

Provost Report for the Month of September 2012
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Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Welcome back. What a wonderful two and a half weeks we have had to start the 2012-13 academic year, starting with new Faculty Orientation, Chairs' Retreat, an incredible line-up of faculty-led workshops, a great faculty day, and a moving and inspiring Convocation yesterday afternoon - thank you Kathleen Arecchi!

The Frost School gets a new name

Frost House, Frost Commons, the Frost Statue, and the Frost School – too much Frost? We think so too. As you can imagine, there is great confusion about the Frost School – What is it? Where is it? What does the Frost School offer? Will I still earn a PSU degree? These are some of the many questions students ask about the Frost School. With the launching of our first four undergraduate online programs, it seemed a good time to make the change to a new name. Beginning January 1st, the Frost School of Continuing and Professional Studies will become PSU's **Division of Online and Continuing Studies**. The online programs will be known as "Plymouth Online" and will be hosted at online.plymouth.edu. We'll keep you informed as things develop.

Vice Provost for Research and Engagement

Last spring, as part of an academic affairs re-organization, the Vice Provost position was redefined as the Vice Provost for Research and Engagement. **Thaddeus Guldbrandsen** was named to this position. The press release is here: <http://www.plymouth.edu/news/psu-names-dr-thad-guldbrandsen-vice-provost-for-research-and-engagement/>

The purpose of this redefining of the Vice Provost position is to provide greater support to faculty and staff in seeking external support; to expand research and scholarly activity; to support service learning, engaged student research and regional engagement. Thad will be a tremendous resource to the campus.

The duties of the Vice Provost are to:

- 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 research (IRB) and care and use of animals (IACUC).
- 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 Vice Provost's Faculty Research 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.
- Support the centers, institutes and museums which emphasize research, outreach, and the scholarship of engagement.
- Support, encourage and marshal nominations and the applications process for national and international student awards (e.g. Fulbright, Rhodes, Goldwater, etc.)

Institutional Research

I am pleased to announce that **Joyce Larson** is the new Director of Institutional Research. Joyce has served Plymouth State University most recently as the Associate Registrar, Registrar, and Interim Director of Institutional Research. Joyce is well qualified and has proven herself capable to take on the role of Director. Please congratulate Joyce when you see her.

NEW Center for Global Engagement

The New Center for Global Engagement, part of the Global Education Office (GEO), will open this month on the garden level of Mary Lyon. All International Student Services will now be centralized and provided through GEO. In addition to housing Jane Barry and other support staff, the Center for Global Engagement will provide office space for ELS. Jane Barry has transferred from the Dean of Student Affairs office to the Center where she will continue to provide visa advising and programming services for international students. The Center will also host study abroad information sessions, brown bag lunches, guest speakers, Language Circles, and other events and activities with a global focus. Faculty are invited to use the space for similar purposes. Watch for an Open House announcement early in the semester.

Career Services

Support for Career Services has been elevated with the creation of the **Office of Career Services**, providing important services for students and alumni. The Office of Career Services will remain in Bagley House and will be led by its new Manager, Jim Kuras. Jim has fifteen years of experience in higher education career services and has spent the last two years in PSU's Office of Teacher Certification. Jim will be partnering with Alumni Relations, University Studies and academic departments to develop new programming and services aimed at strengthening career related offerings for our students.

Museum of the White Mountains

After a busy summer of construction, the renovation of the museum will be completed in about a month. The museum opens to the public on February 23 with the exhibition "Passing Through: The Allure of the White Mountains" that will employ images, interpretive panels, films and interactive technologies to invite visitors to question the influence of time and space on human connections with nature. The exhibit's goal is to encourage the viewer to think about changing notions of why the White Mountains matter for the nation, the region and the individual. Marcia Schmidt Blaine, Lindsay Burke and Catherine Amidon have been working on the exhibition for over a year. The exhibition is fully funded by two grants, membership funds and private donors.

The museum has received a number of wonderful donations. Francis MacIntyre has donated 19 paintings by White Mountain Women artists. Archives and research materials from Ms. MacIntyre's thesis at Dartmouth College are also pledged. After a lifetime of collecting, Steve Barba has pledged his extensive BALSAMS collection to the MWM. John and Anne Newton are donating their collection of 4,000 rare books and journals about the region.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Scholarship, awards, and noteworthy service activities

Academic Departments

Art

- **Jong-Yoon Kim** has been recognized with a Bronze Award from the 2012 EPSON International Pano Awards in the Built Environment



category for his submission of.... anyone recognize Smith Bridge??

Epson International Photographic PANO Awards, dedicated to the art of panoramic photography, showcases the work of panoramic photographers worldwide and is the largest competition for panoramic photography. His photo was displayed at The Digital Show in Melbourne, Australia, in May 2012.

- First-year faculty, **Kimberly Anderson Ritchie**, has her work on exhibit in "Tributaries", an exhibition at the Leu Center for Visual Arts, Gallery 121, Belmont University. This exhibition showcases a portfolio exchange from artists at Placetone Printmaking, Paper and Book Arts in Nashville, TN and Red Delicious Press in Denver, Colorado. The exhibit will run September 6-October 24, 2012.

- **Henrieke Strecker** opened her studio at 30 High Street in Plymouth, September 1-2, to share her new work, MiniARTures -- original miniatures whose quiet expression in color, line and texture is larger than their size.
- Two books published recently: PEMIGEWASSET RAPIDLY MOVING - Volume I, and PEMIGEWASSET RAPIDLY MOVING - Volume II, are the result of a challenge given to **photography students** in **Henrieke Strecker's** classes to consider the presence of water and slowness in their daily lives, both literally and metaphorically. These books are the results of their work, and their focused efforts, both photographs and essays.
- **Liz D'Amico's** sculpture, *First Lessons*, which was first exhibited at a PSU Faculty Exhibit and inspired the poem "Strung" by PSU English professor, **Liz Ahl**, was accepted for the Annual Juried Regional Exhibition at AVA Gallery in Lebanon NH. From 422 works submitted, Juror Janie Cohen selected 85 works. In the late spring through July, twenty-two of Liz's box assemblages along with several ceramic sculptures were paired for an exhibition with PSU 2012 alumni, **Craig Maines'** paintings at Zerocelcius MicroGallery in New London, NH as part of the Center for the Arts Micro Gallery program. Liz also had work in several exhibitions held by the Women's Caucus of Art/ NH Chapter (WCA/NH) this summer: A mixed media encaustic painting in "On Target" and a photograph at "Flowers Interpreted." Currently, her work is part of two WCA/NH juried exhibitions: Two box assemblages (new) in "Reinventing the Farm" at the Gallery at Red Gate Farm here in Plymouth through September 29 and a new sculpture and mixed media collage in "Add Women and Stir" opening at the Library Arts Center in Newport, NH on September 14 through October 27th with a reception on Friday, September 14th. Liz also submitted two proposals for Hopkins Center's Hands On Pianos Project that was part of the Center's 50th Anniversary celebration. One proposal, *Zen Piano*, was accepted and became a collaborative work with several other artists. The decorated piano was one among fifty that were on display throughout the Upper Valley during the month of July. If you'd like to see more, visit: <http://hop.dartmouth.edu/pianos/zen-piano/>
- **Phil Lonergan** won a Juror's Award in this year's AVA Gallery Juried Summer Exhibition; of over 800 works submitted, his sculpture was awarded one of three cash prizes by juror Janie Cohen, director of the Fleming Museum of Art. Phil was also a featured artist in the New England Sculptor's Association 2012 outdoor exhibition "Arts on the Edge," and was selected by the curator to give the gallery tour of the exhibit. In June, Phil participated in a three-day intensive, invitation-only workshop on Foundations programs in Art at the Chicago Art Institute; ThinkTank pairs established professors with younger teachers and artists to focus each year on a new theme in studio art and art education.
- **Kathi Smith** has 36 artworks included in her Solo Exhibition, "A Closer Look: Paintings by Kathi J Smith" in the Galletly Gallery (in the Moore Center) at the New Hampton School. Works featured are landscape oil paintings, watercolors, and drawings made on location in the local area, as well as places afar. The show is up from August 28th - Oct 5th. An opening reception will be held on September 14th at 5:30pm with an Artist talk at 7pm. Gallery hours are M-F 8am-4pm and Sat 8am-12pm. www.newhampton.org. She concurrently has a solo show, Kathi Smith: Recent Ink Drawings at Inspire Gallery @ Inspire 2 Knit & Tea, 12 Yeaton Rd (off Tenney Mountain Highway) in Plymouth. This body of work features a series of drawings of found Nests, and was started at an Artist Residency at Virginia Center for Creative Arts last winter. The show is up from Sept 1st- Oct 12th, with an opening reception to be held Sat. September 8th 4-6 pm. Open Daily 9:30- 6, and 10:30- 4 on Sundays. <http://www.inspire2knit.com>

Atmospheric Science and Chemistry

- **Brendon Hoch** attended the American Meteorological Society 40th Conference on Broadcast Meteorology in Boston on August 22-24. Over 200 broadcast meteorologists from throughout the country were present at the event, including Plymouth State ASC alumni **Chris Gloninger** (WRGB-TV/Albany) and **Alexander Panko**. Brendon and Applied Meteorology graduate student **Taleena Sines** launched a weather balloon with radiosonde instrumentation on June 12 at the Hampstead Central School in Hampstead, NH. Approximately 500 students and faculty were in attendance. The event marked the fourth visit to Hampstead in the last five years.

- **Aparna Waghe** co-authored a research article, "Entropy of single-file water in (6,6) carbon nanotubes". This article was published in *The Journal of Chemical Physics* (Vol.137, Issue 4).
- **Marguerite Crowell**, who completed her MS in Environmental Science and Policy this past spring, will be working with the NH Department of Environmental Services Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau to help them rethink their approach to water education and develop a water education plan.
- **Anil Waghe** participated in NSF sponsored *Chemistry Collaborations, Workshops & Communities of Scholars (cCWCS)* workshop on Forensic Science at Williams College, MA during June 2012. Advanced techniques from this workshop will be introduced in the upcoming forensic science course. Anil also participated in USNH sponsored *Academic Technology Institution (USNH-ATI 2012)* workshop at Keene State University, NH, Jun3 25-28, 2012. This workshop provided valuable information on technology available for upgrading classroom experience. The training on various software and hardware platforms along with networking opportunities with our sister institution were added benefits. PSU students will benefit from upgraded multimedia presentations and interactive technology incorporated into his online and face to face classes.

Biological Science

- **Michele Pruyn** co-authored an article on Parenchyma for the Encyclopedia of Life Sciences (eLS).
- **Len Reitsma** presented a paper at the Fifth North American Ornithological Congress in Vancouver BC this August on extra-paternity in the Canada Warbler population which he has studied for 10 consecutive years. **Clint Parrish**, MS in Biology student at PSU, presented a poster at the same conference on his work with Bicknell's Thrushes being impacted by a wind farm on Dixville and Kelsey Peaks in northern Coos County. **Alexi Kimiatek**, 2011 graduate of the MS in Biology, also presented a poster on the role of pigment depth in sexual selection of the Canada Warbler. **Alana Demko**, MS in Biology graduate from Dalhousie University in Halifax and collaborator with Reitsma, presented a paper on her work with song types in the same Canada Warbler population. **Bill DeLuca** and **Mike Hallworth**, both in PhD programs and both alumni of PSU's biology department also presented papers at the conference.
- **Larry Spencer**, Professor Emeritus of Biology, published a book review on Robert J. Asher's new book, "Evolution and belief: confessions of a religious paleontologist, in Choice," a publication of the Association of College and Research Libraries. Asher, an American trained paleontologist now teaching at Cambridge University, documents why he still is religious and yet at the same time is a strong supporter of modern evolutionary thought.
- Three M.S. in Biology students defended their theses:
 - **Jordan Christ** (advised by **Michele Pruyn**): "Winter climate change and the northern hardwood forest: application of the heat dissipation method for calculating tree sap velocity"
 - **Brooks Henningsen** (advised by **Katie Rose Boissonneault**): "Gene structure and expression analysis of an unknown transporter from the toxin-producing marine diatom *Pseudo-nitzschia multiseries*"
 - **Nicole Ramberg Pihl** (advised by **Kerry Yurewicz**): "Distribution patterns of the northern crayfish in central New Hampshire and their behavioral responses to predatory bass"

Center for the Environment

The Center for the Environment welcomes new faculty this fall:

- CFE Director **Joseph N. Boyer**, a native of eastern Pennsylvania, comes to PSU from Florida International University (FIU) in Miami, where he has served as faculty since 1995; he also was associate director of the Southeast Environmental Research Center at FIU from 2003 to 2009 and Director since 2009. He has over 25 years of experience in marine microbiology and ecosystem ecology spanning from Florida to Canada. [Joe's press release is here.](#)
- Ecological economist **Shannon Rogers** joins CFE as assistant professor with a joint appointment in the ES&P department. She has worked as a postdoctoral research associate with the US Army Corps of Engineers Institute for Water Resources and the Environmental Research Group at UNH.

Shannon will be conducting research with the EPSCoR project on understanding the complex interactions among climate, land use, ecosystem function, and society.

- **Mark Green** will study at the University of Tokyo this year as a Fulbright Researcher. Mark's research will concentrate on improving our understanding of hydrologic resilience in temperate forested watersheds. He will explore hydrologic data from Japanese and U.S. forested watersheds to see how resilient the hydrologic function has remained over history. The focus of this work will be to identify any irreversible hydrologic changes and study the reasons for those changes. Through exploration of case studies and long-term data sets a framework will be developed to understand the dynamics of hydrologic resilience.
- The Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF), New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFGD), and the Center for the Environment have partnered on a project to conduct research to assist the New Hampshire angler program in more effectively reaching fishing participants to encourage license sales to promote conservation. Graduate student **Matt Bartley** and his advisor **Brian Eisenhauer** will use Community Based Social Marketing (CBSM) to conduct a focused assessment of the New Hampshire angler population to identify perceived barriers to and attitudes about purchasing a license. This work will contribute to an understanding of the specific dynamics of fishing license purchasing and perceptions of NHFGD conservation efforts in New Hampshire and contribute to the development of more effective marketing programs for angler recruitment and retention. The project is supported by \$15,000 grants from both RBFF and NHFGD.
- **Mark Green** is a principal investigator on a National Science Foundation grant to organize a working group to conduct synthesis activities on the transport of dissolved organic matter by river networks from mountains to the sea. Mark's workgroup - composed of hydrologists, ecologists and biogeochemists - will explore data from small streams to large rivers to look for overarching patterns that explain how dissolved organic matter and discharge are related across space and time. This work will take place through two workshops at the U.S. Geological Survey Powell Center for Analysis and Synthesis, which serves as a catalyst for innovative thinking in earth system science research by providing scientists from different backgrounds a place and time to focus on multi-faceted issues.
- **Denise Burchsted**, post doc, and **Michele Pruyn** (BI) worked with an undergraduate student at the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest through the Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) program. Under Denise's supervision, the REU student collected data in beaver meadows to characterize the nature of the stream in those meadows as part of a long-term effort to characterize stream types to use as a baseline condition for river restoration. Under Michele's supervision, the REU student measured the conductivity and vitality of roots from yellow birch, sugar maple and American beech from contrasting sites within Hubbard Brook and other regions of the White Mountain National forest. The objective was to determine if there were species- and/or site-level differences that help explain hardwood species distribution patterns in the northern forest. To help identify potential site-level differences, she also learned how to characterize soils and monitor stem sapflow.
- The 49th Annual Cooperator's Meeting of the Hubbard Brook Ecosystem Study was held on July 11-12, 2012 at the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest. Scientific presentations are a traditional part of the meeting and the following PSU and CFE researchers presented their research at the meeting:
 - **Scott Bailey**: "Nuts and bolts of watersheds: Testing the concept of Representative Elementary Area"
 - **Denise Burchsted**: "A valley-wide view of stream channel controls in the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest"
 - **Mark Green**: "An updated evapotranspiration trend for Watershed 1"
 - **Joe Molloy**: "Analysis of snowpack losses due to sublimation at Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest"
 - **Christopher Nealen**: "The relative importance of watershed hydrology and forest harvest on the mobilization of aluminum in the White Mountain National Forest, NH"
 - **Michele Pruyn**: "The spring fling: Sapflow during thaw-refreeze cycles"
 - **Erik Thatcher**: "Measuring soil moisture potential: A methods comparison"

- **Geoff Wilson:** "Climate change and the ski industry: Conversations with stakeholders yields new ways to communicate our data"
- In July, research professor **Lisa Doner** returned to Iceland for a second season of field work on the NSF funded Iceland paleoclimate project "Collaborative Research RUI: Decadal cycles in NAO proxies from northwest Iceland lake sediments". Two ES&P undergraduate students, senior **Sarah Asselin** and sophomore **Ashley Waterman**, travelled with her as part of the field team. This year the field team concentrated on mapping and sampling watershed soils around Thidriksvallavatn, near the town of Holmavik. Since May, there have been several publications and presentations stemming from this project:
 - In June, CFE graduate student **Christina Maki** successfully defended and published her thesis based on this Iceland project "Seasonal variation of water source and geochemistry in a northwest Iceland watershed".
 - Recent ES&P graduates **Benjamin Bolaski** and **Chris Myers** presented their undergraduate research at the American Quaternary Association 22nd Biennial Meeting, Duluth, MN: "Iceland Project 2011-12: Determining Lake Sediment Source Areas using terrestrial and Sediment Geochemical Signals".
 - In July, as an incoming CFE graduate student, **Benjamin Bolaski** also attended the prestigious Urbino Summer School in Paleoclimatology (USSP) held every year for a select group of graduate students at the University of Urbino, Italy.
- **Lisa Doner** presented at the 13th International Paleolimnology Symposium in Glasgow, Scotland, on 21-24 August, 2012. Lisa's presentation was on "Tracing the source of the signal - exploring the potential for watershed monitoring to explain variation in sedimentary records."
- **Denise Burchsted** presented a program "All About Beavers" on July 19, 2012 at the Margret and H.A. Rey Center, Waterville Valley, NH. The program focused on her research looking at the impacts of beaver ponds on stream habitats and included a trip to a local beaver pond.
- Hydrologist **Mark Green** served as a judge for the 2012 U.S. Stockholm Junior Water Prize national competition on June 14-16, 2012 in Boston, MA. The Stockholm Junior Water Prize is the world's most prestigious youth award for a water-related science project. The competition challenges high school students to address current and future water challenges.
- Over the summer, research technician **Errin Volitis**, graduate student **Ashley Hyde**, and assistant professor **Mark Green** worked on deploying aquatic sensors in rivers across NH from Pittsburg, to Keene, and the seacoast. A total of 64 sensors have been placed in 31 rivers. Each site has two sensors that every three minutes measure river stage, conductivity, and temperature. The data from the sensors will be used as part of a statewide research project aimed at better understanding the complex interactions among climate, land use, ecosystem function, and society. The project is funded through the National Science Foundation's Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) program.

Center for Rural Partnerships

- The CRP was invited to join a NIFA Multistate Coordination Committee focusing on outdoor recreation management, human well-being, and community resilience. The Multistate Research Program facilitates research on high priority topics among the State Agricultural Experiment Stations (SAES) in partnership with NIFA, other research institutions and agencies, and with the Cooperative Extension Service (CES).
- **Ben Amsden** was named President of the Board of Directors of AHEAD, a non-profit affordable housing agency serving Coos and Grafton counties.
- The Center (with UVM Extension and Shelburne Farms) presented a webinar on social media strategies for agritourism. Over 100 farmers, farm-based educators, and extension personnel attended the webinar.
- **Ben Amsden** (with Lisa Chase of UVM) published an article entitled "Agritourism in the Northeast: Building Collaborations that Work" in the proceedings of the 2011 Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development Conference focusing on entrepreneurship and community development.
- 2012 PSU graduate, **Zack Lacroix**, completed a technical report describing the provision of emergency services in the Plymouth region. His report is available on the CRP website.

- **Ben Amsden** graduated from Leadership North Country, a program whose purpose is to create a leadership core in northern New Hampshire that focuses on economic development, community development and social services.

College of Graduate Studies:

- PSU's College of Graduate Studies has **reorganized** its graduate program offerings to better meet the needs of students, effective September 1, 2012. The focus of the work over the summer was on the reorganization of the Master of Education (MEd) program offerings. PSU now offers 18 MEd majors, including new programs in Curriculum and Instruction, Human Relations, and Social Studies. As part of this restructuring, the former MEd in Counselor Education, Mental Health Counseling, has become an MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling; and the Mental Health Counseling program that was previously part of the CAGS in Educational Leadership is now a CAGS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. In addition to the MEd in Heritage Studies, PSU now also offers a new Master of Arts in Historic Preservation. Another new program is the new post-master's Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (CAGS) in Higher Education with concentrations in curriculum and instruction and administrative leadership.
- The College of Graduate Studies has had a number of **staff changes** throughout the summer. Join us in welcoming **Myra Holt**, admissions and academic records support assistant; **Shari Colby**, MBA administrative support assistant, and **Amy Maki**, business service assistant for the Pakistani Educational Leadership Project (PELP), Educational Theatre Collaborative (ETC) and TIGER. Maki fills a position that was left open when Lisa Baldwin was named the College's financial support specialist.

Communication and Media Studies

- **Annette Holba** and **Sheryl Shirley** (Social Science) presented three half-day workshops at the New Hampshire State House in Concord by invitation of the members of the New Hampshire House of Representatives Democratic Caucus: April 20th, *Speaking on the Floor* -- May 4th, *Responding to Questions* -- and May 11th, *Presenting to Different Audiences*
- **Evelyn Stiller** has an article that appeared in the June 2012 edition of the *Journal of Computing Sciences in Colleges* entitled: "Programming for the Humanities: Using Targeted Games."

Counselor Education & School Psychology

- **Nancy Puglisi** has achieved the coveted WELCOA (Wellness Council of America) Faculty status. Only a small group of elite professionals have achieved this designation. Dr. Puglisi completed the Well Workplace University training and additional national training seminars to earn this status. Dr. David Hunnicutt, President of WELCOA made the announcement on WELCOA's website. Dr. Puglisi has also published her second book of poetry, "Reflections from the Forest House", an eclectic collection capturing reflective moments in space and time.
- CESP is pleased to welcome two new faculty this fall: **Steve Flynn** and **Cynthia Waltman**.

Criminal Justice

- **David Mackey** participated on a roundtable titled "Young offenders and child victims: Implications for juvenile justice policy" at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Sciences held at Roger Williams University in June.

Early Childhood Studies

- **Pat Cantor** and **Mary Cornish** presented at the National Association for the Education of Young Children Professional Development Institute in Indianapolis in June on "Transforming the Workshop: Providing Effective, Sustained Professional Development about Play for Early Childhood Teachers." They shared findings from their grant-funded, four-year project to offer professional development for early childhood teachers in Coos County, NH. As part of that project, Pat and Mary offered two full-day Professional Development Institutes for Coos teachers this summer, with a focus on promoting language and literacy development through play. Through the coming year,

they will be providing on-site coaching and support for teachers and directors in nine Coos early childhood programs.

- **Mary Cornish** presented on “Rethinking Service Learning as Transformative Early Childhood Education” at the National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators Conference in Indianapolis in June. The presentation focused on her work with **Mary Earick** in the early childhood course, *Learning and Teaching in the Primary Grades*.
- **Pat Cantor** served this summer as the representative from the National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators to a national review panel on portability and reciprocity of early childhood credentials, convened by the U.S. Administration for Children and Families.
- **Mary Earick** has been appointed to the national executive team of the Critical Race Studies in Education Association (CRSEA). Mary presented, *Are you in my network? The Power of White Racial Hegemonic Discourses on Early Childhood Racial Identity* at CRSEA’s national conference held in New York this summer. Mary’s work will be the subject of a webinar for Preschool California, a nonprofit advocacy organization working to increase access to high-quality early learning for all of California's children.
- **Mary Earick** served as a higher ed representative at The Changing World of Teaching and Learning Conference co-sponsored by the New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE) and Keene State College, offering technical assistance to Coos County public schools. As a continuation of this initiative, she will now work with the NHDOE in advancing teacher knowledge of the Common Core and RTI/Multi-Tiered System Support. In preparation for this work, Mary with colleague **Megan Birch** of the English Department attended a two-day seminar hosted by the American Institute of Research and NHDOE. Mary also offered a half-day institute to the Early Childhood Professional Development Schools (ECPDS) mentor teachers and teacher candidates in August, focused on co-teaching in preservice teacher education programs.
- **Meagan Shedd** is the author of “Michigan Reads! Professional Development and Resource Guide,” which is being sent to every Head Start in the state of Michigan as part of an effort to promote library usage across the state. Michigan Reads! is a program of the Library of Michigan and the [Library of Michigan Foundation](#) sponsored by [Target](#) and this marks the third year Shedd has authored the guide. The guide can be found at the Michigan Reads website at http://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/0,2351,7-160-34169_26038_62303---,00.html. Meagan also reviewed the Bruins I.C.E. School English Language Arts lessons for accuracy with Common Core State Standards and Scientifically Based Reading Research (SBRR) practices for grades K-3.
- **Clarissa Uttley** presented at the National Association of Social Workers National Conference in Washington, DC on July 25. With two of her colleagues from Rhode Island, Clarissa presented a symposium entitled, *Pet Assisted Therapy in Social Work Environments: Programs offering hope for the most challenging clients*. Conference attendees included social workers, licensed clinical psychologists, and others interested in learning new strategies to support client outcomes. Clarissa also presented at the International Society for Anthrozoology in Cambridge, England on July 11. Her original research, entitled “Demographic themes and trends: Twenty-five years of Anthrozoös Research and Review Articles,” is a content analysis of 448 articles pertaining to the field of Human-Animal Interaction. She examined variables such as author gender, author discipline, and geographic location of article origin.
- Finally, the **Early Childhood Studies Department** received a \$10,000 grant from the Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund of the NH Charitable Foundation, for the purposes of providing tuition support for Early Childhood Studies majors from Coos County, NH. These scholarship funds will be distributed among four Early Childhood Studies majors for the coming academic year. These funds are in addition to the financial support already provided by the Tillotson Fund for five other Early Childhood Studies majors currently involved in the Coos County Early Childhood Cohort, all of whom are receiving full tuition scholarships.

Educational Leadership, Curriculum and Instruction

- This new department is excited to welcome its new administrative assistant, **Deb Healey**.

- **Susan Shapiro** presented, "Differentiated Instruction as Classroom Management" to New Hampshire middle school and high school educators, at the APEX Conference in Bartlett, New Hampshire on [August 16, 2012](#).
- **Cheryl Baker** worked with the New England Comprehensive Center to provide facilitator training to members of the NHDOE. Facilitators then ran team meetings comprised of teachers and administrators at the Summer Statewide Educator's Conference, where Baker continued to provide support. The focus of the conference was how to implement the Common Core State Standards and the meetings resulted in action plans for districts to continue during the academic year.
- **Marcel Lebrun** published a Chapter "School Shooters: In John Visser's Transforming Troubled Lives," University of Birmingham, UK, June 2012. He also published a paper in the *Atiner International Research Journal on Education* entitled "Children in Crisis: Problems, Solutions and Hope," Summer 2012 Edition.
- **Marcel Lebrun** presented at the 12th Annual International Conference on Education and Research in Athens, Greece, May 20-26. Presentation title: "Children in Crisis: Proactive Prevention." Marcel also delivered 8 days of training in the far North in the Territory of Nunavik (near Greenland and Northern Canada) on "Positive Behavior Interventions and Support." The training took place in three remote Inuit communities. He also delivered 3 days of training in the same in Malden, MA, June 18-20 to the K-8 school.
- **Michael Fischler** presented a paper [June 11, 2012](#), on "CULTURE, CONFLICT AND CHANGE... MOVING FROM CRISIS TO GROWTH," at the 12th International Conference On Diversity in Organizations, Communities and Nations, Vancouver, British Columbia.
- **Kathleen Norris** presented a poster at the Citizen Science annual conference on "Using Permaculture Design Principles in the Teaching of Research Design." Kathleen has also joined the board of The Pemi-Bridge House in Plymouth. As coordinator of the EDD program, she and the faculty welcomed 45 doctoral students to campus during July; the EDD program is now fully enrolled. Kathleen has been instrumental in launching the first courses in our advanced studies programs in Higher Education. She also presented a session on "Assessment and the Student Evaluation Standards" at the NH EdCamp Technology Conference at NHTI in August.

English

- **Karolyn Kinane** was a participant (by application) in the Center for the Contemplative Mind in Higher Education's 2012 Summer Session on Contemplative Pedagogy, held at Smith College, MA July 29-August 4, 2012. Also, the proceedings from Plymouth State University's 32 Annual Medieval and Renaissance Forum, "Love, Friendship, Marriage," were published through the Regis College Heritage Studies Program.

Health and Human Performance

- The 3rd edition of **Julie Bernier** and **Linda Levy's** book, "Quick Reference Dictionary for Athletic Training," was published by Slack Inc. this summer.
- **Irene Cucina** co-planned and presented at the AAHPERD Leadership Development Conference in Green Bay, WI. Over 100 state and national leaders in the health, physical education and dance profession were in attendance.
- **Margie King** was named to the NATA Hall of Fame, the highest honor among professionals in Athletic Training. [Read her story here.](#)
- **PSU's Athletic Training Education Program** was awarded the 2012 Cramer Award. The \$2000 award gave 3 students (**Kary-Anne Cyr MS '12**, **Michelle Crosby MS '13**, **Joshua Thompson MS '13**) the opportunity to attend the National Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium in St. Louis in June. The application was submitted by **Linda Levy** citing the students' community service, athletic training certification exam results, extra-curricular activities and professional development.
- **Matt McGuigan** (BS '14) was appointed as one of two 2012-2013 student representatives to the Executive Board of the Eastern District of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

- **Hannah Kimball** (BS '14) was appointed as a 2012-2013 student representative to the Executive Board of the New Hampshire Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

History and Philosophy

- The 39th Annual Meeting of the Bertrand Russell Society was held at PSU and co-sponsored by the PSU Hist & Philosophy Department. **Ray Perkins**, Vice President of the Society, served as host. The Conference was well attended. Approximately 40 Russellites from 4 countries and 7 US states were on campus for the events, most of which were held in Frost House. There were more than a dozen papers presented on various aspects of Russell's life and work, including his little known US tour of the American South in 1929 and a film on his 1967 International War Crimes Tribunal in Stockholm, Sweden. Ray Perkins gave a paper "Russell on God: Atheist or Agnostic?"

Lamson Library and Learning Commons

- **Jen Green**, Digital Projects Librarian, gave a presentation entitled "Beyond These Four Walls: Developing Digital Collections at Plymouth State University" at the Visual Resources Association Annual Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 17 – 22, 2012. She also co-organized and taught a workshop entitled "The Trophy Kids Grow Up: How to Transform Gen Y Students Into the Best Employees You'll Ever Have" at the same conference.
- **David A. Beronā** published a review in CHOICE, June, 2012 of *Typedia: A Shared Encyclopedia of Typefaces*. Internet Resource. <http://typedia.com/>
- **Anne Jung** and Sanborn Regional High School Librarian Pam Harland presented at the New Hampshire School Library Media Association annual conference on May 15, 2012 in Meredith, NH. Their presentation, "Are Your Students Ready for College-Level Research," highlighted the importance of school library and academic library collaboration and spoke to the conference's theme which was "Today's Librarian: More Essential Than Ever."
- **Justin L'Italien** presented at the Conference on Instruction and Technology (CIT) held on June 1st at Stony Brook University, NY. His presentation focused on the emergence of student cell phones in the classroom and how they are currently being utilized to replace traditional student response systems (clickers).
- **Terri Lessard** facilitated a "Birds of a Feather " conference session entitled "Teaching Critical Thinking Skills to First Year College Students: Sharing and comparing" at the Conference on Instruction & Technology, May 29-June 1, 2012 at SUNY Stony Brook, Long Island, New York. The session focused on instructional design.

Language and Linguistics

- From **June 12** to **June 18**, **Wilson Garcia** participated in the Advanced Placement Reading for Spanish Language in Cincinnati, Ohio. The event was organized by the College Board and Educational Testing Service.
- From May 21 to May 31, **Eric Cintrón** lead a group of students to Managua and La Paz, Nicaragua on a service trip. They built a roof and a bedroom/living room in Managua and in La Paz they fixed a bio-gas pit and also installed a new one. Also, in La Paz they planted coffee and fruit trees.

Music, Theatre and Dance

- **Elizabeth Daily** directed Nora Ephron's play "Love, Loss and What I Wore" at the Little Church Theatre for an August production. PSU theatre alum **Colleen Eliason** was part of the cast.
- **Rik Pfenninger's** latest musical score can be heard in the film "Distance Makes" by New York director Eric Samulski. Rik's music can also be heard in the "New York City Ballet's Youth America Onstage/Backstage" video as well as The Camera Store's "2012 World Photo Games" commercial. Pfenninger also launched a Music Technology Website for teachers and students with music technology program tutorials at www.psuMtech.com
- **Mark Stickney's** arrangement of *The Newport Artillery's Grand Quickstep*, originally written in 1837, was performed by the Newport Community Band as part of the City of Newport (RI) **July 4th** celebration. This arrangement is part of an ongoing research project to restore music written about Newport, RI (1800 - 1950.) WADK 1540 AM (RI) featured Mark and this research project on their

Open Forum radio show in July. Mark also served as the Production Manager for the Newport Music Festival, a classical chamber music festival. This was Mark's 13th year in that position and 24th year working with the festival.

Psychology

- **John Kulig's** article, "What's in a Name? Our False Uniqueness," was published in the *British Journal of Social Psychology*.

Social Science

- **Steve Whitman** coauthored "*Taking the Permaculture Path to Community Resilience*" which was published in the American Planning Association's *Practicing Planner* (June 2012). <http://www.planning.org/practicingplanner/default.htm>. Steve also developed and taught a full Permaculture Design Course in Tanzania in June. The two-week course, offered through an organization called Food, Water, Shelter, was based in Arusha. Over thirty students participated in the course and most of them were from East Africa. Steve will return to Tanzania in June 2013.
- The fourth of edition of **Bob Heiner's** book, "Social Problems: An Introduction to Critical Constructionism," was published by Oxford University Press over the summer.
- **Kurt Schroeder** attended the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. He attended paper and poster sessions, participated in the work of the Military Geography Specialty Group, of which he has been Chair. Dr. Schroeder presented an invited paper, "*The Military Geography of the Danish Wars, 1848-1864*".
- **Sheryl L. Shirley** and **Annette Holba**, (Communications and Media Studies) presented three half-day workshops at the New Hampshire State House in Concord for members of the New Hampshire House of Representatives Democratic Caucus: April 20th, *Speaking on the Floor* -- May 4th, *Responding to Questions* -- and May 11th, *Presenting to Different Audiences*
- **Mark Okrant's** sixth book, "No Vacancy: The Rise, Demise, and Reprise of America's Motels," was released as an e-book in June.
- **Peng-Khuan Chong** was the Keynote Speaker for the Governor Wentworth School District in Wolfeboro on August 30th 2012. He spoke to 260 teachers about Experiences in the British Imperial System of Education and the Consequences.

Social Work

- **Stephen Gorin** published "The Truth About Social Security & Medicare" in the July issue of *Health & Social Work*. He reviewed abstract manuscripts for the 2013 annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. Steve was appointed by Governor John Lynch to serve as Chair of the NH State Committee on Aging (SCOA). He did a presentation on aging legislation at the Taylor Independent Living Community in Laconia, and a presentation on *Social Security and Medicare* at the Nashua Senior Center. Steve also helped organize the NH Public TV health care forum scheduled for October 2012 at PSU.
- **Scott Meyer** and **Christine Rine** co-presented *Social Work with Diverse Clients in Home Health and Hospice Settings: Tools for Effective Engagement* at the Casey Foundations's 2012 Diversity Experience Conference in Manchester. They also co-presented *Evaluating Student Competencies: Methods for Field and Classroom Assessment* during PSU Faculty Week.
- **Scott Meyer** co-facilitated a support group for Pemi-Baker Community Health clients in Plymouth on grief and loss and conducted a staff training on personal risk prevention. Scott served as a reviewer for the *Peace Studies Journal* at SUNY, Cortland, NY. T
- **Cynthia Moniz** participated in several meetings of NASW's Delegate Assembly Reorganization Task Force to complete the group's report and recommendations for the fall meeting of the national Board of Directors. She also prepared the annual report for the NH-NASW Chapter's Social & Legislative Action Committee.
- **Christine Rine** co-presented *An integrated approach to the transfer of learning in child welfare curricula* at the National Title IV- E Roundtable, Galveston, TX. She co-presented 1) *The exploration of individual, family, and neighborhood predictors of victimization and offending among youth:*

Rethinking prevention and interventions models and 2) Using mapping to evaluate New Hampshire's foster care system at the the International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference, Portsmouth, NH. Christine also co-published this summer: Hartinger-Saunders, R., Rine, C. M., Nochajski, T., & Wieczorek, W. (2012). Neighborhood crime and perception of safety as predictors of victimization and offending among youth: A call for macro-level prevention and intervention models. *Children and Youth Services Review, 34*,(9),1966-1873. doi: 10.1016/j.chilyouth.2012.05.020. Finally, Christine was re-elected to the NASW- NH Chapter Board of Directors.

Academic Affairs Offices

Frost School of Continuing and Professional Studies

- The Frost School and CoGS partnered with PTC (Parametric Technology Corporation, Needham, MA) to bring a 3-day STEM program here for high school teachers who wanted to bring real world, sustainable, and cost effective STEM programs into their schools. Dr. Jordan Cox was the instructor of note for the program. The participants worked with 3-D software including FloEFD.Pro, Mathcad prime 2.0, Creo Elements, and Windchill. **James Brough**, a PSU graduate and the National Aviation & Space Education Program Manager for the Federal Aviation Administration, also joined the class for a half day. More STEM programs are being planned.
- There were four **camp**s this summer: Lego Engineering, Techworks, Artistic Endeavors, and Theatrical Combat, with 48 children attending.
- **Fawn Ouellette**, the new Program Support Assistant in Frost, and **Stan Constant**, their new IT support, were both recently welcomed to the staff.

Global Education Office (GEO)

- The **Center for Global Engagement** in the garden level of Mary Lyon will open in September. International Student Services, now within GEO, will share the space with ELS. Watch for an Open House announcement in the coming weeks.
- **Jim Kuras** has joined the staff as Career Services Manager. Jim was formerly with CoGS and the Office of Teacher Certification.
- This fall semester, forty-five students, including sixteen students participating in the Freshman Abroad Program, are studying in Ireland, England, Germany, Spain, Australia, Scotland, Costa Rica, New Zealand, Italy, Thailand, Malaysia and Austria. Five of them received study abroad scholarships ranging from \$500-\$1,000.
- **Karen Cowles**, who studied at the University of Otago, NZ this past spring, was selected to be an Alumni Ambassador by GlobalLinks Learning Abroad. She joined eleven other Ambassadors from around the U.S. for two days of training at GlobalLinks headquarters in Denver, CO. Karen is a Childhood Studies, Teacher Certification major.
- Thirty-four new students participated in our international student orientation program in August. We welcome our new students from Canada, China, England, Japan, Sweden, Romania, Slovakia, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, and Jordan.

Office of Research and Engagement

On August 1, the new Office of Research & Engagement was established. This office, led by the Vice Provost for Research & Engagement includes the Office of Sponsored Programs, Undergraduate Research, Service Learning, and a host of other activities.

- As of July 1, PSU has been awarded funding of just over \$2.2 million. Adding that to the current active awards PSU has, the total funding of grants and contracts the Office of Sponsored Programs is managing is just over \$10.5 million. Congratulations to the following principal investigators and their teams for their recently awarded grants:

PI, Project (Funder)

Blake Allen, Pakistani Leadership Institute (US Dept. of State)

Frances Belcher, Rural Health Workforce Development (North Country Health Consortium)

Pat Cantor, North Country Early Childhood Education (Neil & Louise Tillotson Fund of the New

Hampshire Charitable Foundation)
 Chris Chabot (INBRE/Dartmouth)
 Chris Chabot, Limulus Bleeding (NOAA/UNH)
 Lisa Doner, NW Icelandic Lakes (National Science Foundation)
 Brian Eisenhauer, Community Based Social Marketing (NH Fish & Game)
 Mark Green, Aluminum Mobilization (USDA Forest Service)
 Tim Keefe, PASS Academic Support (US Dept. of Education)
 Marjorie King (INBRE/Dartmouth)
 Mark Okrant, Tourism Research (NH Division of Travel & Tourism)
 Mark Okrant, Economic Survey (Snowmobile Association)
 Meg Petersen, SEED Teacher Leadership Development (National Writers Project)
 Meg Petersen, Bakersville Manchester (National Writers Project)
 Michelle Pruyne, Summer REU @ Hubbard Brook (National Science Foundation)
 Michelle Pruyne, Mt. Tecumseh Altitudinal Transect (Rey Center)
 Christine Rine, Social Work Internships (NH Division of Children, Youth, and Families)
 George Tuthill, INBRE Administration (INBRE/Dartmouth)
 Brian Walker, North Country Teacher Certification (Neil & Louise Tillotson Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation)
 Unspecified, Coos Scholarships (Neil & Louise Tillotson Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation)

- In late Spring, Thad Guldbrandsen was a visiting fellow at the American Association of State Colleges & Universities, Grants Resource Center in Washington, DC. On August 13, 2012, Thad addressed the a meeting of the New Hampshire-Canada Trade Council with remarks on "The Role of Higher Education in the Future Vitality of the Eastern Border of the United States and Canada" at the Grappone Center in Concord, New Hampshire.
- On August 21, 2012, Thad Guldbrandsen presented "Engagement, Strategy, and Funding: Building Funding and Capacity for Regional Development," at the Annual AASCU/GRC meeting at the Sofitel Hotel, in Washington, DC.
- A new fund for undergraduate research and travel was established. Information about policies and procedures for administration of those funds will be available soon.
- The new requests for proposals (RFP) for faculty funding will be available during the first week of classes.

Pakistani Educational Leadership Project (PELI)

- During the month of July, the campus and community welcomed the ninth State Department delegation of Pakistani educators to the summer institute at Plymouth State. The incoming delegation consisted of 19 dedicated teachers from the remote, rural areas of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Balochistan, Gilgit-Baltistan, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab, and Sindh: from the high peaks of the Hindu Kush to the Iranian border and Arabian Sea.

During the project's 2012 intensive institute and study tour, Pakistani guests used New England and Washington, D.C., as diverse learning labs for follow-on activities in Pakistan. In the process they explored dynamic initiatives and institutions from rural New Hampshire to urban Boston and points south. They also shared their own powerful work with underprivileged students: the faces and future of Pakistan's vibrant civil society. While in Washington they engaged in discussions with senior leadership at the U.S. Department of State and USAID Education Pakistan; with Ambassador Sherry Rehman and Deputy Chief of Mission Dr. Asad Khan at the Embassy of Pakistan; and with Senator Jeanne Shaheen's Foreign Policy advisor and deputy.

Members of the institute committee consisted of **Blake Allen**, project director; **Sally Kilfoyle**, institute events coordinator; **Lisa Ladd**, GEO; **JoAnn Guilmet**, **Todd Kent**, Lamson Learning Commons; **Tom Weeks**, Residential Life; **Chris Mongeon**, **Keith Botelho**, Sodexo; **Officer Jennifer Frank**, University Police; **Tara Disalvo**, OSP; **Sarah Roesener**, M.Ed. candidate; **Sam Wisel**, PSU'12; **Kathleen Smith**, Graduate Assistant. **Christie Sweeney**, **Leo Sandy**, **Mary Ann McGarry** and **Marguerite Crowell** provided foundational modules for the institute. New Hampshire teachers **Kim Sychterz**, **Julie Tallman**, **Andrea Ladd Caulder**, and **Kathleen Smith** worked closely with the

Pakistani educators throughout July, enabling them to develop Master Action Plans for implementation in Pakistan.

As an exciting spin-off of State Department funding, a Pakistan-U.S. community of practice - and spirit - has evolved from the alumni base of 219 that transcends boundaries. Linkages include U.S. Department of State Alumni; U.S. Embassy, Islamabad, Pakistan-U.S. Alumni Network; USAID Education Pakistan; Embassy of Pakistan, Washington D.C; Harvard University's South Asia Initiative and Pakistan programs; Phillips Academy's Non Sibi; and the Max Warburg Foundation.

With thanks to the U.S. Department of State, program funding has been continued through March, 2014, with Plymouth State serving as host and Blake Allen as U.S.-Pakistan project director. In August **Amy Maki** joined the dual-country team, working with Allen and Pakistani partners and collaborators on both U.S. and Pakistan components. The project now has shifted from the institute phase to intensive in-country support of the 2012 Pakistani educators and planning for the 2013 delegation. To learn more about the 2012 educators, narratives can be found at: <http://pakistaninarrative.blogspot.com/>.

University Studies

- **Patrick Cate** was invited by two universities to provide consulting regarding innovated advising practices. Salem State University sent a group to PSU for training on best practices in advising and retention. Patrick also traveled to Virginia State University to speak at their faculty day and work with staff on the Targeted Advising Model developed here at Plymouth State.
- **Audrey Willis** (Graduate Assistant) consulted with Pembroke Academy in Pembroke, NH for a series of three student sessions for 9th grade students on college preparation and career exploration. Over the course of the sessions, Audrey worked with 130+ high school students and staff from the guidance department Pembroke Academy. This outreach effort is part of a developing service that University Studies is hoping to expand to other local high schools.