



College of Education and Human Development

Faculty and Staff Accolades

Dr. Regena Nelson, professor in early childhood education and interim chair of the Department of Teaching, Learning and Educational Studies, published an article in the US-China Education Review journal titled, "A Model for Using Service-Learning in Teacher Education Programs." She conducted the study with preschool programs in Kalamazoo that serve low-income populations, while working as a Poverty Fellow in the Walker Institute for Race and Ethnic Relations at WMU. Nelson was able to apply the parent engagement component of the model during a recent visit to China when she gave a workshop for parents in Shanghai at the Morgan Rothschild



Dr. Regena Nelson (back row, middle) at the Morgan Rothschild Academy in Shanghai

Academy (MRA). Three former WMU early childhood education students - **Ashley Carter**, **Caitlin Clark**, and **Linsey Zarras** are teaching preschool and kindergarten at MRA. Dr. Nelson's workshop focused on how play supports young children's creative and social skills. She gave examples of how play can be used throughout the early childhood curriculum to support children's development in all areas.

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Dr. Andrea Smith

Dr. Andrea Smith, professor in teaching, learning and educational studies, presented at the Child Welfare League of America's National Conference in Washington DC on April 14-17, 2013. The title of her presentation was "Programming for Kinship Care Families: Current and Future Trends."



Dr. Deb Berkey

Dr. Deb Berkey, professor of physical education/teacher education, was one of four invited featured speakers for the East Asia Regional Conference of Overseas Schools. The conference was held in Shanghai, China from March 26-30, at the Concordia International School.



Dr. Lauren Freedman



Dr. Karen Thomas

Dr. Karen Thomas and Dr. Lauren Freedman, literacy studies professors, gave a presentation, "Deepening Student Literacy and Learning: Text Sets and Inquiry," at the Michigan Reading Association Conference in March in Grand Rapids, Mich. The presentation offered participants two hands-on experiences, one focused on the Industrial Revolution and one focused on Ecosystems. For each topic, Thomas and Freedman brought approximately 60 books that ranged in complexity from high to low, both in terms of reading level and content concepts. Following the hands-on experiences, the participants, who were teachers and literacy coaches working with students and colleagues in grades K-12, engaged in an in-depth discussion with Thomas and Freedman. The discussion focused on effective literacy/learning strategies that fit within

an inquiry framework and would provide multiple opportunities to differentiate instruction/learning for all students grades K-12. The group also talked about the differences between traditional content centered instruction and inquiry based learning centered instruction.

Assistant professors in teaching, learning and educational studies, **Jeffrey Jones** and **Dini Metro-Roland**, were awarded the National Endowment for the Humanities--Enduring Questions Grant (\$21,365) to develop and teach a course titled "What is Human Flourishing?" This course is an invitation to explore the rich and multifaceted nature of the question, "What is human flourishing?" Drawing from the disciplines of philosophy, history, literature, and the social sciences, it introduces students to the philosophical conceptions, literary visions and grounded conditions of human flourishing, its changing nature across many periods of Western history, and its manifold expressions in contemporary life. An essential component of this course is making connections between the tradition of human flourishing and its practice in the local community. In addition to attending classes, students will participate in a series of site visits to various intentional communities, organizations, art exhibits, musical performances and speaking events, and listen to organizers and artists talk about their conceptions of human flourishing and their efforts to bring it about.



Dr. Dini Metro-Roland



Dr. Jeffrey Jones

Items of Academic Interest



Dr. Adam Manley

Dr. Adam Manley, assistant professor of career and technical education, has been selected as a visiting scholar for the 2013 National Training Institute's program for industrial and technical teacher educators and trainers. The National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for the Electrical Industry hosts the summer training institute. The visiting scholar

program was established in 2006 to recruit outstanding industrial and technical education professionals to teach at the summer institute.



Exploring the School Choice Universe: Evidence and Recommendations

Dr. Gary Miron, professor in educational leadership, research and technology, was lead editor of a new book entitled: "Exploring the School Choice Universe: Evidence and Recommendations." The National Press Club in Washington DC held a symposium in connection with the launch of this new book which was televised by CSPAN.

Student and Alumni Accolades



Katie Rietkerk and Kirsten Henry

The Health Education faculties have selected two seniors to receive an AAHE "Outstanding Health Education Majors of the Year" award. Each year, the American Association of Health Education (AAHE) recognizes undergraduate students majoring in health education/promotion from colleges or universities across the country that provide professional preparation health education programs. The outstanding majors representing WMU are **Katie Rietkerk** (School Health) and **Kirsten Henry** (Community Health). These awards will be presented during the AAHE/AAHPERD Annual Convention in Charlotte, N.C. on April 26.

Interior design students enrolled in Beth Jarl's Studio III class recently visited Herman Miller's corporate headquarters buildings. The class toured the manufacturing floor of the Green House where they saw task seating being made. They also visited the newly renovated design yard that uses the canvas furniture system, which the students are assigned to apply to their current assignments this semester. This trip was planned as part of the research phase of the office design project. Herman Miller is a 100-year-old-plus furniture company that places great importance on design, the environment, community service, and the health and well-being of their customers and employees. Innovative ways to improve the performance of their customers' organizations have become their hallmark. Their award-winning furniture and related services and technologies are available through dealers and retailers around the world.



Interior design students tour Herman Miller corporate headquarters

On April 7, 2013, the Phi Epsilon Kappa Western Michigan student organization hosted a Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser for the American Heart Association in the University Recreation Center. The event consisted of activities such as jumping rope, hula hooping, 2-on-2 basketball, a football accuracy challenge, basketball

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shooting challenge, partner jump roping, and a volleyball bump competition, all designed to get the participants' heart rates up. Approximately 20 students participated in the event to raise heart health awareness. Those who joined in the activities were broken into pairs and competed to earn the most points in the various activities. Although final scores were not the most important part of the day, some teams earned over 2,000 points! We appreciate all of the time and effort everyone contributed. As a result of this wonderful outpouring of support from our student body, Phi Epsilon Kappa has been able to donate nearly \$500 to the American Heart Association. The money raised will help fund heart and stroke research and also help individuals of all ages in need of assistance paying for medical costs related to heart health.

In March, the Student Professional Association for Sports Medicine (SPASM) began selling wristbands to raise money for WMU Alumni **David** and **Marissa Meinema**. David graduated from the WMU Athletic Training Professional Program in December 2012, and passed his Board of Certification exam in February. Three days after taking the exam, David was involved in a serious car accident, which left him with significant head trauma and facial fractures. Over \$2,500 has been raised to this point to assist David and Marissa with the medical expenses of his rehabilitation. David continues to show improvements in his recovery. More information on David can be found at: www.caringbridge.org/visit/davemeinema.



SPASM sponsors fundraiser for Athletic Training Alum

On March 16, 2013, Western Michigan University hosted the Michigan Unified Special Olympics Basketball State Tournament for the 15th year. This event was successful thanks to the combined coordination efforts of Phi Epsilon Kappa along with their mentor, **Dr. Debra Berkey**, as well as the southwest Michigan Tournament Coordinator Jaime Gunderson. Most important to the tournament's success were the 100 volunteers that helped out from the surrounding community as well as WMU students. This year's tournament included 24 teams from across the state. About 200 Special Olympians were able to walk away with a medal around their neck thanks to this event. The event offers the athletes an opening ceremony, awards presentation, hospitality room, lunch for participants and volunteers, and a game room for young siblings. Members of Phi Epsilon Kappa are honored to be able to provide this service to the community. They hope to continue to provide service through the Special Olympics community in years to come.



2013 Special Olympics Teamwork

College of Arts and Sciences

Faculty and Staff Accolades



Dr. Stephen Malcolm

Dr. Robert Eversole and Dr. Stephen Malcolm's manuscript, "The Lack of Influence of Food and Local Alcoholic Brew on Plasma Levels of Orally Administered Mectizan® (ivermectin)," has been accepted for publication in the journal, *Acta Tropica*.



Dr. Sharon Gill

Ethology has accepted the review, "On the Meaning of Alarm Calls: A Review of Functional Reference in Avian Alarm Calling," a paper by WMU Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences, **Dr. Sharon Gill**, and WMU biological sciences alumna and current Mallinson doctoral student, **Andrea Bierema**.

A delegation of 14 Western Michigan University educators presented at this year's National Association for Research in Science Teaching (NARST) conference in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico. Posters were presented by **Janice Fulford** and **David Rudge**, "The Depiction of the Phenomenon of Industrial Melanism in American Biology Textbooks"; and **Reneé Schwartz**, **Cathy Northcutt**, **Gunkut Mesci**, and **Susan Stapleton**, "Science Research to Science Teaching: Developing Preservice Teachers' Knowledge and Pedagogy for NOS and Inquiry." Talks were presented by **Cathy Northcutt** and **Reneé Schwartz**, "Pre-Service Teachers' Understanding and Perceptions of Science Inquiry and Self-Efficacy"; **Rex Taibu**, **Lloyd Mataka**, and **Ramon Barthelemy**, "Elementary Pre-Service Teachers' Sources of Existing Alternative Conceptions about Weight and Gravity"; **Jacinta Matambuki** and **Reneé Schwartz**, "Graduate Teaching Assistants and Inquiry-Based Integrated Chemistry-Biology Laboratory Units: The Impact of Extended Development"; **Reneé Schwartz**, "Impacts of Explicit/Reflective Nature of Science Instruction in

the Context of an Undergraduate Biology Course"; and **Norman Lederman**, **Judith Lederman**, **Stephen Bartos**, **Selina Bartels**, **Allison Antink Meyer**, and **Reneé Schwartz**, "Meaningful Assessment of Learners' Understandings of Scientific Inquiry-Views About Scientific Inquiry (VASI) Questionnaire."



From left to right, WMU's David Rudge, Ramon Barthelemy, Aekam Barot, Rex Taibu, Selcuk Sahingoz, Gunkut Mesci, Cody Williams, Chris Duchesneau, Joseph Lane, and kneeling in front, Jacinta Mutambuki.



WMU's Joseph Lane and Chris Duchesneau

Two College of Arts and Sciences professors, **Dr. Sherine Obare** (chemistry) and **Dr. Gwen Tarbox** (English) have been recognized as Top 25 Women Professors in Michigan. Dr. Obare has recently been named one of WMU's Emerging Scholars for 2012. She earned her doctorate from the University of South Carolina in 2002 and now teaches and serves as the director of Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program. Dr. Tarbox, who teaches Gender and Women Studies in WMU's English department, has been awarded the 2012-2013 College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Achievement Award for Teaching. Her research focuses on the effects of children's literature on the lives of readers, with an emphasis on females. The goal of the top professors list is to highlight post-secondary educators who have been awarded recently for excellence in the classroom,

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on campus, and/or in the community. For a full listing of the Top 25 Women Professors in Michigan, visit <http://onlineschoolsmichigan.com/top-college-professors-in-michigan/women/>.



Dr. Sherine Obare



Dr. Gwen Tarbox

Student and Alumni Accolades



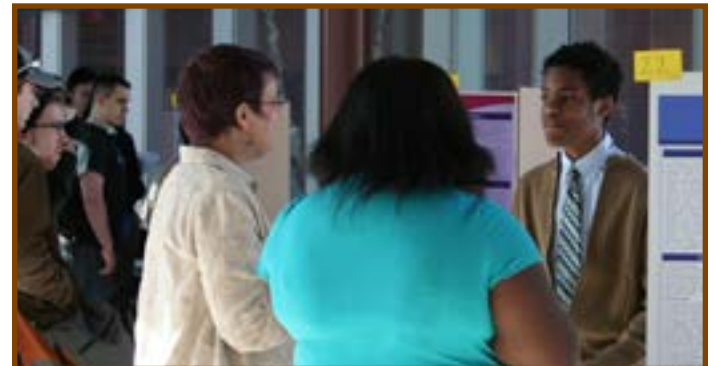
Ramon Barthelemy

Doctoral student, **Ramón Barthelemy**, presented a talk at the annual Nuclear Data for Science and Technology Conference (ND2013) held in New York, N.Y. ND2013 is the largest nuclear physics conference in the world and hosted its first session on nuclear physics education. Ramón gave a talk on preliminary results examining the pathways of women into physics. The talk was well received and part of a two-day examination on various topics including nuclear decay, retention in the nuclear sciences, and public understanding of radiation. Ramón works on his research under two MISE faculty, **Dr. Charles Henderson** and **Dr. Megan Grunert**. Ramón was also awarded the WMU Department of Gender and Women's Studies Gwen Raaberg Teaching Award. This award recognizes his dedication creating and instructing the junior level course "Race, Gender, and Science". His class studied the intricacies of the relationships between the development of science and the people who created and conducted the scholarship. Included in this were readings on historical figures, discussions of the contributions of women to science, and an in-class science experiment.

College of Engineering and Applied Sciences

Items of Academic Interest

The annual regional science fair was hosted at the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences recently. The event is organized by the Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center (KAMSC) and is hosted at the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. **Dr. Osama Abudeyyah** oversees the competition, and it is sponsored by CEAS. Some competitors are mentored by CEAS faculty, and several of the judges are also CEAS faculty who volunteer their time for the event. The first place individual winner and first place team winners earned the right to move on to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Ariz. on May 12-17, 2013. The science fair awards were as follows: 1st Place Individual: Gagan Gupta; 2nd Place Individual: Genevieve Sertic; 3rd Place Individual: Raoul Wadhwa; 1st Place Team: Grey Braybrooks and Sam Wachowski; Special Awards: Department of the Army 1st Place Ashley Lowry Runner Up Award: Abbay Goel and Tim Oh; Surgeon General Award: Ashley Lowry; South Central Association of Clinical Microbiology 1st Place Award: Madhavi Venogopol; ASM Outstanding Materials Science Award: Michael Elluru and Tate Mazer; Yale Science Award: Genevieve Sertic; Innovative Engineering Award: Thomas Finch and Zac Witherspoon; Ricoh Sustainable Development Award: Genevieve Sertic; and Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Award: Jeremiah Boswell.



KAMSC student displays lined the hallways at Parkview campus

Sigma Gamma Tau is the honor society for Aerospace Engineering. It seeks to identify and recognize achievement and excellence in the Aerospace field. Sigma Gamma Tau's collegiate chapters elect annually to membership those students, alumni, and professionals

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who, by conscientious attention to their studies or professional duties, uphold this high standard for the betterment of their profession.



From left to right, Dr. Parvis Merati, Dr. Jennifer Hudson, Dr. Kristina Lemmer, Cameron Segard, Jacob Maynard, Brandon Lewis, Dustin Moyer, Kode Sai Kumar, and Pei ling Chew.

Faculty and Staff Accolades

Congratulations to the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences 2012 Faculty and Staff Award recipients. The following awards were presented by **Dean Vizzini** at the all hands meeting in January. From left: Outstanding Researcher was **Pnina Ari-Gur**, Outstanding Service was **Fred Sitkins**, and Outstanding Staff was **Scot Conant**. Not pictured are Outstanding Educator, **Larry Ahlemann** and Outstanding New Researcher, **Upul Attanayake**.



Dr. Pnina Ari-Gur, Fred Sitkins, and Scot Conant.

Student and Alumni Accolades



Dr. Upul Attanayake

The American Society of Civil Engineering (ASCE) named **Dr. Upul Attanayake**, assistant professor of Civil and Construction Engineering, as an Outstanding Reviewer of the premier Journal of Bridge Engineering. Dr. Attanayake, a Bridge/Structural Engineering expert, has been an instructor of several workshops conducted nationally and internationally on

bridge engineering and structural simulations. He has been an instructor of several workshops conducted nationally and internationally on bridge engineering and structural simulations. In summer 2012, Dr. Attanayake was invited to conduct a half-day workshop during a two and a half-day meeting held at the Detroit Renaissance Center under the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) sponsorship. The workshop was attended by about 70 participants representing bridge practitioners from State and Local Agencies, Contractors, Suppliers, Academia, and Government Officials who came from nine different states that are located in the Mid-North Region. Dr. Attanayake is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Michigan. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Transportation Research Board committee AFN30 Durability of Concrete, Professional Member of the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI), and a member of several other committees and research panels.

The College of Engineering and Applied Science named their outstanding seniors. The 2013 CEAS outstanding senior award recipients are: **Amy Valley, Jacob Griffioen, Ria Pereira, Andrew Schipper, Miguel Acuna, Christopher Reed, Courtney Curry, Lauren Fromm, Jin Yu Woo, Jonathan Boyer, Ryan Audwinto, Jacob Lefere, John Treadway, and Timothy Weidner**. They were recognized for their outstanding achievement in their individual fields of study. **Dean Vizzini** sponsored an awards luncheon for the seniors with the highest grade point average. The event was held at WMU's Parkview Campus in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences building, and the seniors were presented with a plaque reflecting their accomplishment.



From left to right, Amy Valley, Jacob Griffioen, Ria Pereira, Andrew Schipper, Miguel Acuna, Christopher Reed, Courtney Curry, Lauren Fromm, Jin Yu Woo, and Jonathan Boyer.

College of Fine Arts

Items of Academic Interest



Gabriella Lamb, Winner of the Department of Dance 2013 National Choreography Competition

The WMU Department of Dance is pleased to announce that **Gabrielle Lamb** has been selected as the winner of the 2013 National Choreography Competition. The competition was developed to identify and recognize emerging choreographers, and to present the selected choreographer with an opportunity to set an original work on dance majors at WMU. During her nine years as a soloist in Les Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montreal, Lamb worked closely with some of today's finest choreographers, including Mats Ek, Ohad Naharin, and Shen Wei; and she performed featured roles on stages across the world. Lamb was a winner of the 2009 National Choreographic Competition of Hubbard Street Dance Chicago. Her dance works for stage and screen have been presented by Hubbard Street 2, Les Grands Ballets Canadiens, the Dance Theatre of Harlem, and BalletX. For more information, visit www.wmich.edu/dance and Ms. Lamb's website: <http://www.gabriellelamb.com/>.

Paul Flickinger, instructor of art, and 45 students in the Frostic School of Art toured Tallix Fine Art Foundry, Storm King Art Center, and Dia: Beacon in Upstate New York. This was an outstanding experience for students in the sculpture area to see works in progress by great contemporary sculptors.



Students from the Frostic School of Art Sculpture Area tour galleries in Upstate New York

Faculty and Staff Accolades



Lofton L. Durham, assistant professor of theatre

Lofton L. Durham, assistant professor of theatre, won the Martin Stevens Award for Best Essay in Early Drama Studies and the Gerald Kahan Scholar's Prize (honorable mention). The Martin Stevens Award is given annually by the Medieval and Renaissance Drama Society, an MLA-affiliated group. The Gerald Kahan Scholar's Prize is awarded annually by the American Society for Theatre

Research. Both groups cited Durham's innovative and interdisciplinary methodology, his compelling argument, and his clear prose style, as well as the significance of the research contribution in making the awards.



Dwandra Lampkin, associate professor of theatre and director of multicultural theatre

Dwandra Lampkin, associate professor of theatre and director of multicultural theatre, performed her new one-woman show, "The Conviction of Lady Lorraine," at Ball State University in celebration of Women's History Month. The one-woman show chronicles Lampkin's journey as she set out to find the secret behind the conviction of a homeless woman's 25-year protest.



Benjamin Reigel, assistant professor of theatre

This summer **Benjamin Reigel**, assistant professor of theatre, will join a select group of union actors from across the region at The Michigan Shakespeare Festival, where he will play leading roles in "She Stoops to Conquer," "King John," and "Twelfth Night."

Student and Alumni Accolades

Alumni from the WMU Department of Theatre are actively working in their industry. **Joel Gelman**, B.A.

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'06, sang in the live performance of Les Miserables in this year's Oscar Ceremony. **Stephen Brotebeck**, B.F.A. '00, recruits talent for the Crystal Cruise Lines, and he recently booked senior **Zach Bez** for a one-year contract performing aboard a trans-Atlantic cruise ship. Brotebeck is currently working on the pre-Broadway production of a new musical based on "Enchanted April." **Julie Baird**, B.F.A. '12, played Elle Woods in "Legally Blonde" at North Carolina's Cape Fear Theatre and will reprise the role at the Riverside Dinner Theatre in Virginia for the entire summer. **Hannah Elles**, B.F.A. '09, stars in the new Broadway-bound musical based on the film "Somewhere in Time." **Prescott Seymour**, B.A. '07, plays Chester, The Paranoid Cat in the hilarious Off-Broadway family musical "Bunnica." **Nick Dalton**, B.F.A. '02, is leading a relief effort in Rockaway, N.Y. continuing to aid those whose lives were destroyed by hurricane Sandy. His work is in coordination with Artists Striving To End Poverty (ASTEP).

The WMU Advanced Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of **Dr. Andrew Rathbun**, professor of music, performed as special guests at the Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival. The ensemble performed original selections and arrangements written by its members: **Jon Ailabouni, Dominic Carioti, Blake Cross, Andrew Stutzman, Bryan Blowers, Nich Mueller, Andrew Rose, and Christian Euman**. The ensemble played well beyond a "student" level, and made quite a splash at the festival. The musicians played the entire set, which included highly developed, extremely sophisticated pieces from memory. One audience member said, "I've got to look this program up, these guys are amazing! Where is Kalamazoo?"



WMU School of Music's Advanced Jazz Ensemble

Upcoming Events



Jay Berkow, associate professor of theatre and director of music theatre performance

"What a Glorious Feeling," a musical written by **Jay Berkow**, associate professor of theatre and director of music theatre performance, opens at Chicagoland's Theatre at the Center, April 25-June 2. Artistic Director Bill Pullinsi directs.

College of Health and Human Services

Faculty and Staff Accolades



Cary Cekola, faculty specialist in the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology

Cary Cekola, a faculty specialist I in the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology, was the recipient of the Registered Student Organization Advisor of the Year award on Friday, April 12, at the Golden Bronco Awards. She was recognized for her leadership of the National Student Speech, Language and Hearing Association chapter.



School of Social Work Associate Professor Donna M. Weinreich

School of Social Work Associate Professor **Donna M. Weinreich** has been awarded a scholarship from the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) to attend the Management Development Institute at Harvard University, June 2-14, 2013. The institute is a two-week intensive designed to develop and augment leadership capacity and techniques. Dr. Weinreich has also been trained as a CSWE site visitor and will be doing her first site visit this coming September.

Student and Alumni Accolades

Blindness and low vision studies student **Kelcie Douglas** was among winners of the 2013 Delta Gamma Fellows Program sponsored by the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB). Each year, with the generous support of the Delta Gamma Foundation, AFB brings together students pursuing university degrees of all levels in disciplines such as orientation and mobility, rehabilitation teaching, and teacher of the visually impaired, to join professionals at the annual AFB Leadership Conference. The conference was held April 18-20 this year in Chicago. The Delta Gamma Fellows represent the best of the emerging leaders in the vision loss field. They were nominated by the leadership of their university's programs and selected by AFB staff. The fellowship provides registration to the conference and its events, as well as support for transportation and lodging.

Three College of Health and Human Services (CHHS) students are among WMU's 2013 Top Ten Senior Scholar Athletes. Speech pathology and audiology student **Katlin Abbs** and occupational therapy student **Sarah Wright**, both on the gymnastics team, top the list with GPAs of 4.0. Tennis player and interdisciplinary health services student **Ross Vanderploeg** is also in the top ten with a GPA of 3.77. Kudos to these individuals for their hard work and excellence as scholars and athletes! We are very proud of them and wish them continued success in their studies, professions, and sports. We also appreciate their stellar representation of CHHS at the University and beyond. Visit www.wmubroncos.com and click on the sport, then Roster & Bios, to learn more about these students and their athletic records.



Left to right: CHHS student athletes: Katlin Abbs, Sarah Wright, & Ross Vanderploeg



Alexandria Miller stands in front of her recently completed mural at Kalamazoo County DHS

Alexandria Miller is a bio-medical science major who is passionate about both education and art. She is also a Seita Scholar who recently was selected to paint a mural in the

lobby of the Kalamazoo County Department of Human Services (DHS). The mural is part of a DHS effort to make its waiting room more welcoming to county citizens, and to promote literacy and learning by creating a reading corner. That Alex was chosen as the artist for the DHS project is one example of an innovative partnership involving WMU students. Since 2009, there have been several examples of innovative collaborations between DHS and WMU's Foster Youth and Higher Education Initiative (now called the Center for Fostering Success). Juan Ortiz, the Community Resource Coordinator of Kalamazoo County DHS, states that, "we have heard great comments from staff, customers, and our cleaning crew" in reference to Alex's painting. When asked why Alex chose a quote from Dr. Seuss, she responded, "I picked that quote because personally I love Dr. Seuss and I think he is a universal symbol for inspiration to read. So I thought that quote fit best." Alex's commitment to learning and giving back to her community stands out, and makes her a shining example of what it takes to succeed both in school and life.



Left to right: Kaley Gerke, Claire Carpenter, and MSHA President Dr. Merson

Several Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology (SPPA) students were honored at the Michigan Speech and Hearing Association (MSHA) annual conference in Dearborn, Mich. on March 22. **Kaley Gerke** and **Claire Carpenter** received MSHA Scholarship awards. **Daniel Skog** and **Charles Pudrith** were recognized for scholarships they had received from the Michigan Speech and Hearing Foundation. In addition, **Allyson Doyle** and **Caitlin Hurban** received the outstanding student poster award from Psi Iota Xi.



Left to right: Tameka Billingslea, Brittni Corroll, Dr. Gary Mathews

On Thursday, March 21, the WMU School of Social Work (SWRK) held the 2013 Whitney Young Jr. Scholars Program in the Health and Human Services Building. The event featured keynote speaker Gilda Jacobs and Whitney Young student scholar award recipients: B.S.W. student **Betty Gabasiane** and M.S.W. student **Charmelle Abdullah**. On April 9, several other SWRK student scholarship recipients were recognized at a banquet and ceremony. Following are names of the scholarship recipients followed by the scholarship received: **Mandy Cox** and **Nikole Krueger**, Rebecca Binkowski Memorial Scholarship; **Kali Wood-Schrantz** and **Adrianna Rosas**, Deloris Jordan Phillips Memorial Scholarship; **Brittni Corroll** and **Tameka Billingslea**,

Robert Barstow Scholarship; **Aisha Hines**, Nathaniel McCaslin Scholarship; **Natalie Amicarelli**, Gernant Gerontology Scholarship; **Nicole Needham** and **Diana Orns**, Stephen A. Crumm Memorial Scholarship; **Melanie Fuentes**, Charlene Russell Cove Memorial Scholarship; **Benjamin Hackett**, John P. Mellein Scholarship. To learn more about these scholarships, visit <http://www.wmich.edu/socialwork/scholarships/>.



Top left to right: Dr. Don Cooney, Betty Gabasiane, Dr. Linwood Cousins. Bottom left to right: Dr. Don Cooney, Charmelle Abdullah, Dr. Linwood Cousins

Three School of Social Work students were recognized as Students of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Michigan Chapter on March 14. They are **Caroline Velasquez** and **Cicely Wiers-Windemuller**, master's degree (M.S.W.) students with the Grand Rapids program, and main campus undergraduate student **Heather Barsey**. Also, Grand Rapids M.S.W. student **Miguel Espinoza** was awarded the Grand Rapids Area Higher Education Network Outstanding Adult Learner Award in a recent ceremony. In addition, several Grand Rapids social work students and faculty members participated in the 13th Annual Cesar E. Chavez March for Social Justice in Grand Rapids on March 21.



Grand Rapids social work students. From left to right, Dee Ann Sherwood, Lena Montgomery, Mary Ellen Sartoris, Heather Lacy, Hanah Pohly and Brianne Schloegl.

College of Aviation

Faculty and Staff Accolades

The 24th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference was held at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville, Tenn. on March 14-16, 2013. Attendance totaled 3,375 individuals representing all segments of the aviation community from 14 countries in addition to the United States. WMU had a large contingent of students, faculty, staff, and alumni in attendance, and this year three RSO's from the College of Aviation were represented: Women in Aviation (WAI), Association for Women in Aviation (AWAM), and Alpha Eta Rho. During the conference, Women in Aviation International provided a total of \$497,575 in scholarships, and AWAM provided \$102,000 in scholarships. There were three students and one faculty member from the college who were recipients:

Bob Agiro, Airbus, Leadership Award; **Esther Kariuki**, Pratt & Whitney Scholarship; **Joan Kariuki**, FlightSafety Scholarship; and **Terry Michmerheizen**, Lycoming Scholarship. Many of the students volunteered their time with the national organizations they are members of while at the conference. While attending, the students were able to meet and network with some very influential members of the industry, apply for positions, and hear keynote speakers from all segments of the industry.



Faculty, staff, and students representing WMU



Students with Mary Feik, famed aviation engineer, master mechanic, pilot, instructor and aircraft restorer

Student and Alumni Accolades



Bob Agiro accepts his well-deserved award

Bob Agiro is currently serving as President of the Association for Women in Aviation Maintenance RSO at the College of Aviation. Recently, Mr. Agiro was nominated and selected for a Who's Who student award at WMU. To be eligible for inclusion, students must have at least a 3.0 cumulative grade-point average at WMU; must have junior, senior, or graduate student status; and must have demonstrated involvement on

campus and in their community. Congratulations for being recognized for your contributions to the WMU and greater communities.



MAAP President, **Brigido Acajabon-Pirir**, accepts the award on behalf of the RSO.

Congratulations to aviation's Multicultural Association of Aviation Professionals (MAAP) who was recognized for dedication to diversity and won the Golden Bronco Award for work at Starr Commonwealth: WMU RSO Most Committed to Diversity Award. Ms. Hetty Colver, principal and special education supervisor at CISD - Starr Commonwealth School for Boys, shared her enthusiasm for the wonderful accolade. She stated, "I am sure that there were many

deserving groups for this award, but I have personally observed the tremendous impact that MAAP has had on our students at Starr Commonwealth and know that this honor has been earned by this group. The professional representation of WMU College of Aviation that these

students demonstrated, in conjunction with their authentic outreach to our students at Starr is to be commended. Based on the follow up responses from our Starr students, I know that they too would share in my congratulations to MAAP!"

Evaluation Center

Faculty and Staff Accolades

Evaluation Center Director **Stephen Magura** coauthored the article, "Consumers' Experiences in Dual Focus Mutual Aid for Co-occurring Substance Use and Mental Health Disorders," which was recently published in Substance Abuse: Research and Treatment.

Student and Alumni Accolades

Kristin Hobson and **Robert McCowen**, doctoral students in interdisciplinary evaluation, were three of 11 winners at the 2013 WMU Research and Creative Activities Poster Day. In all, approximately 60 posters were presented.

Graduate College

Faculty and Staff Accolades

Dr. Susan Stapleton, dean of the Graduate College, was recently honored with the Excellence in Service to Students award at the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) induction ceremony April 14. Dean Stapleton was also keynote speaker at the member induction ceremony. NSLS was founded in 2001 by Gary Tuerack, motivational speaker and educator. **Britne Amos**, Ph.D. student in counseling psychology and current chair of the Graduate Student Advisory Committee, started the WMU chapter in 2011, with the support of **Richard McMullen**, director of Exploratory Advising, and **Dr. Randy Ott**, director of the Center for Academic Success Programs. **Denise Brown**, program services coordinator for the TRIO program in the Center for Academic Success, is currently the chapter advisor. The National Society of Leadership and Success WMU chapter has 191 members, 65 of whom have done the required service to reach induction. This year they will be

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involved with Bronco Bash and volunteer at the Graduate College Fall Welcome, as well as participate in Fall into the Streets, fundraising, and hosting speaker broadcasts from well-known motivational speakers, philanthropists, and CEOs. All students are welcome to attend and encouraged to get nominated for membership. It is a great leadership opportunity, and there are specific society benefits, including access to scholarships, networking, personal success coaches and speaker series once a student is inducted. The society has 266,421 members at 347 colleges and universities nationwide.

Student and Alumni Accolades



Baochun (JoJo) Zhou

In March, **Baochun (JoJo) Zhou**, doctoral associate to **Dr. Marianne Di Pierro**, director of the Graduate Center for Research and Retention, attended the American Counseling Association Annual Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. While there, she presented two papers.

"Understanding the Meaning of Hijab and Muslim Arab American Women: Implication for Counseling," explores how

counseling for Muslim Arab-American women is impacted by the cultural values of this vibrant ethnic group in America. She also presented, with **Sara Coulter**, "Infusing Cultural Sensitivity to Work with LGBT Asians/Asian Americans." JoJo and **Dr. Stephen Craig** also presented "Adlerian-Focused Advising: The Role of Social Interest in Doctoral Advising Relationships" at the North Central Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Annual Conference in Kansas City, Mo. in October 2012. JoJo is a doctoral student in Counselor Education and Supervision who joined WMU in fall 2011. She holds a master's degree in Marriage and Family Counseling/Therapy from Governors State University, University Park, Ill. While at GSU, JoJo was awarded Student of the Year in 2011 from the Counseling Department. Her cross-cultural working and living experience in both China and the United States has cultivated her research interests in multicultural and diversity issues, and advocacy for marginalized groups of color. Her current research project is focused on doctoral advising in counselor education.

The Hilltop Review is a peer-reviewed journal representative of graduate student research and artwork at WMU. Published in hard cover twice a year since 2009, and electronically since 1995, the journal will be issuing

its Spring 2013 volume soon. It offers a sampling of original and significant findings formulated by graduate students at Western Michigan University. This issue will include articles such as: "An Explanatory Ethnography of the Gendered Communicative Behaviors of Bouncers," by **Nathan M. Swords**; "Youths' Access to Public Space: An Application of Bernard's Cycle of Juvenile Justice," by **Amanda Smith**; "Feminist Research Ethics, Informed Consent, and Potential Harms," by **Melinda McCormick**; and "Bureaucracy and Income Disparity in America," by **Daniel Dougherty**. The issue will also include artwork by students **Matt Klepac** and **Tess Erskine**. Notes from the Editor, **Tim Bauer**, precede the scholarly works. Tim has served on the Editorial Board of The Hilltop Review since fall 2011, and continues to work closely with that board to produce the journal. The board includes graduate students, members of the faculty, and officers of the Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC), which sponsors its publication. Editor Tim Bauer issues the call for submissions, solicits reviewers, sends the reviewed articles back to the authors for changes, then formats the finished document and sends it to the printer. Copies are distributed to the Graduate Studies Council, the Editorial Board of The Hilltop Review, and to current graduate student members of GSAC. Copies of each issue are also sent to the Archives and Regional History Collection at WMU for reference now and in the future. The Spring 2013 issue is the first to consider poetry, or what Tim calls "written art." We look forward to reading the upcoming issue of this outstanding effort by WMU graduate students.

Haworth College of Business

Faculty and Staff Accolades

Dr. Roberta Schultz, associate professor of marketing, **Dr. Charles H. Schwepker Jr.**, and **Dr. David J. Good** have had their paper, "Understanding the Impact of Quota Participation and Difficulty on Sales Performance," accepted for publication in the Journal of Selling and Major Account Management.

Student and Alumni Accolades



Downs

Richter Scholarship Recipient **Hanna Downs** of Livonia, Mich., is among 10 students from across the country selected to receive a prestigious nationwide business scholarship awarded by the Richter Foundation and the Institute for Supply Management's Richter Scholarship Fund. The Richter scholarship includes tuition assistance of up to \$5,000, pairing with established executives, and a

former Richter Scholar who will serve as mentors, and other benefits. "Winning this scholarship is such a great honor, and I am so grateful for this opportunity," says Downs. "I'm excited to represent Western Michigan University at the conference. It is going to be a great opportunity for me to expand my professional network and mentor base. My professors here at Western have provided me with the knowledge, skills, and training I need to make a good impression at the conference and show why Western is such an outstanding institution." Downs is WMU's sixth scholarship recipient in the past 10 years, placing WMU fourth in the nation for the total number of students honored with Richter Scholarships in the past 10 years. Downs is entering her senior year at WMU, where she is majoring in both integrated supply management and food and consumer package goods marketing, offered through the Haworth College of Business. "Hanna blew everybody's socks off!" says Nancy Richter, president of the Richter Foundation. "She was quite impressive academically, and her extracurricular activities and leadership on campus were impressive. She was very well spoken, very prepared for her interviews and exhibited characteristics that display a solid commitment to the field. She came with the highest recommendations, and it is quite easy to see that she will be a future leader within the field."

Presidential Scholar in Integrated Supply Management **Jordan S. Tauriaine** is from Milford, Mich. and a graduate of Milford High School. He is majoring in integrated supply management and will graduate in April 2013. Following graduation, Jordan will begin employment at General Motors in Procurement and also pursue a master's degree from a major university. Jordan has served two internships locally with the Kellogg Co. He was first assigned to the company's Real Estate Department, where he managed the real estate database, was responsible for paying rent, operating

expenses and taxes, and had other administrative duties. He is now assigned to the Network Planning and Analysis Department, where he assists with optimization of Kellogg's North American Supply Chain Network. In that role, he is the first contact when Kellogg's Leadership Team needs answers to questions related to saving the company money while still maintaining high levels of customer satisfaction. Jordan has been an active board member for WMU Chapter of the Association for Operations Management and the Haworth College of Business' Student Leadership Advisory Board and also received a scholarship from the college's ISM Program.



Tauriaine receiving certificate

Upcoming Events

On Friday, April 26, at the Keystone Community Bank Breakfast Speaker Series, the president of MLive Media Group, Dan Gaydou, will share insights into digital media strategies. Gaydou, who has led MLive since February 2012, will talk about "Strategies That Win in a Disrupted World" at 8 a.m. Friday, April 26, in 2150 Schneider Hall. The event, which is free and open to the public, begins with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting **Kayla Hunt** at (269) 387-6059 or kayla.j.hunt@wmich.edu. Free parking is available in the Fetzer Center parking lot. As well as being president of the statewide multi-media news and marketing solutions company, Gaydou serves on community boards for Spectrum Health, the Right Place, the Gerald R. Ford Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Public Museum of Grand Rapids, the Michigan Colleges Foundation and the Gerald R. Ford Foundation. Gaydou is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is a Certified Public Accountant. He has received honorary doctorate degrees from Baker College of Flint and Hope College in Holland, Mich. In addition to the April 26 event, the 2012-13 Keystone Community Bank Breakfast Speaker Series schedule includes: May 31 - Bill Rose,

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president and chief executive officer, Kalamazoo Nature Center; and June 28 - Sharon Carlson, WMU director of University Archives and Regional History Collections. The Keystone Community Bank Breakfast Speaker Series provides an opportunity for the local community to hear top business leaders, WMU faculty, alumni, and friends of the Haworth College of Business discuss current topics of interest to the community.

Small Business and Technology Development Center (SBTDC) is offering the following workshops:

- 1) Venture Forward is an eight-week workshop for existing business owners seeking a strategy for growth. It will be held on Thursday evenings from 5 to 8 p.m. during the weeks of April 11-June 6, at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI. For more information, please visit <https://www.misbtdc.net/workshop.aspx?ekey=110320088>.
- 2) Learn how to start a small business and write a business plan by attending the Starting a Business & Writing a Business Plan workshop on Monday, April 29, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI. For more information, please visit <https://www.misbtdc.net/workshop.aspx?ekey=110330005>.

Haenicke Institute for Global Education

Faculty and Staff Accolades



Dr. Ann Veeck

Dr. Ann Veeck, Western Michigan University professor of marketing, was recently awarded the second Timothy Light Center for Chinese Studies Research Grant for her project, "Food Consumption Patterns in Urban China, 1996-2013." Veeck will receive \$3,000 to examine how food-related behaviors and perceptions of urban Chinese families have changed in the last two decades.

She will use the award to help fund a 15-day trip to China to conduct household surveys that replicate food consumption behavior surveys she conducted in Nanjing in spring 1996. Her research will focus on the rapid globalization and privatization of the markets in China

that have resulted in dramatic changes in food consumption patterns in urban areas. It also will expand upon dissertation work she did in China during 1995-96. That work involved measuring and analyzing important behaviors and perceptions related to food shopping, including food expenditures, timing of food shopping trips, choice of food retailers, patronage of restaurants, and use of processed food. Light Center Research Grants are awarded annually and provide support to WMU faculty members for research and creative activities that support the study of Greater China. For more information, visit the Light Center online at www.wmich.edu/chinesestudiescenter.

Student and Alumni Accolades



WMU CELCIS students with residents of Friendship Village

Residents of the Friendship Village Senior Living Community in Kalamazoo showed their appreciation to a group of student volunteers enrolled in WMU's Center for English Language and Culture for International Students at a reception on Wednesday, April 10. About a dozen students have made regular visits to Friendship Village over the academic year to share their life stories and native culture with the residents. The students have also enjoyed the opportunity to hear the residents' stories and to learn about American culture from older generations. They were honored at a volunteer appreciation reception Friendship Village holds each spring, which included a performance by Matt Walch, a Kalamazoo-area entertainer. Walch performed songs by Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley, Tony Bennett and other artists from that era. Spread out at various tables around the room, the students learned more about that era from the memories shared by the residents. "Friendship Village has provided many opportunities for our students to visit with the residents, as well as practice their English," said **Wayne Bond**, CELCIS activities coordinator. "Over the past two semesters, our students have put up holiday

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decorations, participated in Wii video game nights, and listened to the music performed by the Village's seniors' band. The residents are overjoyed to get the chance to meet people from all over the world and always ask the students a lot of questions about their homes. Through the students, they learn more about the world and cultures that they may never have had the chance to experience." CELCIS Director **Diana Vreeland** said the program seeks volunteer opportunities so students have the opportunity to learn more about the United States in off-campus settings. "This program helps us bridge the gap in connecting cultures and provides our students with an excellent opportunity for cross-generational sharing," Vreeland said. "Our student volunteers are so enthusiastic about sharing their ethnic heritage and culture with the residents and learn so much in return. We look forward to working with Friendship Village again next year."

University Libraries

Items of Academic Interest

The Archives and Regional History Collections will have a new "home" and location later this fall. We anticipate opening the Charles C. and Lynn L. Zhang Legacy Collections Center in mid-October 2013. Preparing for the physical move of these collections will necessitate modifying and changing hours of operations and processes as follows. The Archives and Regional History Collections in East Hall will have reduced research and instructional hours May 1 - July 31, 2013. Their hours of operation will be Tuesday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Mondays by appointment. Please call (269) 387-8490. The Archives and Regional History Collections will be closed to all walk-in research and instructional services beginning Aug. 1, 2013. Please call (269) 387-8490 for an appointment in advance to view materials or arrange for instructional sessions. Some materials will not be available as preparations and packing for the move to the new Zhang Legacy Collections Center take place. Full services at the Zhang Legacy Collections Center will commence in October 2013. Departments wishing to send records to the University Archives after Aug. 1, 2013, must make arrangements in advance. Please call (269) 387-8490. Full service of University records (ingest/retrieval/research) will resume in October 2013. For more information regarding Archives and the Regional History Collections, please email arch-collect@wmich.edu. Please continue to request

materials from Storage using the present process even though these materials in Storage (North Hall) will be processed through our Resource Sharing Department beginning April 29, 2013, and extend through the facility relocation period. The relocation period is expected to be completed in mid-October 2013. Please consult with interlibrary loan at Waldo Library as early as possible for additional information if you may need materials during this period or use this email: lib-rsc@wmich.edu.



The Archives and Regional History Collections new "home" in the Zhang Legacy Collections Center is coming together with high bay shelving rail installation this month.

The digitized South Asia Maps Collection is now complete. The collection covers Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, and Burma (Myanmar). The original Army Map Service (AMS) maps are part of the University Libraries' map collection and were digitized by the W. E. Upjohn Center for the Study of Geographical Change using newly set up imaging equipment. Detailed metadata is associated with each map according to the latest library science standards. The maps were compiled between 1942 and 1965, and represent a historical reference of the best knowledge of the area at that time. The South Asia Maps Collection uses a "click-through index" of the region/country to lead directly to the scanned map sheet. The Luna System, an image database system, provides enhanced viewing options and comprehensive metadata for easy research. The quality reproduction affords both geometric accuracy and color definition. The South Asia Maps Collection is available at <http://web.library.wmich.edu/digidb/SAM>. For additional information about the project see <http://web.library.wmich.edu/digidb/SAM/about.php>. The high quality scans of South Asia complement the libraries' existing collection of scanned indexes to various A.M.S. series, and further the University Libraries' goal of bringing patrons useful items through its online digital collections. The index maps are available at <http://luna.library.wmich.edu:8180/luna/servlet/s/r4m883>. The South Asia Maps collection is one of over 15 digital collections created at WMU Libraries, which can be

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viewed here: <http://www.wmich.edu/library/collections/digital/collections>. Faculty and staff are encouraged to submit requests for custom digitized collections and projects that utilize the technology and the expertise of staff at University Libraries.



Afghanistan map in the Libraries fully featured user interface: South Asia Maps Collection

Visiting Scholar and Artists Program brought History Scholar, Dr. Dillon, to WMU. Dillon provided an overview of the history, services, and intern opportunities at the Newberry Library (prestigious private research institution for the humanities) to the HIST 4060: Archival Administration class, taught by **Dr. Sharon Carlson** this April. Dillon also participated in a classroom discussion about the 1893 Columbian Exposition for **Dr. Mitch Kachun's** HIST 5910, History and Memory class. On April 9, she presented a talk, "The Devil is in the Details: History and the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893," for the Friends of the University Libraries. The presentation was attended by students, retirees, staff, faculty, and community members. Dillon is the Director of the Scholarly and Undergraduate Programs Department at the Newberry Library, Chicago. Thanks for the support of the History Department and the Friends of the University Libraries.

Faculty and Staff Accolades

Maria A. Perez-Stable, Dianna E. Sachs, and Patricia Fravel Vander Meer presented a paper, "Inspiring Results: Designing Innovative Instruction using Faculty Feedback on Technology Use and Attitudes toward Library Research Instruction," at the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) National Conference in Indianapolis, Ind., on April 11, 2013. The importance of information literacy (IL) at the college level is well documented. Like many other institutions, Western Michigan University (WMU) has come to recognize the value of IL, after years of deliberate and steady promotion of its benefits to the WMU community by the University Libraries. IL underlies the "discovery-driven" descriptor of the University Strategic Plan. A crucial question that has emerged as part of the Libraries' strategic plan to meet the University's IL needs is this: What are the best ways to deliver library instruction to address the needs of today's students and faculty, keeping in mind emerging and changing technologies to which faculty and students relate? In order to help address this issue, Perez-Stable, Sachs, and Vander Meer conducted a survey of the University's teaching faculty in 2011 to gain insight regarding: (1) their attitudes, habits, and preferences regarding IL; (2) faculty use of technology in their teaching; and (3) existing and potential technological applications for the delivery of IL. Based on the results of the survey, IL services have been revised and expanded to accommodate faculty practices and preferences whenever possible.



Dianna Sachs, Patricia Vander Meer, and Maria Perez-Stable at the ACRL National Conference

University Libraries celebrated two staff members being named as "Western Michigan University's 2013 Make a Difference Award Winners." Receiving awards were **Ms. Alison Thor**, coordinator of Reference Services, and **Mr. Faizan Haq**, coordinator of Science Reference. The award recognizes their dedication to their positions and positive impact on those served by University Libraries. The pair was honored at the Award Ceremony Reception on Monday, April 15.



Alison Thor and President Dunn with Alison's award nominators



Faizan Haq and President Dunn with Faizan's award nominators

Dean Reish will be the speaker at the April meeting of the Alliance Française (AF) de Grosse Pointe. The international organization, based in Paris and founded in 1883, aspires to promote the study of the French language and culture globally. Reish joined the AF as an undergraduate student in Washington DC and attended monthly meetings on Embassy Row, hearing French scholars, writers, and consular officers and enjoying tea with the "grandes dames de la capitale." He has served as president, board member, and speaker of the Alliance Française de Kalamazoo. The invitation from the Grosse Pointe chapter came about in August 2012 because the AF president of Grosse Pointe had heard of Reish's passion for and study of the "French connections" in "The New Yorker Magazine." In the 90's he presented his observations with visuals at the national meetings of the American Popular Culture Association and the American

Association of Teachers of French. Laughter was the overwhelming response as audience members learned how stereotypical New Yorkers, pictured in the magazine, emulate or separate themselves from the presumptive "sophisticated culture" of the French, and they, in their own world-centric manner, vacillate in their attitudes about Americans. The ups and downs of food fads, high fashion, politics, the franc, then the euro, and even Jerry Lewis and Mickey Mouse have affected these Franco-New Yorker relations. Since August, Reish has updated his database of French references in the illustrations, commentary, and critique of "things French" from the magazine (over 550 items). Today there is "easier" access to research materials through electronic resources and metadata descriptors used to search them on the computer. The hallmark cartoons, pulled from the first issue appearing in 1925 to the present, will be central to Reish's remarks.



Reish's April presentation is entitled *French connections* in *The New Yorker Magazine*

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