

Profiles

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FACULTY AND STAFF PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

School of Arts and Humanities

DR. DAVID B. GORDON, assistant professor of history, received a book contract from Longman Publishers in fall 2004 to write a book-length biography of Chinese revolutionary Sun Yatsen for the Library of World Biography series. Volumes in this series are targeted at general studies world history courses nationwide. Dr. Gordon used an advance grant from Longman to help defray the cost of traveling to China in December 2004 to visit sites associated with Sun, including his mausoleum in Nanjing.

Also in fall 2004, Dr. Gordon's essay, "'The African World' and 'the Japanese Spirit': Cultural Dynamics in the Writings of Wole Soyinka and Watsuji Tetsuro," was accepted for publication in *Comparative Civilizations Review*.

DR. BRUCE C. KELLEY, associate professor of music, presented a paper in March titled "New Paradigms for Multiple Dimensions of Learning in Music: Applying Fink's theories of learning to the music curriculum," at the College Music Society's Mid-Atlantic Chapter meeting.

In December 2004, DR. JIM LEWIN, associate professor of English, attended the annual convention of the Modern Language Association in Philadelphia. The online *Literary Encyclopedia* has published an article that Dr. Lewin wrote on Isaac Bashevis Singer. Another article for the *Literary Encyclopedia* on Nelson Algren is forthcoming.

DR. SYLVIA BAILEY SHURBUTT, professor of English, published essays on British writer Margaret Drabble and American writers Zelda Fitzgerald and Fred Chappell in *The Literary Encyclopedia*, an EbscoHost affiliated online encyclopedia. Dr. Shurbutt's essay "Revisionist Mythmaking in Christina Rossetti's *Goblin Market*: Eve's Apple and Other Questions" was anthologized in Volume 1 (FL-1) of *Feminism in Literature*. Dr. Shurbutt is currently working on a collection of essays on Appalachian writers Fred Chappell, Robert Morgan, Denise Giardina, and Sharyn McCrumb titled *Voices from the Misty Mountains: Talking from the Fringe*.

Dr. Shurbutt and the Appalachian Heritage Writer-in-Residence (WIR) Committee were notified by the West Virginia Humanities Council of the approval and full funding of their grant application for the Jayne Anne Phillips residency next fall—Home Is Where You Come From: The Fiction and Storytelling of Jayne Anne Phillips. The grant will bring West Virginia fiction writer Phillips to the Eastern Panhandle for a weeklong residency, where she will receive the Appalachian Heritage Writer's Award (sponsored by the Humanities Council and Shepherd University), interact with local writers, students, and community members, and select the winner of the statewide West Virginia New Writers Fiction Competition. Other members of the WIR Committee

are MONICA LINGENFELTER, executive vice president of the Shepherd University Foundation; DR. ALAN TINKLER, assistant professor of English and creative writing specialist at Shepherd; Ethan Fischer, *Antietam Review* senior editor and fiction competition committee chair; English education major Dave Hoffman, residency Webmaster; and community members Jane Levitan, Teresa Dunham, and Charlotte Henning.

DR. JOHN E. STEALEY III, professor of history, continues on a full-year sabbatical leave. His forthcoming book, *Porte Crayon's Mexico: David Hunter Strother's Diaries in the Early Porfirian Era, 1878-1885*, will appear on the Kent State University Press's Spring and Summer 2006 list. The volume's publication date will likely be late summer or early fall 2006.

Dr. Stealey is working on his tentatively titled manuscript, "To Perfect West Virginia's Confederate Counter-Revolution: The Constitutional Convention of 1872," which has been 30 years in preparation. Also, he has conducted research at the Print and Photography Room and Map and Geography Rooms of the Library of Congress and at the National Gallery of Art to secure contemporary illustrations for the Mexican work. Other illustrations will come from the Getty Research Institute, Los Angeles (Malibu), California.

In November 2005, Dr. Stealey attended the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association in Memphis, Tennessee. In the community service area, he served from October through December 2004 on a jury panel for the Northern District of West Virginia, United States District Court. He discovered that fortunately or unfortunately, trial attorneys generally do not prefer university professors as jury members.

NERISSA YOUNG, assistant professor of communications, and staff members from *The Picket* started a campus chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ). Young is an SPJ member. The 10 students submitted their petition in December 2004 and received provisional status in January from the Society of Professional Journalists' national board. SPJ is the nation's oldest and largest organization for journalists. Founded in 1909 in Greencastle, Indiana, SPJ has more than 200 student and professional chapters across the United States. SPJ works to protect and improve journalism through its core missions of freedom of information and high ethical standards. It offers professional development around the nation through regional conferences and the annual national convention. If it meets SPJ terms, the Shepherd chapter may receive its charter in January 2006. Young and DR. JIM LEWIN, associate professor of English, are the chapter's advisors.

School of Business and Social Sciences

HANNAH GEFFERT, research assistant professor of political science, has been elected to the board of directors of the West Virginia Humanities Council. The board of directors governs the activities of the Humanities Council, sets policies, and approves the allocation of funding for programs and grants and operation of the Council. Her term began in March and continues through spring 2008.

DR. STEPHANIE SLOCUM-SCHAFFER, assistant professor of political science, presented a paper at the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting in New Orleans, January 4-8. The paper, titled "The Influence of Institutional, Structural, and Political Factors on Women's Appointment to Cabinets in Post-Industrial Democracies, 1994-1998," represents an expansion of Dr. Slocum-Schaffer's research with Dr. Robert Bohrer (of Gettysburg College) on the representation of women in government.

School of Education and Professional Studies

LAURA CLAYTON, assistant professor of nursing education, was selected to be a member of the West Virginia Nursing Leadership Institute inaugural class, which is an 18-month mentorship experience in leadership development. She was selected by the West Virginia University School of Nursing to receive the "Rising Doctoral Star" award which is sponsored by Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society. Clayton presented a poster titled "Development of A Patient Educational Material Scoring Sheet" at the 19th Annual Southern Nursing Research Society International Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, February 3-5.

Clayton and KAREN PUGSLEY, assistant professor of nursing education, presented a poster titled "Web-Based Coaching" at the Southern Regional Educational Board Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing in Atlanta, Georgia, December 4-6, 2004.

DR. KATHLEEN B. GABERSON, professor of nursing education and chair of the Department of Nursing Education, presented "Writing for Publication in Nursing Journals" at AORN of Appalachian Area, Hagerstown, Maryland, October 11, 2004. She represented the Department of Nursing Education at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Fall Semiannual Meeting, October 24-26, 2004, Washington, D.C., and at the West Virginia Association of Deans and Directors of Nursing Education meeting, Flatwoods, October 27-28, 2004 and January 28, 2005.

DR. MARIAN KIRK, assistant professor of education, presented "Assessing the Alignment of Shepherd University Elementary Teacher Education Curriculum with West Virginia Content Standards K-6" at the Hawaii International Conference on Education, Honolulu, in January. In March she presented "Question, Insights, and Reflections: Electronic Triad Journaling, A Vehicle of Communication Between the Teacher Candidate, University Professor, and Public School Mentor" at the Professional Development Schools National Conference, Orlando, Florida.

DR. JAMES B. TUTTLE, assistant professor of education, wrote three encyclopedia articles titled "Bandwagon Effect," "Bellwether," "Push Poll" in the *Encyclopedia of American Parties and Elections*, Facts on File, Inc., Sabato, L. and Ernst, H. (eds.). He presented "When Reconstructionism meets research writing across the curriculum: Optimizing connections in the university curriculum" at the annual meeting of the International Society for Exploring Teaching and Learning, Baltimore, Maryland, October 14-16, 2004.

Dr. Tuttle has received a mini-grant to continue his research on an assessment and self-assessment tools project. This project explores paradigms for design and attempts to gauge potential efficacies of using assessment and self-assessment tools in courses as a means of promoting reflective student and instructor practice, triangulating instructor assessment, and providing a course-specific rubric for student evaluation of course.

On behalf of the Jefferson County School Board, he has designed and revised a template for the West Virginia School Building Authority that will be reviewed for further revision and possible adoption by the West Virginia legislature. His committee appointments include Faculty Research Forum (Chair, spring 2005); Admissions and Credits Committee; Professional Development School coordinator, Jefferson County Schools; Technology Oversight Committee (TOC); PEU Dean Search Committee; Professional Education Unit Committee; Chair, Curriculum subcommittee; and TLT Roundtable.

School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

DR. JOHN C. LANDOLT, professor of biology, has coauthored two papers published in the journal *Systematics and Geography of Plants*, National Botanic Garden of Belgium. He has been invited to help conduct another workshop on slime molds hosted by the Discover Life in America Foundation in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in June. Dr. Landolt has been invited to make an oral presentation at a Special Symposium of High Latitude Mycology at the joint meeting of the Mycological Society of America and the Japanese Mycological Society and has been invited to help conduct a workshop at the 5th International Congress on the Systematics and Ecology of Myxomycetes.

In September 2004, DR. CLARISSA MATHEWS, assistant professor of environmental studies, attended the 6th International Conference on Integrated Fruit Production in Trentino, Italy, where she presented a talk titled "Peach Extrafloral Nectaries Impact Natural Enemies and Biological Control of the Oriental Fruit Moth," toured two major wine producing regions, and met with experts in organic and ecological viticulture at the San Michele Institute for Agriculture. She published "Components of an Ecologically and Economically Sustainable Orchard" with coauthor Dr. Mark Brown of the U.S.D.A. (2004 Proceedings 6th Inter. Conf. on Integrated Fruit Production, IOBC/wprs Bull.).

In October 2004, results from Dr. Mathews's Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE)-funded research project were displayed in a poster, "Profitability of Ethnic Vegetable Varieties for Sale in Urban Niche Markets," at the Northeast SARE Conference in Burlington, Vermont. In November 2004, Dr. Mathews presented "Working Toward Sustainable Food Production: Basic Ecology in Applied Agriculture" for the Shepherd University Faculty Research Forum and "Interaction between Ants (Hymenoptera:Formicidae) and *Trichogramma minutum* (Riley) Associated with the Extrafloral Nectaries of Peach [*Prunus persica* (L.) Batsch]: Implications for Biological Control of the Oriental Fruit Moth [*Grapholita molesta* (Busck)]" at the Entomological Society of America National Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Teaching and Learning

DR. PATRICIA M. DWYER, dean of teaching and learning, presented a paper, "Assessment's Role in Mobilizing Change," at the Association of American College's and Universities' meeting in Bethesda, Maryland. The conference, Engaging Pedagogies, took place April 14-16.

Administrative Staff

THOMAS C. SEGAR, director of multicultural student affairs/ADA coordinator, was recently accepted to the University of Maryland's college student personnel Ph.D. program and will begin coursework this fall.

Segar attended Part II of the Social Justice Training Institute in December 2004. In February he facilitated a talk for the New Faculty Learning Community about the different backgrounds of Shepherd's students and how this profile can impact class climate and learning.

Segar and JOY PHILLIPS, assistant director of the Student Center/director of commuter affairs, were selected by the American College Personnel Association to present a pre-convention session titled, "Training the New Professional Trainer: A Primer for Teaching Diversity" at the association's convention. They will also facilitate a roundtable discussion titled "Advancing Multicultural Affairs: Inviting Critical Questions and Exploring Meaningful Answers." In April Segar served as a lead facilitator for the LeaderShape Institute at Eastern Michigan University. The LeaderShape Institute is a nationally-recognized weeklong leadership enhancement experience for college students. Lead facilitators are selected through a competitive application process.

PATRICK WALLACE, technical director, was one of only 20 applicants whose theater tech work was accepted for showing at the 2005 International Tech Theater Conference in Toronto. His work was published in a review book.

ROBIN ZANOTTI, vice president for advancement, served on an accreditation team for the Independent Schools Association for the Central States (ISACS). The team visited the Miami School in Dayton, Ohio, in November 2004. Zanotti chaired the School and Its Community section for the visiting team. In February she attended the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Region II conference.

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