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PUBLICATIONS

Javad A. Bakhshinejad, interim Institutional Research analyst, authored “The effects of augmented feedback, focus of attention, and monetary reward on vertical jump height: A replication study” in the *International Journal of Exercise Science* in January 2025. He is a PhD candidate in Exercise Physiology, Graduate Class of 2026.

Chelsea Corr-Limoges, PhD, assistant professor of Environmental Science and director of the program, co-authored “Solar energy resource availability under extreme and historical wildfire smoke conditions” in *Nature Communications* in January 2025.

Laurel R. Davis-Delano, PhD, professor of Sociology, co-authored “Native opposition to Native appropriation and the role of connection to Native nations/communities” in the *Journal of Community and Applied Social Psychology* in 2025. Her co-authors were Adrienne J. Keene (independent scholar), Renee V. Galliher of Utah State University, Desi Small-Rodriguez of the University of California at Los Angeles, and Anna E. Epperson of the University of California at Merced.

Melih Elcin, MD, assistant dean for Interprofessional Education in the School of Health Sciences, co-authored the following articles: “Use of the measurement tools of TeamSTEPPS®: A scoping review” in *BMC Medical Education* in February 2025; “Call to action: Honoring simulated participants and collaborating with simulated participant educators” in *Simulation in Healthcare* in December 2024; “The experiences of cardiovascular surgeons and nurses with mutual support through interprofessional collaboration in the

intensive care unit” in *Nursing in Critical Care* in December 2024; and “Effect of the community of simulated participant model on the identity formation of simulated participants: A qualitative study” in *Journal of Adult and Continuing Education* in October 2024. Elcin also authored the book chapter “Telehealth Opportunities and Challenges: Recognizing Abuse of an Older Adult During a Telehealth Consultation” in *Comprehensive Healthcare Simulation: Geriatric Simulation* in November 2024.

Nina Esaki, PhD, associate professor of Social Work, co-authored “Calling all leaders” in *Human Service Organizations: Management, Leadership & Governance* in September 2024.

Robert Gruber, PhD, associate professor of Philosophy, authored “Animals, distributive justice, and desert” in *Res Publica* in October 2024.

Chris Hakala, PhD, professor of Psychology and director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship, co-authored the book *Understanding Educational Developers: Tales from the Center* in 2025. His co-author is Leslie Cramblet-Alvarez, assistant vice provost and director of the Office of Teaching and Learning at the University of Denver.

Fadia Nordtveit, PhD, assistant professor of Communications and Business, co-authored “Meaning-making and the global DEIB discourse: A reflection and a call to action” in *Language Cultures Mediation, LED Edizioni* in November 2024. In the same publication, she also co-authored “Inclusive AI technologies and discourses for better DEIB and organizational outcomes.”



Elizabeth Alicea-Torres



Andrea Coppola



Adam Feit



Megan E. Frazier

Mara Simon, EdD, associate professor of Physical Education and Health Education, and **Korey Boyd**, PhD, assistant professor of Physical Education and Health Education, co-authored “I knew I was worth more’: Black and Latine pre-service PE teachers’ borderland dwellings and crossings” in *Whiteness and Education* in January 2025.

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Elizabeth Alicea-Torres, OT, OTD, OTR/L, assistant professor of Occupational Therapy and doctoral capstone coordinator, and **Andrea Coppola**, OT, OTD, OTR/L, CHSE, associate professor of Occupational Therapy, co-presented “Using simulation to enhance occupational therapy student competence in performing home safety evaluations to facilitate aging-in-place” at the American Occupational Therapy Association annual conference in Philadelphia, Pa., in April 2025.

Simone B. Alter-Muri, EdD, professor and director of graduate Art Therapy/Counseling, presented “Tattoos, symbols and their place in art therapy” for Pune Maharashtra University (virtually) in Pune, India, in March 2025.

Minseok Cho, PhD, assistant professor of Sport Management and Recreation, presented “Impacts of team identification on sports fans’ decisions to adopt video assistant referee (VAR)” at the Sport Marketing Association Conference in St. Louis, Mo., in November 2024. He also co-presented “Risk management in the esports industry about in-game items based on non-fungible tokens (NFTs)” at the Applied Sport Management Association Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, in February 2025.

Ian Delahanty, PhD, associate professor of History, presented “Hibernianism or Americanism? The Irish origins of Irish-American anti-abolitionism” at the Fairfield Gaelic American Club Irish History Lecture Series in Fairfield, Conn., in February 2025.

Justine Dymond, PhD, MFA, professor of English, read excerpts of her creative writing on a panel titled “The Body in Writing,” and presented her literary scholarship titled “The Voicebox of the Rink”: Tommy Orange’s ‘Scorekeep’ and a Vision of America” at the Northeast Modern Language Association Conference in Philadelphia, Pa., in March 2025.

Melih Elcin, MD, assistant dean for Interprofessional Education in the School of Health Sciences, presented “Use of simulation as a tool in diagnosis and cognitive-behavioral therapy of performance anxiety: A novel intervention in a nursing school” at the International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare in Orlando, Fla., in January 2025.

Adam Feit, PhD, assistant professor of Exercise Science, presented “Turning impact into income: Profit and purpose in coaching” at the 2025 Bridge Athletic Virtual Performance Summit in March 2025. Feit also co-presented “Fueling performance: Strengthening collaboration between coaches, nutritionists, and athletes through psychology-driven coaching” at the National Strength and Conditioning Association National Coaches Conference in New Orleans, La., in January 2025. Feit’s co-presenter was **James Russo**, Class of 2025, an undergraduate student in Applied Exercise Science. This presentation was sponsored by Gatorade, which selected Feit to be a Gatorade Performance Partner to represent the brand.

Megan E. Frazier, DPT, assistant professor of Physical Therapy, presented “Developmental Coordination Disorder: Overview and updates” at the Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy Annual Conference in Providence, R.I., in November 2024.

Erin Futrell, PhD, associate professor of Physical Therapy, presented “Effects of 16-weeks of intrinsic foot muscle strengthening interventions on fall-risk in older adults” at the American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting in Houston, Texas, in February 2025. At the same meeting, Futrell also presented “Relationships between older adult foot structure and intrinsic foot muscles using musculoskeletal ultrasound imaging.”



Shannon Gifford



Olya Clark



Anthony C. Hill



Loni Kearney

Shannon Gifford, EdD, professor of Health Education and program director for graduate programs in Health Promotion and Health Equity, co-presented “Practice what you teach: Fostering positive mental health among pre-service teachers” at the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education Annual Conference in Long Beach, Calif., in February 2025. Her co-presenter was **Olya Clark**, PhD, assistant professor of Health Promotion and program director for the Educational Equity and Social Justice graduate program. Gifford and Clark also co-presented the webinar “What does equitable and culturally responsive teaching look like?” for the American School Health Association (ASHA) virtual event in January 2025. The pair also co-presented “Theater skits assignments as health promotion and health education tools in the classroom and beyond” at the ASHA conference in Pittsburg, Pa., in November 2024. And Gifford and Clark co-presented their paper “Advancing positive mental health among children and adolescents: Learning experiences designed to promote health and reduce risk” at the ASHA annual meeting in Pittsburg, Pa., in October 2024.

Sue Guyer, DPE, professor of Athletic Training and dean of the School of Physical Education, Performance, and Sport Leadership, presented “Understanding and diagnosing common lower extremity injuries in the aging athlete” at the 51st Eastern Athletic Training Education Educational Symposium and Business Meeting in Philadelphia, Pa., in January 2025.

Anthony C. Hill, EdD, associate professor of Social Work, was the keynote speaker at the National Association of Social Workers Massachusetts Chapter Inaugural Culturally Responsive Social Work Practice in Behavioral Health Conference (virtually) in November 2024. He presented, “United we stand, divided we fall: Social workers advocating for belonging and connection!”

Christine T. Johnston, MPH, director of Campus Recreation and Health Promotion, and **Lauren Gray**, LICSW, assistant director of outreach and prevention in the Counseling Center, co-presented “Creating a model of campus care: Beyond the basics of mental health training for faculty and staff” at the New England

College Health Association Annual meeting in Portland, Maine, in November 2024.

Loni Kearney, PA-C, assistant professor of Physician Assistant Studies, presented “When headaches signal danger: An emergency perspective” at the Massachusetts Association of Physician Associates in Springfield, Mass., in March 2025.

Allison Martel, MLIS, digital technologies librarian, co-presented “Your key to the OCLC Community Center: Insights from library staff on enhancing library value” as a panelist for the Ohio College Library Center (OCLC) Community Center virtually in January 2025.

Matt Mills, EdD, assistant professor of Athletic Training, presented “Evaluation and management of low back pain: An evidence guided approach” at the Eastern Athletic Trainers’ Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Pa., in January 2025.

Susan Milstein, PhD, assistant professor of Physical Education and Health Education, presented “Engaging men in workplace health promotion efforts” at the Healthy Worksite Summit in Lynnwood, Wash., in March 2025. They also co-presented “Introduction to LGBTQIA+ inclusion in health and PE” at the Wakefield Professional Development Conference in Wakefield, Mass., in January 2025. Their co-presenter was **Danielle Pantano**, a Springfield College graduate student.

Michelle E. Moosbrugger, PhD, professor of Physical Education and chair of the Department of Physical Education and Health Education, co-presented “Leveraging movement to support executive function in preK-2 children” at the Massachusetts Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention in Worcester, Mass., in November 2024. Her co-presenter was **Binbin Li**, Graduate Class of 2026 in the PhD in Physical Education program.

Fadia Nordtveit, PhD, assistant professor of Communications and Business, was the keynote speaker at the DiFree ERASMUS Conference at the University of Tuscia in Rome, Italy, in January 2025. Her topic was “AI, inclusion and the gig economy.”



Elizabeth O'Neill



Samantha A. Scott



Paul Thifault



Ian Delahanty

Elizabeth O'Neill, DPE, professor of Exercise Science and director of the Applied Exercise Science program, presented "Understanding sarcopenia: The silent decline of muscle health and its impact on aging," at the Massachusetts Association of Cardiovascular & Pulmonary Rehabilitation virtual conference in January 2025.

Amanda M. Rodriguez, OTD, assistant professor of Occupational Therapy and undergraduate program coordinator, and **Latasha Dionne**, OTD, assistant professor of Occupational Therapy, co-presented "Adulthood Academy: A novel adolescent Level I fieldwork" at the Massachusetts Association of Occupational Therapy Annual Conference in Norwood, Mass., in November 2024. Rodriguez and Dionne also co-presented "Adulthood Academy: Inception & implementation of a community-based adolescent Level I fieldwork" at the American Occupational Therapy Association Education Summit in Charlotte, N.C., in November 2024. And at the same summit, Rodriguez presented "Experience of participation in immersion Level I mental health fieldwork."

Samantha A. Scott, PhD, assistant professor of Athletic Training, presented "Breaking barriers: Teaming up for better patient outcomes through interprofessional education" at the Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Pa., in January 2025.

Paul Thifault, PhD, associate professor of English, presented "The future of the American literary archive" and "Publishing and editing: Highlighting English major skills through campus partnerships" at the Northeast Modern Language Association Conference in Philadelphia, Pa., in March 2025.

AWARDS

Ian Delahanty, PhD, associate professor of History, was awarded the Lawrence J. McCaffrey Prize for Best Book on Irish America by the American Conference for Irish Studies for his book, *Embracing Emancipation*, in February 2025.

Sue Guyer, DPE, professor of Athletic Training and dean of the School of Physical Education, Performance, and Sport Leadership, received the William E. "Pinky" Newell Memorial Address from the Eastern Athletic Training Education executive board in January 2025. The award is given to an individual who has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to the athletic training profession. Honorees have demonstrated a commitment to continued learning and professional growth; have demonstrated an impact on the athletic training profession via professional involvement on the state, Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association, or national level; and have been willing to communicate their knowledge and experiences to others through speaking, writing, and research endeavors.

Samantha A. Scott, PhD, assistant professor of Athletic Training, received the Professional Outstanding Poster Presentation Award from the Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association Research Committee in January 2025. Scott's original research was on an interprofessional education module that was conducted with athletic training and speech-language pathology students.

APPOINTMENTS AND COMMITTEES

Elizabeth Alicea-Torres, OT, OTD, OTR/L, assistant professor of Occupational Therapy and doctoral capstone coordinator, was appointed in March 2025 to a three-year term to the Springfield (Mass.) Public Health Council. The Public Health Council advises the mayor on health matters for the city of Springfield.

Laurel R. Davis-Delano, PhD, professor of Sociology, served as a member of the Awards Committee for the Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations Section of the American Sociological Association from 2024-present.

Ian Delahanty, PhD, associate professor of History, was appointed in February 2025 by Gov. Maura Healey to the Massachusetts-Ireland Trade Commission. This body was commissioned by the Massachusetts Legislature in 2024 to "evaluate the economic interests



Fadia Nordtveit



Brian Thompson



Samuel A.E. Headley



Simone B. Alter-Muri

of, and review ways to strengthen the relationship between, the commonwealth and the Republic of Ireland.”

Melih Elcin, MD, assistant dean for Interprofessional Education in the School of Health Sciences, was appointed as a member of the Accreditation in Human Simulation Sub-Committee for the Association of SP Educators in the 2025-26 term. The committee evaluates the applications of SP programs for accreditation.

Jasmin Hutchinson, PhD, professor of Exercise Science, was selected as a Visiting Fellow at the University of Jyväskylä in Finland as part of the highly competitive JYU Visiting Fellow Program 2025. During her fellowship, Hutchinson will collaborate with the Centre of Excellence in Music, Mind, Body and Brain and the Department of Music, Art, and Culture Studies on cutting-edge research at the intersection of psychology, movement, and music. She will also co-teach for the Interdisciplinary Topics in Music Science Summer School, sponsored by the European Union, and give a keynote address at the International Seminar on “Music, Sport, and Health.”

Fadia Nordtveit, PhD, assistant professor of Communications and Business, was appointed in the fall of 2024 to a three-year term on the board of directors for the Hitchcock Center for the Environment in Amherst, Mass.

Mara Simon, EdD, associate professor of Physical Education and Health Education, was appointed in January 2025 to a three-year term as editor-in-chief for *Quest*, a premier journal for kinesiology in higher education, after serving as an associate editor for three years.

Brian Thompson, PhD, professor of Exercise Science and director of Sports Performance, was appointed as advisor/content contributor for the Unleash Health® Scientific Council starting in August 2024. Unleash Health® is a longevity science and artificial intelligence company.

GRANTS AND SPONSORED RESEARCH

Samuel A.E. Headley, PhD, professor of Exercise Science, received a \$20,370 grant in February 2025 from Sanostec Corp., maker of Max-Air® SwirlZZs™ nasal dilators, to conduct a clinical study of the nasal dilators to determine whether they “improve pulmonary responses indicative of enhanced exercise performance in apparently healthy, male, college varsity student-athletes.” Headley will serve as the principal investigator. Co-investigators include **Luke Pelton**, PhD, assistant professor of Exercise Science; **Jeff Gagnon**, MS, assistant professor of Physics; and Exercise Physiology graduate assistants **Madison Lecher**, **Sarah Brownsteine**, and **Maura Tumelty**.

ENDEAVORS

Simone B. Alter-Muri, EdD, professor and director of graduate Art Therapy/Counseling, exhibited her artwork at the following events: one painting at the Wistariahurst Museum in Holyoke, Mass. (March-April 2025); one drawing at Hope and Feathers in Northampton, Mass. (February-March 2025); three paintings at Grubbs Gallery at the Williston Northampton School, in Easthampton, Mass. (January 2025).

Laurel R. Davis-Delano, PhD, professor of Sociology, has served on the Massachusetts Mascot Coalition Steering Committee for several years. This committee works with the Massachusetts state legislators who sponsor the mascot bill. This work includes education and lobbying.

Ian Delahanty, PhD, associate professor of History, was an invited speaker at the Old Bridgewater Historical Society in February 2025. He delivered a lecture titled “Embracing Emancipation: Irish Immigrants and Slavery in the Civil War.” Also in February, Delahanty was featured in the Immigration and Ethnic History Society’s Online Book Series. He discussed his recently published book, *Embracing Emancipation: A Transatlantic History of Irish Americans, Slavery, and the American Union, 1840-1865*.



Naomi Graves



Moira C. Long



Stephanie Logan being interviewed by WWLP TV22.

Diana Gallagher, MFA, assistant professor of Physical Education and head women's gymnastics coach, was invited to speak on the December 2024 Jacobin Sports Show podcast regarding the complicated legacy of the late gymnastics coach Bela Karolyi, one of the most fabled coaches in the sport.

Naomi Graves, MEd, associate professor of Physical Education and head women's basketball coach, earned the 600th win of her coaching career to become the 13th active women's basketball coach in Division III to reach that milestone. The 600th win came in February 2025 with a victory over Emerson College. Graves has coached the Pride for 34 years.

Anthony C. Hill, EdD, associate professor of Social Work, was elected as Canaan Baptist Church of Christ senior pastor in Springfield, Mass., in December 2024 and formally installed in February 2025.

Moira C. Long, MEd, professor of Physical Education and head women's volleyball coach, earned her 600th career win in 27 seasons as a coach (14 with the Pride) in a victory over Rochester Institute of Technology in September 2024. Only 18 other Division III active coaches have achieved that milestone.

Fadia Nordtveit, PhD, assistant professor of Communications and Business, completed a four-week training/fellowship on inclusive teaching and pedagogical practices at New York University,

New York, N.Y., in the spring of 2025. From March 2023 to November 2024, Nordtveit served as the lead editor of a special issue titled *Discourses, Methods and Practices of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging: Towards a Global Shared Framework* in the journal *Languages Cultures Mediation*. The special issue was a collaboration between the U.S. and Italy.

MEDIA APPEARANCES AND MENTIONS

Elizabeth Alicea-Torres

"Aging in Place: Can older Americans afford to stay in their homes? (2025 Report)"
03/07/2025, This Old House

Stephanie Logan

Springfield College Hosts African American Read-In Event for Local Elementary Students
02/07/25, WWLP TV22

Susan Milstein

01 and 02/2025, AARP Articles
"Help! I'm Not Attracted to My Wife Anymore and She's Always in the Mood."
"My Female Partner Wants More Oral Sex. Help Me Get Better!"
"My Wife and I Have Trouble Getting Aroused After Her Breast Surgery."
"He Orgasms Quickly and I'm Left to Satisfy Myself. Are There Ways to Help Him Last Longer?"



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