Faculty Highlights
Summer 2012 – Spring 2013

Publications

Dr. Bruce S. Babcock, Assistant Professor of Mathematics

William P. Cantor, Instructor in Information Sciences and Technology

Dr. Mark A. Casteel, Associate Professor of Psychology

Dr. Kristin L. Cole, Assistant Professor of English

Dr. C. Dianne Creagh, Assistant Professor of History

Dr. Joe R. Downing, Assistant Professor of Communication Arts & Sciences

Dr. Somya Dwivedi-Burks, Instructor in Biology
Dr. Cora M. Dzubak, Instructor in Counselor Education
- “A Purposeful Pause: The role of active reflection in learning”. The Facilitating Tutor: Newsletter of the Association for the Tutoring Profession; October 2012.

Dr. Deborah Eicher-Catt, Associate Professor of Communication Arts & Sciences

Dr. Robert Farrell, Associate Professor of Biology & Interim Director of Academic Affairs

Dr. Charles Gaston, Assistant Professor of Engineering

Dr. Sukhdeep Gill, Associate Professor of Human Development and Family Studies

Dr. James M. Jarrett, Professor of English

Dr. Ali Kara, Professor of Marketing


Dr. Orsay Kucukemiroglu, Professor of Business Administration


Dr. Fulgentius N. Lugemwa, Assistant Professor of Chemistry


Dr. Tara Moore, Instructor in English


Dr. Maureen Muller-Kahle, Assistant Professor of Business


Dr. Jennifer P. Nesbitt, Associate Professor of English


Dr. Ryan W Norris, Instructor in Biology


Dr. Christopher Rodkey, Instructor of Philosophy


• Assistant Editor, Methodist History, vols. 50-51 (six issues)

Dr. Jorge A. Santiago-Blay, Instructor in Biology


Dr. Haiduke Sarafian, John T. and Paige S. Smith Professor of Science


Suzanne Shaffer, Instructional Designer, Instructor in College Reading

• Shaffer, S.C. (March 2013) Would they Play? Would they Learn? The Teaching Professor; Vol. 27 Issue 3, p1-6. 2p, Magna Publications, Madison, WI.

Dr. Javed I. Siddique, Assistant Professor of Mathematics


• Brubaker, N. D., Siddique, J., Deaton, R., Sabo, E., & Pelesko, J. A. "Refinement to the study of electrostatic deflection in theory and experiments." European Journal of Applied Mathematics. [Accepted November 2012]

Dr. Abdul M. Siddiqui, Professor of Mathematics


Dr. Jane S. Sutton, Professor of Communication Arts and Sciences


Dr. Anne M. Vardo-Zalik, Assistant Professor of Biology


Exhibitions & Performances

Fred C. Haag, Associate Professor of Visual Arts

- Invitational Art Exhibition- "Figuratively Speaking” Art Association of Harrisburg Winter membership Exhibition,” Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. (January 13, 2012 - February 16, 2012). One Painting Wrong Thought (Sabine II) - interpretations of the human form, from nudes, to portraits, to figures - Prize Juror, Barbara McNulty, Director of the Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery.B.S., Messiah College.

Dr. Priscilla M. Howard, Instructor in Music

- Music Director, "Cabaret,” York Little Theatre, York, Spring of ’13
- Violinist, Johnny Mathis East Coast tour, Summer of ’12
- Violinist, Shenandoah Valley Music Festival, VA. Summer of ’12

Presentations

Robert D. Bartell, Instructor in Information Sciences and Technology


Dr. Dennis P. Baughman, Coordinator of the Masters Program in Teaching and Curriculum


Andrew Caldwell, Career Services Coordinator, DUS Adviser

- Fall 2012 Conference on Academic Advising sponsored by DUS, Office of Undergraduate Education, University Faculty Senate, Office of the Executive VP and Provost and The Mentor. Presentation title: Life/Career Decision Making: Using the Bumps Along the Way
William P. Cantor, Instructor in Information Sciences and Technology

Dr. Mark Casteel, Associate Professor of Psychology
- Casteel, M. (August, 2012). It doesn’t mean anything unless we see it with our own eyes. Paper presented at the American Meteorological Society Summer Community Meeting, American Meteorological Society, Norman, OK.

Dr. Kristin L. Cole, Assistant Professor of English
- Cole, Kristin Lynn (Co-Presenter), Angst, Bonnie (Co-Presenter), Christian, Margaret R (Co-Presenter), University College English Faculty Spring Symposium on Pedagogy, "Best Practices in Composition Classes," State College, PA, Poster and Oral Presentation. (March 23, 2012).

Dr. C. Dianne Creagh, Assistant Professor of History

Dr. Harriet Darling, Senior Instructor in Human Development and Family Studies
- Darling, Harriet (Presenter Only), "Observation, Level 2, Unit 2; Level 2, Unit 4; Level 2, Unit 6," Penn State York Continuing Education and PA Regional Key, Penn State York, Workshop. (May 9, 2012).
- Darling, Harriet (Presenter Only), "Observation, Level 1; Level 2, Unit 4; Level 2, Unit 2," Penn State York Continuing Education and PA Regional Key, Waynesboro, PA, Workshop. (May 5, 2012).
- Darling, Harriet (Presenter Only), "Observation, Level 2, Unit 1; Level 2, Unit 3; Level 2, Unit 5," Penn State York Continuing Education and PA Regional Key, Penn State York, Workshop. (May 1, 2012).
- Darling, Harriet (Presenter & Author), Early Childhood Educators' and Care Providers' Conference: Early Years are Learning Years, "Beyond Observation," Penn State Extension Better Kid Care, University Park, Workshop. (February 18, 2012).

Dr. Joe R. Downing, Assistant Professor of Communication Arts & Sciences
- Downing, Joe R, Casteel, Mark (Co-Presenter), "Beyond SMS: Trends and challenges in communicating severe weather to mobile stakeholders," University Park, PA, Lecture. (February 28, 2012).

Dr. Sonya Dwivedi-Burks, Instructor in Biology
- Dwivedi, Sonya (Facilitator), Vardo-Zalik, Anne (Panel Member), Wijesinha, Manel (Panel Member), Smeltzer, Joan (Panel Member), Plowfield, Lisa (Panel Member), Women's history month program, "Women in Sciences," Campus Diversity Committee, Penn State York, Workshop. (March 12, 2012).
Dr. Cora M. Dzubak, Instructor in Counselor Education
- "Career Advising and Students with Mild Disabilities: The Role of Social Competence in Decision Making". Division of Undergraduate Studies Annual Conference, Penn State University, September 2012
- "A Reason to Reflect: Active thinking and memory". National College Learning Center Association Annual Conference, Reno, Nevada, October, 2012
- "Distraction and Partial Attention: Their impact on learning". Association for the Tutoring Profession, Atlanta, March 2013.

Dr. Deborah Eicher-Catt, Associate Professor of Communication Arts & Sciences

Jane Emery, Director of Advising & Career Development, DUS Coordinator
- Fall 2012 Conference on Academic Advising sponsored by DUS, Office of Undergraduate Education, University Faculty Senate, Office of the Executive VP and Provost and The Mentor. Presentation title: Life/Career Decision Making: Using the Bumps Along the Way

Barbara Eshbach, Interim Head Librarian
- Eshbach, Barbara E (Co-Presenter), Shaffer, Suzanne (Facilitator), Pathways To Your Future: Exploring STEM Careers, "Gadgets, Gizmos, and Gigabytes." Penn State York, Workshop. (May 11, 2012).
- Eshbach, Barbara E (Co-Presenter), Clickers in the Classroom Faculty Panel, "Six Degrees of Separation in The CAT," Penn State York, Faculty Affairs Committee, Workshop. (April 26, 2012).

Ann V. Fetterman, Instructor in English

Dr. Charles Gaston, Assistant Professor of Engineering

Dr. Sukheep Gill, Associate Professor of Human Development and Family Studies
• Gill, S. (2012, April). Sikhism: An I'm OK, you're OK kind of philosophy. Two invited presentations to high school students, Southwestern School District, Hanover, PA.

Andrea Giorgioni, Instructor in Engineering
• Giorgioni, Andrea (Panel Member), EDSGN100 Retreat, Leonhard Center and Rock Institute, University Park. (January 15, 2012).

Dr. Priscilla M. Howard, Instructor in Music
• Career Day speaker at York Catholic High School, Sp 2013

Dr. Ali Kara, Professor of Marketing

Dr. Orsay Kucukemiroglu, Professor of Business Administration

Dr. David A. Latzko, Associate Professor of Economics

Dr. Fulgentius N. Lugemwa, Assistant Professor of Chemistry
• Lugemwa, Fulgentius N (Presenter & Author), Lawrence, Eric (Author Only), 2. The 13th Annual Green Chemistry & Engineering Conference, "Extraction Methods That Focus on Green Chemistry," American Chemical Society, College Park, Maryland, Oral Presentation.
• Lugemwa, Fulgentius N (Author Only), Smith Symposium, "Unusual compounds from white birch bark," Penn State York, York, Poster. (November 20, 2012).
• Lugemwa, Fulgentius N (Author Only), The 43rd Middle Atlantic American Regional Meeting, "Fostering Basic Problem-Solving Skills in Chemistry," American Chemical Society, Washington DC, Oral Presentation. (May 12, 2012).

Josie D. Moore, Instructor in Communication Arts & Sciences

Dr. Maureen Muller-Kahle, Assistant Professor of Business

Dr. Jennifer P. Nesbitt, Associate Professor of English
• Nesbitt, Jennifer P, Literature/Film Association 2012 Conference, "Pandora's Box: Myth, Memory and Misogyny in Avatar," Literature/Film Association, York, PA, Paper. (October 14, 2012).
• Nesbitt, Jennifer P, PSU English Faculty 2012 Fall Conference, "Angela Thirkell's Barsetshire," Penn State University, State College, PA, Paper. (October 12, 2012).

Lawrence R. Newcomer, Associate Professor of Information Sciences and Technology
• Newcomer, Lawrence R (Primary Researcher), Research in Progress, "Data-Driven Pedagogy: Fostering Student Success On-Line," Paper and Presentation.
• Newcomer, Lawrence R (Presenter & Author), What are you working on?, "Converting Face-to-Face to Online or Blended Modalities," York Campus, Lecture.

Dr. Christopher Rodkey, Instructor in Philosophy
• “Preaching the Death of God,” Subverting the Norm 2, Drury University, Springfield, MO, April, 2013.

Dr. Jean M. St. Clair-Christman, Assistant Professor of Human Development and Family Studies
• St Clair-Christman, Jean Marie (Co-Presenter), 2010 Mid-Atlantic Council on Family Relations Building Strong Families Conference, "links between change in sibling relationships and the changes made other relationships within the family system,” Mid-Atlantic Council on Family Relations, Elizabethtown, PA, Poster.

Dr. Jorge-Santiago-Blay, Instructor in Biology
• Water quality and benthic macroinvertebrate biodiversity of the Snyder’s Branch Creek (Salem, Virginia). March 8, 2013, Department of Biology, Universidad del Turabo, Ana G. Méndez (Gurabo, Puerto Rico)
• Recent directions in plant exudate and amber research
  1. November 21, 2012 Centro Ceremonial Indígena de Caguana, Instituto de Cultura de Puerto Rico, (Utuado, Puerto Rico)
• February 25, 2013, Department of Biology, American University (Washington, DC).
  3. March 4, 2013, Department of Biology, University of Puerto Rico, Humacao, Puerto Rico
  4. March 5, 2013 Tropical Agricultural Research Station, (Mayagüez, Puerto Rico)
  5. March 6, 2013, Manuel Méndez Liciaga High School (San Sebastián, Puerto Rico)
  6. March 7, 2013, Department of Biology, University of Puerto Rico, (Bayamón, Puerto Rico)
• Anadenobolus arboreal millipedes from Puerto Rico. March 11, 2013 Camp Santiago (Salinas, Puerto Rico)
• New insights into primitive hexapodan evolution, arthropod paleodiversity and biogeography, as well as coevolution. November 20, 2012 Universidad Inter-Americana (Aguadilla, Puerto Rico).
• Insect and other arthropod pests of Puerto Rican forests: an ongoing project.
  1. June 4, 2012 Department of Natural Resources (Punta Tuna, Maunabo, Puerto Rico)
  2. August 11, 2012 Department of Natural Resources (Patillas, Puerto Rico)
  3. August 13, 2012 Department of Natural Resources (Aguirre, Puerto Rico)
  4. August 15, 2012 International Institute of Tropical Dasonomy (San Juan, Puerto Rico)
  5. August 16, 2012 Fideicomiso de Conservación de Puerto Rico (Guánica, Puerto Rico)
Dr. Haiduke Sarafian, John T. and Paige S. Smith Professor of Science

- Sarafian, Haiduke (Presenter & Author), Seminar, "Magnetic Net and a Bouncing Magnetic Ball," Nagoya University, Computer Science Dept., Nagoya University, Japan, Seminar. (August 23, 2012).
- Sarafian, Haiduke (Presenter & Author), Applications of Symbolic Computations in Math/Science, "Decagon Charged Pendula and Beyond," Toho University Math/Science Dept., Toho University, Japan, Seminar. (August 18, 2012).
- Sarafian, Haiduke (Presenter & Author), 12th International Conference on Computational Science and Its Applications, "Magnetic Net and a Bouncing Magnetic Ball," Federal University of Bahia, Brazil, Oral Presentation. (June 18, 2012).

Suzanne Shaffer, Instructional Designer, Instructor in College Reading

- Drexel University Center for Teaching Excellence Business Professor Teaching Summit; (May 17, 2013); Co-Presenter: Dr. Samir Shah, Associate Clinical Professor in MIS, LeBow College of Business, Drexel University
- The Lilly Conference on College Teaching & Learning; (June 1, 2013); Carpe Diem: Making the Most of a Paired Reading Course for First Semester Students; Bethesda, MD.
- Invited online panelist: Beyond employability: Embedding life skills in higher education: October 5, 2012; The Guardian, London, UK; http://www.guardian.co.uk/higher-education-network/blog/2012/oct/03/embedding-skills-in-higher-education
- Pennsylvania Institute of CPAs (PICPA) Summer Education Conference; July 13, 2012; Technology in Accounting Education: Learning Support and Professional Readiness; Hershey, PA. http://teachaccountingtech.wordpress.com/

Dr. Javed I. Siddique, Assistant Professor of Mathematics

- Siddique, Javed (Presenter & Author), SIAM annual meeting, "Tear film dynamics with surfactant transport and osmolarity," SIAM, Minneapolis, MN, Paper and Presentation. (July 11, 2012).

Dr. Abdul M. Siddiqui, Professor of Mathematics


Dr. Tony S. Stelly, Instructor in English


Dr. Jane S. Sutton, Professor of Communication Arts & Sciences


Dr. Ken Swalgin, Associate Professor of Kinesiology

- PSU All-Sports Museum Olympic Lecture Series, July 18, 2012, The Ball Games of the World Exhibit and Narrative/Video Lecture. The entire exhibit of over 80 ball, equipment, and posters depicting each ball sport was presented. The exhibit was presented in the Letterman's Lounge in Beaver Stadium. (10:00-4:00) Lecture at 12:00 noon.

Dr. Anne M. Vardo-Zalik, Assistant Professor of Biology
- Vardo-Zalik, Anne Marie (Author Only), Motz, Victoria (Presenter & Author), Lewis, William (Author Only), The 5th Smith Undergraduate Science Research Symposium, "Immune response of Sceloporus occidentalis lizards to infection by the malaria parasite, Plasmodium mexicanum," Penn State York, Oral Presentation. (November 2012).

Emily C. Wenk, Instructor in Information Sciences and Technology

Dr. Manel Wijesinha, Manel, Associate Professor of Mathematics

Awards
Finalists (winners not yet announced) - 2013 Academic Advising Award for Excellence in Student Advising:
- Bill Cantor, Kristin Cole, Andy Landis, Javed Siddique, Anne Vardo-Zalik

Dr. Mark Casteel, Associate Professor in Psychology
- 2012 Milton S. Eisenhower Award for Distinguished Teaching

Dr. Deborah Eicher-Catt, Associate Professor of Communication Arts & Sciences

Dr. Sukhdeep Gill, Associate Professor of Human Development and Family Studies
Research Grants Awards:
- 2011-12 Principal Investigator (PI), Secondary data analysis of association between Home Visitor perceptions and program outcomes for hard-to-engage families. Advisory Board Grant, Penn State York. $1,740.
- 2009-13 PI, Process and outcome evaluation of the Lycoming-Clinton EHS program. $178,000.
- 2008-13 Investigator, Head Start- REDI 2 (Research-based and Developmentally Informed) continuation grant funded by NICHD. $2,945,919. (PI: Dr. Karen Bierman).

Fred C. Haag, Associate Professor of Visual Arts
- Best of Show, for Wrong Thought (Sabine II) at “Figuratively Speaking” 2012 awarded by Prize Juror, Barbara McNulty, Director of the Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery, Messiah College. Art Association of Harrisburg, Harrisburg Pennsylvania, (January 13 – February 16, 2012)
- 2012 Penn State Teaching Fellow Award, Penn State University Alumni Association (April 2012 - December 2014)
- Honorable Mention for three works at Yorkfest 2012 (Juried Art Exhibition), York Arts, York, Pennsylvania, (August 24 – September 15, 2012)
- Juror: Earl W. Lehman, Rostered artist for the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and preparatory of exhibitions, Sordoni Gallery, Wilkes University (3 paintings)
- Nominated for James H. Burness Award for Excellence in Teaching, Penn State York (2013)

Dr. Ali Kara, Professor of Marketing
- Nominated for James H. Burness Award for Excellence in Teaching, Penn State York (2013)

Dr. Maureen Muller-Kahle, Assistant Professor of Business
- 2013 MBAA International McGraw-Hill/Irwin Distinguished Paper Award from the Academy of International Business, Midwest Region for "Determinants, Entry Modes, and Performance: Evidence from China” with J. Wu, M. Muller, A. Arora, R. Leseane

Dr. Christopher Rodkey, Instructor of Philosophy
- 2013 James H. Burness Award for Excellence in Teaching

Dr. Jorge A. Santiago-Blay, Instructor in Biology
Nominated for James H. Burness Award for Excellence in Teaching, Penn State York (2013)

Dr. Javed I. Siddique, Assistant Professor of Mathematics
- Nominated for James H. Burness Award for Excellence in Teaching, Penn State York (2013)
- Awarded $35,000 five-year grant from the Simons Foundation in support of his project "Application of fluid dynamics into biological systems"

Dr. Jane S. Sutton, Professor of Communication Arts and Sciences
- Individual Faculty Awards, Institution for the Arts and Humanistic Studies, The Pennsylvania State University, 2012, $3500.00. Title of Project: The Road to the Long House: Matilda Joslyn Gage and the Quest for Social Justice

Dr. Anne M. Vardo-Zalik, Assistant Professor of Biology
- 2013 James H. Burness Award for Excellence in Teaching

Other

Dr. Deborah Eicher-Catt, Associate Professor of Communication Arts & Sciences
- Appointed Member, Penn State Commission for Women, Co-Chair of the Campus Liaison Committee of the Executive Board.
- Served as Chair of the Philosophy of Communication Division, National Communication Association, November 2011-November 2012.
- Supervised the following student projects:
  1. Independent Study on “Student/Teacher Interactions,” (CAS 352), B. Lynton, Spring 2013.
  2. Undergraduate students’ paper submissions to the James C. McCroskey & Virginia P. Richmond Undergraduate Scholars Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, Spring 2013.
  3. Honors project on “The Non-verbal Patterns of Communication and Asperger’s,” (CAS 203), R. Shaffer, Fall 2012.
  5. Undergraduate student’s paper submission (John C. Arthur) to the James C. McCroskey & Virginia P. Richmond Undergraduate Scholars Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, Spring 2012.

Dr. Sukhdeep Gill, Associate Professor of Human Development and Family Studies

Fred C. Haag, Associate Professor of Visual Arts

Larry Newcomer, Associate Prof Information Sciences & Technology
Following up a 2011 presentation on "Asynchronous/Synchronous Learning in Online STEM Courses" I have been engaged in two parallel strands of research:
  1. developing and measuring the impact of guided, interactive exercises with step-by-step instant feedback on both student "attendance" and outcomes for difficult topics in online STEM courses (goal to determine if this technique is effective, especially as it is expensive to implement)
  2. creating learning modules with differing modalities (text, audio, video, interactive code, etc.) and tracking self-selected student "attendance" and its impact on outcomes (determine what techniques students will actually use and their relative effectiveness)

Dr. Jorge Santiago-Blay, Instructor in Biology
- Created and launched new, peer-reviewed, scientific journal, entitled Life: The Excitement of Biology, www.blaypublishers.com & http://essential.metapress.com/content/122778

Dr. Jane S. Sutton, Professor of Communication Arts and Sciences