Profiles of Faculty Scholarship

HIGHLIGHTS OF RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY

September, 2014 – September, 2015
We are pleased to present the annual edition of this publication to honor the creative, community and scholarly work of Fitchburg State University faculty and librarians. This booklet offers an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the intellectual and creative achievements of our faculty and librarians. These activities both spring from and feed our central teaching mission. Reflected in these pages is the dedicated work of a community of scholars.
The global decline in frog species has been one of the most important conservation issues of the last 20 years, according to Professor Christopher Picone. The disturbing trend inspired a research project Picone undertook in his community of Ashburnham, where he has served on the town’s Conservation Commission for almost 10 years.

“One of the perennial issues we wrestle with is lake management,” he said, noting that most of the lakes in the town were created by dams. Petitioners come before the commission looking for approval to use herbicides to control nuisance weeds, and the products are supposed to be safe for frogs and other animals that dwell there. “How do we know this product is safe? Maybe there are negative impacts and we just haven’t measured them yet.”

Picone, trained as a plant ecologist, cast his research gaze wider for this multi-year project. Climbing nightly into his kayak, he monitored the breeding frog population on 12 lakes, five of which were treated with herbicides. “It was very relaxing,” he said, “except for my wife, who was home with two young children.”

The research found the aquatic herbicides were not having a significant deleterious effect on the frog populations (in contrast to agricultural herbicides, which are extremely harmful to frogs). “Now I can sleep better at night,” he said.

Picone’s research was published last year in the peer-reviewed regional journal Northeastern Naturalist, and he presented his findings at an invited seminar at the fall conference of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, along with poster presentations at the annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America and the Northeast Natural History Conference.

Community service is important to Picone, who serves on the Mount Watatic Management Committee and Ashburnham Rail Trail Committee and has led workshops on composting in Fitchburg and Leominster for the Growing Places Garden Project. “I really respect their work,” he said of Growing Places. “I like their approach, which is replicable and sustainable.”

Picone has also helped reach younger residents on issues related to conservation, working with teachers at McKay Arts Academy on a garden adjacent to the school.
Elisabet Takehana, Ph.D.
ENGLISH STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Elise Takehana found that cross-disciplinary collaboration opened up new worlds for research and scholarship in the past year, and even allowed her to feel more engaged in her adopted community.

One such collaboration involved Takehana working closely with students in her undergraduate experimental writing class on a project that looked at the possibilities surrounding the digital future of the novel as a form. “Novels have swallowed up all kinds of different forms,” she explained. “How much can you throw at the novel before it’s not a novel?”

This project resulted in the development, with her students, of a murder-mystery novel/game for online consumption. With her students, she presented the work at a conference of the American Literature Association’s 26th annual convention in Boston. The work was also the topic of a piece published in the journal Hybrid Pedagogy.

Beyond that project, Takehana was looking for an initiative that would involve digitizing artifacts, and a discussion with a colleague led to a major effort exploring the university’s Robert Cormier collection. The information—including manuscripts, notes and correspondence involving the celebrated author from Leominster—was a perfect fit.

“For a small campus we have a lot of interesting work and a lot of interesting collections,” Takehana said. Exploring Cormier’s legacy in the field of young adult literature was eye-opening, as was the author’s familiarity with controversy and censorship. Takehana, with former Fitchburg State faculty member Annamary Consalvo, assembled a multi-disciplinary panel talk held at the campus library last fall, where the topic of censorship was explored from historical and cultural perspectives, with invited experts from campus and beyond. The discussion, held during national Banned Books Week, was streamed online.

This year Takehana hopes to use the Cormier collection to explore issues of bullying and terrorism raised in the late author’s work.

Takehana’s collaborators included students and artists for another major project last year that saw public art installed on the front page of the Sentinel & Enterprise newspaper for a month. “The Alphabet” featured typographic contributions from international artists. Each letter of the alphabet dominated a day’s front page, complemented by historical anecdotes and literary asides penned by Takehana and others; the letter Q, for example, was accompanied by a Takehana piece entitled “Quality and Quantity” that looked at the region’s manufacturing history.

“Doing that research made me more aware of this space,” said the California native who has lived in North Central Massachusetts for four years. “Now I can say this is my home.”
Megan Krell, who joined the Fitchburg State faculty in 2011, has embraced mentorship from two angles. Krell teaches in the human services and graduate counseling programs and coordinates its internship program. With her own background in school counseling, Krell strives to embody best practices for her own students.

“Being a counselor educator is making sure I’m always modeling the skills we hope our students would have, like empathy, appropriate accessibility and caring,” said Krell, who cites her own practicum at the Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown with directing her career path. “I can honestly say I’m where I am today because of my human services practicum. I’m very excited for students when I know it can impact them in a similar way.”

Her recent outreach work among her peers is also having an impact. Through presentations at the New England Human Services Organization and the North Atlantic Region Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, she’s touted the benefits of evidenced-based teaching to her peers. She’s hopeful that her higher profile in those organizations will translate into better outcomes for those she teaches as well as improving her own practice. Krell serves as treasurer of the North Atlantic Region Association for Counselor Education and Supervision and was the 2015 conference publicity chair for the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision.

One notable recent collaboration was the article Krell co-authored for the journal Counselor Education and Supervision, entitled “Evidence-Based Teaching in Higher Education: Application to Counselor Education.” For that piece, Krell and her co-authors examined best practices in university-level teaching, as premised on the evidence-based teaching (EBT) literature found in other fields.

“In this article, we sought to synthesize the literature on best practices across three areas (i.e., creating effective learning environments, structuring intentional learning experiences, and assessing student learning) to identify teaching strategies from the higher education literature that could enhance counselor education practices,” the authors wrote. “We believe such practices are meaningful because they offer empirically supported guidelines for strategic intentionality in course design and teaching execution, something that has not existed in the counselor education literature. Understanding the why behind selected teaching environments, assignments, and assessments is an ethically advisable approach to teaching. Intentional teaching parallels best practices in counseling; that is, a counselor’s clinical behaviors should be supported with some line of intentionality, preferably derived from an advanced, cognitively complex thought process and premised on research and theory.”

Krell said her collaborative experiences are helping her own practice. “Through my professional organizations, I am connected with experts in the field who can offer guidance on how to improve my teaching, manage licensure requirements, and respond to program accreditation expectations,” she said. “Working with colleagues across the country helps me stay up-to-date with current issues in the field. I can then bring these issues into my own classes, providing students with the most current information and issues that will impact their work.”
A journey into her own family history inspired Teresa Thomas to tell a larger tale of the immigrant experience in her book *The Reluctant Migrants: Migration from the Italian Veneto to Central Massachusetts* (Teneo Pressi, New York, 2015). With support from the university’s Center for Italian Culture, Thomas spent her sabbatical exploring the Italian experience. “I flew into Milan, I saw all of Northern Italy and I enrolled in language school,” she recalled. The training included standard Italian as well as its assorted dialects.

When it was time to return home, she knew there was only one way to go. “I wanted to experience immigration, so I took a ship home,” she said, recalling turbulent seas. “You really learned what it was like to cross the Atlantic the hard way.” Thomas said her standard Italian sounded strange to her mother, who had grown up speaking a Venetian dialect.

Thomas grew up in Fitchburg, but all four of her grandparents were from Veneto. Their families had come to the area to help build the Wachusett dam in Clinton, later venturing north to work in the city’s rock quarries. “By that second wave of immigrants, that generation was starting businesses,” she said. That included the DiGeronimo brothers who started the Victory supermarket chain, and the founders of Montuori Oil. The stories are among those told in *The Reluctant Migrants*, which was also shared as part of a presentation last October at Kent Recital Hall and at the Fitchburg Historical Society last spring.

She also presented a paper last fall at the Italian American Studies Conference in Washington, D.C. entitled “Columbus Day 1938: Why Celebrate? Italian-Americans in Massachusetts and the Hurricane of ’38.” The storm killed hundreds of people along the east coast, including 99 in Massachusetts.

For her next book, Thomas will build on work begun during her dissertation at Clark University. *American Arabists in the Cold War Middle East: From Orientalism to Professionalism* will be published in 2016 by Anthem Press of London.
Jonathan Amakawa
COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA

Scholarship

PRESENTATIONS
• Presented the New Philadelphia AR Tour App at Museum’s and the Web Conference, Chicago, IL, 4/9/2015

PUBLICATIONS
• Published a short paper and presented at the 21st International Symposium on Electronic Arts, Vancouver, CA, 8/14-8/19/2015
• Historical Residue, an Augmented Reality App and the Exploration of the Lost Town of New Philadelphia, Illinois

Creative Activity
• Completed the New Philadelphia Augmented Reality Tour App for that site’s National Historic Landmark in Pike County, Illinois. The App has been published and is available to visitors for Android and iOS devices. The App appeared in a news article and radio feature in Farm Week Now (broadcasted on 53 radio stations throughout Illinois), an article in the Quincy Herald-Whig and was featured on the National Park Service homepage news section.
• Began work on the Jenkins House App Tour for the Lincoln Home National Historic Site for the US National Park Service in Springfield, Illinois. The project involves creating an augmented reality-based mobile app for Android and iOS devices that will interpret the Jameson Jenkins lot. The lot is located within the historical landmark and was the location of the house of Jameson Jenkins, an African American neighbor of Abraham Lincoln.

Patricia Arend
BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Scholarship

• Received a Special Projects Grant, Faculty Scholarship, Fitchburg State University, MA, 2014-2015, for ongoing research.

PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS
• Presented “Reproducing the Traditional Marriage Proposal: The Role of Women’s Social Groups,” FSU Speakers Series, October 21, 2014.

Community Service
• Led discussion of the film Far From Heaven, sponsored by Adult Learning in the Fitchburg Area (ALFA), Fitchburg Public Library, March 19, 2015.
• Chair, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Section on Consumers and Consumption, American Sociological Association

Laura Baker
ECONOMICS, HISTORY & POLITICAL SCIENCE

Scholarship

PRESENTATIONS
Soumitra Basu
INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

Scholarship
PRESENTATIONS
• Research conference at Fitchburg State University and Statewide honors conference at the Fitchburg Sixth Annual Undergraduate Conference, April 23, 2015. Project title: “Automated mobile platform for material handling tasks” Students: Kyle Moore and Emily Pommer.

DeMisty Bellinger-Delfeld
ENGLISH STUDIES

Scholarship
PUBLICATIONS
• Blurb for The Hunger of the Cheeky Sisters: Ten Tales by Laura Madeline Wiseman, November 2014.

PRESENTATIONS
• “Publishing Work: Marketing, Reading, and Editing.” Guest speaker in Dr. Steven Edwards’ Editing and Publishing class at Fitchburg State University, 05 May 2015.

Creative Activity
• “Women Writing Scandal,” AWP (Association of Writers and Writing Programs’ annual conference) Off-site Reading, Nomad Pub (Minneapolis, Minnesota), April 10, 2015: “Acquiring Joshua” and “The Negotiating of Space.”
• Vermont Studio Center, June 7-July 3, 2015. Wrote at a writers and artists’ retreat on full fellowship, as a Vermont Studio Center fellow.

Community Service
• Literary Submission Manager for Kalyani Magazine.
• Alumni Reader for the Prairie Schooner literary journal.

Eric Boehme
ECONOMICS, HISTORY & POLITICAL SCIENCE

Scholarship
PRESENTATIONS
• Panel Discussant, Race and the Criminal Justice System, with Worcester County District Attorney, Worcester County Public Defender, and Director of the Prisons, for Constitution Day Symposium, Fitchburg State University, September 17, 2014

Eric Budd
ECONOMICS, HISTORY & POLITICAL SCIENCE

Scholarship
PUBLICATIONS
• Bloomsbury re-released book Conflicted are the Peace-Makers: Israeli and Palestinian Moderates and the Death of Oslo.

PRESENTATIONS

Community Service

Catherine Buell
MATHEMATICS

Scholarship
PUBLICATIONS
Keith Chenot
INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

Community Service
- Fitchburg Historical Commission:
  - Led the creation of the Fitchburg Historic Marker program to provide opportunities to show pride in ownership and help our community appreciate a building’s special architectural heritage.
  - Helped provide media information for markers placed on historic city-owned building
- Central Massachusetts Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIACM):
  - Served on the Board of Directors
  - Coordinated the jury process and presentation for the AIACM 2015 Annual Awards program including press releases to local media
  - Organized Fitchburg State joint meeting of the AIACM with ITEC AIAS (student chapter) to review student projects and participate in National Grid’s presentation of Whole Building Approach to Non-residential New Construction Featuring Building Owner and Design Team Incentives

Robin Dinda
HUMANITIES

Creative Activity
- Improvised an organ accompaniment to the 1925 classic film The Phantom of the Opera at a public screening at First Parish, Fitchburg, October 24, 2014.
- Composed The Harmonious Blacksmith (Variations on a Theme by Handel) for two organists at one organ for the 150th anniversary celebrations of the 1864 E. and G.G. Hook organ in Mechanics Hall, Worcester. Performed it there with Renea Waligora on October 26, 2014.
- Composed Two Moods for trumpet and piano, commissioned by the Rivers School in Weston, MA, for their 37th Annual Seminar in Contemporary Music for the Young. The piece was performed on April 11, 2015.

Nancy Duphily
NURSING

Community Service
- Faculty Board Representative Member Sigma Theta Tau (STT): September 2014 – present
- Appointed April 2015 to McKay Arts Academy Governing Board/Subcommittee on Family and Community Engagement.
- Recertifications in IBCLC; Childbirth Education; Pediatric CNS, October 2014
- FSU Undergraduate Research Day Faculty Advisor, Student Presentations Clinical Practice Guidelines UMMMC/FSU Collaborative Project, April 23, 2015.
- Shared Leadership Day University of Massachusetts Memorial Medical Center; Clinical Practice Guidelines Poster Presentations; UMMMC/FSU Collaborative Project, April 9, 2015.

James Colbert
HUMANITIES (PROFESSOR EMERITUS)

Scholarship

Presentations
- Talk at Boston College April 22, 2015, “Philo’s Logos: He, She, or It?”

Publications

Adem Elveren
ECONOMICS, HISTORY & POLITICAL SCIENCE

Scholarship

Publications
- Scholarship for the research on “Brain Drain in Turkey” by Prime Ministry of Turkey Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities, May 2015–May 2016
- “Military Expenditures and Profit Rate: Evidence from OECD Countries” (with S. Hsu), Metroeconomica, 2015.
Community Service
- Member of the Editorial Board of The Centre for Policy and Research on Turkey, a London based think tank.

**Stephen Goldstein**

**COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA**

Scholarship

**PUBLICATIONS**

Creative Activity
- Received Ruth Butler Achievement Grant, Fitchburg State University, in support of the Communications Media Lecture Series spring, 2015: Curated 2014-2015 Ruth Butler Communications Media Lecture Series and art directed promotional poster design by former Fitchburg State student, Erik Weikert. Guest lecturers included photographer Bruce Myren, documentary filmmaker Jeff Silva, and photographer/designer Thomas Wedell, of Skolos Wedell graphic design firm partnership and senior critic at Rhode Island School of Design.
- “The Alphabet Project,” a collaborative alphabet, created and produced by artist Anna Schulit Haber, supported by grant from Fitchburg Art Museum and the NEA: Graphic designer of letter ‘V’, a unique typographic design, and front page design of the *Sentinel & Enterprise* newspaper, August 6, 2015.
- Graphic design consultant to the project. “The Alphabet Project,” was a public art project of original typographic designs of each letter of the alphabet published as the main illustration on consecutive front pages of the daily *Sentinel & Enterprise* newspaper July 13 – August 11, 2015.

Community Service
- Member, Whittier Programs Advisory Board for Graphic Design and related vocational educational programs, Whittier Vocational High School, Haverhill, MA.

**Meledath Govindan**

**BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY**

Scholarship
- Chair of the Central Massachusetts section of the American Chemical Society. Helped organize local section meetings and a Research Poster Competition in April 2015. Will host a section meeting at Fitchburg State in March 2016. Elected for a 3-year term as the American Chemical Society Councilor from Central MA section. The Council is the governing body of the Society, organization of professional chemists with a worldwide membership of 158,000.
- July 2015, President of New England Association of Chemistry Teachers (NEACT). Served as the President-elect from 2013-15 and led the organizing team for the annual summer conference in 2014, hosted by Fitchburg State University and the 2015 summer conference held at Clark University, Worcester. Primary organizer for the 2016 summer conference to be held at Mass College of Liberal Arts in North Adams.

Community Service
- Lead Contest Coordinator for the Worcester and Cambridge chapters of the North South Foundation. The Worcester chapter contests were held April 11-12, 2015 at Fitchburg State University and the Cambridge chapter contest were on April 26 at Tufts University. Over 500 school children from MA, NH and RI participated in the seven contests in 2015. *(North South Foundation is an all-volunteer non-profit organization based in Chicago that holds these contests at over 80 sites throughout the U.S. and Canada. Its goals are to provide educational opportunities for children here and back in India. The monies raised in the form of registration fee are used to provide college scholarships for economically disadvantaged but meritorious children in India. This past year we supported the college education of 2400 students, who may not have been able to attend college without this scholarship.)*

**Randall Grometstein**

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**

Scholarship
- Chaired meeting of Law and Public Policy section at annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, March 2015.

Presentations
- Presented paper co-authored with Jen Balboni, Curry College, entitled “Prosecutorial Misconduct in Cases of Exoneration” at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2014.

Community Service
- Chaired subcommittee on academic planning as part of FSU Strategic Planning Committee.
Robert Harris
COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA

Creative Activity
- Video Editing and exhibition design work with artist, filmmaker and video pioneer Aldo Tambellini: *NoName Movie*, video editor, premiered at Nighthawk Cinema, Brooklyn, NY 2014
- LumaGram Animation for Black Balloons, video editor cinematography for premier exhibit event 2014
- Served as Artistic Director, for the 24th year, of the New York State Summer School of the Arts: Media Arts program, SUNY Oswego, NY 2015

Chaitanya Hiremath
EARTH AND GEOGRAPHIC SCIENCES

Scholarship
PUBLICATION

Community Service
- Served as the Founding President of SEALOEarth, a non-profit organization with a mission to heighten awareness of the responsibility of all people to manage global resources in a sustainable way, regardless of an individual’s country of origin, cultural background, spoken language, or religion.

Michael Hoberman
ENGLISH STUDIES

Scholarship
PUBLICATIONS
- “‘God Loves the Hebrews’": Exodus typologies, Jewish slaveholding, and black peoplehood in antebellum America.” *American Jewish Archives Journal* (Fall 2015)
- “How it Will End, the Blessed God Knows": A reading of Jewish correspondence during the Revolutionary War era.” *American Jewish History* 99.4 (Fall 2015)
- Completed a book proposal and received an offer for an advance contract for this book from the University of Massachusetts Press (the book is also under serious consideration by Rutgers University Press): *A Hundred Acres of America: The Geography of Jewish American Literary History*

Beverley Hollingsworth
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Scholarship
PUBLICATION
- Coauthored Paper: “A Profile of the Foreign Born Population in the Greater Fitchburg Area,” with Luis Rosero, PhD, Assistant Professor of Economics Fitchburg State University Spring 2015.

Jane Huang
EARTH AND GEOGRAPHIC SCIENCES

Service Learning Projects
- During the AY 2014-15, led two service learning projects which involved over a dozen students.
  - Project I: GPS Survey of Healthy-Heart Trails. Led the class of Geog2400: Computer Application in Geosciences in a GPS (Global Positioning System) survey project which assisted MRPC (Montachusett Regional Planning Commission) by evaluating potential healthy-heart hiking trails in the Montachusett region. The students surveyed and evaluated the potential hiking trails, logged waypoints using GPS, and submitted reports and Google Earth files. MRPC was able to use these data and results to identify the Healthy Heart Trails in the Montachusett region and to eventually provide recommendations to health care providers an exercise option for their patients.
  - Project II: GIS Inventory of Farmland in North Central Mass. The project was aimed at helping the North County Land Trust with their North Central Massachusetts Farmland Inventory Project. Students from an upper-level GIS (Geographic Information System) class were engaged in creating a GIS inventory of local farmland. They used GIS to digitize agricultural fields from aerial photos and maps and performed spatial analysis using data from MassGIS. The project provided critical assistance to the “buy local” initiative, which seeks to connect local farmers and producers with consumers, stores, and restaurants.

Maria Mercedes Jaramillo
HUMANITIES

Scholarship
PUBLICATIONS


**PRESENTATIONS**
- Presented a paper at the XIX Congress of the Association of Colombianists in Medellín, Colombia on July 4, 2015. Paper analyzed the poetry of three Afro-Colombian women poets.

**Walter Jeffko**

**HUMANITIES**

**Scholarship**

**PUBLICATIONS**

**PRESENTATIONS**
- Tenth Harrod Lecture, “Economic Inequality, Distributive Justice, and Democracy,” fall of 2015.

**Lynne Kellner**

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**

**Scholarship**

**PUBLICATIONS**

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Community Service**
- Council for Standards in Human Services Education New England Regional Director: Served as outside reviewer for Human Services Programs seeking (re) accreditation through the Council and provided consultation on current standards to area programs

**Kay Kim**

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Scholarship**

- Editorial Board Member of the Information Security and Computer Fraud, Science and Education Publishing, January 1, 2014- Present
- Editor In Chief of the Trends Journal of Sciences Research (TJSR), 2015

**PUBLICATION**

**Megan Krell**

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**

**Scholarship**

**PUBLICATIONS**

**PRESENTATIONS**
- Donohue, M., Krell, M., & Parzych, J. (2014, September). Using supervision mapping to enrich pre-service school counseling supervision. Presented at the biennial conference of the North Atlantic Region Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, Providence, RI.

Community Service
- North Atlantic Region Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, Treasurer
- Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, 2015 Conference Publicity Chair
- United Way of North Central Massachusetts, Community Investment Site Visit Team Member
- Massachusetts School Counselors Association, Counselor Educator Co-Vice President
- New England Organization for Human Services, Member-at-large

Kathleen Lambe
EDUCATION

Scholarship

PRESENTATIONS
- Science Teachers of New York State Conference, Rochester, NY (November 2015) – “The Soul of Science: Teaching the Nature of Science in Elementary and Middle School”
- Ireland International Conference on Education, Dublin, Ireland (April 2015) – “A University Effort to Transform Teacher Education in an Era of Accountability”
- Bridgewater State University Center for the Advancement of STEM Education (February 2015) “Inspired by Nature: Connecting Engineering with Biomimicry”

Peter Laytin
COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA

Creative Activity
- Invited to the Museum of Photographic Arts in San Diego in early 2015 to be videotaped and recorded for addition to their photo history archives. Recorded thoughts about, friendship with, and experiences surrounding the American photographer, Minor White for use in the book and exhibition The Time Between: The Sequences of Minor White. At the end of 2015, these video clips were consequently used on a monitor display in the gallery during the three-month long MoPA exhibition.

Community Service
- December 2015, granted a three-year extension as a trustee of the Fitchburg Art Museum.

Benjamin Lieberman
ECONOMICS, HISTORY & POLITICAL SCIENCE

Scholarship
- Engaged in research on popular participation in the expulsion of ethnic Germans in 1945-1946.
- Worked with Elizabeth Gordon of Earth and Geographic Sciences on a text on climate change and human history.

Robert Logan
EXERCISE AND SPORTS SCIENCE

Scholarship

PUBLICATIONS

Tara Mariolis
NURSING

Scholarship

PRESENTATIONS

Community Service

AWARDS
- Recipient, American Psychiatric Nurses Association, National Board of Directors Graduate Student Scholar Award, 2015. (Ten awarded nationally on annual basis)
Kevin McCarthy
COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA

Scholarship
- 2015 University Film and Video Association (UFVA) Conference, American University, Washington, D.C.
  - Panel Presenter: “It’s Still Worth It: Teaching Film at Film School”
  - New Media Exhibit Presentation on my work, Spin Cycle

Creative Activity
- Spin Cycle – Video Installation (single channel, 55 min, 2015)
- Ruth Butler Grant Award (May 2015): For documentary film, Market Basket (working title), for 2016 Fiscal Year.

EXHIBITIONS
- CenterStage Media Wall, Fitchburg State University, January-February 2015
- Free State Festival, Lawrence, Kansas, June 22-28, 2015
- New Media Exhibit, University Film & Video Association Conference, American University, Washington, D.C., August 4-8, 2015
- Faculty Show, Hammond Art Gallery, November-December 2015

Phillip McCormack
BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Scholarship
- Manuscript reviewer for Crime & Delinquency.

PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS
- Presented “The Effects of Political Representation in Environmental Justice for Latinos” at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL, March 2015.
- Presented “An Updated Ranking of the Most Punitive States” at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL, March 2015.

Community Service
- NEACJS Undergraduate Student Scholarship Committee
- NEACJS Graduate Student Scholarship Committee
- Fisher College Criminal Justice Program Advisory Board
- Criminal Justice Alumni Board

Kelly Morgan
COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA

Scholarship
- Recipient of the American Theater in Higher Education “Innovative Teaching” Award for 2015
- Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival, Region 1 Irene Ryan Adjudicator for 15 New England university productions
- Counselor for the Cross-Sector Partnership Teaching at Teaching Intensive Institutions, Amherst, MA

Creative Activity
- Directed The Importance of Being Earnest
- Directed Fat Pig as part of the Labute Trilogy in association with FAVE and FSU Sororities
- Pre-Production for the Off-Broadway production of Flight Delay by Peter Anderegg
- New Hampshire Community Theater Festival Adjudicator
- New England Community Theater Festival Adjudicator
- American Legion Voice of Democracy Speech Adjudicator

Joann Nichols
EDUCATION

Scholarship
- Published article: “Promise of Place” in International Journal of Pedagogy and Curriculum Science

PUBLICATIONS
- Ambassador for the Museum of Science Boston, January 2015

PRESENTATIONS
- June, 2015 presented workshops for teachers in Antigua, West Indies

Creative Activity
- Brings a therapy dog/reading partner animal to McKay Arts Academy once each week as reading enhancement for 3rd grade classroom children.

Alan Pearlmutter
HUMANITIES

Community Service
- Music Director of Kammerwerke, a professional double wind quintet from Bedford, MA. Concert programs in 2014-2015 were titled French Frolic, British Bounty, and Discover America.
Audrey Pereira  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Scholarship
- Earned Ph.D. in Management with specialization in Information Systems Management from Walden University, 2015.

PUBLICATIONS
- Faculty willingness to complete information technology training on course management systems (Order No. 3700900). Retrieved from Dissertations & Theses @ Walden University. (1680833759). 2015

PRESENTATIONS

Christopher Picone  
BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY

Scholarship

PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS
- “Challenges in managing nuisance aquatic plants in lakes and ponds.” Presented at the Fall Conference of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions, Framingham State University.
- Moderator for a panel of soil experts the annual Food Gardeners’ Gathering for Growing Places Garden Project, a Leominster non-profit that builds community gardens in low-income neighborhoods.

Community Service
- Member of two municipal commissions: the Ashburnham Conservation Commission and the Mount Watatic Management Committee.
- Ashburnham Rail Trail committee. In August we organized workdays to open up new sections of the trail for the first time.
- “Let’s Rot and Roll!” Workshops on composting offered for Growing Places Garden Project (Leominster and Fitchburg)
- Ashburnham Conservation Trust: monitoring reports for two Conservation Restriction properties

Benjamin Railton  
ENGLISH STUDIES

Scholarship
- Invited Social Media Fellow for the De Lange Conference IX: Teaching in the University of Tomorrow. Rice University, October 2014.

PUBLICATIONS

Online pieces published on multiple sites, including more than 25 pieces at Talking Points Memo, more than 10 at We’re History, and at least 5 each at The Conversation and the Ethos Review.

PRESENTATIONS
- “Doing More with Less: The Promise and Pitfalls of Short-Form Scholarship in the Digital History Age.” Invited panel presentation at the American Historical
David Rice
EXERCISE AND SPORTS SCIENCE

Scholarship

PUBLICATIONS
- Garcia JM, Cox DJ, Rice DJ. “Associations of Physiological and Psychological Health Outcomes with Physical Activity and Sedentary Behavior in Adults with Type 2 Diabetes.” Submitted. Preventing Chronic Disease.

PRESENTATIONS

GRANTS
- Received a Fitchburg State University Special Projects Grant to fund a student research project examining the effects of a popular energy drink on mood and aerobic capacity, Fitchburg State University, MA, May, 2015.

Community Service
- Arranged for and supervised a blood pressure screening clinic conducted by Exercise and Sports Science students at the Fitchburg High School Health Fair, October, 2015.

Renee Scapparone
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Scholarship

PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS
- Presented Civic Engagement and Problem Solving in Business and Technology as a Curriculum Scholar (AY2014/2015) for the Quality Collaborative Dyad with FSU and Mount Wachusett Community College in an effort to develop and refine civic and service learning experiences for students. Presented as part of the FSU Professional Development Day (May 2015)

Creative Activity
- November 2014, coached two students in for the Northeast Intercollegiate Sales Competition hosted by Bryant University, both made the quarter finals and one advanced to the semi-finals round.

Sarefield, Daniel
ECONOMICS, HISTORY & POLITICAL SCIENCE

Scholarship

PRESENTATIONS
- Presented a scholarly paper, “Book Burning after Augustus,” at the Symposium on the Age of Augustus, sponsored by the University of Verona, held at Gazzo Veronese, Italy in June 2014, and at the international conference Commemorating Augustus: A Bi-millennial Re-evaluation, held at the University of Leeds in England in August 2014. Currently revising this work for publication.
- Served as a panelist for “Robert Cormier: Censorship and Intolerance.” A Symposium, held at Fitchburg State University in October 2015.

Creative Activity
- Studied the ukulele in the Fitchburg State University Foundation Music Program and performed the songs “Aba Daba Honeymoon” (Arthur Fields and Joseph Donovan, 1914) and “Ukulele Lady” (Gus Kahn and Richard A. Whiting, 1925) in the student recital held on April 26, 2015.

Community Service
- Serves as a member of the Fitchburg Board of License Commissioners. Chairman of the Board, January 2016.
Service Learning Projects
- Fall 2014 semester, implemented student engagement work through Working Cities Grant; BSAD 3200 Principle of Management students conducted project management along with Fitchburg City Councilors to develop walkability paths in all six (6) city wards.

Community Service
- Served as a committee member for the annual Scapparone/Ficarra Memorial Golf Open benefiting the Arc of Opportunity’s recreational program.
- Active in the coordination of the annual Westminster Town Benefit Day fundraising event that helps Westminster residents in need.
- Served on the Board of Directors for Our Father’s House, a local non-profit that provides shelter and meals for the homeless.
- Presented at Leominster High School Career Day.

Ricky Sethi
COMPUTER SCIENCE

Scholarship
PUBLICATIONS
- Balaji Polepalli Ramesh, Ricky J. Sethi, and Hong Yu, *Figure-Associated Text Summarization and Evaluation*, PLOS ONE, 2014.

PRESENTATIONS

Charles Sides
COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA

Scholarship
- 2014 Council for Programs in Technical and Scientific Communication (CPTSC) Award for Excellence in Program Assessment (first time an individual was selected for this honor)
- 2015 Council for Programs in Technical and Scientific Communication (CPTSC) Award for Excellence in Program Assessment Committee (committee member)
- Executive Editor, *Journal of Technical Writing and Communication* (JTWC)
- Editor, Baywood’s Technical Communication Series
- Books edited as Series Editor, Baywood’s Technical Communication Series (all peer reviewed)
  - Exploding Technical Communication: Workplace Literacy Hierarchies and Their Implications for Literacy Sponsorship. Dirk Remley, Kent State University, 2014
  - The Flowering of a Tradition. Elizabeth Tebeaux, Texas A&M University, 2014
  - The Other Kind of Funnies: Comics in Technical Communication. Han Yu, Kansas State University, 2015
- Issues edited as Executive Editor, *Journal of Technical Writing and Communication* (JTWC) (peer reviewed, with exception of editorials)
  - 4 issues edited (2015 editorial year) as Executive Editor
  - 4 editorials written and published (2015 editorial year).

Joshua Spero
ECONOMICS, HISTORY & POLITICAL SCIENCE

Scholarship
PRESENTATIONS
- Presented at the Fitchburg State University, Leadership & Development Series: “Simulating Crisis Management Decision-making” (March 2015)
- Presented to Montachusett Regional Planning Commission: “Partnership & Cost of Living Data Analysis Across Fitchburg-Leominster, MA” (February 2015)
- Discussant: Fitchburg State Center for Teaching and Learning, “Strategies to Minimize Unconstructive Student Behavior in Classes” (October 2014)

Service Learning Projects
- Participated at ceremony as part of Fitchburg State University’s “29 Who Shine” – Chosen as Faculty member/mentor to accompany student honoree, Ms. Alexandra Valdez, to receive recognition by the Department of Higher Education at the Massachusetts Statehouse (May 2015)

Community Service
- Organized and hosted Brigadier-General Peter Zwack, US Army (Retired), Russia-Eurasia Geopolitical Expert & Consultant – “Russia Since the Reset: Challenges and Opportunities,” as part of the Fitchburg State International Studies (IS) Minor Coordinator for the
David Svolba
HUMANITIES

Scholarship

PUBLICATIONS
• “Is There a Rawlsian Argument for Animal Rights?” Accepted / Forthcoming in Ethical Theory and Moral Practice.

PRESENTATIONS
• “Frankfurt on Moral Responsibility”, Rowan University (Glassboro, NJ).

Elisabet Takehana
ENGLISH STUDIES

Scholarship

Robert Cormier Symposium
— Published a digital exhibit on censorship and writerly process from the Robert E. Cormier archive
— Hosted a symposium with a reading, keynote speaker, and two panels all streamed via Zoom!

PUBLICATIONS
• “The Shape of Thought: Humanity in Digital, Literary Texts” forthcoming in Comunicazioni sociali
• “Can You Murder a Novel?” Hybrid Pedagogy (Summer 2015). Web.

PRESENTATIONS
• “The Shape of Thought: Humanity in Digital, Literary Texts.” SWPACA (Southwest Popular/American Culture Association) 37th Annual Convention, Albuquerque, February 2015.
• “Print to Digital Novel: Is It Still a Novel?” ALA (American Literature Association) 26th Annual Convention, Boston, May 2015 (co-presented with Jonathan Jena, Matthew Ramsden, and Natasha Rocci)

Creative Activity
• The Alphabet Project – Contributing Writer and Guest Editor

Donald Tarallo
COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA

Creative Activity
• Street Modulations; Solo exhibition and public lecture on Italian-inspired typeface design at the Gene J. DeFeudis Italian-American Cultural Center in Worcester, MA.
• Street Modulations; Solo exhibition on Italian-inspired typeface design at Bridgewater State University, MA
• Faculty Exhibition; group exhibition Fitchburg State University, MA

Community Service
• “Ideas that Matter” grant and “People’s Voice” award given by SAPPI papers in support of graphic design work done for the Worcester Regional Environmental Council’s food justice programs.
• Graphic design for Community MusicWorks in Providence.
• Graphic design for ARTES (Art as a Vehicle for Education and Social Inclusion) and the National Carlo Collodi foundation, Italy

Stephen Taylor
COMPUTER SCIENCE

Scholarship

PRESENTATIONS
• “Palestinian Arabic Regional Accent Recognition “ with Abualsoud Hanani, Hanna Basha, Yasmeen Sharaf, The 8th International Conference on Speech Technology and Human-Computer Dialogue, Bucharest, Romania, October 2015
Teresa Fava Thomas  
ECONOMICS, HISTORY & POLITICAL SCIENCE

Scholarship

PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS

• “The Reluctant Migrants – Italians in America: Migration from northern Italy and the experiences of Italians in Massachusetts before the First World War and their wartime experiences.” Part of the Center for Italian Culture at Fitchburg State University’s “A Hundred Years of Italian Music and Culture” celebration, Kent Recital Hall, October, 2015.

Samuel Tobin  
COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA

Scholarship

• Interview and feature for OMM.tv Sendung 7 - January 2015

PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS

• “Back to the Bar: The Return and/or Persistence of Bar Based Video Game Play” Extending Play 2, Rutgers University, New Brunswick NJ, April 2015
• Guest Speaker at MIT Game Lab’s Game Studies Lunch/Education Arcade Series. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, March 2015
• “Beyond the SIR-II: The Pedagogic Power of Student Evaluations” Center for Teaching and Learning, Fitchburg State University, March 2015
• “GamerGate Today” Panel discussion. Fitchburg State University, February 2015
• “Games as a Vocation - the Relation between Game Design and Game Studies” International Week, Hochschule der Medien, Stuttgart Germany, November 2014
• “Homemade Titans and Chinese Space Marines” Fitchburg State University Speakers Series. November 2014

Kisha Tracy  
ENGLISH STUDIES

Scholarship

PUBLICATIONS


CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

• “Mental Disabilities and the Saint”; Session: “Disability and Saints’ Lives,” Society for the Study of Disability in the Middle Ages; 50th International Congress on Medieval Studies; Kalamazoo, MI; May 2015
• Panelist, Roundtable; “Students, Period”; Session: “Unsettled Marks: To #,@(?!” —*!... and Beyond!,” Grammar Rabble; 50th International Congress on Medieval Studies; Kalamazoo, MI; May 2015
• “Redesigning Course Learning Outcomes to Improve Teaching and Learning”; College Reading and Learning Association Northeast Chapter 2015 Annual Spring Conference; Fitchburg State University; March 2015
• “Information Literacy from Rubric to Assignment Design”; AAC&U General Education 2015 Conference; Kansas City, MO; February 2015
• “Leveraging ‘Quick’ Technologies to Enliven the Page”; 2014 New England Association of Teachers of English; Mansfield, MA; October 2014 (Co-presentation with two students)
• “Rethinking Information Literacy from the Student Perspective”; 44th Annual Conference of the International Society for Exploring Teaching and Learning; Denver, CO; October 2014
• “A College Guide to Wikis”; The Teaching Professor Technology Conference; Denver, CO; October 2014
COLOQUIA
• Invited Lecturer, 16th Annual Medieval Studies Secondary Schools Outreach; “Reducere ad Memoriam: Confession, Memory, and the Roles of Confessor”; University of Connecticut; April 10, 2015
• Guest Speaker, Fitchburg State University Speakers Series; “Maternal Lament and Misremembering”; February 23, 2015

AWARDS
• Awardee, New England Association of Teachers of English Mini-Grant, “Chaucer Pilgrimage Site”; Spring 2015

Heather Urbanski
ENGLISH STUDIES

Scholarship

PRESENTATIONS
• Presented (Popular Culture/American Culture Association, April 2015; paper title: “A Narrative Case for Marvel Cinematic Universe & other Genre Franchises”). Won the award for Best Faculty/Independent Scholar Paper from the Science Fiction and Fantasy Area.

Creative Activity
• February 2015, organized a symposium on GamerGate, a quasi-coordinated effort that began in August 2014 among online gamers on social media to target (primarily female) game critics, journalists, and developers. Invited Michael Trice, a scholar from MIT, to present his original research into how the aggressive, decentralized, and anonymous nature of GamerGate framed its presence online, and then conducted a roundtable among myself, Trice, Samuel Tobin, from Game Studies, and Kyle Moody, from Communications Media.

Susan Wadsworth
HUMANITIES

Scholarship
• Japan Studies Institute Fellowship to travel to Japan for 2-3 weeks in July 2015

PRESENTATIONS
• “Rocks and Ruins: An Artist’s Sabbatical in the Southwest” for Eric Budd’s FSU Speaker series, May 4, 2015.

Creative Activity
• Sabbatical for the fall of 2014: visited fifteen national and state parks out west, drew their landscape forms and studied indigenous ruins. Created sixty works on paper, large and small, during the trip and upon return to my studio.

EXHIBITIONS
• Inner Resonance: WCA at the community gallery of the Fitchburg Art Museum, April 2015. Worked with CM Judge and others to conceive and curate this exhibition.
• Women’s Caucus for Art, NH: Twenty Years, a Celebration, Pease Public Library, Plymouth, NH, March through April, 2015.
• Southern Vermont Artists Summer Members Show, September 2015.
Jeffrey Warmouth
COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA

Scholarship
- Visiting Artist / Scholar, American Academy in Rome, Italy
- Received Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation Fellowship, Boston, MA
- Received Faculty Award for Research & Scholarship, Fitchburg State University, Fitchburg, MA

Creative Activity
- Exhibited interactive video installation JeffuBurger and gave artist talk at the 404 International Festival of Art & Technology, hosted by the National University of Rosario, Argentina
- Exhibited video game Multi-Jeffu Joust and video Fluid Bodies in 2015 Faculty Show, Fitchburg State University
- Exhibited in the group exhibition ArtVenice Biennale 3, The Biennial Project, Venice, Italy
- Exhibited Fluid Bodies in the group exhibition FUTURE and BEHIND, CON-TEMPORARY 5, Calle di Mezzo, Venice, Italy
- Exhibited interactive installation A Work With Only One Property in the group exhibition Intelligent Objects, Creative Arts Workshop, New Haven, CT, curated by George Fifield]
- Exhibited photograph Corn Dog in the group exhibition Recent Acquisitions: Photography, Fitchburg Art Museum, Fitchburg, MA
- Showed Human Testbrix and Locomotion Studies at Art on the Marquee, Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, Boston, MA
- Screened Fluid Bodies at 7th Cairo Video Festival, Cairo, Egypt
- Screened Fluid Bodies at SLIDELUCK Boston, Microsoft NERD Center, Cambridge, MA

Daniel Welsh
BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY

Scholarship

Amy Wehe
MATHEMATICS

Scholarship

PUBLICATIONS

Community Service
- Middle School Math Circle at McKay Arts Academy with the help of several Fitchburg State University students.

Richard Wiebe
BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Scholarship

PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS
- Presented poster presentation entitled “Size and shape of anal and dorsal fins in the blackstripe topminnow, Fundulus notatus” at the Ecological Society of America’s research conference (August 2015).
Scholarship

- Served as a Chief Reader Associate with the College Board & Educational Testing Service for the AP Physics program. 2015 AP Physics Reading was held in Kansas City, MO, June 2-8.
- Served as a member of the higher education faculty on the grade standard setting panel for the College Board on the newly implemented AP Physics 1 and 2 Exams in June 2015.
- Serves as a College Board certified physics workshop consultant. In the 2014/2015 academic year, led two one- and two-day workshops for in-service physics teachers in Massachusetts and Taxes by the College Board, two teacher training workshops by the Massachusetts Math and Science Initiative, two by the A+ College Ready program in Alabama, and one by the Advance Kentucky in Louisville.
- Serves as a curriculum advisor with the Educational Policy Research and Improvement at the Univ. of Oregon for the AP Physics 1 and Physics 2 Course Audit program.
- Participated in the PARCC judgement study in Dec. 2014. PARCC is the Massachusetts evaluation program for the Common Core Math program for K-12 education.

Community Service

- Served as a juror for the United States Invitational Young Physicist Tournament held at Woodbury Forest School in Virginia, Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2015.