UW-Sheboygan Mission Statement
The University of Wisconsin-Sheboygan, as the local campus of the University of Wisconsin Colleges, provides a challenging and supportive Liberal Arts environment that offers individual attention to students of diverse backgrounds and abilities. As an institution dedicated to critical thought and exploration, UW-Sheboygan fosters lifelong learning, leadership, civic engagement, and intellectual growth among its students, faculty, and staff. Our campus is committed to sharing these ideals with our city and surrounding regions so that together we form one learning community.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

April 30 — Freshman Scholarship Reception (6:30 PM, Commons)
May 13 — Last day of classes & Honors Convocation (6 PM, Theatre)
   May 14 — Study Day
   May 15-16 & 18-19 — Final Exams
   May 21 — Graduation (7 PM, Theatre)
   May 26 — Final Grades due into PRISM (by 5 PM)

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Kaplan Award Recipient
—Melissa Olson-Petrie

Melissa Olson-Petrie, Senior Lecturer of English, has received the 2014 Arthur M. Kaplan Outstanding Teacher Award. The Arthur M. Kaplan Award program was established to recognize outstanding contributions made to education by UW Colleges Faculty and Academic Staff. It recognizes the positive spirit that Provost/Vice Chancellor Emeritus Arthur M. Kaplan contributed to enhance education in the UW Colleges.

Olson-Petrie was selected for this award due to her contributions to the adoption and implementation of the Multiple Measures placement testing on the UW-Sheboygan campus. Multiple Measures is a holistic approach to determining the appropriate English courses new students enroll in each semester. The students’ English ACT score, UW System English Placement score and a writing sample are factored into the decision-making process. Olson-Petrie is one of the campus instructors who evaluates students’ writing samples and scores and offers a recommendation on course placement.

Olson-Petrie also has been active in campus service, serving as the advisor for the UW-Sheboygan student newspaper, The Voice, and volunteering her time at several campus Open Houses to speak with prospective students about campus life and academics.

According to UW-Sheboygan Dean/CEO Dr. Jackie Joseph-Silverstein, Olson-Petrie is very deserving of this award: “Melissa is a great citizen of the campus and goes above and beyond to ensure that the students in her classes get the best educational experience possible. Our students benefit from her dedication to her discipline and their academic success.”
Book Publication—Mark Karau

Mark Karau, Associate Professor of History, recently had published a new paperback version of his first book: *The Naval Flank of the Western Front*. As stated directly on the Pen and Sword Books Publisher webpage for the book:

“This new book tells the story of the creation, purpose, operations and career of the Marine Korps Flandern. The Flanders harbours should have allowed the German navy to strike dangerous blows at vital British traffic in the Channel and southern North Sea but the Marine Korps was unable to fulfill the great expectations of [Admiral Alfred] von Tirpitz. The author [Mark Karau] not only explains how the German conducted operations, but also explains how the opportunities presented by the Flemish occupation were wasted away.”

For further information on Mark’s book, here is a direct link to it on the Pen and Sword Book’s website:
http://www.pen-and-sword.co.uk/The-Naval-Flank-of-the-Western-Front-Paperback/p/9769

Journal Publications—Thomas Eddy

Thomas Eddy is Lecturer of Biology at UW-Sheboygan and UW-Fond du Lac. He has recently had two research works accepted for publication including:

“A New Plant Record for Iowa: *Lactuca hirsute* (Asteraceae)” to be published in *The Journal of the Iowa Academy of Science*

“Presettlement Landscape of Green Lake, Wisconsin” to be published in *The Michigan Botanist*

Thomas is also currently preparing a photography exhibit entitled, “Wisconsin’s Natural Capital” to be exhibited in Green Lake’s Town Square and UW-Oshkosh’s Gail Floether Steinhilber Art Gallery. The exhibit illustrates sustainable principles, natural capital, and ecosystem services. For this project Thomas collaborated with UW-Oshkosh Assistant Professor of Art & Foundations Coordinator, Emmet Sandberg.

Conference Presentations—Janette Miller

Janette Miller, Senior Lecturer of Math and UW Colleges Developmental Math Coordinator, provided two conference presentations recently.

In late February, she gave a presentation entitled “Redesigning the Landscape for Developmental Mathematics Instruction” at the National Association for Developmental Education, 39th Annual Conference—“Bridging the Past & Present to the Future” - in Greenville, South Carolina.

Janette also presented “Modularize the Lab with Competency-Based Learning” at the HAWKES Learning System, Annual Conference on Redesign: Technology and Innovation in Mathematics Education in Charleston, South Carolina in early March.

Music Review Direction—Paul Sucherman

Paul Sucherman is Associate Lecturer of Music. He wrote and directed a musical review which was performed March 25-26 at Sheboygan North High School. The musical performance, which benefited the Sheboygan Theatre Company, included UW-Sheboygan students, as well as may individuals who have performed with UW-Sheboygan’s University Theatre.

Theater Performance Direction—Rick Ponzio

Rick Ponzio, Senior Lecturer of Communication & Theater Arts, directed a production of *Almost, Maine* for UW-Washington County, which was performed at the campus March 12-14th.