Faculty News

Biology

Aaron Bauer, PhD, was the keynote speaker at the John Carroll University/Ohio University Herpetology Symposium on November 8, 2014 and spoke about “100 Million Years of Gecko Evolution: An Integrative Approach.” He also presented papers at the 12th International Conference of the International Council for Archaeozoology in San Rafael, Argentina in September, 2014 and the 50th Anniversary Meeting of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Herpetologie und Terrarienkunde in Bonn, Germany and the 10th Conference of the Societas Herpetologica Italica in Genoa, Italy, both in October, 2014.


Chemistry

Amanda Grannas, PhD, co-authored a paper entitled, “Role of dissolved organic matter in ice photochemistry” with former graduate students Brittany Pierce (MS ’11) and Lisa Pagano (MS ’13) as well as two current Villanova undergraduate students in Environmental Science and Technology, 48(18), 10724-10733, 2014.
Communication

Gordon Coonfield, PhD, delivered the KERN Lecture in Visual Communication at Rochester Institute of Technology on November 13, 2014. The title of the lecture was “Zombies and Us: Difference and the Logic of Representation in The Walking Dead.”

Thomas Ksiazek, PhD, published the following article with, Peer, L., & Zivic, A., “Discussing the news: Civility and hostility in user comments” in Digital Journalism (2014).

Shauna M. MacDonald, PhD, published the paper “Cyborg Phenomenology: Performative Inquiry in a Technoscientific World” in Liminalities: A Journal of Performance Studies 10:2 (2014). The paper can be accessed online here. Dr. MacDonald was also featured in her hometown newspaper’s weekly “Where Are They Now?” column, which tells the story of Cape Breton University alums. The article can be accessed here.

Dr. MacDonald attended two conferences. In October 2014 she attended the conference of the Organization for Communication, Language, and Gender, where she presented a paper entitled, “Performing with Technology in Ancient Greece: Reflections on Study Abroad.” She also helped facilitate a workshop (with Jamie L. Huber, Independent Scholar, and Brianne Waychoff, Borough of Manhattan Community) called “What’s Your Scene? Put it in a Zine!” Dr. MacDonald also attended the annual conference for the National Communication Association November 19-23, where she presented a paper titled “A Place You Never Imagined Could Feel Like Home,” and performed two short pieces as a part of two high density 100 years Performance Studies panels.

Heidi Rose, PhD, Director of Graduate Studies in Communication, was invited to contribute to “The Women's Leadership Project,” an online archive of narratives and records chronicling the paths of women who served as presidents or journal editors during the first 100 years of the National Communication Association.

Computer Science

Marc Meketon, PhD, hosted two roundtable panel discussions at the INFORMS conference in San Francisco that was held November 8-12, 2014. Both roundtables focused on the use of Big Data and Analytics for the railway industry, and featured a variety of practitioners and academics.

Counseling

Stacy Havlik, PhD, presented her paper “Meeting the Needs of Students Experiencing Homelessness: School Counselors’ Roles” at an educational session presented at the Pennsylvania Counseling Association’s annual conference in State College, PA on November 8, 2014. Dr. Havlik also
presented with recent graduate Counseling Alumnus Jennifer Brady (MS ’14) and current graduate Counseling student Emily McMordie on June 30, 2014 at the American School Counselor Association’s annual conference in Orlando, Florida. Their presentation was titled, “School counselors’ roles in addressing the needs of students experiencing homelessness.”

Also with recent alumnae Jennifer Brady and Kathleen Gavin (MS ’13), Dr. Havlick published the article, “Exploring the needs of students experiencing homelessness from school counselors’ perspectives” in Journal of School Counseling, 12(20). This article can be accessed here.

Krista Malott, PhD, presented at a regional conference, the Northeast Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors, held in Providence, RI, September 26-28, 2014. The presentation title was, “Is it Racist? Addressing Racial Microaggressions in Counseling.”

Rayna Markin, PhD, was guest editor for the journal Psychotherapy for a special section on the Relational Foundations of Psychotherapy (2014).

Dr. Markin also published “Toward Building a Common Relational Orientation: Comments and Reflections” in Psychotherapy, 51, 327-33 and “Psychotherapy Researcher: Dinosaur or Chameleon” in Psychotherapy Bulletin, 49, 45-51 (2014).


Christopher Schmidt, PhD, published his article, “Questioning intuition through reflective engagement” in The Journal of Moral Education, 43(6), 429-446. Dr. Schmidt also co-authored (with Luquet, W., & Gehlert, N.), “Evaluating the impact of the imago couples workshop on relational adjustment and communication patterns” in the Journal of Couple & Relationship Therapy (October 2014).

Edward Wahesh, PhD, received the 2014 Center for Credentialing & Education (CCE) professional development award from the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC).

English

Travis Foster, PhD, published an article, “Campus Novels and the Nation of Peers,” in the fall 2014 issue of American Literary History.


**Hugh Ormsby-Lennon, PhD**, recently had an article published titled “Pinching Snuff: Dean Swift as Paralytic Gnomon in James Joyce’s “The Sisters,”” in *Swift Studies* 29 (2014), 89-129.


**Megan Quigley, PhD**, participated in a round table on Weak Theory on November 8, 2014 at the Modernist Studies Association annual Conference in Pittsburgh, PA. Dr. Quigley joined scholars including Wai Chee Dimock, Eric Hayot, and Paul St. Amour, in presenting a vigorous investigation into this new approach to literary studies. Dr. Quigley also chaired a panel earlier that day entitled “The Confluence of Breakdown.”

**Kelly-Anne Diamond, PhD**, helped develop a new course, “Mummies and Modern Science,” for the History Department, which she team-taught with Dr. Mike Zimmerman of the Biology Department.

On April 6, 2014, Dr. Diamond presented her paper “dmDyt: A Prototype for Isis?” at the Annual Meeting for the American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE) in Portland, Oregon.

**Marc Gallicchio, PhD**, presented his work “From Versailles to World War II” at the Education Forum at The Hill at Whitemarsh, Plymouth Whitemarsh, PA, on June 3, 2014.


In 2014, Dr. Gallichio’s project “Unconditional Surrender and Domestic Politics” received Villanova University’s Faculty Development Grant and funding from the Earhart Foundation.


Dr. Giesberg also published her articles “The Emilie Davis Diaries Project: Digital History and Civil War Commemoration,” *Common-Place*, 14: 2 (Winter 2014); “In an artifact of the Civil War, a reminder of

Finally, Dr. Giesberg was invited as the 2014 Steven and Janice Brose Distinguished Lecture Series speaker at Penn State University November 6-8, 2014. Dr. Giesberg presented the papers entitled, “‘Lewd, Wicked, Scandalous’ American Pornography Comes of Age” on November 6; “‘Storming the Enemy’s Entrenchments:’ Civil War Courts Martial and the Sexual Culture of the U.S. Army Camp” on November 7; and “‘Time to Kill:’ Anthony Comstock and the Obscenity of War” on November 8.


In March 2014, Dr. Hartnett presented her paper “Literary Legitimacy: Justifying a Radical Life in a Revolutionary Age” at the Writing and Reading Russian Biography in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries Conference, University College, Oxford University, Oxford, United Kingdom. At the same conference, Dr. Hartnett participated as a discussant in the roundtable “Methodological Considerations in Russian Biography.”

Dr. Hartnett was awarded a Faculty Development Grant from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Villanova University for Summer 2014.

**Jeffrey Johnson, PhD**, was an invited speaker at the symposium of the German Physical Society in Berlin in June 2014, commemorating the 150th birthday of the physical chemist Walther Nernst. His talk was titled “Walther Nernst and the academic_industrial symbiosis in physical chemistry.” In August 2014, Dr. Johnson was interviewed for two shows on the beginning of the First World War and on wartime technologies by the local Radnor Studio 21 TV station.


Dr. Kerrison also received a Villanova University Faculty Development Research Grant for Summer 2014.

Timothy McCall, PhD, delivered the paper "We will wear your insignia ... in the center of our heart": Milan, Florence, and the Material Culture of Diplomacy," at the Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting in New York on March 29, 2014.

In June 2014, Dr. McCall served as visiting international professor at Shanghai University, where he offered the course "Leonardo da Vinci as Italian Renaissance Court Artist." For the Art and Art History community at Shanghai University, he presented the lecture "Materiality, Clothing, and Embodied Phenomena in Renaissance Italy" on June 19, 2014. For the Shanghai Mass Art Center, he delivered the talk "Leonardo da Vinci's portrait of Cecilia Gallerani and Italian Renaissance Lords and Lovers" on June 23, 2014.

Dr. McCall's article "Brilliant Bodies: Material Culture and the Adornment of Men in North Italy's Quattrocento Courts" was published in the journal I Tatti Studies in the Italian Renaissance at the end of 2013, and in April of 2014 was named the article of the month by Feminae, the Medieval Women and Gender index. Dr. McCall was also part of the team (along with conservator Kristin deGhetaldi, Anthony Lagalante in Chemistry, and David Lacey of Falvey Library) awarded a substantial grant for the on-going Conserving a Giant project, conserving and studying Villanova's large Baroque canvas attributed to Pietro da Cortona.

In fall of 2014, Dr. McCall delivered three lectures. On September 26, at the European University Institute in Florence Italy, Tim presented "Material Fictions of Luxury," as part of the conference Luxury and the Ethics of Greed in the Early Modern World. Closer to home, McCall presented "The Visconti and Sforza Courts of Pavia in the Renaissance" at Villanova on October 23, and on November 12, "'Ussire da le cose de pucti et fare le cose de homo': Material Culture, Courtly Gifts, and Masculinity in Early Renaissance Italy," at the Bryn Mawr College Colloqium in Visual Culture.

Paul Rosier, PhD, Professor and Chair of the History Department, recently published his essay entitled "Multidisciplinary Approaches to Sustainability Education," co-authored with Dr. Frank Galgano of the Department of Geography and the Environment, in Teaching Sustainability: Perspectives from the Humanities and Social Sciences, Boring and Forbes, eds. (Nacodoches, TX: Stephen F. Austin State University Press, 2014).

Cristina Soriano, PhD, presented her paper "Contagious Literacies: Libraries, Readers and Reading Practices in Venezuela during the Age of Revolutions, 1770-1810" at the conference “Community Libraries, Connecting Readers in the Atlantic World, c.1650-c.1850,” organized at the University of Liverpool, Liverpool, UK, January 24-25 2014.
On July 29, 2014, Dr. Soriano delivered her lecture “Resisting Colonialism and Slavery: People of African Descent in Venezuela” at Ursinus College, Pennsylvania.


Dr. Soriano received the Richard E. Greenleaf Visiting Scholar Award to pursue research at the Archival Collection of the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, in Spring 2015.

During the academic year of 2014-2015, she is on sabbatical leave while completing her manuscript “Tides of Revolution: Information and Political Mobilization in Venezuela, 1789-1808.”

Paul Steege, PhD, had his essay “Crisis, Normalcy, Fantasy: Berlin and its Borders” published in the journal Contemporary European History 23 (August 2014), 469-84.

Mark Sullivan, PhD, was promoted to Associate Professor.


Rebecca Winer, PhD, was awarded a Faculty Development Grant from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Villanova University for summer 2014. Dr. Winer traveled to France and Spain this past summer and continued her archival research on how and why ordinary Jewish people negotiated Latin legal and commercial transactions during the High Middle Ages in the Western Mediterranean.

Human Resource Development

Katina Sawyer, PhD, presented at the Out and Equal Workplace conference in San Francisco, CA on November 3, 2014, delivering a workshop on “The State of LGBT Workplace Research: Making the Business Case for Inclusion.” Dr. Sawyer presented with Anna Marie Valerio, PhD, for the Women’s Executive Circle of New York on “Insights for Men & Women: Male Champions for Women’s Leadership” in New York City, NY at Morgan Stanley on November 11, 2014. Additionally, Dr. Sawyer presented at the National Women’s Studies Association Conference in San Juan, PR on November 13, 2014, delivering a paper on a symposium,
titled "Igniting Interdisciplinary Activism: Creating Feminist Justice Through Curriculum" and a poster, titled "Navigating Liminal Identities: The Politics of Transitioning Gender Identities at Work."

**Mathematics**

Timothy Feeman, PhD, presented the colloquium "The ART of tomography" to the Department of Mathematics at Connecticut College on October 7, 2014 in New London, Connecticut.

Amanda Knecht, PhD, was a Plenary Speaker at the University of Illinois at Chicago’s Undergraduate Mathematics Symposium on October 18th. The title of her talk was "Ready for Hailstones in a Cloud? The 3n+1 Problem." Dr. Knecht also spoke at the Algebraic and Tropical Geometry Seminar at Yale University on November 6th, 2014. The title of that talk was,"Unirational Parameterizations of Cubic Surfaces."

Yimin Zhang, PhD, presented the paper “Sequential Testing Procedures for Single-step Methods” with Melinda McCann at The 2013 Joint Statistical Meetings, August 3-7, 2014.

**Psychology**

Michael Brown, PhD, and a current MS student Marie Saxon presented a paper entitled "Control of Spatial Choice by Personal Information and Social Information” at the annual meeting of Psychonomic Society held in Long Beach, California, November 22, 2014.

Charles Folk, PhD, recently presented a paper entitled "The effects of reward on contingent response inhibition" at the Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society in Long Beach, CA, November 22, 2014. The paper was coauthored by Villanova MS alumnus, Brian Anderson (MS '09), and current MS Psychology students Rebecca Garrison and Leeland Rogers. With the same research team, Dr. Folk also coauthored a poster entitled "Timecourse and representational basis of contingent response inhibition." The poster was also presented at the Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society.

Irene Kan, PhD, co-authored a poster presentation with a current Psychology MS student, Leeland Rogers, current Psychology BA student, Brian Emmert, Jr., and Psychology faculty Anna B. Drummey, PhD. The poster entitled "Mortality salience: Methodological considerations for future research" was presented on November 22, 2014, at the Psychonomic Society Annual Meeting in Long Beach, CA.

Dr. Kan, along with members of her research lab (Cognitive Neuroscience of Memory Lab), organized the 2nd Annual Brain Aneurysm Awareness Run (September 6, 2014 in downtown Wayne, PA). All proceeds from this 5K charity run benefitted the Brain Aneurysm Foundation (BAF), the world's only nonprofit organization solely dedicated to
raising awareness of and funding research for brain aneurysm. Many members of the Villanova community took part in this event. Along with 260 runners, walkers and volunteers, the event raised over $14,000 for the BAF.

**Thomas Toppino, PhD**, presented a poster entitled "Influence of Feedback on Metacognitive Decisions About Spacing Practice Tests: A Framing Effect?" at the annual meeting of the Psychonomic Society in Long Beach, CA, November 22, 2014. The poster was co-authored by five current M.S. students, Kelsey Heslin, Taylor Curley, Michael Jackiewicz, Colin Flowers, and Heather Anne Phelan.

**Joseph Toscano, PhD**, presented an invited talk on October 8, 2015 at the Institute for Research in Cognitive Science at the University of Pennsylvania entitled "Continuity in spoken word recognition revealed in the time-course of processing". On October 10, 2014, Dr. Toscano gave an invited talk at the Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology's 25th Anniversary Symposium entitled "The neural organization of speech perception". He also delivered an invited talk on October 15, 2014 in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Northwestern University entitled "The time-course of spoken word recognition: Continuous cues operating continuously in time". Dr. Toscano also received a Select-Speaker Award from the Psychonomic Society for a paper entitled "Speech sound encoding in the brain measured using fast diffuse optical imaging". The paper will be delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society on November 22, 2014.

**Public Administration**

**Theodoros Arapis PhD**, presented at several conferences. Dr. Arapis presented with alumnae **Stephanie Nissen (MPA ’11)** and **Ralph Gigliotti (MPA ’11)** at the 2014 Northeast E-Learning Consortium Conference at Villanova University on November 6, 2014. The title of their presentation was "Creating Community Through the Use of Technology: A Look at Villanova’s Online MPA Program."

With Dr. Lauren Miltenberger, **Earl Bruck (MPA ’14)** and **Vincent Reitano (MPA ’14)**, he presented, “No School District Left Behind? Exploring the Fiscal Reserve Behavior of Pennsylvania Schools” at the 5th Annual NECoPA Conference, November 6-8, 2014, Portsmouth, NH.

With current MPA student **Dave Grady**, Dr. Arapis presented the talk, “State Financial Reporting Evolution; What if CAFRs could Talk?” at the 26th Annual Conference of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM), October 2-4, 2014, Grand Rapids, MI.

With Dr. Lauren Miltenberger, **Earl Bruck (MPA ’14)**, and **Vincent Reitano (MPA ’14)**, he presented “Fiscal Condition Determinants Before and After
Fr. Richard Jacobs, OSA, PhD, was selected as the 2014 NASPAA Pi Alpha Alpha advisor of the year. Established in 2010, Father Richard Jacobs played an integral role in the development of Villanova’s chapter of PAA, and continues to serve as the driving force behind the chapter’s continued growth and success. Since 2010, Villanova’s PAA chapter has grown from approximately 15 members to a current roster of over 60 students, alumni and faculty. Father Jacob’s vision for Villanova’s chapter of PAA serves as the catalyst for the organization’s continued growth and success and his hard work and dedication as the faculty advisor is worthy of recognition.

John Kelley, PhD, was selected to be a visiting professor this past fall in Copenhagen at the Danish Institute for Study Abroad. Dr. Kelley taught strategic planning, the same subject he teaches in Villanova’s MPA program. Dr. Kelley recently co-presented “Embedded Assessment in Study Abroad,” at the International Educators Conference, Copenhagen and “The Search for Fenrir: An Odyssey Seeking the Proper Statistical Application,” at the Eastern Evaluation Research Society, 37th Annual Conference, Absecon, NJ.

Christine Kelleher Palus, PhD presented her talk “Using Local Government Partnerships in Public Affairs Education to Define the Difference between Theory and Practice” at the NASPAA Annual Meeting – November 2014.

Craig Wheeland, PhD, spoke with the Delaware County Daily Times and was quoted in a story regarding the amount of funds spent on local political campaigns that ran on November 1, 2014. To read the full article click here.

Catherine Wilson, PhD, was interviewed on the Joy Cardin Show for Wisconsin Public Radio, as a part of their story entitled, “Two Takes on Paul Ryan’s Anti-Poverty Plan.” Click here to listen to the interview.

Theology


Dr. Barnett presented a lecture, "On Woody Allen’s *Crimes and Misdemeanors*" at the 2014 Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture: Faith and Film at Baylor University, Waco, TX, October 23-25.

Paul Danove, PhD, participated in two international conferences in Summer 2014. At the Society of Biblical Literature Meeting in Vienna, Austria, Paul convened one session of the Hellenistic Language and Linguistics Section, presented the paper, "The Events Grammaticalized by Τίθημι and Τίθημι Compounds in the Septuagint and New Testament" on July 6th, 2014, to another session of the Hellenistic Language and Linguistic Section, and presented the paper, "Involving Undergraduates in Narrative / Character / Rhetorical Studies of the Gospel of Mark: Paper Projects" on July 9th, 2014, to the Mark Section. At the Society for New Testament Studies Meeting in Szeged, Hungary on August 7, 2014, Dr. Danove presented the paper, "The Rhetoric of Mark's Characterization of Peter", and was elected to a five-year term as Chair of the Greek of the New Testament Seminar.


Bernard Prusak, PhD, published his article “Explaining Eucharistic “Real Presence”: Moving beyond a Medieval Conundrum” in *Theological Studies 75*, 2 (June 2014), pp. 231-59.

