

**Provost Report for the Month of December 2012
(Including November news)
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Grand Opening of the Center for Global Engagement

Plymouth State University celebrated the opening of its Center for Global Engagement with a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 13 in Mary Lyon Hall. The CGE was established to better serve PSU's international student population, both undergraduate and graduate. The Center offers one central location where non-native English speaking undergraduate and graduate students can receive advising regarding immigration issues and responsibilities, academic support, referral to appropriate campus resources, and academic and social programming. The Center's space is shared with ELS, an international educational organization that offers intensive English language instruction and university placement assistance. The Director of PSU's Global Education Office, Debra Regan, noted the Center is becoming a successful gathering spot for a wide variety of students. "In just a short time, the Center has seen a lot of student traffic, both from international students and our domestic students, and that was the point—to bring people together," said Regan.

(from <http://www.plymouth.edu/news/plymouth-state-university-opens-center-for-global-engagement/>)



Frost School –SOON TO BE DOCS

The countdown for Frost School (defrosting) to become DOCS – **Division of Online and Continuing Studies** – is less than 30 days away (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 are hosted at online.plymouth.edu

An online working group is actively preparing the website for all processes from application and registration to payment and access to student forms. Courses are available now and students are enrolling.

Museum of the White Mountains

The renovation of the Museum of the White Mountains is complete. The collections and staff moved in early November. The Museum **opens to the public on February 23, 2013**.

The February Exhibition will be [Passing Through: The Allure of the White Mountains](#). Stay tuned for pre-opening events for faculty, staff and students.

Enterprise Center at Plymouth

A groundbreaking ceremony was held yesterday, December 4th at 149 Main St on the site of what will become the Enterprise Center at Plymouth, a partnership between PSU and Grafton

County Economic Development Council. The Enterprise Center will be a Business Incubator and Accelerator offering incubation services as well as services to established businesses looking to expand or improve their sales and services.



149 Main St, Plymouth

In this partnership, GCEDC is responsible for building, including purchase, renovation and upkeep of the building and PSU will provide the programming and services to area businesses who become clients of the Enterprise Center.

The new Executive Director, and College of Business Administration faculty member Michael Tentnowski started on December 3rd. Michael has been involved with business development for start-up companies for nearly twenty years, and has expertise in commercializing defense technologies, promoting renewable energy initiatives, and with entrepreneurial ventures. His previous positions include- Director of Incubator Programs at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), Executive Director of the Physical Science Institute, and Vice President of an e-commerce energy trading platform.

Working Mission- to be refined

“The mission of the Enterprise Center at Plymouth (ECP) is to stimulate economic growth and entrepreneurial development education through entrepreneurship and enterprise development. To achieve this mission, the ECP recruits, educates, and nurtures entrepreneurial talent to fuel growth and create wealth throughout central and northern NH.”

Services and Programs

The Enterprise Center at Plymouth will offer a comprehensive program of business assistance services based on industry best practices. Seeking excellence in its programs, the ECP puts client services first. Providing start-up businesses with the tools they need to grow and succeed is the main goal of ECP incubation programs. ECP core services are tailored to a client company’s stage of development; the skills, personalities, and experience of its management team; access to funding; and many other factors. Determining which services clients need involves careful assessment by ECP management/BOD during the admissions interview and in ongoing assessments throughout the clients’ time in the incubator.

The Business Enterprise Center will offer services such as:

1. Business assistance
 - Mentoring/coaching
 - Seminars
 - Entrepreneur training
 - Resource network
 - Interns (individuals or teams)
2. Prepare client companies to raise capital
 - Assemble the support team
 - Fine-tune the business strategy
 - Develop the PowerPoint presentation
 - Coach on presentation skills
 - Identify the right investors
3. Building an entrepreneur community
 - Create programs & activities that facilitate networking among companies
 - Monthly CEO roundtables
 - Brown bag programs
 - Social events
 - Core Incubator Services
4. Business development services
 - Business coaching
 - Educational seminars
 - Links to lawyers, accountants, and other professional service providers
 - Marketing assistance
 - Mentor-partnering programs
 - Brown bag lunches
 - Pre and post-incubation assistance
 - Assistance in obtaining funding
 - Connections to venture capital sources
 - Shared administrative services
 - CEO roundtables
5. Building amenities
 - Resource libraries
 - Shared conference rooms
 - Shared office equipment (photocopier, fax machine)
 - Other shared equipment TBD
 - Reception area and receptionist to greet visitors
6. Programs for entrepreneurial assistance
7. Programs for business assistance providers

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Scholarship, awards, and noteworthy service activities

Academic Department News

Art

- **Kimberly Anderson Ritchie** is exhibiting her work at the Martha Gault Art Gallery at Slippery Rock University in the juried exhibition "Rust Never Sleeps." She is one of 16 artists who were selected to exhibit their work in an exhibition featuring art that contains Iron Oxide in any medium.
- **Nick Sevigney** had a solo show at Salve Regina's Dorrance Hamilton Gallery. "With his notational ink drawings and atmospheric-fired ceramics, New Hampshire-based artist Nick Sevigney fuses his love of clay and machines." Sept. 27-Oct. 31. Prior to the opening, Sevigney provided studio demonstrations and lectured on his work in the Gallery.
- **Elizabeth D'Amico** is exhibiting a new collograph and a new mixed media collage at AVA Gallery's Holiday Salon in Lebanon, NH from Nov. 30 – Dec. 24. She is also showing two encaustics, a new monoprint, a photograph and a watercolor at the Library Arts Center in Newport, NH from Nov. 10 – Dec. 22.
- **Kathi Smith** was selected as the Artist in Residence at the Weir Farm Art Center for the month of January 2013. The Weir Farm is a National Historic Site in Wilton Connecticut. The Artist in Residence program (AIR) selects twelve artists to live and work at Weir Farm each year. To date,

140 artists from throughout the U.S., as well as Tunisia, Germany, Australia, India, South Africa and The Netherlands have participated in the AIR program. Visual artists apply for one month residencies in all media and diverse artistic points of view from traditional to experimental. The residency culminates with a public lecture at the local library, and open studio to share works created during the time at the center.

- **Henriette Strecker** is exhibiting her work at the Lakes Gallery at Chi Lin from December 1-January 6, with an opening reception on Thursday, December 13, from 4-7 at the Gallery, 17 Lake Street, Meredith.

Atmospheric Science and Chemistry

- **Brendon Hoch** and Applied Meteorology graduate student, **Brett Rathbun**, visited Cardigan Mountain School in Canaan, NH on October 3rd to present a workshop for 32 seventh graders on precipitation observation methodology and the Community Collaborative Rain Hail and Snow network (CoCoRaHS).
- On October 21, **Stephen Cantor**, Adjunct Faculty in Physical Science, along with Rabbi Orden at Temple Bnai Israel in Laconia, NH, presented a lecture and interactive discussion entitled: "Genesis and the Big Bang," in which Professor Cantor discussed the physics of the Big Bang Theory along with the biblical description of the creation of the universe as presented in the book of Genesis. By relying on Einstein's theory of relativity, other physics and mathematical concepts, along with the writings of many biblical commentators, they attempted to show that there is a harmony between modern science and the biblical Book of Genesis. This was done as a pot-luck dinner and learn event, and was open to the general public.
- Publication of an article in the *Journal of Inorganic Chemistry*: "Iron–Amide–Sulfide and Iron–Imide–Sulfide Clusters: Heteroligated Core Environments Relevant to the Nitrogenase FeMo Cofactor", Xu-Dong Chen, Wei Zhang, **Jeremiah S. Duncan**, and Sonny C. Lee, *Inorg. Chem.*, (2012), DOI: 10.1021/ic301868m

Biological Sciences

- **Larry Spencer** has recently reviewed the following book for Choice (a publication of the American Library Association): Long, John A. "The Dawn of the Deed: The Prehistoric Origins of Sex." The book has received rave reviews by Jared Diamond and Tim Flannery, two well-known evolutionary biologists. He found the book to be an interesting exposition on the evolution of sex and sexual behavior.
- **Doug Sanders's** article will appear in the *Molecular Genetics & Metabolism Journal* in January. Titled "GM2 Gangliosidosis Associated with a HEXA Missense Mutation in Japanese Chin Dogs: a Potential Model for Tay Sachs Disease," the article's co-authors are : Rong Zeng; David A Wenger, PhD; Gary S Johnson, PhD DVM; Gayle C Johnson, DVM PhD; Jared E Decker, PhD; Martin L Katz, PhD; Simon R Platt, DVM and the Corresponding Author is Dr. Dennis O'Brien
- **Chris Chabot** gave 2 presentations in November:
 - NH EPSCoR Meeting, Nov. 8, "Inquiry based research in undergraduate courses".
 - Keene State College, Nov. 16, " Finding time: Biological clocks in the Horseshoe crab, *Limulus polyphemus*"
- Biology student **Janelle Emerson** presented a research poster at the 11th annual Undergraduate Symposium on Sustainability and the Environment at Bridgewater State University on December 1st with her faculty mentor **Kerry Yurewicz**. Janelle's poster, "Does the presence of brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) impact stream insect communities in the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest?," was one of 37 presented by students from New England this year. Her conference trip was supported by funding from the Student Research Advisory Council through the PSU Office of Research & Engagement.

Center for the Environment

- **Joe Boyer** was invited to give a presentation at EcoSummit on October 1-2 in Ohio. His talk was titled "Marine ecosystem goals reconciled with Everglades restoration: Can the tail wag the dog?" EcoSummit is an international conference designed to explore innovative science-based strategies

that are socially and culturally acceptable to create, manage, and restore these ecosystems, ensuring that society has access to all these ecosystem services.

- **Shannon Rogers** attended the Living on Earth III (LOE III) workshop, October 23-26 in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. This workshop was hosted by the University of the Virgin Islands and sponsored by the National Science Foundation's Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR). Shannon was one of three New Hampshire scholars nominated to participate in this ongoing endeavor to address the need for effective integration of processes linking scientific knowledge and analytical approaches in social-ecological systems (SES) research. Several goals of the workshop were: building science and research capacity in sustainability science, coupled human-natural/socio-ecological systems science across EPSCoR jurisdictions, and facilitating the formalization and functionality of a LOE-SES scientific network that will promote cutting-edge and transformative science ideas. An outcome of the workshop was a draft resolution to formalize a Social-Ecological Network among EPSCoR jurisdictions.
- **Lisa Doner** presented a lecture on soils for the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) as part of their septic tank installer certification program at Riverhill Grange, Penacook, October 26.
- **June Hammond Rowan** has been named to the NH DES Soak Up the Rain NH Work Group, a new outreach and capacity building program designed to achieve voluntary reductions in stormwater runoff and pollution from private, residential and small commercial properties through a coordinated, statewide stormwater outreach and local capacity building campaign to install small-scale stormwater treatment practices.
- New publications by CFE faculty include:
 - Groffman, P.M., L.E. Rustad, P.H. Templer, J.L. Campbell, L.M. Christenson, N.K. Lany, A.M. Soggi, M.A. Vadeboncoeur, P.G. Schaberg, G.F. Wilson, C.T. Driscoll, T.J. Fahey, M.C. Fisk, C.L. Goodale, **M.B. Green**, S.P. Hamburg, C.E. Johnson, M.J. Mitchell, J.L. Morse, L.H. Pardo, and N.L. Rodenhouse. (2012). Climate change effects are manifest in complex and surprising ways in the northern hardwood forest. In press at *BioScience*.
 - Ülgen, U.B., S.O. Franz, D. Biltekin, M.N. Çagatay, P.A. Roeser, **L. Doner**, J. Thein. (2012). Climatic and environmental evolution of Lake Iznik (NW Turkey) over the last ~4700 years. *Quaternary International* 274, 88-101.
- Planning is underway for the **2013 NH Water and Watershed Conference**. The event will be at PSU on March 22, 2013. CFE organizes this event and a call for abstracts is posted at <http://www.plymouth.edu/center-for-the-environment/2013-nh-water-watershed-conference/>. For more information, contact jhammondrowan@plymouth.edu.
- **Mark Green** is co-PI on a \$50,000 NSF grant, "US-Japan Joint Seminar on Responses of Catchment Hydrology and Forest Biogeochemistry to Climatic and Environmental Change." This project will support a joint US-Japan meeting on catchment hydrology and biogeochemistry on March 7-11, 2013 in Hawaii.
- On November 11th, **Shannon Rogers** successfully completed the year-long [Environmental Leadership Program](#) (ELP) and graduated into the Senior Fellow's class. ELP's mission is to support visionary, action-oriented, and diverse leadership for a just and sustainable future. ELP catalyzes change by providing talented individuals early in their careers with the support and guidance they need to launch new endeavors, achieve new successes, and rise to new leadership positions. On November 14th, Shannon participated in one of her first activities as a Senior Fellow by co-hosting a webinar on Ecological Economics.

Several people from CFE gave presentations in November:

- Lisa **Doner** presented an invited paper "Tracing the source of the signal - exploring the potential for watershed monitoring to explain variation in sedimentary records." at the Geological Society of America Annual Meeting in Charlotte, NC, Nov. 4-7, 2012, in a session on Lake Systems Through Space and Time. Co-authors on the paper, in order, are **Christina Maki** (recent ESP/CFE MS graduate), **Mark Green**, and current ESP/CFE graduate student, **Benjamin Bolaski**.
- On November 7th, **Shannon Rogers** gave a presentation, along with Richard Howarth of Dartmouth, at the EPSCoR all hands meeting about the research they are doing as part of the

- ecosystem services component of the Ecosystems & Society project. Shannon outlined the watershed ecosystem services work she is doing in New Hampshire.
- Graduate student **Ashley Hyde** presented a poster, "[Using Specific Electrical Conductance to Compare Rainfall Runoff in NH Urban and Rural Catchments](#)," at the EPSCoR All Hands Meeting on November 7. Co-authors were **Mark Green** and **Errin Volitis**.
 - On November 15, **Lisa Doner** presented results of her research team's work on the sediment history of the Ossipee lakes as part of the Green Mountain Conservation Group's community presentation at Chocorua Village. This is an ongoing partnership with the Green Mountain Conservation Group, PSU, UNH and Ossipee region communities to assess water quality issues associated with population growth and development.
 - Director **Joe Boyer** represented PSU at the Governor's STEM Forum in response to USNH agreement to double STEM graduates by 2025. He has been working on expanding CFE's regional engagement holding meetings with the Webster Lake Association to discuss mutual interests in lake management needs and PSU's Environmental Science and Policy graduate program (which is organized by CFE); the Northern Forest Center to discuss mutual interests including projects in watershed governance and ecological economics; and NH Cooperative Extension personnel to discuss mutual interests for PSU and ecosystem management in Lakes Region. Joe also participated in the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative Technical Advisory Committee meeting; attended the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center Water Matters forum concerning design and focus of new exhibit; participated in the Livermore Falls Roundtable Group discussion on ways forward to improved management of property; and attended a 4-day Collective Impact Institute workshop on Moving Beyond Collaboration to Transforming Communities.
 - **Errin Volitis** created and distributed [the first quarterly NH LoVoTECS newsletter](#). **Mark Green** launched a [blog](#) dedicated to updates, interesting findings and additional information about the LoVoTECS network.
 - **June Hammond Rowan** is leading a committee, including **Joe Boyer**, **Denise Burchsted**, **Shannon Rogers**, ESP graduate student **Kristi Wilkinson**, and numerous off-campus partners, on organizing the [2013 NH Water & Watershed Conference](#). The conference will include dynamic sessions on the latest work about water resources in New Hampshire. The plenary speaker will be Linwood Pendleton, director of the Ocean and Coastal Policy Program at the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions and acting chief economist for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, who will present a talk on "Clean Water and the New Hampshire Economy." Please consider submitting an abstract on current water related research as well as effective strategies at the local, regional, state, and federal levels that address the changing environmental and societal conditions and their effects on New Hampshire's water resources and aquatic environment. Student posters are also welcome. Abstracts are due on December 10, 2012 and are [submitted online](#).

Center for Rural Partnerships

- The Center for Rural Partnerships teamed with the Institute for New Hampshire Studies and NH Division of Travel and Tourism Development to host a workshop titled "**How to Develop Successful Travel Itineraries**." The workshop, part of INHS's Tourism Development Toolkit, demonstrated how tourism proprietors along the Route 3 corridor can work with other businesses and organizations to collaboratively market tourism assets. Approximately 30 local business people attended the event, which was held in the Savage Welcome Center.
- Student Research Associate **Ryan Bernier** published a report titled "Biomass in the North Country" in the most recent edition of the *North Country Economic Index*. This report is a result of Ryan's experience in Coos County talking to stakeholders about economic development.
- The Center for Rural Partnerships, together with the Grafton County Economic Development Council, the Community Development Finance Authority, the Plymouth Regional Chamber of Commerce, and town managers from Ashland, Holderness, Plymouth, and Bristol co-hosted a **forum on economic development focused on local towns and small businesses**. **Sara Jayne Steen** provided the keynote address, followed by a panel presentation that included business owners Barry Gaw (Riveredge Marina, Ashland) and Rusty McLearn (Inns & Spa at Mill Falls, Meredith), Town

Administrators Michael Capone (Bristol) and Walter Johnson (Holderness), and NH Department of Resources & Economic Development Commissioner George Bald.

- The Center would like to welcome our newest Student Associate, **Taylor Dillingham**. Taylor is a freshman studying Social Work.
- **Fran Belcher** was appointed to the board of directors of the New England Rural Health Roundtable at the Rural Health Roundtable's annual meeting in Portland, Maine. This six-state consortium of rural health clinics, critical access hospitals and mental health centers works collaboratively as a unified voice for New England's rural health needs.
- Live, Learn and Play in Northern NH continues to **place PSU students in health and mental healthcare internships** in Coos County. The CFRP would like to thank our on-campus partners: **Justin L'Italien** and **Gail Carr** for their extraordinary support in this program. For more information about the LLP program, contact **Fran Belcher** (fbelcher@plymouth.edu).
- The Center for Rural Partnerships is joining with NH Listens, a program of the UNH Carsey Institute, to develop **North Country Listens** in Lancaster, Berlin and Colebrook. The first facilitator training for the Lancaster Listens group will be held on December 8. For more info, contact Fran Belcher at fbelcher@plymouth.edu.
- **Linda Upham-Bornstein** was appointed to a second term on the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance Board of Directors. The NH Preservation Alliance is a non-profit, membership-based organization that helps community leaders and property owners save and revitalize our irreplaceable historic landmarks and communities to contribute to the quality, the character, and the economic vitality of the state. Upham-Bornstein also serves on the selection committee for the Alliance's *Seven to Save* program.

College of Business Administration

- **Warren Mason** recently had his presentation on post-World War II writing published in the Fall 2012 edition of **The Mailer Review**. Entitled "*Why Mailer and Jones Matter*," the article consists of his formal Presentation followed by his participation on a five person Panel Discussion of the writing of WWII authors and their writing styles. The original Presentation & Panel Discussion occurred at the University of Texas in Austin last Fall.
- **Anastasiya Vanyukevych** (MBA graduate) with **Jocelyn Morales** and **Emily Durand** (Social Work graduates) co-wrote an article with **Dr. Christine Rine** (Social Work faculty) and **Dr. Kurt Schroeder** (Social Science faculty) that was recently published in the *Journal of Family Social Work* entitled "Using GIS Mapping to Assess Foster Care: A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words." To link to this article: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/10522158.2012.719184>.

Communication and Media Studies

- **Annette Holba's** co-authored book (with Ronald C. Arnett), "*An Overture to Philosophy of Communication: The Carrier of Meaning*," was published by Peter Lang Publishing.
- **Annette Holba** attended the National Communication Association (NCA) Annual Convention where she presented her paper, "The Transdisciplinarity of Philosophical Leisure and Hermeneutic Humility: Entering the Conversation in COMMunity." Additionally, she presented a short course on teaching philosophy of communication. The course was based upon her recently released co-authored book, "*An Overture to Philosophy of Communication: The Carrier of Meaning*" (above). Annette was also elected as Vice-Chair Elect for the Philosophy of Communication Division of the NCA.

Counselor Education & School Psychology

- **Nancy Puglisi** has published her second book of poetry, "*Reflections from the Forest House*," an eclectic collection capturing reflective moments in space and time.

Criminal Justice

- **Kristine Levan** had a book published: "*Prison Violence: Causes, Consequences and Solutions*" (published by Ashgate Publishing)

- **David Mackey** and Michael Smith (Saint Anselm College) published their study "X-ray scanning, wiretaps, and other searches: College students' perceptions of the reasonableness and intrusiveness of homeland security searches" in *Criminal Justice Studies: A Critical Journal of Crime, Law and Society, Special Issue: Homeland Security: Ten Years After 9/11*.
- **David Mackey** presented "The business of fear: The normalization of ubiquitous surveillance and the transformation of expectations of privacy" at Great Bay Community College on October 21. **David** also published the entry "Content analysis" in the "Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice" edited by Jay S. Albanese and published by Wiley-Blackwell.
- **Kristine Levan**, Steven Downing (University of Ontario Institute of Technology) and Katherine Polzer (Texas Christian University) presented "Space, Time and Reflexive Interviewing: Implications for Qualitative Criminology" at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Chicago.
- **David Mackey** published three entries "School victimization", "School crime", and "Bullying" in The Encyclopedia of Theoretical Criminology edited by J. Mitchell Miller and published by Wiley-Blackwell.

Early Childhood Studies

- **Mary Cornish** and Ann Holloran, principal of Danbury and New Hampton Elementary Schools, co-facilitated a day-long session at PSU on October 5 on Effective Mentoring and Co-Teaching for mentor teachers in the Early Childhood Studies/Newfound School District Professional Development School (PDS) partnership. A second day-long session was held in November. These are the first two events in a series of professional learning communities for PDS mentor teachers for this academic year.
- On October 12, the Early Childhood Studies Department sponsored "**Strong Families, Happy Children: Building Competencies in Early Childhood and Family Mental Health**," the first in a series of three cross-sector professional development opportunities focused on the Family Systems component of the new NH Early Childhood and Family Mental Health Competencies. The half-day event was organized by the Lower Grafton Community Council, which includes representatives from the Whole Village Family Resource Center, Lakes Region Community Services, the Lakes Region United Way, Genesis Behavioral Health, and **Pat Cantor and Mary Cornish** from the Early Childhood Studies Department. PSU and the Lakes Region United Way provided resources and support for the event, which drew 30 area professionals from the fields of early care and education, mental health, family support, health care, and early intervention. Several PSU undergraduate and graduate students attended, as did teachers from the Center for Young Children and Families at PSU. There will be two additional events in this series, also to be held at PSU in January and April 2013.
- **Meagan Shedd** presented on "A Book in the Hand is Worth Two in the Lunchbox: Using Family Literacy Events to Network about Picky Eating" at the Early Learning New Hampshire Conference on October 13 in Manchester, NH. Meagan has also been appointed Member-at-Large for the New Hampshire Association for the Education of Young Children for a one-year term beginning September 2012.
- **Mary Earick** presented "Robotics in K-3 Classrooms" at the NH Science Teachers Association Fall Conference in Meredith, NH, November 4-5.
- Several Early Childhood Studies faculty presented at the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA, November 6-10. **Pat Cantor and Mary Cornish** presented on "Developmentally Appropriate Use of Technology in Infant/Toddler Programs." **Clarissa Uttley** presented on "There is a rat in my classroom, what am I going to do? DAP Instructional Practices when including animals in the classroom." **Meagan Shedd** presented at the National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators Conference, held in conjunction with the NAEYC Conference, on "Making plates out of pages: Relationships between health and literacy behavior facilitation for young children." **Pat Cantor** also presented as part of the day-long History Seminar at NAEYC, on "Discussion makes the soul": Elizabeth Peabody, Bronson Alcott, and William Torrey Harris at the Concord School of Philosophy."
- **The NAEYC Conference was also attended by 13 Early Childhood Studies majors from PSU.** Eight members of the Early Childhood Studies Club volunteered and attended conference sessions; since

their return, they have shared their new knowledge with their peers through presentations at Early Childhood Club meetings. The five students in the Coos County Early Childhood Leadership Cohort also attended the NAEYC Conference with full funding from the Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund of the NH Charitable Foundation.

- **Clarissa Uttley's** article, "Pet Assisted Therapy and the Traumatized Child," was published in the *Children, Youth, and Adolescent Newsletter*, which is part of the National Association of Social Workers Specialty Sections.
- On November 27, the department hosted a group of Seniors from SAU 56 (Rollingsford/Somersworth High School) and their Head Teacher and Guidance Counselor. The visit, facilitated by **Meagan Shedd**, included an observation of an Early Childhood Studies class, a tour of the Center for Young Children and Families and the campus, a visit with Admissions, and lunch with current Early Childhood Studies students.

Educational Leadership, Learning and Curriculum

- **Kathleen Norris** was unanimously elected vice chair of the NH Department of Education Professional Standards Board and Secretary of the Board of The Bridge House Shelter in Plymouth. She presented three sessions at the annual American Evaluation Association conference in Minneapolis: one a poster on the evaluation of the doctoral program at PSU, one a presentation on teaching evaluation, and one a discussion of the evaluator's role in organizational learning. During the National Rural Education Association annual conference in Cincinnati, Kathleen led a discussion on barriers to the implementation of best practices in US education.
- **Marcel Lebrun** was the keynote speaker at the International 4th Asian Conference on Education in Osaka Japan October 24–27. He presented, "Developing the Inner Leader: The Journey Starts Now." Marcel has also been chosen as a journal reviewer for the *International Journal of Teaching and Teacher Education* based out of the University of Bahrain in the Middle East
- **Cheryl Baker** chaired a committee to review the alternative teacher certification program for the Vermont Department of Education. The panel of five conducted interviews, document assessment, and observed a program information session as part of the review. The alternative certification program, similar to New Hampshire's alternative 3 process, allows experts from different fields qualify to teach in Vermont's public schools.
- **Marcel Lebrun** presented "The Components of PBIS" to 45 administrators, school principals and superintendents in Montreal, Quebec on November 15th and 16th.
- **Cheryl Baker** taught a face-to-face section of ED 5005 Social Psychology and Mythology Across Cultures to 33 international educators in Shanghai China. This work is part of an agreement with Shanghai American School to provide graduate level professional development opportunities to the school's faculty. While in Shanghai, Baker provided administrative support and conducted dozens of advising sessions with current and future PSU students.
- The NHDOE awarded \$500,000 to PSU through a grant written by **Cheryl Baker** for the State Agency Higher Education award. The work will be performed through Baker's group, the Rural School Educator Effectiveness Collaborative (RSEEC). This effort will provide quality professional development opportunities to NH's rural educators. RSEEC partners include the NHDOE, Keene State College, North Country Education Services, Granite State College, and New England College. PSU's Impact Center's Director **Natalya Vinogradova** will be spearheading the mathematics professional development for this project.
- **Kathleen Norris** was nominated by the State of New Hampshire Department of Education and selected by ETS to serve as a panel member for the multi-state standard setting study for the revised Praxis I tests. She has been invited to participate in the International Doctoral Education Research Network. Kathleen also conducted evaluation research for an institution of higher education and a community collaborative and both reports have been accepted.

Elementary Education

- **James Stiles** and **Gerry Buteau** recently presented at the National Council of Teachers of English Annual Convention. "A Place Called Home: Using intercultural literature to explore the dynamics

of living, growing, learning in a strange new land," was based on their recent work with colleagues and students in the Manchester School District.

English

- **Ann McClellan** presented a paper, "Vampires, Bullocks, and Lesbians, Oh My! The Spectre of the University Woman in Interwar Britain," at the Canadian History of Education Association Conference in Vancouver, BC. in October, 2012.
- **Paul Rogalus's** flash fiction story, "Hunter Thompson's Ashes," was published in the online journal, *Drunk Monkeys*, in October 2012, and his micro story, "Addicts" was published in *100 Word Story* in August 2012.

Environmental Science and Policy

- **Mary Ann McGarry** presented at the World Alliance for Art Education Summit in Rovaniemi, Finland, at the University of Lapland at Arctic Circle on behalf of **Lisa Doner, Trish Lindberg, and Jason Swift** on developing an online graduate course for educators integrating arts, science, and sustainability. The proposal is to have teams of international artists and scientists collaborate for a multicultural, global perspective inspiring educators to launch environmentally sustainable initiatives in their communities.
- **Mark Turski** participated at the New England Environmental Education Literacy Summit at the University of New England as part of the NH Environmental Literacy Plan Implementation Working Group.
- **Mark** also presented "Using Problem Based Learning (PBL) Module Development as a Content Framework for ESS Teacher Professional Development" at the Geological Society of America's National Conference in Charlotte, NC. He also participated at the Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference as a representative of the Board of Directors for the NH Science Teachers Association and represented NHSTA BOD at NH ConnectED meeting.
- Environmental Science and Policy Senior, **Rebecca M. Jacobson**, was chosen by the Northern Ecosystem Research for Undergraduates (NERU) to participate in their highly competitive research program at UNH during the summer of 2012. The NERU is directed by Dr. Ruth Varner, Earth Systems Research Center, Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans and Space at the University of New Hampshire. As part of this undergraduate research, Rebecca traveled to the Abisko Research Station in Sweden where she studied mercury dynamics and long term/short term effects. Upon return, Rebecca was chosen to present her research at the American Geophysical Union fall meeting, Dec. 3rd-7th in the Moscone Center, San Francisco, CA. Her poster abstract is entitled: "Mercury dynamics in a thawing peatland: Stordalen Mire, Abisko." Her faculty Mentor for Research at UNH is Dr. Julia Bryce, Department of Earth Sciences, and her PSU Academic Advisor **Dr. Warren Tomkiewicz**. Help for expenses for Rebecca was awarded through an Undergraduate Research Grant through the PSU's Office of Research & Engagement and the Student Research Advisory Council. Additional financial help was received through the NERU and the Department of Environmental Science and Policy.

Health and Human Performance

- **Irene Cucina** was the invited keynote speaker at West Virginia Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Dance and Sport. Irene presented on leadership to over 150 future professionals and on integrating wellness into the PE Teacher Education program to higher education faculty from across the state. Irene was also the invited keynote speaker at the Florida AHPERD. She presented a half day workshop to coaches on implementing a servant leadership model for inter scholastic athletics. She also did presentations on the new Presidential Youth Fitness Program.
- **Irene Cucina** was the Mistress of Ceremonies at the second annual *Lets Move in School Showcase* at Turner Elementary School in Washington, DC. A number of Olympic athletes and NFL players were in attendance to help promote physical activity before, during, and after school for all children K-12. Irene also presented two sessions at the Louisiana State AHPERD convention on wellness and assessment, November 1-2 in Baton Rouge, LA.

- **Irene Cucina** presented on a number of topics at various professional meetings:
 - 3 sessions at the Nebraska AHPERD convention in Lincoln, Nebraska, November 5-6, 2012. Her sessions included: Leadership and Advocacy; Working Together We Can Accomplish More; and Dancing Your Way to Wellness
 - keynote speaker at the South Carolina AHPERD convention in Myrtle Beach, SC November 8-11. The topic was “All For One, One for All.” Additionally, she was the keynote speaker for the Future Professionals. Her topic was “If I can Do It, So Can You!”
 - keynote speaker at the CTAHPERD in Cromwell, CT on November 15-16, 2012. Her keynote was entitled “Together We Can AND Will Make A Difference.” She also did two breakout sessions on Stomp for Health and Assessments in Physical Education and Physical Activity.
 - an invited guest for the 2012 So You Think You Can Dance Tour at the MGM Theatre at Foxwoods Casino. As a guest, Irene met with the dancers and talked about the role of dance education in the dancer's training. A variety of media and news programs were present during this after show event.
 - attended the Pennsylvania State AHPERD convention in Seven Springs, PA November 28-December 2 where she presented two workshops: one on health assessments for K-12 teachers and developing a wellness curriculum in your middle and high school programs.

History and Philosophy

- **Marcia Schmidt Blaine** presented “The Politics of Captivity: The Accidental Negotiator” at the Northeastern American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies conference in Middletown, Connecticut on October 12.
- **Leo Sandy** attended the U.S.S. Enterprise CVN 65 Inactivation Ceremony in Norfolk, Virginia last weekend. He is a "plank owner" of the ship, meaning that he was in the first crew 50 years ago. Among other deployments, the ship participated in the Cuban Missile Blockade during his service on it.



Lamson Library

- **David A. Beronä** reviewed “*Benezit dictionary of British graphic artists and illustrators*”, v.1: *Abbo-Lamp*; v.2: *Lanc-Zobe*. Oxford, 2012 for CHOICE (November, 2012).
- **Anne Jung** and Plymouth Elementary School Team 8 teachers – Gerry Gontarz, Kevin Greenler and Paula Tanner – presented at the New England Library Association annual conference on October 15 in Sturbridge, MA. Their presentation, “It’s Never Too Early: Middle School Students in the Academic Library” discussed the ongoing project between the school and library now in its fifth year.
- **Anne Jung** and Lin-Wood Public School History teacher Kelly Nelson presented the program “National History Day Research: A Unique Collaboration” at the New Hampshire Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference in Manchester, NH on October 25.
- **David A. Beronä** presented his paper, “French Wordless Comics: Creating a Language of Pictures” at the International French-Language Comics Conference, Miami University Oxford, Ohio, 2-3 November 2012. Beronä was also invited to speak on the iconography of wordless books at the Yale Graduate School of Drama, November 15, 2012.
- **Anne Jung** welcomed 48 9th and 10th grade students from Lin-Wood High School to begin research on their National History Day projects. National History Day New Hampshire will be held at PSU in the spring of 2013. This is Lin-Wood’s second visit to Lamson. Last year, several students from their school qualified for the National History Day contest that was held in Washington, DC in June.

Languages and Linguistics

- **Wilson Garcia** and **Eric Cintron** helped coordinate the events for Hispanic Heritage Month 2012. These events sought to recognize the cultures, contributions, and histories of Hispanics and Latinos in the United States and abroad. One of the most successful events was the International Coffee Tasting. All of these events had the support of several students and colleagues across campus, including **Lauren Doucette, Sarah Dobe, Jenifer Negron, Mike Farkas, Gonzalo Isidro-Bruno, Jane Barry, John Krueckeberg, Sheryl Shirley, Ursula Moreno, James Whiting, and Lourdes Aviles-Bramer.**
- **Katharine Harrington** was recently named Vice President of the New Hampshire chapter of the American Association for Teachers of French. She presented a paper “Seismic Narratives: Witnessing and Loss in Dany Laferrière and Nina Bouraoui’s ‘Earthquake’ Texts” at the American Council for Quebec Studies Biennial Conference in Sarasota, FL on November 10, 2012.
- **Barbara Lopez-Mayhew** was selected to join the **2012 Chinese Bridge Delegation**, a one-week educational program in China, November 7-15, 2012, offered by the College Board and sponsored by Hanban/Confucius Institute Headquarters. There were 420 U.S. delegates representing 45 states. Administrators, directors, language coordinators and professors from K-12 elementary, secondary schools and Higher Education were regionally sub-grouped into 10 travel groups, and were sent to selected provinces throughout China. While Barbara was in the Henan province, she had the opportunity to visit 6 schools, including Peking University. Cultural highlights included a Kung Fu performance at the Sonhshan Shaolin Wushu Vocational Institute (they had performed at the opening of the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008), the Longmen Grottoes, Shaolin Zen temple, and the Great Wall.

Music, Theatre and Dance

- **Holly Oliver**, Music Education Coordinator, traveled to the NH Music Educators Fall Conference held at Southern NH University with **33** undergraduate music education majors! The day featured workshops, presentations, performances, and an opportunity for students to network with practicing public school music educators from all over the state. PSU faculty workshop presenters at this event included **Kathleen Arcchi** (“Healthy Belting Techniques”) and **Carleen Graff** (“Approaches to Teaching K-12 Keyboard Skills”).
- **Robert Swift** has had his article “Lessons Learned” published in selected New England music education journals.
- **Elizabeth Daily** will be appearing in “Twice Around the Park” for Stage One Productions in Manchester, NH in November.
- **Connie Chesebrough** and senior music education major, **Samuel Tolley**, in collaboration with PSU professor emeritus **John B. Allen**, made an archival recording for the New England Ski Museum. The recording was a performance for tenor voice and harpsichord of a song recently donated to the Ski Museum titled “The Lapland Lover”.
- **Kathleen Arcchi** was an adjudicator for the Granite State NATS Musical Theatre Singing competition held at Concord Community Music School on Nov. 3. She also traveled to southern NH with **Dan Perkins** and the **PSU Chamber Singers** for outreach workshops at Nashua South High School and Conval High School on October 12.
- There was major PSU representation at the Boston Cecilia concert on October 27, which was conducted by PSU Director of Choral Activities **Dan Perkins**. Guest artists for the concert included the Tributary Dance Company (founded and choreographed by Director of Dance **Amanda Whitworth**), and PSU alumni **Daniel Brevik** and **Jennifer Fijal**. The Cecilia performed a work by faculty member **Jonathan Santore** at the concert, and alumna **Jennifer Cooper** and current student **Brad Dumont** sang with the choir for the concert. Dan is a finalist for the position of Music Director with the Cecilia, one of Boston’s oldest choral organizations.
- **Jonathan Santore’s** composition “Adjectives” was performed live by Brigham Young University clarinet teacher Jaren Hinckley and pianist Vince Humphreys on KBYU-FM in Provo, UT on October 2.
- MTD adjunct voice faculty member, **Eric Perry**, has been selected to present a paper at the International Congress of Voice Teachers in Brisbane Australia in July, 2013.

- **Carleen Graff** has recently written a review of piano duet music for the *American Music Teacher*. The books reviewed are "Piano Works - Duets 1 and 2" written by Janet and Alan Bullard for Oxford University Press. Carleen also has had published by Ogilvy Music in Denton, TX, two movements from Vivaldi's *Seasons* for digital keyboard orchestra.

Psychology

- **John Kulig** and **Shoshannah Ryff** (Psychology major) presented a research poster entitled "What Causes the Name Uniqueness Effect?" at the meetings of the New England Psychological Association held at Worcester Polytechnic Institute October 13th.
- **John Kulig** had an article entitled "What's in a Name? The False Uniqueness Effect!" published by the *British Journal of Social Psychology*. This article has generated a good amount of interest in the field and in the press with inquiries from the Boston Globe and the Wall Street Journal, among others, who plan to use it in their papers.

Social Science

- **Patrick May**, **Mark Okrant** and **Bryon Middlekauff** attended the New England-St. Lawrence Valley Geographical Society annual meeting at the University of Maine – Farmington on October 19-20. Patrick served as a World Geography Bowl contest moderator, Mark attended many paper sessions and the business luncheon, and assisted with World Geography Bowl. Bryon helped set up the Bowl, served as PSU team coordinator, presented a paper entitled "Globalization of the United States Automobile Industry," and served as Regional Councilor for our organization.
- John Houston, Canadian film maker known for his work on movies set in the Arctic such as *Never Cry Wolf* and *The Snow Walker*, returned to Plymouth State in October. Houston, who delivered the Fall 2005 Convocation speech at PSU on the topic of "Living Lightly," spoke this time about the importance of understanding indigenous peoples' concepts of interaction with the land that sustains them. He also met with students and faculty and toured the **Museum of the White Mountains**.
- **Katherine Donahue** gave a presentation on the first summer cruise in 1886 of the revenue cutter *Bear* in the Arctic on October 24 at the Norman Williams Public Library in Woodstock, VT.
- **Khuan Chong** led a discussion on Indonesia for the NH World Affairs Council on October 16 in Concord.
- **Brian Eisenhauer** presented, "Eco-Friendly Living: Every Little Bit Helps - *Practical Steps Towards a More Sustainable Lifestyle*" at Pease Public Library on Thursday, November 1 as part of the "Healthy Living" series of lectures sponsored by the Young Ladies Library Association and PSU's Center for Active Living and Healthy Communities. Brian also presented, "Sustainability at PSU: Current Events, Aspirations, and Challenges," offered tours of EcoHouse, and hosted a National Keynote Broadcast by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), "Educating Students for a Changing Climate," at PSU on National Campus Sustainability Day, October 24.
- **Brian Eisenhauer** co-authored an article published in the journal *Society and Natural Resources* based on research conducted as part of the Newfound Watershed Plan entitled, "Environmental Concern: Examining the Role of Place Meaning and Place Attachment." Thanks to both the Social Science Department and the Center for the Environment (CFE) for their support of this work. (Citation - Joan M. Brehm, Brian W. Eisenhauer & Richard C. Stedman (2012): Environmental Concern: Examining the Role of Place Meaning and Place Attachment, *Society & Natural Resources: An International Journal*, DOI:10.1080/08941920.2012.715726)
- The *Laconia Citizen* ran an article about the recent release of the 4th edition of **Bob Heiner's** book "Social Problems: An Introduction to Critical Constructionism." The article, "PSU professor writes textbook on corporate power and democracy," appeared in the October 10 issue of the paper.
- The Department of Social Sciences held its second "**College Access Summit**" on October 28. The Summit brought a diverse group of Manchester high school students, including refugees from Sudan, Cote d'Ivoire, and the Democratic Republic of Congo, to Plymouth State University to explore the college application process and develop skills for writing essays for college admission applications. **Sheryl Shirley** and PSU alum, **Thato Ramoabi**, Director of Young Organizers United

and a youth organizer with Granite State Organizing Project, organized the workshop. **Bob Heiner** provided a keynote talk and Sandy McGarr explained the admissions process. **Krisan Evanson, Katherine Donahue, Sheryl Shirley,** and PSU students (**Kathleen Rosse, Jamie Marker, Jonathan Raymond, Simon Gahungu, Simon Ciza, Ava Tyler, Meo Ramberg Pihl**) facilitated writing activities.

- **David Starbuck's** book, "The Archaeology of Forts and Battlefields," (University Press of Florida), sold out in hardcover, and this fall it has just now appeared in paperback. Also, David just edited and produced the latest issue of *The New Hampshire Archeologist*, entitled *Water-Powered Mill, Dam and Canal Sites in Wakefield, New Hampshire*, which is all in color and available through The New Hampshire Archeological Society.
- **Katherine Donahue** presented a poster, "Vessels of Freedom: How Sustainable is Recreational Boating?" at the annual meeting of the Society for Environmental Anthropology and the American Anthropological Association (AAA) November 14-18, 2012 in San Francisco. Also, along with a colleague from the Society for the Anthropology of Europe, she organized a tour titled "Finding Italy in San Francisco" in the North Beach area of the city for members of the AAA.

Social Work

- **Stephen Gorin** served as a panelist for an event held at Heritage Commons organized by NH Public TV and the Endowment for Health as part of a series of statewide screenings of the film – *NH Health Care – Is There Good News?* The film and moderated follow-up discussion were hosted by Jeanne Ryer of the NH Citizens Health Initiative; other panelists included Dr. Fred Kelsey of Mid-State Health Center, Tom Bunnell of NH Voices for Health. Steve also participated in a half-day "Convening Leaders in Long Term Care and Aging Policy Summit" in Concord sponsored by the Center on Aging and Community Living. He chaired a meeting of the State Committee on Aging this month.
- **Scott Meyer** gave a presentation on "Medical Social Work Roles and Functions: What RN's Need to Know" for the Nursing department course: Teamwork & Collaboration.
- **Christine Rine** co-authored and published (ScienceDirect online) "Family level predictors of victimization and offending among young men: Rethinking the role of parents in prevention and intervention models", *Children and Youth Services Review*, 34 (12), December 2012. She also recruited and supervised new research students to continue work on the GIS Foster Care Project; they are doing data analysis and geocoding, did a conference submission, and have started writing another paper.
- The Department hosted an **open house** on Saturday, October 27.
- **Stephen Gorin** and **Cynthia Moniz** co-authored "Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act" after the Supreme Court Decision which was published in *Health & Social Work* (November, 2012) doi: 10.1093/hsw/hls030.
- **Christine Rine** along with **Jocelyn Morales** and **Emily Durant** (Social Work graduates) and **Anastasiya Vanyukevych** (MBA graduate) co-wrote an article with **Dr. Kurt Schroeder** (Social Science faculty) that was recently published in the *Journal of Family Social Work* entitled "Using GIS Mapping to Assess Foster Care: A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words." To link to this article: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/10522158.2012.719184>.
- **Stephen Gorin** participated as a member of CSWE's Council on Leadership Development at the CSWE annual conference both in a half-day meeting of the council, and as a presider at the plenary networking session at the conference.
- **Cynthia Moniz** participated as a member of CSWE's Commission on Membership and Professional Development at the CSWE annual conference in a half-day meeting of the commission.

Academic Affairs Offices

Athletics

- The Little East Conference honored the members of the inaugural class of the Little East Hall of Fame on Saturday, October 27, in Providence RI, including our own **John P. Clark**. The 11-member class is comprised of five athletic administrators, four former student-athletes, and two coaches. The five athletic administrators include: Al Bean of University of Southern Maine, **John P. Clark of**

Plymouth State University, Richard Costello of the University of Southern Maine, Dr. William Moore, and Charlie Titus of the University of Massachusetts Boston. Bean, Costello and Moore each served as Commissioner of the Little East Conference, while Clark and Titus played an integral role in the formation of the conference. The four former student-athletes include: Alex Butler (1993-1997) of Rhode Island College, Allison Coleman (2000-2004) of Eastern Connecticut State University, **Adam DeChristopher (1995-1999) of Plymouth State University**, and Ashley Marble (2003-2007) of the University of Southern Maine.

- **John P. Clark** is one of the founding fathers of the Little East Conference. John was a driving force behind the creation of the conference in the mid 1980s. He hosted the second organized meeting at Plymouth State on March 18, 1985 to determine if enough interest existed to form a men's and women's basketball conference. The meeting sparked the third and final organizational meeting in September 1985, where six institutions—Eastern Connecticut State University, University of Massachusetts Boston, Plymouth State College, Rhode Island College, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth (formerly Southeastern Massachusetts), and the University of Southern Maine—accepted an invitation to join the league. During his 17-year tenure as the Director of Athletics at Plymouth State, John has continued to shape the conference. He has also developed opportunities for student-athletes to participate in intercollegiate athletics through the establishment of numerous sponsored-sports on the Panther campus. John is currently the President of the Little East Athletic Directors Council.

Career Services

- **Jim Kuras** completed the “Job Searching in the United States” workshop series for our international and ELS students. The workshops were held in the Center for Global Engagement.
- Jim was also a guest at the November **History and Philosophy faculty department meeting** discussing ways to partner and support the career development of our students. Other academic departments interested in inviting Jim to a meeting are encouraged to contact him directly at jmkuras@plymouth.edu

Frost School –SOON TO BE DOCS

- The countdown for Frost School (defrosting) to become DOCS – **Division of Online and Continuing Studies** – is less than 30 days away (January 1st). There is an online taskforce actively working on preparing for all processes from application to registration to payment to student forms to be available online for the 100% online degree programs. All should be ready by July 1, 2013, although the courses are available now.

Global Education Office (GEO)

- We are pleased to announce two new exchange opportunities for our students. Thanks to **Peng-Khuan Chong** (Social Science) and **Katharine Harrington** (Languages and Linguistics) for developing partnerships with Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR), Selangor, Malaysia and Université Lumière Lyon 2, Lyon, France.
- PSU student **Diana Bean**, Psychology 2013, was selected by the University of Waikato (Australia) as their International Student of the Month.
- The **Center for Global Engagement (CGE)** continues to be serving our international students, in addition to offering bridge and informational support programs to ELS students. Data regarding student visits is being collected in an effort to determine any gaps or needs in resources and services. In addition to a variety of student support activities, the CGE also sponsored a trip to the Social Security Office in Concord (a requirement for international students working on campus), hosted the first Conversation Partners social gathering of the semester, a Language Circle (Spanish) in keeping with Hispanic Heritage Month, and hosted a Career Development workshop for international students on American Resume Writing. The Global Ambassadors and International Fellows have been working diligently with planning for activities for international students and

preparing for International Education Week. They are also creating a new program, World in Your Classroom, where students will go into local schools to teach students about various cultures.

- The Center's **Open House and Iron Chef Competition** was held on Tuesday, November 13, from 12:00-2:00 in Mary Lyon Garden Level.
- **Jim Kuras**, Career Services Manager, was recently video taped for inclusion in the Alumni Relations eNewsletter, *A View From Rounds Tower*. This will help introduce Jim to our Alumni family and generate opportunities for our Alumni to partner with PSU in supporting the career growth of our students.
- **Jim Kuras** has been nominated by Governor Lynch for reappointment to the New Hampshire Board of Nursing for a three-year term.
- Student **Valerie Schlegel** has received the prestigious Benjamin Gilman International Scholarship Award of \$4000 towards the cost of her semester abroad in Cordoba, Argentina in the Spring. This is the first time a PSU student has been recognized by the Institute of International Education's competitive scholarship program. Valerie is a double major in Spanish Language and Literature and Political Science and serves as vice president of the World Language Society. Her successful application stood out because of the detail put into describing her "Follow-On Service Project" and a new initiative called "Leveraging Languages" which will involve PSU students, alumni and study abroad students when she returns to campus next fall. Congratulations, Val!

Museum of the White Mountains

- The renovation of the Museum of the White Mountains is complete. The collections and staff moved early in November. The Museum **opens to the public on February 23, 2013**. Stay tuned for pre-opening events for faculty, staff and students.