UNIVERSITY COLLEGE: ARTS * SCIENCES * PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

HIGHLIGHTS 2011-2012

School of Art & Media Studies

Research & Creative Activity

- “Sideshow Picasso,” a documentary by Marilyn Agrelo about the work of Professor Marie Roberts, was shown at the Angelika Film Center, NYC, and Laemmle Theater, LA, CA. in August 2011.
- Roberts’ banner art was featured on the cover and inside of the album “For the Good Times” by The Little Willies with Norah Jones as well as in the music video.
- Her art will also be used in the May 2012 release movie MEN IN BLACK III.
- Professor Roberts contributed work to two benefit exhibitions in NYC, “Postcards from the Edge” at the Cheim & Reid Gallery in January, and “100 Works on Paper” at the Kentler International Art Space in April-May 2012.

- Adjunct instructor Scott Barnes exhibited his work at over 30 galleries, art centers and institutes, and other venues throughout the U.S. as well as internationally during 2011-12.
  - His photogravure titled “Campsite Quanta” was awarded Best in Show at ARTSPACE Gallery
  - Another photogravure titled “Havasu” was awarded 1st Place Alternative Photographic Process and voted People’s Choice in a contest held by Rangefinder Magazine.
  - 3 different photogravures were chosen for inclusion in the photo annual Diffusion Magazine along with an essay titled “Muse”.
  - Paintings are scheduled to be published in the summer edition of Still Point Arts Quarterly (http://www.stillpointartgallery.com/quarterly.htm).

- Adjunct instructor Dik F. Liu participated in group exhibitions in Williamsburg, VA; Duxbury, MA; and Oceanville, NJ. He had a solo show at the Eden Rock Gallery, St. Barthelmy, French West Indies in May 2012. His work also appears in 100 Boston Painters (Schiffer Publishing, Ltd., May 28, 2012).

- “HAS BEEN,” a teleplay by adjunct instructor James Rana, was a Semi-Finalist at the LA Comedy Short Film Festival and also ran at the Los Angeles Screenplay Competition and Moondance International Film Festival.
  - He has supporting roles in the feature film “THE HOLLOW TREE” starring Brooke Bloom (“CSI MIAMI”) and Anne Consigny (“THE DIVING BELL AND THE BUTTERFLY”), and is co-starring in the world premiere play “RANGOON” (May-June) off-broadway at Pan Asian Rep (www.panasianrep.org).
Rana also wrote, produced, and narrated the radio documentary “GOING POLAR,” a comedic look at the Coney Island Polar Bear Club, airing May 6 on 89.1fm WFDU and then to be distributed by NPR. His full-length play, “THE POE MYSTERIES,” will receive its world premiere at the East Lynne Theatre in Cape May, NJ (July-August) and then transfer to the Ocean County Professional Theatre in October.

Adjunct instructor **Jill Van Nostrand** is currently performing in the Broadway shows Wicked, Mary Poppins and Jesus Christ Superstar.

Adjunct instructor **Sunhee Yoon** had solo exhibitions at Gallery SoBab and at Gallery MESH, both in Seoul, Korea, in 2012.


**Faculty Honors and Awards**

- Dr. Zhenbin Sun was selected as the 2012 EOF Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year.
- Brenda Blackmon, adjunct professor and Co-Anchor, WWOR-TV, My9News, has joined FDU’s Board of Trustees.
- Prof. Tina Alaimo LoPonte was honored at the Multi-Cultural Club Women’s History Month banquet in appreciation of hard work and dedication to the FDU community.

**Student Activities & Accomplishments**

- Matt Quayle, FDU alumnus, adjunct professor, and CNBC-TV Senior Producer, developed and taught a graduate course in the MA in Media and Professional Communication program entitled “How to be a Cable News Producer.” Curriculum included a site visit to MSNBC studios, including an on air appearance.
- The Annual Communication Career Day was held on April 4, 2012, organized by Tina Alaimo LoPonte. The theme, “Careers in the Media,” included the following Media Panel: Brenda Blackmon, Emmy Award winning Anchor at My9 News; Jack Bell, Copy Editor, Soccer Blog, New York Times; Eli Amdur, Career Coach, Columnist; Douglas G. O’Brien, Managing Editor, FM News 101.9; Alyssa Adler, Student Intern at My9 News; Richard Nwaoko, Student Intern at ABC’s “The Revolution.”
- “Discover Media Studies Day” was hosted by Tina Alaimo LoPonte in November. Prospective students were given a hands-on journalism lesson, toured the radio station and the TV studio, and heard from current students about course offerings and internship opportunities.
- Thirty-five new students were inducted into the Communication Honors Society in 2011-2012. The Society is advised by Tina Alaimo LoPonte.
• Internships by Communication students under the advisement of Dr. Zhenbin Sun were obtained throughout the metropolitan NYC area, including at Fox5 News, MTV Networks/Viacom, Bella Public Relations, By Any Means LCC., FDU Athletic Department, Michael Kors, ABC’s “The Revolution,” and “The People’s Court.”

• 30 students attended a taping of “The Martha Stewart Show” and of “The Anderson Cooper Show” as part of classes taught by Tina Alaimo LoPonte and adjunct instructor Maureen Vanacore.

GILDART HAASE SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING (GHSCSE)

Accreditation and Other External Recognitions

• The B.S. Electrical Engineering program has been reaccredited by EAC-ABET until 2017. During the exit meeting of the site visit, the EAC-ABET team praised the program’s outcome assessment as the best they have ever seen throughout their many accreditation visits.

• The M.S. in Electronic Commerce program, developed by Dr. Zwass, has been recognized as one of the Top 100 Master programs in the world by Eduniversal Master’s Ranking.

Extramural 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 2011-2012. This raises the total donation received from MCANJ to $364,043 over nine years.

• Drs. Farag and Casti received a $6,000 award from the Mathematical Association of America’s Tensor SUMMA Program for their proposal to add a Mathematics component to GHSCSE’s highly successful Technical Enrichment and Outreach Program (TEOP). This grant will fund a seven-week Saturday program to introduce applications of Mathematics to 20 students from area high schools.

• The Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) has awarded GHSCSE a grant of $11,000 to work on two projects this academic year, raising the total grant received from NAWCAD to $49,500 in the last three years. The NAWCAD/FDU partnership, established in 2010, provides GHSCSE students and faculty the opportunity to work with U.S. Navy engineers on engineering and scientific issues related to naval aviation. Prof. Lewis serves as overall supervisor for the projects. Dr. Mondal, Dr. Lefkowitz, and Mr. Schaeffer advise students working on the projects.

Outreach

• GHSCSE has been conducting the Technical Enrichment and Outreach Program (TEOP) for 35 to 50 high school students every semester, twelve Saturdays per semester, for a total of 13 semesters, involving eight school districts. The program has received a grant of $15,000 from Verizon this academic year, raising the total donation received to date to $240,000. Past donors have included the Toyota USA Foundation, General Electric, John Victor Machiga Foundation, ExxonMobil Foundation, Paterson School District, PSE&G, SONY, and
BAE Systems, as well as a $1 million endowment gift from Dr. Gregory Olsen, FDU alumnus, trustee, and benefactor.

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

- GHSCSE faculty, staff, students, and other volunteers have tutored financially-disadvantaged high school students from nearby school districts, including Union City and Paterson, in the Math SAT Test for the last four years. Seven Math SAT preparation sessions were conducted this past fall.

- 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. Two HBCU students have joined GHSCSE’s programs this academic year, and two other students graduated last year.

- Dr. Zhao organized four IEEE seminars at the Metropolitan Campus this academic year attended by area professionals.

- Aided by Dr. Janarthanan, an Information Technology (IT) Program Advisory Committee has been formed at FDU Vancouver.

- Dr. Janarthanan also organized the Mid-Atlantic/Canadian Mobile Application Forum at FDU Vancouver in collaboration with the Canadian Consulate General and RIM as well as two workshops: a multi-day Sound Design Workshop in March 2012 and one-day Digital Tattoo Workshop in January 2012.

Course & Curriculum Development

- A minor in Computer Forensics, developed by the faculties of GHSCSE and the School of Criminal Justice & Legal Studies, was introduced in Fall 2011.

- The Oracle database certification program trained an additional 25 students this past year. Dr. Lowy is the coordinator and instructor of the program. Additionally, the Enterprise Computing classes on the IBM platforms “i” and “z” that Dr. Lowy developed with funding from IBM, have continued to attract students. These students have been sought after by companies that offer summer internships, co-op programs, and full-time jobs, including UPS, EMC, IBM, and several consulting companies.

- Coordinated by Dr. Mondal, Computer Science (CS) faculty members have developed a 5-year combined BS Information Technology (IT)/ MSCS program which will provide a seamless pathway for IT majors into the CS graduate program.
The Support Our Students (SOS) program, a joint project of GHSCSE and the School of Natural Sciences, has concluded another successful year. 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 the Coordinator.

A Special Topics course in Biomedical Engineering, taught by Dr. Reinish, was offered and was well-received by students.

In support of the Metro Campus Math Initiative, a new “Precalculus with Support” course has been developed to enable incoming freshmen whose Accuplacer scores are slightly lower than the regular cutoff score to undertake Precalculus their first semester, but with additional learning support, saving them time and money. The new version of Precalculus will be offered for the first time in Fall 2012.

GHSCSE has conducted a seminar series on the latest developments in electrical engineering, computer engineering, computer science, and their related fields since Fall 2009. Drs. Mao and Zhao coordinate. Twenty-seven seminars on contemporary topics have been conducted since its inception, including 7 seminars presented in AY 2011-2012.

Research and Creative Activity

Journal Papers


Journal Editor


Columnist

Conference Papers


Invited Publications and Presentations


Journal Awards

Two papers published in the Journal of Management Information Systems, of which V. Zwass is Editor-in-Chief, won the 2011 Citation of Excellence Awards from Emerald Academic Publishers. Now in their fifteenth year, these annual awards recognize the 50 most outstanding articles published by the top 300 management journals in the world.

Student Successes and Activities

• Gladwin B. Thomas, a BS Computer Science student, has been accepted into the MS in Engineering in Computer and Information Science program at the University of

- The IEEE North Jersey Spring 2012 Student Paper Presentation Contest was held at FDU's Metropolitan Campus on February 28, 2012. Under the guidance of Dr. Reinish, the first, second, and third place undergraduate winners of the contest were Christopher Lau, Elmire Botes, and Marvin Allen. Graduate student winners were Sindhura Kudaraval, Eduardo Valdivia-Reyes, and Carine Girgis.

- Advised by Drs. Casti and Farag, Wai-lung Kwok, John Sica, and Qiyang Xu competed as a team in the Garden State Undergraduate Mathematics Conference competition in March 2012. The team ranked 12th out of 33 teams in their first competition.

- Members of the FDU-American Society of Civil Engineers (ACSE) Student Chapter participated in the 2012 ASCE Metropolitan Student Conference, New York City, on April 20-22, 2012, and competed in the Conference Presentation Competition and the Concrete Canoe Construction/Technical Presentation Competition. The students designed, constructed, and tested a canoe made of special lightweight concrete, which they raced on a pond in Denville, NJ, against other schools. Faculty advisors are Prof. Bielewicz and Dr. Thomas.

- FDU's Construction and Mechanical Engineering Technology students attended this year's Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA) Student Summit held in San Francisco, California, and the MCAA Annual Conference held in Orlando, Florida. Students also participated in the Mechanical Contracting Competition, involving HVAC, sustainability, and green building, during the conference, under the guidance of Prof. Bielewicz.

- FDU students joined the Construction Managers Association of America (CMAA) in December 2011 under the guidance of Prof. Bielewicz. FDU is the first University in New Jersey to become affiliated with CMAA.

- GHSCSE students received scholarships from the Mechanical Contractors Association of NJ, the Radio Club of America, ASCE, Building Contractors Association of New Jersey (BCANJ), and Construction Industry Advisory Program (CIAP), and from a Computer Science alumna. Students have had internships through various individual companies and member-companies of BCANJ and CIAP.

- GHSCSE has established a key relationship with UPS, which has provided three internships for our students thus far. It also established a key internship opportunity with the Biomedical Engineering Department in Hackensack University Medical Center, in which four of our students participated this year.

### School of Criminal Justice & Legal Studies

Course & Curriculum Development

- The School officially introduced its new Masters in Criminal Justice. The first year yielded 25 students representing full-time, part-time, and BA/MA combined degree students.
• The School of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies entered into articulation agreements with Rockland Community College (SUNY) and Bergen County Community College and expanded its degree completion opportunities at Mercer and Gloucester Community Colleges.

• The School’s Internship program, coordinated by Dr. Kenny, continues to expand. To date, over 150 different venues on the local, regional, State, and Federal level have provided experiential opportunities to its students.

• In keeping with past years, the annual Project Pride was held on October 20, 2011. Coordinated by Prof. Reynolds, the program is presented by the New Jersey Department of Corrections and allows inmates serving time for felony conviction to share their experiences with students and faculty.

• Dr. Vodde and Dean Baldwin of Wroxton College have coordinated a combined graduate and undergraduate program that will study the respective criminal justice systems of the U.S. and the U.K. The course is scheduled for June 2012 and represents the eleventh study-abroad program undertaken by the School.

Research and Creative Activity

Book Chapters


Professional Journal Articles


Academic Journal Articles (accepted)


Conference Presentations


Media Interviews


Student Activities

- This year the Criminal Justice Club, advised by Prof. Garcia, participated in several campus events, including Student Life Club Day, the School’s Admissions Discovery Day, and the SCAPS Safe Spring Break Program. The Club also engaged in community service, helping to sponsor a Halloween Party at the Youth Consultation Services- Holley Child Care and Development Services in Hackensack New Jersey; collecting toys for the Bergen County Sheriff Department’s Annual Toy Drive; volunteering for the Police Battle of the Blue, an annual charity event for Tomorrow’s Children Fund.

CENTER FOR DYSLEXIA STUDIES

- The Orton Gillingham Teacher Certificate Program was recognized by the International Dyslexia Association, in its review of college and university programs, as one of only 15 programs meeting its knowledge and practice standards.

- The Center offered its now nationally IDA recognized and IMSLEC accredited program in the following school districts: Cranford, Holmdel, Jersey City, Manalapan, North Brunswick, North Caldwell, Pompton Lakes, Scotch Plains, Warren Township, and Wyckoff as well as in the 5 Children’s Dyslexia Centers run by the Masons: Burlington, Hasbrouck Heights, Northfield, Scotch Plains, Tenafly.

- Dr. Farrell was elected Vice President, President Elect of IMSLEC and a board member of the Alliance for Accreditation and Certification.

- Elizabeth Kenny Foggin, an instructor for the Center for Dyslexia Studies, received an award for Outstanding Multisensory Structured Language Education Teacher from IMSLEC at their annual meeting in November 2011.
PETER SAMMARTINO SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Outreach and Partnerships

- The Institute for Math and Science joined SOE in June 2011 with Dr. Shane Smith as the Director. The Institute has been offering classes to elementary and middle school teachers in mathematics.

- SOE offered the first Summer Teaching Academy (STA), which introduced 17 high school seniors to the world of teaching and its responsibilities. Students participated in hands-on activities in math and science and taught a lesson to Camp Discovery students. Nine participants applied to FDU for this upcoming year. The second STA is planned for this upcoming summer, which will run for 2 weeks.

- An SOE Alumni Chapter has been formed and held its first event on April 25, 2012.

- In May 2012, SOE hosted a North Jersey Future Educators Association conference. High school students from around NJ participated.

- The Southeast 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 was held on June 2011 at the Florham campus.

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

- The annual FDU/Record Conference for area school teachers was held on February 26, 2012. This year’s theme was “Assessing Our Students and Teachers: How Do We Measure Performance.” Approximately 150 teachers attended, and SOE faculty members M. Singer, J. Cowen, R. Wohle, S. Smith and D. Aronoff presented in break-out sessions.

- 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.

- SOE held 3, six-hour trainings at the Metro Campus, Florham Campus and at Gloucester Community College for all graduating SOE teaching candidates about strategies to curtail harassment, intimidation, and bullying (HIB). Such training is now required by NJ law.

- Eleven 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. The program is expanding to include Educational Leadership candidates and another school will join our partnership.

- Now in its sixth year, the Educators Institute is a continuing partnership between SOE and the American Conference on Diversity. Two full-day professional development workshops were offered in December 2011 and March 2012 for educators on Bias and Bullying,
incorporating information regarding the new NJ Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights as well as other information on salient research and classroom techniques.

- SOE was nominated for 3 awards in New Jersey’s Showcase for Higher Education hosted by the Commissioner of Higher Education, Rochelle Hendrix (April, 2012).

Research and Creative Activity

Books, Chapters, & Journal Articles


National Conference Presentations


Professional Accomplishments


- Dr. Marlene Rosenbaum was the 2011-2012 Chairperson of the New Jersey Assessment Consortium, a collaboration of over 15 public and private colleges, universities, and community colleges, public and private. She co-founded the association with H. Pfleger in 2010 for the purpose of collaborating on assessment activities.

- For her efforts on behalf of learning outcomes assessment, Professor Rosenbaum was awarded an FDU Presidential Citation at the September 2011 University Convocation; Dr. Teresa Montani gave the Convocation’s keynote address, “Providing Accommodations for Students with Special Needs at the University Level.”

- Dr. Roberta Wohle is an invited member of the Consumer Advisory Council, The Elizabeth Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

School of English, Philosophy and Humanities

Outreach

- The Gene Barnett Speakers Series under the direction of Dr. Thomas J. Stavola presented the NYT Best Selling mystery novelist Harlan Coben on October 11, 2011, and the prize winning novelist Colum McCann on April 24, 2012. McCann’s latest novel, Let the Great World Spin, was awarded the 2009 National Book Award for Fiction.

Course & Curriculum Development

- SEPH completed a comprehensive revision of its Bachelor of Arts in English degree, effective fall 2012. This new degree provides students with a foundation in literary analysis, American Literature, British Literature, and World Literature. In addition, it offers students the flexibility to chart their own path by choosing from a number of writing and literature classes offered both at the Metro Campus and at Wroxton.
SEPH also completed a major revision of its Humanities degree and, effective fall 2012, will offer three new concentrations: one in Digital Humanities, one in Global & Cultural Studies, and one in Sustainability. These concentrations will also appear as University College minors effective with the Fall 2012 semester.

The SEPH Writing Program has revised the course codes, titles, and descriptions of English composition courses to more accurately reflect the learning outcomes and the effective practice-based pedagogies employed in the courses. The changes become effective in Fall 2012.

Research & Creative Activity

Journal Articles & Book Chapters

Academic Exchange Quarterly, 15.4. [Article selected as Editor's Choice].


National Conference Presentations

**Boyd, J.** “‘Now What is the Twentieth Century that America Discovered: Gertrude Stein Constructs an American Identity.’” American Literature Association Conference, Boston, May 2011.


Faculty Recognitions

- The official website of the Nobel Prize lists Dr. Lois Gordon’s third book on Harold Pinter, *Pinter at 70* (Routledge, 2001), in its short list of “Most Significant Pinter Critical Studies.”

- Renowned literary critic Harold Bloom is including a chapter from Dr. Gordon’s Reading *Godot* (Yale UP) in his revised *Samuel Beckett: Modern Critical Views* (Chelsea Press series).

School of History, Political & International Studies, Foreign Languages

Research & Creative Activity

Ojo, B., “Marketing E-Learning and the Challenges Facing Distance Education in Africa.” In Marketing Online Education Programs: Frameworks for Promotion & Communication, ed. Ugur Demiray & Serdar Sever (Hershey, PA: IGI Global Publ., 2011)(reprint/updated).


Velásquez, A., “Representaciones de la sexualidad y el erotismo en la narrativa finisecular del guatemalteco Enrique Gomez Carrillo,” Congreso Internacional de Literatura in Barranquilla, Colombia, on October 27, 2011.

Media Interviews


Ojo, B. Interviewed by Alice Kiingi (Ugandan Radio journalist) on the impact of the fall of Ghadaffi on Sub-Saharan Africa, Deutsche Welle Radio, August 29th, 2011.


Sanders, A. Appeared on “Capitol Report” (NJN News) to discuss the likelihood of Gov. Christie’s being offered and then accepting the Republican Party’s vice-presidential nomination, November 2011.

Outreach

• Dr. Rasmussen served as a “scholar-facilitator,” for the New Jersey Council on the Humanities film series on “Environmental Justice,” leading discussions of films in public libraries around NJ.

Student Successes and Activities

• Two of adjunct instructor Josephine Spina’s students have been awarded Coccia Foundation Scholarships for study abroad in Italy.
The International Relations Club, advised by Professor Raphilides, held meetings throughout the year, featuring speakers and an Annual Speak Out on April 11, 2012.

Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science) and Phi Alpha Theta (History) Honor Societies held inductions on May 14, 2012.

SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Extramural Grants

• Dr. McClary, principle investigator of the National Science Foundation (NSF) Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) grant, received another $24,589 for a third year of funding to increase the number of minorities who graduate in STEM fields. FDU currently leads the state which includes Bloomfield College, Essex County College, Kean University, Montclair State University, New Jersey City University, Rutgers University-New Brunswick, Rutgers University-Newark (lead institution), and William Patterson University in LSAMP student recruitment.

• Drs. Benzecry (SONS) and Radnitz (Psychology), together with the Teaneck Sustainability Advisory Commission group, obtained a $9,000 Sustainable Jersey™ Small Grant funded by Walmart to implement the Green Schools Program in the Teaneck public schools.

• Dr. Benzecry received $1,000 from Environmental Waste Management Associates, LLC and a $300 N.J.D.E.P. “Clean Communities Grant” to continue the Green Campus Committee sustainable practices.

• Dr. Leonida received a $10,000 grant to advance “Enhancement of our knowledge of nanoparticles containing chitosan” from Hopsteiner, SS Steiner, Inc., NY, NY.

Student Activities and Accomplishments

• Morrine Omolo, Biochemistry Major, is this year’s recipient of the Metropolitan Campus Student Pinnacle Award.

• Suchitra Ghumwala, Chemistry Major, is this year’s recipient of the Malcolm L. Sturchio Scholarship in Chemistry.

• Thirteen graduates were accepted into their first choice of professional or graduate schools. These graduates will be carrying the FDU name as they continue their education at other universities including Georgetown, Ohio State, UMDNJ, Temple, Tufts, and FDU Medco.

• Eight students are participating in industrial internships.

• SONS student organizations continued to be active this year:
  o TriBeta Society, mentored by Dr. Anastasia. The club is dedicated to improving the understanding and appreciation of Biological Study and extending boundaries of human knowledge through scientific research.
- Pre-Health Professional Club (PHP), mentored by Dr. Leonida. The club provides information and guidance to students who have a desire to learn about or enter any of the health professions, including Dentistry, Medicine, Chiropractic, Optometry, Pharmacy, Podiatry or Veterinary Medicine
- Sigma Xi, mentored by Dr. Lo Pinto. This club fosters student participation with faculty in scientific research and in lectures and seminars at FDU at other universities in the NY/NJ Metropolitan area.

Course & Curriculum Development

- During Spring 2012, 7 SONS students took several courses at our marine field station in Samana, Dominican Republic. The classes, taught by Drs. Isquith and McClary and a local adjunct, included Beach Ecology, Tropical Marine Vegetation, Tropical Marine Invertebrates, Tropical Marine Vertebrates and Marine Biology Research I.
- SONS maintained articulation agreements with twelve professional schools from dentistry to pharmacy and veterinary. This year, the articulation with Palmer Chiropractic College was revised and three new articulations (LECOM Dental, NYCC Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, NYCC Clinical Nutrition) were drafted.

Outreach

- Dr. Benzecry hosted the second Sediment Elevation Table (SET) User Group; Meeting of Mid-Atlantic and Northeast US region practitioners at FDU.
- Drs. Kumar and Leonida organized the November 2011 meeting of the Hudson-Bergen Chemical Society. 45 FDU students participated. Dr. Leonida is HBCS Secretary. She also organized the 14th Annual ACS Research Symposium and Award Night (together with HBCS).
- Dr. Leonida evaluated proposals for the Junior Fulbright Awards.
- Organized by Dr. Leonida, the 7th Pre-Professional Fair was held in March. The event attracted a large number of FDU students as well as many high school students.
- Dr. McClary, a Board of Trustees member of the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) and one of two representatives for Passaic County, became chair of the Nominating Committee.
- SONS Biology Seminar series continued with presentations delivered by twenty six invited speakers on topics of current interest. Sixteen additional presentations are scheduled for FDU students who conducted independent study research projects with faculty mentors.

Research and Creative Activity

Journal Articles

Leonida, M.D., Kumar, I., Microfluidics at the interface between engineering and life sciences, Curr. Nanoscience, 2012, 8, 000-000 (In press).


National Conference Presentations & Proceedings


Dr. Leonida presented a paper at the Conference for Technology Transfer (Society of Cosmetic Chemists) and another at the 243rd Meeting of the American Chemical Society.

Media Interviews

Dr. Leonida was interviewed by Cosmetics and Toiletries magazine regarding her research on the antimicrobial properties of chitosan.

Professional Accomplishments

- Dr. Lo Pinto became chair of the “Columbia University Seminar on Pollution and Water Resources” which he has Co-Chaired since 1986. He also became Associate Editor of the latest volume (Volume 40) of “Pollution and Water Resources, Columbia University Seminar Proceedings”, an international publication.

- Dr. McClary was appointed as the NCAA Division I Faculty Athletics Representative by President Adams. In this role Dr. McClary also chairs both the Athletic Academic Review Board and the Athletic Advisory Council.
The Henry P. Becton School of Nursing and Allied Health (HPBSONAH)

Milestones

- The School of Nursing will celebrate its 60th anniversary this year. Celebrations will commence with the Nursing Convocation on May 9, 2012. A gala is being planned with the Office of Alumni Relations for October 2012. There are 2,391 Nursing Alumni.

Extramural Grants & Contracts

- HPBSONAH received a total of $931,746 in external funding for AY 2011-2012 from the following sources:
  - Nurse Faculty Loan Program, HRSA - $736,754 (Dr. Patemoster)
  - Advanced Education Nurse Traineeship Grant - 55,718 (Dr. Parietti)
  - Robert Wood Johnson New Careers in Nursing Grant - $100,000 (Dr. Parietti)
  - Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students, HRSA - $4,274 (Dr. Guttman)
  - Scholl Foundation Grant - $10,000 (Dr. Guttman)
  - Becton Dickinson Grant - $25,000 (Dr. Guttman)
  - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Jersey Nursing Initiative grant to FDU and Holy Name Medical Center to Develop Preceptors for Community Health Nursing - $10,000 (Dr. Guttman)

- A $2.5 million New Jersey Nursing Initiative Grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is now in its third of four years. Ten scholars supported by this funding will be graduating in May 2012.

Outreach

- HPBSONAH continues to offer courses for the RN-BSN and MSN Programs onsite for its educational partners: Atlantic Health Systems (Morristown Hospital and Overlook Hospital) and Holy Name Medical Center. Starting Summer 2012, it will be offering courses at Hackensack University Medical Center and starting Fall 2012, at Englewood Hospital Medical Center.

Accreditation

- The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) held a site visit as part of the reaccreditation process for the BSN and MSN programs and of initial accreditation for the DNP program on November 7-9, 2011. The visitors’ exit report indicated that all programs met all the criteria for accreditation described in the Self-Study Report prepared by faculty. The CCNE Board of Commissioners will meet for the final accreditation decision on April 26-28, 2012, with a written report to be sent to HPBSONAH about one month after the meeting.
Research and Creative Activity

Journal Articles


Professional Presentations

**Guttman, M.**, “Evidence Based Practice: Igniting the Spirit of Excellence, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Newark, NJ, July 26, 2011.

**Guttman, M.**, “Evaluating the Ethical and Moral Competencies of Nursing Students,” University of the Philippines College of Nursing, Balik Turo Program, Manila, Philippines, February 9, 2012.


Student Successes and Activities

- 10 Accelerated BSN students were awarded the Robert Wood Johnson New Careers Nursing (NCIN) Scholarship at $10,000 each.

- Students Aaron Roth and Angelo Llanes were winners in the annual NCIN essay contest. Their community activities have been featured on the AACN/NCIN website.

- NCIN students raised over $500 for the Relay for Life on campus.

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

- EPS courses are now compulsory for all UG and GR International students on both campuses if placed into the program based on their placement test score.
• New departments came on board to provide academic support/tutoring hours for EPS students; in Teaneck, the Office of Global Learning and in Madison, the Career Development Center, Campus Library, and Academic Support Center.

• PLCPA tracks student progress and academic support/tutoring done through a dedicated server shared with the Metro Writing Studio. Currently 73 query reports can be generated such as “Average improvement between pre- and post test of students required to do 900 minutes of academic support/tutoring.” Data collected informs programmatic improvements.

• PLCPA collaborated with Petrocelli College to offer a NY City as a Classroom Course for a group of Chinese high school students who came to FDU to take the course over the winter break.

• Dr. Mohamad is the co-author of “Differentiating maximum values in writing centers,” in Academic Exchange Quarterly, 15(4), 8-12 (Winter 2011) with Janet Boyd.

SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY

Accreditation

• The MA/Certification program in School Psychology received National Association of School Psychologists accreditation (conditional) in February 2012.

Outreach

• Through the School’s partnership with several schools, School Psychology graduate students have served as consultants and program evaluators to the Dumont TLC After-School Program for at-risk 3rd and 4th grade students. Students have also had the opportunity to provide services at St. Benedict’s School for Boys in Newark, NJ.

Course & Curriculum Development

• A combined, 5-year BA/MA in Forensic Psychology has been approved.

• A Behavioral Research Scholars Track (BRST) for highly qualified students who are interested in careers in social science research has been added to the MA in Psychology. Students can use this program as a springboard for further graduate training or as a terminal degree for research careers in the private sector.

• The School has created a new “Psychology Research Lab” specifically to foster faculty and student research collaboration. This laboratory opened in September 2011 and has been in constant use since then. The research lab is equipped with computer cubicles, specialized hardware and software for conducting cognitive and behavioral research, and a sophisticated physiological data collection system. The space is ideal for conducting research on a range of psychological topics, including memory, attention, face perception, and social behaviors in interpersonal interactions, and has been equipped with sophisticated technology to allow for physiologic and neurophysiologic measures. Moreover, research conducted in the lab is already being presented by
undergraduate and graduate students at departmental, regional, and national conferences and will likely result in peer-reviewed publications.

Research & Creative Activity

Book Chapters


Journal Articles


National Conference Presentations.


Curti, L. M., & Ameli, S. (October 2011). Perceived organizational control over work stressors and its effect on perceived organizational support and negative affect Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Psychological Association, Fairfield, CT.


McGrath, R. E. (March 2011). Health care reform for state leaders: Things to know, think about, and do. Presented at the American Psychological Association State Leadership Conference.


Prentky, R. A. (21 June 2011). Internet child pornography offenders: IO-only vs. CM-only vs. Dual. Given an Internet sex offender, what is the probability that he is a child molester? Presentation before the United States Sentencing Commission, Washington, D.C.


**Professional Accomplishments**

- **Dr. Samuel Feinberg** is a 2012 recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Faculty Award, Office of Student Life, Fairleigh Dickinson University.

- **Dr. Robert McGrath** received the 2011 FDU Distinguished Faculty Award for Research and Scholarship.

- **Dr. Judith Kaufman** has been named to the National Planning Committee for Future(s) of School Psychology conference to be held Sept/Oct 2012 and as Co-chair APA Division 16 Globalization of School Psychology Task Force. She was also elected to the Board of Directors of the American Board of School Psychology.

- **Dr. Robert McGrath** is 2012 Chair, Council of Postdoctoral Training Programs in Psychopharmacology; a Member, American Psychological Association Advisory Group on State Implementation of Health Care Reform Initiatives; 2011-2012 Chair, New Jersey Psychological Association Task Force on Health Care Reform; a Member, American Psychological Association Board of Educational Affairs Primary Care Training Task Force; and a Member, American Psychological Association Council of Representatives.

- He also served as chair of the task force responsible for the following American Psychological Association publication (2011): “Practice guidelines regarding psychologists’ involvement in pharmacological issues.” American Psychologist, 66, 835-849.

- **Dr. Jamie Zibulsky** has been asked to serve as an Advisory Panel Member for the National September 11 Memorial & Museum Historical Exhibit and on the New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education’s RTI Workgroup.

Student Successes & Activities

- This year students from the School of Psychology have published (often with faculty mentors) 6 book chapters and 6 peer-reviewed journal articles. Students have also had the experience of presenting posters and papers at regional, national, and international conferences.

- Danielle Politi, a Psy.D. graduate, won this year’s award for the Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation presented by the New York Association of School Psychologists.

- Undergraduate Nick Sosa was selected as one of only 15 candidates out of 170 applicants to participate in the NYU SPAM Lab Summer Internship Program. The program will run from June 4th to July 27th and takes a hands-on approach to the teaching and learning of basic research principles and processes.

- On March 30, 2012, the School held its first annual Undergraduate Research Day in which six undergraduate students presented research posters summarizing their ongoing or completed research projects.

- The Psychology Club remained very active, with up to 35 members attending its weekly meetings and sponsoring several events (e.g., raising money for cancer awareness with the “Be Bold, be Bald” campaign). It continues to have a regular column, PSYCH CORNER, in the FDU student newspaper, the Equinox.

Center for Psychological Services

- For the second year in a row, the center received a $25,000 grant from the Johnson and Johnson Family of Companies to enhance our Clinical Services for Veterans and Families program.

- For the second year in a row, the center received a $25,000 grant from Horizon of New Jersey to enhance our Clinical Services for Veterans and Families program, with a focus on depression screening, education, and intervention.

- For the fourth year in a row, the center received a $6,000 Community Service grant from New Jersey Psychological Association Foundation for a clinic-based project completed under the direction of Dr. Ulrich that addresses the needs of the underserved.

- The Bergen Record, the Star Ledger, and other papers (3/2012) highlighted the COMPASS program (and the Center for Psychological Services) and one of the COMPASS undergraduates in a piece on programs that aid college students with Asperger’s.

- The COMPASS team (faculty, doctoral students, doctoral graduates) developed and hosted a workshop for the community on supporting the successful transition from High School to College for students with Asperger’s. The workshop was attended by more than 35 parents, secondary school personnel, and adolescents/young adults with Asperger’s.

- The center completed a survey (funded by Ace-Walmart Success for Vets grant on which Dr. Ulrich was co-PI) on FDU Student Attitudes Towards Combat Veterans and Potential Peers. Results indicated that FDU students are overwhelmingly welcoming and respectful of combat veterans as potential colleagues. The University of Texas, Fordham University,
and the University of Arizona are currently considering use of our survey to assess the
degree to which their institutions are “Veteran-Friendly.” No other such survey is known to
be available and psychometrically tested.