Missouri Western Points of Pride
August 2015

Excellence in our Faculty/Staff

**Significant appointments**
- Dr. Kelly Bouas Henry, professor of psychology, was recently elected to the President’s Council of the Southwestern Psychological Association. She will serve on the President’s Council for the next three years, President-Elect for 2015-16, and then President in 2016-17.
- Dr. Reza Hamzaee, professor of economics, was invited to be an active member of the Board of Trustees of the Amirjahed Pars Foundation.

**Published articles**
- A 10\textsuperscript{th} research article of Dr. Reza Hamzaee, professor of economics, on what and how Iran needs to comply with the western countries’ sanctions was published by Iranian Tasnim News agency: “25 Recommendations for Attracting Foreign Investment in Iran.”
- Dr. Todd Eckdahl, professor of biology; Dr. Jeff Poet, professor of mathematics; and Davidson College colleagues Dr. Malcolm Campbell and Dr. Laurie Heyer; answered questions online on about their PLOS ONE publication on metabolic engineering as part of PLOS Science Wednesday on Reddit. The questions and answers can be viewed at https://www.reddit.com/r/science/comments/3e6wb3/plos_science_wednesday_hi_im_dr_todd_eckhadl_here/. The event resulted in over 1,000 additional views of the publication.
- An article written by Dr. Jennifer Hegeman, associate professor of mathematics, “Using Instructor-Generated Video Lectures in Online Mathematics Courses Improves Student Learning” was published in Online Learning Journal. The article can be viewed at http://olj.onlinelearningconsortium.org/index.php/olj/article/view/484.
- Dr. William Russell, associate professor of physical education, co-authored an article, “A Retrospective Examination of Youth Athletes’ Sport Motivation and Motivational Climate Across Specialization Status” published in the journal, Athletic Insight.
- Dr. Pi-Ming Yeh, associate professor of nursing, and Dr. Michael Chiao, associate professor of finance, had their article, “The Comparisons of Psychological Well-Being, Suicidal Ideation, Using Alcohol, and Coping Strategies Between Nursing Students and Business Students,” published in Advances in Psychology Research.

**Presentations**
- Dr. Reza Hamzaee, professor of economics, presented a paper, coauthored by three of his students, Michael A. Lent, Alex Prewitt and Zhihao Jin, titled, A Review, a Theoretical Academic-Athletic Performance Model of University Athletes’ Compensation and a Survey at the Business & Economics Society International in Albufeira/Algarve, Portugal. The paper was also accepted for publication in the upcoming Global Business & Economics Anthology.
- Dr. Reza Hamzaee, professor of economics, was a roundtable panel member for a discussion, Piketty’s Approach to Capitalism and His General Laws, chaired by the Association President/Conference Director at the Business & Economics Society International in
Abufeira/Algarve, Portugal. Two of his published works were quoted and used in addition to the main source of Piketty’s New Capital. In addition, he served as designated discussant of three papers and chaired a session on Applied Macro and Microeconomic Research.

- James Carvioiu, instructor of English, presented, Teaching Gender in Journalism and Mass Communication Courses at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication conference in San Francisco.

- Dr. Marianne Kunkel, assistant professor of English, attended the *North American Review* Bicentennial Creative Writing and Literature Conference in Cedar Falls, Iowa. She presented on four panels, two of which also featured Mary Stone, instructor of English: Writing the Hard Thing: A Reading by Three Women Authors (Poetry and Creative Nonfiction) and Writing the Hard Thing: Advice for Creative Writers with Ambitious Subjects. Joining her other two panels were *mochila* and *Canvas* undergraduate staff members Crystal Crawford, Lindsey Lucas, and Chris Pankiewicz. These panels were The Beat of the Drum: Drumming up Campus-wide Interest in a University Literary Journal and How a Literary Journal can Catch up and Stay Ahead in a Digital World.

- Dr. Mike Cadden, professor of English, presented The Real, the Exaggerated, and the Impossible Character at the Children’s Literature Association Conference in Richmond, Virginia.

- Dr. Kaye Adkins, professor of English, was selected to participate in the iFixit Technical Writing Symposium that met at iFixit’s international headquarters at San Luis Obispo, California. The symposium, offered by iFixit’s education department, supports technical writing instructors who want to include real-world documentation in their classes. Dr. Adkins will be using the materials in her Introduction to Technical Communication and Technical Documentation classes, as students create repair manuals that will be published on iFixit’s web site.

- Dr. Susan Martens, assistant professor of English, gave a presentation, Adapting Ecocritical Approaches to Mapping Techniques in the Writing Marathon at the Biennial Conference of the Association for the Study of Literature and Environment at the University of Idaho.

- The Prairie Lands Writing Project hosted the Summer Writing Project for the St. Joseph School District. Approximately 130 students in grades three-eight attended daily sessions and gave readings to family and friends on the final day of the program. The project was coordinated by PLWP Co-Director Mya Ezzell and graduate assistant Josie Clark.

- Dr. Catherine Kendig, associate professor of philosophy, presented a peer-reviewed paper at the biennial conference of the International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology at the Université du Québec à Montréal, Québec, Canada: Homologizing and other kinding practices.

- Susan Bashinski, associate professor of education, was invited to participate in the Pittsburgh AAC Language Seminar, sponsored by Semantic Compaction Systems, in Pittsburgh. The purpose of the seminar was to discuss ways in which educational personnel might best support language development for children and young adults who use Minspeak systems for communication.

- Susan Bashinski, associate professor of education, presented Results of a Qualitative Research Study: Strategies to Support Positive Behaviors in Students with CHARGE Syndrome at an invited platform presentation at the 12th CHARGE International Conference’s professional day. She also presented Strategies to Support Positive Behaviors in Students with CHARGE Syndrome for the full conference that was held in Chicago.
• Dr. Paul Choi, associate professor of health, physical education and recreation, provided four different lectures regarding the evolution of dynamics in sport management at a special lecture summit hosted by the Department of Sport Science at the University of Seoul. While at the summit he also acted as a recruiter for Missouri Western, visiting with students throughout the five-week event.

• Marsha Dolan, coordinator of health information management, co-presented No ICD-10 Code Books? No Problem! Learn to Code from Free CM/PCS Code Files at the Missouri Health Information Management Association annual state meeting in St. Charles, Missouri.

• Marsha Dolan, coordinator of health information management, co-presented a webinar for the Missouri Health Information Management Association titled The Use of Mobile Fitness Devices in Healthcare Today.

• Marsha Dolan, coordinator of health information management, and Kelly Fast, assistant professor of health information management, co-presented Overcoming Obstacles to Securing PPE Sites at the AHIMA’s Assembly of Education, in Austin, Texas.

• Dr. Pi-Ming Yeh, associate professor of nursing, co-presented The Influences of Spiritual Well-Being, Parental Rearing Attitude, and Coping Strategies on USA College Students’ Anxiety and Depression, and presented a poster, Factors Influencing Chronic Mental Illness Patients’ Psychological Well Being and Suicidal Ideation, at the 26th International Nursing Research Congress in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

• Tee Quillin, assistant professor of theatre, directed the musical “Hot Mikado,” at the Palm Canyon Theatre in Palm Springs, California.

• Shana Meyer, vice president of Student Affairs, serves as the director of the Professional Standards Division for NASPA (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education), and attended the summer board meeting in San Diego. Topics discussed included national selections and awards; ACPA/NASPA Professional Competencies for Student Affairs Professionals; NASPA Regional Governance Task Force; NASPA Strategic Plan 2015-2018; NASPA Research and Policy; NASPA Operations; and NASPA Professional Development.

• Dr. Cosette Hardwick, associate professor of physical therapist assistant; Dr. Judy Grimes, associate vice president for Student Affairs; and Cassandra Samuel, instructor of business; co-presented Academic and Student Affairs Collaborating to Promote Student Success and Retention at the 2015 National Conference on Student Recruitment, Marketing and Retention in Boston. Drs. Hardwick and Grimes co-chair the College Completion Team (CCT): 2nd Year to Graduation at Missouri Western and presented Missouri Western’s CCT model at the conference. The University’s second-to-third year retention rate increased over 5 percent in the first year of the CCT program.

• Dr. Catherine Kendig, associate professor of philosophy, acted as peer reviewer for the following journals: Biology & Philosophy, Philosophy of Science, Synthese.

• Dr. Todd Eckdahl, professor of biology; and Dr. Jeff Poet, professor of mathematics; traveled with 10 undergraduate researchers to work with collaborators from Davidson College in North Carolina.

• Dr. Jeff Poet, professor of mathematics, traveled with six math students to Washington D.C. where he and the students presented at MathFest, the 100th Anniversary Meeting of the Mathematical Association of America.

• Kay-lynne Taylor, Career Development Center Director, presented a career preparedness session titled, Career Exploration: Career preparedness and Business/Professional Etiquette to the Chief’s camp student interns. The presentation is the second in the series of
presentations facilitated by the Career Development team as part of the curriculum for the interns.

- Dr. Michael Charlton, associate professor of English, attended the Freeman Institute hosted by the Japan Studies Association at the University of Hawaii.
- Sonia Hanson, assistant professor of theatre, participated in the New York Stage and Film Summer Stock at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York.
- Holly Breuer, assistant professor of theatre, attended the Scottish Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Excellence in our Students

Awards

- Alpha Theta Beta, the Missouri Western chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the honor society for political science, won a national best chapter award.

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Presentations

- Students from the Department of Psychology presented their research at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Psychological Association in Wichita, Kansas. Gabrielle Isom and Ethan Blair presented research titled, Weighing in on Unconscious Bias in Hiring Decisions, in the Psi Chi portion of the program. Marisa Haman, Kaleigh Beger, and Rachel Miller presented research titled Facebook Usage: All About that Self, ’bout that Self. Matt Brammeier presented research, A New Methodological Approach to Groupthink, in the SWPA Undergraduate Research Showcase and won an award for the quality of his work that included a $50 prize.
- Clarissa Huffman, education graduate student, accompanied Susan Bashinski, associate professor of education, to a conference for the purposes of collecting research data. The two conducted family interviews for a study, Parent Report of Communication Ability in Individuals with CHARGE Syndrome, during the course of the conference. This activity was all in conjunction with the 2015 PORTAL award Bashinski received from Missouri Western.
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- Six mathematics students: Michael Brown, Sean Callen, Katelyn Gutteridge, Janolin Higgins, Taylor Schaben, and Aaron Westlake; travelled to Washington D.C. and presented at MathFest, the 100th Anniversary Meeting of the Mathematical Association of America. They were joined there by student Erica Shook from Davidson College. Dr. Jeff Poet, professor of mathematics, accompanied the students.