



## Faculty and Staff Presentations

Dr. M. G. Aune (Honors Program / English Department) presented “How (not) to Establish an Undergraduate Grants Program” at the Council for Undergraduate Research conference in Washington, DC, on June 29, 2014.

Dr. Melanie Blumberg and Dr. Ambrus Price (History and Political Science) and Dr. Emily Sweitzer (Modern Language and Cultures) will be conducting a Constitution Day panel on September 17, entitled “Ethics in Government.”

Dr. Paul Crawford (History and Political Science) delivered two talks at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio on July 25, 2014.

Dr. Raymond Hsieh (Criminal Justice) completed the Training of Cyber Crime Investigation:

Identifying and Seizing Electronic Evidence by the National White Collar Crime Center on July 13, 2014.

Dr. Michael Hummel (Criminal Justice) completed Pennsylvania ACT 235 Lethal Weapons Certification Training for Armed Personal Protection, in Harrisburg, in early July 2014.

Dr. Michael Hummel (Criminal Justice) completed the Executive Protection Certification Training for the International Association of Security Professionals, in Long Beach, CA on July 15, 2014.

Dr. John Massella (Counseling Center) presented “The Addicted Health Professional” at the University of Pittsburgh, School of Medicine, on August 13, 2014 at Freshman Orientation.

Dr. Kimberly Woznack (Chemistry and Physics) presented “My Not-So-Secret Double Life as a Chemistry Professor and Mom” during a symposium entitled, “Mom the Chemistry Professor” featuring contributing authors to the book of the same name. This symposium was a part of the 248th American Chemical Society National Meeting in San Francisco, CA. August 10-14, 2014. Dr. Woznack also participated in a book signing event during the Women Chemist Committee Social Event. ([www.acs.org](http://www.acs.org)).

Mr. Joseph Schickel (Applied Engineering and Technology) presented “Flexographic Printing Principles and Applications” as an industry training program at IDimages, a label solutions company, at their plant locations in Cincinnati and Cleveland, OH. July 21-24, 2014.

Distinguished Scholar by the International Institute for Applied Knowledge Management at their annual conference in July 2014.

Dr. Suzan Mohny (Art and Design) graduated and received her EdD from Walden University on July 12, 2014. Her dissertation has been nominated as the outstanding research study.

Dr. Jennifer Wilburn (Applied Engineering and Technology) earned Siemens Level I Mechatronics Certification held at Cal U, June 9-20, 2014 and Siemens Level III Mechatronics Certification at the Siemens Technik Akademie, Berlin, Germany. August 18-29, 2014. Dr. Wilburn had previously earned the Level II certificate in 2013.

Dr. Kimberly Woznack (Chemistry and Physics) became the President of the PASSHE Women’s Consortium, during the Fall 2014 PASSHE Women’s Consortium Annual meeting, September 25-26, 2014 in Bloomsburg, PA.

Dr. Gary J. DeLorenzo (Math, Computer Science and Information Systems) was awarded the Fellow and

## Faculty and Staff Accomplishments

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# Academic Affairs

## Newsletter



### Academic Affairs Mission

Under the direction of the provost, the Office of Academic Affairs at Cal U comprises three undergraduate colleges and the School of Graduate Studies and Research. The Office of Academic Affairs supports the mission of building the character and careers of individuals by ensuring quality academic programs, classroom technology, student enrichment activities and world-class instruction. California University provides students with the tools they need to have a lifetime of success, both educationally and professionally.

### From the Desk of Acting Provost Dr. Barnhart



Grant awards provide essential support for a variety of University activities. This quarter, Cal U faculty and staff were successful in bringing more than \$2.3 million in grant funding to the University.

Among the largest grants was an award of nearly \$650,000 from the U.S. Department of Education to support the Upward Bound college readiness program in Fayette and Greene counties. The Education Department also awarded almost \$393,000 to continue an English As a Second Language professional development project with Intermediate Unit 1 and \$285,000 for student support services in the upcoming academic year. And the Defense Logistics Agency provided over \$205,000 to support the Government Agency Coordination Office, or GACO.

Other major grants continue support for the Teaching with Primary Sources program and provide software licenses for the Earth Sciences Department.

Our thanks to all the faculty and staff members who devote themselves to the painstaking process of seeking grants. Your efforts are paying off!

A number of students put Cal U on the map this summer by completing high-profile internships. They include anthropology major Casey Bricker, who analyzed 19th-century skeletons at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History. She was one of just 17 undergraduates selected

for a highly competitive program funded by the National Science Foundation. Economics major Keri Potter also interned at the Smithsonian, where she worked in the Office of Policy and Analysis. Matt Lyons, a sport management major, completed his internship with the undefeated Pittsburgh Passion professional women’s football team. And management major Jacquelyn Pierce worked with Quicksilver, a surf-wear company in Huntingdon, California. Jack Shope, a political science major, spent his summer with the Governor’s Innovation Office, which works to improve efficiency in state government. And three criminal justice majors — Stephen Fortunato, Ashley Jeffrey and Rachel Breisinger — interned with the police department in Ocean City, Maryland. These internships are so competitive that the candidates had to pass polygraphs!

As the new semester begins, the University welcomes six new professors. Dr. Ali Osareh is teaching in the Department of Applied Engineering and Technology. Dr. Ambrus Price joins the political science faculty, and Dr. Lindsey McGuire is teaching in the Health Science Department. Professor Rebecca Maddas is in Childhood Education, Dr. Theresa Thao Pham is in Social Work, and Dr. Rueben Brock, in the Psychology Department, is our Frederick Douglass Institute Scholar this year.

Sincerely,

*Bruce D. Barnhart*

Acting Provost

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## Summer Educational Enrichment for Kids 2014

Managers, Jodie Rooney and Marisa Gillis (Office of Academic Affairs), ran the Summer Educational Enrichment for Kids (SEEK) program August 4-8 and August 11-15, 2014. The program hosted 112 children entering first through eighth grades over the two, week-long sessions. Since it was founded in 2000, the award-winning summer program has provided children with learning experiences that are entertaining, yet academically challenging. The curriculum is tailored to specific age groups and encourages all participants to reach their maximum learning potential.



## Office of Sponsored Programs & Research

The Office of Sponsored Programs and Research reports that 19 Cal U faculty and staff received notification of new grant awards totaling more than \$2,300,365 during this quarter:

Dr. David Argent (Biological and Environmental Sciences) was awarded \$5,000 from the National Fish and Wildlife Service for the grant Survey of Brook Trout in Unassessed Waters.

Dr. Michael Brna (Teaching with Primary Sources) was awarded \$185,000 from the Library of Congress for the grant Teaching with Primary Sources.

Mr. Craig Butzine (Marketing and University Relations) was awarded \$375,000 from the PA Department of Environmental Protection and the US Army Corps of Engineers for the grant New Stanton Wetland Mitigation Project.

Professor Christine Crawford (Academic Development Services) was awarded

\$284,754 from the US Department of Education for the Student Support Services grant.

Ms. Fran Fayish (Student Development) was awarded \$1,000 from the Pennsylvania Faculty Health and Welfare Fund for the grant Health Education Awareness Fair.

Dr. Gregg Gould (Chemistry and Physics) was awarded \$2,200 from the Society for Analytical Chemists in Pittsburgh for the grant SACP Chemistry Student Research Grant.

Dr. Daniel Harris (Earth Sciences) has received approval from Midland Valley Exploration Ltd. to continue using the MOVE software licenses, valued at \$117,963, for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Dr. Kevin Koury (College of Education and Human Services) was awarded \$392,800 from the US Department of Education for the Cal U/IU 1 ESL Professional Development Project.

Dr. Lisa Kovalchick ((Math, Computer Science and Information Systems) was awarded \$3,000 from the EdLab Foundation for the PA STEM Girls Collaborative grant.

Professor John Kula and Professor Laura Giachetti (Academic Development Services) were awarded funds from the US Department of Education to continue two grant programs; \$386,967 for the Upward Bound Fayette County and \$262,500 for the Upward Bound Greene County.

Professor John Kula and Professor Laura Giachetti (Academic Development Services) were awarded \$19,476 from the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the grant Summer Food.

Dr. Thomas Mueller (Earth Sciences) was awarded \$53,630 from the NSF through Jefferson Community and Technical College for the grant The National GeoTech Center.



Dr. Thomas Mueller and Dr. Kyle Fredrick (Earth Sciences), Dr. Mario Majcen (Chemistry and Physics) and Professor Jeffrey Sumey (Applied Engineering and Technology) were awarded

Mr. Jim Bové (Art and Design) published "Cacti Ring" in On Body and Soul, Contemporary Armor to Amulets. Suzanne Remljack. Page 19. 2014.

Dr. John Cenich (Criminal Justice) published "Abu Ghraib Prison," in Encyclopedia of Criminal Justice Ethics, Sage Publications. July 2014.

Dr. John Cencich (Criminal Justice) published "Deceptive

\$5,750 from NASA through The Pennsylvania State University for the PA Space Grant Consortium.

Ms. Deborah Wojcik (Government Agency Coordination Office-

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Interviewing," in Encyclopedia of Criminal Justice Ethics, Sage Publications. July 2014.

Dr. John Cencich (Criminal Justice) published "Innocence Projects," in Encyclopedia of Criminal Justice Ethics, Sage Publications. July 2014.

Dr. John Cencich (Criminal Justice) published "State and Political Violence," in Encyclopedia of Criminal Justice Ethics, Sage Publications. 2014.

## Student and Alumni Accomplishments

Elizabeth Clayton and Lauren Griffith (students, English / Honors) participated in the 2014 PASSHE Summer Honors Program, visiting and studying in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Josephine Harsh and Shelby Zikeli (students, Biological

and Environmental Sciences / Honors) participated in the Madagascar Field School. May 27-July 3, 2014.

Chris Kramer (student, Nursing) published an article, "Pancreatitis in Children," in Critical Care Nurse. August 2014.

GACO) was awarded \$205,325 from the Defense Logistics Agency for the grant Procurement Technical Assistance (GACO).

Dr. John Cencich (Criminal Justice) published "Investigating War Crimes: Bosnia, The Hague, and the International Criminal Tribunal," in The Criminologist. July 2014.

Dr. Suzan Mohney (Art and Design) published "The Perceptions of Administrators and Art Teachers on Rural School Art Programs," in Google Proquest. June 2014.

Jessica LaGuerre-Joseph (student, International Studies / Honors) studied French at the Centre International d'Antibe, Antibes, France. May 30-June 28, 2014.



## Cal U In London

In June, eight graduate students from the MA in Applied Criminology program studied under Dr. John Cencich (Criminal Justice) in London as part of their capstone experience. The students worked directly with members of the Metropolitan Police on cases involving attempted murder, kidnapping, aggravated assault and other serious crimes. The academic experience also included visits to Parliament and Old Bailey, a private tour of the Police Museum, and an exclusive look at the work of Scotland Yard's Special Operations Unit (SO1) at No. 10 Downing Street, the residence of the Prime Minister. Finally, the students walked the streets of Whitechapel where they undertook a comparative behavioral crime analysis relative to the notorious Jack the Ripper.