Johnson**. This was an extremely interesting project that PSU did for Dartmouth College as a client and Judy and Jennifer are Dartmouth College employees. Patrice is a UNH employee. It turned out to be a winning combination as the team took first place honors in the Graduate Comprehensive Category. The basic objective of the project was to develop a plan to turn the Skiway profitable in a 3 year period of time.

The team of **Noah Munro**, **Robert Leda**, **Kristine Klinger** and **Samuel Paul** took first place honors with the Mill Fudge Factory (located in downtown Bristol) Project. This was a marketing-focused project in the Specialized Category with the objective of significant expansion of this multi-faceted family owned business.

Congratulations to Craig and his award-winning students for representing Plymouth State in such an outstanding way!

Social Science

- **Bryon Middlekauff** participated in the Association of American Geographers (AAG) meetings in New York City where he chaired a panel session, coordinated the New England student World Geography Bowl team in the national competition, and served as host/organizer of a gathering to celebrate the life and work of Professor Emeritus, **Wes Dow**. Additionally, he represented New England in the AAG governing body, as the Regional Councilor for our division of the AAG which met for three days prior to the beginning of the conference.
- **David Starbuck** has been reappointed by the Executive Council to the Historical Resources Council for the State of New Hampshire, and on January 30th, David was reelected as Vice-Chair of the Council. Also at the Council meeting on January 30th, David placed Mary Lyons Hall in nomination for the NH State Register of Historic Places, which was then voted on and approved. On January 6, David chaired a symposium entitled "Lessons from the Field: Public Outreach and Education" at the annual meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology in Baltimore, MD, at

which he delivered a paper entitled, "Fort William Henry: Archaeology, Restoration, and the Making of Myth." More recently, on February 6th, David was featured in a national press release from the Associated Press, in a story dealing with soldiers' skeletons at Fort William Henry (Lake George, NY). This work will soon (probably April) be the subject of a show on The National Geographic Channel.

Social Work

- **Stephen Gorin** co-presented at a forum on Social Security with Russ Armstrong, Chair of the State Committee on Aging at the Suncook Senior Center in Allenstown. He was also appointed to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee for UNH's new Center on Aging and Community Living (CACL). The Center supports an interdisciplinary approach to applied research and systems change to advance consumer-driven supports and services.
- **Louis Josephson** was a guest on "The Exchange," NH Public Radio, to discuss "Making Sense of Mental Health Care".
- **Scott Meyer** co-presented a paper, "The NH Commission on the Status of Men: A Case Study of Systemic Factors that Impede Healthy Male Development", with Elaine Holden, PhD at the American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences conference in Las Vegas, NV.