

# Profiles

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### School of Education and Professional Studies

**DR. DOROTHY E. HIVELY**, associate professor of special education and director of Disability Support Services, has written the book *Shepherd University* which was released in July. Part of Arcadia Publishing's Campus History Series, the book tells the story of Shepherd University from its beginning in 1871 through photographs.

The book, funded by the Shepherd University Foundation and the Office of the President, is available at the Shepherd University bookstore, local bookstores, and online booksellers. All proceeds from the book will benefit Shepherd students.

**JAMES McDANIEL**, adjunct faculty member in nursing, has been named the first inpatient facility director for Hospice of the Panhandle. Before joining the Hospice nursing team in 2009, McDaniel worked at Berkeley Medical Center. McDaniel is pursuing his doctorate degree.

**DR. LAURA PORTER**, assistant professor of education; **DR. LEANN JOHNSON**, visiting assistant professor of education; and **DR. REBECCA MERCADO**, assistant professor of education, along with members of the West Virginia Reading Council, organized the First Annual Literacy Leaders Conference at Shepherd University in April. At the conference, Dr. Porter presented a session, Take It Home—Family Literacy, where she provided suggestions on how parents can promote reading and story telling with their children. In June, Dr. Porter and her Department of Education colleagues **DR. J.B. TUTTLE**, associate professor of education; **DR. GEORGIANN TOOLE**, assistant professor of education; **DR. BELINDA MITCHELL**, assistant professor of education; **DR. DOROTHY HIVELY**, associate professor of special education; and Dr. Johnson gave a presentation about using program curriculum components to create a community of learners at the Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching in Bethesda, Maryland. In September, Dr. Porter presented "Collaborating During the Early Years" at the conference Professionals, Families, and Exceptionality: Positive Outcomes through Partnerships and Trust at Shepherd University.

### School of Business and Social Sciences

**DR. GERI CRAWLEY-WOODS**, professor of social work, and **DR. DOUGLAS C. HORNER**, professor of social work and chair, Department of Social Work, were the co-principal investigators for the ongoing training contract between the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) and the Shepherd University Department of Social Work which has been re-funded in the amount of \$152,838 for the 2013-14 fiscal year. Supported through Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, this grant has two major functions to support children served through West Virginia public child welfare services. Under the direction of Regional Child Welfare Trainer **AMY HAMPTON**, this initiative provides a series of workshops for potential foster/adoptive parents throughout the 15-county region of eastern West Virginia at several sites and is part of a statewide effort to increase the number of permanent family placements for the 3,000 children who are in care. Over the last several years Hampton and her staff of trainers have prepared several hundred people as potential foster/adoptive providers. An additional area is providing training for the staff and supervisors of DHHR in eastern West Virginia. These sessions focus on professional practices in legal and ethical issues in child welfare, confidentiality, the impact of substance abuse on children served by child welfare services, culturally sensitive practice, issues of separation experienced by children in foster care, trauma, engaging absent fathers, and kinship care.

The social work program at Shepherd began in 1972 and is accredited until 2020 by the national professional standards body, the Council on Social Work Education, to offer the bachelor of social work degree. This community-training component has been in operation since 1992 and has secured more than \$2.3 million in outside funding to support this important mission of the university and the program.

**DR. CAROLINE GLACKIN**, Edward L. Snyder Endowed Chair in Business, presented "Exploring an Entrepreneurship Ecosystem: The Case of West Virginia" and "The Social Business Challenge: Experiencing Mission Driven Entrepreneurship and Business Management" at the Eastern Academy of Management in Baltimore. At the Mid-Atlantic Organizational Behavior Training Conference 13 in Philadelphia she presented "The Regenerative Class: A Travel Assignment."

Her publications include "The Mortgage Foreclosure Rage: A Behavioral Perspective," a peer-reviewed article with Beryl Y. Chang and John R. Nofsinger in the *Journal of Economics and Behavioral Studies* (forthcoming 2013); "A Preliminary Causal Analysis of Small Business Access to Credit During Economic Expansion and Contraction," a peer-reviewed article with Kimble Byrd and Linda Ross, *Journal of Applied Banking and Finance* (Septem-

ber 1, 2013); “Canine Conundrum: A Case Study in Technology, Ethics, and Crisis Management,” a peer-reviewed article with Jay Azriel and Russ Porter, *Journal of Ethics and Entrepreneurship* (forthcoming fall 2013); and *Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management*, second edition, with Steve Mariotti, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Pearson/Prentice Hall (forthcoming 2014).

**DR. MAX GUIRGUIS**, associate professor of political science, presented a paper titled “Pennsylvania Voter ID Law: A Legitimate State Interest or an Unconstitutional Political Charade?” at the annual meeting in September of the Ohio Association of Economists and Political Scientists at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. His constitutional law article titled “A Coat of Many Colors: The Religious Neutrality Doctrine from Everson to Hein” has been accepted for publication will appear later this year in the journal *Stetson Law Review*. In April, Dr. Guirguis participated in the John A. Maxwell Scholar-Diplomat program in Washington, D.C. This year’s topic was Europe in Debt: A Continental Crisis with Global Implications.

**DR. AART HOLTSLAG**, assistant professor of political science, presented a paper titled “Is the United States Leading the World Away from International Public Law” in a panel on Expressive Meaning of Silence in International Law at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts in June. This October he is presenting two papers at the International Studies Association Southern Region Annual Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina. The first paper is titled “Norm Diffusion in Arms Control Negotiations” and is part of the panel Theoretical Approaches to International Relations. The second paper is titled “The Global Challenge of American Exceptionalism” and is part of the panel Foreign Policy Making in the United States of which Dr. Holtslag is serving as chair and discussant.

**DR. CHIQUITA HOWARD-BOSTIC**, assistant professor of sociology, presented a paper titled “Is mutual violent combat a gender neutral conceptualization of bidirectional intimate partner violence” at the International Journal of Arts and Science Conference, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Theoretical attention on female perpetrators of intimate partner violence often centers on men’s experiences and theories of masculinity, leaving women’s experiences, motivations, participating factors, and other issues largely under-examined. This qualitative analysis examines women’s perpetration of domestic violence to conceptualize variations of control and physical aggression, and women’s relative motivations during mutual couple violence. The findings in this study indicate that the conceptualization of mutual violent combat does not imply gender symmetry when a couple’s mutual physical aggression does not involve mutual performance of control tactics. This study redefines MVC and introduces three new conceptual patterns that classify mutual couple violence: mutual coercive control, mutual situational control, and coercive situational violence.

**DR. ANNE MURTAGH**, associate professor of psychology and co-chair, Department of Psychology, attended the May meeting of the Association for Psychological Science and presented the findings of her most recent research project, “Cognitive and executive functioning in college students with ADHD.”

**CINDY VANCE**, assistant professor of accounting, continues her studies at Northcentral University for a doctor of philosophy in busi-

ness administration with a specialization in advanced accounting. She was a member of the faculty search committee for a clinical faculty position in stretch English during the spring semester. She participated in a Conflict Resolution and a Career Development panel during Professional Connections Day in March. During the summer, she attended the Virginia Society of CPAs Educators’ Symposium in Richmond, Virginia. Additionally, she is the advisor of the Shepherd University Accounting Club and a member of the General Studies and Graduate Council committees. She maintains her C.P.A. license and serves as a finance consultant for two non-profit agencies in Virginia.

## School of Arts and Humanities

**DR. PHILLIP BUFITHIS**, professor emeritus of English, presented a paper titled “A Dialogue Essay on Mailer’s Novels” at the Norman Mailer Conference, Provincetown, Massachusetts, October 19, 2007. The paper was subsequently published in *The Mailer Review* (2008). He presented a paper, “A Dialogue Essay on Mailer and Hemingway,” at the Norman Mailer Conference, Sarasota, Florida, October 22, 2009 which was published in *The Mailer Review* (2010). Dr. Bufithis presented a paper, “F.R. Leavis and the American Academy” at the Leavis International Conference, Cambridge University, England, October 18, 2013. It was published in *Literary Criterion* in spring 2013.

**DR. BETTY ELLZEY**, professor of English and chair, Department of English and Modern Languages, directed *Four Medieval Farces* at the University of California Santa Barbara in May by invitation of the departments of French and Medieval Studies. The farces, originally written and performed in the 15th and 16th centuries, were translated by Dr. Jody Enders, professor of French and Medieval Studies at UC Santa Barbara.

**SONYA EVANISKO**, professor of art and coordinator of the painting and drawing program, is currently exhibiting work at Artomatic Jefferson. Evanisko selected six painting students to exhibit at the show to highlight the painting students and faculty of Shepherd University. The exhibit will be on view in Charles Town the entire month of October. In addition to the exhibit, the event will host, film, poetry, play and book readings, demonstrations, live music, theater, dance, workshops, and seminars for artists and children’s art activities.

Throughout the summer months Evanisko exhibited two paintings at the Huntington Museum of Art to represent professors/artists of West Virginia during the sesquicentennial celebrations. She also exhibited paintings from a new series of work in the annual faculty art exhibits on campus. Evanisko and a group of 35 art students traveled to Washington, D.C., for the (e)merge Art Fair to view the work of emerging contemporary artists from national/international galleries. The students also attended a panel presentation on artists building communities. She will travel with her students again to view contemporary art this fall in New York City.

Evanisko served as a film reviewer/juror for the American Conservation Film Festival, which will take place October 31-November 3 at the National Conservation Training Center, Shepherd University, and at other local venues. The ACFF is dedicated to promoting outstanding films and the arts to educate and inspire people to become engaged in conservation. The motivating force behind ACFF is the power of imagery to inform and inspire.

**DR. DAVID GONZOL**, associate professor of music, director of music education, and graduate coordinator for the M.M.M.E. program,

presented "Recorders!" to Heather Nowell's third grade students at St. Joseph Parish School in Martinsburg on October 4, 2012. He was a soloist with **DR. LAURA RENNINGER**, professor of music history and dean, Teaching, Learning, and Instructional Resources, in a performance of Benedetto Marcello's Sonata in C Major, Op. 2, No. 6, for Recorder and Basso Continuo, performed for the School of Education and Professional Studies at Shepherd University, on November 26, 2012. "An Introduction to Kodály Pedagogy" was a presentation he gave at the Music Clinic for Berkeley County Music Educators, Martinsburg High School, Martinsburg, on February 18. At the annual national conference of the Organization of American Kodály Educators held in Hartford, Connecticut, March 21-23, Dr. Gonzol presented "Recorders in the Kodály Classroom." In addition, he was a volunteer reader of children's books for Energy Express, held at North Jefferson Elementary School in Kearneysville on July 30. He was also invited to be the guest conductor for the Elementary Arts Festival Chorus, leading the group in a performance of six choral pieces on October 10; the chorus was composed of students selected by their general music teachers from all the fifth graders throughout the elementary schools of the Washington County Public Schools in Maryland.

**DR. HEIDI M. HANRAHAN**, associate professor of English, had an article titled "Worthy the imitation of the whites': Sarah Winnemucca and Mary Peabody Mann's Collaboration" published in the May 2013 issue of *MELUS* (Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States). In August, she presented a paper titled "My friends are my estate: Emily Dickinson's Facebook Friends," at the Emily Dickinson International Society Conference in College Park, Maryland.

**DR. MATTHEW J. KUSHIN**, assistant professor of communication, recently presented a co-authored paper titled "Social media and mobiles: Examining the moderating role of online political expression in political participation" at the annual meeting of the Association for Journalism and Mass Communication in Washington, D.C. The study explores the interrelationship between political participation in the 2012 election, expression of political views on social media sites, and the consumption of political content on traditional and social media.

Dr. Kushin's co-authored article "Did Social Media Really Matter? College students' use of online media and political decision making in the 2008 election" was recently recognized as the second most downloaded paper of 2012 for the journal *Mass Communication and Society*. Dr. Kushin's Social Media class is participating in the Hootsuite University program this semester. Students are learning to use the Hootsuite social media dashboard software and earning a software proficiency certification from Hootsuite. He recently presented on leadership and networking at the 28th annual Shepherd Student Leadership Conference.

**DR. CARRIE MESSENGER**, assistant professor of English, will present her short story "In the Amber Chamber" at the South Atlantic Modern Language Association Conference in Atlanta in November. This short story appears in the summer issue of *The Literary Review*. Her story "The Inn of the Rural Farm Workers" is in the current issue of the online magazine *Pinball*. Another story, "The World's Oldest Living Musician," is forthcoming in *The Florida Review*.

**DR. SYLVIA BAILEY SHURBUTT**, professor of English, served as director of West Virginia's first-ever NEH Summer Seminar for Teachers. Applicants from around the country submitted proposals to attend, and 16 were selected from a variety of disciplines and geographic parts of the country. The seminar, Voices from the Misty Moun-

tains, featured artist Silas House, a CATF reading from his stage drama *This Is My Heart for You*, storyteller **ADAM BOOTH**, **RACHAEL MEADS**, CATF founder and producing director **ED HERENDEEN**, and an Appalachian road trip that featured musical, museum, and historic sights around the region. Some of the participant projects will be featured in the Appalachian Studies Association Conference in March 2014. The grant brought close to \$100,000 to the campus and region.

The Appalachian Heritage WIR Committee submitted a successful West Virginia Humanities grant to bring Kentucky Poet Laureate Frank X Walker to Shepherd as the 2013 Appalachian Heritage Writer-in-Residence and to award him with the West Virginia Humanities Council's Appalachian Heritage Writers Award. Walker has worked throughout the year with the committee, selecting the West Virginia Fiction Competition winners and participating in the annual *Anthology of Appalachian Writers, Frank X Walker Volume VI*, sponsored by the West Virginia Center for the Book. Walker was on campus and in the Eastern Panhandle region September 23-27. Those involved in the project from Shepherd University were **DR. CARRIE MESSENGER**, **MONICA LINGENFELTER**, **RACHAEL MEADS**, **ANN WATSON**, **SHANNON HOLLIDAY**, student Tim Leonard, and Dr. Shurbutt.

**DR. JOHN E. STEALEY III**, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History, has published *West Virginia's Civil War-Era Constitution: Loyal Revolution, Confederate Counter-Revolution, and the Convention of 1872* (Kent, Ohio: Kent State University Press, 2013), xix, 811 pp. The official book publication date was June 7. Research work and writing on this volume took place over a 40-year period at many manuscript depositories and libraries and on the Shepherd campus. A contemporary pre-publication review appeared in the *Sunday Gazette-Mail* (Charleston, W.Va.), 26 May 2013, pp. C1, C4. This is Stealey's fourth peer-reviewed academic/university press book.

In April, Dr. Stealey gave an interview to Cecelia Mason of West Virginia Public Radio about his forthcoming book and the West Virginia Sesquicentennial. Part of the interview initially aired on April 29 on the "Appalachian Insights" program and a major portion appeared on April 30 in print and is available for download on the network's webpage: <http://www.wvpubcast.org/newsarticle.aspx?id=29744>. The interview has run several times on the network.

Dr. Stealey and his book were featured in an article titled "Reconstruction or Counter-Revolution? That is the Question" written by Steve Willingham in the *Good News Paper*, XXXV, No. 3 (Fall 2013), pp. 18-19.

The fourth annual meeting of the Society of Appalachian Historians, with the theme of Civil War in the Mountains, occurred on in May at the University of Virginia's College at Wise. In the evening keynote session, The Civil War in Appalachia, A Roundtable Discussion, Dr. Stealey appeared with three other professors to explore his research and several neglected but important areas of needed inquiry in the field. Moderated by Gordon McKinney of Berea College, the other panel discussants were John C. Inscoe of the University of Georgia, Steven E. Nash of East Tennessee State University, and Jonathan D. Sarris of North Carolina Wesleyan College.

Dr. Stealey's remarks delivered on Shepherd University's Founders Day, October 5, 2012, appeared in the *Good News Paper* (Shepherdstown, W.Va.), XXXV, No. 2 (Summer 2013), p. 19. Titled "Another Shepherd University Founder," the piece highlights the historical relationship between town and institution, the college's origins, and the role of William Augustine Morgan in preserving Shepherd as a state institution.

On June 20, the anniversary day of West Virginia's sesquicen-

ennial, Stealey spoke at West Virginia University, Morgantown, in its celebratory forum. His presentation centered on the elimination of slavery in the new state, which is one of the most misunderstood and complicated aspects of the statehood process. Other members of the panel were **DR. MATTHEW FOULDS**, assistant professor of history, who spoke about the role of the Methodist-Episcopal Church in the statehood process, and Robert M. Bastress, professor, College of Law, West Virginia University. The day also saw the opening of the two exhibits: one featuring documents and letters pertaining to statehood and the Civil War at the West Virginia and Regional History Center, at the Wise Library and another, "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War," at the Erickson Alumni Center.

Also, in celebration of the West Virginia Sesquicentennial, the United States Postal Service issued on June 20 a commemorative stamp honoring the state with a beautiful mountain scene in Pocahontas County. Dr. Stealey served as a consultant and editor for the contractor who was responsible for preparing the historical remarks accompanying the ceremony of issuance. He recommended that the proposed original design for the stamp to be rejected as inappropriate and suggested alternatives. Happily, other authorities must have agreed with his explanation and apparently harbored their own objections as another, better representation of the Mountain State appeared.

In addition to assuming his responsibilities as the new chair of the Department of Music, baritone **DR. ROB TUDOR** enjoyed an active year as a performer and director in 2012-13. In February of 2012, he appeared as Schaunard in the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra's production of *La Bohème*. In April, he was a guest artist in *The Art of Argento*, a celebration of composer Dominick Argento's work. This two-week festival at the University of Maryland's Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center offered comprehensive performances of Argento's major works. As guest artist, he presented the one-man opera *A Water Bird Talk* with the Inscape Chamber Orchestra, (Richard Scerbo, conductor) and *The Andrée Expedition*, a recital for baritone with pianist Susan M. Slingland.

*The Andrée Expedition* is based on the 1897 balloon expedition of Salomon August Andrée, Nils Strindberg, and Knut Frænkel who took off from Spitsbergen, Norway, for a historic flight to the North Pole and back. They were never seen alive again and their remains were discovered 33 years later off the coast of Norway. During the performance, Tudor projects photographs recovered with the remains of the adventurers. In August 2012, Dr. Tudor traveled to Florence, South Carolina, to perform *The Andrée Expedition* as guest artist at Frances Marion University.

Later in the fall, Dr. Tudor presented a recital in Shepherd's Salon Series which included selections from *Coplas sefardies* by Alberto Hemsí, *Drei Lieder für eine Singstimme und Klavier* by Hans Pfitzner, Maurice Ravel's cycle *Don Quichotte à Dulcinée*, a collection of songs by American composer Ben Moore, and some favorite music theater selections. In December 2012, Dr. Tudor appeared as guest soloist in *Home for the Holidays* with the Maryland Symphony Orchestra. In February of this year, the Department of Music's production of *Die Fledermaus* was presented with stage direction by Dr. Tudor, musical direction by **DR. ERIK JONES**, and conducted by Shepherd alumna **KARI EDGE**.

In March, Dr. Tudor returned for his fifth year as guest artist at the 11th Annual Montana Early Music Festival. He performed in three concerts—one chamber concert for guest artists and two concerts as soloist in *Venetian Vespers* by Francesco Cavalli which featured 17th century mostly-Italian motets for two to six voices and chorus, celebrating Easter, the election of the new Pope, and the Virgin Mary.

In June, Dr. Tudor returned to Montana as guest artist, teacher, and stage director for Helena Choral Week. He taught vocal techniques and music appreciation, offered a solo recital featuring the music of Benjamin Britten and George Butterworth (among others), directed *Oedipus Tex* by PDQ Bach, and performed as featured soloist in the grand finale concert "I Have Had Singing."

The 2013-14 season provides opportunities for Dr. Tudor to perform two recitals in the immediate region, one in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and three in Boulder, Colorado. He'll direct the musical *Anyone Can Whistle* in January 2014 and return as guest artist to the Montana Early Music Festival in March and Helena Choral Week in June. In the spring, Dr. Tudor will appear as soloist in Haydn's *The Creation* in Alexandria, Virginia, and in J.S. Bach's Mass in B minor with Shepherd's Masterworks Chorus.

For more information about Dr. Tudor's creative work, visit [www.robtudormusic.com](http://www.robtudormusic.com).

**DR. KEVIN WILLIAMS**, professor of mass communications and chair, Department of Mass Communications, won a silver medal from the National Communicator Awards for the musical score of his interactive multimedia scholarship, *The Depths of Perception: Communicology and Scuba Diving*.

## School of Natural Science and Mathematics

**DR. JEFFREY GROFF**, assistant professor of physics, published an article titled "Exploring dynamical systems and chaos using the logistic map model of population change" in the October 2013 issue of the *American Journal of Physics*. This paper was selected by the journal to be the cover article for the issue. Dr. Groff was honored by his alma mater when he received the 2013 McDaniel College Honors Program College Scholar Alumni Award in March. The award is given annually to a college scholar, a designation that graduates of McDaniel's Honors Program earn, who has demonstrated leadership in career, academic, and civic involvement.

**DR. SHER HENDRICKSON-LAMBERT**, assistant professor of biology, traveled to South Africa to teach statistical concepts for genomics to international students in May. She joined fellow scientists specialized in genetics in sharing the latest methods, interpretation, and applications of molecular genetic analysis for conservation of endangered species. The course, Recent Advances in Conservation Genetics, was sponsored by the American Genetic Association and the University of Pretoria and took place at the Southern African Wildlife College, which is within Greater Kruger National Park in northeastern South Africa.

**DR. CLARISSA MATHEWS**, associate professor of environmental studies, is currently serving as visiting scientist at the USDA Appalachian Fruit Research Station in Kearneysville in conjunction with her research on organic management tactics for the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) and is serving on the Northeastern Integrated Pest Management Center Advisory Council. In April, her co-authored poster on the effects of compost tea spray on BMSB won the best undergraduate poster competition at the West Virginia Academy of Science. During the summer, Dr. Mathews directed research on biological control and trap cropping tactics for BMSB and mentored two Shepherd students in associated research projects. Dr. Mathews provided an invited talk for a Sustainable Agriculture symposium at the Entomological Society of America Eastern Branch meeting in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and was featured in two videos produced by [StopBMSB.org](http://StopBMSB.org).

**DR. COLLEEN NOLAN**, professor of biology and dean, School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, was named the 2013 Women's Professional and Academic Leadership honoree by Washington State University's College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences (CAHNRS) and Extension in March. The award recognizes the achievement of women who have demonstrated professional and academic leadership and honors an outstanding woman who is shaping the future of her chosen profession. She participated in Washington State University's honors program while a student there and credits it with laying her liberal arts foundation.

**DR. LAURA ROBERTSON**, assistant professor of biology, gave an oral presentation at the annual meeting of the American Fisheries Society (an international research organization) in Little Rock, Arkansas in September. The title of the talk was "The effects of increased salinization on gene expression in the Eastern Elliptio mussel." This talk presented research that she is conducting with collaborators at the U.S. Geological Survey on the effects of increased salt in freshwater streams on freshwater mussels. Freshwater streams are becoming more salty, primarily due to anthropogenic activities that may include road de-icing, fossil fuel extraction (including hydrofracking), and development. Freshwater mussels are among the most imperiled organisms worldwide. The long-term goal is to identify expression biomarkers that can be used to monitor for harmful salt exposure in endangered mussel populations in the wild.

**DR. QING WANG**, associate professor of mathematics, and **DR. ZHIJUN WANG**, associate professor of computer sciences, were awarded National Science Foundation Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (NSF S-STEM) for a grant titled "Enhancing Academic Achievement and Career Preparation for Scholars in Computer Science, Mathematics, and Engineering" which runs from June 2013 to May 2018. This five-year, \$627,011 grant provides funding to support enrollment, retention, graduation, and career or graduate school preparation for 30 students (total of 90 annual scholarships) majoring in a degree program offered by the Department of Computer Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering (CME).

Dr. Wang gave oral presentations on "Simulation of a tumor growth model based on an adaptive Markov Chain Monte Carlo (AMCMC) Method" and "The impact of selections of fitness functions in a genetic algorithm on modeling tumor growth" at the International Interdisciplinary Conference on Applied Mathematics, Modeling, and Computational Science (AMMCS 2013) in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, August 26-30, and East Coast Computer Algebra Day 2013 (ECCAD 2013), United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, April 27, respectively. She, together with **DR. BURTON LIDGERDING**, associate professor of biology, Dr. Zhijun Wang, and Dr. David J. Klink (WVU), sponsored three student poster presentations on "Two Dimensional Versus Three Dimensional Cell Culture of B16 Melanoma Cells," "Mouse Melanoma S91 Cells Compared in Two-Dimensional Versus Three-Dimensional Cell Culture," and "Adaptive Markov Chain Monte Carlo Algorithms applied to Logistic Population Growth and Lotka-Volterra Predator-Prey Model" at the WV-INBRE Summer Symposium, Huntington, July 29.

## Administration

**DR. CHRISTOPHER AMES**, vice president for academic affairs, had the following publications published this summer: "Jazz Heaven: Woody Allen and the Hollywood Ending," in *The Woody Allen Companion*, ed. by Peter Bailey and Sam Girgus. London: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013; "Parties," in *Fitzgerald in Context*, ed. Bryant Mangum,

Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013; and "My Learning Curve on Learning Disabilities," *Liberal Education*, Spring 2013.

**SCOTT C. ANDERSON**, associate director/executive chef in Dining Services, attended the National Association of College and University Foodservices (NACUFS) Mid-Atlantic Regional conference held at Millersville University in March. He spoke and led an interest session titled "Mining for Mobile Gold" and entered the American Culinary Federation (ACF) sanctioned Culinary Challenge. His bronze medal winning entry was Duck Taco with pan-seared duck, rubbed with chipotle, cumin, and cinnamon, topped with watermelon pico de gallo, apple cider slaw, goat feta, and micro greens drizzled with a reduction of duck fat and herbs. Anderson is a member of the NACUFS 2014 National Committee which will be held in Baltimore, Maryland, and is actively working with peer institutes to bring culinary and marketing ideas from Shepherd to the NACUFS community for the conference.

Anderson is a chef ambassador promoting Wisconsin cheese for the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board and was the featured chef for the month of March on the board's website. He has created more than 200 recipes, many showcasing Wisconsin cheese, and has several featured on the Wisconsin chef pages as well as every Sunday in the Lifestyle section of the *Herald-Mail*, Hagerstown, Maryland. In addition, three recipes featuring California avocados were featured in *The National Culinary Review* published by the ACF and California Avocado Commission website.

In May he was back in Wisconsin to teach a culinary class at Carr Valley Cooking School in Sauk City. The menu featured Carr Valley cheese in a five-course dinner presented in a state-of-the-art demonstration kitchen. Some of the key menu items were shrimp enchiladas, Mexican cheese soup, and grilled chipotle bread cheese with balsamic strawberries.

He is currently working on a cookbook featuring his many recipes to be published in 2015.

**DAVE COLE**, dean of students, was appointed as the West Virginia state coordinator for the Association of Student Conduct Administrators. His duties will include serving the association with the spirit of the mission, vision, and core values of the organization; reporting to the regional chair any issues needing the attention of the board of directors on behalf of the state on a monthly basis; maintaining monthly communication updates with state members which are communicated utilizing the appropriate mediums; facilitating peer learning and resource sharing within state, encouraging active member participation; creating a state leadership infrastructure to allow for the support of the educational development and is diverse in composition; hosting at least one state meeting annually for all members within the state; and coordinating with the conference committee in facilitating an event at the annual conference to provide the opportunity for statewide networking.

**SARA MAENE**, director of institutional research, has been elected to the inaugural board of directors of the West Virginia Association for Institutional Research (WVAIR). WVAIR brings together institutional research professionals statewide to provide information on best practices with the objective of improving higher educational resources within West Virginia.

**DR. TOM SEGAR**, vice president for student affairs and affiliate graduate professor in the College Student Development and Administration program, presented a session titled "Counter Narratives Describing the Journeys and Experiences of Underrepresented Senior Student Affairs Officers" at the American College Personnel Association's Annual Convention in March. Dr. Segar's

session was selected for senior student affairs officers program endorsement at the convention. Segar also served as a co-facilitator of Temple University's LeaderShape session in May. He served as the closing keynote speaker for the West Virginia Student Leadership Conference in May.