Faculty Achievements 2011-2012

Appointments

Nancy Ditmer will begin a two year term as president of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) on July 1, 2012. NAfME, one of the largest arts education organizations in the world, has a membership of 130,000 and a mission to support all aspects of music education.

Brenda Meese was appointed to chair the national NCAA DIII National Field Hockey Committee for the next two academic years [2012-2014].

Matthew Mariola has been nominated to serve on the application review panel for the USDA's Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative, a $19 million grant program that offers awards of up to $2 million for research and extension projects involving organic farming.

Awards

Paul Edmiston received a 2011 Popular Mechanics Breakthrough Award to Innovators for his development of Osorb, a nano-engineered glass that removes oil and other organic contaminants from water.

Amyaz Moledina was a finalist in the 3-E Innovative Entrepreneurship Education Competition, sponsored by George Washington University's Center for Entrepreneurial Excellence (CFEE). The competition was held at the USASBE Conference.

John Rudisill was named the winner of the 2012 Lenssen Prize for his article, “The Transition from Studying Philosophy to Doing Philosophy,” Teaching Philosophy 34:3. This prize is awarded by the American Association of Philosophy Professors for the best research article regarding teaching and learning in philosophy published in 2010 or 2011.

Elizabeth Schiltz was named the Purna, Rao, Raju Chair of East-West Philosophy.

John Siewart named Senior Fellow / Terra Foundation Fellow in American Art at the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, for 2012-2013.

Shelley Judge and Claudia Thompson were named GLCA Teagle Pedagogy Fellows.

James Levin received the Bergman Award of the Cleveland Arts Prize.
Books

Joan Friedman
"Guidance, Not Governance:” Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof and the Reform Responsa. Hebrew

John Gabriele


Nancy Grace

Boubacar N’Diaye
Co-editor of *Security Sector Governance in Francophone West Africa: Realities and Opportunities.* 2011.

John Neuhoff

Terry Prendergast
*Railing, Reviling, and Invective in English Literary Culture, 1588-1617: The Anti-Poetics of Theater and Print* was recently accepted for publication by Ashgate press.

Garrett Thomson


Craig Wilse
Exhibitions

Marina Mangubi
2nd Penang International Print Exhibition, Penang State Art Museum and School of the Arts, Universiti Sains, Malaysia. *Catalogue.* Work included in the permanent collection of Universiti Sains School of the Arts.

Bridget Milligan
Solo Exhibition: *Fireside Tales* at Workspace Gallery in Lincoln, NE, July-September 2011

Group exhibitions:
*7th Photographic Image Biennial Exhibition* in Greenville, East Carolina University • Wellington B. Gray Gallery, NC: February 2011 • $1000 Juror Award: Keith Carter
*Deep Space:* Group Exhibition, Ohio Arts Council’s Riffe Gallery, Columbus, OH: July 2010


Grants

Heath Anderson received a grant from the National Science Foundation ($88,000) to fund mapping and excavation of an archaeological site in Central Mexico that will go forward this summer and yield important information on the rise of the Toltec state.


Paul Bonvallet received a grant ($65,000) from the American Chemical Society Petroleum Research Fund. The project is entitled “Exploring the Controllable Uptake and Release of Pyridinium Ions with a Photoactive Calixarene-Capped Azobenzene.”

Monica Florence received an exploratory research grant, the ACM/GLCA Newberry Library Short-Term Resident Grant in support of her project on immigration and ethnic stereotyping in ancient Roman poetry.

Julia Gustafson received a $750 NEH grant to bring a traveling exhibit called "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War" to Wooster in the fall of 2015. This exhibit was developed by the National Constitution Center, Philadelphia and the American Library Association Public Programs Office. [http://www.al.org/lincolnconstitution](http://www.al.org/lincolnconstitution).
Matthew Krain received an International Studies Association Catalytic Workshop grant ($4,984.00) to fund a one-day pre-conference workshop, *Think Globally, Teach Locally? Active Teaching and Learning in Cross-National Perspective* on March 31, 2012. Matt is the Principal Investigator; Co-Investigators are Kent J. Kille & Jeffrey S. Lantis. This workshop will bring together teacher-scholars from around the world to begin a series of cross-national comparative studies of whether and how national and cultural context affect the use and utility of active teaching and learning approaches in international studies classrooms.

Matt Mariola received a grant ($896,000) from the USDA as a co-PI along with an OARDC researcher. The grant is entitled "A whole farm approach to incorporating pasture raised organic poultry and a novel cereal grain (Naked Oats) into a multi-year organic rotation." Matt will be incorporating the research into several classroom activities -- the "curricular integration" portion of the grant. The total amount of the grant was $896,000.

Meagen Pollock received a three-year collaborative grant from the National Science Foundation ($126,000) to fund projects at Wooster and Dickinson College to study the products of subglacial eruptions in Iceland and British Columbia. The project includes an international team of researchers working with students from both colleges.

Terry Prendergast received a New Directions grant to collect stories and trace the travels of four women traveling together in Europe in 1949 (my Cuban mother and grandmother, and American friend of theirs and an Iraqi friend), along with stories of a French woman they met there and a German woman. Terry has met and collected stories from the Iraqi friend, as well as the French and German friends.

Melissa Schultz, Mark Snider, and Stephanie Strand received a grant from the Research Corporation Foundation ($100,000) to identify PPCP degrading microbes and enzymes that could ultimately be used to augment wastewater treatment thereby decreasing PPCP contamination within the environment.

Mark Wilson received a 2012-2013 grant (with Bill Ausich of Ohio State University as the PI) from the National Geographic Society for field work in the Silurian of the eastern Baltics.

**Performances**

Jeff Lindberg conducted the Chicago Jazz Orchestra for the dinner/dance following The Kennedy Center Honors award ceremony, December 4, 2011 (23rd straight appearance at the annual event).
Publications

Kabria Baumgartner


Angela Bos


Denise Bostdorff


Daniel Bourne


Mark Christel


Sibrina Collins

Carolyn Durham


Dean Fraga

Jonathan Bragg¹, Andrei Rajkovic², Chance Anderson¹, Rachael Curtis¹, Jason Van Houten², Brittany Begres², Colin Naples², Mark Snider¹, Dean Fraga², and Mitchell Singer.¹ Identification and characterization of a putative arginine kinase homolog from *Myxococcus xanthus* required for fruiting body formation and cell differentiation. *Journal of Bacteriology.* (with 4 students)

Joan Furey


John Gabriele


“(Re)presenting the Unrepresentable: Staging the Holocaust in Juan Mayorga’s Himmelweg (Camino del cielo)” Letras Peninsulares 22.2 (2010): 37-50.


Amber Garcia


David Gedalacia

Thirteen entries in the forthcoming *Encyclopedia of Chinese History* (Routledge) were accepted in January. They are mostly biographies of notable thinkers, poets, patriots and reformers, with the exception of extended pieces on the An Lushan rebellion during the Tang dynasty (8th c. A.D.) and the Anti-Confucius Campaign in the early 1970s, which involved Madame Mao and the Gang of Four.
Mareike Herrmann

“Geisterlandschaften: The Memory of Heimat in Recent Berlin School Films”, in the edited volume 'Heimat at the Intersection of Space and Memory: Case Studies from Literature and Film. Ed. By Friederike Eigler and Jens Kugele. (De Gruyter publishers)

Brian Karazsia


Kent Kille


Shannon King


Jeff Lantis


Elys Kettling Law

Michele Leiby

Jeff Lindberg
Belwin Jazz, a division of Alfred Publishing, released:

"Pretty Little One" by Billy Strayhorn, transcribed by Jeff Lindberg (score and parts); cat. #36074
(Originally recorded in 1963 by: Stephane Grappelli and Ray Nance, violins; Svend Asmussen, viola; Russell Procope, alto saxophone; Paul Gonsalves, tenor saxophone; Buster Cooper, trombone; Billy Strayhorn, piano; Ernie Shepard, bass; and Sam Woodyard, drums.

Peer Gynt Suite (Mvts. 1-5) by Edvard Grieg and arranged by Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn, edited and transcribed by Jeff Lindberg (score and parts); cat. #36073
(Originally recorded by the Duke Ellington Orchestra (1960))

Sharon Lynn
Elderbrock, E.K., Kern, M.D., Lynn, S.E. Problems using ptilocronology to measure the growth and nutritional status of nestling bluebirds. In Press, The Condor. (Elderbrock was a Wooster student.)

Matt Mariola

Sarah Mirza

Mazen Naous
“Why ArabAmerican Fiction Matters in a Post-9/11 U.S.” Asian American Literary Review 2.1.5 (Fall 2011). (Solicited essay)

Boubacar N'Diaye
"Conflicts and Crises in West Africa: Internal and International Dimensions" in ECOWAS and the Dynamics of Conflict and Peace-Building.

John Neuhoff

Charles Peterson

Diana Bullen Presciutti
"Dead Infants, Cruel Mothers, and Heroic Popes: The Visual Rhetoric of Foundling Care at the Hospital of Santo Spirito, Rome", *Renaissance Quarterly*, Vol. 64, No. 3 (Fall 2011): 752-799 (image from article featured on journal cover)

Jeff Roche
"LBJ and the Conservative Movement” has appeared in the Blackwell-Wiley reference work on the life and presidency of Lyndon Johnson.

John Rudisill


Sarah Schmidtke

Melissa Schultz
Schultz, Melissa M., Bartell, Stephen E., Schoenfuss, Heiko L. Effects of triclosan and triclocarban, two ubiquitous environmental contaminants, on anatomy, physiology and behavior of the fathead minnow (Pimephales promelas). *Archives of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology*, 2012, In Press DOI: 10.1007/s00244-011-9748-x

Laura Sirot
Mark Snider


Jonathan Bragg1, Andrei Rajkovic2, Chance Anderson1, Rachael Curtis1, Jason Van Houten2, Brittany Begres2, Colin Naples2, Mark Snider1, Dean Fraga2, and Mitchell Singer. Identification and characterization of a putative arginine kinase homolog from *Myxococcus xanthus* required for fruiting body formation and cell differentiation. Journal of Bacteriology. (with 4 students)

Garrett Thomson


Diane Uber


Bas Van Doorn


Sofia Visa


James West

Mark Wilson


Leslie Wingard

“As Seen Through Stained Glass: Religion, Politics, and Aesthetics in Alice Walker’s *Meridian*” is forthcoming in *Religion and Literature*.


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