

**TO: The Faculty Senate**  
**FROM: Donald R. Boomgaarden, Ph.D.**  
**Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs**  
**DATE: April 7, 2015**  
**SUBJECT: Provost's Report for April 10, 2015**

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**I. FACULTY SEARCHES:**

We have currently filled three positions and interviews continue.

Katherine Stumpo	Assistant Professor	Chemistry
Hyuk Jun Cheong	Instructor	Communication
William Miller	Faculty Specialist	Health Administration & Human Resources

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### III. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT:

#### Provost Enhancement Awards

The winners of the Provost Enhancement Awards were announced at the Faculty Appreciation Day dinner on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Please join me in congratulating the winners:

#### **Excellence in Scholarship of Teaching and Learning**

*Teresa A. Grettano, Ph.D.*

*Donna Witek, MLS.*

#### **Excellence in Scholarly Publication**

*Julie Ann Nastasi, OTD*

*Leonard G. Gougeon, Ph.D.*

#### **Excellence in Advancing Global Learning**

*Shuhua Fan, Ph.D.*

#### **Excellence for University Service and Leadership**

*Kristen A. Yarmey, MLS, MA*

*Michael D. Friedman, Ph.D.*

#### **Excellence in Integrating Mission and Justice into the Curriculum**

*Susan Mendez, Ph.D.*

*Abhijit Roy, DBA*

*Michael Allison, Ph.D.*

#### Summer Grants

- Dr. Danielle Argio      Web-Based Intervention for Prediabetic Midlife Adults: An NIH R21 Application
- Dr. Will Cohen      The Holy Spirit
- Dr. Andrew LaZella      Singular Thought and Singular Reference: John Duns Scotus on Knowing and Naming Haecceitas
- Dr. Jerry Muir      Vector-Valued Integral Kernels of Bergman Type
- Dr. Katherine Purswell      Development of Play Therapy Certificate Program

- Dr. Marc Seid                      Neuromechanisms of Eusociality: Pharmacological manipulation of bees
- Dr. Yamille Silva                  Geronimo de Ypori and His Manuscript on the Discovery of the Amazon River
- Dr. Jamie Trnka                    Exile and World Literacy Circulation

Clavius Grants

- Dr. Darryl DeMarzio              Questioning Childhood
- Dr. Andrew LaZella              Language: An Interdisciplinary Approach
- Dr. Jill Warker
- Dr. Janice Voltzow                An Interdisciplinary Faculty Writing Group
- Dr. Erica Lasek-Nesselquist

**IV. FELLOWSHIPS and SCHOLARSHIPS:**

- To date 20 students have been accepted to 34 Medical Schools; 9 students have been accepted to 9 Dental Schools; 1 student was accepted to 2 Optometry Schools; 2 students have been accepted to 4 Veterinary Schools, and 1 student has been accepted to 2 Podiatry Schools.
- The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship provides support for educational expenses to sophomores and juniors who intend to pursue careers in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering. Two hundred sixty scholarships were awarded this year. Christopher Kilner a Biochemistry, Cell & Molecular Biology, Environmental Science and Political Science Major was named a Goldwater Scholar and Alice Chen a Biochemistry, Cell & Molecular Biology, Philosophy Major received an Honorable Mention.

**V. Assessment Update:**

OEA Faculty Grant Opportunity for Assessment of Student Learning: The Office of Educational Assessment (OEA) offers grants of up to \$1,800 for full-time faculty interested in enhancing their assessment skills. Two grants were awarded this semester, and were used to fund faculty participation in assessment programs that were part of a disciplinary conference for faculty representing two CAS departments. Grant funds covered a one-day assessment workshop and related travel costs. The **application is available from the OEA Office. For summer and fall grants, the due date is June 1st.**

***Conference Announcement:*** The second annual conference on assessment of student learning will be held at Drexel University in September - ***Assessment for Student Success: Building Academic Innovation & Renewal.*** This is an excellent conference and funding through the OEA Faculty Assessment Grant is available. Department chairs and faculty are encouraged to attend - <http://drexel.edu/aconf/>

***ePlatform committee & Special Advisory Group to AAC (Assessment Advisory Committee)***  
Four vendors offered information sessions about electronic assessment platforms. Results of the post-session survey ranked the vendors as follows: LiveText & Taskstream (tied for first); Campus Lab (2<sup>nd</sup>) and D2L (3<sup>rd</sup>).

***Program Assessment Plans:*** OEA is working with CAS Chairs and Program Directors to develop assessment plans that will be submitted electronically to the Provost Office.

***Annual Report format:*** CAS Assessment data gathered during the 2014-2015 academic year will be reported via the new OEA Program Assessment Report (PAR) template which will be submitted as an attachment to the Annual Report System. Assistance with the process is available from OEA.

## VII. SUSTAINABILITY

The University of Scranton's Sustainability Committee is working hard at planning and implementing numerous events in celebration of Earth Week 2015. For more information on the events visit <http://www.scranton.edu/sustainability/earth-week.shtml>.

## VIII. CURRICULUM APPROVALS:

<u>New Course</u>	<u>Date Posted</u>
HIST 250: Central Europe 1848-1989	1/5/2015
COMM 250: Principle Communication Competencies	02/24/14
SOC 331: Urban Sociology	09/05/14
PSYC 228: Health Psychology Reposted from 12/8/14	1/13/2015
EFND 510: Interdisciplinary Assessment	2/11/15
ESEC 565: Secondary Classroom Internship	2/11/15
NURS 514: Chemistry and Physics for Nurse Anesthesia	2/11/15
NURS 529: Nurse Anesthesia Principles I	2/11/15
NURS 539: Nurse Anesthesia Principles II	2/11/15
NURS 549: Nurse Anesthesia Principles III	2/11/15
NURS 559: Anesthesia Principles IV	2/11/15
NURS 565: Nurse Anesthesia Residency I	2/11/15
NURS 575: Nurse Anesthesia Residency II	2/11/15
NURS 585: Nurse Anesthesia Residency III	2/11/15
ENLT 259: Contemporary American Poetry	11/11/14
INTD 120: EP Foundation	02/24/14

### Course Change

EXSC 240: Prevention and Care of Sports Injuries	2/4/2015
EDUC 357: Integrated Methods Across Curriculum II	2/13/2015
ECUI 521: Field Experience I	2/11/15
EFND 516: Advanced Educational Psychology	2/11/15
NURS 546: Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum I	2/11/15
NURS 556: Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum II	2/11/15

### Program Changes

EXSC Clinical Track	2/6/15
Sociology Major	9/18/15
Neuroscience – Electives	1/5/15
Psychology – Minor Grid	1/5/15
Special Education, MS	2/13/15
Early and Primary Teacher Education	2/11/15
Secondary Education, MS	2/11/15
Nurse Anesthesia Program	2/11/15
EXEC 313: Biomechanics for Sport and Exercise	3/19/15

## **IX. THE COLLEGES:**

### College of Arts and Sciences

- The Department of Mathematics is hosting the Math Integration Bee, Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. The competition is open to area high school students and will help students improve their skills for Advanced Placement mathematics tests.
- The English and Theatre Department hosted its inaugural Alumni Lecture with a talk by Harry Brown, Ph.D., entitled “Speculative Ecology: Arcadia, Utopia, Mars on March 26<sup>th</sup>. The Alumni Series will feature a discussion by a graduate of the University’s English Department annually.
- The 2015 Kane Competition will be held on April 15<sup>th</sup>. This year’s theme “Music, Waves, and Oscillations” will involve physics problems relating to reverse engineering, circuits, interferometry, and even a guitar concert. Fifteen high schools from across the area participate in the competition.

### Panuska College of Professional Studies

- Sandra LaManna, a Faculty Specialist in the Education Department was recently named Kappa Delta Pi Teacher of the Year by Scranton’s chapter of the international honor society in education.
- Healthcare professionals involved in caring for senior citizens were exposed to current best practices and latest research findings at the University of Scranton’s fifth annual Conference on Aging. Nationally recognized experts in the interdisciplinary fields of elder care presented their findings at the conference titled: “Perspectives on Aging and the Brain: Restorative-Medical-Spiritual-Caregiving, on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Kania School of Management

- Christopher LoGiurato, a business administration and entrepreneurship major, was among just 123 students from 52 higher education institutions in the nation named as University Innovation Fellows by the National Center for Engineering Pathways to Innovation. The prestigious program is run by Epicenter, and is funded by the National Science Foundation.

### Library

- The second annual Jay Nathan, Ph.D., Visiting Scholar Lecture Series titled "Mongolia: History, Culture and Transformation" will take place on April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- In an ongoing partnership with Public Relations, the Library is digitizing University press releases, newspaper clippings, and other related materials stored in PR's subject and biographical reference files. More than 4,000 press releases have already been published in the Library's digital collections.
- The Library is actively involved in the ongoing development of a Pennsylvania state service hub for the Digital Public Library of America ([dp.la](http://dp.la)). The successful implementation of a service hub will allow the Library to expose our digital collections ([www.scranton.edu/library/digitalcollections](http://www.scranton.edu/library/digitalcollections)) to new audiences via the DPLA interface.
- The Library has received a major donation from local freelance photographer Terry Connors consisting of over 86,000 born digital photographs, all of which have been successfully transferred from photo CDs into the Library's digital repository. Workflows and processes for deduplicating, describing, and providing access to the photographs are in development.
- In collaboration with the Marywood University Library, the Weinberg Memorial Library is coordinating a virtual lecture series on Social Justice in the Information Society. This semester's speakers include Zeynep Tufecki, Assistant Professor, School of Information and Library Science and Department of Sociology, U. North Carolina-Chapel Hill, who will speak on "New Civic Spaces" (April 8, 6pm at Marywood's Swartz Center) and Marvin Ammori, "thought leader in internet law," who will speak on "The Net Neutrality Debate: What It Means for the Future of the US Economy, Lobbying, and the DC Political World" (April 13, 7pm in Moscovitz Theater).
- The McHugh Special Collections has mounted an exhibit, "Cornerstone of Victory," commemorating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the conclusion of World War II. The exhibit includes material from the University Archives and McHugh Special Collections and will feature a joint lecture by history professors, Dr. Sean Brennan and Dr. Frank Homer, on Thursday, April 9 at 6pm in the Library's Heritage Room. The exhibit is on display in the Heritage Room until Sunday, April 26.

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