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PUBLICATIONS

Chelsea Allison, PhD, assistant professor of nutrition and exercise science, co-authored “Development and validation of a food systems knowledge and attitudes survey for college students” in the *Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition* in February 2022.

William Arighi, PhD, assistant professor of world literature, co-authored “Pathology of the antipodes: The imperial critique in Galdós’s and Rizal’s portrayals of the Philippines,” in *Anales Galdosianos* in 2021.

Joseph Brockway, PhD, assistant professor of Spanish, translated two Spanish-language poems by Nemir Matos Cintrón into English in *Reliquiae* (Vol. 9, No.2) in November 2021: “Song to Changó/Canto a Changó” and “I Am the Beginning/Soy el Principio.”

Julia Chevan, PhD, professor of physical therapy and chair of the Department of Physical Therapy, co-authored “Mind the gap: An analysis of physical therapist earnings in the United States by male/female sex” in the *PJT: Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Journal* in January 2022.

Laurel Davis-Delano, PhD, professor of sociology, co-authored “Perceived indicators of American Indian identity in everyday interaction: Navigating settler-colonial erasure” in *Ethnic and Racial Studies* in October 2021. Her co-authors were Sita L. Strother (JSI Research & Training Institute) and Joseph P. Gone (Harvard University). Also with these co-authors, Davis-Delano published “Native American identity work in settler colonial context” in the *International Journal of Intercultural Relations* in October 2021.

Martin Dobrow, MA, professor of communications, authored “Beaten by the Klan in 1963, a Black man just spoke to the White pastor who helped rescue him” in *The Washington Post* in February 2022.

Nina Esaki, PhD, assistant professor of social work, co-authored “Social capital within a nonprofit board and governance effectiveness” in *Relational Social Work* in October 2021. Esaki also co-authored “Next steps: Applying a trauma-informed model to create an anti-racist organizational culture” in *Behavioral Sciences* in February 2022.

Megan W. Harvey, PhD, assistant professor of health sciences, co-authored “Risk of cancer in a community exposed to per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances” in *Environmental Health Insights* in February 2022.

Jason J. Holder, PhD, associate professor of physical education and health education and head wrestling coach, and **Daniel M. Smith**, PhD, assistant professor of research and statistics in the Department of Physical Education and Health Education, co-authored “Coaching leadership behaviors: A comparison of high school and collegiate wrestling coaches” in *The Sport Journal* in November 2021.

Emily Lyons, PhD, assistant professor of education, co-authored “Complicated gender gaps in mathematics achievement: Elevated stakes during performance as one explanation” in *Mind, Brain, and Education* in February 2022.

Kathleen A. Martin, DPE, chief of staff in the Office of the President, authored “One woman’s journey to PRIDE: Viewpoint,” which was published in *The Republican* and on MassLive in June 2021.



Debra Burnett



Joseph Brockway



Tommy Crabill



Eileen Cyr

Meghan Migeon, DMSc, associate professor of physician assistant studies and chair of the Department of Physician Assistant Studies, published “Is gabapentin a safe and effective treatment for nonneuropathic pain?” in the *Journal of the American Academy of PAs* in December 2021.

Elizabeth M. Mullin, PhD, associate professor of exercise science and sport studies; **Jasmin Hutchinson**, PhD, professor of exercise science; and **Kathleen T. Mellano**, PhD, assistant professor of exercise science, co-authored “Impact of COVID-19 restrictions on mental health and physical activity among LGBQAP and heterosexual adults” in the *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health* in November 2021. Mullin also co-authored “Queer, non-biological mothers: Competing, marginalized athletic identities” in the *Journal of Homosexuality* in November 2021.

Elizabeth O’Neill, DPE, professor of applied exercise science and program director, co-authored “Wearables, respiratory rehabilitation, acute myocardial infarction and frailty, and high-intensity respiratory muscle training” in the *Journal of Clinical Exercise Physiology* in January 2022. Her co-author was **Michelle Stehman**, Class of 2023, doctoral candidate in exercise physiology.

Wilton R. Stewart, PhD, adjunct professor in the Department of Human Services, co-authored *A Gentle Giant: Myrtle Stewart’s Poetry & Memoirs* in February 2022.

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Simone B. Alter-Muri, EdD, professor and director of art therapy/counseling and art education, co-presented “Revisiting art therapy education: Reflections on inclusivity, accessibility and anti-racism” at the American Art Therapy virtual conference in December 2021. At the same conference, Alter-Muri and **Sarah Nangeroni**, G’21, art therapist, co-presented “Inking my identity: The healing and transformative power of symbols and tattoos.”

William Arighi, PhD, assistant professor of world literature, presented “Fever dreams: Jesús Balmori and Manuel Bernabé imagine a Spanish balagtasán” at the Modern Language Association Conference in Washington, D.C., in January 2022.

Debra Burnett, PhD, assistant professor and chair of the Department of Health Sciences, co-presented “Analysis of parents’ item-specific comments on the caregiver/parent understanding-the-child questionnaire” at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association annual convention in November 2021.

Joseph Brockway, PhD, assistant professor of Spanish, presented “Poetry as a tool for teaching foreign languages” at the Northeast Modern Language Association Annual Convention in Baltimore, Md., in March 2022.

Tommy Crabill, MEd, assistant professor of physical education and head men’s soccer coach, presented “Use of GPS and heart rate technology by a collegiate men’s soccer team” at the Massachusetts Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention at Springfield College in March 2022.

Eileen Cyr, EdD, professor of education, and **Katy Reed**, MEd, Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure® coordinator, co-presented “An examination of urban teachers’ beliefs surrounding their school’s alignment with national family and community engagement standards” at the Critical Questions in Education Conference in Charleston, S.C., in February 2022. Their co-presenters were **Cynthia Farmer** and **Katarzyna Larkowski**, both members of the Class of 2022 in the S-Cubed working teachers program, and teachers in the Springfield (Mass.) Public Schools.

Linda Davis-Delano, PhD, director of educator preparation and licensure and professor of physical education, co-presented “Leveraging the power of coalition for teacher diversity: Lesson and recommendations from the paradigm shift initiative” at the Massachusetts Association of Colleges for Teacher Education virtual conference in November 2021.



Ariel Rodriguez



Michael Louis



Elizabeth O'Neill

Katherine Dugan, PhD, associate professor of religious studies, presented “Man up! Natural family planning and the formations of Catholic masculinities in the 21st century” at the American Academy of Religion Conference in San Antonio, Texas, in November 2021.

Heather Gilmour, EdD, assistant professor of sport management and recreation, and **Ariel Rodriguez**, PhD, associate professor of recreation management, co-presented “Mutually beneficial partnerships: Diversifying experience for students and faculty through community-action research” at the Commission on Sport Management Accreditation Conference in Houston, Texas, in February 2022.

Mary Ellen Hluska, PhD, assistant professor of art therapy, presented “Art therapy undergraduates: Strategies for equitable learning using real time learning assessment” at the American Art Therapy Association virtual conference in October 2021. At the same conference, Hluska co-presented “Adapting creatively: Introducing undergraduate students to arts-based research through documentary.” Her co-presenters were current graduate students **Emma Halloran** and **Meghan Reed**.

Jasmin Hutchinson, PhD, professor of exercise science, was lead presenter of “Psychological and behavioral responses to up- and down-ramped resistance training” at the Association for Applied Sport Psychology Northeast Regional Conference, hosted virtually by Springfield College in March 2022. Her co-presenters were PhD and master’s degree students from the program in sport and exercise psychology. They are **Gabrielle Salvator** and **Allison Grace** from the Class of 2022; **Samantha Adler**, **Diana Curtis**, **Sidney Wentland**, and **Yan Luo** from the Class of 2023; and **Cara Gustafson** from the Class of 2025.

Longxi Li, MEd, Class of 2022 doctoral candidate in physical education; **Michelle Moosbrugger**, PhD, associate professor of physical education and chair of the Department of Physical Education and Health Education; and **Michael Louis**, MS, assistant professor of physical education, head men’s and women’s tennis

coach, co-presented “Cultivating college students’ motivation in physical education through sports education model in the COVID-19 era” at the Massachusetts Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention at Springfield College in March 2022.

James G. O’Brien, PhD, professor of physics and mathematics and chair of the Department of Mathematics, Physics, and Computer Science, presented “Is the universe really dark?” as part of the Harrington STEM Lectures at the State University of New York at New Paltz in March 2022.

Mara Simon, EdD, assistant professor of physical education and health education, and **Korey Boyd**, PhD, assistant professor of physical education and health education, co-presented “Towards inclusive scholarship and beyond: Reflective race research in kinesiology” at the National Association for Kinesiology in Higher Education virtual conference in January 2022.

Anne C. Wheeler, PhD, associate professor of composition and rhetoric and chair of the Department of Literature, Writing, and Journalism, presented “Clusters of memory: Actualizing communicative memories of the gay sexual revolution” at the Rhetoric Society of America Conference in Baltimore, Md., in May 2021. Wheeler also virtually presented “Tubs or cesspools: Making space for celebratory remembering of pre-AIDS gay life” at the Conference on College Composition & Communication in March 2021.

AWARDS

Simone B. Alter-Muri, EdD, professor and director of art therapy/counseling and art education, received the Outstanding Applied Creative Practice Award from the American Art Therapy Association in December 2021. The award is given to an art therapist who serves as a model of excellence in the field of art therapy.

Elizabeth O'Neill, DPE, professor of applied exercise science and program director, received the President’s



Boston City Councilor at Large **Julia Mejia** (from left), **Victoria White**, member of the Youth Mental Health Advisory Council, and **Gayl Crump-Swaby**



Pamela Higgins



Brooke Hallowell

Award from the New England American College of Sports Medicine for her service as the organization president in 2021.

Gayl Crump Swaby, EdD, associate professor of counseling, received an official resolution from the city of Boston in recognition of her “exemplary work uplifting the mental health and wellness of people across Boston.” The resolution was presented to her in December 2021 by Boston City Councilor At-Large **Julia Mejia**.

The Student Advocates for Wellness undergraduate peer health education team, supervised by **Christine T. Johnston**, MPH, assistant director of alcohol and other drug education and health promotion and campus recreation, received the Outstanding Peer Education Program Award presented by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators at its General Assembly Conference in November 2021. Johnston accepted the award for the team’s work on the Asking for a Friend program at Springfield College on behalf of current and former students on the Student Advocates for Wellness team. They include **Kaitlyn Rego**, **Gabby DeRose**, **Jack Costa**, **Gabriela Penarrieta**, **Katelee McCormic**, **Hannah Day**, and **Pamela Marino** from the Class of 2022; **Chalan Whelan**, **Katie Kelly**, **Rachel Perry**, **Arianna Vessicchio**, **Patrick Hall**, **Ern Duffy**, **Rahab Moktan**, **Myah Baird**, **Lexie Carroccio**, and **Annalee Pagliaro** from the Class of 2024; **Grace Pedersen ’21**; **Allison Leary ’21**, doctor of physical therapy Class of 2023; **Garrett Ossolinski ’21**, **Leah Mills ’21**, and **April Phelps ’21**, all of the physician assistant Class of 2023; **Sarah Hogan ’21**, clinical mental health counseling graduate Class of 2023; and **Kelsi Baker**, counseling psychology Class of 2023.

APPOINTMENTS AND COMMITTEES

Laurel R. Davis-Delano, PhD, professor of sociology, currently serves as a member of the Program Committee for the Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations Section of the American Sociological Association.

Pamela S. Higgins, MS, MPH, associate professor of health science, was appointed as public health specialist and board member of the Bradley Memorial Trust Advisory Committee. The term runs from January 2022-December 2024. Her role is to review grants, make site visits to grantees, and assure the grantees have provided measurable outcomes for nonprofit organizations in Southington, Conn.

Wilton R. Stewart, PhD, adjunct professor in the Department of Human Services, was appointed to the South Carolina St. Paul’s Fire District Commission in Hollywood, S.C., in January 2022.

GRANTS AND SPONSORED RESEARCH

Brooke Hallowell, PhD, dean of the School of Health Sciences, was awarded a \$50,000 grant from Epstein Teicher Philanthropies for her work on brain empowerment projects.

ENDEAVORS

Simone B. Alter-Muri, EdD, professor and director of art therapy/counseling and art education, virtually exhibited her artwork at the Learning from COVID-19 Experiences Project at Florida State University. The art exhibit was an international collaboration organized by American art therapists from Florida State University, and occurred in February 2022 through the professional exchanges of United States and Russian art therapists, mental health professionals, educators, and students.

Laurel R. Davis-Delano, PhD, professor of sociology, testified virtually before the Vermont Legislature Education Committee on mascot bill, S.139 “An act relating to nondiscriminatory school branding,” in February 2022.

Linda Davis-Delano, PhD, director of educator preparation and licensure and professor of physical education, gave written and oral testimony to the Massachusetts Legislature Joint Committee on Education



Harold InDelicato



Gary Berte



Kelly Curtis '12 competing in skeleton at the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics

in support of the Massachusetts Educator Diversity Act (H.682 and S.366) virtually in October 2021. If passed, this comprehensive bill will increase the recruitment and retention of diverse educators and improve hiring bias training and data transparency.

Martin Dobrow, MA, professor of communications, and **Kris Rhim '21**, continued their "Liberty, Justice, and Ball" podcast started in 2020. The podcast, sponsored by the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, focused on the social justice stories of basketball legends, including Jerry West, Tamika Catchings, Sidney Moncrief, Tina Thompson, and Ann Meyers Drysdale during the 2021-22 academic year.

Harold InDelicato, MFA, assistant professor of art and design, published an original ink drawing in *Thought Art Magazine*, Issue 05. He also exhibited an original figure drawing at the "Human Faces and Figures" art exhibition in January 2022 at the Las Laguna Art Gallery in Laguna Beach, Calif. InDelicato exhibited an original limited print at the fifth annual Art of Darkness exhibition at the HeARTspot Art Center and Gallery in East Providence, R.I., in November 2021.

The BLENDi Pro portable blender, created by **Jon Katz '19**, was featured in a demonstration on the syndicated *Tamron Hall Show* in March 2022.

Stephen A. Roulier, vice president for communications and external affairs, has been elected to serve a one-year term on the Public Relations Society of America Counselors to Higher Education Executive Committee. This will be Roulier's second stint on the executive committee, first serving from 2005-2015.

MEDIA APPEARANCES AND MENTIONS

Simone Alter-Muri

American Art Therapy Association Award
11/23/21, *BusinessWest*

Kyle Belanger

Impact of Tom Brady postponing retirement
3/14/22, *Western Mass News*

Super Bowl Radio Row
2/7/22, *WWLP TV 22*, *Western Mass News*

Gary Berte

Springfield Board of Police Commissioners
Appointment
3/7/22, *The Republican*, *MassLive.com*,
New England Public Media, *WBUR-Boston*

Justin Compton

Named to Ecological Society of America Board
of Professional Certification
12/8/21, *BusinessWest*

Mary-Beth Cooper

Billie Jean King Commencement Announcement
2/22, *Springfield Republican*, *WWLP TV 22*,
Western Mass News, *University Business*,
Inside Higher Ed, *MassLive.com*, *BusinessWest*

Campaign Launch
11/12/21, *Springfield Republican*

Nicole Coakley

Humanics in Action Club
1/6/22, *Springfield Republican*

Kelly Curtis '12

First U.S. Black skeleton athlete competing
in Olympics
3/15/22, *Tulane Hullabaloo*

Laurel Davis-Delano

Research findings on the psychosocial effects
of Native American mascots
02/22/22, *Newsbreak.com*
11/25/21, *The Daily Iowan*
11/5/21, *Native News Online*

Marty Dobrow

Black History Month Article
2/16/22, *The Washington Post*



Charlene Elvers



Logan Large (at right) is interviewed by a reporter from WWLP-TV22 News at the grand opening of the Veterans and Military Services Center.



Rachel Ahlmeyer

Charlene Elvers

Women of Impact Award Ceremony
12/9/21, BusinessWest

Calvin Hill

Martin Luther King Jr. Lecture
1/13/22, Springfield Republican

Naomi Graves and Sam Hourihan

NCAA Division III Women's Basketball
Sweet Sixteen
3/7/22, Western Mass News

Christine Johnston

Student Wellness Advocates Earn NASPA Award
12/20/21, BusinessWest

Rachel Keyworth

Partnership with Therapeutic Recreation Students
and Special Olympics
12/13/21, BusinessWest

Logan Large

Springfield College Military-friendly Status
3/8/22, WWLP-TV22 News

Opening of Veterans and Military Services Center
11/12/21, WWLP TV 22

Arielle Maile

AmeriCorps Opening
11/5/21, WWLP TV 22

David McMahon

Adopt a Family Program
12/17/21, BusinessWest

Craig Poisson

NCAA Division III LGBTQ Athletics
Department of the Year
1/27/22, Springfield Republican

Charles Roys

Western Massachusetts Baseball Hall of Fame
3/10/22, WWLP TV 22

Grady Short and Sophia Bucal

Spalding Hoophall Classic Leadership Award
1/17/22, Springfield Republican

Meghan Rothschild

Crisis Communications Class
11/10/21, WWLP TV 22

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