SCHOOL OF ART & MEDIA STUDIES

Research & Creative Activity

Books & Journal Articles


Exhibitions


**Marie Roberts** & YoEuiJoo Kim, Gallery SoBab, Seoul, South Korea, Nov 2012.

**Scott Barnes** (adjunct professor, art), Juried Exhibitions at Open Shutter Gallery, Durango, CO; Soho Photo, New York, NY; Washington Printmakers Gallery, Silver Springs, MD

**Sunhee Yoon** (adjunct professor, art), Solo Exhibitions at Is/Not, Gallery Gallery SoBab, Seoul, Korea, 2012; Between/With, Kookmin,Art Gallery, Seoul, Korea, 2013; Gallery MESH, Seoul, Korea, 2012.

Performance & Other Creative Activity

**Jill Van Nostrand** (adjunct professor, music) is presently performing in the Broadway show, *Wicked*.

**James Rana**’s (adjunct professor, theatre) stage adaptation of Washington Irving’s *THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW* will receive its world premiere at the East Lynne Theatre in Cape May, NJ in July and then transfer to the Ocean Professional Theatre in October. He also appears in the feature film *SWIM LITTLE FISH SWIM* which received its world premiere at the SXSW Film Festival in Austin, Texas.

Conference Presentations

**Sun, Zhenbin**, "Bridging Knowing-How and Knowing-That,” International Conference held by the Association of Chinese Professors of Social Sciences in the US and Xi'an International Studies University, Xi'an, China, June 2013.

**Sun, Zhenbin**, "Naming, Names, and the Bearer of Names," The Institute of General Semantics Symposium, New York, October 2012.

Media Interviews

Dr. Buzzard, Director of the School of Art & Media Studies, was interviewed by **Capitol Forum**, on "Nielsen/Arbitron: Takeaways From Interview with Ratings Industry Expert,” in February 2013.
Student Activities & Accomplishments

Peiron Xu, President of the Communication Honor Society, was awarded the 2013 Martin Luther King Award from FDU Office of Student Life.

Thirty six new students were inducted into the Communication Honors Society in 2012-2013. The Society is advised by Prof. Tina Alaimo LoPonte.

Internships by Communication students under the advisement of Dr. Zhenbin Sun were obtained throughout the metropolitan NYC area, including the following organizations: Vera Wang, ABC’s “The Revolution”, Prana Marketing, CBS News, MTV, Rebecca Taylor, Universal Music Group, Lee Perla, and the FDU Athletic Department.

Advertising classes taught by Profs. LoPonte and Vanacore attended tapings of “The Anderson Cooper Show” and of “The Dr. Oz Show. Students were exposed to all facets of the creation of a show including program development, audience selection, stage management, camera shots, sound, lighting, set design, advertising, public relations and talent. Additionally, in the spring semester students attended the Paley Center for Media in NYC and received a lecture on the history of advertising.

Faculty Recognitions

Brenda Blackmon, Adjunct Professor and Co-Anchor, WWOR-TV, My9News, is a member of the FDU Board of Trustees. Ms. Blackmon taught a communication course “Ethics in the Media” in the fall semester and “So You Want to be a TV Anchor” in the Spring semester. Ms. Blackmon was a member of the FDU Presidential Search Committee.

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.

SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE & LEGAL STUDIES

New Initiatives & Partnerships

Into its second year, the M.A. in Criminal Justice is experiencing growing interest. The program had a total enrollment of 34 students, with eight students graduating in May 2013. Prospective enrollment for the Fall 2013 class exceeds that of the program’s first two years.

The School in collaboration with the Political Science program introduced an interdisciplinary minor in Legal Studies designed for students preparing for law school.

Working in collaboration with its community college partners, the School into three separate articulation agreements with Passaic County Community College and expanded its degree completion opportunities at Mercer and Gloucester Community Colleges.

The department’s Internship program, coordinated by Dr. Kenny, continues to expand. To date, over 175 different venues on the local, regional, State, and Federal level have provided experiential opportunities to its students.

Dr. Vodde in collaboration with Dr. Baldwin, Dean of Wroxton College, coordinated a combined graduate and undergraduate program that will study the respective criminal justice systems of
the United States and the United Kingdom. This represented the eleventh Study-abroad program that Dr. Baldwin and Dr. Vodde have coordinated.

Research & Creative Activity

Book and Book Chapters


Journal and Other Articles


Conference Presentations


Student Activities

The Criminal Justice Club had another active year. It co-sponsored a charity basketball game at the Rothman Center which raised approximately $15,000 for Tomorrow’s Children at Hackensack University Medical Center. This annual event was well attended and included teams from several local police departments. Additionally, the club hosted a recruiting event for the Ocean City, MD, Police Department and members also volunteered at the annual gala for the Holley Center of Hackensack. Other activities included participating in FDU’s Organizational Fair, Knight Madness, Major Madness, Adopt an Angel, Santa Workshop and Safe Spring Break.

GILDART HAASE SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING (GHSCSE)

External Grants & Recognitions

- GHSCSE has received a generous donation of $28,024, 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 2012-2013. This year’s grant raises the total donation received from MCANJ to $392,037 over a period of ten years.

- Drs. Casti and Farag received a second $6,000 award from the Mathematical Association of America’s Tensor-SUMMA Program for adding a Mathematics component to GHSCSE’s highly successful Technical Enrichment and Outreach Program (TEOP). This grant will fund another seven-week Saturday program to introduce applications of Mathematics to approximately 25 students from area high schools. This year the program served 23 high school students from 3 different districts and focused on cryptography and computational neuroscience.

- FDU offers various courses and programs on cybersecurity at University College, Becton College, and Petrocelli College. On behalf of FDU, Dr. Mondal pursued the cybersecurity courseware mapping and submitted it to the Committee on National Security Systems (CNSS), National Training Standards 4011 and 4013-E. Subsequently FDU courseware was validated to be meeting the standards by the Information Assurance Courseware Evaluation (IACE) Program of National Security Agency (NSA). FDU will receive recognition and an official certificate during the June 2013 CNSS Ceremony, which will be held at the 17th Colloquium for Information Systems Security Education (CISSE).

New Initiatives

- FDU Office of the Provost launched a Center for Cybersecurity and Information Assurance in Dec. 2012 with Dr. Mondal as its founding Director and Ms. Tsambis, University Director of Grants and Sponsored Projects, as the Coordinator. The Center fosters collaboration among faculties of all the colleges within FDU in developing cybersecurity programs for college students to pursue and outreach programs to kindle interest in cybersecurity among pre-college students. Among others, GHSCSE Student Outreach Coordinator, Mr. Sani, is facilitating the outreach activities of the Center. With a diverse set of active faculty membership drawn from GHSCSE of the University College, Becton College, and Petrocelli College, the Center has applied for the National Center of Academic Excellence in
Information Assurance Education (CAE/IAE) designation for the university. This designation will help FDU apply for funding from NSF and other agencies to train professionals in this critically important field of national security and defense. The application is currently under active review.

Outreach

• GHSCSE has been conducting the Technical Enrichment and Outreach Program (TEOP) for 35 to 50 high school students every semester, 12 Saturdays per semester, now for a total of 15 semesters, involving eight school districts. The program has received a grant of $2,500 from UPS this academic year, raising the total donation received to date to $242,500. Past donors included the Toyota USA Foundation, General Electric, Verizon, the John Victor Machuga Foundation, the ExxonMobil Foundation, the Paterson School District, PSE&G, Sony, and BAE Systems. This program is also supported by 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 (BCA) seniors who intern at FDU every Wednesday since AY 2007-2008. This year five 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 were Prof. Lewis and Drs. Chen, Mondal, Mao, Zhao, and Silver.

• Dr. Mao led a research project for eight students from the STEM program of Passaic County Community College (PCCC) during Spring 2013. The goal is to expose students to high-end research projects and to encourage PCCC students to continue their studies by transferring to four-year institutions, including FDU.

• Dr. Thomas and Mr. Sani have continued to work on GHSCSE’s established relationship with Teaneck High School through the Architecture, Construction, and Engineering (ACE) Mentoring Program. Teaneck students visited FDU twice and toured the GHSCSE labs this academic year. One student from the program will be joining GHSCSE in Fall 2013.

• Dr. Janarthanan represented FDU-Vancouver’s Information Technology (IT) program at the BC Council on Admissions and Transfer (BCCAT) meeting held this year at Capilano University, British Columbia (BC). He also successfully completed the transfer credit evaluation for students at both Corpus Christi and Van Arts Institute in BC, allowing them to transfer to FDU-Vancouver and complete a four year degree. Moreover, in March 2013, FDU–Vancouver and Coquitlam College signed a Memorandum of Understanding, enabling students to transfer their credits earned from Coquitlam College’s two-year diploma or certificate programs in Computer Science toward FDU-Vancouver’s BS Information Technology program.

• GHSCSE has conducted a seminar series on the latest developments in electrical engineering, computer engineering, computer science, and their related fields since Fall 2009. Coordinated by Drs. Mao and Zhao, 34 seminars on contemporary topics have been conducted since its inception, including six seminars presented in AY 2012-2013. Additionally, Dr. Zhao has organized seven IEEE seminars at the Metropolitan Campus this academic year.
Curriculum Development

- The Oracle database certification program, coordinated and instructed by Dr. Lowy, has trained an additional 14 students. Many of the students have obtained employment based on their Oracle training.

- 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 the Coordinator of the SOS program.

- The Enterprise Computing classes on the IBM platforms “i” and “z”, developed by Dr. Lowy 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.

- Drs. Tan, Farag, Casti, and Dolbin continue to implement the multi-faceted Math Initiative. This year, a new Precalculus with Support course was developed for incoming freshmen, whose Accuplacer scores are slightly lower than the cutoff score for a regular Precalculus course, in order to provide them with additional support and to help them make timely progress toward their degree. The new version of Precalculus was successfully offered for the first time in the Fall 2012 semester.

Research & Creative Activity

Journal Papers


Journal and Monograph Editing


- V. Zwass, Monograph Series Editor, Advances in Management Information Systems.

Columnist

- G. Levine, writing a column in Ada Letters called “Reusable Software Components” since 1990.

Conference Papers


• **H. Silver,** “Creating Graphical User Interfaces with MATLAB,” *ASEE Mid-Atlantic Conference,* NY City College of Technology, April 26 – 27, 2013.


**Journal Recognition and Special Issue**

• *Journal of Management Information Systems,* of which **Dr. Zwass** is the Founding Editor-in-Chief, was ranked one of the only three highest A+ tier MIS journals (among over 600) in the refereed paper by P.B. Lowry et al, “Evaluating Journal Quality and the AIS Senior Scholars’ Journal Basket via Bibliometric Measures,” accepted for publication by *MIS Quarterly,* another of the three top-tier journals.

• A paper published in the *Journal of Management Information Systems,* of which **Dr. Zwass** is the Editor-in-Chief, was awarded the Prix Académique de la Recherche en Management-2013, one of the top management-research honors in France.

• For the 30th anniversary of the *Journal of Management Information Systems,* **Dr. Zwass** has produced the Special Virtual Issue with his Introduction “Celebrating 30 Years of JMIS,” which contains 12 of the best-known papers published in the journal.

**Co-Chairperson of Visiting Committee**

• **V. Zwass,** Co-Chairperson of the Visiting Committee, Faculty of Business Administration, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, June 2013. The objective of the Visiting Committee is a holistic review of the activities of the Department of Decision Sciences and Managerial Economics in order to recommend future developments.

**Student Conferences & Competitions**

• Daniel Clarke and Steven Tegethoff, GHSCSE students, participated in the 2013 NJ Governor's Cyber Challenge cup competition held during the spring 2013 semester. Over 600 participants went through a preliminary round of competition online and the top 104 were invited to participate in the final competition held at the Brookdale Community College on March 23, 2013. Mr. Clarke and Mr. Tegethoff ranked 15th and 30th, respectively, among the 104 finalists. They were honored and awarded cash prizes by the Computer Society chapter of the IEEE North Jersey Section during the FDU Symposium on Advances in Cybersecurity and Information Assurance on May 1, 2013.

• **Dr. Casti** led a team of FDU-Metro Math Club members, coached by Dr. Dolbin, to participate in the 2013 NJ Undergraduate Mathematics Competition at Felician College (Lodi, NJ) on April 13, 2013. FDU-Metro placed 12th out of 25 teams in the team.
competition, and FDU Mathematics student Qiyang Xu placed 19th out of 80 students in the individual competition.

- The IEEE North Jersey Spring 2013 Student Paper Presentation Contest was held at FDU's Metropolitan Campus on March 5, 2013. Under the guidance of Dr. Gloria Reinish, the FDU winners of the contest were:

  First Place Undergraduate: Bill Coombs; Second Place: Michael Barry; Third Place: Julia Silva

  First Place Graduate: Eduardo Valdivia-Reyes; Second Place: Praveena Velagapudi; Third Place: Kerron Manwaring

- Advised by Dr. Thomas and Prof. Bielewicz, the FDU-American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Student Chapter co-hosted and participated in the 2013 ASCE Metropolitan Student Conference on April 26-28, 2013. In particular, FDU engineering technology students competed in the Conference Presentation Competition and the Concrete Canoe Construction/Technical Presentation Competition, designing, constructing and testing, and racing a canoe made of special lightweight concrete. In addition, the FDU-ASCE student chapter organized information sessions on summer internships offered by the Building Contractors Association of New Jersey (BCANJ) and the Construction Industry Advanced Program (CIAP). Sebastian Lopez received a summer internship through the BCANJ with Epic Management in Piscataway, NJ. Saurabh Pabrekar received a summer internship through BCANJ with Let it Grow in River Edge, NJ. Jakub Pustkowsi received a summer internship through CIAP with Tilcon, NY.

- The members of the FDU National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) attended four conferences in the academic year 2012 – 2013, and they were also interviewed for a number of internships. Marco Hernandez landed an interview with Turner Construction. Stacey Castillo was accepted to be a mentor for the NSBE Summer Engineering Experience for Kids’ (SEEK) Program in summer 2013. Ayah Hassan was selected for the Mission of INROADS, a program geared towards developing and placing talented underserved youth in business and industry and preparing them for corporate and community leadership. Ronella Rodney was recruited for a summer internship with the General Electric’s Edison Engineering development program. At the Annual Convention, FDU engineering technology students in the FDU NSBE student chapter were presented with the Technical OutReach and Community Help (TORCH) Appreciation Award. This award was for their continuous service to pre-collegiate students, encouraging them to pursue Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields. Lastly, the FDU NSBE student chapter received a $5,000 prize for NSBE’s Mission Competition for having the most submissions to the Career Center on the national website. The objective of NSBE’s Mission Competition is to create the largest stage possible to recognize the efforts of members, chapters, and regions that best represent the mission of NSBE. All the activities of the student chapter are undertaken under the guidance of the NSBE faculty advisor, Dr. Thomas.

- Four FDU Construction and Mechanical Engineering Technology students attended this year’s Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA) Student Summit held in Memphis, Tennessee and the MCAA Annual Conference held in San Antonio, Texas. 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 have joined the Construction Managers Association of America (CMAA) since December 2011 under the guidance of Prof. Bielewicz. FDU is the first University in New Jersey to become affiliated with CMAA. Site visits included the World Trade Center in New York City and the MetLife Stadium (new Giants Stadium).

Student Scholarships & 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), Construction Industry Advisory Program (CIAP), and an anonymous donor from the Computer Science Industrial Advisory Board. Students have had internships through various individual companies and member-companies of BCANJ and CIAP.

GHSCSE has established a key relationship with UPS and the Biomedical Engineering Department in Hackensack University Medical Center, which provides internships for GHSCSE students.

Tarun Khullar and Ali Alkhedair, both senior Information Technology (IT) students at FDU-Vancouver, successfully completed their internships at Blue Edge Technology Solutions, Inc., BC, Canada, in December 2012 and April 2013, respectively. They worked as network technicians using a network system named BELARC. Fabode Olusanmi, who is also a senior IT student, successfully completed his internship at Counterhouse Consulting Limited, Lagos, Nigeria, in March 2013. He worked extensively on a database server named SYBASE POWERBUILDER.

The Computer Science Industrial Advisory Board has once again awarded two scholarships with a total amount of $1,000 to computer science students for the year 2012-2013. This scholarship was initiated by Board member Suzanne McIntosh with a matching contribution from IBM.

CENTER FOR DYSLEXIA STUDIES

Under the direction of Dr. Mary Farrell, the Center offered its nationally accredited program in the following school districts this year: Cranford, Holmdel, Jersey City, Manalapan, North Brunswick, North Caldwell, Paterson, Ridgewood, Scotch Plains, Teaneck, Warren Township, West Milford, Wyckoff as well as in the 5 Children’s Dyslexia Centers run by the Masons: Burlington, Hasbrouck Heights, Northfield, Scotch Plains, Tenafly.

Christine Soltesz, an instructor for CDS, received an award for Outstanding Multisensory Structured Language Education Teacher from IMSLEC at their annual meeting in November, 2012.

The CDS worked with SOE faculty to develop a new track within the Masters Degree for Certified Teachers: Dual Program in Literacy/Reading & Multisensory Reading.
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National Accreditations

- All SOE degree programs were awarded accreditation by the Teacher Education Accreditation Council for the maximum period of seven years.

Outreach & Partnerships

- SOE offered the second Summer Teaching Academy (STA), which introduced 20 high school seniors to the world of teaching and its responsibilities. Students participated in hands-on activities in math and science, took a pontoon boat ride on the Hackensack River, and taught a lesson to Camp Discovery students. *Out of 19 participants, seven applied and were accepted to FDU for this upcoming year!* The third STA is planned for summer 2013, which will run for 2 weeks.
- The SOE Alumni Chapter held its first event last year on the Metro Campus and another event is scheduled for May 2013.
- 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.
- 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, St. Peters College, Bloomfield College, Rutgers University Trenton, Rider University, New Jersey City University, and St. Elizabeth. Drew University just joined this group. NJTAC meets regularly on the FDU campus.
- The annual FDU/Record Conference for area schoolteachers was held on March 1, 2013. This year’s theme was “Teacher Evaluation and Effective Instruction.” Approximately 200 teachers attended, and SOE faculty members M. Singer, R. Wohle, B. Meadows, S. Smith and D. Aronoff presented in break-out sessions.
- SOE received a grant from the Alcoa Foundation to incorporate problem-based units focused on sustainable topics into teachers’ curriculum. It is working closely with the Institute of Sustainable Enterprise and will hold a 2-day Summer Institute for teachers in July 2013.
- Twelve 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 has expanded to include Educational Leadership candidates.
- The American Conference on Diversity, in cooperation with SOE and with funding from the Wells Fargo Foundation, presented the 2012 Summer Educators’ Institute, “Creating Multicultural Learning Environments.” Now in its third year, the Institute is designed to expose teachers, administrators, counselors, and other individuals interested in building more inclusive and affirming classrooms and school environments to scholarly work and practical ideas for working towards the elimination of all forms of discrimination. In 2012, eighteen teachers and administrators from both public and private schools, plus several community college professors, attended the 4-day Institute. In 2013, the Institute will double its scope by offering two separate one-week programs for educators.
- Dr. Smith co-facilitated the “Navigating and Implementing the New K-8 Common Core State Standards for Mathematics Professional Development Workshop” for area teachers offered by the FDU Institute for the Enhancement of Teaching Science & Math with Prof. Aronoff and Dr. Farag of GHSCSE.
Curriculum Development

- SOE has developed a new dual certification QUEST program, whereby a teaching candidate can obtain certification in elementary education and Teacher of Students with Disabilities within 5 years.

Research & Creative Activity

Books, Chapters, & Journal Articles


**Cole, D. & Meadows, B.** (2013). “Avoiding the essentialist trap: Using critical discourse analysis to read nationalist ideologies in the intercultural language classroom.” In F. Dervin & A. Liddicoat (Eds.), *Linguistics for Intercultural Education in Language Learning and Teaching* (pp. 29-47). Amsterdam: John Benjamins.


National Conference Presentations


**Meadows, B.** (September 2012). “Learner trajectories in student pivots: The case of an adult English learner's engagement with the americano community on the classroom frontstage".

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Faculty Honors & Recognitions

- Khyati Joshi received the Humanitarian Award, American Conference on Diversity, Bergen County Chapter, 2012.
- Bryan Meadows and co-author J. Neumann received the Francis P. Hunkins Distinguished Article Award in Teaching for a co-authored article, “Problematizing notions of decontextualized ‘best practice’” from the American Association for Teaching and Curriculum in May 2012.
- Shane Smith has been appointed a Member of the NJ Department of Education Next Generation Science Standards Committee that is meeting and of the NJ Department of Education Science End-of-Course Assessment Committee.
- Roberta Whole was named the recipient of the 2013 NJ Council for Exceptional Children “Dan Ringelheim Memorial Award” for outstanding contributions to the field of special education in New Jersey.

SCHOOL OF ENGLISH, PHILOSOPHY, & HUMANITIES

Research & Creative Activity

Books


Journal Articles and Chapters


Conference Presentations


Faculty Recognitions

• Dr. Spaldo was awarded the Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Medal of Honor by the Office of Student Life on February 21, 2013.

• Dr. Gordon wrote the screenplay of her Cunard biography, published by Columbia University Press, for the independent, Academy Award winning film company Magnolia Mae. Additionally, her research has been newly added to or recently updated in reference sources such as the Encyclopedia Britannica’s [Online] Guide to the Nobel Prizes (on Pinter and Beckett), Contemporary Literary Criticism, Twentieth Century Literary Criticism, Facts on File, Reader’s Guide to Literature in English, Companion to the British Novel, Contemporary Authors, and Facts on File: World War II and the Postwar Years in America.

• Dr. Gordon participated in PEN’s 2012 World Voices Festival, when 100 celebrated international writers joined members of PEN-America in debates, lectures, and readings.

• The Modernist Versions Project, for which Dr. James Gifford is a Co-Director (with Drs. Stephen Ross, University of Victoria; Tanya Clements, University of Texas at Austin; Susan Schreibman, Trinity College Dublin; and Jentery Sayers, University of Victoria), was awarded a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Partnership Development Grant of $200,000 over three years, 2012-2015.

• Dr. Gifford was re-elected as President of the International Lawrence Durrell Society to serve a second term and organize its 18th conference in 2014 in Vancouver, BC. Its 17th conference was held in London at the British Library and Goodenough College.

Course & Curriculum Development

• In fall 2012, the SEPH began offering new concentrations in Humanities as well as University College minors in Digital Humanities, Global & Cultural Studies, and Sustainability.

• In fall 2012, the SEPH began also began offering a new, revised Bachelor of Arts in English degree. 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.
Outreach

- Under the direction of Dr. Janet Boyd, the Writing Studio has provided close to 2,000 student and faculty tutoring sessions again during the 2012-3 academic year. In addition, the Studio has offered twenty-four writing workshops, which average twenty-six attendees per event. The Studio continues to offer ESL conversational workshops on different topics biweekly each semester, which now require pre-registration due to their popularity.
- In spring 2013, Dr. Paula Mayhew served on the accreditation team that evaluated The University of the Sciences in Philadelphia for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES

External Grants

- Cynthia Radiz (Psychology), Jamie Zibulsky (Psychology) and Alice Benzecry (SONS), – Green Campus Committee, obtained a $5,000.00 sustainability/education grant from the Independent College Fund of New Jersey. “Educating FDU's Metropolitan Campus About Pro-environmental Behaviors: A Student Centered Approach”.
- Dr. Benzecry received $1,000 from Environmental Waste Management Associates, LLC and $ 600 from the N.J.D.E.P. “Clean Communities Grant” to continue the Green Campus Committee’s sustainable practices.
- Dr. McClary, principle investigator of the National Science Foundation’s (NSF) $24,589 Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Grant at FDU, has already exceeded the goal of the LSAMP grant by helping to more than double the number of minority students who graduate in STEM on the Metropolitan campus after four years of the five-year grant.

Student Activities & Accomplishments

- Eighteen 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 Harvard Medical, Georgia Tech, Thomas Jefferson University Medical School, University of Maryland Medical School, UMDNJ, Temple, Tufts, Ross Medical School, and FDU School of Pharmacy.
- Mentored by Drs. Benzecry and Leonida, Reem Tambosi and Alfonso De Leon were awarded third prize for their poster presentation on “Skin Care Formulations Containing Nan-particulate Composites with Antibacterial Effect Against Pseudomonas Species” at the Third Cosmetic Technology Transfer Conference of the Society of the Cosmetic Chemists.
- Vi Tang, a SONS Biochemistry Major, received a $3,000 scholarship from Novartis as well as a summer internship at the University of Michigan: Cardiovascular Center.
- Thirty-six students participated in independent study research with SONS mentors, and four students presented their culminating research projects at this year’s Honors Research Day.
- Seven students are participating in industrial internships.
- SONS student organizations continue to increase membership this year:
- 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. LoPinto. 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 2013, a SONS Marine Biology Major, Ashley Davis, enrolled for 18 credits at FDU-Vancouver. Courses, including Beach Ecology, Tropical Marine Vegetation, Tropical Marine Invertebrates, Tropical Marine Vertebrates and Marine Biology Research were taught by Dr. Carlos Leon, a member of the Vancouver faculty.

SONS maintained articulation agreements with seventeen professional schools from dentistry to pharmacy and veterinary, including four international locations.

**Outreach**

Dr. Leonida hosted National Chemistry Week at FDU. Dr. Aslanian, Ph.D. presented: “Paved with Good Intentions: Drug Discovery and Nicotinic Acid Receptor” to the community of faculty, staff, and students.

Dr. Benzecry continues her advisory positions at the United Nations CoNGO Committee on Sustainable Development and the Teaneck Sustainability Advisory Commission.

Drs. Kumar and Leonida organized the November and April meetings of the Hudson-Bergen Chemical Society, with 65 and 70 FDU students, respectively, participating. Dr. Leonida serves the Hudson-Bergen Chemical Society as secretary and assisted the Society in organizing the 15th ACS Student Research Symposium and Award Night in April.

Dr. Leonida evaluated proposals for the Junior Fulbright Awards.

Dr. McClary, member of the Board of Trustees of the Association of NJ Environmental Commissions (ANJEC), was elected to serve on the Executive Board of ANJEC as Secretary.

SONS Biology Seminar series continued with presentations delivered by 26 invited speakers on topics of current interest. Twenty-five additional presentations were made as part of the series by FDU students who conducted independent study research projects with faculty mentors.

**Research and Creative Activity**

Journal articles, book chapters, and manuals


**Lo Pinto, R.** Associate Editor, Volume 41, “Impact of Anthropogenic Activity and Climate Change on the Environment of Central Europe and USA”. This is the latest volume of the “Proceedings of the Columbia University Seminar on Pollution and Water Resources”, an international publication.


Conference Presentations & Proceedings


**Kumar, I.,** Gautam, J.K. and Kline, W. Bolton. “Virtual High Throughput Screening of Potential Molecular Inhibitors to Goodpasture’s Disease,” *Tetrahedron 13th Symposium June 26th-29th 2012 at Amsterdam, the Netherlands.*

**Kumar, I.,** Molecular Inhibitors and Probes in Medicinal chemistry, July 3rd 2012, IMTECH, *Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)*, National Laboratory, Chandigarh, India (invited lecture).


Pseudomonas species.” New York Society of Cosmetic Chemists Technology Transfer Conference.


**Leonida, M.** “Romanian Icons on Glass”, the Museum of Russian Icons, Clinton Massachusetts, November 17, 2012.


**Philips, N.** (2012) “Dose dependent differential effects of copper on skin aging.” Target Meeting Molecular Targets and Mechanism of Aging Online Symposium


**Suria, A., De Leon, A., Tambosi, R., Balsara, K., Benzecry, A., Leonida, M.D.,** “Hop constituents encapsulated in a polymeric matrix show stable antibacterial effect when used in creams.” Annual Meeting of New Jersey Academy of Science, Kean University, April 2013.


**Wiecek, S., Lu, K. and Kumar, I.:** Virtual and Random Screening of Non Covalent and/or Coordinated Inhibitors for Matrix Metalloptoteinase-1, *The 57th New Jersey Academy of Science meeting*, April 2012, Seton Hall university, West Orange, NJ.


**Media Features & Interviews**


Dr. Leonida was interviewed by *Cosmetics and Toiletries* for the article in ‘In Sight’ – Nano-sizing Chitosan for Wound Healing, Anti-aging Vol. 127, No.4, July 2012.
Faculty Recognitions

Dr. Dougherty, co-director of SONS and associate professor of chemistry, received the University Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching.

Dr. Lo Pinto was invited to present a plenary lecture at and to be a member of the scientific committee of the 18th Romanian International Conference on Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Monitoring and Environmental Protection.

Dr. Lo Pinto was elected chair of the Columbia University Seminar on Pollution and Water Resources for 2012-2013.

Dr. McClary was invited to serve as an Advisory Board member for a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) grant obtained by Bergen Community College.

Dr. McClary was chosen by the Commissioner of the Northeast Conference (NEC) to represent the NEC at the annual National Collegiate Athletic Association’s (NCAA) Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) Institute.

THE HENRY P. BECTON SCHOOL OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH

Milestones

The School of Nursing will celebrate its 61st anniversary this year. Celebrations will start with the Nursing Convocation on May 15, 2013 and will continue at Maggiano’s. The celebration will include the awards for Distinguished Alumni in fields of Nursing Research, Education and Practice.

National Accreditations

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) granted full accreditation to the BSN, MSN programs for 10 years until June 30, 2022 and an initial accreditation for the DNP program for 5 years until June 30 2017. The Joint Radiology Program with Valley Hospital received accreditation from the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology for a period of 5 years.

External Grants & Contracts

Drs. Guttman and Moore received a Nurse Faculty Loan Program grant covering 2012-13 from the Health Resources and Services Administration (DHHS) in the amount of $737,478.

Two other grants were awarded this year: $10,000 from Hyde & Watson Foundation for purchase of equipment to be used in the Health Assessment Lab and $10,000 from the Edward and Stella Van Houten Memorial Fund for scholarships.

In addition, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Jersey Nursing Initiative Grant for $2.5 million is in its final year of the 4 year grant. It has graduated 14 MSN prepared faculty with clinical expertise.
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), Holy Name Medical Center, Hackensack University Medical Center, Englewood Hospital Medical Center and Greystone Psychiatric Hospital.

HPBSONAH is participating in an exhibition at the Hermitage Museum, Hohokus, NJ. The title of the exhibit is “The Human Spirit: The Evolution of Medicine and Medical Care, 1807-Present,” and it is in collaboration with 5 healthcare organizations: Valley Hospital, Hackensack University Medical Center, Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative, Becton Dickinson and FDU.

Research & Creative Activities

Journal Articles


Conference Presentations


Podium Presentations


Faculty Honors

Dr. Guttman was awarded the J.V. Sotejo Medallion of Honor by the University of the College of Nursing for exceptional achievement in Nursing.

Student Activities & Accomplishments

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

Students raised $13,500 for the Relay for Life on Campus.
HPBSONAH will graduate 85 BSN; 24 MSN; and 8 DNP students in May 2013.

PROGRAMS IN LANGUAGE, CULTURE, & PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT (PLCPA)

Based on analysis of students’ placement vs. post-test scores to determine the appropriate intervention needed, PLCPA launched the inaugural section of EPS 0099 and EPS 0199 Pre-University courses (spring 2013) modeled after the Pre-University EPS courses that Dr. Mohamad, the PLCPA Director helped establish for the Vancouver campus.

In fall 2012, 138 EPS students sought out a total of 136,844 minutes (2280.7 hours) of mandated academic support and one-on-one tutoring outside of the classroom. In spring 2013, 133 EPS students have thus far sought out a total of 120,057 minutes (2000.95 hours) of academic support and one-on-one tutoring outside of the classroom.

PLCPA presented two “On Being Happy” workshops in conjunction with the UN International Day of Happiness (spring 2013) as well as hosted stress less and Earth Day tables (spring 2013).

SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY

External Grants & Contracts

Dr. Katharine Loeb (PI) and Dr. Cynthia Radnitz were awarded a two-year NIFA/USDA grant for $150,000 to study the “Prevention of Late Adolescent Obesity in the College Environment: An Optimal Default Paradigm,” The goal of this study is to test the effectiveness of using optimal defaults to improve dietary choices and prevent obesity in late adolescents.

The PhD Program in Clinical Psychology received a renewal fellowship grant in the amount of $32,500 from Johnson & Johnson and the Independent College Fund of NJ to support graduate students.

Dr. Stefanie Ulrich received $25,000 from Johnson and Johnson Family of Companies for ongoing development of Center for Psychological Services Clinical Services for Veterans and Families. This year’s award funded, among other things, advanced training in Couples Therapy (a previous service gap at the clinic) for three faculty supervisors/providers, two 4th-year PhD externships in Parent Management Training at CPS, and financial support for 5 PhD students. Other awards were:

- $25,000 from Horizon of NJ for ongoing development of Center for Psychological Services Clinical Services for Veterans and Families with a focus on depression. This year’s award funded, among other things, development of an anonymous, online, web-based depression screen and education tool for veterans and their loved ones; research on gender differences in recognition and response to depression in others; financial support for 5 PhD students; training in Interpersonal Psychotherapy of Depression for the CPS director.
- $6,000 Community Service Project Award from NJ Psychological Association Foundation, which took the form of a $6,000 award for a PhD student on externship at CPS for her work to meet the needs of an underserved population.
Drs. Radnitz and Zibulsky, with Dr. Benzecry (SONS), representing the Green Campus Committee, obtained a $5,000.00 sustainability/education grant from the Independent College Fund of New Jersey. “Educating FDU's Metropolitan Campus About Pro-environmental Behaviors: A Student Centered Approach”.

Research & Creative Activity

Book Chapters


Young, S.G., & Hugenberg, K. (2012). Individuation motivation and face expertise operate jointly to produce the Own Race Bias. Social Psychological and Personality Science, 3, 80-87


Journal Articles


Conference Presentations, Posters, Workshops

**School of Psychology faculty** presented at over 53 conferences and workshops regionally, nationally, and internationally during AY 2012-2013, often with FDU students as co-authors. Venues included meetings of the Eastern and Midwest Psychological Associations; Anxiety Disorders Association of America; American Psychological Association; Society for Research on Child Development; Trainers of School Psychologists Association; Academy for Eating Disorders International Conference; Society for Nutritional Education and Behavior; 20th World Congress of the International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions; Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies; Connecticut, New England, New Jersey, New York, Vermont, and Wisconsin Psychological Associations; Orange Co., CA
Faculty Honors & Recognitions

Dr. Judith Kaufman received the presidential citation for contributions to school psychology training from the Trainers of School Psychologists association at their February 2013 meeting held in Seattle, WA.

Dr. Robert McGrath was elected to the Finance Committee of the American Psychological Association. He continues to serve the APA as a member of its Practice Directorate Advisory Group on State Implementation of Health Care Reform Initiatives; Council of Representatives; and Division 38 Integrated Primary Care Committee.

Dr. McGrath testified twice to the NJ Assembly Regulated Professions Committee on Assembly bill A2419, which would extend prescriptive authority to clinical psychologists.

Outreach

Dr. Andrew Eisen presented a workshop on “Helping children cope with anxiety in an uncertain world” at the Westfield School District Awareness Expo in March 2013.

Dr. Jamie Zibulsky presented an in-service training on “Using data to inform decision-making” to K-5th grade teachers in Cliffside Park and River Edge School Districts in June 2012. Under her supervision, four School Psychology graduate students served as consultants and program evaluators to the Dumont TLC After-School Program for at-risk 4th and 5th grade students.

Dr. Ben Freer organized the United Nations (UN) Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) meeting for Committee on the Family New York in March 2013, entitled, “Impact of culture, ethnicity, and migration on the family” with speakers, Allen Israel, Ph.D, Sepideh Alavi, and Jarell Myers, MA. Dr. Freer serves the Committee as Recording Secretary.

Student Accomplishments

This past year students from the School of Psychology have published (often with faculty mentors) 13 peer-reviewed journal articles and/or book chapters and presented 16 posters and papers at regional, national, and international conferences. Several students have also been recognized for awards and scholarships.

Marta Krajniak was awarded $5,000 for the Pulaski Scholarships for Advanced Studies Program, endowed by the Conrad R. Walas family, and administered by the American Council for Polish Culture.

Ivana Viani, a 2009 summa cum laude alumna in Psychology (minor Biology) was selected as one of the 165 students comprising the incoming class for fall 2013 at Harvard Medical School. Following graduation, she went on to conduct research in evolutionary psychology in Dr. Steven Pinker’s lab at Harvard University, before returning to FDU to complete her pre-medical coursework. While studying at FDU, Ivana conducted biology and psychology research under the guidance of Irwin Isquith, Ph.D., Marion McClary, Ph.D., John Santelli, Ph.D., Janet Sigal, Ph.D., and Robert Prentky, Ph.D.