

TO: Faculty and Staff
FROM: Richard Helldobler, VPAA
DATE: August 16, 2011
RE: New Faculty

Due to recent faculty staff changes, the number of new full-time faculty members joining us at Shepherd University has increased by 25. Below is a brief biographical statement for each new faculty member. Please be reminded that you will have an opportunity to meet them at the New Faculty Reception on September 14th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Erma Ora Byrd Lobby.



The Crossroads logo indicates a Strategic Plan hire.

Dr. Jared Androzzi

Dr. Jared Androzzi, from Saxapahaw, North Carolina, has been appointed assistant professor of physical education in the Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Sports. Dr. Androzzi received a bachelor of science degree in education in grades K-12 health and physical education from Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania; a master of science degree in community and youth sport development and a doctorate in pedagogical kinesiology from University of North Carolina, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Prior to coming to Shepherd, Dr. Androzzi was a lecturer and teaching associate at University of North Carolina, Greensboro, North Carolina; grades K-8 health and physical educator at New School Montessori Center, Holly Springs, North Carolina; and a preschool motor skills teacher at Our Play House Preschool, Carrboro, North Carolina.

Dr. Androzzi is the recipient of numerous honors and awards. At the 2009 Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Commons Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. Androzzi presented a paper on *The Effectiveness of Teaching Biomechanical Assessment via Video Observation and Verbal Feedback*.

Ms. Evora Baker

Ms. Evora Baker, from Columbia, South Carolina, has been appointed counselor/TRIO Student Support Services in the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Instructional Resources. Ms. Baker received a bachelor of arts degree in history/sociology from Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota, and a master of education degree from University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona. Ms. Baker is certified through the Georgia Professional Standards Commission: Clear Renewable 6-12 History.

Prior to coming to Shepherd, Ms. Baker was a director at Century College Upward Bound in White Bear Lake, Minnesota; house supervisor for Missions Inc., Hart House in St. Paul, Minnesota; lead teacher at Children's Home Society of Minnesota in St. Paul, Minnesota; and site supervisor for Hamline-Midway Coalition, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Ms. Baker has received numerous awards which includes the University of Phoenix Dean's List and the Upward Bound Excellence in Service Award.



Mr. Christian Benefiel

Mr. Christian Benefiel, from Severna Park, Maryland, has been appointed assistant professor of art in the Department of Contemporary Art and Theater. Mr. Benefiel received a bachelor of fine arts degree from East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina, and a master of fine arts degree from the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

Prior to coming to Shepherd, Mr. Benefiel was a guest lecturer at the Finnish Academy of Fine Arts in Helsinki Finland; an adjunct faculty member and an instructional assistant at Montgomery College in Takoma Park, Maryland; a teaching assistant at the University of Maryland; a program coordinator, Pirkkala Sculpture 2007 in Pirkkala, Finland; a studio technician, Estonian Academy of Art in Tallinn, Estonia; and a production manager, Earthtones Pottery Studio.

Mr. Benefiel received the Graduation Award for Excellence in the field of sculpture at East Carolina University; the Daniel Nicholson Ohlke Memorial Fund Award and Graduate Teaching Assistantship in Sculpture from the University of Maryland; Hamiltonian Fellowship in Washington, DC; the Oliver Award in Baltimore, Maryland; the William J. Fulbright Post Graduate Research Grant in Helsinki, Finland, and the Roth Endowment Award in Helsinki, Finland and Washington, DC.



Dr. Christopher Coltrin

Dr. Chris Coltrin, from Ann Arbor, Michigan, has been appointed assistant professor of art in the Department of Art and Theater. Dr. Coltrin received a bachelor of arts in history, cum laude with University Honors and a master of arts in art history and curatorial studies from Brigham Young University, at Salt Lake City, Utah, and his doctorate in art history from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Prior to coming to Shepherd, Dr. Coltrin taught at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor, Michigan; Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn, Michigan; University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan; and Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

Among Dr. Coltrin's honors and awards are the Rackham Humanities Research Fellowship at University of Michigan and the Henry P. Tappan Award for Excellence in Teaching at University of Michigan. Among his publications and conference papers are "Apocalyptic Progress: The Politics of Disaster in Early Nineteenth-Century British Religious Painting," *Montage*, University of Iowa, 2009; and "The Government of God and the Economics of Moses: Painting the Exodus in the Age of Reform in Britain," *Brown Bag Lecture, Institute for the Humanities*, University of Michigan, 2010.

Ms. Cynthia Copney

Ms. Cynthia Copney, from Kalamazoo, Michigan, has been appointed clinical assistant professor and director of TRIO Student Support Services, in Teaching, Learning and Instructional Resources. Ms. Copney received a bachelor of science degree in business education from West Virginia State College, Institute, West Virginia, and a master of arts in education from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Prior to coming to Shepherd, Ms. Copney was the director of Upward Bound at Glen Oaks Community College in Centreville, Michigan; associate dean of retention at Davenport University in Kalamazoo, Michigan; director at The School for Business and Industry at Davenport University; an administrative services department chairperson at Davenport University; and a faculty/academic advisor at Davenport University.

Ms. Jessica Detrick

Ms. Jessica Detrick, from Martinsburg, WV, has been appointed lecturer/assistant softball coach/event management coordinator in the Athletics Program. Ms. Detrick received a bachelor of science degree in business administration with specialization in sports management from West Liberty State College, West Liberty, West Virginia, and a master of business administration degree from Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

Ms. Detrick has been an assistant softball coach/graduate assistant at Shepherd since 2008.

Mr. Joel Gordon

Mr. Joel Gordon, from Bristol, Tennessee, has been appointed lecturer/assistant football coach/athletic assistant in the Athletics Program. Mr. Gordon received a bachelor of science degree in recreation and leisure studies from Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

Prior to coming to Shepherd, Mr. Gordon was an academic coordinator, a quarterback coach and offensive coordinator at Emory & Henry College; a quarterback and wide receivers coach at Shepherd University; an assistant strength coach, a quarterback coach, and graduate assistant at North Carolina Wesleyan College; and an assistant quarterback, wide receivers coach and student assistant at Shepherd. Mr. Gordon was on the conference championship team and participated in the NCAA playoffs at Shepherd from 2005-2007.

Dr. Scott Hippensteel

Dr. Scott Hippensteel, from Muncie, Indiana, has been appointed visiting assistant professor of music/director of bands in the Department of Music. Dr. Hippensteel received a bachelor of music education degree majoring in K-12 instrumental music with trombone emphasis from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana; a master of arts degree in music and a doctor of arts degree in music with wind conducting and music education emphasis from Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana.

Prior to coming to Shepherd, Dr. Hippensteel was wind conducting associate and graduate assistant in music education and music theory at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana; an instructor of instrumental music and an adjunct instructor of music at Huntington University in Huntington, Indiana.

Dr. Hippensteel had a publication in the Oxford University Press in 2010. He holds memberships in the College Band Director's National Association, College Music Society, International Trombone Association, Music Educator's National Conference, National Band Association, and Phi Kappa Lambda-National Honorary Music Fraternity.

Ms. Julie Kaufman

Ms. Julie Kaufman from Damascus, Maryland, has been appointed assistant women's basketball coach in the Athletics Program. Ms. Kaufman received a bachelor of science degree in physical education from Catawba College in Salisbury, North Carolina, and a master's in curriculum and instruction degree in secondary education from Hood College, Frederick, Maryland.

Prior to coming to Shepherd, Ms. Kaufman was the assistant women's basketball coach at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland. She also was the sports management/game supervisor at Hood College. At Catawba College, Ms. Kaufman was a member of the basketball team that won two conference championships, three tournament championships, and attended the NCAA Regional tournament for two years.

Ms. Meghan Keelan

Ms. Meghan Keelan, from Randallstown, Maryland, has been appointed head women's lacrosse coach in the Department of Athletics. Ms Keelan received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Prior to coming to Shepherd, Ms. Keeland was an assistant coach at Bucknell University and University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Dr. Yu-Hsuan Liao

Dr. Yu-Hsuan Liao, from Jacksonville, Florida, has been appointed visiting assistant professor of music in the Department of Music. Dr. Liao received a bachelor of fine arts degree in music from Tung-Hai University, Taichung, Taiwan; a master of music degree in piano performance and a doctorate of musical arts degree in Piano Performance from The University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

Prior to coming to Shepherd, Dr. Liao was an assistant professor of music at Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Florida; a piano accompanist at The University of Texas at Austin in Austin, Texas; a piano instructor at 26-Music Fine Arts Center and Austin Academy of Music-Northwest School of Music in Austin, Texas; and the coordinator of dance and classical music concerts at The Suan-Da Company in Taipei, Taiwan.

Dr. Liao has published Manuel de Falla's Cuatro Piezas Espanoles: Combinations and Transformations of the Spanish Folk Modes. She also presented at the 31st Southern Chapter Conference of the College Music Society as a solo piano performance with a solo piano performance of "Meditations." She has numerous performance experiences which includes Tung-Hai Alumni Choir Concert in Taipei, Taiwan; Chamber Music Concert in the Recital Studio, at the University of Texas-Austin; "Messiah" Christmas Concert at MaCallum Fine Arts Academy in Austin, Texas; "The Wizard of Oz" Show Case at Kealing Middle School in Austin, Texas; Edward Waters College Music faculty Recital at Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Florida; and Jacksonville Children's Chorus- "Celebremos-Songs from Latin America" at Florida Times Union Center for the Performing Arts-Jacoby Symphony Hall in Jacksonville, Florida.



Dr. Christopher Lovelace

Dr. Christopher Lovelace, from Kansas City, Missouri, has been appointed assistant professor of psychology in the Department of Psychology. Dr. Lovelace received his bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; a master of arts degree in psychology and a doctorate degree in psychology both from American University, Washington, DC.

Prior to coming to Shepherd University, Dr. Lovelace was an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri; and a postdoctoral research fellow at Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Departments of Neurology, Neurobiology and Anatomy, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

A selection of publications include the following: Lovelace, C.T., Derakhshani, R., Tankasala, S.P.K., & Fillion, D.I. (2009). "Classification of startle eyeblink metrics using neural networks." *Proceedings of the 2009 International Joint Conference on Neural Networks*, Atlanta, GA; and Lovelace, C.T., Derakhshani, R., Burgoon, J.K. (2009) "Neural network evaluation of multimodal startle eyeblink measurements," *Psychophysiology*.

Among Dr. Lovelace's presentations are: *Society for Neuroscience Members' Retreat*. "The synesthete brain: abnormal or supernormal?" March 5, 2009: University of Kansas Medical Center. Lovelace, C.T., Derakhshani, R., King, G., Burgoon, J. "Efficient, unobtrusive measurement of postural correlates of deception." *Bi-annual meeting of the Center for Identification Technology Research*. Skaneateles, NY. May 2010.

Dr. Lovelace is the recipient of the Mellon Travel Award, Research Fellowship Award, and the Predoctoral Intramural Research Training Award.

Mr. Jay Menke

Mr. Jay Menke, from Middletown, Maryland, has been appointed visiting assistant professor of biology in the Department of Biology. Mr. Menke received a bachelor of arts degree from Virginia Wesleyan College, Norfolk, Virginia, and a master of science in molecular biology degree from East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina.

Prior to coming to Shepherd, Mr. Menke taught biology at Frederick Community College, Frederick, Maryland and maintained a Herbalife Independent Distributorship. Mr. Menke's clinical research history includes among others: senior clinical research associate for Fast-Track Drugs and Biologics, LLC; senior clinical research associate for Paragon Biomedical, Inc.; clinical research associate at SGS LSS, Germantown, Maryland and at East Carolina University School of Medicine.



Dr. Belinda B. Mitchell

Dr. Belinda B. Mitchell, from Lawrence, Kansas, has been appointed assistant professor of education in the Department of Education. Dr. Mitchell received a bachelor of science degree in recreation and leisure services and a master of science degree in special education from Radford University, Radford, Virginia; and a doctorate degree in special education from the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.

Prior to coming to Shepherd, Dr. Mitchell was an adjunct faculty member at Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas; graduate teaching assistant at University of Kansas; special education teacher at Central Academy Middle School, Fincastle, Virginia; and served as a researcher, consultant and presenter.

Among her publications (in press) are: Deshler, D., Kennedy, M. Mitchell, B., Novosel, L., & Ihle, F. Content Area Learning. In N.M. Seel (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of the Science of Learning*. Verlag, NY: Springer.



Dr. Sytil Murphy

Dr. Sytil Murphy, from Manhattan, Kansas, has been appointed assistant professor of physics in the Institute of Environmental and Physical Sciences. Dr. Murphy received a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics from Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois, and a master of science degree in physics and a doctorate in physics from Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana.

Before coming to Shepherd, Dr. Murphy taught at Kansas State University and at Montana State University.

Among her publications and presentations are: “Physics and Biology REU Students’ Understanding of Scientific Ethics,” Sytil Murphy and Dean Zollman, submitted to *NARST* (2011); “Pilot Testing of the Pathway Active Learning Environment,” Chris Nakamura, Sytil Murphy, Mike Christel, Scott Stevens and Dean Zollman, accepted to *Physics Education Research Conference* (2010); and “A Method for Classifying Students Understanding of Conceptual Structure.” Mojgan Matloob Haghani, Sytil Murphy and Dean Zollman, submitted to AAPT Winter Meeting (2011).

Dr. Murphy is the recipient of numerous awards including the American Association of Physics Teachers Apparatus Competition.

Dr. Greg Place

Dr. Greg Place, from Chicago, Illinois, has been appointed assistant professor of recreation and leisure in the Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Sports. Dr. Place received a bachelor of arts degree in contemporary ministries from Spring Arbor College, Spring Arbor, Michigan; a master of science degree in administration from Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan; and a doctorate in recreation and parks administration (emphasis in outdoor education) from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

Prior to coming to Shepherd, Dr. Place was an associate professor of recreation and director of the recreation program at Chicago State University, Chicago, Illinois; assistant professor of public recreation and director of the undergraduate recreation program at South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota; and visiting lecturer and associate instructor at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

Among Dr. Place’s publications and presentations are: Place, G & Livengood, J. (2010). “Youth Leisure in a Native American Community: An Observational Study.” *The Canadian Journal of Native Studies*; Livengood, J., Place, G., and Connally, W.D. (October 2010). “Perceived leisure constraints of students attending Christian colleges”; *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting* in Baltimore, Maryland.

Dr. Laura Porter

Dr. Laura Porter, from Hedgesville, West Virginia, has been appointed visiting assistant professor of education in the Department of Education. Dr. Porter received a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education and a master of education degree in early childhood special education from University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois; and a doctorate in special education from George Washington University, Washington, DC. Dr. Porter has post-graduate professional certificates in Virginia with endorsements for: early childhood special education, early education NK-4, and middle education grades 4-8.

Prior to coming to Shepherd, Dr. Porter was assessment and summer services educational specialist at Fairfax Ridge Administrative Center, Office of Special Education Instruction, Fairfax County, Virginia; curriculum resource teacher, Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax, Virginia; inclusive school teacher facilitator, autism resource teacher, Fairfax County Public Schools, Dunn Loring, Virginia; administrative internship, National Center on Progress Monitoring, Washington, DC; and administrative internship, Council for Exceptional Children.

Ms. Amy Shroades

Ms. Amy Shroades, from Martinsburg, West Virginia has been appointed visiting assistant professor of nursing education in the Department of Nursing Education. Ms. Shroades received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Shepherd College (University), Shepherdstown, West Virginia and a master of science degree in nursing from Mountain State University, Beckley, West Virginia.

Prior to coming to Shepherd full-time, Ms. Shroades has been a nursing instructor at Shepherd and Blue Ridge Community College. She is certified as an emergency medical technician and in advance cardiac life support. She has been a volunteer EMT worker for more than 16 years. She is currently researching and developing a graduate level thesis which will demonstrate the relationship between nurse attrition rates and patient satisfaction rates.

Dr. Monique Taylor

Dr. Monique Taylor, from Rocky Mount, Virginia, has been appointed visiting assistant professor of mathematics in the Department of Computer Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering. Dr. Taylor received a bachelor of science degree in mathematics with a minor in computer science from Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, North Carolina; and a master of science and a doctorate degree in applied mathematics from North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Prior to coming to Shepherd, Dr. Taylor was an assistant professor in the mathematics department at Ferrum College in Ferrum, Virginia; a teaching/research assistant in the mathematics department at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina; and a part-time instructor at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Dr. Taylor has done many presentations including *Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education (EDGE) Reunion* at North Carolina State University; *Statistical and Applied Mathematical Sciences Institute (SAMSI Infinite Possibilities Conference)* at North Carolina State University; and *Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM) Dynamical Systems Conference* in Snowbird, Utah.

Mr. Jonathan Thayil

Mr. Jonathan Thayil of Frederick, Maryland, has been appointed lecturer/head men's and women's soccer coach. Mr. Thayil received a bachelor of arts degree in politics and public policy from Bethany College, Bethany, West Virginia, and a master of science degree in exercise science and health promotion from California University of Pennsylvania, California, Pennsylvania.

Prior to coming to Shepherd Mr. Thayil was head coach of women's varsity soccer at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland and head coach of women's soccer at Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York. He has been Shepherd's head coach of men's soccer since 2007. Mr. Thayil was in the United States Army Reserve. He has received certifications from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America; has a license from the United States Soccer Federation and Union of European Football associations; and is a performance enhancement specialist, National Academy of Sports Medicine.



Ms. Cynthia Vance

Ms. Cynthia Vance, from Martinsburg, West Virginia, has been appointed assistant professor of accounting in the Department of Accounting. Ms. Vance received a bachelor of science degree in accounting and economics from Shepherd College (University), Shepherdstown, West Virginia; and a master's degree in business administration from Shenandoah University, Winchester, Virginia. She is a certified public accountant.

Prior to coming to Shepherd, Ms. Vance was controller at West Virginia University Hospitals-East, in Martinsburg, West Virginia; director of internal audit at American Public University System, Charles Town, West Virginia; and comptroller at Shenandoah University, Winchester, Virginia. Ms. Vance has been an adjunct instructor at Lord Fairfax Community College in Middletown, Virginia, and at Shenandoah University.

Ms. Vance has a history of honors and awards, among them Shepherd's McMurrin Scholar, Who's Who in Finance and Industry, Who's Who of American Women, and Who's Who Among Colleges.

Ms. Barbara Ware

Ms. Barbara Ware, from Martinsburg, West Virginia has been appointed lecturer/field placement coordinator in the Department of Education. Ms. Ware received a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education from Shepherd College (University), Shepherdstown, West Virginia; a master of arts degree in elementary education; and a principal certification from West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia.

Prior to coming to Shepherd, Ms. Ware was an assistant principal at Valley View Elementary School; an elementary coordinator, a kindergarten teacher, summer school Title I site coordinator, and a summer energy express site coordinator at Burke Street School in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Ms. Ware is an honorary lifetime member of the WV PTA. She received an ACE Award, the Ashland, Inc. Golden Apple Achiever Award, and Autism Society of WV Kindergarten Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Ann Watson

Ms. Ann Watson, from Granville, Ohio has been appointed dean of libraries and information sciences. Ms. Watson received a bachelor of arts degree in history from West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia; a master of science library science degree in library and information science from Kent State University, Kent, Ohio; and a master of arts degree in education from Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Prior to coming to Shepherd, Ms. Watson served as the library director at Ohio University Lancaster where some of her accomplishments included the integration of technology through participation in the Ohio University system and OhioLINK consortia and oversight of a \$1.8 million dollar renovation project. Other positions include head of access services, head of instruction and instruction coordinator at Denison University, William Howard Doane Library, Granville, Ohio. She is a member of the American Library Association and the Academic Library Association of Ohio.

Dr. Cynthia Wenger

Dr. Cynthia Wenger, from Kutztown, Pennsylvania, has been appointed assistant professor of English in the Department of English and Modern Languages. Dr. Wenger received a bachelor of arts degree, *summa cum laude*, in English from Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania; a master of arts degree from Drew University, Madison, New Jersey; and a doctorate degree in rhetoric and composition with a minor in transatlantic modernism from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Prior to coming to Shepherd, Dr. Wenger was assistant director of Lehigh University's writing and math center; assistant director of Lehigh University's First-Year Writing Program; Teaching Fellow at Lehigh University; instructor, StepUp ESL Intensive English Program at Lehigh University; writing instructor in the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth, Lafayette College; instructor at Harrisburg Area Community College; teaching assistant, Developmental Writing Program, Drew University; and student instructor and graduate, Pennsylvania's Governor's School for Teaching.

Among Dr. Wenger's peer-reviewed publications is "A Buyer's Market: The Implications of the Student as Consumer Metaphor and the Commercialization and Renovation of American Universities." *The International Journal of Learning*, Vol. II (2006).



Dr. Ralph Wojtowicz

Dr. Ralph Wojtowicz from Yellow Spring, West Virginia, has been appointed assistant professor of mathematics in the Department of Computer Sciences, Mathematics and Engineering. Dr. Wojtowicz received a bachelor of science degree in mathematics and a bachelor of science degree in aeronautical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York; and a master of science degree in aeronautical engineering and a doctorate in mathematics from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois.

Prior to coming to Shepherd, Dr. Wojtowicz was an analyst at Metron, Inc. in Reston, Virginia; assistant professor at the University of Dallas Department of Mathematics and Computer Science in Irving, Texas; and a visiting assistant professor at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Publications and projects include: Analyst: “Wide Angle Array Passive Sonar Algorithm and System Development;” Office of Naval Research, 2010-present; “Non-Classical Markov Logic and Network Analysis,” *IEEE 12th International Conference on Information Fusion*; Seattle, WA, 2009. He secured a \$600,000 Air Force Office of Scientific Research grant as a co-investigator (with faculty from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign): Great computational Intelligence; and a \$180,000 Air force Office of Scientific Research grant as a Principal Investigator: Categorical Logic as a Foundation for Robust Decision Making.