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School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

PETER GROEN, adjunct faculty instructor and research coordinator, Department of Computer Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering, had two articles published in recent editions of *Virtual Medical Worlds* titled "Virtual Reality, Medical Informatics, and EHR Systems" and "Cell Phones, PDAs, and EHR Systems," (<http://www.hoise.com/vmw/08/articles/vmw/LV-VM-02-08-9.html> and <http://www.hoise.com/vmw/07/articles/vmw/LV-VM-12-07-8.html>). He also had two articles published in recent editions of *Advance for Health IT Executives*: one titled "A Case of Murder and EHRs" published in Vol. 11, Issue 11, and another titled "Medical Informatics 2040" in Vol. 12, Issue 1.

DR. JOHN C. LANDOLT, professor of biology, served on the organizing committee for the Fifth Annual Undergraduate Research Day at the Capitol and evaluated student submissions to this event. Dr. Landolt wrote peer reviews for research paper submissions to the editors of the scientific journals *Mycologia* and *Castanea*.

Dr. Landolt helped prepare and is a co-principal investigator for a major research project proposal to the National Science Foundation, currently undergoing review by NSF.

Dr. Landolt is the first author of a research paper accepted for publication by the journal *Australian Systematic Botany*, in which eight new species of dictyostelid slime molds are formally described. This work was supported, in part, by a grant from the Shepherd University Alumni Association and Shepherd University professional development travel resources.

School of Education and Professional Studies

CAROL A. ADAMS, assistant professor of nursing education, earned a master's in business administration from Frostburg State University on December 15, 2007.

DR. KATHLEEN B. GABERSON, professor of nursing education and chair, department of nursing education, wrote a guest editorial titled "Not your mother's nursing school" in *AORN Journal*, 87, 287-288, 290, 292. She presented "The Challenge of Clinical Teaching in Today's Academic and Health Care Environments" at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Faculty Development Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, February 7; "Effective Clinical Evaluation" at Duquesne University School of Nursing, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, January 17; "Effective Clinical Evaluation" at Villanova University School of Nursing, Villanova, Pennsylvania, December 7, 2007; and "Being a Nurse With Honors" keynote address for the Shepherd University Nursing Honor Society Induction Ceremony, November 30, 2007.

CAROLYN THOMAS, visiting assistant professor of physical education, will share the development of an online teaching project at the National American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Conference in Fort Worth, Texas, in April. Physical education majors created online teaching and learning modules for teachers and students in collaboration with Kudva.com, the leading provider of free sports resources for coaches, players, and parents. Shepherd students produced online clinics demonstrating tumbling, fundamental motor skills, manipulative skills, and cooperative games. Students also developed the online videos to demonstrate the use of technology to enhance teaching and learning.

School of Arts and Humanities

DOW BENEDICT, professor of art and dean, School of Arts and Humanities, exhibited sculptures in an invitational show at the Clay Center in Charleston in December 2007. He has accepted an invitation for a one-person show of sculpture at the Art Centre to open in April. Benedict participated in sculpture workshops in New York and Pennsylvania and attended the annual conference of the Association of American Colleges and Universities.

DR. BETTY ELLZEY, associate professor of English, participated in an invitational international Folger Shakespeare Institute Workshop, "The Second Shepherds' Play and Early Drama Studies," in Washington, D.C., in December 2007.

SONYA EVANISKO, professor of art, is preparing to exhibit her work in an upcoming exhibition in Charleston at the Callen McJunkin Gallery and at Tamarack in Beckley. She also exhibited her work at the Scarborough Library as part of a Women's Art Exhibition during the month of March.

Evanisko traveled with RHONDA SMITH, professor of art and chair, Department of Contemporary Art and Theater; KRISTEN KAINEG, assistant professor of art; and STEPHANIE ROBINS, assistant professor of art, to Dallas, Texas, in February to attend a National College Art Association Conference on contemporary and historical art history, studio practices, and

professional practices in art. The conference brought together artists, curators, historians, professors, and museum and gallery directors from across the country.

Evanisko is currently working with art students to organize a student art sale that opens April 10 in the University Bookstore to raise funds for a student scholarship.

During two weeks in March, Evanisko traveled on the Department of Contemporary Art and Theater's annual study abroad trip to Berlin, Vienna, and Prague with art students and faculty members **RHONDA SMITH**, **KRISTIN KAINEG**, **STEPHANIE ROBBINS**, **DOW BENEDICT**, and **PRESIDENT SUZANNE SHIPLEY** and her husband Randy Wadsworth.

DR. DAVID J. GONZOL, assistant professor of music education, presented "The Qualities of Music: Teaching Them All: But What is 'All'?" at the Mountain Lake Colloquium for Teachers of General Music Methods, May 2007. He taught in the two-week Kodály music education approach certification courses at DePaul University in June 2007. In September 2007, he was invited by the Kodály Educators of Eastern Pennsylvania to present "Kodály and Orff Schulwerk: Hands Across." In November 2007, at the Eastern Division conference of the Organization of American Kodály Educators, he presented "Two-Part Treasures: Teaching Kodály's *Bicinia Hungarica*," at West Chester University.

The Washington County Public Schools Music Educators invited him to present on the topic "Learning to Play: Starting Out and Growing Up: Early Music Education and Higher-Order Learning." At the national conference of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association in San José, he gave the Schott industry session, Models for Musicianship. He presented "The Process and the Product—and the Four Ps" in February for the Virginia Organization of Kodály Educators. In March, Dr. Gonzol was a tenor soloist with the Hagerstown, Maryland, Choral Arts (Greg Shook, director) in the performance of *Mass for a New Millennium* by Richard Nance.

DR. HEIDI M. HANRAHAN, assistant professor of English, published her article "Grace King's Balcony Stories as Narrative of Community" in the collection *Narrative of Community: Women's Short Story Sequences*, edited by Roxanne Harde and published by Cambridge Scholars Press in December 2007.

In March, she presented a paper titled "'A series of mere household events': Poe's 'The Black Cat,' Domesticity, and Pet-Keeping in Nineteenth-Century America" at the Philological Association of the Carolinas Conference in Asheville, N.C.

In April, Dr. Hanrahan will present a paper titled "Henry Louis Gates' *Colored People*: Memoir, Rhetorical Identity, and Composition" at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in New Orleans.

DR. JAMES LEWIN, associate professor of English, published an article of 12,000 words about Chicago writer Willard Motley (the original Bud Billiken) in *Scribners Encyclopedia American Writers Supplement XVII*.

In December 2007, Dr. Lewin delivered a paper about Nelson Algren's Chicago at the annual convention of the Modern Language Association.

DR. TIMOTHY NIXON, assistant professor of English, will have an essay titled "Klaus Mann: The Teufelskind Doubly Exiled" included in a volume on European writers' experiences of exile. The essay documents how Klaus Mann, the eldest son of Thomas Mann, was exiled twice: once because of fascism in Nazi Germany and a second time by an increasing conservatism in post-war America.

The volume is in progress with Peter Lang Publishing and is expected in 2009.

JODI A. PATTERSON, assistant professor of art, had her article titled "Are you Po-Mo?" published in a peer-reviewed special-edition magazine edited by Dr. Pamela Taylor and published by the National Art Education Association in March. Patterson contributed work to a group art show for the Scarborough Library celebration of Women's History Month. With assistance from the Gateway program, she will escort her art criticism class to Washington, D.C., in April. Patterson also traveled to New York City in February and met with critics.

STEPHANIE ROBBINS, assistant professor of art (photography/computer imagery), recently had her series, *Just the Way it Was*, included in the group exhibit *Collective Observations*, which was on view in the Chesapeake Gallery at Harford Community College, in Bel Air, Maryland.

At the end of the fall semester, Robbins organized a group art exhibit, *Extended Image*, associated with her senior level course. The 15 students involved created work that explored ways in which the presentation of photography can be expanded to include video, sound, installation, and performance—the work was all highly individual but collectively broke free of the standard frame. *Extended Image* took place at the newly renovated Heiston Square, Regional Arts and Cultural Center, in Martinsburg.

In addition, Robbins and **KRISTEN KAINEG**, assistant professor of art, organized the 2008 art department international trip, in which faculty members escorted approximately 35 students on a 12-day tour of Berlin, Prague, and Vienna.

DR. SYLVIA BAILEY SHURBUTT, professor of English, presented a paper on Robert Morgan, the 2003 Appalachian Heritage Writer in Residence and recipient of the Appalachian Heritage Writer's Award. The paper, "Peripheral Vision in the Fiction of Robert Morgan: Living Voices and Roads Well-Traveled," was presented before the Appalachian Studies Association Conference, March 29.

The Appalachian Heritage Writer in Residence Committee has selected Adriana Trigiani as 2008 recipient of the Appalachian Heritage Writer's Award. Trigiani is author of the prize winning *Big Stone Gap* trilogy, and she will be at Shepherd during the week of Appalachian Heritage literary activities and festival, September 29-October 4. The Appalachian Heritage Writers Project is supported by the West Virginia Humanities Council, the West Virginia Center for the Book, and the Shepherd University Foundation. Co-writers of the 2008 grant include **MONICA LINGENFELTER**, **RACHAEL MEADS**, **ETHAN FISCHER**, **DR. ALAN TINKLER**, **DR. TIM NIXON**, **JOHN SHERIDAN**, and English education major Megan Moore. Other community members on the committee include Charlotte Henning, Susan Hayden of the West Virginia Center for the Book, and David Hoffman.

DR. JOHN E. STEALEY III, Distinguished Professor of History, has been invited to review Laura Groghan Kamoie's volume, *Irons in the Fire: The Business History of the Tayloe Family and Virginia's Gentry, 1700-1860* (Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 2007) for the *Journal of American History*.

The board of directors of the Jefferson County Historical Society recently named Dr. Stealey an emeritus officer of the Society for past contributions and service. He had served several terms on the board of directors, 21 years as president, and 24 years as the editor of the *Magazine of the Jefferson County Historical Society*.

In the public service area, Dr. Stealey collected and selected

the historical photographs from various archives and assembled the 2008 wall calendar of the Jefferson Security Bank. The work incorporated historical scenes of Berkeley and Jefferson counties, West Virginia, and the Sharpsburg, Washington County, Maryland, area.

In autumn 2007, he attended the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association in Richmond, Virginia.

DR. JERRY B. THOMAS, professor of history, was named a finalist for the 2007 Professor of the Year award. Each year the Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia honors an outstanding faculty member at a West Virginia college or university.

The Faculty Merit Foundation was created in 1984 to provide a means to recognize and reward innovation and creativity among the faculties of West Virginia's public and private colleges and universities. Through the Professor of the Year program, the outstanding achievements of those individuals are brought to the attention of the public. A \$10,000 cash award is given to the candidate selected as Professor of the Year, with smaller awards to the other finalists.

In the past, two Shepherd faculty members have won the Professor of the Year honor: **DR. SYLVIA BAILEY SHURBUTT** won the award in 2006 and **DR. LINDA TATE** won the honor in 2004.

School of Business and Social Sciences

DR. TUNCER GOCMEN, assistant professor of economics, published the paper "Risk and Return Effects of Joint Ventures: An Empirical Analysis of the Relative Size Hypothesis," in the *Journal of Current Research in Global Business*, Volume 10, No. 15, 14-26. The paper examined empirical evidence for the relative size hypothesis in two-parent joint ventures over the period of 1981-2002. He presented the paper at the 19th International Conference, Association for Global Business, Washington, D.C., November 16-18, 2007.

Dr. Gocmen attended the Northeast Business and Economics Association (NBEA) Annual Conference, Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, Connecticut, November 7-9, 2007.

The Shepherd University social work program has been granted an additional \$42,132 by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources to provide in-service training for current foster parents. The co-principal investigators for this grant are **DR. GERI CRAWLEY-WOODS**, professor of social work, and **DR. DOUGLAS C. HORNER**, professor of social work and chair, Department of Social Work. The project is coordinated by Amy Hampton, child welfare trainer/PRIDE coordinator.

Between February and June the goal is to provide additional skills to 517 current foster parents at five locations in the 15 county region of eastern West Virginia. These training sessions will focus on building effective communication skills and using discipline to protect, nurture, and meet developmental needs, and are designed to enhance the skills of the fostering parents. This project is the second phase of a comprehensive model to improve the availability and quality of family-based foster care placements throughout West Virginia.

The social work program has been providing pre-service training for potential foster parents for a number of years, and this new initiative represents efforts to support families who meet the need for a safe and stable environment for children who are in foster care.

DR. STEPHANIE SLOCUM-SCHAFFER, assistant professor of political science, presented a paper titled "How Much Progress? Women's

Representation at the Cabinet Level" at the Southern Political Science Association's annual meeting, January 9-12.

DR. PATRICIA T. STEALEY, associate professor of family and consumer sciences, served as a reviewer for five chapters of a fashion marketing textbook that will be published by Prentice Hall.

Libraries and Information Sciences

LAURA NEAL, coordinator of library instruction, organized a meeting in October 2007 with local school librarians/media center specialists. Scarborough Library staff met with the local school librarians and media center specialists to discuss mutual areas of interest, such as reinstating the media specialist certification program, bringing classes from local K-12 schools to Scarborough Library, and other possible collaborative programs and services. A follow-up meeting is being planned for this spring.

Neal presented the session Assessing Industry Trends to 10th grade students in the First in Your Family program on November 3, 2007. First in Your Family is a volunteer, nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging and enabling promising students to become the first in their family to graduate from college. Neal has worked with the First in Your Family program for the past four years.

Neal participated as a guest reader on Dr. Seuss Day at North Jefferson Elementary School on March 3. This event was held in conjunction with the National Education Association's Read Across America program which is held annually on or around the birthday of Theodor Geisel.

Administrative Staff

SCOTT C. ANDERSON, associate dining services director, attended the National Association of College and University Foodservices (NACUFS) Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference at the University of Maryland where he led roundtable discussions pertaining to NACUFS Educational Institutes during a first-timer's session and mentored two first-timers during the conference.

On March 17 he represented Shepherd University at the Regional Culinary Challenge with the recipe Sichuan wasabi striped bass with Thai vegetables and spicy jasmine rice. He was elected to the Regional Council as the information officer and will hold that position for the next two years. He will take office at the completion of the National Conference on July 12.

Anderson is currently working with the president of the Mid-Atlantic Region reviewing the final recipe changes for the NACUFS National Conference to be held in Washington D.C. in July. The conference will be a celebration of 50 years of NACUFS, 1958-2008.

DARBY JONES, director of major gifts, received a certificate of commendation from Senator Barbara A. Mikulski's office for her years of service to the women of Frederick County, Maryland. Jones served as president of the Frederick County Commission For Women (FCCFW) from January 2005 to December 2007 and instituted the FCCFW's annual Women's Golf O.P.E.N. (Offering Philanthropy, Education, and Networking), Leadership Alliance dinners, a mentoring program in cooperation with the Frederick Community College's Women's Center, and the two-part Power Skirts educational program that examined the role of women's advocacy in the past and present.

JULIE SILER, director of alumni relations and annual fund, has been selected to serve as co-chair for the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District II Annual Conference to be held in Baltimore in March 2009. Siler served as operations co-chair for the 2008 conference in Puerto Rico, and hospitality co-chair for the 2007 conference in New York and the 2006 conference in Pittsburgh. The Annual Conference draws several hundred higher education advancement, alumni, and public relations/communications professionals together for a three-day educational and professional conference. District II includes member colleges, universities, and independent schools from West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Washington, D.C., New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Ontario.

The Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies at Shepherd University has entered into publishing contracts for two major research projects related to the United States Congress. Both projects will be researched and edited by **DR. RAYMOND SMOCK**, director of the Byrd Center, and **DR. DAVID HOSTETTER**, director of programs and research.

Voices of the People: The Early Petitions to Congress will be published by Greenwood Press in two volumes. These petitions represent some of the best and most interesting of the thousands sent to Congress from 1789-1817.

Among the petitions are appeals from Indians trying to save their land, calls from slaves and free blacks seeking abolition of slavery, and requests from commercial enterprises looking for protection from foreign imports. Some are from famous Americans such as Andrew Jackson, who sought relief from taxes on one of his whiskey stills. In the process of responding, Congress was shaped by the petitions and created a standing committee system to deal with citizen demands.

Congress Investigates: A History with Documents will be published by Facts on File, Inc. A two volume print edition will be accompanied by a multi-volume online database of documents and original scholarship. This publication will explore key congressional investigations that have had the greatest impact on American history, the shaping of Congress as an institution, and public understanding of government activity.

These two projects will offer Shepherd University students an opportunity to experience working on major research projects under the direction of the editors. Currently Martinsburg residents Lacy LeBlanc and Ezekiel Holt and Charles Town resident Mary Milton are working on the project. All three are senior history majors at Shepherd. Student researchers and editorial assistants will help gather government documents, research the early records of Congress, and assemble a database of information encompassing both projects.