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PUBLICATIONS

William Arighi, PhD, associate professor of World Literature, authored “Empire and literary autonomy in Antonio Luna’s Impresiones” in *Peripherica: Journal of Social, Cultural, and Literary History* in February 2024.

Laurel R. Davis-Delano, PhD, professor of Sociology, co-authored “Absence makes the heart grow colder: The harmful nature of invisibility of contemporary American Indians” in *Ethnic and Racial Studies* in 2024. Her co-authors were Renee V. Galliher of Utah State University and Joseph P. Gone of Harvard University and Harvard Medical School. Also in 2024, Davis-Delano reviewed the book (by invitation), “Remapping Sovereignty: Decolonization and Self-Determination in North American Indigenous Political Thought,” in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. Davis-Delano also co-authored “White American historical memory and support for Native appropriation” in *Race and Social Problems* in 2023. Her co-authors were Renee V. Galliher of Utah State University, Adrienne J. Keene of Brown University, Desi Small-Rodriguez of the University of California at Los Angeles, and Joseph P. Gone of Harvard University and Harvard Medical School.

Katherine Dugan, PhD, associate professor of Religion and chair of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, served as co-editor of *American Patroness: Marian Shrines and the Making of US Catholicism*, published in January 2024. In the same publication, Dugan authored the chapter “Fatima Family Shrine: Reinterpreting Mary on the South Dakota Prairie.”

Nina Esaki, PhD, associate professor of Social Work, co-authored “An exploratory study of employee engagement in human service agencies” in the *Journal of Human Services* in October 2023.

Diana Gallagher, MFA, assistant professor of Physical Education and head women’s gymnastics coach, authored the short story, “The Ghost Town of Adirondac,” in the book, *Adirondack Campfire Stories*, in March 2024.

Chris Hakala, PhD, director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship and professor of Psychology, and **Sally Chamberland**, PhD, assistant professor of Biology and Chemistry, co-authored the chapter “Into the Storm: How to Provide Structured Support in Times of Uncertainty” in the book *Higher Education Beyond Covid: New Teaching Paradigms and Promise* in 2024.

Jasmin Hutchinson, PhD, professor of Exercise Science and Sport Studies and graduate program director for Sport and Exercise Psychology, published “Effects of preferred vs. nonpreferred music on bench press performance: A replication and extension study” in *Communications in Kinesiology* in January 2024. Her co-authors were **Elizabeth O’Neill**, DPE, professor of Exercise Science; **Kathleen Mellano**, PhD, assistant professor of Exercise Science; and **Luke Pelton**, PhD, assistant professor Exercise Science. Hutchinson and **Daniel Smith**, PhD, assistant professor of Research and Statistics, co-authored “The effect of Ironman taper on mood and engagement of nonprofessional triathletes: An interrupted time series study” in the *Journal for Advancing Sport Psychology in Research* in December 2023.

Harold InDelicato, MA, MFA, associate professor of Digital Design and Studio Art, published his artificial intelligence-generated art in the inaugural issue of *Novum Artis* magazine in January 2024. InDelicato was included as a featured artist and his work was selected from thousands of submissions worldwide.



Christine G. Niedbala



Roxanne Sprague



Debra Burnett



Katherine Dugan

Allison Martel, MLIS, digital technologies librarian; **Alicia Hopkins**, MSLIS, reference librarian; **Mackenzie Dunn**, MLIS, reference librarian; **Sheri Sochrin**, MLS, reference librarian; and **Eric B. Toole**, MSLIS, former Springfield College reference librarian and now evidence review librarian at USDA National Agricultural Library, co-authored “Engaging research: Interviewing faculty to build scholarly partnerships” in the book *Everyday Evidence-Based Practice in Academic Libraries: Case Studies and Reflections* in December 2023.

Susan Milstein, PhD, assistant professor of Health Education, published *Human Sexuality: Making Informed Decisions* (7th edition) in 2024.

Christine G. Niedbala, MPAS, PA-C, assistant professor of Physician Assistant Studies, and **Roxanne Sprague**, MCMSc, PA-C, associate professor of Physician Assistant Studies, co-authored “Tirzepatide: A promising treatment for obesity?” in the *Journal of the American Academy of PAs* in November 2023.

Christine L.B. Selby, PhD, associate professor of Psychology and director of Athletic Counseling, authored “I don’t want to compete anymore”: Using self-determination theory and motivational interviewing to help an athlete figure out what’s next” in the *Journal of Sport Psychology in Action* in April 2024.

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Rachel Ahlmeier, MEd, assistant director of graduate admissions and events, presented “Applying to graduate school: Springfield College secrets” at the SHAPE America Conference in Cleveland, Ohio, in March 2024.

Korey Boyd, PhD, assistant professor of Physical Education, presented “Social pedagogy and models-based approaches in physical education” on the Teaching Games for Understanding Webinar in London, U.K., in February 2024. Boyd also presented “Preservice teachers’ perspective of implementing

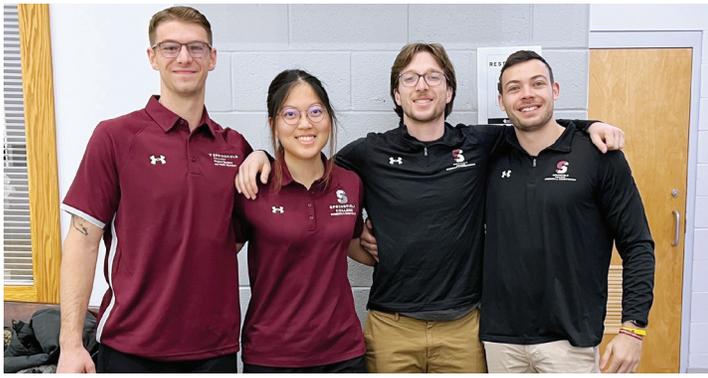
Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) in PE curriculum” at the National Association of Kinesiology in Higher Education Annual Conference in Phoenix, Ariz., in January 2024.

Korey Boyd, PhD, assistant professor of Physical Education, and **Mara Simon**, EdD, associate professor of Physical Education and Health Education, co-presented “We need to eliminate barriers’: Black and Latine PETE faculty in predominantly white institutions” at the AIESEP International Conference 2023: Emerging Horizons Bridging the Borders Between Physical Education Research and Practice (virtual) in July 2023.

Debra Burnett, PhD, associate professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders and chair of Public Health and Health Professions, co-presented “Does combining speech with gesture help young children be more easily understood?” at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Annual Convention in Boston, Mass., in November 2023.

Katherine Dugan, PhD, associate professor of Religion and chair of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, co-hosted a roundtable discussion about the book, *American Patroness: Marian Shrines and the Making of US Catholicism*, at the American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco, Calif., in January 2024. Dugan served as co-editor for the book. At the same conference, Dugan presented “Vatican II and *Humanae Vitae*: Cocreating US Catholic pro-life politics.” Dugan was also invited to speak at the University of Dayton’s Marian Library’s 2024 Marian Forum on *American Patroness: Marian Shrines and the Making of U.S. Catholicism*, in Dayton, Ohio, in February 2024.

Justine Dymond, PhD, MFA, professor of English, presented “Mystery genre conventions & the ‘implicated subject’ in Percival Everett’s *The Trees*” at a session, titled “Intersectional Crime Fiction,” at the Northeast Modern Languages Association Conference in Boston, Mass., in March 2024. Dymond co-chaired that session. At the same conference, she chaired another session, titled “(Re)reading Feminist Speculative Fiction Post-Roe v. Wade.”



Class of 2024 Strength and Conditioning students (left to right) Dom Farole, Hao Chen Hsueh, Jimmy English, and Lorenzo Pelloni presented at the National Strength and Conditioning Association Massachusetts State Clinic.



Brian Krylowicz



Stephanie R. Logan

Mary Kate Feit, PhD, assistant professor of Strength and Conditioning, presented “Critically assessing coaching techniques and tendencies” at the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) Coaches Conference in Orlando, Fla., in January 2024. At the same conference, she co-presented “How to pursue a meaningful strength and conditioning field work or internship experience.” Her co-presenter was **Adam Feit**, PhD, assistant professor of Exercise Science. Mary Kate Feit and Adam Feit were also involved with the NSCA Massachusetts State Clinic held at Nichols College in March 2024. Adam Feit is the NSCA Massachusetts State Director and planned the conference. Mary Kate Feit, who is on the Advisory Board that helped plan the event, oversaw four Springfield College students who presented at the “Lunch and Learn: Presentations from the Field.” The students are **Jimmy English, Dom Farole, Lorenzo Pelloni**, and **Hao Chen Hsueh**, all Class of 2024, in the Strength and Conditioning program.

Travis M. Gagen, PhD, assistant professor of Public Health and Health Sciences, presented “A model accessory-dwelling unit bylaw: Inclusive zoning for all” at the Gerontological Society of America 2023 Scientific Meeting in Tampa, Fla., in November 2023.

Chris Hakala, PhD, director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship and professor of Psychology, co-presented a professional development program to faculty at Minnechaug Regional High School (Wilbraham, Mass.). The topic was artificial intelligence (AI), with a focus on how to incorporate AI into their teaching to enhance student learning. His co-presenters were **Joan Giovannini**, MEd, associate director, and **Matthew Citron**, MA, instructional designer, both with the Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship.

Brooke Hallowell, PhD, CCC-SLP, dean of the School of Health Sciences, was invited and gave the following presentations: “Strategies for capturing competence and promoting life participation for people with aphasia” at the Iran Medical System Organization and The Iranian Speech Therapy Association National Workshop (virtual) in February 2024; “The Emergencies

Workstream of the World Rehabilitation Alliance” at the Membership Onboarding Workshop at the World Rehabilitation Alliance and World Health Organization (virtual) in January 2024; “Developing services and educational programs in Viet Nam”(co-presenter) at the Asia Pacific Society for Speech, Language, and Hearing in Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam, and at the same conference presented “How do we develop the next generation of excellent clinicians?” in December 2023; and “World Health Organization Rehabilitation 2030 and the World Rehabilitation Alliance: Advocacy for action in CSD” (co-presenter) at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Annual Convention in Boston, Mass., in November 2023. Also at the same conference, Hallowell co-presented “Developmental stages and ethical considerations for US-Based SLPs engaging professionally in Asia.”

Pamela S. Higgins, MS, MPH, associate professor of Health Sciences, co-presented “Exploring maternal health disparities” at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Ga., in November 2023. Her co-presenter was **Olivia Pandiscia**, Health Sciences student, Class of 2024.

Brian Krylowicz, PhD, director of the Counseling Center, co-presented “The psychological impact of gambling on campus: Don't bet against it being bigger than you think” at the Northeast College Counseling Center Directors Conference, hosted by Krylowicz on the Springfield College campus, in March 2024. About 50 college counseling center directors from the region attended the conference.

Stephanie R. Logan, EdD, associate professor Education and chair of the Department of Education, presented “Teaching critical multicultural education during a racial pandemic” at the National Association for Multicultural Education Conference in Montgomery, Ala., in November 2023.

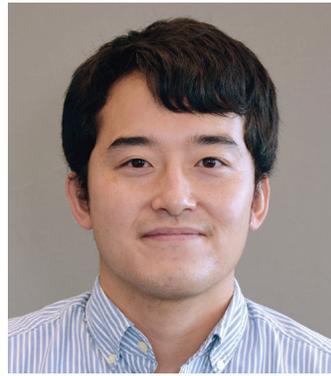
Matt Mills, MA, assistant professor of Athletic Training, presented “Lessons from Silicon Valley: Human-centered design for athletic training QI” at the Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Conference in Ledyard,



Andrew B. Perry



Jacquelyn Wolf



Daigo Yazawa



Meghan L. Gaul

Conn., in January 2024. At the same conference, Mills also presented “Using learning outcomes to guide simulation mode choices.”

Susan Milstein, PhD, assistant professor of Health Education, and **Danielle Pantano**, Physical Education and Health Education student (Class of 2024), co-presented “Abstinence 2023: Teaching abstinence where students don’t get screwed” at the SHAPE America Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, in March 2024. At the same conference, they co-presented “Choose your own adventure: A tool for fostering discussion in health education.”

Michelle E. Moosbrugger, PhD, professor of Physical Education and Health Education and department chair, co-presented “Employing inclusive strategies when teaching about motor behavior in PETE” at the SHAPE America Conference in Cleveland, Ohio, in March 2024. At the same conference, Moosbrugger co-presented “I got this’: Self-talk skills programming in elementary physical education.” Her co-presenters were **Anna Bottino**, Sport and Exercise Psychology doctoral student, Class of 2025, and **Emma Gagne**, Physical Education undergraduate student, Class of 2024. At the Massachusetts Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention in Worcester, Mass., in November 2023, Moosbrugger, Bottino, and Gagne co-presented “‘I can’t do this!’: Implementing a self-talk skills program in elementary physical education.”

Elizabeth Mullin, PhD, associate professor of Exercise Science and Sport Studies, co-presented “Efficacy of certified mental performance consultants when working with LGB clients” at the Social Justice through Sport and Exercise Psychology Symposium (virtual) in March 2024. At the same conference, Mullin co-presented “Gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, and extant demographic identities of NCAA athletes in 2023.”

Andrew B. Perry, PhD, professor of Mathematics, presented “Difficult choices in planning to teach introductory differential equations” at the SIMIODE Expo 2024 (virtual) in February 2024.

Paul Thifault, PhD, associate professor of English, presented “Melodrama and blended regional myths in early US literature” at the Northeast Modern Language Association Conference in Boston, Mass., in March 2024.

Lori Vaughn, OTD, professor of Occupational Therapy, co-presented “Fostering neurodiversity-inclusive communities in higher education: Strategies for inclusivity” at the American Occupational Therapy Association Inspire 2024 Conference in Orlando, Fla., in March 2024. Her co-presenter was **Christopher Edwards**, a Doctor of Occupational Therapy student, Class of 2025.

Jacquelyn Wolf, veteran and military services coordinator, presented “Mentoring for student success: How everyday interactions can strengthen resilience” at the National Association of Veterans' Program Administrators Conference in Norfolk, Va., in October 2023.

Daigo Yazawa, PhD, assistant professor of Sport Management, presented “Exploring perceptions and impressions of sport facilities” at the Applied Sport Management Association Conference in Knoxville, Tenn., in February 2024.

AWARDS

Meghan L. Gaul, MFA, associate professor of Graphic Design, received three awards (two silver, one bronze) from United Designs Alliance for her graphic design work in spring 2023. This juried international design competition was in the area of signs, systems, and letterform marks. Gaul’s award-winning work includes a visual identity redesign for a financial advisory group, a masthead design for a quarterly publication, and cover art for a newly launched podcast. As an award recipient, her work was published in the *UDA Annual* and will become part of the permanent collection of United Designs Alliance.

As part of her sabbatical, **Mary Ellen Hluska**, PhD, associate professor and director of Art Therapy, applied for and was granted a one-year mentorship at the highly



Moira C. Long



Mary Ellen Hluska



Robert Gruber



Mark D. McCarthy

competitive studio environment of Zea May's Printmaking Studio in Florence, Mass., where she was a mentee to printmakers Jenny Gover and Joyce Silverstone. Hluska studied water-based screen printing, painterly collagraph, and monotype, comparing the processes to the Expressive Therapies Continuum (ETC). The ETC looks at art materials' complex spectrum of variables in therapy and how clients perceive these variables.

Moira C. Long, MEd, head women's volleyball coach and associate professor of Physical Education, was named the American Volleyball Coaches Association Regional Coach of the Year in December 2023 as voted on by her peers.

APPOINTMENTS AND COMMITTEES

Debra Burnett, PhD, associate professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders and chair of Public Health and Health Professions, was appointed as a member of the Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders Academic Affairs Committee for the term of July 2023-June 2025. The committee monitors trends and addresses issues impacting academic preparation of speech-language pathologists and audiologists and makes recommendations to the board of directors.

Travis M. Gagen, PhD, assistant professor of Public Health and Health Sciences, was elected to another term on the board of directors of Elder Services of Worcester Area, and will continue his service on the Services Committee. In addition, he was reappointed to another three-year term on the board of directors for the Holy Trinity Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Worcester, Mass.

Brooke Hallowell, PhD, CCC-SLP, dean of the School of Health Sciences, was appointed to a three-year term on the board of directors of Aphasia Access in January 2024.

Mary Ellen Hluska, PhD, associate professor and director of Art Therapy, was nominated and accepted the role as chair of the American Art Therapy Association Education Committee for the term of January 2024-January 2026.

GRANTS AND SPONSORED RESEARCH

In October 2023, **Robert Gruber**, PhD, assistant professor of Philosophy, received a \$1,000 Council of Independent Colleges New Currents in Teaching Philosophy Implementation Grant to support implementation of a collaborative teaching intervention in the spring 2024 semester within Springfield College's core curriculum.

Mark D. McCarthy, PhD, assistant professor in the Department of Education, and **Valerie Annear**, MEd, CAGS, director of Educator Preparation & Licensure, received a \$10,000 grant in January 2024 from the Massachusetts Department of Early and Secondary Education to implement changes to the early literacy education program. The recommendations for changes emerged from an intensive external review that occurred in fall 2023. Funds will be used to improve teacher preparation in early literacy through partnership development and purchasing curriculum materials.

Kathleen M. Neville, EdD, associate professor and program director for Educational Leadership, received a \$6,000 Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation Fellowship travel grant. The funding allowed Neville to attend the Finnish Lapland International Forum for Education in Rovaniemi, Finland, in January 2024, and conduct a review of the Finnish education system to improve teaching methods. The title of the project was "Incorporating Finnish Educational Pedagogy into Educational Leadership."



Sherri L. VandenAkker



Allison Cumming-McCann is interviewed by Western Mass News



Martin Dobrow

ENDEAVORS

Tami Drummond, MEd, assistant director of the Academic Success Center: Academic Coaching, designed a program for the ASC’s peer academic coaches that has earned Level 1 International Peer Educator Training Program Certification from the College Reading & Learning Association (CRLA). Administered each fall semester, the training program prepares academic coaches for excellence in professionalism, ethics, and mentoring. By achieving this certification, Drummond has met the CRLA high standards for peer coach selection, training, and evaluation.

Susan Milstein, PhD, assistant professor of Health Education, served as judge for the National Case Study Competition in Health Education in March 2024.

Andrew B. Perry, PhD, professor of Mathematics, served as a judge in February 2024 for the Association for Women in Mathematics 2024 Student Essay Contest, in which college, high school, and middle school students submitted essays on female mathematicians in a nationwide contest.

Sherri L. VandenAkker, PhD, professor of Literature, Writing, and Journalism, had her photograph, “Net Mender,” juried into the All New England Exhibit held at the Cape Cod Art Center in Barnstable, Mass., in October 2023. In addition, VandenAkker was juried into the Cape Cod Art Center as a fine arts photographer in July 2023.

Jacquelyn Wolf, veteran and military services coordinator, was appointed Region 1 delegate to the National Association of Veterans' Program Administrators (NAVPA) board of directors in October 2023 for a one-year term. As part of the NAVPA board’s mid-year conference, Wolf went to Washington, D.C., to represent the colleges and universities of Region 1, which include the New England states, New York, and New Jersey. A portion of this trip was spent talking to legislators in the House of Representatives and Senate about issues relating to military-connected students and the educational institutions that serve them.

MEDIA APPEARANCES AND MENTIONS

Kyle Belanger

Assistant Professor Kyle Belanger Teaches His Communications Students from “Radio Row” at Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas
2/2/24, Western Mass News

Gary Berte

Criminal Justice Experts Say Policing Not as Popular as It Once Was
3/29/24, New England Public Media

Mary-Beth Cooper

A Year Into His Job, Charlie Baker is Leading a Transforming NCAA
4/1/24, WGBH News

Allison Cumming-McCann

How to Make Your Child Feel Safe Following Another Mass Shooting
2/15/24, Western Mass News

Laurel R. Davis-Delano

“Lily Gladstone, Chief Standing Bear on KC ‘Chiefs’”
3/3/24, *Osage News*
(Davis-Delano was a co-author on a study, “The psychosocial effects of Native American mascots: A comprehensive review of empirical research findings” that was cited in the article.)

“The debate over Native American mascots persists as some schools reinstate the logos”
2/1/24, Associated Press

“Is there any hope Kansas City will change its NFL team name?”
1/25/24, Native American Calling Radio Show

Martin Dobrow

Springfield College Hosts Its Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Lecture
3/6/24, WWLP TV 22



Springfield College student veteran Louis Rodriguez is interviewed by WWLP TV 22



Paulina Lisheness



Maria Taddia

Jonathan Scully

As Fewer Americans Pursue College, Schools in the Valley Get Creative to Recruit Students
2/28/24, MassLive

Changes to SAT Could Impact College Admissions Process
2/26/24, Western Mass News

Springfield College

Enfield Unified Sports Volleyball Players, Team IMPACT Student Play at Blake Arena
3/27/24, WWLP TV 22

Springfield College Students Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity in New Bern, N.C., During Spring Break
3/18/24, Sun Journal

Springfield College Hosts Fostering Equity and Inclusion for Latinas/os in Child and Family Welfare Conference
3/13/24, WWLP TV 22

Springfield College Joins Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, Enhances Campus Food Assistance
2/25/24, WWLP TV 22

400 Springfield Elementary School Students Attend Springfield College Men's Basketball Game
01/09/24, WWLP TV 22

Springfield College Receives ARPA Funding to Help Support Springfield City Students
12/6/23, Western Mass News

Springfield College to Host NCAA Division III Football Championship First Round
11/17/23, Western Mass News

Springfield College Veterans Featured on Lifetime Network Show "Military Makeover"
11/11/23, WWLP TV 22

Steve Spagnuolo

Springfield College Alumnus Steve Spagnuolo Serves as Defensive Coordinator for Kansas City Chiefs in Super Bowl LVIII
2/9/24, WGBH

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

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Public Safety

Michael Bousquet

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Public Safety

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