

**Provost Report for the Month of May 2013**  
**Submitted by Julie Bernier**  
**Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs**

**Distinguished Teacher**

Please join us for the announcements of the Distinguished Teachers immediately following the business portion of the meeting.

**Student Showcase of Excellence**

The **Student Showcase of Excellence** was a tremendous success with 52 poster presentations, 5 oral presentations, 2 dance performances, over 135 student participants from across the university, numerous faculty mentors, and dozens of parents, alumni, and community observers. Thank you to the Office of Research & Engagement/Office of Sponsored Programs, the Student Showcase Committee and the many PSU departments and individuals who made the event a great success.

If you were not able to attend, you should make a note on your calendar for next year. You would have been so proud of the quality of our students' scholarship. If I didn't know better, at times I would have thought I was listening to a PhD student. In fact, two of our undergraduate presenters are heading straight into PhD programs. Phenomenal work!

**Congratulations to TIGER TV for three Emmy Award Nominations in the following categories:**

MUSICAL COMPOSITION/ARRANGEMENT Patricia Lindberg, Music Writer/Composer, Jeff Lines, Music Writer Composer, Will Ogmundson, Music Writer Composer, NHPTV/Plymouth State University,

GRAPHIC ARTS SET DESIGN - Patricia Lindberg, Set Designer, Robb Dimmick, Set Designer, NHPTV/Plymouth State University

CHILDREN/YOUTH, Carla Russell, Producer, Patricia Lindberg, Producer, NHPTV

**Changes in Commencement**

The Commencement Committee has been hard at work planning for a memorable day for everyone attending graduation. This year you will see a number of changes that will create new traditions and streamline processes aimed at improving the flow of Commencement Exercises. Some of the changes are based on recommendations from last year's graduates or from this year's senior class officers.

Others were recommendations from the Commencement Committee to improve operations or to add new traditions for students. A summary of changes are outlined below. For more information, please refer to <http://www.plymouth.edu/commencement/>

**Rehearsal**

The first change is that a mandatory rehearsal will take place for students at 2pm on Friday, May 10.<sup>th</sup> All graduating seniors are to report to the PE Center at 2pm. The main purpose of the rehearsal is to

reduce anxiety for students by ensuring they understand what to expect, where to report, and how the ceremony will run. Following rehearsal, students will be treated to a Pizza Party on Alumni Green.

### **Procession**

As requested by the Senior Class officers, the students will not be processing down from the HUB – they will report directly to the Field House in the PE Center at 9:00 am. Faculty who wish to say goodbye to students can do so in the Field House from 9:00 to 9:10am. By 9:15 am, all faculty should be under the faculty tent behind the PE Center. There will be refreshments available.

### **Inclement Weather**

In the event of **inclement weather**, you should report directly to the location listed below

College of Arts & Sciences – HUB Courtroom

College of Business Administration – Ice Arena

College of Education Health & Human Services – PE Center gymnasium

### **New Traditions**

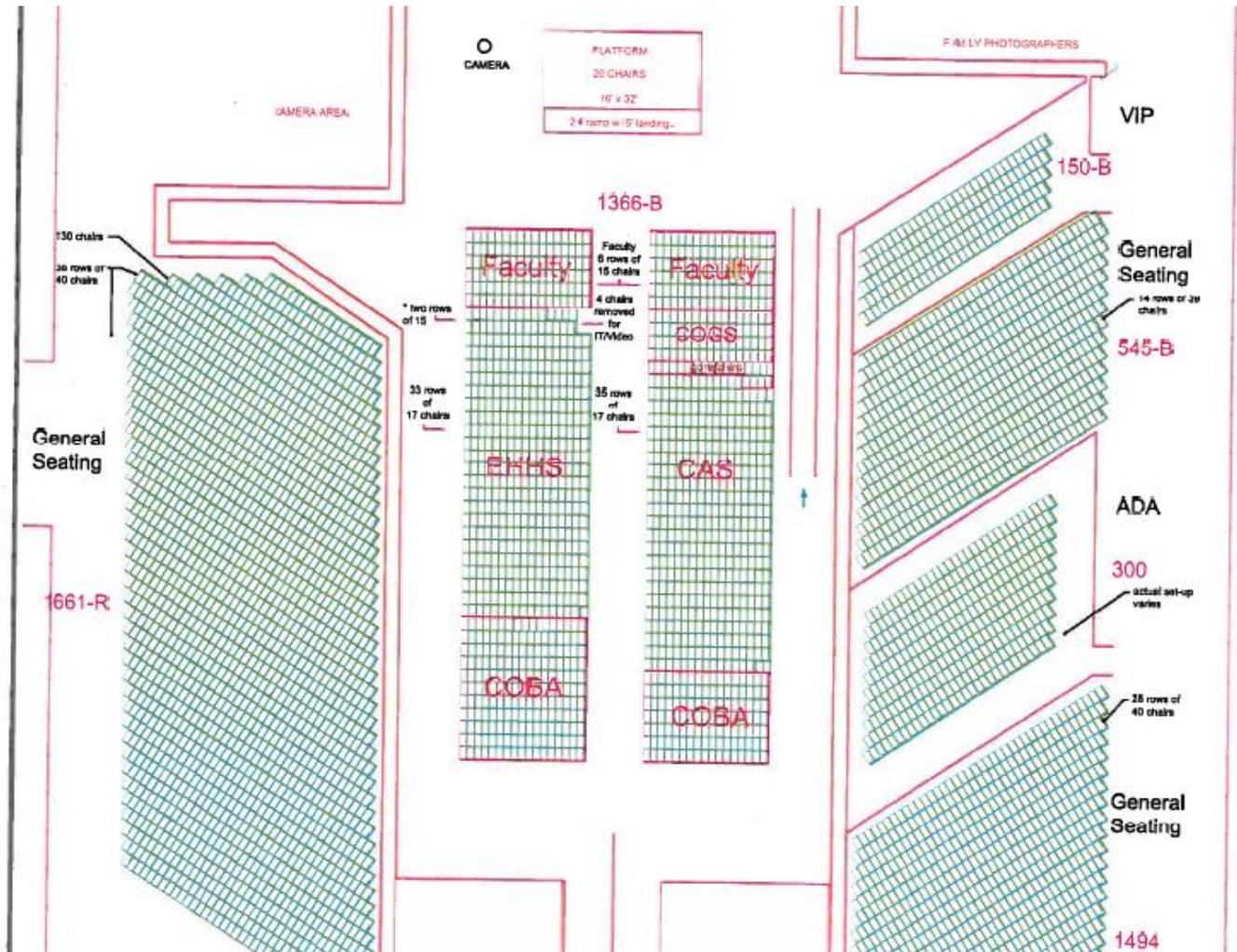
This year the processional will be by College and Department, led by their Dean and Department Chair with students marching in alphabetical order within their departments. They will be listed in the Commencement Program in this same order facilitating and ensuring that family and friends don't miss their graduate crossing the stage. The order of procession will be as follows: Faculty Marshall, Platform Party, PSU Faculty members, graduate students, Dean of Arts and Sciences, Chair of Art Department, Art undergraduate students, Chair of Atmospheric Science and Chemistry, AS&C students..... this will continue through Arts and Sciences departments followed by the Dean of Business Administration, etc. The Gonfalon carriers will be appropriately placed throughout the procession. Once the Dean and Chairs have led their students to their seats, the Dean and Chairs will join the faculty seating area.

When it is time for students to approach the platform, the Dean and Chair will lead students to the platform. The Dean and Chair will be announced as “presenting” the department before student names are read.

### **Summary of changes**

- No processional from the HUB – report directly to PE Center. As always, if you're a physically able, please park on campus and leave PE Center parking for guests.
- Faculty will still lead the procession in the same manner as always with the following exception:
  - Deans and Chairs will lead students in their colleges and departments.
- Deans and Chairs will join the faculty after leading their students,
- Students will line up alphabetically within their college and department.

**Commencement Seating:**



## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

### Scholarship, awards, and noteworthy service activities

#### Academic Department News

##### Art

- **Mike Heffernan** has a painting in a group show at Studio Place Arts in Barre, VT called "Two by Two." The show runs April 16 - May 25.
- **Kimberly Anderson Ritchie** has several prints in the Juried exhibition "Hope: Contemporary Prints" hosted by the New Hampshire Art Association. The exhibition is on display at the Discover Portsmouth Center Gallery in Portsmouth, NH from April 3 - May 31.
- **Annette Mitchell** was featured in an article in the March/April issue of "Artscope Magazine" discussing her sumi ink/block print work that is inspired by the New Hampshire north country. She also will have a show of these works in May at Colby-Sawyer College's Marian Mugar Graves Gallery in New London, NH.
- **Kathi Smith** was chosen to be included in a series of 2-person shows at Aucocisco Galleries in Portland Maine. The series "Double- Dozen" features emerging and important Maine artists and offers each artist a 1-week, 2-person show in one of Portland's most prominent art spaces. Kathi's show runs from May 30 - June 1st. An opening reception will be held Thursday, May 30 from 5-7, and a closing open house on Saturday, June 1 from 3-5 pm. For more information on hours and a full list of participating artists visit: <http://www.aucocisco.com>. She will also have work this summer showcased at the Patricia Carega Ladd Gallery in Sandwich, NH. <http://www.patricialaddcarega.com>

##### Atmospheric Science and Chemistry

- **Eric Hoffman** give a presentation entitled "15 Years of Surface Potential Temperature Analyses: Fronts and Frontal Analysis from a Classroom Perspective" at the Lance Bosart Symposium, April 19 - 20, Albany NY. Professor Lance Bosart was his PhD advisor and the symposium was given in honor of his 70th birthday and 45 years of teaching and research.
- **Dennis Machnik** traveled with the Portable Planetarium to Thornton Central School on April 11 and to Bridgewater-Hebron Elementary on April 18. He did 17 programs for about 400 children.
- **Brendon Hoch** hosted 20 students and parents from the Moultonborough Central School Science Club on April 19. The visitors toured the weather center and broadcast studio facilities and learned about scientific instrumentation.
- On April 23, **Chris Gloninger**, a PSU alumnus and meteorologist from Channel 6 News Albany, NY interviewed **Jeremiah Duncan** as part of a report on the death of a student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. The student had apparently committed suicide using toxic chemicals to generate hydrogen sulfide gas. Professor Duncan was asked to provide some background on the chemical properties and dangers of hydrogen sulfide.

##### Biological Sciences

- Undergraduates, graduate students, and their faculty mentors and collaborators presented the posters listed below at the PSU Research Symposium/Showcase of Excellence on April 26-27 representing the Department of Biological Sciences. The two posters lead-authored by **Franklin Albanese** and **Kevin Chesmore** were also scheduled to be presented at the 71<sup>st</sup> annual Eastern

New England Biology Conference at Northeastern University on April 20, but that event was cancelled due to the recent events in Boston.

- **Franklin Albanese, Kevin Chesmore, Steve Simpson, Heather Doherty, and Chris Chabot:** "Characterization and expression of *cryptochrome 2* in the CNS of the American horseshoe crab, *Limulus polyphemus*"
- **Rebecca Anderson, Kyle Kenyon, Tyler Remillard, Alexandria Santry, Katherine Fondo, and Chris Chabot:** "Sub-lethal behavioral and physiological effects of the biomedical bleeding process on female American horseshoe crabs, *Limulus polyphemus*"
- **Keyandra Barchey-Robinson, Calli DeGrace, Stephanie van Loon, William Armstrong, Harlie Shaul, Alex Finn, and Mike Son:** "Characterization of increased virulence observed in clinical isolates of *Vibrio cholerae* "
- **Maegen Bassett and Leonard Reitsma:** "Avian biodiversity and recruitment in patch cuts in New Hampshire"
- **Justin Brigham and Kerry Yurewicz:** "Factors affecting smallmouth bass (*Micropterus dolomieu*) nesting behavior"
- **Kevin Chesmore, Steve Simpson, Franklin Albanese, and Chris Chabot:** "Putative circadian clock genes in the American horseshoe crab, *Limulus polyphemus*"
- **Narmada Pandey Sapkota and Brigid O'Donnell:** "Identification of a role for the *period* gene in mediating hatching in the mayfly *Hexagenia limbata*"
- **Tyler Quint, Amanda Tellier, Heather Doherty, and Chris Chabot:** "Two *cycle* or not to *cycle*: clock genes in the American horseshoe crab, *Limulus polyphemus*"
- **Anthony Ruggiero, Colin Lamprey, Steve Simpson, Heather Doherty, and Chris Chabot:** "Constitutive expression of a putative clock gene homologue in *Limulus polyphemus* under cycling light and tidal conditions"
- **Jamie Sydoriak, Rosalind Renfrew, Pamela Hunt, and Leonard Reitsma:** "Conserving grassland bird habitat on private lands in the Upper Valley"
- **Lily Zahor, Mark Green, Michele Pruyn, and Geoff Wilson:** "The impact of calcium on transpiration in an acid rain impacted forest"

#### Business Administration

- **Bob Nadeau** was just published in the annual edition of the Sales Education Foundation magazine this month. The article was about best practices for employee hiring processes.
- The **PSU Professional Sales Leadership Program** recently did well at the National Collegiate Sales Competition held in Atlanta, GA, the world's largest sales competition. There were only two other schools from the Northeast, U-Conn and Bryant. The PSU sales team scored more points than U-Conn and Bryant combined.

#### Communication and Media Studies

- **Cathie LeBlanc** reviewed proposals for the National Science Foundation's Advancing Informal STEM Learning for two days in March. She also presented a paper called "Gamification, Education, and Decision-making: Motivating the Player" at the Popular Culture Association Conference in Washington, DC, also in March.
- **Annette Holba** received the Everett Lee Hunt Book Award from the Eastern Communication Association (ECA) for her co-authored book, "An Overture to Philosophy of Communication: The Carrier of Meaning," released in November 2012. At the ceremony, she was also surprised with a second award for "significant scholarship in the discipline and service to ECA."

#### Computer Science and Technology

- **Christian Roberson** and the PSU programming team, consisting of **Tyler Ferm**, **Christie Quaranta**, and **Catherine Sheehan**, attended the 2013 CCSCNE conference and participated in their annual programming competition. The team solved 3 of 6 problems for a 13<sup>th</sup> place finish out of 33 teams. PSU also handily defeated in-state rival UNH-Manchester who finished in 26<sup>th</sup> place. In addition **Christie Quaranta** (Mathematics Department) participated in the student poster session and presented her research on "Improving Cross-Lingual Search Quality". Christie just received a scholarship to George Mason to begin her PhD.

#### Counselor Education and School Psychology

- **Nancy Puglisi** presented at the NH Women in Higher Education Leadership Conference on April 5. She offered two breakout sessions on "Work Life Integration" and an all-conference closing on Meditation.

#### Criminal Justice

- **Bob Fitzpatrick** (Lamson Library) and **David Mackey** (Criminal Justice) presented "An alternative to the deli counter model: Using Springshare's LibGuides as a force multiplier in advising" and **David Mackey** (Criminal Justice) presented "Keeping up with the Joneses: Analysis of and reactions to United States v. Jones" at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences held in Dallas, TX.
- **David Mackey** was appointed vice chair of the ACJS Assessment Committee for 2013-2014.
- **Kristine Levan** completed a book review for SIU Press: "USP Marion: Modern History of Supermax and Solitary Confinement" by Stephen C. Richards, 2013.

#### Early Childhood Studies

- **Pat Cantor's** article, "Elizabeth Peabody: America's Kindergarten Pioneer," appears in the April/May 2013 issue of *Young Children*, in the "Our Proud Heritage" column, a semi-annual feature about topics in the history of the early childhood field.
- **Mary Earick** and **Meagan Shedd** participated on the NH Early Childhood Credential Review Team, along with other educators, to review the state teacher certification standards in early childhood.
- **Meagan Shedd** presented on "*The Runaway Garden: Developing Skills in Literacy, Nutrition, and Physical Activity with One Book*" at the NH Association for the Education of Young Children (NHAEYC) Conference in Nashua on April 13. At this conference, Meagan was also elected as co-chair of Professional Development as part of the NHAEYC board with the term to begin in September of 2013.
- Also at the NHAEYC Conference on April 13, **Clarissa Uttley** presented an invited talk on "The Director's Role in Assessment and Evaluation: Balancing the Needs of Multiple Stakeholders." Attendees learned about and discussed implications for early childhood assessment practices within the state. Participants included early childhood center directors and state decision-makers in the field.
- An article by **Clarissa M. Uttley** and Jerome Adams (University of Rhode Island) appears in the *New Hampshire Journal of Education* (Spring 2013). "Including the Family Perspective of Social Emotional Development: An Assessment Case Study" was based on research conducted to explore how educators and families can collaborate and share child information to provide comprehensive assessment data to inform practices both at home and in the early childhood classroom.

- The Early Childhood Studies Department held its **Early Childhood Showcase** event in the HUB on April 24, featuring presentations by 15 senior students on a variety of topics. This culminating event for early childhood majors, which is modeled after a professional conference, has been held every semester since 2003.

#### Educational Leadership, Learning and Curriculum

- **Marcel Lebrun** presented a workshop on Classroom Management and Function-Based Interventions to educators at SERESC on Friday April 19. He also presented "Developing the Inner Leader in You" at the Council of Exceptional Children National Conference in San Antonio, April 6-9.

#### Elementary Education and Childhood Studies

- **Gerard Buteau** traveled to Puerto Rico on March 11-12 to serve as a member of the Governing Board of the Regional Educational Laboratories funded by the US Department of Education's Institute for Education Science. The focus of the group's work is to significantly improve the knowledge base so that education becomes an "evidence-based field" and school improvement efforts are based upon scientifically rigorous research. The Board's purpose is to set policies, establish regional priorities and oversee and approve REL-NEI activities in accordance with our mission.

#### English

- The proceedings of Plymouth State University's **33rd Annual Medieval and Renaissance Forum**, "Prophecy, Divination, Apocalypse," has been published by The Public Heritage Institute at Regis College, PHI Press. For cutting and pasting: [http://www.amazon.com/Prophecy-Divination-Apocalypse-Renaissance-University/dp/1484097564/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1366646131&sr=8-1&keywords=1484097564](http://www.amazon.com/Prophecy-Divination-Apocalypse-Renaissance-University/dp/1484097564/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1366646131&sr=8-1&keywords=1484097564)
- **Robin DeRosa** chaired a panel on "Telling the Historical Truth: Intersections of Fiction and Fact" at the Northeast Modern Language Association in Boston in March.
- **Ann McClellan** chaired a panel on "Travel and the Other in Medieval and Early Modern Literature" at this April's Medieval and Renaissance Forum.
- **Karolyn Kinane** has been invited to serve on the Steering Committee of the New England Medieval Conference.
- **Njelle Hamilton** presented two conference papers in March: "Narrating Trauma in Lawrence Scott's Night Calypso" at the Northeast Modern Language Association Conference in Boston, March 21-24, and "'Ole Dawg Like Me': The Reggae-Dancehall Dichotomy in Colin Channer's Waiting in Vain," at the annual Pop Culture Association Conference in Washington, D.C. March 27-30.
- **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. March 27-30.
- **Marsi Wisniewski**, administrative assistant for Atmospheric Science and Chemistry and adjunct faculty for English, moderated a panel at this year's Medieval Forum. The panel was titled "History as a Narrative in Medieval and Early Modern Europe."

#### Environmental Science and Policy

- **Lisa Doner, Warren Tomkiewicz, Mark Green, John Lennon, and Shannon Rogers** received a grant from the Northern New England Campus Compact to develop, implement, and assess the

impact of community-based, service-learning activities in their course work during the 2013 – 2014 academic year.

- **Mark Turski** attended the National Science Teachers Association National Convention in San Antonio, TX and presented "Using Gemstones to Introduce Mineralogy and Mineral Extraction." He also participated in the annual board meeting of the *Journal of College Science Teaching* as a member of the Advisory Board. While there, he attended the National Earth Science Teachers' Annual Share-A-Thon and board meeting as a representative of the New Hampshire Science Teachers' Association.
- **Kim Bourgouin** and **Matt Coll**, students in the Environmental Science & Policy Department, received a \$1000.00 student research grant from the Geological Society of America to fund a project in conjunction with the Quincy Bog Natural Conservancy to collect and analyze surface and long sediment cores of over 10 meters from a remnant kettle pond, now called Quincy Bog. They are working with **Lisa Doner**.

#### Health and Human Performance

- Four students (**Michelle Crosby** MS '13, **Jon Hartman** BS '13, **Dominique Heres** BS '13, **Caitlyn Ketcham** MS '14) and one graduate assistant, **Kim Lyle**, ATC (MS '14) were among the athletic training volunteers at the finish line at the Boston Marathon. Each one served admirably representing our profession and Plymouth State with courage.
- The third edition of "Motor Learning and Control for Practitioners" by **Cheryl Coker** has been released. Cheryl also co-authored a manuscript entitled "The efficacy of movement analysis and intervention skills" published in the *Physical Educator*.
- At the recent American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) National Convention in Charlotte, NC, the Health & Human Performance Department was well represented. **Cheryl Coker** received an AAHPERD Honor Award which recognizes "meritorious contributions on the part of members of the Alliance. Recipients are persons of personal integrity who exemplify the spirit of devoted service to the professions and who have, by their leadership and industry, made an outstanding and noteworthy contribution to the advancement of health, physical education, recreation, or dance." **Cheryl Coker** and **Lynn Johnson** were inducted as Fellows of the North American Society of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport and Dance Professionals (NAS). "Established in 1999, the North American Society (NAS) recognizes outstanding professionals from within the allied professions of health education, physical education, recreation, sport and dance in North America (United States and Canada) who have demonstrated outstanding competence through professional involvement over a period of at least 20 years and meet identified aspects of professional endeavor."
- Nine HHP students attended their first National AAHPERD Convention in Charlotte. They attended many sessions, networked and came away with a new understanding of the importance of professional development and the value of attending a major conference such as this. The following students attended: **Chelsea Cooper** (PEHETC); **Anna Cochran** (PETC); **Lynne Glass** (PEHETC); **Nathan Leahy-Trask** (Exercise and Sport Physiology); **Dillon Leary** (Exercise and Sport Physiology); **Matt McGuigan** (PETC); **Kaela Mitchell** (PETC); **Kristina Otis** (PETC); **Kara Ryan** (PETC).
- **Irene Cucina** completed her term as president of AAHPERD at this convention. At the end of the convention she passed the gavel to the new president and will now serve as past-president of AAHPERD. During her term as president, Irene led the Association through the difficult process of reorganization and was celebrated at the Alliance Assembly when new bylaws were passed.

This was an historical event for AAHPERD and Irene will be remembered for her leadership through this difficult, but exciting time.

#### Lamson Learning Commons

- **David Beronä** reviewed “Critical survey of graphic novels: history, theme, and technique,” ed. by Bart H. Beaty and Stephen Weiner (Salem Press, 2013) for *CHOICE*, May, 2013.
- **Anne Jung** and Plymouth Elementary School Team 8 teachers, **Kayla Gontarz**, **Kevin Greenler** and **Paula Tanner** presented details on their collaborative research project with 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to the Plymouth School Board on April 1 in Plymouth.
- **Anne Jung** and Plymouth Elementary School Team 8 teachers **Gerry Gontarz**, **Kayla Gontarz**, **Kevin Greenler** and **Paula Tanner** presented at the New England League of Middle Schools annual conference on April 5 in Providence, RI. Their presentation, “It’s Never Too Early: Middle School Students in the Academic Library” discussed the ongoing project between the school and the Lamson Learning Commons.
- **David Beronä** presented a paper, “Drawing the Angst in Oscar Wilde’s ‘The Ballad of Reading Gaol’” at the Illustration, Comics, and Animation Conference at Dartmouth College, April 19-21.

#### Language and Linguistics

- **Katharine Harrington**, along with **Ben Amsden** of the Center for Rural Partnerships and Tamara Cocchiarella of the Pemi Valley Chamber of Commerce, organized a workshop entitled "French Language Development for Tourism Providers" on April 16 at the PSU Welcome Center and Ice Arena. This workshop was part of the NH Division of Travel and Tourism Development Toolkit Series and was sponsored by the Institute for New Hampshire Studies. PSU faculty members **Mark Okrant** (Travel and Tourism) and **Bob Nadeau** (CoBA) were among the panelists for the workshop. The event attracted business people from the tourism, hospitality and retail industries from around the state.
- **Barbara Lopez-Mayhew** attended and presented at the XXXIII Asamblea y Congreso Internacional de ALDEEU (Spanish Professionals in America) in St. Augustine, Florida, April 17-19. This year’s theme was “Huellas de la hispanidad en EEUU” which allowed for a full range of topics about history, religion, film, literature, linguistics, art, music, politics, and economics. The title of Barbara’s presentation was “Cruzando fronteras de la investigación al mundo creativo,” which focused on the process of writing a screenplay and the subsequent required steps to finding a producer.
- **Wilson García** and **Eric Cintrón** attended and presented at the XXXIII Asamblea y Congreso Internacional de ALDEEU (Spanish Professionals in America) in St. Augustine, Florida, April 17-19. The title of their presentation was “La identidad antillana en el contexto migratorio hacia los Estados Unidos en el cuento Encancaranublado de la autora puertorriqueña Ana Lydia Vega.”
- **Wilson García** also served as a judge during National History Day (NHD) at PSU on April 6.

#### Mathematics

- **Osama Taani** led a workshop entitled "Using History of Mathematics and Primary Sources to Help Teachers to Meet the Common Core State Standards" at the NHTM Conference in Manchester, NH.
- Undergraduate student **Christie Quaranta** just received a scholarship to George Mason to begin her PhD.

#### Music, Theater and Dance

- **Dan Perkins** presented an interactive workshop "Move. Moving. Moved: Confessions of a Hyperactive Conductor" at the NH All-State Music Conference with PSU Chamber Singers as the demonstration choir.
- **Beth Daily** performed for NH Theatre Project's April Festival of Playreadings in Portsmouth. She portrayed Marty, an acting teacher, in *Circle Mirror Transformation*. She also attended *Eurydice* at the Player's Ring where theatre alum Eric St. Cyr ('11) portrayed The Lord of the Underworld.
- **Constance Chesebrough** accompanied sax soloist **Kyle Quirion** (sophomore MusEd major) in a performance of the *Concertino da Camera* by Jacques Ibert at the New England Intercollegiate Band Festival at Gordon College, Wenham, MA, on April 13.
- **Carleen Graff** recently adjudicated for two days at the New England Music Festival in Newton, MA. She judged the classical categories for the New England Championship and the New England Cup categories from ages 8-18.
- **Kathleen Arcchi** worked as casting consultant for the summer season at the Papermill Theatre (Lincoln) at the New England Theatre Conference combined auditions in MA.
- **Holly Oliver**, Music Education Coordinator, has been voted in as President-Elect of the New Hampshire Music Educators Association (NHMEA). NHMEA is an affiliate of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME). NAfME has worked to ensure that every student has access to a well-balanced, comprehensive, and high-quality program of music instruction taught by qualified teachers. NAfME's activities and resources have been largely responsible for the establishment of music education as a profession, for the promotion and guidance of music study as an integral part of the school curriculum, and for the development of the National Standards for Arts Education.

### Nursing

- Congratulations to the newly formed **Student Nurses Association** for being recognized by the Student Senate and University President as an official club!
- Additionally, a group of students from the Student Nurses Association attended the National Student Nurses Association 61st Annual Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina April 3-6. Eleven senior nursing students attended this event, accompanied by Student Nurses Association co-advisor **Sandra McBournie**. The theme of this year's event was The HEALTHY Campaign: Healing, Enlightening And Loving The Healthy You. Students heard from national speakers who are leaders in the profession on topics such as evidence-based practice, patient safety, national nursing policy initiatives, and health and wellness.
- **Sandra McBournie** has been accepted as a member of the American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) Education Approval Committee. AHNA is the definitive voice for holistic nursing, and promotes the education of nurses, other health care professionals, and the public in all aspects of holistic caring and healing. AHNA retains national accreditation status, as an approver and provider of continuing nursing education, by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), the premiere authority on continuing nursing education in the country.
- Congratulations to **Ann Marie Cote** for being accepted to the EdD program here at PSU!
- **Mary Bantell** has been invited to join The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Organizational Leadership Network (OLN) Conference Planning Committee. The AACN Organizational Leadership Network is comprised of nursing academic leaders with broad administrative responsibilities, including associate deans and assistant deans. The OLN fosters professional growth and development, information sharing, communication, and discussion of key issues. Networking is facilitated through programs, meetings and electronic communications.

### Psychology

- **Joel Funk** gave a presentation entitled "Music and Near-Death Experience: A Developmental Analysis" to the Boston branch of the International Association for Near-Death Experience (IANDS) on April 6.
- **John Kulig** and **Angela Kilb** helped to organize the New Hampshire Psychological Association's Academic Convention that was held at PSU on Saturday, April 13. Two research posters from PSU were presented at the convention:
  - Can instructions at test cause a shift in retrieval strategy? by **Amanda Kelley** (PSU student), **Evan Kowalski** (PSU student), **Amanda Comeau** (PSU student), and **Angela Kilb**
  - Auditory Vs. Visual Cues in Tip-of-the-Tongue States by **Amanda Kelley** and **Angela Kilb**

### Social Work

- **Stephen Gorin** co-led a workshop on the Affordable Care Act at the NASW Annual Leadership Meeting, Washington, DC, and had articles on the Affordable Care Act published in the *Nashua Telegraph* and *Laconia Citizen*.
- **Scott Meyer** presented "Effective Coping for Caregivers" at Spere Memorial Hospital sponsored by Newfound Area Senior Center/Service Link, Bristol, NH and Mid-State Health, Plymouth, NH. He also coordinated a field instructor and student workshop presented by practitioners at Becket Family Services on "Trauma Informed Care."
- **Cynthia Moniz** was invited as a past national board member of NASW to the Recognition Dinner for the retiring executive director, Washington, DC. She also chaired the department's biannual Social Work Advisory Board meeting.
- **Christine Rine** and **Scott Meyer** co-presented "Evaluating student competencies: Methods for field and classroom assessment," at the New England Field Instructors and Coordinators Annual Meeting, Ana Maria College, Paxton, MA. **Christine** also presented "Leveraging Google Docs in the classroom" at the PSU Faculty Spotlight. She also served as the Faculty Instructor for the Student Showcase for three projects: NH Homeless Access Survey, GIS Foster Care Project, and Plymouth Area Child & Family Resource Guide.

### Academic Affairs Offices

### Career Services

- PSU students attended the **NHCUC Job Fair** with 75+ employers in early April at the Center of NH as well as the recent job fair held at the Plymouth Armory on April 17 where 40+ employers were recruiting.
- **Jim Kuras** was a guest of the Council of Teacher Education to discuss career services and talk about ways to partner with Education students earlier in their academic program. He also participated in Senior Career Night for History and Philosophy majors.

### Center for Rural Partnerships

- **Sean McGlynn**, a Tourism Management and Policy student involved in the Center's Student Engagement Laboratory, was awarded the Ron Meade "On the Track to Tourism" Scholarship from the Lakes Region Tourism Association. Please join us in congratulating Sean.
- **Ben Amsden** was voted "chair-elect" of the NIFA NE1962 Multistate Research Project on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism. Multistate Research Projects are groups of researchers, recognized by NIFA, who support and coordinate research on high-priority topics among entities

such as state agricultural experiment stations, research institutions and agencies, regional comprehensive universities, and the Cooperative Extension System. Ben will provide more information on this program and the opportunity it presents during Faculty Week.

- **Ben Amsden** presented research titled "Some Things Never Change: A Longitudinal Analysis of Conversion Study Data" at the Northeastern Recreation Research Conference (NERR) in Cooperstown, NY. **Ben** was also an invited speaker on a panel titled "Tapping into the Outdoors: Creating Added-Value Outdoor Adventure Options for Your Guests" at the New Hampshire Governor's Conference on Tourism. His talk focused on productive partnerships between hospitality and activity providers.

#### Center for the Environment

- **Shannon Rogers** has received funding from NH EPSCoR for two new projects. During the summer, NH EPSCoR will provide funding for an undergraduate from New Hampshire to participate in a Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) project led by Shannon on a socio-economic project around Mirror Lake and Squam Lakes. Shannon also received funding to support a graduate for two years to work on assessing ecosystem services in New Hampshire.
- **Denise Burchsted**, a postdoctoral scholar with CFE, has accepted a position as an assistant professor in the Department of Environmental Studies at Keene State College. Denise also has a new publication: Denise Burchsted, Melinda Daniels, and Ellen Wohl. 2013. Introduction to the Special Issue on Discontinuity of Fluvial Systems. *Geomorphology*. DOI10.1016/j.geomorph.2013.04.004.
- **Doug Earick** assisted NH EPSCoR and Campus Compact with organizing a workshop on "Using Community Engagement Strategies to Improve Student Learning in STEM Programs." Along with Doug, **Lisa Doner**, **Shannon Rogers**, **Warren Tomkiewicz**, and **June Hammond Rowan** attended the day-long workshop on March 29.
- On April 3, CFE signed a memorandum of understanding with the **Squam Lakes Association**. The goal of the MOU is to collaborate on research and projects that are beneficial to both organizations for the purpose of protecting and improving the health of the Squam Lakes Watershed ecosystem. **Joe Boyer** and **June Hammond Rowan** attended the signing ceremony.
- **Shannon Rogers**, **Matt Bartley**, and **Ashley Hyde** attended the National Science Foundation workshop, "Science: Becoming the Messenger," at UNH on April 10. Over the course of this full day training, they learned how to craft a message and deliver it to a variety of media outlets. They also had the opportunity to experience live interview training, to develop writing and new media skills, to hone their public presentations, and produce video.
- On April 13 in Concord, **Doug Earick**, **Doug Peckham**, **Ashley Hyde**, and **Errin Volitis** conducted a workshop for teachers on how to use and work with data from the NH EPSCoR Ecosystems and Society project in their classrooms.
- Graduate student **Matt Bartley** presented a talk on "Using Community-Based Social Marketing (CBSM) to foster conservation through fishing license sales: An application of the Theory of Planned Behavior" at the Western American Fisheries Society meeting in Boise on April 15-18.
- On April 16, **Errin Volitis** and **Ashley Hyde** presented data from sensors in the Israel's River to the Jefferson Conservation Committee. The work is part of the statewide network of sensors in rivers that is part of the NH EPSCoR Ecosystems and Society project.
- **Errin Volitis** was a judge at the water themed Science Fair at Wheelock Elementary School in Keene, NH on April 18.

- **Joe Boyer** attended a Squam Summit on April 18. This meeting brought together principal NGOs working in the Squam Watershed for the purpose of informing and coordinating conservation projects and activities.
- **Joe Boyer** attended the EPSCoR Academic Leadership Board meeting on April 19, which brought together the administrative principals of the statewide program.
- CFE participated in the PSU Earth Day event. **Angela Uhlman** organized CFE's table and a number of people helped out throughout the day.
- The Baker River Watershed Association's 14th annual meeting on April 24 featured a talk by **Lisa Doner**. Her presentation, entitled "The sediment record of Quincy Bog Natural Area: a 12,000 year history of hydrologic and ecologic change," reported results from a collaborative effort of students at PSU and Rumney Ecological Systems to research long-term and recent changes that have affected the Baker Valley near Rumney.
- **Mark Green** has a new publication:  
Campbell, J.L., Bailey, A.S., Eagar, C., Green, M.B., and Battles, J.J. 2013. Vegetation treatments and hydrologic responses at the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest, New Hampshire. p.1-9. In A.E. Camp, L.C. Irland, and C.J.W. Carroll (Editors) Long-term Silvicultural & Ecological Studies: Results for Science and Management (Volume 2). Yale University, Global Institute of Sustainable Forestry, Research Paper 013. 187pp.

#### Global Education Office

- Once again, the **Community Passport Processing Day** was a success with 175 community members taking advantage of the opportunity. We understand that most passports were received within 2 weeks.
- **Kurt Schroeder** (Social Science) was selected to be the PSU resident faculty in Sorrento, Italy in spring 2014. He will be teaching "Environmental Geography" and "Topics in Regional Geography: Italy and the Mediterranean" to a group of PSU students spending the semester at the Sant' Anna Institute – Sorrento Lingue.
- Applications for the **2014 Limerick resident faculty** were distributed with an application deadline of May 6.
- This month we held three exchange promotion sessions in various locations around the campus. Our current visiting/exchange students participated in these sessions and answered questions about their home university and country. Our exchange students continue to be involved in events at the **Center for Global Engagement (CGE)** and around campus. We are expecting 8 new international exchange students in the fall and are already beginning to prepare for their arrival at PSU.
- The CGE hosted two **Language Circles** on April 3rd (Chinese) and April 17<sup>th</sup> (Malay). We also hosted our first **coffee hour** on April 5th. We had a variety of international students, returning study abroad students, Global Ambassadors, faculty, and staff enjoy coffee and conversation. This will be a reoccurring event and will be held on the first Friday of every month.
- The 2013-14 student Global Ambassadors were selected. **Jenna Goodall, Sara Manzoni, Karen Cowles, Julie Girolamo, Valerie Lavendiere, Lydia Morton, Drustin Sabin, Caitlyn Kearney, Simon Gahungu, Liz Spink, Jeannette LaPlant, Iveta Stefancova, Ali Ponte, and Ashley Clark** participated in GEO/CGE sponsored leadership training sessions this month.

#### Office of Research & Engagement/Office of Sponsored Programs

- The **Student Showcase of Excellence** was a success with 52 poster presentations, 5 oral presentations, 2 dance performances, over 135 student participants from across the university,

numerous faculty mentors, and dozens of parents, alumni, and community observers. Thanks for the many PSU departments and individuals who made the event so successful.

- The **Student Research Advisory Council** has awarded several student research grants so far this year, including one Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF). The following students received grants to present their original work at professional conferences:
  - o **Matthew Bartley** (Center for the Environment), faculty mentor **Brian Eisenhauer**
  - o **Amanda Comeau, Amanda Kelly, Evan Kowalksi** (Psychology), faculty mentor **Angela Kilb**
  - o **Janelle Emerson** (Biology), faculty mentor **Kerry Yurewicz**
  - o **Rebecca Jacobson** (Environmental Science & Policy), faculty mentor **Lisa Doner**
  - o **Kristen Spinney, Mike Cappiello, Sean McCarthy** (Health & Human Performance), faculty mentor **Lynn Johnson**
  - o **Andrew Veilleux** (Center for the Environment), faculty mentor **Brian Eisenhauer**
- **Brandon Huckins** (Biology), faculty mentor **Brigid O'Donnell**, is the first recipient of PSU's summer undergraduate research fellowship (SURF) for his work on "Molecular genetic basis of hatching in the mayfly *Hexagenia limbata*."
- If you have any questions or students who are seeking funding for this fiscal year or next fiscal year, please contact Thad Guldbrandsen, [tcguldbrandsen@plymouth.edu](mailto:tcguldbrandsen@plymouth.edu)
- The **Community Engagement & Integrated Learning Advisory Council** (a.k.a. the Engaged Learning Council) met on Tuesday, April 30 to initiate a strategic planning process to bolster service learning and community service at PSU. More information will follow.
- The **Office of Sponsored Programs** adopted software (In4Grants) to facilitate better workflow and collaboration on externally funded projects. The office initiated a "soft launch" of the software in April. Stay tuned for more information about how others can make use of this cloud-based software.
- **James Koermer** received funding from NHIRC-AIRMAR for his work on lightening detection, which has significant commercial relevance.
- The NH INBRE network, funded by the NIH announced funding for three PIs at PSU. **Chris Chabot, Marjorie King, and Mike Son** will receive two years of funding for their work, which advances scientific knowledge related to human health. **George Tuthill** facilitates various aspects of the initiative.
- A "**Friends of the Pemi**" group has formed in collaboration with many organizations from around the region along with State of New Hampshire Agencies and several PSU departments (the **Office of the President**, the **Office of Research & Engagement**, the **Center for the Environment**, the **Center for Rural Partnerships**, and others). The Rotary Club serves as the fiscal agent and lead organization on the initiative. On the afternoon of Tuesday, April 30 there was a group paddling session from Livermore Falls to the courthouse boat launch. Later that evening, there was a public discussion session to work toward more effective stewardship of the section of river that runs from Livermore Falls to the "secret beach" just south of the downtown area on the border of Plymouth and Holderness. More information, please contact Thad Guldbrandsen.

#### Writing Center

- **Brenda Shively** ('13) and **Jini Sparkman** (English) facilitated a roundtable session at the North East Writing Center Association annual conference in Durham, NH on April 13. Participants in the session considered the usefulness of Theory and Research into Practice (TRIP) model staff meetings. Director **Jane Weber** and three other Writing Center staff members also attended.

