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PUBLICATIONS

Scarlett (Seong-In) Choi, PhD, associate professor of psychology, co-authored “Ambivalence over emotional expression and the perceived therapeutic bond: An analogue experiment comparing cognitive-behavioral and client-centered approach” in *Counseling Psychology Quarterly* in February 2020.

Martin Dobrow, MA, professor of communications, published “The Black girl who defied segregation, inspiring MLK and Jackie Robinson” in *The Washington Post* in February 2021.

Katherine Dugan, PhD, assistant professor of religion, published “Why Gen Z Catholics want a patron saint of the internet” in *Slate Future Tense* in October 2020.

Mary Kate Feit, PhD, assistant professor of strength and conditioning, co-authored the book *Functional Training Anatomy*, published by Human Kinetics in March 2021.

Erin E. Futrell, PhD, assistant professor of physical therapy, co-authored “Exerted running results in altered impact mechanics and footstrike patterns following gait retraining” in the *Journal of Sports Sciences* in February 2021.

Chris Hakala, PhD, director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship, co-authored “What do SoTL [scholarship of teaching and learning] practitioners need to know about learning?” in *Teaching & Learning Inquiry* in March 2021.

Megan W. Harvey, PhD, assistant professor of health sciences, co-authored “Stress and anxiety are associated

with lower gestational weight gain in Hispanic women” in *Women’s Health Issues* in November 2020.

Regina Kaufman, PT, EdD, professor of physical therapy, published “Why was I so afraid?” in the *Journal of Humanities in Rehabilitation* in November 2020.

Kathleen Martin, chief of staff in the Office of the President, co-authored “We stand on her shoulders: Tracing the pedagogical legacy of Dr. Barbara E. Jensen” in *Measurement in Physical Education and Exercise Science* in April 2021.

Elizabeth M. Morgan, PhD, associate professor of psychology, co-edited *Sexuality in Emerging Adulthood* (part of the Emerging Adulthood Series) published by Oxford University Press in March 2021.

Oliver J.C. Rick, PhD, assistant professor of sport management and recreation, co-authored “Critiquing anthropocentric media coverage of the COVID-19 sports ‘hiatus’” in the *International Journal of Sport Communication* in September 2020. Rick also co-authored “Podcast production for sporting pedagogy: Arts-based methods and embodied possibilities” in *Interdisciplinary Humanities* in August 2020. In addition, Rick contributed the chapter “Physically active in the flattened city” in the book *Sport, physical culture, and the moving body: Materialisms, technologies, ecologies* in January 2020.

Mara Simon, EdD, assistant professor of physical education and health education, co-authored the book, *Race talk in white schools: Re-Centering teachers of color*, published by Lexington Books in November 2020.



Paul Thifault



William Arighi



Debra L. Burnett



Andrea Coppola

Paul Thifault, PhD, associate professor of English, co-edited *Resources for American Literary Study* (Volume 42.1), a peer-reviewed journal of archival discovery and bibliographical analysis, published February 2021. His editorial assistant was English major **Rowan Beckford**, Class of 2022.

Sofija Zagarins, PhD, associate professor of public health, published “Established diet quality indices are not universally associated with body composition in young adult women” in *Public Health Nutrition* in March 2021.

Meiqi Zhang, doctoral student in the Department of Physical Education and Health Education, published “The effects of a 10-week neuromuscular training on balance performance in elite youth competitive ballroom dancers: A randomized controlled trial” in *Frontiers in Physiology* in March 2021. Her co-authors were **Zhan “John” Liu**, PhD, professor of physical education, and **Daniel M. Smith**, PhD, assistant professor of research and statistics.

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Simone B. Alter-Muri, EdD, professor of and program director for art therapy/counseling and art education, presented “Beyond worries: Fostering post-traumatic growth and resilience of children” at the virtual Building Bridges Conference in March 2021. Alter-Muri also presented discussions and her artwork at several virtual conferences, workshops, and summits, including the following: “The body as canvas: Tattoos, art therapy, and healing” at the Expressive Therapies Summit in November 2020; “Post pause” online art exhibit of her digital art piece at Easthampton (Mass.) City Arts from November 2020 to January 2021; and three paintings at the Amherst Plein Air Society annual members exhibit from November 2020 to January 2021.

William Arighi, PhD, assistant professor of world literature, presented “Mythopolitics of oil and water in Bessora’s petroleum” at the virtual Northeast Modern

Language Association Annual Conference in March 2021. At the same conference, Arighi was the organizer of a panel titled “World literature and unhomeliness.”

Debra L. Burnett, PhD, assistant professor and chair of the Department of Health Sciences, had her proposal “Caregiver/parent understanding-the-child questionnaire: Comparison of parent report in standardization and clinical samples” accepted for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Annual Convention in 2020, which was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Donna J. Chapman, PhD, RD, associate professor of nutritional sciences, presented “Breastfeeding and human milk: Recent research updates” at the virtual Western Area Massachusetts Dietetic Association Conference in February 2021.

Andrea Coppola, OTD, assistant professor of occupational therapy, presented “Competency testing experiences within graduate occupational therapy curriculum” at the virtual American Occupational Therapy Association Inspire Annual Conference in April 2021.

Lara R. Curtis, PhD, instructor in the Department of Literature, Writing, and Journalism, organized a panel on women in French film and presented a paper titled “Feminine Power in Vichy, France: Laurent Heynemann’s *Je ne rêve que de vous*” at the virtual Association of Jewish Studies Conference in December 2020.

Katherine Dugan, PhD, assistant professor of religion, presented “The Kippleys, natural family planning, and Catholic sex lives” at a virtual panel with the U.S. Intellectual History Conference in March 21, 2021. Dugan also presented “The New Emangelization: Crafting masculinity and cultivating Catholic men,” at the virtual American Catholic Historical Association panel in January 2021. She also gave the response to a panel on “Renew, Re-voice, Re-imagine: Ethnographies of religion and technology” at the virtual American Academy of Religion Conference in November 2020.



Christopher Gagne



Anthony C. Hill



Kathleen Martin



Stuart D. Jones

Justine Dymond, PhD, MFA, associate professor of English, organized and chaired a roundtable discussion titled “Been there, survived that: Strategies for navigating the profession” at the virtual Northeast Modern Language Association Conference in March 2021. Dymond also participated in an author meet and greet for her forthcoming short story collection, *The Emigrant and Other Stories* (Sowilo Press), at the virtual Association of Writers & Writing Programs Conference and Bookfair in March 2021.

Mary Kate Feit, PhD, assistant professor of strength and conditioning, presented “Beyond sets and reps: Creating, mastering, and evaluating your coaching behaviors” at the virtual National Strength and Conditioning Association Coaches Conference in January 2021. At the same conference, Feit also co-presented at a roundtable discussion “How to foster a quality internship program” with her Springfield College colleagues **Maura Bergan**, PhD, assistant professor of exercise science and athletic training; **Adam Feit**, PhD, adjunct professor of exercise science and athletic training; and **Brian Thompson**, PhD, professor of exercise science and director of strength and conditioning.

Erin E. Futrell, PhD, assistant professor of physical therapy, presented “Treatment model for patients with chronic low back pain with suspected central sensitization: A patient-derived systematic investigation” at the Regional Virtual Annual Conference for Physical Therapy in November 2020. Her co-presenters were **Shannon Karbowski**, DPT’20; **Taylor Darwin**, DPT’20; and **Kaitlyn Nadereski**, DPT’20.

Christopher Gagne, DMA, assistant professor of music, presented “Addressing gender disparities within jazz ensemble programming and literature at the collegiate level” at the virtual Jazz Education Network Conference in January 2021.

Robert Gruber, PhD, assistant professor of philosophy, humanities and social sciences, presented “Control, collective action, and a solution to the mismatch problem” at the virtual Eastern American Philosophical Association Conference in January 2021.

Megan W. Harvey, PhD, assistant professor of health sciences, presented “The science of COVID-19 and future directions” at the Quaboag Hills Community Coalition in December 2020.

Anthony C. Hill, MSW, EdD, associate professor and Department of Social Work chair, made the following conference presentations: “Strategies to move from surviving to thriving” (featured speaker) at the virtual Parent Professional Advocacy League Summit in March 2021; “Implicit bias and influencing positive change” at the virtual East Windsor Board of Education Conference in February 2021; “Creative ways of building resilience in at-promise youth” at the virtual National Association of Social Workers Pioneer Valley Chapter Conference in January 2021; “Advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in our school” at the virtual Hartford Area Superintendent Association Conference in January 2021; and “Here am I Lord, send me: The courage to raise our voices against injustice” at the virtual North American Association of Christian Social Workers 70th Annual Convention in November 2020.

Stephanie R. Logan, EdD, associate professor and Department of Education chair, presented “From A to Zinn: Helping preservice teachers rethink history through a social justice lens” at the virtual National Association for Multicultural Education Conference in October 2020.

Kathleen Martin, chief of staff in the Office of the President, presented “Considering a chief of staff role: What you need to know” at a webinar for Academic Impressions in April 2021. Martin and **Stuart D. Jones**, vice president for enrollment management, co-presented a webinar “The admissions and alumni relations partnership: Boost student enrollment, develop a philanthropy pipeline and foster robust alumni engagement” for Paperclip Communications in March 2021. Martin also served as a facilitator in a breakout session at the virtual “Anti-racism and the president’s office: Addressing systemic racism in higher education” presentation sponsored by the National Association of Presidential Assistants in Higher Education in February 2020.



Kate Stano



Joseph M. Wronka



Brooke Hollowell



Linda C. Davis-Delano

Elizabeth M. Mullin, PhD, associate professor of exercise science and sport studies, co-presented “Teaching social justice through research and statistics” at the virtual Social Justice through Sport and Exercise Psychology Conference in March 2021.

Kathleen Pappas, PT, DPT, associate professor of human anatomy, and **Chris Hakala**, PhD, director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship, co-presented “Adapting to change: Engaging and supporting students” at the virtual American Association of Clinical Anatomists/Human Anatomy and Physiology Society Regional Conference in October 2020.

Andrew B. Perry, PhD, professor of mathematics and computer science, presented “Numerical solution of differential equations using free software” at the virtual SIMIODE Expo Differential Equations Conference in February 2021. Perry also presented “Effectiveness of NFL punters” at the virtual Midwest Sports Analytics Conference in November 2020.

Dawn Roberts, PhD, associate professor of physical therapy, presented “Does respiratory muscle training improve pulmonary function in children with spastic cerebral palsy?” at the virtual Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy Annual Conference in November 2020. Her co-authors were **Andrew Hanks**, **Isabella Inglese**, and **Daryl Jent**, all Springfield College 2021 Doctor of Physical Therapy candidates. Roberts also co-presented “Does participation in an 8-week comprehensive exercise program improve quality of life in individuals with chronic stroke?” at the virtual American Physical Therapy Association Regional Conference in November 2020. Her co-presenter was **Danielle Letendre**, DPT’20.

Kate Stano, EdD, G’04, senior assistant director of undergraduate admissions and transfer coordinator, served on the virtual panel “COVID keepers: The best of the best pandemic practices” for the New England Transfer Association in March 2021.

Joseph M. Wronka, PhD, professor of social work, presented the following: “Reflections on select recent developments concerning human rights situations in

India/Kashmir, Cambodia, and Angkor Wat” in January 2021; and “Human rights as a conflict resolution strategy: A look at select Asian countries (India, Pakistan, China, Indonesia) and the United States of America from Trump to Biden” in December 2020 at public forums jointly sponsored by the Cambodian World Council, the Cambodian Civilization Center, and the Overseas Khmer Summit.

Sofija Zagarins, PhD, assistant professor of public health, and **Samuel A.E. Headley**, PhD, ACSM-CCEP, ACSM-RCEP, EIM-3, FACSM, professor of exercise science and director of clinical exercise physiology, presented “Measures of exercise capacity as predictors of metabolic outcomes in moderate to severe chronic kidney disease” at the virtual Society for Epidemiologic Research Annual Meeting in December 2020.

GRANTS AND SPONSORED RESEARCH

Brooke Hollowell, PhD, CCC-SLP, ASHA Fellow, dean of the School of Health Sciences, was awarded a \$50,000 Epstein Teicher Philanthropies outreach, advocacy, and research grant as principal investigator for the 2020-21 project “Enhancing communication, life participation, and evidence-based practice through online programming for people with aphasia.”

AWARDS

Linda C. Davis-Delano, PhD, professor of physical education and director of educator preparation and licensure, received the Joseph McKenney Award presented by Massachusetts Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (MAHPERD) in March 2021. In recognition of distinguished service, the Joseph McKenney Award is the highest award that MAHPERD can bestow on a member.

In December 2020, **Alice Fiddian-Green**, PhD, assistant professor of health promotion, had her article “Restor(y)ing health: A conceptual model of



Christine T. Johnston



Brian Thompson



Martin Dobrow (at right) and Kristian Rhim

the effects of digital storytelling on socio-emotional wellbeing” included on the *Health Promotion Practice Journal* editor’s list of top 20 publications published in that journal in the last 20 years.

Christine T. Johnston, MPH, assistant director of alcohol and other drug education and health promotion, received the Doris Michiko Ching Excellence in Student Affairs Award at the virtual NASPA Region 1 Conference in November 2020. At the same conference, she also received the Mid-Level Student Affairs Professional Award for Massachusetts.

Brian Thompson, PhD, professor of exercise science and director of strength and conditioning, was named the 2021 College Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year by the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) in January 2021. The award is given to an outstanding NSCA Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist® to recognize their dedication to improving athletic performance with safe and effective science-based programs.

Sofija Zagarins, PhD, assistant professor of public health, was inducted into the Delta Omega National Honorary Society in Public Health in June 2020.

APPOINTMENTS AND COMMITTEES

Julia Chevan, PhD, professor of physical therapy, was elected treasurer of the American Council of Academic Physical Therapy (ACAPT) and has accepted the appointment as co-chair of the ACAPT National Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Commission.

Laurel R. Davis-Delano, PhD, professor of sociology, was appointed to the board of the *International Journal of Intercultural Relations* in February 2021.

Chris Hakala, PhD, director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship, was appointed to the board of directors of the Eastern Psychological Association in March 2021.

Elizabeth M. Mullin, PhD, associate professor of exercise science and sport studies, was appointed vice chair of the board of the Hampshire Regional YMCA in January 2021.

Andrew B. Perry, PhD, professor of mathematics and computer science, was appointed to a three-year term as associate editor of *Convergence*, an online publication of the Mathematical Association of America.

Joseph M. Wronka, PhD, professor of social work, was elected in February 2021 to a two-year term as a member at large to the executive committee of the NGO Committee on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

ENDEAVORS

As a member of the Massachusetts Mascot Coalition Steering Committee, **Laurel R. Davis-Delano**, PhD, professor of sociology, helped plan two panels of nine Native American spokespersons for a bill currently before the Massachusetts legislature called “An Act Prohibiting the Use of Native American Mascots by Public Schools in the Commonwealth” (H.443 and S.2593). The panel presentations were before the Massachusetts House Progressive Caucus and in front of the Massachusetts Senate, both in March 2021. She also worked with the steering committee to plan a similar panel that was held before for the Wakefield (Mass.) School Committee in March 2021.

Martin Dobrow, MA, professor of communications, and Student Trustee **Kristian Rhim**, Class of 2021, had their Springfield College podcast on the intersection of basketball and social justice, called “Liberty, Justice, and Ball,” picked up by the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Since then, it has morphed into a focus on social justice conversations with Basketball Hall of Fame Inductees that will air twice a month for two years. The first episode featured Grant Hill on April 1, 2021. Upcoming guests include hall of famers Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Bob Cousy, Cynthia Cooper, Teresa Weatherspoon, Jerry West, Robert Parrish, and Spencer Haywood.



Tessa Rickart



Wayne Rodrigues



Kyle Belanger



Nicole Coakley

Erin E. Futrell, PhD, assistant professor of physical therapy, was re-certified by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties as a board-certified clinical specialist in orthopaedic physical therapy in October 2020.

Andrew B. Perry, PhD, professor of mathematics and computer science, served as a faculty judge for the Student Content in Undergraduate Differential Equation Modeling in a virtual competition in November 2020. Perry rendered scores and provided constructive feedback to high school and undergraduate students from around the world. Students were judged on their creation of a mathematics model using differential equations and preparation of a 10-minute video presentation on their work.

Tessa Rickart, social media and web specialist, graduated with a Master of Arts in communications with a focus in new media (4.0 GPA) from Southern New Hampshire University in March 2021.

Wayne Rodrigues, MEd, assistant professor of exercise science and athletic training, completed the Quality Matters Teaching Online Certification Course, which includes participation in seven workshops over 11 weeks. He is currently using the skills learned to develop online course modules for the Springfield College Master of Athletic Training program as a part of his sabbatical project.

Joseph M. Wronka, PhD, professor of social work, produced and directed a show for Amherst Media on "Poetry and Human Rights" with the Amherst-Pelham (Mass.) Regional Middle School as part of Human Rights Day in December 2020.

MEDIA APPEARANCES AND MENTIONS

Simone Alter-Muri
Refugee Art Exhibit
3/9/21, MassLive

Kyle Belanger
Radio Row at Super Bowl
2/4/21, WesternMass News

Angela Campbell
COVID-19 Live Webinar
1/17/21, BusinessWest

Julia Chevan
Physical Therapy Student Finalist in Essay Contest
2/22/21, BusinessWest

Nicole Coakley
Humanics in Action Club Delivery
3/24/21, WesternMass News

Mary-Beth A. Cooper
Commencement Plans
3/29/21, WesternMass News

Commencement Plans
3/29/21, WWLP TV 22

Legislative Breakfast
3/18/21, BusinessWest

S. Prestley Blake Remembrance
2/12/21, WWLP TV 22

S. Prestley Blake Remembrance
2/12/21, WesternMass News

S. Prestley Blake Remembrance
2/12/21, Reminder Publications

2-1-1 Grand Opening
2/11/21, WWLP TV 22

Allison Cumming-McCann
Holyoke Public Schools Partnership
2/23/21, MassLive



Calvin Hill



Efrosini Kokaliari



Felicia Lundquist



Andrew Perry

Laurel Davis-Delano

Inauguration Story
2/1/21, *Springfield Republican*

Cleveland Indians Set to Change Name
12/14/20, yahoo.com

Year That Killed the Native Mascot
12/14/20, newrepublic.com

Fresno High Changes Mascot Name
12/8/20, fresnobee.com

Linda Davis-Delano

Holyoke Public Schools Partnership
2/23/21, MassLive

Martin Dobrow

“Liberty, Justice, and Ball” Podcast
3/31/21, WWLP TV 22

William Guerrero

New Vice President of Finance and Administration
1/4/21, *BusinessWest*

Megan Harvey and Sofija Zagarins

How 132 Epidemiologists Are Deciding
When to Send Their Children to School
6/12/20 *New York Times*

Megan Harvey

Women’s Health Research
1/12/21, *BusinessWest*

Calvin Hill

Martin Luther King Jr. Lecture
2/11/21, Masslive

Day to Confront Racism
3/19/21, Masslive

Courageous Conversations
4/5/21, *BusinessWest*

Christine Johnston

Contact Tracing
3/17/21, *WesternMass News*

Stuart Jones

Phi Theta Kappa Transfer Honor Roll
3/5/21, *BusinessWest*

Efrosini Kokaliari

Hellenic Mediterranean University in Greece
Presentation
12/21/20, Masslive

Stephanie Logan

Adjustments to MCAS in Massachusetts Schools
3/24/21, *WesternMass News*

Dr. Seuss Read Across America
3/2/21, *WesternMass News*

Felicia Lundquist

Cultural Connections Speaker Series
2/18/21, *BusinessWest*

Kathleen Martin

Progress report: Forum reveals women still
face challenges—and a glass ceiling
BusinessWest

David McMahon

Adopt a Family Program
12/18/20, *Springfield Republican*

Andrew Perry

March Madness Sports Analytics
3/22/21, *WesternMass News*

Craig Poisson

Athletics Honors Black History Month
2/24/21, *WesternMass News*

Brian Thompson

Athletic Trainer of the Year
12/3/20, WWLP TV 22



William Guerrero



Samantha Sargent



Mitchell Sibley-Jett



Beth Zapatka

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