

Profiles

SPRING 2004

FACULTY AND STAFF PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

School of Arts and Humanities

DR. MICHAEL AUSTIN, associate professor of English and chair of the Department of English and Modern Languages, will be an invited lecturer on Thomas Kuhn's philosophy of science at the Autism One Conference in Chicago in May. A recent essay by Dr. Austin, "The Figural Logic of the Sequel and the Unity of *The Pilgrim's Progress*," which was supported by a grant from the Shepherd College Professional Development Committee, has been accepted for publication in the journal *Studies in Philology*.

DR. SCOTT BEARD, assistant professor of music, continues to be in demand as a teacher and lecturer throughout the region. Several students recently won state and regional competitions, with his 12-year old student George Fu being accepted as a participant in the Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition.

Concerts this semester have taken him to West Liberty State College, Radford University, the Polish Embassy in Washington, D.C., and a contemporary music performance with the New Horizons Concert Series in southwestern Virginia. Dr. Beard will be travelling to Kansas City, Missouri, to attend the National Conference of MTNA (Music Teacher's National Association), where he will be accompanying Shepherd student Jessica Medina, who he has coached along with vocal teacher **BARBARA STENGER** in preparation for her competition at the national level.

His concert season will culminate with a performance of George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* with the Shepherd College Wind Ensemble on April 30 in the Frank Center. The summer will be spent on several writing and research projects that are slated for publication.

DR. PHILIP BUFITHIS, professor of English, had an overview essay on the fiction of Harold Brodkey published last autumn in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Literature*. He has recently been appointed executive editor of the award-winning national literary and photography magazine *Antietam Review*, now in its 24th year. His review of Anthony Bukoski's collection of stories *Time Between Trains* and his interview with Pulitzer Prize-winning critic Michael Dirda appeared in *Antietam Review* 2003.

In February Dr. Bufithis was elected to the Robert F. Lucid Award for Mailer Studies committee of the Norman Mailer Society. His short story "Fifty Years of Love," published last year, has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize.

DR. MARK MCCOY, associate professor of music and chair of the Department of Music and Theater, was selected as a guest conductor and clinician for the Harford and Washington All-County Bands for 2004. Dr. McCoy has also been selected as

adjudicator for the Festivals of Music in Virginia Beach, Virginia, throughout the spring. Dr. McCoy was the only east coast conductor selected for the Breckinridge, Colorado, Music Festival in April. The second edition of his first symphony "A Symphony for Salem, 1692" will be published in April by C. Alan Publications, the leading publisher in new music for winds. Under his direction, the Shepherd Jazz Ensemble was invited to the Montreux Jazz Festival and the Shepherd Wind Ensemble has been invited to take part in the 2005 season at Carnegie Hall in New York. Dr. McCoy was invited to present at the 2004 WVMEA Conference in March.

THOMAS PANEBIANCO, adjunct professor of English, was a contributor to the legal encyclopedia *Major Acts of Congress*, published in 2004 by Macmillan Reference USA of the Gale Group. The publication provides history and synopses of major federal legislation and is being marketed to colleges and municipal libraries. Panebianco, former general counsel of the Federal Maritime Commission and member of the District of Columbia Bar, contributed a chapter on the shipping statutes, including the laws governing international ocean trade and the passenger cruise industry. Panebianco has been an adjunct professor in the English Department since 1996 and teaches Writing for the Social Sciences and World Literature.

DR. LAURA RENNINGER, assistant professor of music history, has been invited to present her latest research in Kyoto, Japan, in April at the 18th International Congress on Acoustics. She will be presenting at a special congress session devoted to absolute pitch. Dr. Renninger served as part of the Shepherd team along with **DR. PATRICIA DWYER** and **DR. STEPHANIE SLOCUM-SCHAFFER** at the AAC&U's General Education and Assessment Conference in March in Long Beach, California.

DR. SYLVIA BAILEY SHURBUTT, professor of English, made a presentation at the Women of Appalachia Conference, October 24, 2003 at Ohio University in Zanesville. The session focused on the topic The Accomplishments of Marilou Awiakta, the 2000 Appalachian Heritage Writer-in-Residence at Shepherd.

The work of the Appalachian Heritage Writer-in-Residence Committee—Shurbutt, **DR. JAMES WATSON**, **DR. RACHEL SCHIPPER**, **RACHAEL MEADS**, *Antietam Review* senior editor **ETHAN FISCHER**, community members Teresa Dunham and Charlotte Henning, and students Dave Hoffman and Stacey Renken—will be featured in an upcoming article in *Phi Kappa Phi Forum* which details events of the 2003 residency of Robert Morgan and the 2003 West Virginia Young Writers Fiction Competition. The 2004 Young Writers Fiction Competition is underway.

DR. JOHN E. STEALEY III, professor of history, had his manuscript "Porte Crayon's Mexico: David Hunter Strother's Diaries in the Early Porfirian Era, 1879-1885," accepted for publication by the Kent State University Press. It is anticipated that the 2,062-page manuscript will appear in print in 2005 or 2006.

On West Virginia History Day at the West Virginia Legislature on January 29, a consortium of various state historical organizations recognized Dr. Stealey as a History Hero. This recognition and honor arose from his many contributions to the body of scholarly writing, to public awareness of the significance of history to contemporary political issues, to teaching, and to preservation of the sources of West Virginia history.

Dr. Stealey also attended the annual meetings of the Southern Historical Association in Houston, Texas, in November 2003 and the American Historical Association in Washington, D.C., in January.

DR. LINDA TATE, associate professor of English, was named the Faculty Merit Foundation's West Virginia Professor of the Year 2003 on March 4 at a ceremony at the Cultural Center in Charleston.

A photograph featured on Dr. Tate's American Transcendentalism Web site (www.shepherd.edu/transweb/travelguide.htm) was selected for inclusion in *Preservation Magazine's* online publication *Preservation Online*. The photography of Emily Dickinson's gravesite in Amherst, Massachusetts, can be seen at www.nationaltrust.org/magazine/archives/arc_news/022604.htm. Dr. Tate recently launched a new Web site on the history of Wellston, Missouri, at webpages.shepherd.edu/ltate/hub.htm.

Dr. Tate serves as president of the Shepherdstown Public Library Board of Trustees. She also serves on the steering committee of the Shepherdstown Community Design Team project.

School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

DR. JASON BEST, associate professor of astrophysics, spoke at Depauw University in October 2003. The colloquium talk, "Infinity Then and Now," was part of Depauw University's Percy Lavon Julian Science and Mathematics Center Dedication Week. Dr. Best also presented "The Cosmic Scheme of Things: New Insights into the Universe Around Us" as part of the Shepherd College Faculty Research Forum series in November 2003. In addition, the paper "College, Nonprofit and Government...It Works!," co-authored by Dr. Best, was presented at the 32nd North American Association for Environmental Education Annual Conference held in October 2003 in Anchorage, Alaska.

DR. DAN DiLELLA, professor of chemistry and chair of the Department of Chemistry, was the principal investigator on a \$14,000 grant from the West Virginia EPSCoR to help in the purchase of an ion chromatograph. The Shepherd College Foundation will contribute an additional \$11,000 in cost sharing for the purchase of the instrument. **DR. PETER VILA**, assistant professor of environmental studies, and **DR. EUGENE VOLKER**, professor of chemistry, were co-investigators on this proposal. The instrument will be used by Shepherd students to monitor water quality of local streams.

DR. SUDA KUNYOSYING, professor of mathematics, attended the Joint MAA-AMS National Convention in Mathematics in Phoenix, Arizona, January 7-10. Dr. Kunyosying presented the paper "Visualizing Eigenvectors with Computer Algebra Software: A Linear Algebra Classroom Capsule." Dr. Kunyosying also attending a one-day mathematics seminar sponsored by Prentice Hall in Baltimore, Maryland, with **DR. FRANCOISE NELLES** and **VICTOR HUGHES** on February 17. The themes of the seminar were Preparing Your Students For Calculus and Changing The Way You Teach For Student Success.

DR. EDWARD M. SNYDER, professor of environmental studies and chair of the Institute for Environmental Studies, presented a paper titled "Bryozoa of the Mission Argillite (Permian), North-eastern Washington, USA" at the 13th International Bryozoological Association meeting held in Concepcion, Chile, January 10-19. In addition, Dr. Snyder was senior co-author of the paper "College, Nonprofit and Government...It Works!," presented at the 32nd North American Association for Environmental Education Annual Conference held in October 2003 in Anchorage, Alaska.

Dr. Snyder along with **DR. RAY SMOCK** of the Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies, in partnership with the National Peace Foundation under the auspices of the Open World Center for Leadership Development, hosted five Russian leaders in the area of environmental study. These Russian environmental professionals met with faculty and students at Shepherd College and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Resources, visited Arch Coal mine facilities, attended environmental discussions at the National Conservation Training Center and Freshwater Institute of the Conservation Fund, and were instructed in the structure of environmental policy and law in the United States.

Dr. Snyder and 26 students attended the West Virginia Environmental Conference in Charleston October 28 and 29, 2003, which focused on the Effects of Global Warming on the Economy of West Virginia. Students also attended a debate at the University of Charleston regarding the impact of mountain top mining. As a component of the Geology of National Parks class, Dr. Snyder and 12 students traveled May 16-26, 2003 throughout the southwest studying National Parks such as Bryce, Zion, Capitol Reef, the Grand Escelante, and the Grand Canyon, which was hiked from top to bottom by the entire group.

DR. ROBERT WARBURTON, professor of biochemistry, has won a \$5,250 grant from West Virginia BRIN for the purchase of a vacuum centrifuge. This instrument will be used to support undergraduate research in biology and biochemistry at Shepherd.

School of Education and Professional Studies

DR. KATHLEEN B. GABERSON, professor of nursing education and chair of the Department of Nursing Education, made the presentation Test Construction to the Department of Nursing at West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, on November 6, 2003. Dr. Gaberson represented Shepherd's Department of Nursing Education at the West Virginia Association of Deans and Directors of Nursing Education meeting in Flatwoods, November 5 and 6, 2003 and at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Fall Semi-annual Meeting October 26-28, 2003, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Gaberson has had the following articles published: "Profile of a Successful AORN Foundation Scholarship Applicant," with S. L. Chappy and P.S. Stein (2004) *AORN Journal*, 79, 637-640 and "The Perceived Value of Certification by Certified Perioperative Nurses," with K. Schroeter, A.R. Killen, and W.A. Valentine (2003), *Nursing Outlook*, 51, 273-277.

LAURA CLAYTON and **KAREN PUGSLEY**, assistant professors of nursing, had the article "Traditional Lecture of Experiential Learning: Changing Student Attitudes" published in the *Journal of Nursing Education*, November 2003. They presented the paper at the 18th Annual Southern Nursing International Research Conference in February in Louisville, Kentucky. Clayton also presented a poster titled "Hopefulness: A Concept Analysis" at the conference.

Clayton presented a paper at the Alpha Rho Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society Conference in Morgantown, focusing on how to change nursing students' attitudes toward research through use of experiential learning techniques. She attended the Changing Practice Changing Lives National Congress on Health Disparities Collaboratives in fall 2003 in Nashville, Tennessee.

BARBARA KEMERER, associate professor of nursing education, and **TAMARA WARE**, visiting assistant professor of nursing education, presented a continuing education program titled "Communication and Pain Management in End-of-life Care" at the Nursing Alumni Event during Homecoming weekend 2003.

TAMARA WARE, visiting assistant professor of nursing education, attended the Pediatric Update Seminar and Medication and Aging Seminar at Hagerstown Community College in March. In November 2003, Ware completed recertification requirements for Medical/Surgical Nursing through the American Nurse Credentialing Center with notification in January of recertification granted for five years.

School of Business and Social Sciences

DR. HANG YUL RHEE, professor of political science and chair of the Department of Political Science, attended Divided Nation, a symposium in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Korean Armistice of 1953, at the Grand Hyatt San Francisco Conference Theater, San Francisco, on December 12 and 13, 2003. Dr. Rhee's discussion focused on "Could Korea Have Remained Whole? A Review of the Origin of the Division of Korea." The conference was sponsored by the Intercultural Institute of California.

DR. STEPHANIE SLOCUM-SCHAFFER, assistant professor of political science, has written the chapter "Animal Rights: Subordinate or Equal Species?" for Raymond Tatalovich and Byron W. Daynes's forthcoming book on social regulatory policy titled *Moral Controversies in American Politics*. The book will be published by M.E. Sharpe Publishers in fall 2004. Dr. Slocum-Schaffer has had an article accepted for publication in the *Encyclopedia of*



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American Federalism titled "Morality Policy in America." This short article defines and articulates the elements and boundaries of the relatively new sub-field of morality policy in American politics. Dr. Slocum-Schaffer will be presenting a co-authored paper at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in April. The paper, "Moving Beyond Consensus versus Majoritarian: The Impact of Democratic Forms on Women's Representation," continues her investigation into women's representation in post-industrial democracies.

DR. DENIS WOODS, associate professor of political science, has had the article "Forty Million Uninsured: The Ethics of Public Policy" accepted for publication by the peer-reviewed journal *Public Integrity*.

Administration

DR. JOHN ADAMS, assistant vice president of student affairs and dean of students, is currently serving as secretary for the Mid-Atlantic Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers representing West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, and Pennsylvania. This association, with more than 825 members, is committed to conservation of all waters and to educating the public about fly fishing.

DR. DAVID L. DUNLOP, president, has been appointed to another two-year term as West Virginia's representative to the American Association of State Colleges and Universities' Council of State Representatives. The purpose of the Council is to help formulate and recommend the public policy agenda to the association. Members are also responsible for assisting staff in carrying out the agenda through contact with stakeholders and members.

DR. PATRICIA DWYER, dean of teaching, learning, and instructional resources and associate professor of English, has been accepted to participate in the Harvard Institute for Management and Leadership in Higher Education from June 16-July 2. Dr. Dwyer has had the article "Leading Change: Creating a Culture of Assessment" accepted to appear in the journal *To Improve the Academy*.

RESIDENCE LIFE STAFF attended the Mid-Atlantic College and University Housing Officers (MACUHO) Annual Conference in November 2003.

L. SCOTT DERBY won Best Presentation by a New Professional for his 75-minute presentation on resident assistant training. Derby was awarded \$500 to be applied to next year's conference and \$100 to use on any staff development item of his choice. This is awarded to one new professional each year at the conference. Derby presented two sessions at the conference in addition to working with the program committee throughout the conference week.

ELLISA WOODBREY was appointed the West Virginia regional co-coordinator for MACUHO for the upcoming year. She and another representative from the West Virginia region will be the main contact persons for West Virginia and the liaisons to the MACUHO Executive Board.

TRACIE ELLIS is the chair of the recruitment and implementation subcommittee of the MACUHO Program Committee. She is responsible for recruiting programs for the upcoming conference and coordinating the selection process for the entire program slate. This is the second year she has been chair of this subcommittee. Ellis has been a member of the program committee since 2001, and L. Scott Derby joined the committee in June

2003. They will both continue to be active on the program Committee in 2004. Ellis and Ellisa Woodbrey also presented a session at the conference regarding eating disorders, the new addictions among today's college students, and how to help students cope before it goes too far.

Shepherd College will be co-hosting the 2004 MACUHO Conference at Oglebay Resort in Wheeling. The Residence Life Staff will be taking on additional responsibilities to assist in hosting the next annual conference. The MACUHO region includes West Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.

JOY PHILLIPS, assistant director of the College Center, completed her master of arts in counseling from West Virginia University in December 2003. She is currently serving as assistant director of the College Center and the director of commuter programming at Shepherd. She is also an adjunct professor teaching health psychology.

THOMAS C. SEGAR, director of multicultural student affairs/ADA coordinator, presented the workshop "Safe Harbors: Practical Tips on Student Staff Diversity Training" at the 2003 Mid-Atlantic Association of College and University Housing Officers Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, November 4-7, 2003. The program was rated as one of the top 10 best programs out of 50 programs. Segar has been selected to serve as a cluster facilitator for the LeaderShape Institute, a nationally recognized week-long leadership training experience for college students, in June.

MARY BETH SIBERT, administrative assistant for veterans affairs, international student services, and student affairs, is the first student affairs recipient of the SALAD (Student Affairs Learning, Assessment, and Diversity) Award presented in January. Sibert successfully demonstrated a commitment to Shepherd and Student Affairs through exemplary performance in exceeding the goal of student learning in the Office of Student Affairs Mission Statement.

Community and Technical College

VICTOR H. HUGHES III, instructor of developmental mathematics and mathematics education, attended the ACCLAIM (Appalachian Collaborative Center for Learning, Assessment, and Instruction on Mathematics) Conference at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville on February 27 and 28. Also attending were secondary mathematics education students Stephanie Armentrout and Kevin Legg.

