Associate Dean’s Newsletter  

UW Colleges Colloquium Presentations

Several members of the UW-Sheboygan Faculty and Staff will be presenting at this year’s UW Colleges Colloquium at UW-Fox Valley on May 23rd focusing on “Engaging Students Beyond the Classroom”. Those presentations by UW-Sheboygan Faculty and Staff include:

- “Third Year Dossier Preparation” - Val Murrenus Pilmaier with Asif Habib, Maggie May, and Kristin Plessel
- “Is Money Ruining Your Relationships?” - Matt Raunio
- “What Do These Numbers Mean?: A Wisconsin Teaching Fellows/Scholars Project on Retention Rates in an English 102 Class at a Two-Year Institution of Access” - Val Murrenus Pilmaier
- “Supporting Student Clubs and Organizations” - Jena Jaeckels with Sue Kalinka, Jeff Kuepper, and Christopher Wylie

UW-Sheboygan will be well represented at this annual professional development opportunity hosted by the UW Colleges. Please consider attending this great event!

Art Gallery Presentation—Tom Uebelherr

Tom is a Faculty member on campus from the Art Department. Several of Tom’s paintings and sculptures were on display at the Aylward Gallery of the UW-Fox Valley campus from February 11th - March 8th. Tom has also helped several of our students display their work in the UW-Sheboygan campus art gallery, which will be on display until June 1st. Please stop over to our fine arts gallery and check out the awesome creations of our UW-Sheboygan students.
Continued Research & Books—Dave Louzecky

Dave is a Faculty member on campus from the Philosophy Department. Over the summer months he plans to continue researching various topics including: pragmatism, egoism, and consciousness. Dave also plans to continue writing a second book on “the good life”. Here is a description of the evolution of Dave’s books:

In the late 1970’s Dick Flannery and I began discussing politics and philosophy. Eventually we started writing and exchanging and commenting on each other’s work. By 1989 we got it all together and published a book entitled: The Good Life: Personal and Public Choices. I used it in class for a number of years, and since students always asked whether I had changed my mind, I kept planning on a revision. There were, however, so many changes that I decided to write a completely new book. In addition, happiness has become a hot topic in psychology. Even the Nobel Laureate, Daniel Kahneman, began conducting surveys. Since I think happiness is for idiots, I wanted to incorporate a discussion of some of that material in the new book.

Presentation & Books—Kit Deubler

Kit is a new Instructional Academic Staff member on our campus from the Math Department. On May 13th, Kit presented at the “Trees for Tomorrow” event in Eagle River, WI. This presentation was based on the first book he wrote Trout Fishing Wisconsin Spring Ponds (1996). It also included a discussion on the statistical analysis of native Brook Trout populations in spring ponds.

Kit has provided various presentations all over the United States on the two books he has written on the subject of trout fishing on spring ponds. In addition to the book previously mentioned, Kit also wrote Trout Ponds and Lakes of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in 1999.

New Book—Ann Mattis

Ann is a Faculty member on our campus from the English Department, who is writing a book entitled—New Women, New Servants: Domestic Service in Modern Women’s Fiction. Here is a description of Ann’s book:

This project explores how the social anxieties associated with domestic servants adhere to various generic conventions in fiction by Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Gertrude Stein, Fannie Hurst, Jessie Fauset, and Nella Larsen.

Ann also provided a great speech on leadership to the audience at this year’s UW-Sheboygan Honors Convocation.
Science Grant—Mark Schmitz

Mark is a Faculty member on our campus from the Biology Department. He recently submitted a grant application to the National Science Foundation regarding research he has been working on with Wayne Schaefer, Tom Klubertanz, and John Janssen. Here is a description of the research:

This research will create avenues to inspire and support students in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) by providing research and travel opportunities associated with novel color forms of walleye in remote wilderness areas of Ontario, Canada.

Non-typical blue color forms of walleye have been identified in North-West Ontario Canada. Previous research has revealed that differences exist in both growth and morphology between blue and yellow walleye and these differences may be a result of a trophic polymorphism. The slow growth and morphology of blue walleye suggest they may be utilizing more benthic invertebrates in their diet that are less energetically rewarding compared to fish. The current proposal will explore the gut content and stable isotope analysis of walleye color forms to determine if the color forms are being promoted by trophic specialization.

Trips Abroad—Karl Byrand & Mike Winkler

Karl Byrand, Faculty member on campus and Department Chair of the Geography Department, will be co-leading the UW Colleges Study Abroad trip to Ghana May 28th through June 14th. This trip will be focused on studying the cultural tourism of Ghana and relates back to the GEO 291 course—Special Topics in Geography.

Mike Winkler is a new Instructional Academic Staff member on campus from the Business Department. Mike not only serves our campus as an instructor but has also been nominated to serve as an Academic Staff Senator within the UW Colleges. In addition, Mike will continue to serve our country in the Army Reserves in Germany throughout the month of July.

Degree Completion—Missy Skurzewski

As many of you already know, on May 1st I defended my dissertation entitled “An Exploration of Women Leaders in Higher Education: Forming a Mentor Identity”. My PhD is earned from the School of Education at Marian University with a focus on Leadership Studies.

I would like to thank everyone at UW-Sheboygan for supporting me not only through completing my degree over the last 5 years, but for your help in adjusting to my new role on campus as Associate Dean. This has been a very dynamic time in my life, soon to be topped off by another great event—my wedding in August. I am honored to share these great moments in my life with all of you!
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

**May 14** - Last Day of Classes

**May 15** - Study Day

**May 16-21** - Final Exams

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

**May 23**—UW Colleges Colloquium (UW-Fox Valley)

**May 28**—First Summer Sessions Begin

**June 17**—Second Summer Sessions Begin