Philosophy Course Development—Dave Louzecky

Dave is a Faculty Member within the Philosophy Department. He has been putting together three new courses for next year. The first is an IS course on science and pseudoscience (a course similarly taught by Emeritus Psychology Professor, Mary Buser). Since it is designated as an Interdisciplinary Studies Course, Dave needed guest lecturers. According to Dave, “I put out the word at 5 p.m. on a Saturday evening and had 7 guests by 11 p.m.—and 15 by the next evening. Now that’s way cool. But I’m terrified. I won’t do Bigfoot or aliens, and according to Gallup, about half the people in this country don’t buy evolution or (human causes of) global warming.”

About 15 years ago Dave created an honors seminar on love, sex, and friendship, which he now wants to teach as a regular course. “It will be completely different from the honors seminar. Love and friendship haven’t changed much but sex has. So, I’m embarking on a project of personal empirical research” - Dave.

About 17 years ago Dave and Dick Jarosch (Emeritus Chemistry Professor and past Associate Dean) also created an honors seminar on technology, values, and society. Jeff Goins, Philosophy Department Instructional Academic Staff Member, has been teaching it online with enormous success. Dave’s course will be face-to-face and will have the Interdisciplinary Studies Designation. If anyone has something they’d like to say about technology please volunteer to do a guest lecture. According to Dave, “I hated technology back then; now I’m a nutcase who favors not only smart phones but designer babies, drones, nanobots, and fMRIs built into our glasses. For the price of a BMW, we can get one (or two) of those dolls from Japan and keep it with the cadaver.”

Degree Completion—Allan Persinger

Allan, one of the English Department Instructional Academic Staff Members on our campus, will soon be completing a doctoral degree from UW-Milwaukee. The title of his dissertation is—Foxfire: The Selected Poems of Yosa Buson, and is a translation of an 18th century Japanese poet. As part of the process he has translated some 865 haiku. His work has mainly involved the English Department at UW-M, and the Ph.D. will be conferred through the English Department.
New Book—Mark Karau

Mark is a Faculty member on our campus from the History Department, who is writing a book entitled—Germany’s Defeat in the First World War: A Brief History. Here is a segment of his book describing the scope of it’s focus:

This is not a product of new archival research, nor is it intended to be. What I have set out to do here is to survey the existing literature on the war in an effort to explain to my students why the Germans were defeated. The idea for the study stemmed from the course I teach on the First World War. One of the questions I always ask at the end of that course is, ‘why did the Germans lose?’ It has led to many fruitful discussions but it also led me to try and find a work, aimed at a more general audience, which could adequately answer the question. Finding none I began working on this project. As I mentioned above each chapter examines an event(s) or factor that led to Germany’s defeat. At the end of each chapter I present a brief essay on the most pertinent literature pertaining to that topic, from the standards of older scholarship, to the most significant newer works. It is my hope that the book will serve as an introduction to the reasons behind Germany’s defeat. Established scholars will likely find little here that is new other than, perhaps, the interpretation but it is my sincere hope that those beginning their study of the war find the book engaging and enlightening.

New Book—Karl Byrand

Karl is Faculty member and Department Chair of the Geography Department, as well as our campus Steering Chair. He is working on a book entitled—Designs upon Nature: The Cultural Landscape of Yellowstone National Park (Karl Byrand and William Wyckoff, et al.)

It examines the evolution of the cultural landscape in the park. Karl is the primary coeditor (coedited with five other authors) and wrote one chapter on the cultural development around Old Faithful. Karl also co-wrote the introductory and concluding chapters. It will be published by George F. Thompson Publishing and will be in print by summer or fall 2014.

Astronomy Fellow, Grant, & Research—Harald Schenk

Harald is an Instructional Academic Staff Member who teaches Astronomy on our campus. Harald was awarded a one-year fellowship in the UW Research Network. According to Harald, “I’m using it to expand my research on asteroid observations that I made with the Hubble Space telescope.”

The Wisconsin Space Grant Consortium gave Harald a grant (Special Initiatives Award) to develop a lab with a high-altitude balloon component for our AST 291 class. And, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory selected him for another year as a Solar System Ambassador.
Feature Article & Performances—Rick Ponzio

Rick is an Instructional Academic Staff Member on our campus who teaches within the Communication & Theater Arts Department. He was featured in an article published by Lakeshore Living in January and portions of the article were republished in the Sheboygan and Manitowoc Sunday papers in March.

Rick will be performing two shows of Folk Tales From Around The World for Bonduel Elementary students on May 3rd and giving an evening performance for children and families the same evening at the school. He will also be performing the same reading motivational show this summer in libraries for the Summer Reading Program.

In addition, Rick will be offering a Theatre Workshop through CE this summer on campus as part of the College for Kids.

Posters in the Rotunda—Julie Konik

Julie, a Psychology Department Faculty Member on campus, has had a poster accepted for display in the 2013 Posters in the Rotunda event on April 17th at the state capitol in Madison, WI. Julie will be representing UW-Sheboygan and the UW Colleges with students Rachel Moore presenting their research poster entitled - *I Think In Many Ways, Therefore I Am Happy: An Analysis of Cognitive Flexibility and Life Outcomes*.

TedEx Conference—Mike Winkler

Mike, one our new Business Department Instructional Academic Staff Members, would like to try to get a TedX conference set up here at UW-Sheboygan. The initial idea, which is subject to change or improve, is how we can make this area from lake to lake a place of interest to business and development for people to either move here, or perhaps stay here. The overall idea would be a "Brain Gain" (as in a play on brain drain). If there is interest in forming a committee to proceed (if possible) Mike would be glad to be a member or hand off the information to whomever wants to spirit the effort.
Select Mission and Goals of the University of Wisconsin Colleges

The University of Wisconsin Colleges is a multi-campus institution that prepares students for success at the baccalaureate level of education, provides the first two years of a liberal arts general education that is accessible and affordable, and advances the Wisconsin Idea by bringing the resources of the University to the people of the state and the communities that provide and support its campuses.

Important Dates to Remember

**April 5** - Fall Semester Registration Begins

**April 22** - Committee Elections (Noon-1 PM)

**May 7** - Award’s Convocation (6:30 PM, University Theater)

**May 14** - Last Day of Classes

**May 15** - Study Day

**May 16-21** - Final Exams

**May 22** - Graduation (7 PM, University Theater)