Mary Barnum, EdD, professor of exercise science and sport studies, was a contributing editor and author of the sixth edition of Foundations of Athletic Training: Prevention, Assessment, and Management (Lippincott Williams & Wilkins) in July 2016.

Kristen Bonanno-Sotiropoulos, instructor of special education, published “Cooperative teaching to benefit all learners: What can educational leaders do to ensure success?” in the National Association of Special Education Teachers Classroom Management series in October 2016.


Joel Dearing, associate professor of physical education, wrote “Introduction to Match Management” for the USA Volleyball Online Coaching Module in spring 2016. The modules were part of his work as a member of the cadre for the USA Volleyball Coaching Accreditation Program.


Raldy Laguilles, EdD, coordinator of institutional research, and Mary Ann Coughlin, DPE, associate vice president for academic affairs, co-edited “Postgraduate Outcomes of College Students,” in an issue of New Directions for Institutional Research in October 2016. Laguilles and Coughlin also contributed two chapters in the issue.

Rebecca Lartigue, PhD, professor of English, published her poem “Ode to Across and Down” in Clementine Unbound in October 2016.

Tan Leng Goh, PhD, assistant professor of physical education, co-authored “Effects of a TAKE 10! classroom-based physical activity intervention on third- to fifth-grade children’s on-task behavior” in the Journal of Physical Activity and Health in July 2016.


An article titled “How to Launch Your College Snapchat Account” by Crystal Maldonado, Web writer, was published in Higher Ed Experts in August 2016.


Paul Thifault, PhD, assistant professor of English, published “Ripley down under: Highsmith’s allusion to Australian true crime” in ANQ: A Quarterly Journal of Short Articles, Notes, and Reviews in October 2016.


Richard J. Wood, PhD, associate professor of exercise science and sport studies, published “Can endurance athletes perform well with a very low carbohydrate diet?” in the American Medical Athletic Association Journal in March 2016.


Simone Alter-Muri, EdD, professor of art, presented a paper and PowerPoint on art-based research at the Art and Psychotherapy Center in Athens, Greece, in May 2016. She also presented “The body as canvas: Tattoos healing and art therapy” at the American Art Therapy Annual Conference in Baltimore in July 2016.


Eric Castillo, PhD, assistant dean/campus director for Springfield College Houston, presented “Education as the practice of freedom: Educating adult learners about social change” at the National Association for Adult and Continuing Education in Albuquerque, N.M., in November 2016.

Donna J. Chapman, PhD, assistant professor of nutritional sciences, presented a workshop titled “Lactation professionals’ perceptions of lactation assessment tools: Purpose, thought process, limitations, and suggested improvements” at the International Lactation Consultant Association in Chicago in July 2016.

Eileen Cyr, EdD, professor of education, and Kelli Nielsen ’15, a graduate of the Springfield College S-Cubed education program, presented “Can we get this furniture upstairs and into my bedroom? A little help from our friend Pythagoras” at the annual meeting of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics in San Francisco in April 2016.

Laurel Davis-Delano, PhD, professor of sociology, and Elizabeth Morgan, PhD, assistant professor of psychology, presented “I swear I’m not gay!: Heterosexual identity development in the context of suspicion regarding sexual orientation identities” at the biannual meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence in Baltimore in April 2016. They also presented the following papers: “Bisexuality obscured: Dichotomous and antonymous cultural conceptions
of sexual orientation revealed and reinforced by heterosexual marking” at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society in Boston in March 2016; and “Behaviors that mark heterosexuality as motivated by and maintaining heterosexism” at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood in Miami in October 2015.

**Joel Dearing**, associate professor of physical education, was a guest panelist for “Ten Coaching Blind Spots,” a webinar by the American Volleyball Coaches Association, in July 2016.

**Nina Dini**, associate professor of computer science, presented “Study of online assessment tools in improving students’ ability to think critically” at the Northeast Decision Sciences Institute Conference in Alexandria, Va., in spring 2016.

**Alice Eaton**, PhD, chair of the Department of Humanities and professor of English, presented “No system of justice: Abandoning mothers and desperate children in Toni Morrison’s novels” at the International Society for the Study of Narrative conference in Amsterdam, Netherlands, in June 2016. There, she also coordinated a panel on Morrison’s newest novel, God Help the Child.


**Dennis Gildea**, PhD, professor of communications, presented “Millard Lampell: From football to the blacklist,” at the annual North American Society for Sport History convention in Atlanta in May 2016. He also presented “Casablanca at 75: The view from ‘San Remo Drive,’” at the Sport Literature Association conference in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, in June 2016.

**Dennis Gildea**, PhD, professor of communications, and **Rick Paar**, PhD, professor of psychology, presented “From nothing to something: How basketball spread across the globe” at the Society for Chaos Theory in Psychology and Life Sciences conference in Salt Lake City in July 2016.


**Martha Potvin**, PhD, provost and vice president for academic affairs, was an invited panelist at the annual meeting of the Engagement Scholarship Consortium in Omaha, Neb., in October 2016. The luncheon plenary session addressed provosts’ perspectives on engagement scholarship.

**Oliver Rick**, PhD, assistant professor of sport management and recreation, presented the keynote address titled “Achieving interconnected praxis: Connecting new theoretical potentials to material outcomes in physical cultural studies” at the ninth annual Graduate Student Conference at the University of Maryland in College Park, Md., in March 2016. There, he also presented “Engaging health and physical culture: Power, politics, and possibilities.” Rick presented “Physical cultures and affect: leaning in to the affective turn” at the Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting in Boston in March 2016; and “Working Towards an Engaged Praxial Mode” and “Flattening the Active City: Physical Culture and Assemblage Urbanism” at the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport in Tampa, Fla., in November 2016.

**John E. Roland**, PhD, associate professor of human services and coordinator of the mental health program at Springfield College Wilmington, presented “Spirituality and cognitive behavioral therapy for depression recovery” at the 40th annual American Mental Health Counselors Association conference in New Orleans in July 2016. Roland also conducted a four-session workshop series on mental illness and the importance of developing partnerships between community mental health organizations and faith-based communities, which was held in conjunction with the Mental Health Awareness Initiative hosted by Seeds of Greatness Bible Church in New Castle, Del.


**Janine Spinola Taylor**, assistant professor of human services, co-presented a workshop titled “Whose footprints did you think were in the sand?” at the 2016 Center for Human Development (CHD) Through Her Eyes conference in Springfield, Mass., in October 2016.

**Judith A. Stang**, DPA, assistant dean/campus director for Springfield College Wilmington, and **John Roland**, PhD, associate professor of human services and coordinator of the mental health program at Springfield College Wilmington, presented “The speed of trust: The art of balancing in the workplace” at the
Association for Continuing Higher Education
MidAtlantic Spring Regional Conference in Ocean City, Md., in April 2016.

Paul Thifault, PhD, assistant professor of English, presented “Blueblood in the bluegrass: Wealth and work in bird’s nick of the woods” at the annual Northeastern Modern Language Association conference in March 2016.

Brian Thompson, PhD, professor of exercise science and sport studies, presented “Practical guide to plyometrics,” “Optimizing power,” and “Keys to developing strength” at the China Performance Training and Health Conference in Beijing, China, in October 2016. He also presented “Periodization and program design” and “Training for peak sports performance” at I-FIT National Fitness Trainers Convention in Beijing, China, in August 2016. Thompson presented “Developing strength, power, and speed for basketball” and “Dialogue with the masters” at Beijing Sport University International Training Summit in Beijing, China, in September 2015.

Shelley Ware, graduate student in the School of Social Work, presented a poster titled “LGBT and aging” at the National Association of Social Workers Massachusetts Chapter annual symposium in Framingham, Mass., in April 2016.

Anne Wheeler, PhD, assistant professor of composition/rhetoric, presented “What I learned in MFA school, Or how I learned to teach the I” at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in Houston, Texas, in April 2016. She also presented “Remembering Sadao Munemori: Public memory as rhetorical process” at the 17th Biennial Rhetoric Society of America Conference in Atlanta in May 2016.

Richard J. Wood, PhD, associate professor of exercise science and sport studies, presented “Can distance runners perform well without the traditional high-carb eating pattern?” at the American Medical Athletic Association 45th Annual Sports Medicine Symposium at the Boston Marathon in Boston in April 2016. He also presented “Preserving fat-free mass during weight loss” at the Maine Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics in Augusta, Maine, in April 2016.

As representative to the United Nations for the International Association of Schools of Social Work, Joseph Wronka, PhD, professor of social work, submitted four policy briefs to the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva at its 30th session in 2015. The policies were in regards to world drug problems, the rights of peasants, the Universal Periodic Review Process, and the response of the United States to the Universal Periodic Review Process. There, he also moderated a panel on “The right to self-determination” co-sponsored by the World Muslim Congress and the Kashmiri Institute. Wronka presented “The Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a tool for conflict resolution” at the Fulbright Association Conference Creating Pathways to Peace: Global Health and Education in Atlanta in November 2015. Wronka also presented “Human rights as the bedrock of social justice: Implications for the helping and health professions” at the International Human Rights Education Association Conference in Middleburg, Holland, in December 2015.

Charlene Elvers, director of student volunteer programs, was awarded $27,000 by the Massachusetts Campus Compact, MACC VISTA, and MACC Partnerships for Education, for a full-time VISTA volunteer during the 2016-17 academic year. The volunteer will work with middle school youth in an after-school program at Duggan Academy, in collaboration with Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Services. Elvers will oversee the VISTA-provided services.

Samuel Headley, PhD, professor of physical education, was awarded $200,000 by Relypsa, Inc., Investigator Sponsored Trials, to support a clinical trial research study “Move to Health - 2.” He also was awarded $10,000 by Renal and Transplant Associates of New England to support an 18-month collaborative research study at Springfield College titled “Move to Health - 1.” Headley is the principal investigator in collaboration with Renal and Transplant Associates of New England. The study is testing the impact of selected lifestyle interventions on the health outcomes of chronic kidney disease patients.

Christine Johnston, assistant director of alcohol and other drug education and health promotion, was awarded $20,000 by the American Cancer Society and Tobacco-Free Generation Campus Grants to support the main campus going smoke- and tobacco-free beginning Jan. 1, 2017. Funds may be used for signage, awareness materials, and campus programming. Johnston is working...
with David Hall, EdD, director of campus recreation and interim assistant vice president for student affairs, to implement the grant.

The Springfield College AmeriCorps program was awarded $885,585 by the Massachusetts Service Alliance and the Corporation for National and Community Service and $3,000 from Springfield Public Schools and Partner Cash Match to continue its School Turnaround Program for three years through August 2019. The community service program serves at-risk students in high-need schools in partnership with the Springfield Public Schools. AmeriCorps also received $2,000 from Springfield Public Schools and Partner Cash Match to support years 2-3 of renewed funding for the Massachusetts Reading Corps. The AmeriCorps program also was awarded $439,354 by the Massachusetts Service Alliance, State Formula Funding, and the Corporation for National and Community Service. The two-year funding will allow the Springfield College AmeriCorps program—led by Matthew Braddak, program director of AmeriCorps—to continue into its 20th year.

The Springfield College Center for Youth Development and Research received $600 from the Regional Employment Board of Hampden County, Inc., and Hasbro Summer Learning Initiative to fund a Springfield College student in summer 2016 to provide youth services. The services will be part of Positive Youth Development: Quality Enhancement in After-School and Out-of-School Time programming, led by Albert J. Petitpas, director of the Center for Youth Development and Research and professor of psychology.

The Springfield College men's basketball team received $5,000 from the City of Springfield and Community Development Block Grants to continue the team's all-volunteer Pride Literacy Awards program for the 2016-17 school year, serving elementary students in several Springfield Public Schools. Charlie Brock, head men's basketball coach, directs the program, which he initiated in 2000.

A paper titled “‘Micro’ versus ‘small’ family businesses: A multinational analysis” by Robert Lussier, ScD, professor of business management, was selected by the Journal of Small Business and Enterprise Development editorial team as the Outstanding Paper in the 2016 Emerald Literati Network Awards for Excellence.

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APPOINTMENTS AND COMMITTEES

Simone Alter-Muri, EdD, professor of art, was elected to serve on the American Art Therapy Association Education Committee in January 2016.

Julia Chevan, PhD, interim dean of the School of Health Sciences and Rehabilitation Studies and professor of physical therapy, was appointed to the American Physical Therapy Association's (APTA) Public Policy and Advocacy Committee (PPAC) in June 2016. The PPAC is charged with providing strategic advice and counsel to the APTA board of directors.

Alice Eaton, PhD, chair of the Department of Humanities and professor of English, served on the organizing committee for the seventh Biennial Conference of the Toni Morrison Society Conference in New York City in July 2016. The conference featured several panels of writers who had worked with Morrison as editor, such as Angela Davis, Quincy Troupe, and James McPherson. Toni Morrison was a key presence at the conference as well. Eaton facilitated many aspects of the conference, from room assignments to registration to accompanying speakers to their panels.

Raldy Laguilles, EdD, coordinator of institutional research, was elected as a steering committee member of the North East Association for Institutional Research (NEAIR) in October 2016. He will be part of the association's governing board for a three-year term. NENAIR is the regional professional association for institutional researchers.

Linda L. Marston, PhD, director of grants and sponsored research, has been elected to a fourth term on the advisory board of the Grants Resource Center (GRC), AASCU, in Washington, D.C., through 2018. She has served on the GRC advisory board since 2009, representing Category A Institutions, and recently completed a one-year at-large term also representing private college members.

Julie Smist, PhD, chair of the Department of Biology/Chemistry and professor of chemistry, served as the program chair for the Biennial Conference on Chemical Education at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Ohio, in August 2016.
Brian Thompson, PhD, professor of exercise science and sport studies, has been named expert technical consultant to the Chinese National Fitness Trainers Committee by the director of the Chinese Sports Bureau in October 2016. Thompson is the first non-Chinese citizen ever to receive this appointment.

Frank Torre, PhD, professor of chemistry, was elected to the Board of Publications for the Journal of Chemical Education at the American Chemical Society (ACS) meeting in Philadelphia in August 2016. He was elected for three terms beginning Jan. 1, 2017. The board oversees the operation and publication of the Journal of Chemical Education, which is published jointly by the American Chemical Society and the ACS Division of Chemical Education.

Robert A. Fiore, DBA, professor of business management, traveled to Hong Kong Baptist University in spring 2016. During his trip, Fiore lectured and collaborated with the faculty and students at the university on the academic area of entrepreneurship and assisted in the development of research and curriculum in China’s new initiative mandating the development of entrepreneurial courses to be offered at all universities in China. The trip was funded by a U.S. Fulbright grant and listed Fiore as a specialist in his field of entrepreneurship.

Mary Ellen Hluska, PhD, assistant professor art therapy, received her Doctor of Philosophy from Lesley University in August 2016. She studied art making in art therapy using a mixed methods design.

Hannah Reed-Coates, a sophomore majoring in art therapy, designed and painted two murals at the pediatric rooms at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in August 2016.

Martin Shell, chair of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts and professor of theater arts, performed at the Ko Festival Kabaret in Amherst, Mass., in July 2016. Shell performed as a comic stage hand, helping to shift the props and furniture for the various acts. The “kabaret” is a collection of short performances by many of Ko Festival’s past performers over the years. The event celebrated the theater festival’s 25th year.

Paul Thifault, PhD, assistant professor of English, gave a lecture titled “Rethinking a Halloween classic: Irving’s Legend of Sleepy Hollow” at the East Longmeadow Public Library in October 2016.
A film by Sherri VandenAkker, PhD, associate professor of human services, titled My Name Was Bette: The Life and Death of an Alcoholic was screened at the South African Recovery Film Festival in Cape Town, South Africa, and Johannesburg, South Africa, in September 2016. This is the film's international debut. In addition, photographs by VandenAkker were featured in a photography exhibit titled “Breeding Birds of the Coast” at the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary in Wellfleet, Mass., in August 2016. Her photographs also have been used to illustrate articles for the sanctuary's publications.

Joseph Wronka, PhD, professor of social work, is executive director and producer of a show titled Creating a Human Rights Culture, hosted at amherstmedia.org. The show covers human rights topics such as religion, language, terrorism, and more.

MEDIA APPEARANCES AND MENTIONS

Mary Barnum
ATOM Hit the Hill Legislative Action
5/16/16, WWLP TV 22

Joanna Boody
Scholars in Action Day
4/14/16, WesternMass News

Thomas Carty
Presidential Election
9/27/16, WesternMass News

Julia Chevan
National Leadership Award
5/23/16, Masslive.com

Justin Compton
Environmental Science Major
9/27/16, BusinessWest

Mary-Beth Cooper
Deaf Community Home Ribbon Cutting
8/19/16, WesternMass News
Move-in Day
9/2/16, Masslive.com
Education and Leadership Luncheon
9/9/16, Masslive.com
Education and Leadership Luncheon
9/9/16, WWLP TV 22

U.S. News and World Report Rankings
9/12/16, Masslive.com

Humanics in Action Day
9/29/16, Masslive.com

Babson Groundbreaking
10/14/16, WesternMass News

Mary Ann Coughlin
Scholars in Action Day
4/14/16, Masslive.com

Scholars in Action Day
4/14/16, WesternMass News

Joel Dearing, at right, talks with Global International Broadcasting regarding the history of Volleyball story for the Volleyball Hall of Fame enshrinement.

Joel Dearing
History of Volleyball
10/21/16, Globo International

Elizabeth Deconno
School of Social Work Worcester
4/8/16, Channel 8 in Worcester

Martin Dobrow
Jackie Robinson Documentary
4/7/16, WesternMass News

Jackie Robinson Documentary
4/7/16, MassLive.com/The Republican

New England Journalism Educator of the Year
4/26/16, Masslive.com

Justine Dymond
Breast Cancer Awareness
6/21/16, CBS Boston
Charlene Elvers
Alternative Spring Break
3/19/16, WesternMass News

Alternative Spring Break
3/19/16, Masslive.com

Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement
9/29/16, WWLP TV 22

Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement
9/29/16, WesternMass News

President's Honor Roll
9/30/16, Masslive.com

Sue Guyer
Concussions in Soccer
9/10/16 WesternMass News

National Athletic Trainers Association Award
6/14/16, Masslive.com

TEDx
10/11/16, Masslive.com

Sally Hage
Psychology Program Accreditation
9/30/16, Masslive.com

Anthony Hill
Social Work Conference
5/26/16, BusinessWest

Calvin Hill
Education and Leadership Luncheon
7/14/16, Masslive.com

Jasmin Hutchinson
Summertime Fitness Advice
6/3/16, WWLP TV 22

Regina Kaufman
Engaged Education Event
4/1/16, BusinessWest

Engaged Education Event
4/1/16, WesternMass News

Jennifer Najuch
Gymnastics Exhibition Show
10/5/16, WesternMass News

Tracey Matthews
Berkshire Community College
Articulation Agreement
9/21/16, The Berkshire Eagle

Charles Milch
PA Pass Rate
10/20/16, Healthcare News

John Mailhot
Babson Groundbreaking
10/14/16, Masslive.com

Jeffrey Monseau
History of Basketball
9/8/16, WWLP TV 22

Michelle Moosbrugger
Youth in Motion
4/1/16, Masslive.com

Youth in Motion
4/1/16, BusinessWest

Elizabeth O’Neill
Berkshire Community College
Articulation Agreement
9/21/16, The Berkshire Eagle

Stephen Posner
Gymnastics Exhibition Show
10/5/16, WesternMass News

Charlie Sullivan, at right, talks with WWLP TV 22 regarding his role with the United States men's volleyball team at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio.

Charlie Sullivan
Rio Olympics
4/27/16, WWLP TV 22
Rio Olympics
4/27/16, WesternMass News

Francine Vecchiolla
School of Social Work Open House
10/2/16, Masslive.com

Ruth West
Game Lab Open House
10/21/16, Masslive.com

Richard J. Wood
Nutrition Advice
8/26/16, Healthcare News

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Melva Michaelian
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Instructor in Education

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