Faculty Honors and Awards

- Brenda Blackmon, Adjunct Professor and Co-Anchor, WWOR-TV, My9News at 11, was the recipient of the 2011 Pinnacle Award. The Pinnacle recognizes the achievements and contributions of FDU’s most distinguished alumni. Blackmon has also been elected to a three-year term on FDU’s Board of Trustees.

Research and Creative Activity


- Professor Blackmon’s memoir, *A Mom’s Story*, was published in 2011 (Tenafly, NJ: Middleman Productions.)

- Two of Dr. Dick’s previous books, *Forever Mame: The Life of Rosalind Russell* (University Press of Mississippi) and *Columbia Pictures: Portrait of a Studio* (University Press of Kentucky) were reprinted in paperback in 2010.

- He is also the author of the following new articles:

- Dr. Sun presented two conference papers in 2010:

- In July 2010, the National September 11 Memorial and Museum in New York City collected an additional eight photographs, taken by Professor David Hanson in 1993 and 1994, to be included in its permanent collection.

- Work by Professor Lena Aronson was part of “The United States Artists Biennial” exhibition at the Broadway Gallery, New York City, September 16-30, 2010, and will also be represented at the “International Biennale Artists Show” at Galeria Gora, Montreal, Quebec, June 19–June 2, 2011.
• Work by Professor Marie Roberts was included in “The Sketchbook Project 2011” traveling exhibition shown in Brooklyn, NY; Austin, TX; San Francisco, CA; Atlanta, GA; Chicago, IL; Seattle, WA; Winter Park, FL.

• Professor Roberts was commissioned in 2010 by Ringling Brothers and the Coney Island Film Festival to create banner paintings.

Student Activities and Accomplishments

• Matt Quayle, CNBC-TV Producer and Graduate Student in the Media and Professional Communication M.A. program has had published an article, “The Method of the Medium Is in Motion,” in *ETC: A Journal of General Semantics*, Vol. 67,3, July 2010.

• 35 new students were inducted into the Communication Honors Society in 2010-2011. The Society is advised by Professor LoPonte.

• The Annual Communication Career Day was held on March 30, 2011, organized around the theme, “Working in the Media.” Speakers were:
  o Matt Quayle, Co-creator and Executive of Squawk Box and Squawk on the Street, CNBC-TV
  o Steven Schnee, Producer, Print Time Long Form Unit, CNBC-TV
  o Jessica Vanacore, FDU alumna and Communications Consultant
  o Colleen Diskin, Feature Article Writer, *The Record*
  o Tara Sullivan, General Sports Columnist, *The Record*
  o Brenda Blackmon, Co-Anchor, WWOR My9 News at 11

CENTER FOR DYSLEXIA STUDIES

Outreach

• The Center offered the nationally accredited, 12-credit, Orton Gillingham Teacher Certificate Program in 11 school districts (Cranford, Dumont, Irvington, Jersey City, Mahwah, Manalapan, North Brunswick, North Caldwell, Pompton Lakes, Tewksbury, Wyckoff) and in 5 Children’s Learning Centers run by the Masons (Burlington, Northfield, Scotch Plains, Tenafly, Hasbrouck Heights).

• A new recruitment tool has been launched, a monthly information session, for the Orton Gillingham Teacher Training Program.

Faculty Honors and Awards

• Dr. Farrell was elected Treasurer of the Alliance for Accreditation and Certification.

• Dr. Farrell received an award for Outstanding Educator in a College or University from the International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council (IMSLEC), the
accrediting group for teaching training programs in multisensory reading, at their annual meeting in November, 2010.

- Barbara Murphy, learning specialist in Center for Dyslexia Studies, received an award for Outstanding Multisensory Structured Language Education Teacher from IMSLEC at their annual meeting in November 2010.

Student Scholarships

- The Center raised over $100,000 in scholarship funds for Orton Gillingham teacher training.

GILDART HAASE SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING (GHSCSE)

External Grants and Contracts

- GHSCSE has received a generous donation of $27,261, including $8,000 for scholarships, from the Mechanical Contractors Association of New Jersey (MCANJ) to support the B.S. Mechanical Engineering Technology Program in AY 2010-2011. This raises the total donation received from MCANJ to $336,782 over a period of eight years.

- Two servers, worth $60,000, were obtained from IBM to help establish an iLab (Internet Lab). This virtual lab will allow students and faculty to remotely access the computer resources in the GHSCSE computer labs and support the online courses.

- The Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) has awarded GHSCSE a total grant of $16,500 to work on three projects this academic year. Last year, four projects with a total grant of $22,000 were awarded to GHSCSE. The partnership, established in January 2010, provides GHSCSE students and faculty the opportunity to work with U.S. Navy engineers on engineering and scientiffic issues related to naval aviation. Professor Lewis serves as overall supervisor for the projects. Drs. Lefkowitz, Levine, Lowy, and Mondal, and Mr. Joseph advise students working on the projects.

Outreach

- GHSCSE has been conducting the Technical Enrichment and Outreach Program (TEOP) for 35 to 45 high school students every semester, twelve Saturdays per semester, for a total of twelve semesters, involving eight school districts. This program is supported by several grants, totaling $225,000, from various donors, including the Toyota USA Foundation, General Electric, John Victor Machuga Foundation, ExxonMobil Foundation, Paterson School District, PSE&G, Sony, and BAE Systems, as well as by a $1 million endowment gift from Dr. Gregory Olsen, FDU alumnus, trustee, and benefactor.

- GHSCSE faculty members have been mentoring at least three Bergen County Academies’ seniors who intern at FDU every Wednesday since AY 2007-2008. This year eight students have interned with the GHSCSE faculty on various projects and areas, including an autonomous child-sized vehicle, adaptive signal processing, digital image processing,
communications, fuzzy logic, neural networks, and digital systems. FDU mentors for this year include Professor Lewis and Drs. Chen, Mondal, Mao, Zhao, Silver, and Tan.

- GHSCSE faculty, staff, and students have tutored high school students from nearby school districts, including Union City and Paterson, in the Math SAT Test for the last three years. This year, GHSCSE has recruited students from the Bergen County Academies to help tutor students from other high schools.

- GHSCSE has successfully recruited underrepresented minority students into its graduate programs through the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) STEM Fellowship Program, which provides generous fellowships and stipends to highly qualified students graduated from HBCU. Six more HBCU students are currently applying for admission to the GHSCSE programs.

- Drs. Mondal and Chen visited several colleges and universities in India and China, respectively, to promote GHSCSE programs and to establish articulation agreements with these institutions in Summer 2010. Agreements are being drawn up that will help feed students into the GHSCSE programs.

- Dr. Janarthanan has been on the audit team of Private Career Training Institutions Agency of British Columbia (PCTIA-BC) since Winter 2010. In particular, he has served as the subject expert (IT specialist) for the audit of five private colleges in BC.

Course and Curriculum Development

- Faculty of GHSCSE and the School of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies have collaborated to develop a minor in Computer Forensics, which will be offered in the Fall 2011 semester.

- Drs. Tan and Mondal submitted a report to renew the offering of the B.S. Information Technology program after a 5-year run at the FDU Vancouver Campus. The report was well received by the Degree Quality Assessment Board in Canada, and it is expected that the program will be renewed by the Ministry of Advanced Education in British Columbia. No subsequent renewals will be needed. Drs. Tan, Mondal, and Janarthanan have also participated in the annual review of the program with Ministry representatives and conducted outcomes assessment for the program.

- The Oracle database certification program has trained an additional 25 students. Many of the student attendees of the program managed to get jobs due to their Oracle training. This program continues to bring extra value to the FDU experience. As an additional benefit, some participants are introduced to FDU via the Oracle program and become full-time graduate students. Dr. Lowy is the coordinator and instructor of the program.

- GHSCSE has concluded another successful year for the Support Our Students (SOS) program. Hundreds of freshman and sophomore students benefited from the additional hours, oversight, teaching and motivational incentives. The retention among these students remains high due to the structure of the SOS program and the dedication of the SOS faculty. Dr. Lowy is Coordinator of the SOS program.
Drs. Farag, Haas, and Tan have taken several major steps in implementing the Math Initiative. In particular, they have developed and implemented a complete process for assessing the Quantitative Analysis Competency for all majors in University College. They have also incorporated computer-aided instruction software into developmental and regular math courses with the goals of enhancing student learning, improving student retention and conducting learning outcomes assessment. Moreover, student-peer tutoring sessions have been organized for several mathematics courses, which complement the tutorial services provided to students by the Center for Academic Student Services. A two-week review class on precollege algebra will be offered in the summer to help the incoming freshmen prepare for the Accuplacer placement test.

Research and Creative Activity

Journal Papers:


Edited Books:


Journal Editor:

- **V. Zwass**, Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of Management Information Systems*
- **V. Zwass**, Editor-in-Chief, *International Journal of Electronic Commerce*
Conference Papers:


Invited Presentation:


Journal Award:

- A paper published in the *Journal of Management Information Systems*, of which **V. Zwass** is the Editor-in-Chief, won Best Paper Award of the Association for Information Systems for 2010, one of five annual awards presented globally.

Outcomes Assessment and Accreditation

- GHSCSE faculty have fully completed the outcome assessment of all nine undergraduate programs in the school. Six of the nine programs are professionally accredited with various commissions of ABET, which is at the forefront of learning outcome assessment. The remaining three programs use the same outcome assessment methods and maintain the same rigor as those ABET-accredited programs.

- The B.S. Electrical Engineering program was reviewed by an EAC-ABET team in the Fall 2010 semester. During the exit meeting, the team praised the program’s outcome assessment as the best they have ever seen throughout their many accreditation visits. The GHSCSE faculty expects the maximum period of accreditation to be awarded to the program.
Student Activities, Awards, Conferences, and Competitions

- Naresh Sundar Rajan, M.S. Computer Science student, has been accepted with an NIH-funded Research Assistantship into the Ph.D. program in Bioinformatics at the University of Utah.

- The IEEE North Jersey Spring 2011 Student Paper Presentation Contest was held at FDU's Metropolitan Campus on February 25, 2011. Under the guidance of Dr. Reinish, the FDU winners of the contest were:

  Undergraduate
  First Place: Fred Clark; Tied for Second Place: Carine Girgis, Michael Strachman
  Graduate
  First Place: Ankita Saverdekar; Tied for Second Place: Eduardo Valdivia-Reyes, Udit Singh

- The FDU-American Society of Civil Engineers (ACSE) Student Chapter hosted the 2011 ASCE Metropolitan Student Conference at the Metropolitan Campus on April 15-17, 2011. The conference included competitions in three key areas: technical paper presentation, concrete canoe construction, and steel bridge design. Hundreds of undergraduate students and faculty from various colleges and universities in New Jersey, New York, other nearby states, and Montreal, Canada, and professionals participated in the conference. FDU’s engineering technology students designed, constructed, and tested a canoe made of special lightweight concrete, and they also designed and built a steel bridge. The FDU team raced their canoe on a pond in Denville, NJ, against other schools and tied for the fourth place overall in the Concrete Canoe Competition. Professor Bielewicz coordinated the conference.

- FDU’s Construction and Mechanical Engineering Technology students attended this year’s Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA) Student Summit held in Chicago, Illinois, and the MCAA Annual Conference held in Maui, Hawaii. Students also participated in the Mechanical Contracting Competition, involving HVAC, sustainability, and green building, during the conference, under the guidance of Professor Bielewicz.

- Dr. Janarthanan has started a lecture series for the Information Technology (IT) Club at the FDU-Vancouver Campus since Summer 2010. They have had three lectures so far with invited experts from both the industry and academia.

Student Scholarships and Internships

- GHSCSE awarded $8,000 of scholarships to the mechanical and construction engineering technology students from a generous grant by the MCANJ. Students also received scholarships from various organizations, including the Radio Club of America, ASCE, Building Contractors Association of New Jersey (BCANJ), and Construction Industry Advisory Program (CIAP). Students have had internships through various individual companies and member-companies of BCANJ and CIAP.
SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE & LEGAL STUDIES

Course and Curriculum Development

- The School, in collaboration with the School of Computer Sciences and Engineering, introduced a new interdisciplinary minor in Computer Forensics. The minor, consisting of 18 credits, is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills sought by prospective employers in the identification, preservation, extraction, interpretation, and documentation of digital evidence related to criminal and civil investigations.

- The M.A. program in Criminal Justice with specializations in Criminal Justice Education, Social Justice Advocacy, and Directed Studies has received state approval and will commence Fall 2011. Applications and acceptances to the program are well underway.

- The undergraduate degree completion program in Criminal Justice has been extended to Gloucester County Community College beginning Fall 2011.

- The School is in the process of entering into new articulation agreements with Rockland Community College (SUNY), Sussex County Community College, and Passaic County Community College.

- The department’s Internship program, coordinated by Dr. Kenny, has now expanded to over 120 different venues on the local, regional, State, and Federal levels.

Research and Creative Activity

Articles and Book Chapters:


Conference Presentations:

Other Professional Activity

- Dr. Kenny made two guest appearances on the radio show, “New Jersey Digest.” Dr. Kenny spoke on the suicide of Rutgers student Tyler Clementi and the New Jersey Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights.

- Dr. Kenny has been working with the Charter School of Paterson involving the development of training programs related to bullying and violence prevention.

Student Activities

- This year the Criminal Justice Club, advised by Professor Evelyn Garcia, participated in several FDU and community service events, including Family Fun Week, Knight Madness, Major Madness, Test Your Major Day, Adopt an Angel, Santa Workshop, Breast Cancer Walk sponsored by Bergen County Community College, Holiday Toy Drive with the Bergen Sheriff’s Office, and Halloween Party with the Hospitality and Management Club at the Holly Center (orphanage) in Hackensack.

- The Club also hosted a self-defense class, students vs. faculty sporting event at the Fitness Center, and a field visit to the Bergen County Jail.

- On March 23rd, the Criminal Justice Club sponsored a charity basketball game at the Rothman Center which raised approximately $20,000 for Tomorrow’s Children at Hackensack University Medical Center. This annual event was well attended and included teams from several local police departments.

- The School held its annual Project Pride presented by the New Jersey Department of Corrections in which inmates serving time for felony conviction share their experiences with students and faculty. The event is coordinated by Professor Reynolds.

PETER SAMMARTINO SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Outreach and Partnerships

- The Southwest Morris County Educational Consortium (SMEC) comprised of Hanover Township, East Hanover, Florham Park and Hanover Park Regional High School has been meeting regularly with SOE faculty. A mentoring workshop for 30 teachers is scheduled for June, 2011. In addition, the four districts used the Clinical Competency Inventory (CCI) to assess their teachers, the same instrument that the SOE uses to assess their Apprenticeship Teachers before recommending them for certification. The teachers in all the districts self-assessed on the instrument and the results from the data are being used to direct professional development efforts within the district. This research has been presented at the AERA annual conference.

- SOE has been leading the New Jersey Teacher Assessment Collaborative (NJTAC). This group uses the same instrument, the CCI, to assess their student teachers. NJTAC is comprised of Caldwell College, Centenary College, St. Peters College, Bloomfield College,
Rutgers University Trenton, Rider University, New Jersey City University. NJTAC meets regularly on the FDU campus.

- The annual FDU/Record Conference for area school teachers was held on February 26, 2011. This year’s theme was “The Common Core Standards in New Jersey: What They Are and Where We Are Going.” Approximately 200 teachers attended, and SOE faculty Singer, Cowen, and Aronoff presented in break-out sessions.

- Workshops on "Learning the ABC's: Lessons for Anti-Bullying Communities," funded by the American Conference on Diversity are offered to teachers throughout NJ. The workshops are taught by Dr. Khyati Joshi and offered February 2011 and July 2011.

- The SOE has been working closely with the Institute for Sustainable Enterprise, on a grant that the Institute received to incorporate sustainable topics into a school’s curriculum.

- The SOE will be offering the Summer Teaching Academy this summer to 15 incoming seniors. The Academy will focus on introducing high school students to the world of teaching and its responsibilities. Students will partake in hands-on activities in math and science and encourage them to major in these areas.

Course and Curriculum Development

- 6 QUEST students were sent to the Wroxton campus this winter to do field placements in local English schools. SOE has partnerships with 7 schools in the area. Three Educational Leadership candidates will travel to Wroxton in June.

Research and Creative Activity

Books and Journal Articles:


Conference and Other Presentations:

- **Ado, K.** (2010). *From pre-Service to teacher leader: Developing skills and knowledge for leadership.* Annual NYACTE/NYSATE conference.


Professional Offices and Appointments

• Dr. Karpinski has been reelected for a second term as president of the Delta Xi Chapter at Rutgers University of Kappa Delta Pi, international education honor society.

• Dr. Montani has been elected Vice-Chair of the National Council of Educational Diagnosticians.

SCHOOL OF ENGLISH, PHILOSOPHY & HUMANITIES

Course and Curriculum Development

• ENGL 1101 “S” was developed to allow students to move on more quickly to courses for which ENGL 1101 is a pre-requisite while providing them with additional practice and support in their writing skills. Assessment results of the course, now in its second year, show no statistically significant difference between the Portfolio Review scores of ENGL 1101 “S” students and those of traditional ENGL 1101 students.

• Writing faculty are engaged with the School of Psychology in a collaborative project to develop and assess writing-intensive approaches to General Psychology I and II. Writing-intensive course objectives, teaching strategies, and student support systems are being piloted in select sections and outcomes compared with those of traditional sections.
Research and Creative Activity

Articles:


Book Chapters:


Conference Presentation:


Recognitions:

- A film based on Dr. Gordon’s biography of *Nancy Cunard* (NY: Columbia University Press, 2007) is under contract with an Academy-Award winning producer. A musical in London is also being written based on the book.

Other:

- Dr. Spaldo was commissioned by the William Carlos Williams Poetry Symposium to write, produce, and direct *Souls Breaking Free,* a play based upon the letters of William Carlos Williams to his architect brother. Incorporating the letters, selected poetry, and the poet’s Polytopic Club comedy skits (never before performed professionally), the piece was subsequently invited as an encore presentation to benefit the Rutherford Public Library in June 2010.

Metro Writing Studio

- Roughly on a par with last year’s statistics, the MWS provided over 1400 face-to-face tutoring sessions as of April 2011. While most tutoring is on a drop-in basis, limited appointments are now also available during peak times to better accommodate demand.
- MWS offered 21 writing-related workshops this year, including 3 new efforts. Average attendance was 28 attendees per event, with almost 600 participants in total. The most popular workshop continues to be on APA format.
• 12 conversation workshops were also offered during the year to assist non-native speakers of English with their spoken-language skills; approximately 200 students attended these events, which averaged 17 participants per event.

• Vancouver undergraduates, Petrocelli College online learners, and Community College Partnership students have now joined Metro Campus undergraduates in using eTutoring, the online tutoring consortium to which MWS provides tutors.

• MWS collaborated with Dr. Swartz of Silberman College of Business and Teaneck High School to bring THS students to the Studio (10 visits) to learn about college-level writing, academic integrity, and literary analysis skills. Also in the context of this grant-funded project, Dr. Spaldo provided professional development workshops to THS teachers.

SCHOOL OF HISTORY, POLITICAL AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Faculty Honors

Dr. Raphalides was selected as the 2011 EOF Outstanding Faculty Member of Metro Campus.

Course and Curriculum Development

• The following new courses were developed and offered this academic year: “Gender in History;” “The Great Depression;” “New Jersey Politics and Policies;” and “Elections.”

Research and Creative Activity

Book Chapters:

• Klein, D. (adjunct)

University, Turkey) and T. Volkan Yuzer (Anadolu University, Turkey). PA: IGI Global Publ., 2011.

Conference and Other Presentations:


- **Klein, D.**
  - “Creating Another America: Jews in the Early Motion Picture Industry,” and “Holocaust Pedagogy in the University Setting,” Association for Jewish Studies (Boston, 2010).
  - “Victims of Local Assault and Narratives of Recognition in Post-Traumatic Testimonies,” and “Transnational Historiography of the Holocaust: A Roundtable on Jeffrey Herf’s *Nazi Propaganda for the Arab World*.” German Studies Association (Oakland, 2010).


Other Professional Activity

An interview of Dr. Raphalides regarding Presidents Day and the most influential U.S. president, was aired by Fox affiliates/WWOR-TV/Channel 9 News, February 21, 2011.

Student Activities

The School has initiated two new student organizations: International Relations Club, advised by Dr. Raphilides, and the History Club, advised by Dr. Rasmussen.

**SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES**

External Grants

- Dr. McClary, principle investigator of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Grant, received an additional $24,589 from the National Science Foundation. FDU received this grant last year, along with other institutions of higher learning in New Jersey, with Rutgers Newark as the lead institution. Its purpose is to increase the number of
minorities who graduate in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (the STEM fields).

- Dr. Philips received $22,500 in external grant funding to support the following research studies:
  - regulation of chemical, cellular, and gene targets by actives for skin health, anti-skin aging and improved wound healing (Presperse LLC, Inc., Somerset, NJ.)
  - regulation of expression of collagen and elastin genes by copper (Cupron Medical Inc, Richmond, VA and Cupron Scientific, Modi’in, Israel.)
  - skin photoprotection, anti-aging, and anti-cancer mechanism of Hop extract (Hopsteiner, SS Steiner, Inc., NY.)

Student Activities and Accomplishments

- Chemistry/QUEST student Stephanie Arena received the Executive Women of New Jersey Graduate Merit Award and was selected to receive the South Jersey Industries Women’s Leadership Award for pursuing an advanced degree.

- Chemistry student Alicia Thuraman received the Student Award from the New Jersey Institute of Chemists

- Six seniors were accepted into their first choice of professional or graduate schools, including Cornell Medical College, NYU, UMDNJ, St. George’s, and Ross University.

- Six students completed industrial internships and seven students presented their research at this year’s Honors Research Day. Mentors were Drs. Benzecry, Isquith, Kumar, and Philips.

- SONS hosted two very successful “Discover Your Major Days,” with 39 guests attending on November 19 and another 39 guests attending on February 23.

- SONS student organizations – the TriBeta Society advised by Dr. Anastasia; Pre-Health Professional Club advised by Dr. Leonida; and Sigma Xi advised by Dr. LoPinto -- continued to be active this year:

Course and Curriculum Development

- SONS maintained articulation agreements with twelve professional schools from dentistry to pharmacy and veterinary. This year, the articulation with UMDNJ School of Dental Medicine was updated and revised.
Outreach

- SONS hosted the Hudson-Bergen Chemical Society’s National Chemistry Week conference in November. This event attracted 40 Chemistry students from a number of local universities. Dr. Kumar served as the organizer.

- Together with Hudson-Bergen Chemical Society, SONS sponsored the 13th ACS Student Research Symposium and Award Night this April. Nearly 80 students from FDU and other local universities attended. Dr. Leonida was the organizer.

- SONS hosted the 6th Annual Pre-Professional Fair with 28 professional schools represented. This event attracted a large number of FDU students as well as many high school students and was organized by Dr. Leonida.

- In this year’s Biology Seminar series, presentations were given by twelve invited speakers on topics of current interest.

Faculty Honors and Awards

- Dr. Leonida was the recipient of a Senior Fulbright Award for Fall 2010 semester.

- Dr. Warunek was appointed to the Portz Fellowship Standing Committee of the National Collegiate Honors Council. The council president noted Dr. Warunek’s contribution of expertise, time, and resources to NCHC’s mission of advancing honors education.

Research and Grant Collaborations

- Dr. Kumar has collaborated with Bergen County Technical Schools (BCTS) to establish and conduct an Innovative Technology experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST) grant program.

Research and Creative Activity

Journal articles and book chapters:


Presentations:


**THE HENRY P. BECTON SCHOOL OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH (HPBSONAH)**

Faculty Honors and Awards

- Dr. Kutzleb is a Finalist for the Excellence in Teaching Award of *Nursing Spectrum*. The award will be given in June 2011.

External Grants

- HPBSONAH received a total of $668,000 in grant funding in 2010-2011:
  - Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students, HRSA--$31,739.00 (Dr. Guttman).
  - ARRA-SDS, HRSA --$20,816 (Dr. Guttman).
  - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Jersey Nursing Initiative—second year of a four-year, $2.5 million grant to prepare MSN/NP educators (Dr. Guttman).
  - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Careers in Nursing--$100,000 (Dr. Parietti).
  - Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship Grant--$57,151 (Dr. Parietti).
  - Nurse Faculty Loan Program, HRSA --$456,408 (Dr. Paternoster).

- In addition, the renovation of the Nursing Skills and Simulation Labs has been completed with a $200,000 funding from the Hearst Foundation. The state of the art labs simulate a hospital nursing unit with a hi Fidelity Simulated Manikin (Sim Man), one-way mirrors to enable students to practice nursing skills on their own while faculty observe in another room, a control room with video and monitoring units and a long sink with three faucets similar to an operating room where nursing students will learn the proper way to wash their hands.

Outreach

- HPBSONAH added Englewood Hospital to its educational partners in 2010-2011. The other educational partners are: Atlantic Health Systems (Morristown Hospital and Overlook Hospital, Hackensack University Medical Center and Holy Name Hospital and Medical Center. The Schools hold some of the BSN and MSN classes on these sites.

Course and Curriculum Development

- HPBSONAH was approved to offer the MSN in Nursing Information Systems and the post-masters Certificates in Nursing Information Systems and Forensic Nursing.
Research and Creative Activity

Articles:


Conference Presentations:

- **Dettmore, D.**
  - “A Need Based Theoretical Model for Nursing Interventions for Patients with Dementia who Manifest Aggressive Behavior.” International Dialogues in Nursing, Institute of Nursing Research, University of Ulster, Belfast, Ireland, March 2010.
- **Guttman, M.**
- **Joseph, L.** “Use of handheld technology (PDA) and reduction in medication errors” at the National Association of Indian Nurses of America (NAINA), Houston, Texas, October 23, 2010.
- **Kutzleb, J.**
  - “Evidence-Based Practice for Improved Cognitive & Functional Outcomes in TBI Patients.” 17th International Conference on Evidence-Based Practice, Iowa University, Iowa City, Iowa, April 23-24, 2010.

  **Student Awards**

• Ariella Bleich and Ada Contreras won the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Essay Contest in December 2010, and in January 2011, respectively.

**PROGRAMS IN LANGUAGE, CULTURE, AND PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT (PLCPA)**

• PLCPA offered a variety of workshops (38 in total) to EPS students, including “Using Concise Wording and Clear Writing,” “Writing your Personal Story,” “Developing American English Pronunciation Skills,” “American College Tradition,” and “The American Dream/American Identity.”

• EPS students also attended workshops organized by the Metro Writing Studio, the Career Development Center, the Student Counseling and Psychological Services, the Center for Academic Student Services and the Giovatto Library Reference Desk (WL).

• PLCPA launched the inaugural sections of the New York City as a classroom course for a specialized group of International students as part of the S.A.G.E. (Studies and Adventures in Global Education) program.

• EPS students posted average score improvements of .50 (2.77%) to 4.08 (22.66%) between their placement and post-test scores.

• PLCPA organized and participated in visibility projects as part of this year’s Wellness Fair, International Education Week, Stress-Less Week, and Earth Day.

• Dr. Mohamad has authored a proposal for an MA in Global Education that has been included in the Metropolitan Campus 2011-14 Strategic Plan.

**SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY**

  **Awards and Recognitions**

• M.S. Program in Clinical Psychopharmacology, directed by Dr. McGrath, was designated as meeting American Psychological Associations standards for preparing psychologists in psychopharmacology, one of only two in the country to receive this honor.

• The M.A. program in School Psychology, directed by Dr. Kaufman, has been recognized by the state to award the Certificate in School Psychology.

• Dr. Feinberg was awarded Fellow status by the American College of Forensic Examiners in December 2010.
• Dr. Kaufman was named a “Legend in School Psychology” by New York State Psychological Association (NYASP) and is now President of the American Academy of School Psychology.

• Dr. McGrath has been nominated to run for president of the American Psychological Association; additionally, he has been appointed to the APA Board of Educational Affairs Primary Care Training Task Force, the Designation Committee for Postdoctoral Education and Training Programs in Psychopharmacology for Prescriptive Authority, as Co-Chair of the Integrated Primary Care Committee, Division 38 (Health Psychology), and as APA Invited Participant in the 37th Annual International Conference on Global Health, sponsored by the Global Health Council, Washington DC, June 16, 2010. He has also been elected to the APA Council of Representatives for 2011-2013.

• Dr. McGrath has been appointed to the Mental Health Criteria Revision Working Group, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, which is responsible for revamping the rating scale used to judge disability due to mental disorders in military veterans.

• Dr. Zibulsky was awarded the APA Division 16 Outstanding Dissertation Award for 2010 and named a School Psychology Research Collaboration Conference Early Career Scholar

External Grants

• Drs. Loeb and Radnitz were awarded a $150,000 competitive research grant (Optimal Defaults and Parent Empowerment in the Prevention of Early Childhood Obesity: A Community Center-Based Pilot Study) from the US Department of Agriculture as part of their Childhood Obesity Prevention initiative.

• Dr. Eisen obtained a grant from the Todd Ouida Children’s Foundation for use in the Child Anxiety Disorders Program

Course and Curriculum Development

• The M.A. in Forensic Psychology, directed by Dr. Prentky, has been redesigned, reducing the total number of credits needed from 48 credits to 36 credits without loss of program standards. The program is now more aligned with other programs with which it competes. Applications for this program have almost doubled from that of last year.

• A psychology writing initiative has been launched to improve the writing skills of undergraduate students in the major. Led by Dr. Zibulsky and Writing Program Director Ellen Spaldo, the initiative seeks to develop strategies that psychology instructors can use to support writing development in introductory level Psychology courses. Preliminary data analysis found significant differences between the students in the writing intensive versions of our General Psychology I and General Psychology II courses, with students making strong positive gains in their writing abilities as opposed to the static changes made in the control classes.

• An online Certificate Program in Integrated Primary Care for psychologists is now being offered. Directed by Dr. McGrath, the program is the first of its type in the country.
Research and Creative Activity

- School of Psychology faculty have published three books this past year:

- Additionally, the School of Psychology faculty authored a total of 21 book chapters on a wide range of topics (e.g., “Factor analytic theories of intelligence”, “Parent groups in the treatment of eating disorders”, “Sex offenders: A research agenda”).


- Psychology faculty presented at over 50 conferences and workshops regionally, nationally, and internationally. These presentations included both invited sessions and poster presentations.

Student Activities and Accomplishments

- The new FDU Psychology Club has been very active, with up to 35 members attending its weekly meetings. The club has sponsored several events, including a Hypnosis Workshop, was invited to attend Psychology Day at the United Nations, and has had a regular column, PSYCH CORNER, in the FDU newspaper, the Equinox.

- Courtney DeThomas was the recipient of a travel award from the American Psychological Association to attend the 2010 convention.

- Victoria Chun, Courtney DeThomas, and Erik Newman were recipients of the "Article of the Year Award" from the Journal of School Psychology for a co-authored article.

- Melanie Brown, a 2nd year Ph.D. student is this year’s recipient of the Guterman-FitzSimons Fellowship for excellence in research productivity.

- Tziona Schlachter, 5th Year Ph.D. student, is the 2010 winner of the New Jersey Psychological Association Foundations Scholarship Dr. Zellig Bach Award for the Study of the Family. Tziona’s research is entitled “Impaired Verbal Memory in Pregnant Women: Fact or Fiction.”
• Ari Lowell, 2nd Year Ph.D. student, is the 2010 winner of the New Jersey Psychological Association Foundation Research into Causes and/or Treatment of Social Problems Award. Ari’s research is entitled “Adaptive Behavior in Abused and Neglected Children.”

• Ivan Lamont was elected to the Newark Public Schools’ Advisory Board. He is the director of Guidance and Counseling Services at St. Benedict’s Prep and School Psychology doctoral student at FDU.

• Dr. Peter Faustino was elected President of the New York Association of School Psychologists. He earned his doctorate in School Psychology from FDU.

• Cynthia (Ruchala) DeFina was named President Elect of the New Jersey Association of School Psychologists. She received her M.A. in School Psychology from FDU.

• Students from the School of Psychology have published (often with faculty mentors) 5 book chapters and 5 peer-reviewed journal articles this year as well as presented posters and papers at regional, national, and international conferences. Four students presented their research at the Honors Program Research Day.

  Center for Psychological Services

  • Melissa Conway is the recipient of the $6,000 Community Service Project Award from the New Jersey Psychological Foundation for her work with student veterans. This goes to a Ph.D. student whose work addresses the needs of an underserved patient population.

  • The Center was awarded $25,000 from Johnson and Johnson for Parent Management Training with Combat Veterans and/or their Spouses. Through this grant faculty and Ph.D. students received training in this empirically-based treatment from its developers at the Yale Parenting Center. This grant also provides financial support to 5 Ph.D. candidates.

  • $25,000 was received from Horizon Blue Cross for Depression Screening and Intervention with Combat Veterans and their Families. This grant additionally provides some financial support to 3 Ph.D. doctoral candidates.

  • Increased from $30,000 to $100,000 the contracted amount that the NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs will pay for treatment/assessment of eligible combat veterans and their families.

  • The Center’s services have figured prominently in at least 8 professional conference posters or presentations this year.