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FACULTY SCHOLARLY ACHIEVEMENTS

Workshops, conferences, research opportunities, publications, and presentations



DR. SANDRA GOLDEN, assistant professor of teacher education, has recently presented at two conferences. In October, she presented the paper “From Morocco to Trinidad: The IREX

Connection at Kent State University” at the Midwest Comparative and International Education Society in Kent, Ohio. In November, Dr. Golden presented the paper “Words, Words, Words: What Do We Really Know About Vocabulary Instruction” at the Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers in Charlotte, N.C. Dr. Golden is also co-editing a book with Joanne Kilgour Dowdy entitled *Connecting the Literacy Puzzle: Linking the Professional, Personal, and Social Perspectives*. The book is expected to be published in spring 2010.



Through a connection established by **DR. WAYNE (BUCK) BUCHANAN**, associate professor of business administration, Defiance College will partner with York St. John University

in LEAP, Learning Experientially Abroad Program, to provide DC students the opportunity to experience real-time, hands-on business projects with corporations in York, England. Students will spend 12 days in June at York St. John’s University where they will work with companies to complete projects and attend classes taught by YSJ faculty. “The really unique part of this program is the direct connection to York businesses and doing real-time, hands-on projects with them using online courses and the internet as conduits to the projects,” says Buchanan. “By following up with the trip, our students

will be able to work hand-in-hand with our partners in York. Very exciting things! The faculty and Business School at YSJ have been great and fully supportive of the program, and we cannot wait to get it off the ground next summer.” Buchanan is hoping to expand the program through IACBE (International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education) to offer trips in other parts of the world.



DR. DOUG KANE, assistant professor of biology, gave a talk entitled “Western Lake Erie Nuisance Algae: Correlations Between Nutrient Load and Total Phytoplankton and

Cyanobacterial Biomass” at the 52nd Annual Conference on Great Lakes Research held by the International Association for Great Lakes Research in Toledo earlier this year. His talk dealt with increased soluble reactive phosphorus coming from the Maumee River and its impact on stimulating increased amounts of algae, including potentially toxic bluegreen algae in the western basin of Lake Erie. Co-authors on this talk were Drs. Joe Conroy and Dave Culver of the Ohio State University and Drs. Pete Richards and Dave Baker of the National Center for Water Quality Research at Heidelberg University.

The International Association for Great Lakes Research (IAGLR) is a scientific organization made up of researchers studying the Laurentian Great Lakes, other large lakes of the world, and their watersheds, as well as those with an interest in such research. To read Kane’s abstract or any of the other 538 talks from the conference, please visit <http://www.iaglr.org/>.



The full text of **PROFESSOR STEFAN HALL’S** latest Arts and Entertainment column - “Now Playing: the Patriotic Movie Musical, Starring the United States of America!” for the *Phi Kappa Phi*

Forum magazine was recently published. For those without a magazine subscription, the entire text as a PDF, along with a supplement, can be found online at <http://www.phikappaphi.org/Web/Publications/Forum/summer09/artsandentertainment>. Professor Hall is assistant professor of communication and media studies.



DR. SPIRO MAVROIDIS, associate professor of biology, Dr. Doug Kane, assistant professor of biology, and **KASEY CARLISLE**, restoration ecology major, conducted an invited workshop in

addition to presenting a poster at the Meeting the Challenges of Great Lakes Stewardship: SENCER (Science Education for New Civic Engagements and Responsibilities) Approaches Conference in Cleveland. Their workshop was titled “Involving undergraduates in Great Lakes stewardship: water quality monitoring in the Western Lake Erie Basin - past, present, and future.” They also visited both a “green” building, the Adam J. Lewis Center for Environmental Studies, on the campus of Oberlin College, and sampled pond animals and examined the wetlands and surrounding habitats at Mentor Marsh with conference attendees and marsh staff and volunteers.



DR. DON KNUEVE, associate academic dean and professor of criminal justice, was recently recognized by the Northwest Ohio Family Justice Center with the Teri Sowers Memorial Award in appreciation of his commitment and advocacy on

behalf of survivors of sexual assault and their families. Making the presentation was Pam Weaner, executive director of the Family Justice Center.



DR. TODD COMER, assistant professor of English, chaired “Posthumanism Today: Science and Fiction” at the Midwest Modern Language Association’s annual convention in St. Louis, Mo., recently. He also presented the following paper as part

of one of the panels: “The Sublime Birth of the Posthuman in Spielberg’s Artificial Intelligence.”



MARY ANN STUDER, assistant professor of physical science and associate dean of the McMaster School for Advancing Humanity, was invited to write an article for the Fall 2009 edition of *Diversity and Democracy*,

a publication of the Association of American Colleges and Universities. Professor Studer wrote an article entitled “Creating Interdisciplinary and Global Perspectives through Community-based Research.”

Two Defiance College students and three faculty members presented earlier this year at the 118th Annual Ohio Academy of Science meeting at Wittenberg University. **SAMANTHA STEGEMAN** presented on “Detection of paracetamol in fly larvae using GS-MS” with co-authors Dr. Spiro Mavroidis and Dr. Somnath Dutta. **KELSEY HUFF** presented on “Using gas chromatography-mass spectrometry to detect acrylamide in potato chips” with co-author Dr. Dutta. Dr. Doug Kane also presented on the “Effects of the Emerald Ash Borer (*Agilus planipennis*) on the forest community of the Lake Erie Islands II: South Bass and Gibraltar Islands” (co-authors were Amy Miller and Sarah Rose of the Ohio State University) and was a co-author with Jamie Viterna (presenter) and Dr. Joe Conroy of OSU on “Diel variation in dissolved oxygen in the Sandusky Subbasin of Lake Erie.” In addition, a number of other DC students traveled with the group and attended their first scientific conference. To view their presentation abstracts please visit <http://www.ohiosci.org/>.

WEARING MANY HATS

Dr. Timothy Rickabaugh begins two-year term as the interim vice president for academic affairs and academic dean

Dr. Timothy Rickabaugh became the interim vice president for academic affairs and academic dean at Defiance College on June 15. Appointed for a two-year term, Rickabaugh will serve as chief academic officer while maintaining his existing responsibilities as professor of exercise science.

President Mark Gordon said of Dr. Rickabaugh, “I am really pleased to be working with Tim. He is a distinguished member of the faculty and he is proving to be an effective leader as we work toward even greater levels of academic excellence.”

Rickabaugh will fill the position of chief academic officer due to the departure this past summer of Dr. Catharine O’Connell, provost, who assumed the chief academic officer role at Mary Baldwin College in Virginia.

Rickabaugh has been an active member of the DC community since coming to the college in 1997 as assistant professor of sport science. In 1998, he took on additional responsibilities as head coach of the women’s soccer team and was selected as Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in 2001. He has been actively involved with student engagement and service learning at Defiance College, traveling with students on service learning trips to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, to Jamaica, to Cambodia as an Associate Fellow of the McMaster School for Advancing Humanity and most recently on the Civil Rights alternative spring break tour. Rickabaugh was recently chosen by his colleagues to receive the Distinguished Faculty Award for 2009.

Rickabaugh received his Ph.D. from Syracuse University, his master’s from Miami University, and his bachelor’s from Ohio Wesleyan.

He and his wife, Rosanne, have two children, Andrew and Abby, and reside in Defiance.

Other changes to the academic administration include additional duties for Associate Academic Dean Susan Wajert who will be taking on added responsibilities regarding accreditation matters, and Associate Academic Dean Don Knueve who will work with the new president to establish external advisory boards for academic programs.

