

Provost Report for the Month of April 2013
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Commencement

All faculty are expected to participate in Convocation and Commencement. More information will be provided as we get closer to the end of the year. For now, we ask that you mark your calendars for May 17 and 18. On the 17th we will celebrate with our graduating seniors when we recognize award winners at Convocation, to be held at the Silver Center starting at 4 p.m. On Saturday May 18, PSU will celebrate its 142nd Commencement exercises.

For your information – This year the Commencement Committee will hold a rehearsal for graduating seniors on Friday May 10th. All undergraduate students who are participating in Commencement shall report to the track/field house at the PE Center at 2 p.m., on Friday May 10th. Following the mandatory rehearsal, students are invited to enjoy a Pizza Party, held on Alumni Green.

For more information, please refer here <http://www.plymouth.edu/commencement/>

Student Showcase of Excellence

The Student Showcase of Excellence will be held on April 26th and 27th. The Student Showcase features student research projects from a variety of disciplines from science to the arts and humanities. Both days are free and open to the public and both sessions are held in Foley Gymnasium in the PE Center.

The Showcase Committee will be finalizing details for this year's event in the coming days. Information about the Student Showcase of Excellence can be found online: <http://www.plymouth.edu/office/research-engagement/student-showcase-spring-2013/> More updates will be posted as the event draws closer.



I continue to be amazed at the level of scholarship and engagement on this campus. Please enjoy the pages that follow to see the great work in which your colleagues are engaged. Congratulations to you all.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Scholarship, awards, and noteworthy service activities

Academic Department News

Art

- **Henriette Strecker** (Photography) will be at the opening reception of her exhibit “miniARTures” at Lamson Library on Sunday, April 7, from 5-7 p.m. Please join her to “look closely at these original miniatures and notice that the quiet expression in color, line, and texture is larger than their actual size. The connection you will have with them is intimate in nature.”
- The March/April issue of *Artscope Magazine* features an article about the sumi ink/block print artwork of **Annette Mitchell**. The article was written by Marcia Santore. Mitchell also had work

accepted into the NHAA's Printmakers' Exhibition at the Discover Portsmouth Center, titled "HOPE."

- **Kimberly Anderson Ritchie** was invited to participate in a portfolio exchange titled "The Average Path Length." Twenty-two printmakers, art professors, and master printmakers throughout the world were asked to participate. The *APL* portfolio was based on the small world experiments designed by Stanley Milgram and other researchers in the 1960's who examined the size and connectedness of social networks of people in the United States. The first annual Average Path Length portfolio exchange explores these ideas of connectedness by having invitees invite additional participants. The portfolio was selected to be exhibited at the Southern Graphics Council International Conference, which Ritchie attended.
- **Jason Swift** chaired a paper session titled "Drawing, Diagramming and Mapping Investigation and Inquiry in the Studio Practice" and presented a paper titled "Reflective Visual Inquiry: Constructing Stories of Studio Process and Practice" at the 2012 Southeastern College Art Conference annual conference in Durham, NC. He also presented a paper on the teacher preparation of post-secondary studio instructors in MFA programs in the session "The MFA in Visual Arts, in American Education, Issues and Debates" at the 2013 National Art Education Association annual conference in Fort Worth, Texas.
- **Jason Swift** was invited to serve on the review board for the journal *Visual Inquiry: Learning and Teaching Art*.
- Two of **Liz D'Amico's** monotypes will be in the NHAA's (New Hampshire Art Association) "Open Juried Exhibition: Printmakers" at the Discover Portsmouth Center in Portsmouth, NH from April 3 – May 31. The theme is "Hope" and the exhibit was juried by Parker Potter. Liz has also been invited to have a small exhibit with about twenty works as part of the First Baptist Church's (New London, NH) celebration of local artists. The exhibits rotate throughout the year; hers will be from April 21 – May 31. It is called "Selected Works from 1958 – 2013" and will include two dimensional work only. The Opening Reception is on April 21 from 9 – 10am.

Atmospheric Science and Chemistry

- On March 4, **Brendon Hoch** hosted separate visits from middle school students from the Waterville Valley Academy and New Hampton School. Activities included a tour of meteorology facilities and discussions of high altitude ballooning and isoline contouring techniques. **Jason Kaiser**, an Applied Meteorology graduate student, assisted with the visits.
- **Jim Koerner** completed a site visit and external review of the Meteorology Program for the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences of the College of Science and Technology at Central Michigan University.
- **Marguerite Crowell** traveled to Islamabad, Pakistan as part of the American Reciprocal Program of the Pakistani Educational Leadership Project, grant funded by the U.S. Department of State. Marguerite led interactive environmental education workshops at both the Federal College of Education (FCE) and the Government College of Elementary Education (GCET). She shared her research on the most effective pedagogy and content the PEL Project can offer Pakistani educators to help them promote water resource education, as it relates to increasing literacy about environmental issues and global climate change. Marguerite's thesis work was included in a recent U.S. State Department report. Along with project director **Blakeman Allen (PEL)**, **Dan Perkins (MTD)**, **Trish Lindberg (ELED)** and John Martin, the group met with PEL Project Alumni, visited with students and faculty at FCE and GCET, traveled to Lok Virsa Museum, Hunerkada College, the Pakistan Meteorological Department, the IMCG Secondary School, and met with a U.S. Embassy official about grant opportunities for PEL Project alumni.

- In the month of March, **Dennis Machnik** took the portable planetarium to Milton Elementary, Milton, NH, for 2 days, and Matunuck Elementary and West Warwick High School, in Rhode Island. He did over 30 programs, for about 600 students, including 2 night programs at Milton for parents and Cub Scouts. On the 28th he gave a physics program for the Laconia Rotary Club.

Biological Sciences

- **Chris Chabot** was awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation for \$84,297 to perform genomics research on horseshoe crabs and lobster. He will be doing this work both at PSU and at the Hubbard Center for Genomic Studies at UNH with Dr. Kelly Thomas.
- Professor Emeritus **Larry Spencer** recently submitted a review of a new book by Neil Shubin – “The Universe Within: Discovering the common history of rocks, planets, and people” – to *Choice*, a publication of the American Library Association. Spencer found Shubin's book to not only be a great read, but very thought-provoking. Every atom in our body has some sort of evolutionary history and may even have been present a few moments after the beginning of our system.

Communication and Media Studies

- **Annette Holba's** book (co-authored with Ronald C. Arnett), “An Overture to Philosophy of Communication: The Carrier of Meaning,” won the 2013 Everett Lee Hunt Book Award from the Eastern Communication Association, quite an honor since the ECA gives only one such Award each year to the whole Communication discipline! The book was Annette's sabbatical project.

Counselor Education and School Psychology

- **Leo Sandy** reviewed a book by Brock, S.E. & Jimerson, S.R. (2012). “Best practices in school crisis prevention and intervention.” Bethesda, MD: National Association of School Psychologists. Leo also attended the Fifth Annual Culture of Peace Conference at Rivier University on Saturday, March 23, sponsored by New Hampshire Peace Action, Rivier University and the Culture of Peace Alliance. Not only did he and **Ray Perkins** (PY) present on "Arms for the Poor: An Examination of International Transfer of Arms," but Leo was also awarded the 2013 New Hampshire Peace Action Culture of Peace Award. Congratulations, Leo!

Early Childhood Studies

- **Mary Cornish and Pat Cantor** gave a presentation to the Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund Donor Advisory Committee at the NH Charitable Foundation on March 11. Their presentation focused on activities accomplished thus far through their grant projects with the Coos County Early Childhood Development Initiative and the projected impact of the projects. Drs. Cornish and Cantor also engaged with the Committee in a discussion of challenges and opportunities related to improving the well-being of young children in Coos County.
- **Pat Cantor** was a member of the five-person NH state team for the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Public Policy Forum in Washington, DC, on March 19-20. The NH state team participated in a day of information sharing and advocacy training, followed by a day on Capitol Hill meeting with legislative aides and policy advisors for each member of NH's Congressional delegation.
- **Mary Earick** was elected to the School Board for Russell Elementary School, a K-8 school in SAU 48, on March 12. Her term begins immediately and will end in 2016.

- **Meagan Shedd** was selected to represent New Hampshire as a member of the Praxis Early Childhood Education (ECE) National Advisory Committee, which met in Princeton, NJ, on March 7-10.
- **Clarissa Uttley** served as an external Panel Coordinator and Post Reviewer for the 2013 AmeriCorps State and National External Peer Review. The goal of this grant review was to identify high quality environmental stewardship programs and to provide recommendations for funding at the national level.
- **Clarissa Uttley** served as a Faculty Advisor for an Alternative Spring Break trip that traveled to Memphis, Tennessee. Clarissa and 8 PSU students, including two Early Childhood Studies majors (**Amanda Thornton** and **Katlyn Van Horn**) worked at two locations: Youth Villages with the recreational therapy program for children between the ages of 8-22, and Sunny Meadows, one of the only no-kill animal shelters in Tennessee.



- The **PSU Early Childhood Club** was selected as the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Early Childhood Club of the Month for March 2013 by the NAEYC Student Interest Forum. The club is highlighted on the Student Interest Forum website. Please see the website for the complete announcement and photo!
<http://member-forums.naeyc.org/discussion/march-2013-early-childhood-cluborganization-month-plymouth-state-university>

Educational Leadership, Learn and Curriculum

- PSU's **EdD program** continues to evolve and respond to the needs of students pursuing this degree. In March, doctoral graduates, doctoral candidates, and doctoral students had the opportunity to gather to re-unite, re-vigor, and retreat into the process of defining and writing a dissertation. Under the leadership of EdD faculty members **Kathleen McCabe** and **Cheryl Baker**, twenty members from three doctoral cohorts spent two and a half days immersed in scholarly dialog regarding the academic questions PSU's current doctoral students are researching. Special appearances by ELLC members **Ann Berry**, **Christie Sweeney**, and **Kathleen Norris** enriched the experience for students by providing additional perspectives. Upon completion of the retreat students reported a better clarity and direction with regard to their research as well as a renewed commitment to the EdD program.
- The **newest cohort of doctoral students** is being selected by the faculty. This July they will join the 46 active doctoral program students and 9 graduates as cohort members in the PSU EdD program.
- **Kathleen Norris** participated in the Mindfulness in Education conference at Lesley University in March with two PSU CAGS in Higher Education students. She led a discussion on integrating mindfulness with work.
- **Marcel Lebrun** presented a workshop on March 29 for NH educators titled: "Dangerous Juveniles Navigating the Trouble Seas of Behavior" at SERESC.
- **Ann Berry** presented at the annual conference of the American Council of Rural Special Education on March 6 in Orlando, Florida. She presented results from her national study with 203 rural special education teachers to a group of special education teachers, general education teachers, rural special education administrators, and university faculty. Her presentation, entitled "The Challenges and Promise of Special Education Positions in Rural Areas: Listening to the Voices of the Teachers," outlined factors related to teacher satisfaction and commitment and presented implications for rural administrators.

Elementary Education and Childhood Studies

- **Marianne True** recently accompanied 9 elementary education majors and PSU ASCD Chapter members to the ASCD National Conference in Chicago, Illinois, along with **Elaine Allard** (Lamson). As part of ASCD's Student Chapter volunteer day, an event established by the PSU Student Chapter, she and the students worked at the Chicago Food Depository, packaging more than 13,000 pounds of food for the elderly. Participants also attended a myriad of education workshop offerings and participated in the Annual Student Chapter meeting. The ASCD Affiliate Excellence Award was presented to the New Hampshire Affiliate, which was lauded for the work of its Student Chapter as well as its publication of *the New Hampshire Journal of Education*.
- **Trish Lindberg** has been working with **Will Ogmundson**, Musical Director and Composer, and adjunct faculty members **Lisa Travis** and **Chris Slater** to mount an original musical called "TRANSITIONS" to support the Suicide Prevention Grant received by Plymouth State University. The performance features PSU Communications major **Sarah Flower**, Music Education major **Alex Huntoon**, Elementary and Childhood Studies major **Rachel Perelli** and future Musical Theatre Major, **Will Bolton** and will be performed April 10, 11, 12 at 7 pm and April 14 at 4 pm in Hyde 120.

English

- Adjunct **Ivy Page** published her poetry collection, "Any Other Branch," with Salmon Poetry LTD. (Ireland) last month.
- **Ann McClellan** presented her paper, "A Scandal in Feminism: *Sherlock's* Women—Feminist Backlash and Feminist Response, " at the annual Pop Culture Association Conference in Washington, D.C. on March 29.
- Paul Rogalus has two micro stories, "Giant Rat" and "Johnny Fist," being published in the next issue of *Burningword Literary Journal*, which came out on April 1.
- **Liz Ahl** attended the AWP (Association of Writers and Writing Programs) Conference in Boston in March. As an Advisory Board member for Paris Press, she worked at the book fair and helped put on the Muriel Rukeyser Centenary session featuring, among others, poet Sharon Olds. She was also invited to read as part of the *OVS Magazine* reading, and was part of the LGBTQ reading, "Queertopia."
- **Ethan Paquin** and **Ivy Page**, both PSU English alumni and adjunct faculty in English, debuted new poetry collections in March. Ivy's is "Any Other Branch" (Salmon Poetry) and Ethan's is "Cloud vs. Cloud" (Ahsahta Press).

History and Philosophy

- **Michael Kopish** gave a conference presentation titled: "Countering the Attacks on Public Education - Policy Influences and Implications for New Hampshire" at the New Hampshire Council for Social Studies Conference in Manchester. He also led a teacher training session titled: "Teaching the Trade-offs and Dilemmas of Globalization" at the National Council for Social Studies Conference in Seattle. The workshop was designed for 5-12 social studies teachers who are interested in teaching themes, issues, and topics of globalization. Training included in the workshop focused on the development of teacher content knowledge, methods and strategies for classroom instruction, and access to resources and technologies for the classroom.

Lamson Learning Commons

- **Anne Jung's** article, "The New Frontier in Outreach: Middle School Students in the Academic Library," was published in the March 2013 edition of *The Informed Librarian Online*.

- The Learning Commons welcomed Pack 56 Wolf Cub Scouts from Wentworth on March 7. Outreach Librarian **Anne Jung** led the group through a building tour and short session on using the online catalog and then finding the books on the shelves. On March 18, **Anne** welcomed 20 7th and 8th graders and their teachers from Russell (Rumney) Elementary School. The students spent the morning learning about the best resources to use for finding information on a famous mathematician. This is Russell Elementary School's second visit to the Learning Commons.

Language and Linguistics

- On March 16, **Wilson Garcia** presented "Children's life in Colombia" to a group of sixth graders at the Campton Elementary School.
- **Katharine Harrington** attended the Northeast Modern Language Convention in Boston, MA March 21-23. She presented a paper entitled: "On a quest for 'la vérité': Writing Therapy in Nina Bouraoui's *Mes mauvaises pensées*". She also gave a presentation entitled "Swapping Class Time for Real-Time: Structuring a Short-term Study Abroad Experience for Maximum Learning" as part of a roundtable discussion on creating short-term study abroad courses.

Music, Theater and Dance

- In March, **Beth Daily** performed in a clown workshop with two alums/theatre adjuncts, **C. Robin Marcotte** and **Fran Page**, at the Kimball-Jenkins Estate in Concord. She also served as a casting consultant for Papermill Theatre of Lincoln, NH at the annual NE Theatre Conference auditions in Natick, MA. Beth attended a touring performance at KSC from Chicago's Griffin Theatre Company. The production, *Letters Home*, featured PSU theatre alum **Curtis Jackson '10** as an American soldier from the Iraqi war.
- **Carleen Graff** recently gave a piano master class to middle school and high school students of the teachers in the Merrimack Valley Music Teachers Association in Reading, MA.
- **Dan Perkins** traveled to Pakistan in March as part of the PELI delegation to work with alums of the program as well as teachers in training. He also served as adjudicator for the NH Music Educators Association Large Group Festival (choral).
- Over Spring Break **Mark Stickney** was invited to work with the East Bridgewater (MA) High School Band. He was also the guest speaker at the West Bridgewater (MA) High School Tri-M Music Honor Society Initiation Ceremony over the break. Mark also worked with the Jamestown Community Chorus on a recording project. As part of his research of the musical history of Newport, RI, they recorded an alternate version of the tune "America" (My Country Tis of Thee) written in 1903. The recording, once edited, will appear on a YouTube channel dedicated to the music of Newport, RI. He also served as adjudicator for the New Hampshire Music Educators Association Large Group Festival (band), which included giving clinics to each participating group.

Social Science

- **Mark Okrant's** sixth book, "No Vacancy: The Rise, Demise, and Reprise of America's Motels," was released by Plaidswede Publishing. Okrant addressed the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance's annual meeting on the topic of "The Retrotour," a technique Okrant, **Ben Amsden** (CRP) and **Thad Gulbrandsen** (Vice Provost) designed to preserve remaining 1950s-1960s tourism properties.
- **David Starbuck** (Anthropology) delivered a paper entitled "Robert Rogers: The Frontier Warrior We Love to Hate" in the series "Woodland Paths and River Highways: The History of New

Hampshire's Abenaki People" at the New Hampshire Historical Society on March 28. Robert Rogers is honored today as the originator of the tactics used by U.S. Special Forces.

- **Ling Shao**, a visiting scholar this year in Tourism Management and Policy, has presented several lectures in the Social Science Department on Chinese history and culture, and on tourism in Australia.
- **Katherine Donahue** presented a poster "Is Recreational Boatbuilding Sustainable?" at the annual meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology held in Denver, CO, in March. The poster, done in collaboration with **Brian Eisenhauer**, represents work done as a pilot project on the topic of sustainability in boat construction for a PSU Research Advisory Council-supported grant, supporting an undergraduate and a graduate student, this coming summer and fall.
- **Sheryl Shirley**, who has served since 2007 as a Commissioner with the New Hampshire Commission for Human Rights, was appointed by Governor Margaret Wood Hassan to Chair the Commission effective March 21. The New Hampshire Commission for Human Rights is the state's primary anti-discrimination agency and is responsible for investigating and hearing complaints of discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations.
- Five graduate students in the M.A. Historic Preservation Program presented their research at the March 22nd NH Preservation Alliance conference held at Plymouth State: **Audra Klumb** presented the NH Fire Lookouts; **Lise Moran** presented The Athens Old Brick Church in VT; **Martha Cummings** presented The Preservation and Restoration at the Mary B. Eddy House in Lynn, MA; **Dara Dike** presented the Ivie Memorial Church in Bethlehem and **Mae Williams** presented the research on Creating a Sustainable Future for the Laconia State School. Moderated by our historic preservation faculty, Mary Kate Ryan, the panel presentation received high marks from a packed classroom at Boyd. Some of the comments received from the audience hailed the students' work as "inspiring", "interesting and a welcome surprise" and "getting young people and students involved was an event that is much anticipated."

Social Work

- **Kayla McKinley** received the (PSU) BSW Student of the Year Award at this year's NH-NASW Annual Meeting. The award was presented by **Cynthia Moniz**. **Stephen Gorin** introduced guest speaker Congresswoman Ann McLane Kuster (D-NH), as well as staff representatives for Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Governor Maggie Hassan, and Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter (D-NH).
- **Stephen Gorin and Cynthia Moniz** published a chapter, "Health and Mental Health Care Policy", in a new SAGE Social Work textbook, "Social Policy and Social Justice," edited by Michael Reisch. Both participated in NASW's Reception for the Social Work Congressional Caucus at the Rayburn Building, Washington, DC.
- **Stephen Gorin** published "Social Security in the U.S. (OASDHI)," in Oxford Bibliographies Online - Social Work. He did a presentation on Social Security and introduced Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter (D-NH) at the NH Alliance for Citizen Action, Forum on Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, at the Cashin Senior Center in Manchester. He also chaired a meeting of the State Committee on Aging.
- **Scott Meyer** presented a workshop, "Patriotism and World Security: Friend or Foe?" at the 5th Annual NH Peace Action Conference at Rivier University in Nashua, NH.
- **Cynthia Moniz** participated in the annual CSWE Governance Meeting in Alexandria, VA as a Commissioner on the Membership and Professional Development Commission. She was asked by the President of CSWE to serve as the Chair of this Commission for the next 3-year term

effective July 1 which will also make her a (non-voting) member of CSWE's Board of Directors. New Commission Chairs were announced at this year's Governance Meeting.

- **Christine Rine** interviewed student applicants with staff from NH-DCYF for the 2013-14 Child Welfare Partnership award. She also worked with students on their poster presentations for the April Student Showcase.

Academic Affairs Offices

Career Services

- **Jim Kuras** presented a networking event for student leaders as part of the "Leadership Lineup" series for student leaders. He also participated in Graduates Day, assisting many students with resume critiques.
- **Jim Kuras** met with the senior seminar class for Interdisciplinary Studies and discussed resumes, job searching and how to best leverage the skills sets they developed through their major/education.

Center for Rural Partnerships

- **Ben Amsden** and **Thad Guldbrandsen** organized and led a group of students on a field trip to Canada, Vermont, and northern New Hampshire to learn about cross-border food systems. This trip, part of the Community Research Experience course, took the group to Coaticook and Compton, QC, Hardwick and Waitsfield, VT, and Lancaster and Jefferson, NH. The group met with farmers, cheese-makers, value-added producers, business incubators, meat processors, sugarmakers, economic developers, and agritourism providers.
- **Ben Amsden** was part of a PSU team who completed a week-long training session to facilitate the development of organizational strategic plans.
- The **Center for Rural Partnerships** and the **Social Science Department** have developed a course, Rural Community Field Studies: Promoting Citizen Engagement, to be offered in September 2013. An interdisciplinary course, this class encourages students from the social sciences, business, humanities, and the natural sciences to register. This experiential seminar will explore what it means to be part of a community and how individuals serve to create and promote community cohesion within a rural environment. Students will also observe democratic theory from a deliberative perspective while building skills for dialogue and small group facilitation, civic engagement, and social justice. Topics include moral and ideological disagreement, creating social change through an engaged citizenry, and moving from talk to action in the public sphere.

Faculty from the Social Sciences Department and the Center for Rural Partnerships will work with students on a weekly basis through face to face class time and out of class communications. Students enrolled in the Rural Community Field Studies course will work directly with citizens of Haverhill, NH to develop monthly topics and provide facilitation for productive local dialogue around each topic. Prerequisite: None. Professor: Suzanne Moberly, Adjunct, Department of Social Sciences: smmoberly@plymouth.edu. Campus Contact for Haverhill Civic Forum: Frances M. Belcher: fmbelcher@plymouth.edu

Center for the Environment

- **Mark Green** is lead author on [a paper published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences](#). The paper summarized the results of a forest fertilization experiment at the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest. The research showed that a forest fertilized with calcium grew faster

and in doing so transpired, or evaporated through their leaves, more water than the control watershed. The difference was so great that streamflow substantially declined in the fertilized forest. This is interesting because the forest may have been limited by calcium due to the legacy of acid rain in the region. Also, it highlights an unintended consequence of forest fertilization. While the goal of fertilization is often to optimize biomass production, this practice may reduce water supplies in the process. CFE member **Scott Bailey** is a co-author of the paper.

- **Joe Boyer** gave a presentation about CFE at the Squam Lakes Association (SLA) Board of Directors meeting on March 2. **June Hammond Rowan**, 2nd Vice President of SLA, attended the meeting and introduced Joe to the Board.
- **Mark Green** co-led a bilateral meeting of Japanese and U.S. hydrologists focused on understanding the response of forested watersheds to environmental change. The meeting involved 40 watershed scientists and was held from March 4-8 at the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. The meeting was co-funded by the U.S. National Science Foundation and the Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science.
- On March 6, **Shannon Rogers** spoke at the Seacoast Science Cafe on issues related to sustainable communities, public health, and transportation infrastructure.
- **Doug Earick** presented two talks at the NH Science Teachers Association conference on March 10-11 at Keene State College. His talks were on “The Next Generation Science Standards and their implications on NH teachers” and “Using the NH LoVoTECS Data in the Classroom.”
- At the Northeastern Section Geological Society of America meeting, held at the Bretton Woods Mt Washington Hotel, March 17-21, CFE research faculty **Lisa Doner** served as a member of the organizing committee and chaired a session entitled "Lakes as Sentinels for Climate Change: Monitoring and Sedimentary Records at the Junction of Paleo and Modern Limnology." ESP graduate student **Benjamin Bolaski**, presented a poster: “Relationships between terrestrial and aquatic productivity through the late-Holocene at two northwest Iceland lakes.” The meeting, with over 1100 registrants and more than 600 presentations, was the second largest ever hosted by the Northeastern section of GSA.
- **Denise Burchsted** has been invited to join the Plum Island Long Term Ecological Research’s (LTER) Watershed Science Group. She attended a meeting of the LTER at Woods Hole on March 21.
- The Center for the Environment hosted the **2013 NH Water and Watershed Conference** on March 22 at PSU. Over 30 talks were presented, plus posters, and interactive displays. The event drew 185 participants. Governor Maggie Hassan and NH Department of Environmental Services Commissioner Tom Burack both spoke at the event. Sessions were organized and moderated by **Joe Boyer, Denise Burchsted, Shannon Rogers**, and graduate student **Kristi Wilkinson**. **Kristi** also worked with **June Hammond Rowan** over the past few months to plan and organize the overall event. Many thanks to everyone who helped make the day a success. The following CFE people presented talks or posters:
 - **Matt Bartley**: Using Community Based Social Marketing (CBSM) to Foster Conservation through Fishing License Sales: An Application of the Theory of Planned Behavior
 - **Bradley Bowers**: The spatial pattern of inorganic monomeric aluminum (Alim) of stream water within the White Mountain National Forest
 - **Doug Earick**: LoVoTECS Teacher Research Experience
 - **Ashley Hyde**: Using Specific Electrical Conductance to Compare Rainfall Runoff in NH Urban and Rural Catchments
 - **Joe Molloy**: An Analysis of the Sublimation at Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest
 - **Shannon Rogers**: Evaluating Watershed Ecosystem Services in New Hampshire

- **Andrew Veilleux:** A study of lake recreationists' perceptions of crowding using Public Participation GIS
- **Errin Volitis:** Statewide Electrical Conductance and Temperature Patterns in Rivers and Streams of New Hampshire
- **Joe Boyer, Denise Burchsted, Doug Earick, Ashley Hyde, and Shannon Rogers** attended the NH EPSCoR All Hands Meeting at UNH on March 28. **Shannon** presented a Pecha Kucha style talk on ecosystem services and **Doug** presented on education and outreach.

Global Education Office

- During Spring break, two faculty led students on international trips. **Steve Whitman**, Social Science, traveled to Costa Rica with 11 PSU students for a field Studies course in permaculture design. **Matthew Toms**, Health and Human Performance, traveled to the Dominican Republic with 10 students on a service learning course.
- **Jessie DeBow** attended the National Student Exchange (NSE) Placement Conference in Orlando, Florida March 5-8. This year 12 students applied for the program and all were accepted for exchange with 11 students accepted at their top choice school. As a result, PSU students will be attending the following universities next year: University of Arizona, University of the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, University of Colorado – Colorado Springs, Western State Colorado University, University of Alaska – Anchorage, Southern Utah University and Florida International University.
- **Jenna Goodall** (Psychology, 2015) and **Sara Manzoni** (Business Administration, 2016) were selected as the 2013-2014 Student Coordinators for the Global Ambassador Leadership Program. Jenna studied abroad with the Freshman Abroad Program in Ireland and Sara is an international student from Italy. Congratulations to all of our recently chosen Global Ambassadors for next year: **Karen Cowles, Juli Girolamo, Valerie Lavendiere, Lydia Morton, Drustin Sabin, Caitlyn Kearney, Ashley Clark, Ali Ponte, Iveta Stefancova, Jeannette LaPlant, Liz Spink** and **Simon Gahungu**.
- In collaboration with the University of Southern NH, GEO hosted a **tax workshop** for international students on March 2.
- The **Center for Global Engagement** conducted two workshops for international students as part of the Series for Success program: “Managing Your Time” and “A PowerPoint Primer.” Conversation Partners and Language Circles programs are continuing. The CGE sponsored a "Residence Hall Cooking Class" with Sodexo's Chef Robin Campbell for students and staff where noodle bowls were enjoyed by all. During Spring Break, the CGE and ELS hosted a potluck lunch for those students remaining on campus. CGE congratulates Tung-Lin Li as the newest ELS student to matriculate to PSU. He will be studying in the Masters of Science Athletic Training program.

Learning Technologies and Online Education

- **Scott Robison** presented at Al-Baha University's “Scientific Symposium: Embracing the Future of Education” in Saudi Arabia this February. Scott presented on “Tools, Technologies and Techniques for Developing Quality Online Courses” and “Best Practices for Teaching Online Courses.”

University Studies

- On March 20, **Patrick Cate** presented "An Introduction to Developmental Advising and Learning" a preconference session at the NACADA Region One in Montreal, Canada. The two-hour session

was attended by 23 advisors from the northeastern US and the province of Quebec. Patrick also was an invited speaker to Disney World to train the teaching faculty of the Disney College Program on the Targeted Advising Model and on improving the College Program experience for undeclared university students. The workshop was attended by the Florida staff and was linked to Disneyland-California for their teaching faculty. Disney is interested in the course material Plymouth State now uses for the college program. Plymouth State has had an intern working on location both fall and spring of this year.