Faculty Scholarly and Creative Activities, Professional Leadership, and Recognition, 2015—2016

Department of Art

Professor Margo Miller

- Had a show at the Dairy Barn Art Center, Athens, OH. The show “OH+5,” featured artists from Ohio and five bordering states.
- In 2015, was inducted to the Hall of Fame for Fine and Performing Art, Medina High School, Medina, OH.

Department of Biology

Dr. Michael Gresock

- Is the lead author of an article, “From Homodimer to Heterodimer and Back: Elucidating the TonB Energy Transduction Cycle,” published in the *Journal of Bacteriology* (November 1, 2015), pp. 3433—45.

Dr. Spiro Mavroidis

- Co-authored the paper, “The Effects of Incubation Temperature on Morphological Traits of Northern Bobwhite Quail (Colinus virginianus),” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Ohio Academy of Science, Ohio University, Athens, OH, April 16, 2016.

Dr. Charles McClaugherty

- Presented his research on the impact of new natural gas pipelines, drilling and support facilities on the landscape ecology of east central Ohio at the annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America (ESA), Baltimore, MD, August 2015.

Dr. Amy McElhinney

- Presented a poster, “Gene Expression Patterns and Evolutionary Implications in Echinoderms,” at the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Meeting, Portland, OR, January 2016.

Dr. Lin Wu
• Presented a co-authored paper, “Potential Interactions between Planktivorous Asian Carp and Plankton Community in Western Lake Erie,” at the meeting of the American Fisheries Society, Portland, OR, August 16—20, 2015.

Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
Dr. Debra Boyd-Kimball
• Presented the paper, “From Cookbook to Research: Redesigning an Advanced Biochemistry Laboratory for Ohio Project Kaleidoscope, 2016.

Dr. Jeffrey Buth

Dr. Keith Miller
• Coordinated and presented at the Engaging Science Innovation and Technology (ESIT) Seminar Series at Mount Union.

Dr. Carolyn Reid
• Presented a poster, “Using the 12 Principles of Green Chemistry to Promote Sustainability,” at the Ohio Project Kaleidoscope (Ohio-PKAL) Second Annual Conference, Capital University, Bexley, OH, May 2016.

Dr. Robert Woodward
• Was selected to attend the Spotlight Stark County Leadership Program, Spring 2016.

Department of Communication
Dr. Jamie Capuzza

Dr. Len Cooper
• Chaired a panel to discuss the book Transgender Communication Studies: Histories, Trends, and Trajectories at the meeting of the National Communication Association.

Dr. Andrea Ferraro
• Served as President-Elect of the Akron/Canton PRSA Chapter (2015)
• Served as President of the Akron/Canton PRSA Chapter (2016)

Dr. Malynnda Johnson
• Presented on a panel, “Deprogramming Health Programming: Mixed Method Evaluations of Mediated Health Narratives,” which was recognized as the Top Panel Presentation at the Central States Communication Association, Media Division conference, Grand Rapids, MI, April 2016.
• Serves as Reviews Editor for the Popular Culture Studies Journal as well as a reviewer for several other journals.

Department of Economics, Accounting and Business Administration

Professor Mike Kachilla
• Hosted and presented at the Entrepreneurship Education Consortium’s Immersion Week, held at Mount Union.
• Oversaw the writing and submission of an entrepreneurship grant of $60,000, which was awarded by the Burton D. Morgan Foundation.
• Continues to serve on the Incubox Board of Directors.

Visiting Assistant Professor Holly Lucas
• Presented a workshop on financial planning and retirement planning at the USTFCCCA Convention, San Antonio, TX, December 16—17, 2015.

Professor Mark McConnell
• Presented a paper, “CSR in Sales Class,” at the MMA Fall 2015 Educators’ Conference, San Juan, PR, September 16—18, 2015.
• Served as a Visiting Professor at the University of Accra, Ghana, Africa, in May—June 2016 through USAC.
• Was named one of three international finalists in the MMA 2016 AccessCapon Teaching Innovation Competition. The winner of the competition will be determined in September 2016.

Professor Russell Tietz
• Present a paper, “Service Learning in Accounting Classes,” at the Ohio Region Meeting of the American Accounting Association.
• Co-presented a paper, “Incorporating Ethics Instruction Across the Accounting Curriculum,” at the Ohio Region Meeting of the American Accounting Association.

Department of Education
Dr. Melissa Askren-Edgehouse
• Co-presented a paper, “edTPA: Collaboration Leads to Innovation,” at the Ohio Confederation of Teach Education Organizations (OCTEO) Conference, Columbus, OH, October 2015.

Dr. Linda Burkey
• Presented a paper, “What about Using the Language Experience Approach as a Reading and Writing Assessment?,” at the Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers Annual Conference, Costa Mesa, CA, November 4—8, 2015.

Dr. Jennifer Martin

Dr. Ernest Pratt
• Presented a paper, “Making the Population Connection: Science and Social Studies for the Global Family,” at the Workshop for High School Teachers, Leonard Gelfand STEM Center, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, October 3, 2015.

Dr. Peter Schneller
• Co-presented a “story slam,” “Problem-Based Learning in Action,” at the Kappa Delta Pi Biennial Conference, Orlando, FL, October 2015.
• Continues to develop various six-week teaching units for Alliance Middle School’s Navigator Program.
• Delivered the Annual Faculty Lecture, “Future Shock and Education,” at Mount Union.

Professor Jan Webler
• Serves as President of the Board of Trustees, Stuckey Family Interfaith Development Center, as well as a member of several other boards in the Alliance area.

Department of Engineering
Dr. Joshua Gargac
• Co-presented a poster, “The Characterization of the Bone Marrow Mechanical Environment Using Poroelastic Models with Material Properties Determined from

- Co-presented a poster, “Adaptable, Affordable, and Reusable Prosthetic Leg Solution in Response to Recent Medicare Coverage Changes,” at the Summer Biomechanics, Bioengineering, and Biotransport Conference, National Harbor, MD, June 2016.

Dr. Osama Jadaan
- Was selected by ABET to be a Program Evaluator. Dr. Jadaan completed the training for this role in June 2016.
- Finalized a grant from the Oak Ridge National Lab for two research projects: (1) “Failure in Diesel Particulate Filters (DPF),” and (2) “Testing of Thermoelectric Cantilever Specimens.”

Dr. Yan Liu
- Co-authored the paper “Characterization of Freezing Fresh Concrete by Multiple Non-Destructive Methods,” published in GeoChina 2016.
- Served as a paper reviewer for Journal of Aerospace Engineering, August 2015.

Dr. Hans Tritico
- Accepted positions on the Alliance Historical Commission and the Alliance Habitat for Humanity Board of Trustees.

Department of English
Dr. G. Michelle Collins-Sibley
- Co-presented the paper, “Peace Pedagogies in the Humanities,” at the Peace and Justice Studies Association Annual Conference, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA, October 15—17, 2015.
- Presented a paper, “From Q Courses to ePortfolios, Gen Ed to Integrative Core: Transforming Liberal Arts Education at a Small-ish General University,” at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Comparative Literature Association, Cambridge, MA, March 17—20, 2016.

Dr. Michael Olin-Hitt
- Authored “Messiah Complex,” a fiction work that was published in Prism Review (Spring 2016).

Dr. David Thiele

Department of Foreign Languages and Cultures
Dr. Gregg Courtad
- Continued to serve as co-president of the Ohio Chapter of the Amigos de las Américas.

Dr. Hamako Furuhata-Turner
• Presented a paper, “Short-Term Travel Educational Experience to Enrich Intercultural Views,” at the Annual Conference of the ACTFL, San Diego, CA, November 22, 2015.

Dr. Jennifer Hall
• Represented Mount Union at the USAC Annual Board Meeting, Chiang Mai, Thailand, February 21—26, 2016.
• Presented a paper, “French Film: A Vehicle for Language Learning,” at the Central States Meeting of the Teachers of Foreign Languages, Columbus, OH, March 2016.

Dr. Mark Himmelein
• Presented a paper, “Teaching Language Through Culture,” Kursk State University, Kursk, Russian, 2015.
• Served as the National Treasurer of the American Association of Teachers of German, as well as a member of the organization’s Executive Committee and Steering Committee.
• Served as a member of the Ohio Foreign Language Association Executive Committee.
• Received the Distinguished Service Medal from Kursk State University, Kursk, Russia, 2015.

Dr. Bertrand Landry
• Serves as Bibliographer of the Executive Committee and Contributing Editor, North American Society for Seventeenth-Century French Literature (NASSFCL) & Society for Interdisciplinary French Seventeenth-Century Studies.
• Served as Member-at-large of the Executive Committee, North American Society for Seventeenth-Century French Literature (NASSFCL).

Department of History
Dr. John Recchiuti
• Serves as a consultant for the Khan Academy’s U.S. History Initiative, as well as writing content-specific webpages for the Academy on 19th, 20th, and 21st-century events, people, and other elements of U.S. history.

Dr. Santosh Saha
• Presented a paper, “Amartya Sen’s Agency Power for Empowerment of Women in India,” at the 4th International Conference on Social Sciences and Management, Osaka, Japan, May 10—12, 2016.
• Authored the article, “Amartya Sen’s Agency Power for Empowerment of Women in India,” published in Contemporary Social Sciences (July 2016).
Department of Human Performance and Sport Business

Dr. Morgan Cooper Bagley
- Completed her Ph.D. in Exercise Physiology, Kent State University, August 2015.
- Authored the article “Single-Leg Aerobic Capacity, Muscular Strength, Balance, and Agility in Healthy and Surgically Repaired Anterior Cruciate Ligament Legs in College Age Students,” published in Ohio Link (August 2015).
- Served as a Proposal Reviewer for the National Athletic Trainers’ Association Educators Conference for the 2017 meeting.

Dr. Lori Braa

Dr. Beth Canfield-Simbro

Dr. Lonnie Lowery

Dr. Ronald Mendel
- Served as a Visiting Professor in Cork, Ireland, Summer 2016, through USAC.

Dr. Bruce Pietz
- Presented the CAEP Program Report on Reviewer Training at the SHAPE America PETE & HETE Conference, October 2015.
- Received the University of Mount Union’s SAAC Recognition Award, April 2016.

Dr. James Thoma
• Presented a paper, “Project-Based Global Sport Management Education,” at the Commission for Sport Management Accreditation (COSMA) Meeting, University of Tampa, Tampa, FL.

Department of Music
Dr. Elaine Anderson
• Continues to perform with the Alliance Symphony Orchestra, Silver and Strings Trio, and Tuscarawas Philharmonic Orchestra.

Dr. Grant Cook III
• Was named the winner of Mount Union’s Great Teacher Award.

Dr. James Perone
• Performed as soloist in Mozart’s Concerto for Clarinet, K. 622, Alliance Symphony Orchestra, Brush Performance Hall, October 11, 2015.
• Continues to perform as Principal Clarinetist with the Tuscarawas Philharmonic Orchestra and the Canton Concert Band.
• Was elected Vice President of The College Music Society, with his term to begin January 2017.

Department of Nursing
Dr. Nezam Al-Nsair
• Presented a poster at the Lilly International Conference on Evidence-Based Teaching and Learning, Bethesda, MD, June 2—5, 2016.
• Continued to serve as Vice President of the Ohio Council of Deans and Directors or Schools of Nursing (OCDD).

Professor Andrea Corbisello
• Co-authored the article, “Interdisciplinary Disaster Drill Simulation: Laying the Groundwork for Further Research,” published in Nursing Education Perspectives (November—December 2015), pp. 299—302.

Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies
Dr. Scott Gravlee
• Served as a reviewer for Social Philosophy Today, spring 2016.

Dr. Susan Haddox
• Presented the paper, “‘In His Manhood He Strove with God’: Masculine Embodiment in Hosea,” in the Gender, Sexuality, and the Bible/Israelite Prophetic Literature section of the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, GA, 2015.
• Co-presented the paper “Engaging Diversity in the Curriculum: Theory and Application,” at the Annual Meeting of the National Collegiate Honors Council, Chicago, IL, 2015.

Dr. Nicole Johnson
• Co-presented the paper “Engaging Diversity in the Curriculum: Theory and Application,” at the Annual Meeting of the National Collegiate Honors Council, Chicago, IL, 2015.
• Co-presented the paper, “Peace Pedagogies in the Humanities,” at the Peace and Justice Studies Association Annual Conference, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA, October 15—17, 2015.
• Was awarded a Consultations Grant by the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion on "Revitalizing the Religious Studies Program," 2106.

Dr. Ivory Lyons
• Presented at the Media Meet Conference in Bangalore, India, while on his sabbatical in fall 2015.

Department of Physics and Astronomy
Dr. Robert Ekey
• Was selected as a mentor for the Project Kaleidoscope (PKAL) Summer Leadership Institute for STEM Faculty at the Claggett Center in Adamstown, MD, July 18—24, 2016. Dr. Ekey co-led two sessions during the institute: “Framing Your Challenges and Understanding Your Opportunities” and “Realizing the Whole.”

Department of Political Science and International Affairs and Foreign Diplomacy
Dr. Michael Grossman
• Organized a conference on the legacy and policy of the Barack Obama presidency, University of Mount Union, March 2016.
Dr. Lori Kumler

Dr. Francis Schortgen
• Served as a Visiting Professor, International Summer School 2016, University of Seoul, Seoul, South Korea, June—July 2016.

Department of Psychology and Neuroscience
Dr. Michael Knepp
• Served as a USAC Visiting Professor at Reggio Emilia, May 2016.
• Served as President of the North Canton Lions Club.

Dr. Kevin Meyer
• Serves as a reviewer for both the International Journal of Humor Research and the Israeli Journal of Humor Research.
• Had his Face Your Fear Project featured on ABC’s Nightline, January 14, 2016.

Dr. Melissa Muller
• Hosted a Round Table “discussing the pros and cons of using interactive lecture demonstrations in the classroom,” at the 5th Annual Psychology One Conference, Stanford, CA, 2016.
• Co-authored the article, “Concurrent Cognitive Processes in Rat Serial Pattern Learning,” published in Journal of the Experimental Analysis of Behavior 105 (January 2016), 155—175.

Dr. Sarah Torok-Gerard
• Was certified as a NCCA health coach through the American Council on Exercise (ACE).

Dr. Michelle Vaughan
• Presented a paper, “Applying Theory and Research on Positive Psychology to Practice with Diverse LGBT Populations,” at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Toronto, ON, Canada, August 5—10, 2015.

Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice
Dr. Andy Bain
• Presented a paper, “Understanding the 9% Outlaw Motorcycle Club (and Gang),” at the American Society of Criminology Meeting, Washington, DC, November 17—21, 2015.
• Authored the article “Education and Policing: An Expectation of Professionalism:; published in ACJS Today (March 2016), 14—19.
• Co-presented the paper, “What Do High Recidivism Counties Have in Common with at Risk Individuals,” at the meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO, April 2016.

Dr. Naoko Oyabu-Mathis
• Received the Exemplary Teacher Award from the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry’s Division of Higher Education, May 2016.

Dr. Bryan Robinson
• Co-presented the paper, “What Do High Recidivism Counties Have in Common with at Risk Individuals,” at the meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO, April 2016.

Department of Theatre
Professor Kevin Kern
• Created and executed a workshop in the mask technique of Commedia del Arte for the Southeastern Theatre Conference, Greensboro, NC, March 2016
• Directed Lafort Wilson’s Tally’s Folly for Actor’s Summit, Akron, OH.
• Produced the third season of Shakespeare at the Castle, Alliance, OH, including acting in The Complete Works of Wm. Shakespeare (Abridged).

Professor Rudolf Roggenkamp
• Designed the scenery and lights, and directed Standing on My Knees.
• Designed scenery and lights for both A Christmas Carol and The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.