Western Points of Pride
April 2013

Excellence in our Faculty/Staff

Awards/Significant Appointments
- Joanne Katz, professor of legal studies, was elected as vice chair of the section on restorative and community justice, part of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Katz will automatically become chair of the section next year.
- Dr. Prashant Tarun, assistant professor of business, has been nominated to serve as a baseball honorary coach by Griffon baseball player James Smelcer and nominated to become a faculty member of Alpha Kappa Psi by AKP student members.

Publications/Exhibits
- Rebecca Foley, assistant professor of art, will have several works from her series, Disaster Houses, included in the exhibit Stories, Memories, and Histories at the Center for Fine Art Photography in Fort Collins, Colo.
- Geo Sipp, professor of art, just signed to be represented by The Weinberger Gallery in Kansas City, Mo. and by the Adam Baumgold Gallery in New York. He has also been featured in the recent premier issue of a new magazine, Sunday Morning Comics.
- Dave Harris, assistant professor of art, had two teapots exhibited in the sixth annual Texas Teapot Tournament at 18 Hands Gallery in Houston. His teapot was selected to be published in 500 Teapots 2 publication this summer. Harris also had a piece of pottery in the Bluegrass Bourbon Bottle Show at the Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft in Louisville, Ky.
- Dr. Daniel Trifan, professor of history, had his essay titled, “Pope Pius XII, the Holocaust, and the Identity Question in the Catholic Church,” published by e-International Relations.

Presentations
- Dr. Bob Bergland, professor of journalism, gave a presentation, “Methodology for College Media Research,” at the Spring CMA College Media Convention in New York. Dr. Bergland, editor of College Media Review, also hosted a workshop on contributing to the journal.
- Dr. Michael Charlton, assistant professor of English, presented his paper, “The Adaptations of Tintin: Filming Hergé’s Comics and Handling Cultural
Controversies,” at the International Conference for the Fantastic in the Arts in Orlando, Fla.

- Missouri Western sponsored the eighth annual Conference on Applied Learning in Higher Education. The following faculty members presented:
  - Dr. Elizabeth Latosi-Sawin, professor of English; presented a poster session with Dr. Russell Phillips, associate professor of psychology; and Greg Kriewitz, instructor of physical education; titled, “The Added Value of an Outdoor Study-Away Experience in Higher Education.”
  - Dr. Edwin Taylor, assistant professor of political science, participated in a roundtable discussion on applied learning in peace and conflict studies.
  - Dave Tushaus, professor of legal studies, presented “Social Justice and the Role of Legal Aid Clinics in India and the United States.” Indian students and faculty co-presented through previously taped slide presentations and Skype.
  - Julie Baldwin, associate professor of biology; presented “The 7 Cs: Assessing Study Abroad Program Outcomes.”
  - Dr. Pi-Ming Yeh, assistant professor of nursing; and Dr. Cheng-Huei Chiao, assistant professor of business; presented “The Influences of Parents’ Rearing Attitude, Personality and Coping Strategies on Psychological Well-Being and Suicidal Ideation Among College Students.”
  - Dr. Evelyn Brooks, professor of nursing presented “Enhancing Students’ Cultural Competence through an Applied Learning Experience.”
  - Dr. Pi-Ming Yeh, assistant professor of nursing; and Evelyn Brooks were presentation moderators.

- Dawn Terrick, instructor of English, presented her paper “Legitimizing Basic Writers: A Public Conversation,” at the 64th annual National Convention of the Conference on College Composition and Communication in Las Vegas.

- Ana Bausset-Page, instructor of Spanish, presented a paper, “Hologramas en algunas obras de Elena Poniatowska,” (Holograms in Some Works of E. Poniatowska) at the 38th International Symposium of Hispanic Literature at California State University, Dominguez Hills, in Carson, Calif.

- Dr. Michael Austin, assistant professor of music, was a guest lecturer in the music theory/musicology departments at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. Where he gave a lecture on the aesthetics of drone music, dub techno, and noise music.

- Joanne Katz, professor of legal studies; and her research colleague Dr. Nick Jones, of the University of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada; presented, “Exploring Factors Impacting the Implementation of Restorative Policing: An International Comparison,” at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences International Conference in Dallas. Katz also participated in a feature roundtable, “The Challenges and Pitfalls of Institutionalizing Restorative Justice,” with colleagues from the University of Texas and University of Toledo.

- Dr. Sue Godboldt, assistant professor of legal studies, presented, “Reading, Writing and Rock ’n Roll: Using Music as a Teaching Tool in Criminal Justice Education,” at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual conference.

Dr. Geraldine Dickey, assistant professor of social work, presented “Role Conflict: Does It Exist Between Hospice Chaplains and Social Workers?” at the Association of Gerontology in Higher Education in Denver.

Dr. Pam Clary, instructor of social work, presented “Being a Responsible Parent” at the monthly Community Action Partnership Parenting Support Group in St. Joseph.

Marsha Dolan, professor of nursing and director of the health information technology and health informatics department; and Kay Folck, instructor of nursing; presented “Basic ICD-10-CM Training” and “Advancing Towards ICD-10” at the greater Kansas City Medical Managers Association spring workshop.

Richard Zimmer, instructor of business, is leading a committee of faculty from the Craig School of Business, administrators and advisory council members in the development of a Center for Entrepreneurship. The Center will enhance entrepreneurial opportunities for Missouri Western students from all majors.

Dr. Ben Caldwell, dean of graduate studies; and Dr. Michael Ducey, associate professor of chemistry and department chair; attended a two-day program, “How to Successfully Recruit Graduate Students.”

Missouri Western was approved as the 2015 site of the Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society. Dr. Michael Ducey, associate professor of chemistry and department chair, will serve as the general chair for the meeting. The meeting, which is typically attended by 600-1,000 people, will be held Oct. 21-24, 2015.

Dr. Susie Hennessy, professor of French, collaborated on a celebration of the French origins of St. Joseph with the Alliance Française. The French language immersion day was based in large part on the research of Dr. Frances Flanagan, professor emeritus, centered on Joseph Robidoux and the Sacred Heart Convent. The event attracted participants from throughout northwest Missouri.

Prairie Lands Writing Project and administrators from the Hamilton, Braymer and Breckenridge school districts attended the i3 (Investing in Innovation) College Ready Writers Program launch meeting in Atlanta. Dr. Jane Frick, retired English professor; Kathy Miller, instructor of English; and Tom Pankiewicz, assistant professor of English and Prairie Lands Writing Project director; represented PLWP. i3 is a competitive grant from the U.S. Department of Education and PLWP is one of 20 organizations to earn the grant from more than 700 applicants. PLWP and the school districts will plan and provide two years of professional development in college-ready writing focusing on seventh-10th-grade. This spring’s planning grant is $35,000 for each district, $105,000 total. The program grant should be at least $60,000 for each district per year.

  - During the meeting, Dr. Frick, Miller and Pankiewicz conducted a session, “What Does Embedded, Intensive Professional Development Look Like?” describing PLWP work with statewide literacy academies, a three-year national evaluation study at Excelsior Springs (Mo.) Middle School, and its current Title II SEED grant professional development series on opinion writing at Pershing Elementary School, St. Joseph, Mo.
• Tom Pankiewicz, assistant professor of English and Prairie Lands Writing Project director, attended the National Writing Project’s Spring Meeting in Washington, D.C. At the meeting, Pankiewicz, along with directors and teacher consultants from the other Missouri Writing Projects met with the education aides of Sen. Claire McCaskill, Sen. Roy Blunt, Rep. Emanuel Cleaver and Rep. Sam Graves to share our work and to urge continued support for federally-funded literacy programs.

• Dr. Teddi Deka, professor of psychology; and Dr. James Bargar, professor of psychology; and eight psychology students attended the Great Plains Undergraduate Students’ Psychology Convention at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. The following posters were presented:
  o Rosy Padilla and Gage Herrington, faculty sponsor Dr. Teddi Deka, professor of psychology: “Breast Perception: Does it Change by Gender and Age?” Padilla and Herrington received a first place award for the poster.
  o Kacie Ross, faculty sponsor Dr. James Bargar, professor of psychology: “Practicum Experience at Northwest Pipe Co.” Ross received a first place award for the poster.
  o Ashley Tucker, faculty sponsor Dr. James Bargar, professor of psychology: “Practicum Experience at the YWCA and in the Practice of an Independent Practicing LPC.” Tucker received a second place award for the poster.
  o Jennifer Clark, faculty sponsor Dr. James Bargar, professor of psychology: “Applied Learning at Hillyard in St. Joseph, Mo.”
  o Theresa Gossett, faculty sponsor Dr. James Bargar, professor of psychology: “Practicum Experience at Heartland Mental Health Counseling Unit.”
  o Ashley Mullins, faculty sponsor Dr. Mary Still, assistant professor of psychology: “Please Smile if You Understand What I Mean: The Nonlinguistic Functions of Emoticons,”
  o Clifford Peterson, faculty sponsor Dr. Jeremiah Still, assistant professor of psychology: “Does Playing the Game Silversphere Improve Cognitive Strategy and Planning Abilities?”
  o Hannah Sykes, faculty sponsor Dr. James Bargar, professor of psychology: “My Practicum Experience with the University Counseling Center.”

• Regan Dodd, assistant professor of physical education, helped host the sixth annual Kick Butts Day Dodge Ball Tournament for six-12th-grade students, which included the tournament plus informational and educational activities about the physical and mental consequences of tobacco use. Other sponsors included the St. Joseph Health Department, Youth Alliance, NWMO and NEKS Tobacco Use Prevention Coalition, Live Well Saint Joseph, Smokebusters, Clean Air St. Joe and Colleges against Cancer, a newly formed student organization from Missouri Western. The event had 217 participants, 100 attendees and more than 50 volunteers, which included approximately 25 student volunteers from the health, physical education and recreation department. Members of Phi Epsilon Kappa and the HPER undergraduate organization sold concessions at the event to raise funds to support undergraduate conference participation and travel.
Excellence in our Students

Awards/Significant Appointment

- Ashley Lightle, health and exercise science major, received a National Association of Sport and Physical Education Outstanding Major of the Year Award at the American Association of Health, Physical Education Recreation & Dance national conference in Charlotte, N.C.

- The following posters were presented by eight psychology students who attended the Great Plains Undergraduate Students’ Psychology Convention at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. The faculty advisors for the trip were Dr. Teddi Deka, professor of psychology; and Dr. James Bargar, professor of psychology.
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- Adrienne Collins, junior voice performance major, was selected to participate in the international vocal competition held by the George London Foundation for professional opera singers in New York. This audition is by invitation only with 90 singers chosen from over 300 international applicants. She and Dr. Susan Carter, associate professor of music and director of vocal studies, travelled to New York for the week’s activities including the audition as well as vocal coaching at the New York Metropolitan Opera, private lessons and master classes with Patricia Sage, a renowned voice coach, and attendance to a performance by the New York City Opera and Broadway’s “Phantom of the Opera.”

- Kaitlyn Christian, sophomore music education major; Adrienne Collins, junior voice performance major; and Sarah Waters, junior voice performance major; were three of six singers in the Kansas City area to be chosen to advance to the national vocal competition held each year by Classical Singer Magazine.
• Jamie Haffner, music education major, received a graduate assistantship at Middle Tennessee University starting in the fall 2013 semester. Matt Musselman, music education major, received a graduate assistantship at Truman State University starting in the fall 2013 semester. Both students will be starting on a master’s degree in music with an emphasis in percussion performance.

Publications/Exhibits
• Tabitha Berry, a studio art and photography student, was recently featured at an exhibit at Gallery 7 in downtown St. Joseph. Her artwork and her participation in the exhibit was the subject of a feature article in the St. Joe Live section of the St. Joseph New-Press.
• Jeremy Todd, senior graphic design major, was recently awarded a silver Addy at the 2013 Kansas City American Advertising Federation’s Addy Awards Ceremony. The Addys are recognized as the highest honors in advertising and the Kansas City regional area is considered one of the largest regional Addy competitions in the country.
• At the Spring National College Media Convention in New York, attended by 1,400 student journalists and media advisers, Dave Hon, journalism student, was selected as a finalist and interviewed for the “Best Student Media Leader” award, a national competition. At that same competition, The Griffon News was selected as the honorable mention recipient in the 5,000-10,000 division of the “Best Newspaper” competition.
• Ashley Snyder, English, senior technical writing major, recently published a piece of flash fiction, “Orlando Paul Stance & Paula Carla Stance,” with The Newer York, an online literary journal that publishes experimental fiction in print and online.

Presentations
• Anita Ford, master of applied arts candidate in written communication, presented her paper, “Does Current Technical Communication Curriculum Prepare Graduates for the Real Needs of the Job Market?” at the Association of Teachers of Technical Writing in Las Vegas. Ford’s accomplishment is especially notable, as her paper was in competition with those of leading scholars in the field, and the acceptance rate this year was below 30 percent.
• Sarah Puett and Anita Ford, graduate students in the technical communication option of the Master of Applied Arts in Written Communication, attended the Conference on College Composition and Communication, a conference where thousands of writing faculty meet to share research and teaching innovations. Both students participated in the women in technical communication luncheon, sponsored by ACM SIGDOC, a professional technical communication organization.

Excellence in our Programs
• The Organization of Student Social Workers held a public training, darkness to light. The training was done by the Northwest Missouri Children’s Advocacy Center Board
members. The Organization of Student Social Workers also assisted with Boy Scout Merit Badge Day.

- Missouri Western hosted the Mid-America Regional Science and Engineering Fair. Where 37 local high school students presented their research. Elsa Kunz and Cindy Jiang of Central High School were chosen as the grand award winners and will compete at the International Science and Engineering Fair.