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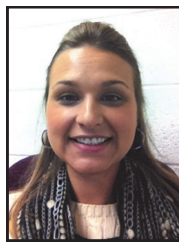
California University of Pennsylvania

New Tenure-Track Faculty Starting Fall 2011

Susan Morris-Rutledge (Secondary Education & Administrative Leadership), Ph.D., University of Mississippi, specializes in English language learners (ELL) and has interests in teacher attitudes and perceptions, mainstreaming, curriculum, and professional development in ELL issues.



Ashlea Rineer-Hershey (Early, Middle & Special Education), Ph.D., Robert Morris University, has interests in autism, emotional and behavioral disorders, and distance learning. She has teaching certification in elementary, special education, and ESL (English as a Second language).

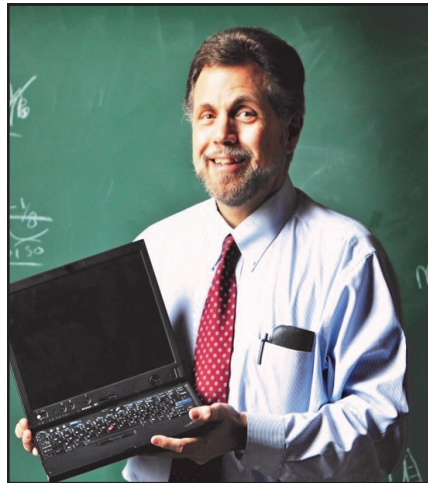


Monica Ruane (Library Services), M.L.I.S., University of Pittsburgh, is a reference librarian who provides instruction on the library materials used for research in the subjects of art, design, business, economics, music, mathematics, computer science, theatre, and dance.



Teaching and Learning Center Established

Through the *Cal U Fusion* initiative, a Teaching and Learning Center was established. The Center, led by Director **Joe Zisk** (photo) and Technology Support Manager **CJ DeJuliis**, will promote creative and stimulating learning environments to help Cal U faculty expand their instructional skills. The Center will provide instructional and technological development activities, instructional materials, equipment, and consultation in instructional design and the use of instructional technology. The Center will be a focal point for the blending of technology with teaching to enhance



learning. Implementing technology (including mobile devices) in teaching will help students become more engaged in the learning process and increase student learning. Technology is playing a vital role in education and *Cal U Fusion* will provide the resources for instructors to embrace technology in their teaching. The Center, which is temporarily housed in Keystone 411, has started to offer faculty professional development workshops, seminars, and support services; and more programs are planned. Contact the Center at extension 4168 or TLC@calu.edu.

SMART Classroom Faculty Trainers

In September, 56 Cal U faculty members representing 22 academic departments completed a workshop to become SMART Classroom Faculty Trainers. The Faculty Trainers will assist the *Cal U Fusion* Teaching & Learning Center with future faculty training efforts. The Faculty Trainers include: **Laura Hummel**, **John Kallis**, **Aleksandra Prokic**, **Stephen Whitehead** and **Joseph Schickel** (Applied Engineering & Tech-

nology), **Chadwick Hanna** (Biology), **Ismail Cole**, **Nan Li** and **Clyde Roberts** (Business & Economics), **Matthew Price** and **Ali Sezer** (Chemistry & Physics), **Ralph Belstering** and **Robert Skwarecki** (Communication Disorders), **Jacqueline Walsh** (Counselor Education), **James Burton**, **Jason Kight**, **Katherine Mitchem**, **Christine Peterson**, **Mary Seman**, **Clover Wright** and **Charlotte Orient** (Early, Middle & Spe-

cial Education), **John Confer**, **Mario Majcen**, and **Harrison Pinckney** (Earth Science), **Kurt Kearcher**, **Pratul Pathak** and **Margo Wilson** (English), **Laura Miller**, **Brian Wood** and **Roy Yarbough** (Exercise Science), **Chris Harman**, **Ayanna Lyles**, **Thomas West** and **Michael Meyer** (Health Science), **Clarissa Confer** and **Sean Madden** (History & Political Science), **Raymond Hsieh**,

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Grant Awards

David Argent (Biological & Environmental Science) received \$17,283 from Consol Energy for *Biomonitoring and Assessment of Streambank Fencing Sites 2011-2012*.



Michael Brna (Teaching with Primary Sources) was awarded \$90,206 from the Library of Congress for *Teaching with Primary Sources 2011-2012*.



Clarissa Confer (History & Political Science) and **William Meloy** (Library Services) were awarded \$750 from the National Endowment for the Humanities for *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War*.

Holly Diehl (Early, Middle & Special Education) was awarded \$13,600 for *simSchool Modules* from EDUCAUSE through the Association for the Advancement of Computers in Education.

Kyle Fredrick (Earth Sciences) received \$30,000 from the Dominion Foundation Education Grant Program for *Developing a Hydrologic Classroom for Undergraduate Experience: the Pike Run Watershed Model*. Co-PI's on the grant are **Thomas Mueller** and **Lisa Lohr** (Earth Sciences).



Donna George (Student Affairs) was awarded \$14,994 from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board for *Options @ Cal U 2011-2012*.

Lewis Honaker (Grants & Contracts) received a \$500 grant from the National

Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) to attend the NCURA Mid-Atlantic Region Meeting in Brooklyn, NY.

Odeese Ghassa-Khalil (Modern Language & Cultures) was awarded \$21,411 from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education for *Enhancing Online Instructions in Arabic Language Using Mediasite*.

Thomas Mueller and **Chad Kauffman** (Earth Sciences) were awarded \$5,750 from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration through Penn State University for the *PA Space Grant Consortium 2012*.

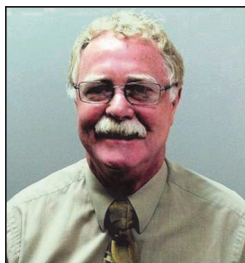
Thomas Mueller (Earth Sciences) received \$94,309 from Intergraph Corporation for an *Intergraph Education Grant*.

Ellie Nesser (Southpointe Center) received \$51,047 from Pennsylvania Workforce and Economic Development for *WEDnet, Basic Skills Training*.

Joann Rodriguez-Naesser (Academic Development Services) was awarded \$284,754 from the U.S. Department of Education for *Student Support Services 2011-2012*.



Gary Seelye (Academic Development Services) received two awards from the US Department of Education: \$357,115 for *Upward Bound - Fayette County 2011* and \$242,250 for *Upward Bound - Greene County 2011-2012*.



Nancy Skobel and **Diane Williams** (Student Development) received two

awards: \$10,872 from the Pennsylvania Campus Compact via Corporation for *National Service for Community Fellows College Access Corps 2011-2012* and \$5,875 from the Corporation for National and Community Service through the Philadelphia Higher Education Network for *Neighborhood Development for Scholars in Service to Pennsylvania 2011-2012*.

Nancy Skobel (Student Development) was awarded \$55,447 from the U.S. Department of Education for *Hand-in-Hand: Bringing Families to School 2011-2012*.

Deborah Wojcik (Government Agency Coordination Office) was awarded \$175,118 and \$14,058 from the Defense Logistics Agency for *Solicitation for Cooperative Agreement 2011-2012*.

Guttman Grants for Student Research

Three Cal U students received *Guttman Research Grants* this semester to support research projects that will be conducted under the direction of faculty advisors:

Jeffrey Ambrose (Environmental Studies) received \$983 for *Assessing Genetic Diversity of Brook Trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) of the Laurel Hill Mountain Range*. His research will be completed under the direction of **David Argent** and **Louise Nicholson** (Biological & Environmental Science).

Matthew Miller (Geology) received \$997 for *Quantifying Water Loss from a Passive Wetland AMD Treatment Facility*. His research will be completed under the direction of **Kyle Fredrick** (Earth Sciences).

Douglas Raffle (Math, Computer Science, & Information Systems) received \$1,000 for *Latin Lexomics*. His research will be completed under the direction of **Sarah Downey** (English).

Faculty Publications

David Argent (Biological & Environmental Sciences) published *Assessment of large-bodied pelagic and benthic fish assemblages of the middle Allegheny River, Final report for Contract T2-9-R-1 Update on the status of paddlefish in Pennsylvania*, submitted to the PA Fish and Commission, Somerset, PA; and *Climate change in headwater streams: A baseline for monitoring and assessment, an Interim Report* submitted to the DCNR, Harrisburg, PA, WRCP 10371.

Kevin Govern (Professional Studies) published the following items: "21st Century Africa as an arc Of (In) Stability: U.S. and African Economic, Security, and Development Policies Advanced Through U.S. Africa Command Initiatives" in the *Connecticut Journal of International Law*; "Resigned to Failure or Committed to a Just Cause of

Justice?" in the *Oregon Review of International Law*; and "The Twitter Revolutions: Social Media in the Arab Spring" in *Jurist Forum*.

Chris Harman (Health Science) published *Teaching with Student Learning Outcomes*, San Francisco: Pearson Education.

Cheryl Hettman (Nursing) was a contributing author to *A Daybook for Nurse Educators*, Pakieser-Reed, K. (Editor).



Elizabeth Larsen (Justice, Law & Society) published "Fast Horses and Strong Women: Revisioning the Sport-Family-Business of Harness Horse Racing" in *Sociological Viewpoints*.

Krystia Nora (English) published two articles in the *College English Association Forum*: "Moving Forward in Writing Program Assessment Design: Why Postmodern Qualitative Assessment Makes Sense" and "Designing Assessment for Postmodern Academia: Examining How a Move to a Postmodern Qualitative Assessment Changed a Department."

Jeff Samide, Grafton Eliason and John Patrick (Counselor Education) published *Career Development in Higher Education*, Information Age Publishing.

Craig Smith (History & Political Science) published "Spreading the Wealth: Justice Tom C. Clark's Wide-ranging Efforts to Open the Doors of the Law Clerk Ranks" in the *Journal of Supreme Court History*.

PA STEM Girls Collaborative Conference

The *PA STEM Girls Collaborative* Annual Conference was held September 23-24 at Winchester Thurston School in Allison Park, PA. The *PA STEM Girls Collaborative* Project is funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation awarded by the National Girls Collaborative Project. **Lisa Kovalchick** (Math, Computer Science & Information Systems) is the Cal U grant project director and the statewide Lead Contact for the *PA STEM Girls Collaborative*. The nationwide project brings together organizations that are committed to informing and encouraging girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. The Annual Conference introduced attendees to best practices for collaboration



Lisa Kovalchick

and organizations that motivate girls to pursue their interests in STEM. The conference was very successful with over 60 participants from industry, education and non-profit organizations. The conference included a Girl Serving Organization Showcase and presentations on a variety of topics, including Evaluation Techniques, STEM Classroom Activities, Successful Collaboratives and Partnerships, Best Practices and Projects for Females in STEM, and Recruiting and Retaining Females in STEM. Also featured was the recent report from the American Association of University Women entitled *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*, which presents in-depth profiles of eight key research findings that point to environmental and social barriers; including stereotypes, gender bias, and the climate of college and university science and engineering departments; that block women's participation and progress in STEM. In addition to the Annual Conference the *PA STEM*

Girls Collaborative offers mini-grants. The grants provide a small amount of seed funding and are awarded to girl-serving STEM-focused programs that support collaboration, address gaps and overlaps in service, and share promising practices. Mini-grant proposals are now being accepted.

To learn more about the *PA STEM Girls Collaborative*, visit their web page at:

www.ngcproject.org/pa.



Faculty & Staff Presentations

David Argent (Biological & Environmental Sciences) presented “Water Quality Impacts on the Monongahela River Basin” at Penn State University, Fayette Campus, *Youghiogheny River Class* in Uniontown, PA and “Status of fish and macro invertebrate communities in a watershed experiencing high rates of fossil fuel extraction: Ten Mile Creek, a major Monongahela River tributary” at *The State of the Mon Meeting* at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA.

Melanie Blumberg (History & Political Science) delivered “One Year, Two Elections: Critz v. Burns” with Charles B. Holman and B. Kirk Holman at the *2011 Meeting of the Ohio Association of Economists and Political Scientists* at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH.

David Boehm (Biological & Environmental Sciences) presented “Manuka honey has antibacterial activity” at the *Allegheny Branch Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology*, Cresson, PA.



Silvia Braidic and **Kevin Lordon** (Secondary Education & Administrative Leadership) presented “eSupervision: Supervising Online Teaching” at the *Seventeenth Annual Sloan-C International Conference on Online Learning*.

Mark Bronakowski (Applied Engineering & Technology) presented “Low Cost Alternative Microcontrollers and Non-Robotic Applications of Microcontrollers” at the *2011 Technology & Engineering Education Association of Pennsylvania Conference*.

Todd Carlisle (English), **Gwen Perry-Burney** (Social Work), and **Caryl Shef-**

field (Early, Middle, & Special Education) presented “Frederick Douglass's Life as a Civil War Journalist, Feminist, and Scholar” at the *96th Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History* in Richmond, VA.

Peg Christopher (Social Work) presented “Resiliency Factors for Woman Who Care” at the *2011 PASSHE Women's Consortium Conference*.

Joan Clites (Nursing) presented a poster entitled “Fostering Succession Planning in Nursing Leadership” at the *32nd Southwestern Pennsylvania Organization of Nurse Leaders Conference* at Nemaquin Woodlands.

Gary DeLorenzo (Math, Computer Science, & Information Systems) presented “Are All Information Systems Created Equal - Does Accreditation Solidify Information Systems as a Discipline?” at the *49th Annual International Association for Computer Information Systems Conference* in Mobile, AL.



William Denny (Library Services) and **Silvia Braidic** (Secondary Education and Administrative Leadership) presented “The Embedded Librarian: A Crucial Addition to Online Courses” at the *Library 2.011 Worldwide Virtual Conference*.

William Dieterle (Chemistry & Physics) presented “A Better Parachute: Using Video Frame-By-Frame analysis to Determine Higher-Order Terms in Air Resistance” at the *Western Pennsylvania Section Meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers* in Johnstown.

Christina Fisanick (English) presented “I was Traded to a White Man for a

Crippled Mule: Native Americans in Appalachian Family Histories” at the *Women of Appalachia Conference* in Zanesville, OH.

Kyle Fredrick (Earth Sciences) presented “Integrating Local Watershed Association Activities to Augment Student Research Opportunities” at *Geological Society of America Annual Meeting* in Minneapolis, MN.

Elizabeth Gruber (Counselor Education) presented “7 Habits for Counselors” at the *Association of Counselor Educators and Supervision National Conference* in Nashville, TN.



Glenn Hider (Applied Engineering & Technology) presented “Technology Education: Online” at the *Oswego College Fall Technology Conference* in Oswego, NY.

Lewis Honaker (Grants & Contracts) presented “Managing Time and Effort Reporting at a Predominately Undergraduate Institution” at the *National Council of University Research Administrators Mid-Atlantic Region Meeting* with colleagues from St. John's University and Rowan University.

Marcia Hoover (Secondary Education & Administrative Leadership) presented “Role of the Governance Board: Collaboration between the University and the Public School System” at the *Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators Meeting* with Charleroi Superintendent Brad Ferko and several teachers.



Faculty & Staff Presentations *(continued)*

Bernadette Jeffrey, Norma Thomas and Sheri Boyle (Social Work) presented “Using Experiential Pedagogy to Prepare Social Workers to Address Gero Services in Rural Settings” at the national annual meeting of the *Council on Social Work Education* in Atlanta, GA.

John Kallis (Applied Engineering & Technology) presented “RobotC: Problem Solve with Programming Tools” at the *2011 Technology & Engineering Educators Association of Pennsylvania Conference* in Camp Hill, PA.

Chad Kauffman (Earth Sciences) presented “Pedagogy of Climate Change Literacy & Social Media in the Classroom” at the *Pennsylvania Geographical Society Annual Meeting* at Indiana University of PA.

Kalie Kossar, Jim Burton, and Kate Mitchem (Early, Middle & Special Education) presented “Grant Writing Workshop” to Washington Park Middle School.

Min Li (Chemistry & Physics) presented “Defining Secondary Organic Atmospheric Aerosols at the Molecular Level” at the *Environmental Monitoring, Evaluation and Protection Conference*, which was held at the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority in Albany, NY.



Jeffrey Magers (Professional Studies) presented “Police Pursuit Policy” to the Owensboro, Jeffersontown, and Henderson (KY) police departments for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, The International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training, and ALERT International.

John Massella (Counseling Center) presented “Addiction: What We Know What We Think We Know” to Mercy Behavioral Health in Pittsburgh.

Julia McGinnis (Library Services) presented “Status of the VuFind Project” at the *Keystone Library Network Catalogers Fall Meeting* at West Chester University.

Kate Mitchem (Early, Middle & Special Education) made three presentations: “PictureTools: Feasibility Testing of Behavior Support Software for Young Children”; “Computerized Behavior Support Tools for Teachers”; and “StrategyTools: A Tool for Supporting Student Control of Their Own Learning, Behavior, and Transition Planning”, with Gail Fitzgerald (University of Missouri) at the *Council for Exceptional Children, Teacher Education Division Conference* in Austin, TX.



Thomas Mueller (Earth Sciences) presented “Earth Observation Day: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow” at the *AmericaView Conference* in Cleveland, OH and “Pictometry On Line and Education: University and K-12 Experiences” at the *Pictometry Conference* in New Orleans, LA.

Krystia Nora (English) presented “Teaching Rhetorical Awareness with Professional Social Media” at the *Digital Literacy and Education Conference* in Pittsburgh, PA.

Joel Press (Philosophy) presented “Bringing Moral Realism Back to Earth” at the *Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium* at Washington and Jefferson College.

Emily Sweitzer (Justice, Law & Society) presented “Psychology and the Weather” at the *Pittsburgh Integrated Warning Team Workshop* at the *CAL U Southpointe Center*, “The Community in Action: Cops and Kids” at the California, PA Rotary Meeting, and “Cyber Pedophiles” at the *Shatter the Silence Summit* at California University of PA.



Pamela Twiss (Social Work) presented “Community Impacts of Marcellus Shale Natural Gas Drilling” at the *Annual Conference of the National Association of Social Workers, Pennsylvania Chapter*, Lancaster, PA.

Jacqueline Walsh (Counselor Education) presented “Biofeedback for Stress Management” at the *2011 Pennsylvania Counseling Association Conference* in State College, PA.

Margo Wilson (English) presented “Writing a Future to Guarantee There Will Be a Future” at the *National Council of Teachers of English Conference* in Chicago and read “The Clock”, a chapter from her memoir, at the *English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities* meeting.



Clayton Wukich (History & Political Science) presented “The Architecture of Resilience: Mapping the Patterns of Interaction within a Regional Emergency Management System” at the *33rd Annual Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Research Conference* in Washington, DC.

Faculty & Staff Notables

William Biddington (Exercise Science & Sport Studies) serves as Cal U's NCAA Faculty Athletic Representative and was recently appointed to serve as one of two FAR representatives to the PSAC Advisory Council.

Melanie Blumberg (History & Political Science) served as Conference Panel Chair for "Grassroots Political Action" at the 2011 Meeting of the Ohio Association of Economists and Political Scientists at Bowling Green University in Bowling Green, OH.

Burrell Brown (Business & Economics) developed a Diversity Workshop as a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Committee and was keynote speaker for the Indiana, PA chapter of NAACP Freedom Fund.

Peg Christopher (Counselor Education) coordinated *Shatter the Silence: A Campaign Against Child/Adolescent Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking* at Cal U.

Joan Clites (Nursing) became a certified *Professional Legal Nurse Consultant*.

Paul Crawford (History & Political Science) served as a Visiting External Examiner for a master's thesis on the 18th Century Knights Hospitaller for the University of Malta and was made a regular monthly guest on KFYO-AM radio in St. Louis, MO.

William Dieterle (Chemistry & Physics) provided physics-related technical assistance to the Fayette County District Attorney's Office.

Kyle Fredrick (Earth Sciences) began a three-year term as a Director-at-Large of the *Pittsburgh Geological Society*.

Gregg Gould (Chemistry & Physics) presided over a special English-speaking U.S. Symposium entitled "Enabling Advances in Mass Spectrometry" at the *JAIMA Expo 2011/SIS 2011* at Makuhari Messe in Chiba, Japan.

Rebecca Hess (Health Science) received the 2011 *Dance Teacher of the Year Award* from the Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.



Cheryl Hettman (Nursing), represented the National Association of Catholic Nurses as its President at The International Catholic Committee of Nurses and Medico-Social Assistants and The Pontifical Council of Health Care Workers in Rome, Italy.

Lewis Honaker (Grants & Contracts) was designated as a *Certified Research Administrator* by the Research Administrators Certification Council.

John Kallis (Applied Engineering & Technology) was elected the *President-Elect* of the Technology & Engineering Education Association of Pennsylvania.



Chad Kauffman (Earth Sciences) was elected to the National Weather Association Council.

Elizabeth Larsen (Justice, Law & Society) accepted positions of *Sociology Division Director*, Chair of the *University Scholarship Committee*, and *President* of the National Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology.

Vanessa MacKinnon (Exercise Science & Sports Studies) successfully defended her dissertation in October.

Jeffrey Magers (Professional Studies) chaired the Police Administration Committee of the 118th International Association of Chiefs of Police Con-

ference in Chicago, IL and was Master of Ceremonies for the Outstanding Achievement in Police Volunteer Programs Award ceremony and reception.

Thomas Mueller (Earth Sciences) was selected by the United States Geological Survey to review their National Hydrography Dataset lessons.

Ellie Nesser (Southpointe Center) was appointed to the Board of Advisors for Marcellus Shale and the Southpointe Chamber.

Krystia Nora (English), with the Western Pennsylvania Writing Project, organized a Poetry Workshop, which featured West Virginia poet Lori Wilson, for area teachers and Cal U students and faculty.

Karen Primm (Internship Center) served on the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars Liaison Advisory Board in Washington, DC.

Ryan Sittler (Library Services) was interviewed for the *Adventures in Library Instruction* podcast series (episode 30).

Jeff Sumey (Applied Engineering & Technology) and **Nathan Wright** (student research assistant) field-tested *ADCAR*; the result of the year-long NASA grant project *Inexpensive tethered Aerial Data Gathering Platform*, on the Chincoteague Bay off Wallops Island, VA. Also, Professor Jeff Sumey gave testimony to the *Pennsylvania Senate Appropriations Committee Hearing* at Millersville University. Mr. Sumey was the only Cal U representative at the hearing. He presented details of Cal U's robotics program, including the Department of Defense NCRETE project, the 2+2+2 Robotics Pathways project, and his robotics-related grant-funded research efforts.

Norma Thomas (Social Work) received the \$500 *Love of Learning Award* from Phi Kappa Phi for her research on hoarders.

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Margo Wilson (English) was re-elected *Vice President* of the English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities.

Kimberly Woznack (Chemistry & Physics) completed the *Department Chair Leadership Institute Webinar Series* offered by Jossey-Bass, Wiley Publishers. Also, she is serving as an Associate and Recording Secretary of the Women's Chemist Committee of the American Chemical Society and as the Secretary of the PASSHE Women's Consortium.

Thomas Wickham (Earth Sciences) was awarded the *Distinguished Teacher Award* from the Pennsylvania Geographical Society for his outstanding contributions to the discipline of geography.

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Michael Hummel, **Marta McClintock-Comeaux**, **Emily Sweitzer** and **Julie Warnich** (Justice, Law & Society), **Monica Ruane** and **Ryan Sittler** (Library Science), **Anthony Rodi** and **Melissa Sovak** (Math, Computer Science & Information Systems), **Arcides Gonzalez** (Modern Language), **Suzanne Palko** (Nursing), **Craig Fox** (Philosophy), **Holiday Adair**, **Angela Bloomquist** and **Carrie Rosengart** (Psychology), **Joseph Zisk** and **Susan Morris-Rutledge** (Secondary Education & Administrative Leadership), **Bernadette Jeffrey** and **Norma Thomas** (Social Work) and **Michael Slavin** (Theatre).

Student & Alumni Achievements

Meteorology students **Eric Beamesderfer** and **Dustin Snare** presented "Severe Storm-Hail Parameters" and "Numerical Climate Models"; respectively, at the *Pennsylvania Geographical Society Annual Meeting* at Indiana University of PA. Dustin earned a second-place *Student Paper Award*.

Joel Chronister (student, Biological & Environmental Sciences) presented "An Undergraduate Research Experience at the Old Woman Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve" at the Regional Science Consortium Annual Symposium in Erie, PA.

Timothy Lahmers (student, Meteorology) published "Effects of DEM Resolution on HAZUS Flood Mapping for the Monongahela River, California, PA" in *Pennsylvania Geographer* with co-authors **Kyle Fredrick** and **Tom Mueller** (Earth Sciences).

Nursing students **Alnora Brassell** and **Alana Iwanowski** were recognized at the *13th Annual Cameos of Caring Awards Gala* held at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. The event honors regional nurses who demonstrate excellence in nursing.

Three **Geology** students presented their research at the *Geological Society of America Annual Meeting* in Minneapolis, MN. **Matthew Motter** presented "Sediment and Precipitate Accumulation Rates in a Passive Wetland AMD Treatment Facility", **Matthew Baird** presented "Seasonal and Chemical Variability of AMD Discharge in a Passive Wetland Treatment System", and **Kaitlin Thomas** presented "Identification of Groundwater-Stream Interactions with Implications for Biogeochemical Hotspots in Elton Creek" in Western New York and "Determining the Hyporheic Interface and Scale of Ecological Significance in Three Western New York Streams."

Lindsay Rice (Earth Sciences) presented a research poster "Research Experience for Undergraduates at Western Kentucky University" at the *2011 National Weather Association Annual Meeting* in Birmingham, AL.

Ten Cal U **GIS Club** students contributed to the *2011 Pictometry Conference* in New Orleans, LA. They worked registration, set up the exhibit hall, and networked while seeking internships and employment. The students were accompanied by **Thomas Mueller** (Earth Sciences).

Eleven **University Honors Program** students contributed to the *National Collegiate Honors Council Conference* in Phoenix, AZ. **Chad Morrow** and **Angelina Lorenzo** presented a poster on teaching English in Mexico: "Teaching Indigenous Children English". **Valerie Herrero** and **Rachel Riddell**, with **Swarndeeep Gill** (Earth Sciences) led a discussion of their time measurement system: *It's About Time*. **Rachel Merlo** organized an Idea Exchange; *Building an Honors Student Government*. **Bridget Rogan** served as a Student Moderator for two sessions. Honors Director **M. G. Aune** (English) participated in *'Intersections': Hosting a Multi-University, Hybrid Undergraduate Research Conference Using Video-conferencing Technology*. All of the Cal U students participated in the *City as Text* program, a guided exploration of Phoenix's history and culture.

Students and faculty from **Meteorology**, **GIS/Emergency Management**, **Communications Studies**, and the **Institute of Criminological and Forensic Sciences** collaborated with the National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office in Pittsburgh to co-host a first-ever *Integrated Warning Team Workshop* in the Eastern Region at the Cal U Southpointe Center.

Frederick Douglass Scholar Appointed

Starting this semester, **Louis Ngamassi** was named Cal U's Frederick Douglass Scholar. His appointment is for the 2011-12 academic year. He has been assigned to teaching and other duties in the Department of Mathematics, Computer Science & Information Systems.

Ngamassi has a Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University. He focuses his research on information technology and information systems design and the development and use for inter-organizational coordination and social networks among humanitarian organizations.



The Frederick Douglass Institute at Cal U is directed by **Kelton Edmonds** (History & Political Science). The Institute serves as a catalyst to institutionalize multiculturalism and promote diversity throughout the University community. The Frederick Douglass Institute Visiting Scholars Program provides doctoral candidates and recent doctoral graduates with teaching experience and the opportunity to explore employment possibilities with the University. Douglass Scholars teach courses and are provided with opportunities to conduct research. They also participate in department and University-wide activities.

Homeland Security Conference

The Cal U Department of **Justice, Law, and Society** developed and presented their 5th *Annual Conference on Homeland and International Security* on October 25 in the Natali Student Center.

The conference attendees totaled nearly 160 professionals from security-related fields, including police chiefs, district attorneys, private investigators, chief executive officers of security companies, faculty members, academic researchers, and students.

There were four main presentations throughout the one-day conference. President **Angelo Armenti** provided opening remarks for the conference's theme; *Transnational Crimes*.



Cal U alumna Major General Donna Barbisch (retired) provided a featured presentation during the conference luncheon in the Natali Student

Two of the keynote speakers at the conference were Cal U graduates:

- Major General Donna Barbisch (retired-photo) presented "Building Resilience to Transnational Crimes"
 - Mark Camillo, a retired secret service agent, presented "Soft Targets of Terrorism: Securing Major International Sporting Events".
- Additional presentations included the following:
- Agent Jenny Wells presented "Counterintelligence and Security."
 - Andrae Marak, Division Head and Associate Professor of History & Political Science at Indiana University-Purdue University Columbus, presented "Borders, Borderlanders, and Crime."

- **Michael Hummel** (Justice, Law & Society and Director, *Linda and Harry Serene Leadership Institute*) presented "Kidnapping for Profit".



- **Emily Sweitzer** (Justice, Law & Society) provided closing remarks.

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