TO: Faculty and Staff

FROM: Christopher Ames, VPAA

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RE: New Faculty

Please join me in welcoming the following new faculty to the Shepherd community. We are welcoming 16 new full-time faculty members to our midst. Several receptions are planned throughout the fall semester to allow them to be introduced formally but please take the time to introduce yourself should you see them in your travels about campus. Below is a brief biographical statement for each new faculty member.

Dr. Carolyn Albright

 Dr. Carolyn Albright, from Middletown, Maryland, has been appointed assistant professor of nursing in the department of nursing education. Dr. Albright received a bachelor of science degree in nursing (1974) from Rhode Island College in Providence; a master of science degree in nursing (1977) from Medical College of Virginia/Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond; and a doctor of nursing practice degree (2014) from Duquesne University in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

 Prior to coming to Shepherd, Dr. Albright was an instructor teaching senior medical-surgical nursing at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston; an assistant professor of nursing, an associate professor of nursing, an interim director, health sciences division and director of nursing at Hagerstown Community College in Maryland; an associate professor of nursing at Carroll Community College in Westminster, Maryland; and an assistant professor of nursing at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland.

Ms. Cara Burker

Ms. Cara Burker, from Sharpsburg, Maryland, has been appointed clinical faculty in nursing education/project coordinator CHOICES grant in the department of nursing education. Ms. Burker received a bachelor of science degree in nursing (1992) from Shepherd University and a master of science degree in nursing (2015) from Towson University in Maryland.

 Ms. Burker was a clinical nurse educator at Shepherd from fall 2013 to spring 2015.

Dr. Rachel Carlson

 Dr. Rachel Carlson, from Silver Springs, Maryland, has been appointed visiting assistant professor of music in the department of music. Dr. Carlson received a bachelor of music degree in vocal performance (2005) from the University of Maryland, College Park; a master of music degree in choral conducting (2007) from the University of Wisconsin in Madison; and a doctor of musical arts degree in music (2016) from the University of Maryland College Park.

 Prior to coming to Shepherd, Dr. Carlson was a conductor and instructor at the University of Maryland

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Mr. Craig Cline

Mr. Craig Cline, from Martinsburg, West Virginia, has been appointed assistant professor of social work/director of social work program in the department of social work. Mr. Cline received a bachelor of social work degree (2004) from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah and a masters of social work degree (2007) from West Virginia University in Morgantown.

 Prior to coming to Shepherd, Mr. Cline has worked for WV Department of Health and Human Resources Child Protective Service in Romney, West Virginia and Frederick County Department of Social Services Senior Child Protective Services Worker and Family Services Supervisor in Winchester, Virginia. He worked as an adjunct in the department of social work at Shepherd during the fall of 2015.

Mr. Jesse Correll

 Mr. Jesse Correll, from Clarion, Pennsylvania, has been appointed lecturer/assistant football coach/athletics academic advisor in the athletic program. Mr. Correll received a bachelor of science degree in commercial recreation and tourism, recreation and leisure studies (2005) and a master of arts degree in college student development and administration (2009) from Shepherd University.

 Prior to coming to Shepherd, Mr. Correll was an offensive coordinator at Clarion University in Pennsylvania; an offensive coordinator, recruiting coordinator, and compliance assistant at Stevenson University in Owings Mill, Maryland; and a wide receivers coach at Shepherd University.

Mr. Samuel Daniels

 Mr. Samuel Daniels, from Frostburg, Maryland, has been appointed assistant football coach/athletic assistant in the athletic program. Mr. Daniels received a bachelor of science degree in sports management/business (2010) from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia and a masters of education degree (2015) from Frostburg State University in Maryland.

 Prior to coming to Shepherd, Mr. Daniels was the defensive line coach and a recruiting coordinator at Frostburg State University in Maryland; and a defensive coordinator/defensive line/recruiting coordinator at the Apprentice School in Newport News, Virginia.

Ms. Terresa Fontana

 Ms. Terresa Fontana, from Bloomfield, New Jersey, has been appointed visiting assistant professor of education in the department of education. Ms. Fontana received a bachelor of science degree in education (1996) from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma and a master of arts degree in education (2006) from the University of Phoenix in Arizona.

 Prior to coming to Shepherd, Ms. Fontana was an adjunct faculty member at Kaplan University in Davenport, Iowa.

Mr. Bryan Lewis

 Mr. Bryan Lewis, from Fredericksburg, Virginia, has been appointed assistant men’s basketball coach/lecturer in the athletic program. Mr. Lewis received a bachelor of science degree in health and physical education (1994) and a masters of education degree in health and physical education (1996) from Frostburg State University in Maryland.

 Prior to coming to Shepherd, Mr. Lewis was an assistant varsity basketball coach and a head junior varsity basketball coach at Frostburg State University in Maryland.

Dr. William Benjamin Martz

 Dr. Ben Martz, from Cold Spring, Kentucky, has been appointed chair of business administration and dean for business school development in the department of business administration/family and consumer sciences. Dr. Martz received a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing (1981) from The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia and a master of science degree in management information systems (1985) and a doctor of philosophy degree in business administration (1989) from The University of Arizona in Tucson.

 Prior to coming to Shepherd, Dr. Martz was an associate professor in the accounting and information systems department college of business at California State University in Chico; a professor in the information systems department college of business at The University of Colorado at Colorado Springs; a professor and chair of business informatics and program director in the masters of business informatics at Northern Kentucky University in Highland Heights.

Ms. Erin Neve

 Ms. Erin Neve, from Boerne, Texas, has been appointed assistant professor of photography in the department of contemporary art and theater. Ms. Neve received a bachelor of arts degree in English (2003), a master of arts degree in philosophy (2006), and a master of art education degree in photography (2009) from Texas Tech University in Lubbock and a master of fine arts degree in photography (2012) from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

 Prior to coming to Shepherd, Ms. Neve was an adjunct instructor at the Art Institute of San Antonio, Northwest Vista College and the University of Incarnate Word in San Antonio, Texas.

Ms. Christina Reich

 Ms. Christina Reich, from Eldersburg, Maryland, has been appointed clinical lecturer/academic advisor in the department of teaching learning, and instructional resources. Ms. Reich received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology (2005) from University of Maryland, Baltimore County and a master of arts degree in college student development and administration (2015) from Shepherd University.

 Prior to coming to Shepherd Ms. Reich was an academic advisor at Hagerstown Community College in Maryland. She has been an academic advising assistant at Shepherd since 2014.

Dr. Elizabeth Rini

 Dr. Elizabeth Rini, from Winchester, Virginia, has been appointed assistant professor of nursing in the department of nursing education. Dr. Rini received a bachelor of science degree in nursing (1987) and a master of science degree in nursing (1993) from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia; and a doctor of philosophy degree in nursing (2014) from West Virginia University in Morgantown.

 Prior to coming to Shepherd, Dr. Rini was an adjunct faculty member/clinical instructor at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia and a nursing faculty member/program director at Blue Ridge Community and Technical College, ASN program in Martinsburg.

Dr. Elvira Sanatullova-Allison

 Dr. Elvira Sanatullova-Allison, from Stillwater, Oklahoma, has been appointed associate professor of education, education department chair. Dr. Sanatullova-Allison received a bachelor of arts degree in French/German and foreign language education (1990) from Uzbekistan State University of World Languages in Tashkent; a master of arts degree in modern languages and literatures (1994) from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and a doctor of philosophy in education-administration, curriculum, and instruction (1999) from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

 Prior to coming to Shepherd, Dr. Sanatullova-Allison was director of college of education honors program, associate professor of foreign language/ESOL/literacy education, and director of foreign language/ESOL teacher education program at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater; an associate professor of education/chair of education department/coordinator of teacher education program at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York; professor of education/chair of education department/director of graduate education programs at Chatham University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; professor of education/coordinator of foreign language teacher education program and student teaching abroad in Tunisia program at State University of New York-Potsdam; and associate professor/director of English as a second language and foreign language teacher education programs at Concordia University – Nebraska in Seward.

Ms. Yin Star

 Ms. Yin Star, from New Market, Maryland, has been appointed clinical faculty/director of study abroad. Ms. Star received a bachelor of arts degree in sociology and psychology (1985) from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas and a master of public and international affairs degree (1987) from The University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania.

 Prior to coming to Shepherd, Ms. Yin was a community college outreach manager and educational advisor at American Public University System in Charles Town.

Dr. Alexander Upward

 Dr. Alec Upward, from Morgantown, West Virginia, has been appointed visiting assistant professor of history in the department of history. Dr. Upward received a bachelor of arts degree in history (1986) and a master of arts degree in history (1990) from St. Catharine’s College in Cambridge, Massachusetts and a doctor of philosophy degree in history (2016) from West Virginia University in Morgantown.

 Prior to coming to Shepherd, Dr. Upward taught History of Modern France and History of Modern Japan at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon and Western Civilization 1600-Present, Europe in the 20th Century, and World History from 1500 at West Virginia University in Morgantown.

Dr. Kelly Watson Huffer

 Dr. Kelly Watson Huffer, from Brunswick, Maryland, has been appointed assistant professor of nursing education in the department of nursing education. Dr. Watson Huffer received an associate degree in nursing (1988) from Frederick Community College in Maryland; a bachelor of science degree in nursing (1995) from the University of Maryland Baltimore County; a master of science degree in adult and geriatric nurse practitioner (1997) and doctor of nursing practice (2013) from the University of Maryland School of Nursing in Baltimore.

 Prior to coming to Shepherd, Dr. Watson Huffer was an assistant professor in the department of nursing at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland.