

# Profiles

## Faculty and Staff Professional Activities

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### School of Business and Social Sciences

The Department of Social Work received a grant from the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) for the 2009-10 fiscal year in the amount of \$171,663. Co-principal investigators are **DR. GERI CRAWLEY-WOODS**, professor of social work, and **DR. DOUGLAS C. HORNER**, professor of social work and chair, Department of Social Work. With this award, the program has secured \$1.75 million in outside funding support for the mission and goals of Shepherd and the social work program.

The grant is funded through Title IV-E of the Social Security Act and has three primary functions. This funding supports social work students with tuition assistance during their undergraduate education. The grant provides funds for on-going training to staff and supervisors of DHHR throughout the 15-county region of eastern West Virginia and other areas of the state. The training is provided in a number of areas focusing on ethics in child welfare, substance abuse, mental health (child and adult), culturally sensitive practice, issues of separation experienced by children in foster care, engaging absent fathers, and kinship care.

An additional training area is under the direction of **AMY HAMPTON**, PRIDE coordinator and regional child welfare trainer. This initiative provides a series of workshops for potential foster parents at several sites in the eastern region of the state. This training is part of a statewide effort to increase the number of potential foster and adoptive parents to meet the needs of the 3,000 children in West Virginia who are in foster care. In the last fiscal year, Hampton and her staff of contracted trainers prepared 180 individuals for beginning foster care service.

**DR. ANN MARIE LEGREID**, professor of geography and dean of the School of Business and Social Sciences, was a keynote speaker at a seminar held during the summer in Norway titled Cultural Inventions, Transplantations, and Transnationalisms. Dr. Legreid's presentation dealt with Norwegians in America and their efforts in the 19th and 20th centuries to help rural America through education and public health campaigns. The event was hosted at the Norwegian Emigrant Museum in Ottestad.

**DR. ANNE MURTAGH**, assistant professor of psychology, is second author of "Temperament and attentional focus: Reaction time indicators of bias and cue salience," an article recently published in *Social Behavior and Personality*, Vol. 37(3), 2009, pp. 289-298.

**DR. HANG YUL RHEE**, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of International Relations, delivered the keynote address at the Democracy Building in Asia symposium in Taipei, Taiwan, on October 14. The symposium was co-sponsored by the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy and the Heritage Foundation. Dr. Rhee's address was titled "The Importance of Fair Elections in Developing Democracy in East Asia."

**DR. RICHARD A. STEVENS, JR.**, assistant professor and program coordinator of college student development and administration, was named to the editorial board of the *Journal of College Student Development*.

### School of Arts and Humanities

**EVA-MARIA SUÁREZ BÜDENBENDER**, visiting assistant professor of Spanish, presented a paper titled "Te conozco, bacalao'—The influence of socioeconomic differences on linguistic attitudes" at the Hispanic Linguistics Symposium organized by the Universidad de Puerto Rico, Recinto Río Piedras, October 21-24 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

**DR. BETTY ELLZEY**, associate professor of English, along with **DR. SALLY BRASHER**, assistant professor of history, organized a session titled Teaching Hrothsvita at the 44th International Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University in May. Dr. Ellzey also presented a paper, "Teaching Hrothsvita and Aphra Behn in Women's Studies Courses," at that session. She has been invited to direct a play in the international medieval drama conference, Chester 2010, at the University of Toronto in May 2010.

**SONYA EVANISKO**, professor of art and coordinator of the painting and drawing program, exhibited highlights of the artwork that she created during her sabbatical. The exhibition of mixed media paintings/collages, titled Strangely Beautiful, was on display from October 8-November 8 in the Bridge Gallery, Shepherdstown. Evanisko's work can be viewed at [www.sonyaevanisko.com](http://www.sonyaevanisko.com).

Her work was part of the juried Nancy Rodig Regional Exhibit, at The Arts Centre,

Martinsburg. This September, Evanisko was invited to install an exhibition of her work for a month at the Shenandoah Arts Council Gallery in Winchester, Virginia. She also participated in the annual faculty art exhibition at the Frank Center Gallery. This fall, Evanisko served as a juror for an art exhibition/competition to take place in Winchester, Virginia, for the community's New Year Eve First Night activities. The exhibit she jurored will be on view from November through December. The Department of Contemporary Art faculty, including Evanisko, recently returned from a two-day trip with 50 art students to New York City where they viewed and researched contemporary art.

**DR. DAVID GONZOL**, associate professor of music, had a research article published in *The Mountain Lake Reader*, 2009.

**DR. DAVID B. GORDON**, associate professor of history, has published a textbook titled *Sun Yatsen: Seeking a Newer China* as part of Pearson Prentice Hall's Library of World Biography series. The volume, which appeared in July 2009, is intended for a broad audience of university freshmen taking required courses in the field of modern world history.

Dr. Gordon attended the annual International Association for Asian Studies Conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in February. He presented a paper titled "Sun Yatsen (1866-1925) and Theodor Herzl (1860-1904): Empowering Ancient Peoples Through Paternalistic Modernity."

**BECKIE LAUGHLIN**, adjunct instructor of art, is exhibiting *By Accident*, a combine painting with found objects, in *The Bike Project*, an invitational exhibition at the Rouse Company Foundation Gallery, Howard Community College in Columbia, Maryland, from October 8 to November 15.

**DR. HEIDI M. HANRAHAN**, assistant professor of English, published her article, "Kiss my foot! Here's what I wuz bred an' born': Wags in Sherwood Bonner's Short Fiction," in the 2009 volume of *Studies in American Humor*. She presented a paper titled "Is not peace better? I can't tell': North and South in Constance Fenimore Woolson's Poetry" at the Society for the Study of American Women Writers Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in October. Dr. Hanrahan will chair the session Hawthorne and Twentieth/Twenty-First Century Writers at the South Atlantic Modern Languages Association Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, in November.

**DR. JIM LEWIN**, professor of English, presented a paper titled "Hamlet on Film: The Ghost of 9/11," at the Ohio Valley Shakespeare Conference, October 22-24. The conference focused on the film versions of Shakespeare's plays.

**DR. CHAD LOEWEN-SCHMIDT**, assistant professor of English, has an article, "Pity, or the Providence of the Body in Richardson's *Clarissa*," accepted for publication in the fall 2009 issue of *Eighteenth-Century Fiction*.

The editors of a forthcoming book examining the final works of a number of American authors requested a contribution from **DR. TIMOTHY NIXON**, assistant professor of English, and in July he submitted his essay "'A Spring Sunday' and Its Place in the Oeuvre of Sarah Orne Jewett." In this essay, Dr. Nixon argues that an obscure short story is more deserving of critical attention than is Jewett's last novel, an anomalous, misguided exploration of the historical romance genre. Furthermore, Dr. Nixon's proposal was accepted, and he will be presenting a paper titled "Conceptual Patriot: American

Affiliation in the Mind and on the Page in Gertrude Stein's Early Writings" at the G.E.N.A. (Groupe d'Etudes Nord-Américaines) Conference in Toulouse, France, next June.

**JODI A. PATTERSON**, assistant professor of art, collaborated with scholar/artists from Toronto, New York, and Oxford to debut an ongoing global conceptual practice piece titled *Project U* at the Tate Modern, London, as part of its Symposium on Shortness.

In July, she was invited to serve as the featured artist for the Contemporary American Theater Festival at Shepherd where she displayed more than a dozen paintings in an exhibit titled *Call* inside the Center for Contemporary Arts. In addition, her work was selected for exhibition in K Space Contemporary in Corpus Christi, Texas, as selected by juror Angela Quasada. Patterson also participated in the faculty art show at the Frank Center Gallery.

Patterson is co-authoring a book titled *Your Guide to Cheap World Travel: The Wanderer's Way*, which focuses on teaching young adults how to explore/wander the world safely. The book premiered this summer on the radio program *The World*, a travel program of the BBC (British Broadcasting Company). For the fall 2009 semester, Patterson organized an October departmental trip to New York City and escorted 55 Shepherd University faculty and students to view the latest happenings in contemporary art.

**DR. MARK SNELL**, associate professor of history and director of the George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War, was named to the West Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission by Governor Joe Manchin. The 13-member commission includes scholars, historians, and representatives from the legislature and key state agencies who will serve through 2015. Dr. Snell serves as vice chair of the commission.

The mission of the West Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission is to promote awareness and celebrate the unique creation of the state of West Virginia, the role of its citizens during the Civil War era, and the continuing effect of the war. The commission will plan and promote state activities for observances of the 150th anniversaries of John Brown's raid at Harpers Ferry, the American Civil War, and West Virginia statehood, which will be celebrated statewide in 2013 with a special event at West Virginia Independence Hall in Wheeling.

**DR. JOHN E. STEALEY III**, Distinguished Professor of History, served on a committee meeting in the Department of History, West Virginia University, reviewing a dissertation proposal of a candidate for the Ph.D. degree on April 10. He will serve on the examining committee when the dissertation is completed.

On April 24, Dr. Stealey delivered a paper titled "Western Virginia's Constitutional Critique in 1861: Reflections of Antebellum Virginia's Undemocratic Reality" in a session called *Divided Virginia at the Virginia Forum*, Longwood University, Farmville, Virginia. About 250 people participated in the forum.

During the summer he conducted research and wrote several chapters about a valorous loyal West Virginia Civil War soldier, his family, and his community, all of which might serve as a historical metaphor for unappreciated sacrifice for the United States during dangerous and trying times. The study addresses the prevailing contemporary aura of pathological memory in the Mountain State.

Dr. Stealey had been invited to participate as an author of a paper and as commentator on panels discussing other pre-circulated papers in a symposium titled *The Law of the Land: Virginia and America*. The Supreme Court of Virginia Historical Society and the Library of Virginia are sponsoring this event to be held in

Richmond in March 2010. Also, Dr. Stealey is presently reviewing a volume by Mark Wahlgren Summers titled *A Dangerous Stir: Fear, Paranoia, and the Making of Reconstruction* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2009) for *West Virginia History: A Journal of Regional Studies*.

**STEPHANIE ELAINE ROBBINS**, assistant professor of art (photography/computer imagery), led a small group of students on a nine-day excursion to Venice, Italy, this past summer to view the 53rd International Venice Biennale, which is one of the largest exhibitions of contemporary art. In September, her most recent multimedia installation was included in a group exhibition titled *The Zip Code Show* at Halstead Arlington, in partnership with ArtDC.org and Art Outlet. This exhibition featured work about the artists' relationships with their surroundings.

In addition, Robbins is in the process of organizing a group photography exhibit, in association with her senior-level course *Extended Image*. The 16 students involved are creating works that explore ways in which the presentation of photography can be expanded to include video, sound, installation, performance, etc. The work is all highly individual but collectively breaks free of the standard frame. This event will take place on Friday, December 4.

**MELISSA LAINE SCOTTON**, assistant professor of art (graphic design), had a pair of her custom hand-painted shoes published in the book *Vans: Off the Wall: Stories of Sole from Vans Originals*. The book tells a multi-generational story of the community that encompasses boards, bikes, art, music, and street culture, as well as the iconic shoes keeping it all together. The shoes will also be included in a permanent exhibition at the Vans retail store and gallery in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**DR. KEVIN WILLIAMS**, associate professor of communications and chair, Department of Communications, edited a volume and contributed two chapters to *A Media Studies Reader* for University Press. He's working with **CECELIA MASON** (West Virginia Public Radio) on *Campus Connection*, a biweekly newscast on West Virginia Public TV produced at Shepherd. He presented an address at the Shepherd University convocation and at a panel at NCA.

## School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

**DR. KEITH ALEXANDER**, visiting assistant professor of environmental studies, led an environmental studies trip to Denmark, Germany, and the Netherlands in March to explore European responses to climate change. In early May, Dr. Alexander participated in a hands-on workshop on cemetery preservation held in Fairmont. The May issue of the *Shepherdstown Observer* featured an article by Dr. Alexander on the local economic benefits of historic preservation. He taught an intensive German course this summer, and was a panelist in a discussion on the economic impacts of the C&O Canal held at Ferry Hill in June.

On August 1, Dr. Alexander began work as director of archives at the Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies. He continues to teach courses in historic preservation and architectural history, and serves as coordinator of Shepherd's program in historic preservation.

**DR. JASON BEST**, professor of astronomy and astrophysics, served on the Educational Testing Service (ETS) Praxis Earth and Space Sciences Examination National Advisory Committee. The National Advisory Committee is a key component in the ETS test development process for all Praxis Series tests. The committee consisted of a diverse group of licensed practitioners and higher education

faculty from across the nation in particular subject areas. Dr. Best served as the committee's university-level space science expert.

Dr. Best, along with University of Pennsylvania physics undergraduate Robert Hanni, published a peer-reviewed paper on quasar distributions in the *Proceedings of the West Virginia Academy of Science* in May. Dr. Best and Shepherd University mathematics student Caleb Rice presented an observational astronomy poster at the 29th Central Pennsylvania Consortium Astronomy Meeting on the campus of Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, in April.

Dr. Best served as the academic coordinator for the Health Sciences and Technology Academy (HSTA) Fun with Science Academy, which was held during the summer at Shepherd University for the first time in the 15-year history of the statewide HSTA program. The Academy brought 60 high school students from across the state, along with selected high school teachers from across the RESA VIII region, to engage in a week of classroom, laboratory, and field activities; targeted assignments in Harpers Ferry National Historic Park and the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History and National Air and Space Museum; and a culminating scientific symposium on the health of the Falling Spring branch of the Potomac River, at which all students presented the results of their weeklong research. The ultimate goal of the HSTA program is to increase the college-going rate among under-represented students in the Appalachian region, to improve science and math education, to empower communities through leadership development of their youth, and, ultimately, to increase the number of health care providers, scientists, and science educators in West Virginia's currently underserved communities. Dr. Best worked with HSTA Shepherd Academy Director **DR. JOHN ADAMS**, assistant vice president of student affairs and dean of students; **DR. ED SNYDER**, chair of the Institute for Environmental Studies; **DR. RICHIE STEVENS**, College Student Development and Administration Program coordinator, and **CHRISTANA JOHNSON**, director of Multicultural Student Affairs and Disability Support Services, to train the high school teachers in various areas of the aquatic and physical sciences and multicultural education. The teachers then guided the students throughout the week of activities.

Dr. Best also attended the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission's Board of Governors Summit meeting in August at the Stonewall Resort in Roanoke. The summit "presents critically important policy issues facing higher education and creates an opportunity for open exchange of thoughts and ideas among membership of all Boards of Governors."

**DR. JEFFREY GROFF**, assistant professor of physics, has a book chapter titled "Markov chain models of ion channels and calcium release sites" published in *Stochastic Methods in Neuroscience*, Oxford University Press. The editors are Carlo Laing and Gabriel J. Lord.

**DR. SEUNG-YUN KIM**, assistant professor of computer science, published a peer-reviewed journal article titled "Modeling and Analysis of a Web-based Collaborative Information System: Petri net-based Collaborative Enterprise" in the fall 2009 issue of the *International Journal of Information and Decision Sciences*, Volume 1, Issue 3, pp. 238-264. The research article is supported partially by Shepherd University and the West Virginia Space Grant Consortium Research Enhancement Award.

Dr. Kim published a peer-reviewed article titled "A Perspective on the Design of Human Centered Collaboration Systems" and presented it at the 2009 IEEE International Conference on Information Reuse and Integration, Las Vegas, Nevada, August 10-13. He also served as a publication chair and a member of pro-

gram committee for the 2009 IEEE International Conference on Information Reuse and Integration.

Dr. Kim served as a reviewer for the *Handbook of Technology Management* (three-volume set) which will be published January 2010 by Wiley. He published three technical articles in the fall 2009 issue of the *Shepherd University Journal of Undergraduate Research* with his students: "Induction Unit for Supplemental Energy in Wireless Sensor Networks" co-authored with Braden Myers, "Using Human Computer Interfaces for Purposes Beyond Rehabilitation" co-authored with Chris Schmitt, and "Toward an Optimal Network Topology in Wireless Sensor Networks" co-authored with **DR. OSMAN GUZIDE**, assistant professor of computer and information sciences, and Seth Cook.

**DR. JOHN C. LANDOLT**, adjunct research professor emeritus of biology, co-authored a research paper recently published in *The Southeastern Naturalist*. Another paper, describing two new species of slime mold from Alaska, has been accepted for publication and is in press in the journal *Mycologia*. A third paper is currently in review.

This past summer Dr. Landolt again conducted two mini-courses, one on slime mold biology and the other on mammals of West Virginia, for the Potomac Valley Audubon Society's Master Naturalist Program. Dr. Landolt continues active research collaboration with academic associates at the University of Arkansas, Lincoln Memorial University, Ohio University, the U.S. Military Academy, Northwestern University, and Uppsala University in Sweden.

**DR. WEIDONG LIAO**, assistant professor of computer and information sciences, published and presented a peer-reviewed paper titled "Survey on Power Aware Computing" in the *Proceedings of 2009 International Conference on Computer Design*. He also published and presented a peer-reviewed paper titled "Design of WME 2.0: A Web-based Collaborative E-learning Environment for Mathematics" in the *Proceedings of 2009 International Conference on E-Learning, E-Business, Enterprise Information Systems, and E-Government*.

Dr. Liao is currently serving as a reviewer for Healthcare Information Management Systems Society 2010, to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, in March 2010. He is also a regular reviewer for several academic journals in his area, including the *Journal of Supercomputing*.

Dr. Liao gave a presentation titled "Developing a Computer Engineering Program at Shepherd University: A Case Study," at the 2009 International Conference on Frontiers in Education: Computer Science and Computer Engineering held in July in Las Vegas, Nevada. The presentation is based on a peer-reviewed article co-authored by **REZA MIRDAADI**, associate professor of engineering and chair, Department of Computer Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering; **DR. SEUNG-YUN KIM**, assistant professor of computer science; **DR. OSMAN GUZIDE**, assistant professor of computer and information sciences; and Dr. Liao.

**DR. CLARISSA MATHEWS**, assistant professor of environmental studies, recently completed the installation of the first small-scale wind turbine in Shepherdstown, along with her collaborator, **DR. EDWARD SNYDER**, professor of environmental studies and chair, Institute for Environmental Studies. The turbine-raising event involved students, community volunteers, and local green building leaders, such as Mt. View Solar and Wind of Berkeley Springs, who came together in support of clean energy applications in West Virginia. Located behind Byrd Science and Technology Center at the Institute for Environmental Studies renewable energy dem-

onstration site, the wind turbine will be used in educational and outreach efforts and will provide pollution-free power to the off-grid classroom.

Dr. Mathews was the senior author of the article "Extrafloral nectaries alter arthropod community structure and mediate peach (*Prunus persica*) plant defense" in the journal *Ecological Applications* and co-authored the paper "Biology of *Oedophrys hilleri* (Faust) (*Coleoptera: Curculionidae*): a potential new pest for peach in the eastern United States" in the journal *Entomological News*. She provided an invited talk titled "Enhancing Sustainable Energy Adoption in West Virginia," for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Women's History Month to the U.S.D.A. Appalachian Fruit Research Station and co-authored the talk "Analyzing the Results of Biodiversity Experiments: Enhancing Parasitism of Tufted Apple Budmoth," presented at International Integrated Fruit Production Meeting in Avignon, France.

Dr. Mathews continues to serve on the Shepherdstown Environmental Sustainability Council.

**REZA MIRDAADI**, associate professor of engineering and chair, Department of Computer Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering, and **DR. SEUNG-YUN KIM**, assistant professor of the department, published the first edited volume of the *Shepherd University Journal of Undergraduate Research*.

Mirdamadi and Dr. Kim, **DR. WEIDONG LIAO**, and **DR. OSMAN GUZIDE**, assistant professors of the department published a peer-reviewed article "Developing Computer Engineering Program in Shepherd University: A Case Study" in the *Proceedings of the 2009 International Conference on Frontiers in Education: Computer Science and Computer Engineering*, Las Vegas, Nevada, July 13-16.

Several members of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics presented talks and posters at the West Virginia Academy of Science annual meeting, March 28 at Glenville State College. **DR. PETER VILA**, assistant professor of environmental science; **DR. CAROL PLAUTZ**, assistant professor of biology; and **DR. DAN DILELLA**, professor of chemistry and chair, Department of Chemistry, along with two students, presented a paper titled "Assessment of *Escherichia coli*, chemical and physical data in Surface Waters of Jefferson County, West Virginia." Dr. Vila worked with a student who presented "Herpetological Survey of the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia." **DR. QING WANG**, assistant professor of mathematics, and **DR. ZHIJUN WANG**, assistant professor of computer sciences, worked with a student who presented "Analysis on SARS models." **DR. JOHN LANDOLT**, professor emeritus of biology, presented a poster titled "Dictyostelid cellular slime molds associated with southern beech (*Nothofagus*) forests in Tasmania."

**DR. QING WANG**, assistant professor of mathematics, gave a poster presentation on "Stability Analysis and Numerical Simulations of a SARS Model" (co-authored with **DR. ZHIJUN WANG**, assistant professor of computer sciences, and undergraduate student Kristel Chase) at the East Coast Computer Algebra Day 2009 meeting in Kingston, Rhode Island, in May. Dr. Qing Wang was asked to critically review the textbook *Intro Stats*, 3rd edition written by De Veaux, Velleman, and Bock in July.

## School of Education and Professional Studies

**DR. LAURA CLAYTON**, associate professor of nursing education, had a manuscript published in the *Journal of Advanced Nursing*. The title of the manuscript was "TEMPtEd: Development and Psychometric Properties of a Tool to Evaluate Material in Patient Education."

Dr. Clayton and **KATHY DILLEY**, associate professor of nursing

education, had an article published in the May-June 2009 edition of *Nurse Educator*. The article was titled "Service-learning: Population Focused Nursing for the Homeless at a Soup Kitchen."

## Library and Information Sciences

ANN W. HENRIKSSON, coordinator of reference and government documents and study abroad director, and DR. DAVID GORDON, associate professor of history, had their grant proposal accepted by the Nippon Foundation for its 100 Books for Understanding Contemporary Japan program. The Scarborough Library will receive the books this fall.

## Administration

SCOTT ANDERSON, assistant director of food service, was recently quoted by *Food Service Management Magazine* which also published one of his recipes.

DR. MARIE DEWALT, director of human resources, earned certification as a senior professional in human resources (SPHR). The SPHR certification, awarded by the Human Resource Certification Institute, signifies that Dr. DeWalt has passed a comprehensive examination demonstrating the body of knowledge in the field of human resource management. The pass rate for the SPHR certification exam during the spring 2009 testing window was 54 percent. There currently are 42,133 SHPR-certified individuals in the United States, of which 110 are in West Virginia. The Human Resource Certification Institute is affiliated with the Society for Human Resource Management, the world's largest organization dedicated exclusively to the human resource profession.

DR. RICHARD HELLDOLBLER, vice president for academic affairs, attended the New Chief Academic Officers Institute offered by the American Council on Education. President Suzanne Shipley was instrumental in developing the institute for ACE. Dr. Helldobler is chairing a national task force on promotion and tenure for theater professors for the Association for Theatre in Higher Education. The task force will propose the national standards for promotion and tenure which will be adopted in Los Angeles, California, in 2010. He chaired a panel at the annual meeting for the Association for Theatre in Higher Education titled *Advice from the Experts: Moving into Academic Administration*.

DR. RAYMOND SMOCK, director of the Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies, discussed his new book *Booker T. Washington: Black Leadership in the Age of Jim Crow* as part of the Scarborough Society lecture series October 7. Dr. Smock spent 20 years working on the papers of Booker T. Washington, the African American educator, race leader, and advisor to three U. S. presidents, and the most well-known black person in the world at the beginning of the 20th century. Along with Louis Harlan, Dr. Smock edited 14 volumes of Washington's correspondence. His book, published in July, is an interpretive biography that places Booker T. Washington in the context of his times and explains his public and secret efforts to improve the conditions of African Americans just one generation out of slavery, during the time of Jim Crow. Dr. Smock is a member of the Scarborough Society board of directors and serves on the board of the West Virginia Humanities Council.