

Provost Report for the Month of March 2013
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Nursing Accreditation Review

Today we concluded a three-day visit by the CCNE (Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education), the accrediting board of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. The report was very positive and the reviewers were highly complimentary of PSU, the Nursing Faculty and most importantly, our students. Congratulations to the Nursing program faculty and thank you for your work and dedication in preparing the program to meet the accreditation standards.

NEASC 10-year review

The NEASC Steering Committee is busily taking your edits and finalizing the NEASC report. Later this spring, Dr. Javier Cevallos, President of Kutztown University will be on campus for a preliminary visit in preparation for our Fall 2013 site visit. Thanks to all of you who have offered recommendations and edits and a special thanks to Nancy Betchart, our NEASC Liaison and Coordinator and Chair of the NEASC Steering Committee, for your work thus far.

Teaching Moment

Bob Swift has edited a new edition of "Teaching Moments." "More Teaching Moments: Selected Memories of PSU Faculty" is now available. **Twenty-two Plymouth State faculty/staff** have contributed some of their favorite PSU moments to create this very touching tribute to our students and our faculty.

This collection serves as a sequel to the first one (print) published in 2005: "Teaching Moments: Selected Memories of PSU Faculty." An apt quotation comes to mind: "A university is defined by far more than the size of its campus, number of its faculty, or height of the clock tower; rather, the essence is found in what takes place in its classrooms, laboratories, recital halls, studios, and on its athletic fields." Thank you, Bob, for your time, your passion, and your love of PSU and its students. Thank you, also, to the people who shared their "PSU moments." We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and talented faculty to create such "moments" with our students.

The book is available online for all to read, or as an iBook (available free). The online version may be found at: <https://www.plymouth.edu/academics/teaching-moments/>

You may freely download the iBook version by following this link from your iPad:
(<https://itunes.apple.com/us/book/more-teaching-moments/id604946593?ls=1>)

The following book is now available on the [iBookstore](#):

Title: More Teaching Moments

Author: Robert F. Swift, PhD

Apple ID: 604946593

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
Scholarship, awards, and noteworthy service activities

Academic Department News

Art

- **Kristin Sarette**, a senior BFA student, has been accepted into the Tamarind Institute in Albuquerque, NM to do graduate work in lithography. The Institute is considered by those in the art world as the premiere place in the world to study lithography. Congratulations to Kristin!
- The McGowan Fine Art Gallery in Concord NH was the venue for **Tom Driscoll's** opening of "A Sense of Place" in February, featuring Tom's paintings. The show is running until March 15.
- **Kimberly Anderson Ritchie** is exhibiting her artwork at Gordon College in Wenham, MA. National artists submitted their monotype prints to be juried by Mark Pascale, Curator in the Department of Prints and Drawings at the Art Institute of Chicago. Ritchie's work was selected to be a part of the exhibition titled "Monotype Guild of New England, Third National Juried Exhibition." The exhibition runs from February, 23 - April 6.

Atmospheric Science and Chemistry

- **Marsi Wisniewski**, Administrative Assistant for the Atmospheric Science and Chemistry Department, and Adjunct Faculty for the English Department, participated in the 2013 NorthEast Regional Speech and Debate Tournament. She served as a judge in the following categories: impromptu, informative, and persuasive.
- **Marguerite Crowell** attended a meeting with the NH Department of Environmental Services Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau as a member of a seven-person water education advisory group. The advisory group will develop a framework for a statewide water education plan. The meeting was the first of several in which the group will identify resources for water educators to collaborate, in order to help students become water literate citizens for the state of New Hampshire.
- **Liz D'Amico** had a monotype, collage with handmade paper, and digital collages exhibited in Concord NH at McGowan Fine Arts Gallery's annual "Love, Lust & Desire" exhibit.
- **Kathi Smith** will be featured in a 2-person show, "Kathi Smith & Brandon Lutterman: New Work," at the Isaac Dyer Gallery in Gorham, Maine from March 16-30. The opening reception is March 22, 3-6 pm, with an artist talk by Kathi to open the reception at 3. The gallery is open by appointment during the time of the show. Call ahead 207-839-5466. Isaac Dyer Galleries, 180 Fort Hill Road Gorham, Maine.

Biological Sciences

- **Fred Prince** published an article, "Trout fishing in the 1640s," in the March/April 2013 issue of *Gray's Sporting Journal (The Fly Fishing Edition)*, a national outdoor magazine.

College of Business Administration

- Congratulations to two SBI student teams who each just won first place in the National Small Business Institute® Project of the Year Competition! **Teirrah Hussey** and **Marc Abear** teamed up to create a winning marketing and operations plan for Long Haul Farm, an organic farm in Holderness with a restaurant and unique entertainment venue. **John Scarponi** and **Tim Beaulieu** created an extremely comprehensive business growth plan for Narrative1, a software company also located in Holderness, that provides software systems for commercial appraisers. These two wins follow two similar first place awards in the SBI POY competition last year and are particularly impressive because the teams were only two students each. That means two consecutive years with two first place wins at the National Level. **No other school in the history**

of the SBI organization has ever achieved this level of success. These wins cap the recent string of first place awards over the last 15 years of the SBI program at PSU (2/2012, 2/2011, 1/2010, 2/2009, 2/2007, 1/2005, 1/2004 & 1/1999). Congratulations to this year's teams – **Teirrah, Marc, John and Tim.**

- And, yet another SBI accolade – **Craig Zamzow** was voted in as an SBI Fellow – the highest honor in the SBI organization. Craig has acted as mentor and advisor for our SBI/MBA graduate students for many years. During his tenure as the Director of the PSU Small Business Institute, our students, and their Director, have been recognized for their achievements and successes an outstanding number of times. Congratulations, also, to Craig Zamzow for his work with our MBA students!

Counselor Education and School Psychology

- **Leo Sandy** and **Scott Meyer** (Social Work) attended the Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences in Las Vegas, Nevada in February. They also presented on "JROTC, Youth Socialization and The Culture of Peace."

Criminal Justice

- **Stephanie Halter** was an invited speaker at the Children and Youth in Court Protocols Summit on February. Her talk was titled, "Engage, Reflect, Improve: Making Court Better for Kids and Families."

Early Childhood Studies

- **Mary Cornish** and **Mary Earick** presented at the National Association of Professional Development Schools Conference in New Orleans, LA, along with **Kathy Vestal** (Office of Teacher Certification) and Meika Carter, a first grade teacher at Bristol Elementary School. Their presentation, "Co-teaching in an Apprenticeship Model: Beginning the Journey," described the experiences of Early Childhood Studies teacher candidates, mentor teachers, university faculty, and the OTC administrator in implementing co-teaching in a year-long apprenticeship model. The presenters shared tools developed jointly by the partners and participants in the Early Childhood Studies Professional Development School to improve mentorship opportunities for teacher candidates and mentorship skills of public school faculty, as well as provide effective environments for children's growth and learning.
- **Meagan Shedd's** article, "Using Multiple Texts to Guide Children's Learning," was published in the February/March issue of *Teaching Young Children*. The journal also published two companion pieces by Meagan: "Read Anything and Everything with Your Child," which is intended for early childhood educators to distribute to families, and a professional development guide about using multiple texts to guide children's learning.

Educational Leadership, Learn and Curriculum

- **Marcel Lebrun** presented a workshop at SERESC on February 15, entitled "Developing the Inner Leader: For New School Administrators."

Elementary Education and Childhood Studies

- **Alison Wenhart** presented at the New Hampshire chapter of the National Association of Education conference in October 2012. The presentation was entitled, "Shake It Up: Teaching Higher Order Thinking Through the Use of Different Lesson Plan Models." Data collected from the participants has been analyzed and submitted for article publication. She also attended the

National Council of Social Studies Conference in Seattle, Washington in November 2012. As a member of the National Awards Committee for that organization, Dr. Wenhart focused on policy creation and dissemination.

- **Trish Lindberg's** Summer Theatre Program for Children, the Kearsarge Arts Theatre (KAT), won the 2013 Outstanding Business of the Year Award from the Lake Sunapee Regional Chamber of Commerce.

English

- English department faculty members **Liz Ahl** and **Hannah Davidson** were members of the Alpha-Bettys, the winning team at the first annual Pemi-Baker Literacy Spelling Bee Challenge. They encourage you all to sign up next year to raise funds for this excellent cause. Or, put another way, "come and get us."
- **Liz Ahl's** poems have been published recently in *String Poets* and *OVS*. She will be participating in two readings at the Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference the first week of March in Boston.

Health and Human Performance

- **Irene Cucina** was the keynote speaker at the Eastern District Association of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Her presentation, "Drive Your Future: Stop Putting Around," emphasized the importance of overall wellness in order to improve the health of all people. The Eastern District is a subunit of AAHPERD with over 6000 members.
- **Irene Cucina** was invited by the White House to attend the kickoff event of the LET'S MOVE > Active Schools national initiative. The program aims to help schools create active environments where students can get 60 minutes of physical activity before, during, and after the school day, and the goal is to reach 50,000 schools during the next five years. As part of the day, Irene was able to meet Mrs. Obama and share her passion for health and physical education as a way to combat childhood obesity. The American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance of which Irene is currently serving as President, in partnership with the Alliance for a Healthier Generation and the President's Council for Fitness, Nutrition and Sport will be developing the content and resources that teachers will be able to access. Nike has committed 50 million dollars to the effort.
- **Rebecca Busanich** gave a presentation titled "Express Your (Wo)manhood: The Use of Visual Methods to Explore Gendered Narratives around the Body, Food and Exercise in Distance Runners" as part of a research symposium titled "Exploring Gender and Diversity Issues through Cultural Sport Psychology and Diverse Methodological Approaches: Three Research Examples" at the annual Association for Applied Sport Psychology (AASP) conference in Atlanta, GA.
- **Rebecca Busanich** co-authored a publication: Schinke, R. J., McGannon, K. R., Watson, J. & Busanich, R. (in press). "Moving toward trust and partnership: An example of sport related community based participatory action research with aboriginal people and mainstream academics." *Journal of Aggression, Conflict and Peace Research*.
- **The Center for Active Living & Healthy Communities: Barbara McCahan & Rebecca Busanich** co-sponsored a 4-part community education series at the Pease Public Library titled "Healthy Living: Here, Now and Passing It Forward." The seminars discussed local strides toward building a healthy community, the importance of eating locally, local sustainability and local gardening efforts. In addition to the staff from the CfALHC, the various speakers represented Healthy

Eating Active Living (HEAL) NH, Local Foods Plymouth, the PSU Center for the Environment, and the Eco-Learning Gardens project.

- Three students, **Xander Fuccillo**, **Paul Capaldo**, & **Andrew Foglia** presented “Skill Development for Football: Challenging Tradition” at the New Hampshire Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance conference in Waterville Valley, NH, November 2012 with **Cheryl Coker**.
- Plymouth State faculty and students were once again well represented at the recent Eastern District Association/AAHPERD Convention held in Valley Forge, PA, February 20-23. The Opening General Session, “Drive Your Future and Stop Putting Around!” was given by the current American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) President, **Irene Cucina**. **Matt McGuigan** ('14) completed his term as a Student Representative on the EDA Executive Board and presented a session titled “Who's Who? Knowing your Students' Names.” **Mike Cappiello** ('13), **Sean McCarthy** ('13), and **Kristen Spinney** ('13) presented “Invasion Games: Developing Skills and Concepts for Secondary Physical Education.” **Lynn Johnson** serves on the EDA Executive Board as the District Representative to the AAHPERD Board of Governors and was named the 2013 "Margaret Paulding Lecturer." Lynn's lecture was titled “Passion and Persistence: The story of women leaders in physical education and sport.” **Barbara McCahan** presented three sessions over the course of the convention: “Tapping into Wisdom for Physical Activity Advocacy,” “Applying Affirmations for Healthy Active Aging,” and “Yoga Light for Healthy Posture and Balance.”
- **Linda Levy** and a number of Athletic Training students attended a cadaver workshop at the New Hampshire Musculoskeletal Institute (NHMI) in Manchester. This year, the group learned the foot and ankle under the guidance of NHMI's Dr. Michael Michaud.

History and Philosophy

- **Marcia Schmidt Blaine** has worked as the Faculty Fellow for the Museum of the White Mountains for the past year and as the humanist for the first exhibit. She wrote the text for the exhibit, and the catalogue, “Passing Through: The Allure of the White Mountains,” which was published in mid-February.

Lamson Learning Commons

- **David A. Beroná** reviewed Allan Holtz's “American newspaper comics: an encyclopedic reference guide” (Michigan, 2012) for *CHOICE*, February, 2012 and “Underground and Independent Comics, Comix, and Graphic Novels” (Alexander Street) for *CHOICE*, March, 2013.
- On February 7, **Anne Jung**, Outreach Librarian, welcomed 16 students from Holy Trinity School, Laconia, NH and their teacher Karen Sullivan, to begin research on their National History Day projects. National History Day New Hampshire will be held at PSU in the spring of 2013. This is Holy Trinity School's first visit to Lamson.

Language and Linguistics

- **Eric Cintron** gave a presentation on February 13 at the National Association of Hispanic and Latinos Studies in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The presentation was entitled: “Encancaranublado de Ana Lydia Vega: Un reflejo de la realidad del Caribe.”
- **Vice-Dean Victor Jacques Parraguéz** is a visiting scholar this spring semester, hosted by the Department of Languages & Linguistics. An economist, Victor Jacques is Vice-Dean of the Institute of Economy in the School of Economics and Business, Universidad de Austral, in Valdivia, Chile (UACH). He is assisting Ursula Moreno in teaching Spanish for Business this

semester, and will be presenting on campus about his country during his stay. This is the first exchange as part of a new university agreement between Plymouth State University and Universidad Austral. Also, as part of this agreement, an English Pedagogy student, **Roxana Miranda**, from UACH is currently studying at PSU this semester, while a PSU Modern Language major, **Matt Cave**, is studying at UACH.

Mathematics

- **John Donovan** participated in a multi-state standard-setting study being conducted by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) for the Praxis Middle School Mathematics test. The purpose of this study was to recommend a passing score for the test.

Music, Theater and Dance

- **Kathleen Arecchi** entered six PSU voice majors into the NATS-Boston Art Song and Aria Festival, held on [February 15](#) and 16 at Boston University. Tenor **Michael Dodge '14**, placed 2nd in Division 2 (up to age 20) and was awarded a Special Prize for the best performance of a German art song across all divisions in the finals. Kathleen also served as an adjudicator for Division 1. Voice Adjuncts **Victoria Cole** and **Eric Perry** also entered PSU students and served as adjudicators at the Festival.
- **Carleen Graff** gave a piano master class to students at the middle school and high school level at the Concord Community Music School in early February.
- The Department of Music, Theatre, & Dance hosted the **NH Music Educators Solo & Ensemble Festival** on [February 16](#). There were approximately 350 elementary, middle, and high school students who came to perform. **Holly Oliver** coordinated the event with the assistance of music education and musical theatre majors.
- **Rik Pfenninger** presented a clinic titled “Practicing Jazz Improvisation” for the 2013 New Hampshire Jazz All State Festival on Friday, [February 22](#). Pfenninger recently published two e-texts titled “Mastering Pro Tools 10” and “Mastering Apple's Logic 9” on Apple itunes. Rik also judged saxophones and woodwind ensemble performances for the New Hampshire Solo and Ensemble Festival held on [February 16](#).
- **Robert Swift** gave a public lecture on “The Singing Voice” at the Pease Public Library on [January 31](#).
- **Dan Perkins** presented interactive workshops with choral students at Plymouth Regional High School and Hollis Brookline High School.

Psychology

- **Angela Kilb**, along with PSU students **Amanda Kelley**, **Evan Kowalski**, and **Amanda Comeau** attended the Eastern Psychological Association’s conference March 2-3 with a group of PSU students and presented the following: “Can instructions at test cause a shift in retrieval strategy?”
- Angela also had some articles published in the past few months:
 - “The role of attention in the associative binding of emotionally arousing words.” Detail Only Available. Maddox, Geoffrey B., Naveh-Benjamin, Moshe, Old, Susan, and **Kilb, Angela** ; “Psychonomic Bulletin & Review,” Vol 19(6), Dec, 2012. pp. 1128-1134. [Journal Article]
 - “[Neuropsychol Dev Cogn B Aging Neuropsychol Cognition.](#)” 2013 Feb 1. [Epub ahead of print] **Metacognitive awareness of the associative deficit for words and names.** [Berry JM](#), [Williams HL](#), [Usubalieva A](#), [Kilb A](#).

Social Science

- **Steve Whitman** and ten students working on their Permaculture Design Certificates through PSU will be travelling to Costa Rica during spring break. The class will visit three projects, participate in hands on efforts, and work on design concepts. Later in the semester designs will be created for several locations on campus as well.

Social Work

- **Stephen Gorin** chaired the Search Committee for the interim Executive Director of the NH Citizens Alliance. He met with Rep. Annie Kuster to discuss Social Security, Medicare and health care reform. Steve met with Monica Ciolfi, Senior Policy Advisor to Rep. Kuster to discuss aging issues in NH. He chaired the February meeting of the State Committee on Aging attended by Rep. James McKay, Chair of the Health, Human Services, and Aging Committee, and Amy Kennedy, Policy Advisor to Governor Hassan. He served as a panelist for the PBS Community Screening of the *Powerbroker: Whitney Young* at the Red River Theatre in Concord. <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10151325140522426.464110.46177>
- **Cynthia Moniz** chaired a meeting of the Social and Legislative Action Committee, NH-NASW.
- **Christine Rine** published a book review of "Therapeutic Uses of Rap and Hip-Hop" by Susan Hadley and George Yancy (Eds.). New York: Routledge, 2012, in *Health & Social Work*; doi: 10.1093/hsw/hls061

Academic Affairs Offices

Career Services

- Planning for the **NHCUC 2013 Job Fair** is underway. The Fair will be held at the Expo Center at the Center of NH in Manchester Thursday, April 4, 2013 from 2 pm to 5 pm. Typically, 75-100 companies are in attendance. Feel free to visit the growing list of companies at www.nhcuc.org. Faculty are encouraged to promote the fair to interested senior level students and any recent alumni they may be in contact with.
- **Jim Kuras** is partnering with Leadership Programming in the HUB to deliver networking opportunities with alumni. He has also partnered with Alumni Relations on an Alumni Mentor pilot program this spring. Several alumni have volunteered to begin an email/phone based mentorship with graduating seniors. The program will be reviewed at the end of the semester to evaluate, improve, and increase these opportunities.
- Career Services is also supporting several of the companies that have engaged with our **Global Enterprise Center**. We are meeting with these employers and looking at internships as well as ways for these employers to source potential employees from our student and alumni populations.

Center for Rural Partnerships

- **Ben Amsden**, with co-authors Lisa Chase of UVM and Diane Kuehn of SUNY ESF, published an article titled "Measuring Quality of Life: A Case Study of Agritourism in the Northeast" in the *Journal of Extension*.
- The Center for Rural Partnerships welcomed **filmmaker Ian Scully** to campus as part of its Occasional Visitor Series. The mission of the OVS is to connect regional artists, scholars, performers, and others with on-and-off campus audiences. Ian visited the Human Dimensions of Natural Resource Management class and gave a public screening of clips from his film "Legacy: Austria's Influence on American Skiing."

- The Center for Rural Partnerships is pleased to release its **2013-2015 strategic plan**. This plan represents a 6-month comprehensive review of the CRP's work to date coupled with input from PSU faculty, the Center's off-campus partners, and colleagues throughout region. The plan is currently available on our website (www.plymouth.edu/rural).

Center for the Environment

- **Jamie Sydoriak**, MS Candidate in ES&P and CFE, has completed an independent study in ecological economics with assistant professor **Shannon Rogers**. Throughout the winter term, Jamie explored current topics in ecological economics, including benefits transfer, and conducted an extensive exercise that estimated the value of New Hampshire's ecosystem services based on land cover data. Jamie and Shannon presented the preliminary results of this work at a meeting with colleagues at Dartmouth College on Feb. 15th. **June Hammond Rowan** also attended this meeting and shared some of her research on planning boards in New Hampshire. Both presentations were geared toward the possible integration of this research into the statewide NSF project "Ecosystems and Society." Jamie and Shannon will be working with their Dartmouth colleagues to turn the study into a publication that contributes to the larger project.
- **Joe Boyer** served on an external panel convened to review the research, K-12 education, and service learning programs for the Center for Earth and Environmental Science at Indiana University - Perdue University, Indianapolis.

Global Education Office

- GEO hosted **Plymouth University's (UK) Dr. Simon Topping**, Head of the School of Humanities and Performing Arts. One of the purposes of the visit was to promote the new extension of our existing exchange agreement to include the Humanities subject area and to recruit for their new Summer School option for English and History students. Dr. Topping concluded his visit giving a talk on his research to the History department faculty on "African American Soldiers in Northern Ireland during World War II." The new exchange partnership with Plymouth University will increase mobility opportunities between our institutions beyond the current CoBA relationship.
- **Deb Regan** was appointed to an extended term on the International Advisory Council of University Partners with GlobalLinks Learning Abroad, Westminster, CO.
- GEO, in partnership with the U.S. Department of State, will host our annual **Passport Processing Day Saturday, April 6**, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the PSU Ice Arena. It is open to students, faculty, staff and the greater Plymouth community. For more information, call us at 535-2336.
- The **Center for Global Engagement Update** celebrated Chinese New Year and hosted a Language Circle where participants learned Nepali language. The Center also hosted a re-entry workshop for returned study abroad students. It included a session on cross-cultural awareness, discussion on re-entry process, and gave students an opportunity to hear about ways in which they can participate in global programs on campus. The Center continues to offer 21 hours of academic support to international students each week.

Office of Research & Engagement

- Plans for the **2013 Student Showcase of Excellence** are underway. Please look for on-going updates about the event as the time draws nearer: <https://www.plymouth.edu/office/research-engagement/student-showcase-spring-2013/>

- The **Student Research Advisory Council (SRAC)** has been established to work in an advisory capacity with the Vice Provost for Research & Engagement. The purpose is to support student involvement in research at PSU, share information about student research at PSU, research opportunities, and best practices in the field, and administer **Student Research Grants**. Like the previous PSU CUR group, this group will serve as a liaison with the Council on Undergraduate Research, a national organization. Members of the SRAC are: **David Berona** (Lamson Library), **Christopher Chabot** (Biology), **Katherine Donahue** (Social Science), **Thaddeus Gulbrandsen** (Research & Engagement), **Angela Kilb** (Psychology), **Bryon Middlekauff** (Social Science), **George Tuthill** (Graduate Studies). For more information about the Student Research Grants, please visit our web page: <https://www.plymouth.edu/office/research-engagement/resources/student-research/>
- The **Community Engagement & Integrated Learning Advisory Council** (nickname TBD) has also been established this academic year. The draft mission of the Community Engagement & Integrative Learning Advisory Council is to support student engagement in community service and academic service learning in local, national, and global communities. This is done by continuing the work of the Service Learning Task Force and gathering and communicating information about best practices, what is happening on campus, and opportunities in community service and academic service learning in local, national, and global communities. Membership of this new Council is open, and we are actively seeking new members. As the Council grows and develops, we expect that it will serve as a catalyst to advance PSU's mission of service and serve as a "reflective practice group" for anyone who is interested in joining the conversation. Current members of this Council are: **Mary Bantell** (Honors & Nursing), **Linda Corriveau** (Community Service), **Thaddeus Gulbrandsen** (Research & Engagement), **James Kuras** (Career Services), **Daniel Moore** (COBA), **Terri Potter** (HUB), and **Debra Regan** (Global Education Office). The Council's web site will be online soon. The group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. If you would like to participate in upcoming meetings, notify **Elise Saad** (emsaad@plymouth.edu).
- **Thaddeus Gulbrandsen** joined the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation as a Lakes Region Advisory Board Member.