

Washington Monthly Ranks Millersville University

Out of 682 universities that were distinguished nationally by Washington Monthly in its 2012 “Master’s Universities” list, Millersville University ranked 68. Millersville was the only university within the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education to place within the top 100. The institutions were rated based on three equally weighted categories, which included social mobility, research and service. The overall theme of the ranking was “contributing to a public good,” in which the University received a score of 69 out of a possible 100 points across the categories.



“I am pleased by the high rankings given to Millersville University, specifically in the areas of community service and participation. It’s an honor to be recognized as one of the top universities in the nation and to share this accomplishment with those institutions that also share a commitment to civic engagement and to promoting service to others,” explained Dr. Victor DeSantis, associate provost for civic and community engagement.

The pieces that contributed to the service score were the Peace Corps ranking, ROTC ranking, federal work-study funds spent on service, community service participation and hours served and service staff, courses and financial aid support. This category assesses what students have given back to their country, community service supported by University staff and courses that incorporate service into the curriculum. Most notably, Millersville University ranked at 16 in the area of community service participation and hours served.

The elements that determined Millersville University’s social mobility scores included students receiving Pell grants (26 percent), predicted rate of graduation (60 percent) and actual rate of graduation (61 percent). The number of Pell grants given out demonstrates the school’s commitment to educating and recruiting lower income students to the University. These grants are awarded to undergraduate students and do not need to be repaid.

The research score is calculated by the number of science and engineering Ph.D.s awarded by the University, undergraduate alumni that went on to pursue a Ph.D. and the total amount spent (\$520,000) on institution research productivity, quality and future scholarships.

For more information or additional rankings, visit washingtonmonthly.com/college_guide/rankings_2012/masters_universities_rank.php.

New Institute Aims to Create a Culture Change

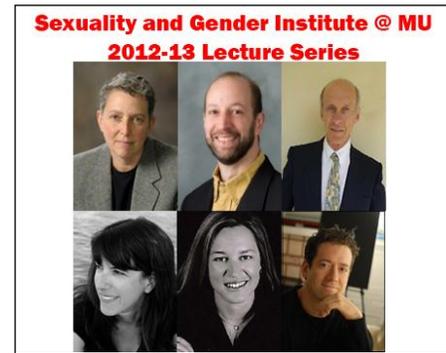
With a desire to create a culture shift at Millersville University and in Lancaster County, a new institute has been established on campus. The Sexuality and Gender Institute (SGI) aims to create a culture at Millersville that openly and intellectually explores sexuality and gender.

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Initiated by Drs. Dominique Didier, biology, and Scott Richardson, educational foundations, the SGI will offer an academic lecture series featuring experts from across the nation, as well as informal “brown bags” that will examine local issues and new research. All events are free and open to faculty, staff, students and the community in hopes that sexuality and gender issues will be openly discussed.

“The Sexuality and Gender Institute will build on Millersville’s deep tradition and commitment to diversity. I believe the institute will convey a serious message that the University deeply cares not only about the complexity of sexuality and gender as an area of study, but as it relates to the holistic development of our students. I also believe that the institute will bring Millersville recognition among its partner institutions as a leader in this field. It’s time for a culture shift—the examination of sexuality and gender need not be taboo, but commonplace,” said Richardson.

The first-ever SGI Lecture Series event will be held on Tuesday, September 11. Dr. Cris Mayo, associate professor of education and gender and women’s studies at the University of Illinois, U-C, will present “Opening the Subject: Sexuality, Gender Identity and Education for Possibility.” All 2012-2013 SGI lecture series events will be held from 4-5:30 p.m. in Myers Auditorium, McComsey Hall, and will be posted on Millersville’s online calendar, millersville.edu/calendar/index.php.



“We are excited about having the Sexuality and Gender Institute, one of the first of its kind, here at Millersville University. We are committed to the mission of education, and the Sexuality and Gender Institute will provide a unique opportunity for our community to come together to understand and respect the diverse aspects of human sexuality in our society,” said Didier.

SGI is being supported by the offices of student affairs, social equity and diversity, the provost, as well as the women’s studies program at Millersville University.

For more information, contact Didier at Dominique.Didier@millersville.edu or Richardson at Scott.Richardson@millersville.edu.

Don’t Live In Regret, Report a Threat

Could the tragic movie theater shooting in Aurora, Colo., this summer been prevented? An investigation following the incident revealed that the University of Colorado, where alleged shooter James Holmes had previously attended, was contacted by Holmes’s psychiatrist with concerns of his behavior. According to media reports no follow-up action was taken.

Millersville University established its Threat Assessment Team, otherwise known as TAT@MU, after the 2007 shooting at Virginia Tech, when investigations there revealed Virginia Tech did not have a specific office, team or person where isolated warning signs could be reported, aggregated and analyzed.

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“Although there are no guarantees that any of us will be safe from accidents or intentional harm wherever we may be, the University believes deeply in the TAT motto ‘Don’t live in regret, report a threat’ and the principle of prevention that the motto embodies,” said Dr. James McCollum, executive deputy to the president, chief of staff and TAT@MU chair.

It is a shared responsibility of faculty, staff and students to immediately report any situation that could possibly result in harm to anyone at the University. Incidents of violence, threatening behavior, unwanted pursuit, harassment and behavior indicating a student, faculty or staff member posing a risk to self or others should be reported to the TAT@MU.



The TAT team consists of University faculty and staff with expertise in human resources/employee assistance, law enforcement/threat assessment/tactical applications, University operations, medical knowledge, social equity and student affairs. The TAT team will assess reports concerning disruptive, inappropriate and/or threatening behavior. Other individuals may also be consulted as needed such as a faculty member who has a concern about a student or a supervisor who has information concerning an employee.

Any member of the campus community who becomes aware of a person or troubling situation that is causing serious anxiety, stress or fear should call the TAT@MU at 717-872-3717. In cases where a person may pose an immediate risk of violence to self or others, call 911.

For more information, visit millersville.edu/safetyandsecurity/files/TAT.pdf.

Parking Changes Announced

After careful review by the Parking Task force, made up of faculty, staff and students, the Millersville University Police Department (MUPD) implemented changes to campus parking last week. The primary goal is to increase safety for those walking and driving on campus and to make more efficient use of parking spaces.

“We regret that members of the campus community did not receive advance communication about the impending changes and we are sorry for any disruptions that may have resulted as a consequence,” said Pete Anders, police chief of Millersville University. “We nevertheless, believe that these changes are necessary if we are to address safety concerns for our campus community.”

The changes that were made include an increase in fines for violations and an exchange of space assignments in parking lots to enhance pedestrian safety and decrease traffic flow in the lots. “MUPD is seeking the cooperation of the campus community and reminding everyone to please park in the appropriate color designated spaces to decrease parking frustrations, and increase space availability,” said Anders.

Last week, staff of the University Police placed parking violation warning notices on more than 1,000 vehicles, many for not having any permit. Numerous warning notices were also placed on

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employee vehicles for not parking in faculty/staff yellow-lined parking spaces during the first day of the semester.

“Our parking lots are extremely congested during the first days of the semester, as our community returns to campus,” said Anders. “The warnings issued to faculty and staff caused understandable frustration due to the timing of notices and lack of communication to some space changes. However, I encourage faculty and staff to only park in yellow-lined parking areas.”

To further assist the campus community in reducing the vehicle congestion on the campus the University worked with RRTA to provide additional shuttle service to the campus.

If you have comments, questions or suggestions on parking, email Anders at peter.anders@millersville.edu. Additional information on parking changes is posted below:



COLOR CODED PARKING SPACES

Changes to better group categories of spaces were made last week. The changes were made to increase efficiencies in parking and safety for pedestrians and those driving in the lots and connecting roadways. The most significant change was to the lots on the north side of campus near Dilworth, Gilbert, Lyle, Stayer, Wickersham and the Winter Center. More than 60 commuter and some restricted parking spaces in lots near Dilworth, Wickersham, Stayer and Lyle were changed to faculty/staff parking. The 60+ space lot behind Stayer was changed to commuter parking. Additionally, 39 spaces of the Gilbert/Winter Visual Performing Art Center lot were changed from resident student parking to faculty/staff parking.

On the south side of campus, eight spaces were changed from faculty/staff to commuter in the Creek Drive lot, and several spaces adjacent to Luzerne House were changed from commuter to faculty/staff.

FINES

Parking fines were increased effective Fall 2012 semester. Faculty and staff are asked to only park in yellow spaces. Parking Fines were increased for the fall semester 2012 as follows:

- Students parking without a valid permit: Increased from \$25 to \$50
- Students who park in a faculty/staff employee yellow lined space: Increased from \$10 to \$25
- Parking fines were increased for all of the campus community and visitors as follows:
 - Parking in Handicap Parking Only: Increased from \$50 to \$100
 - Parking in other Restricted Parking: Increased from \$10 to \$25
 - Parking in the grass or on sidewalks/walkways: Increased from \$10 to \$25
 - Other Parking violations: Increased from \$10 to \$25

Link to parking regulations:

millersville.edu/services/police/files/PARKING_REGULATIONS.pdf.

CAMPUS SHUTTLE

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The on-campus shuttle has been improved with additional stops on campus. Commuters are encouraged to consider parking in the large lot to the rear of the SMC or at the Prince St. garage and use the free shuttle. The shuttle route and schedule can be accessed at millersville.edu/services/shuttlebus/files/shuttle_schedule-10-4-10.pdf.

VISITOR PARKING

The visitor parking has not changed; however, faculty and staff who have guests on campus may consider the following choices to arrange a temporary day pass for their guest to park on campus:

- Request your guest/visitor stops by the parking office located in the University Police Building (Lebanon House) during office hours (8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) to obtain a free day pass
- Email the parking division at parking.division@millersville.edu, or fill out the online request form to obtain the temporary permit prior to your visitor arriving to campus at millersville.edu/police/parking/temp_parking_form.php.

Parking impacts our entire campus community, and parking spaces are valuable resources for the University. Anyone with additional questions or concerns should contact Anders at 717-872-3434 or peter.anders@millersville.edu.

‘Building Legacies’ – Tradition and History

When freshmen arrived on campus for orientation on Wednesday, August 22, they received backpacks full of information and goodies – coupons, fliers and a new student magazine. Among the items was a booklet, Building Legacies, which features names and background information on all campus buildings.

“Millersville has such a rich history; the buildings on campus are named after those people for a reason. They are the legacy of this University,” said Rich Frerichs ’64, an avid volunteer for his alma mater, who gives campus tours to all student orientation leaders.



Two years ago, Frerichs stumbled across a smaller version of a booklet created back in the 1980s as part of a class research assignment in a course taught by Fay Kramer, educational foundations. His original idea was to update this booklet as background information for orientation leaders to use when giving campus tours.

“We want to bring the past traditions of Millersville University back to students of today,” said Frerichs, who reached out to Michelle Perez, student affairs, Diane Black, University communications and marketing, and Janet Dotterer, University library, to get this project off the ground.

The possibilities for such a piece quickly grew – that’s where the idea of handing this booklet out to all incoming freshmen came from. “Students should know the history and the namesake when they walk into a building on campus,” Frerichs added.

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Additional copies of *Building Legacies* were also requested by popular demand for the president's office, alumni office, as well as other offices around campus.

The inscription on the second page of the book reads: "There are few ways to better experience Millersville University's rich history and traditions than by touring our campus. We invite you to enjoy this pictorial tour of the campus and are delighted to share the preserved images of our architectural history."

Inspired to learn more about Millersville's rich history? Visit the library's Archives and Special Collections at blogs.millersville.edu/archivesandspecialcollections/archives/mu-history/buildings-and-landmarks/.

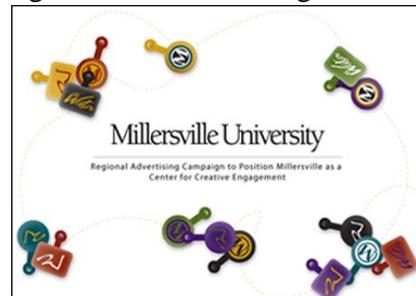
Creativity Without Limits: The Arts at Millersville

With the acquisition of the Ware Center in downtown Lancaster and the opening of the new Winter Visual and Performing Arts Center on campus, Millersville University has positioned itself as a regional center for creative engagement for the entire Lancaster region.

To introduce and share the spirit of creativity, innovation and engagement, the University will launch a regional advertising campaign in September to promote the focus on the arts at Millersville and to market individual performances.

Through this initiative Millersville University will utilize a variety of advertising and media tactics including escalator signage in Park City Mall, advertising on bus exteriors, digital billboards, movie theater advertising, radio, and print and digital media.

"It's time to invite the greater community to enjoy the benefits of our growing arts program," said Amy Dmizak, assistant vice president for university advancement. "We hope to reach the largest community audience by creating a high level of awareness and interest in the programs offered at the Ware and Winter Centers and on campus. When people think of visual and performing arts, we want them to think of Millersville."



During the planning phase, marketing vehicles that are cost-effective and with a large reach of the Lancaster metropolitan area were considered. Planning also included strategies intended to gain immediate interest and awareness through the use of high-impact, high-visibility tactics, as well as ones that present Millersville in a unique fashion and are "unexpected."

The campaign will drive people to a new Arts at Millersville website, currently in production (millersville.edu/muarts), that will provide general information in regards to the arts and cultural offerings at Millersville, as well as a direct link to purchase tickets to performances. The University will measure traffic to its website to evaluate the success rate of each tactic and readjust if necessary. The estimated budget for the four-month media campaign launch is approximately \$150,000.

MU Alert: Have You Signed Up?

What if there is a fire in your building or a lockdown on campus? What if severe weather strikes, leaving Millersville's campus covered in snow? Or what if there is a flood and parts of the campus are closed? In the event of an emergency on campus or a weather-related delay or cancellation, University officials will notify the campus and surrounding community using MU Alert, the campus text messaging and email alert system.

Signing up for MU Alert is easy - simply go to mualert.millersville.edu/, click "new user" and enter the required information.

When receiving MU Alerts, read the messages promptly, follow the instructions and wait for additional instructions that may follow. More detailed emergency information and updates will also be posted on Millersville's homepage, millersville.edu/.

"Millersville University has developed a systematic approach to emergency communication that uses multiple methods of communication including MU Alert, outdoor siren and public address alerts; and website alerts and updates," said Pat Weidinger, Millersville's director of safety & environmental health.



"In an emergency, timely and accurate communication of information to those who need it, is critical," said Weidinger. "We encourage faculty, staff and students to sign up for MU Alert."

When receiving MU Alerts, spread the word to fellow employees, students or campus visitors to ensure everyone gets the message.

With students' email addresses changing this fall (from "Marauder.millersville.edu" to "Millersville.edu"), faculty and staff should spread the word, reminding students currently enrolled in the MU Alert system to go to Millersville's homepage and update their account information with their new email address if they wish to continue receiving emergency email alerts.

To learn more about emergency preparedness and emergency communication, visit Millersville University Police Department and Health & Safety websites at millersville.edu/safetyandsecurity/. For more information on MU Alert, contact Weidinger at Patrick.Weidinger@millersville.edu or 717-872-3715.

Education on Location 2012

The second annual Education on Location community dialogue will be hosted by Millersville University, September 18-20. The School of Education has planned for various speakers to discuss local education issues during the series.

On September 18, The Hourglass Foundation, in partnership with Millersville will bring Dr. Irvin Scott to Lancaster as the keynote speaker for the kickoff event at The Ware Center, Millersville University Lancaster. Scott will be joined by local leaders in the fields of education

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and technology. The event starts at 5 p.m., with a Forum at 6 p.m.

On September 19, Spencer Fellow Pat Wingert, author of *Building a Better Science Teacher*, will speak in the University Room at Bolger Conference Center in Gordinier Hall from 8 – 9:30 a.m.

Also on September 19 there will be a town hall meeting titled “Teacher Effectiveness Connected to Teacher Pay,” from 6:30-8 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Multipurpose Room of Stayer Hall and is free and open to the public.

On September 20 the United Way of Lancaster County, PNC Bank and Millersville University have partnered to bring Dr. Stephen Bagnato, professor of pediatrics and psychology at the University of Pittsburgh, to speak at the “Business Leadership Breakfast.” Bagnato will join local business leaders and experts in a discussion focused on how investing in early learning and education is one of the most promising ways to help strengthen our region’s economy. The breakfast will be held from 7:30-9 a.m. in the Atrium of the Ware Center, Millersville University Lancaster. Cost is \$20 per person. For more information, or to [register](#), contact Judi Anderson at 717-824-8124 or anderson@uwlanc.org.

Also on September 20 will be this year’s Anna Funk Lockey Lecture, featuring Sir Ken Robinson, internationally recognized leader in the development of education, creativity and innovation. The lecture, titled “Out of our Minds: Learning to be Creative,” will be held at 7 p.m. in Clair Performance Hall at the Winter Center. This event is free and open to the public; however, [tickets are required](#). Following his lecture, Robinson will conduct a meet and greet and book signing.

For more information on Education on Location, contact Dr. Jane Bray, dean of education and associate provost, at Jane.Bray@millersville.edu or 717-872-3379. To view the full schedule of events, as well as links for tickets or to RSVP, visit www.millersville.edu/academics/educ/education/EducationOnLocation.php.

The Benefits of Being a Mentor

Millersville University’s Mentoring Alliance Program (MMAP) is currently seeking mentors for the 2012-13 academic year. A mentor is any upper-class student, faculty, staff, alumni or local professional who understands the value of mentoring, is a good listener and is open to learning from their mentee. Mentors commit to attending a training session in early fall and meeting face-to-face with their mentee at least 10 times during the academic year.

The program supports mentors and mentees by providing a comprehensive training program, activities for mentoring partners, continual education, guides for evaluating your mentoring, personalized follow ups and recognition.



MMAP’s mission is to engage students in mutually supportive mentoring partnerships, preparing them for citizenship in an increasingly diverse world, stimulate their passion for life-long learning and encourage them to develop their full potential in all areas of life.

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“Usually when we introduce our program to students and potential mentors, we ask people to think of someone whom they consider to have been a mentor to them; often they will think of a family member, coach or teacher,” said Stacy Caldwell, MMAP coordinator. “This type of mentoring, which often occurs naturally, may not be easily recognized until we stop to think about it, and it may take years to understand its impact.”

However, with intentional mentoring, ideally both the mentor and mentee benefit from goal-oriented interaction and fresh perspectives. MMAP cultivates partnerships built on trust, mutual respect and shared interests.

“My mentor always encouraged me to try out for things and follow my dreams. I learned so much from her. She shared portions of her life with me that I will look up to for the rest of my life,” said Daniella Singleton, MMAP mentee.

Learn more about becoming a mentor or mentee by contacting MMAP at millersville.edu/mmap/or 717-871-5361. The deadline for mentor applications is September 15.

(Read Singleton’s story and more like this at blogs.millersville.edu/mentoring/)

Need to Know: Here’s What You Missed!

Over the past few months, Millersville University has added various opportunities for students in academics, been nationally recognized and began the search for a new president. Below are some of the news you may have missed while on summer vacation.

University Highlights

Millersville’s Presidential Search—The search for the next Millersville University president has begun. [Read more.](#)

New Relationship Management System Enhances

Recruitment Operations—A new system is giving Millersville a competitive edge among peer institutions by building and maintaining relationships with both prospective and newly admitted students. [Read more.](#)

Appointments— Dámaso Albino has been appointed director of Millersville’s Migrant Education Program. [Read more.](#) Dr. Oliver Dreon has been appointed director of the Center for Academic Excellence. [Read more.](#) And, Jacquelyn Alling has been appointed as director of the Corporate University. [Read more.](#)

The Winter Center Grand Opening—The grand opening of the Charles R. and Anita B. Winter Visual and Performing Arts Center at Millersville is set for October 12. [Read more.](#)

Millersville Embraces Arts Learning in the 21st Century—Millersville’s new Winter Visual and Performing Arts Center is a true, premiere performing arts center for arts learning in the 21st century. [Read more.](#)



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Millersville Makes a Commitment to Solar Power—Millersville University has committed to purchasing solar power from Community Energy Inc.’s Keystone Solar Project. [Read more.](#)

University Awards & Achievements

Respiratory Therapy Program Nationally Recognized—Millersville’s respiratory therapy program was recognized by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care to receive the Distinguished Registered Respiratory Therapist Credentialing Success Award. [Read more.](#)

Student Memorial Center Receives Construction Management Award— The Student Memorial Center was selected to receive the 2012 Construction Management Project Achievement Award by the Mid-Atlantic chapter of the Construction Management Association of America for Higher Education Projects over \$20 million. [Read more.](#)

Forbes Puts Millersville on Its Top-Ranked List—Forbes came out with its annual list of America’s best undergraduate institutions on August 1, and Millersville University was the top-ranked state university among the 14 PASSHE universities. [Read more:](#)

New University Programs

Meteorology Students Take on New Weather Television Program— A new project, entitled “Weather Watch,” has been created for meteorology students interested in broadcasting. [Read more.](#)

New Doctorate/Minor— Students looking to pursue a doctorate degree in the fields of osteopathic medicine, dentistry and pharmacy are now eligible for early acceptance thanks to a new agreement with Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. [Read more.](#) The University now has a new interdisciplinary minor in entrepreneurship and will be the only minor of its kind in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. [Read more.](#)

Webster’s Mobile Device Development Class— Students will be able to create their own app for a smart phone or tablet through a new computer science course class offered at Millersville. [Read more.](#)

Millersville Announces New Initiative for Children— Millersville University announced the “Family Arts Collaborative” initiative. [Read more.](#)

Need to Know: Picture This: A New Procedure

Millersville’s University Communications and Marketing Office (UC&M) has announced its new photography procedure, which went into effect this fall. Moving forward, UC&M will be focusing on photography that can be used to market the University in future publications and web projects, as well as documenting major, annual events such as homecoming, honors and awards, commencement and the athletic hall of fame.



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You may still submit requests which should include specific details (i.e., event, time, location, etc.) and what you plan to use the photos for. UC&M will then determine if the request meets UC&M's guidelines and if funding is available.

If UC&M cannot meet the request, there are other options. Digital cameras are available for loan through UC&M. Having a professional photographer is also an option. If you would like to have a professional photographer at your event, UC&M can provide you with a list of recommended outside vendors that are local and reasonably priced.

To send a request or for any other questions regarding photography, email Deb Miller, UC&M administrative assistant and photo manager/coordinator, at Deb.Miller@millersville.edu or visit millersville.edu/services/ucm/photography.php.

Need to Know: Review Magazine Distribution

In the spirit of being environmentally-friendly, as well as being cost-effective, there will be a slight change in how the Review magazine is distributed. Starting with the summer 2012 issue, rather than the usual distribution of a magazine to every individual on campus, a quantity of the summer issue of the Review will be sent to each department/office.



The Review is also available online for all to read. To view current issues, visit the [Review Magazine website](#). Past issues are also available for viewing on [UC&M's website](#).

This method of distributing the summer issue of the Review will serve as a test. If effective, this “green” and cost-saving method will be carried on for future issues.

If additional hard copies are needed, contact Deb Miller, UC&M, at 717-872-3586 or Deb.Miller@millersville.edu.

9/6/2012 Activities

Here are the faculty and staff activities for September 6, 2012.



Welcome New Faculty



Front row (left to right): Dr. Steven Kennedy, chemistry; Rachel Gammons, library; Jennifer Frank, social work; Dr. John Zarco, music; Dr. Xin Li, physics; Becky McDonah, art & design; Dr. Robyn McMillin, history; Dr. Michael Elioff, chemistry; Dr. Mark Atwater, applied engineering, safety & technology

Back row (left to right): Dr. Jason Petula, elementary & early childhood education; Dr. H. Tyrone Washington, mathematics; Dr. Aaron Haines, biology; Dr. Ethan Frost, geography; Dr. John Kaiser Ortiz, philosophy; Dr. Duane Hagelgans, emergency management/earth sciences; and Dr. Jose Garcia, music.

Cuthbert Appointed as Interim Associate Dean

Millersville University has announced the appointment of Dr. Angela Cuthbert as interim associate dean for the school of humanities and social sciences. Cuthbert, geography, began teaching at the University in 2001 and has been the chair of the geography department since 2006. Dr. Derek Shanahan, geography, has taken over the position of chair since Cuthbert's appointment.

Her previous experience includes positions on the University's President's Advisory Leadership Council, Academic Standards Committee, University Promotion and Tenure Committee, University Honors College Committee and the General Education Task Force. Additionally, Cuthbert served as working group chair for the Middle States Accreditation Self-Study, program coordinator for the Engaged Scholars Program of the Civic Community and Engagement and Research Project and as assistant coordinator for commencement. She is also the faculty advisor of three student organizations.



Cuthbert is also involved in the Lancaster County Conservancy, Lancaster Bureau of Police and Lancaster County Planning Commission.

She holds bachelor's and master's degrees of environmental studies in geography from the University of Waterloo and a Ph.D. in geography from McMaster University.

Davis Appointed Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement

Kelly Davis '95, of Millersville, Pa., has recently been appointed assistant director of alumni engagement at Millersville University. She was previously the assistant to the director and alumni office manager since 2007.



Davis' new duties will include alumni event planning and hosting; technology and social media; working with alumni association committees and Board of Directors; the Millersville University for Life Engagement initiative and the Alumni Regional Coordinators; alumni association sponsorships; donor cultivation; special giving programs; advisor to the Student Ambassadors (Student Alumni Association); oversight of the alumni office graduate assistants; in addition to several other duties.

Davis graduated from Millersville University with her bachelor's degree in business administration/management. Davis has been previously employed by Lancaster General and Ephrata Community Hospitals, the Lancaster County Workforce Investment Board and Philhaven.

Faculty and Staff Activities

Dr. Sherlynn Bessick, Office of Learning Services, completed post-graduate certification in School Neuropsychology and was granted a Diplomate from the American Board of School Neuropsychology in July 2012. Sherlynn also attended the School Neuropsychology Summer Institute in July 2012 in Dallas, Texas.

Drs. Ximena Catepillán, mathematics, and **Waclaw Szymanski**, mathematics department at West Chester University, had their article "Counting and Arithmetic of the Inca" published in the peer-reviewed journal *Red Latinoamericana de Etnomatemática, RLE*. The article is available at etnomatematica.org/home/?page_id=1954.

Dr. Richard D. Clark, earth sciences, serves as the liaison between the Board of Trustees of the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research and the High Altitude Observatory (HAO), which is part of the National Center for Atmospheric Research. In this role, he attended the August 8-9 meeting of the HAO External Advisory Committee in Boulder, Colo. The HAO has been conducting research in solar physics for six decades, and operates the Mauna Loa Solar Observatory & develops instrumentation and numerical models for the solar physics community.

Erin Dorney, library, and **Dr. Lisa Schreiber**, communication and theatre, attended the Leadership Institute for Faculty Women sponsored by the PASSHE Women's Consortium in State College, August 12-17. The institute was an intensive, week-long program designed to address issues facing women in leadership through an academy-style series of presentations and interactive, experiential and strategy-based workshops.

Vera Volchansky, music, performed in a concert with the Karaganda Symphony Orchestra in Kazakhstan on June 23. She performed "Academic Festival Overture" by Brahms, "Capriccio

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Italien” by Tchaikovsky and “Symphony No. 3” by Beethoven. From July 30 - August 4 she attended the Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music in Santa Cruz, Calif. She has also accepted the music director position with the Lancaster County Youth Orchestra.

Retired

Dr. Dennis Denenberg, professor emeritus, elementary and early childhood education, continues to present keynote addresses to conferences and conventions for corporate, teacher and parent groups. During August, Denenberg gave Hooray for Heroes presentations; August 2 in Albuquerque, N.M., for a Teaching American History grant; August 14 in Salt Lake City for a charter school and August 21 and 22 in Killeen, Texas, for middle and high school teachers.

Who Makes Millersville Special

This issue of the Exchange features Amy Dmitzak, assistant vice president of University Advancement.

Q: Where are you from?

A: Born in Chicago, the Windy City, and grew up in Evanston, Ill.

Q: What other states have you lived in?

A: Michigan and New Jersey.

Q: What was it like growing up in Illinois?

A: Wonderful, but that’s mostly because I grew up in a big family – I am the oldest of six siblings including four brothers and a sister – and we had a ball.



Q: What college/university did you attend? What did you study?

A: I finished a bachelor’s degree in French at Principia College in Illinois, a small liberal arts school on the Mississippi River near St. Louis. Later, I went on to earn an M.Ed. in applied linguistics at Rutgers University.

Q: Did you ever study abroad?

A: I loved the French language so I was privileged to do a Junior Year Abroad in Paris through Mary Baldwin College.

Q: What was that experience like?

A: Fantastique! Total immersion in the culture and language. We lived with French families – mine spoke no English at all – and believe me, there’s nothing more humbling than being with French three-year-olds who speak the language better than I ever will! Although we were typical poor students, we managed to travel all over Europe and into Greece and Turkey. The city of Paris was the best, and because no one had any money, we explored the city and learned how to get by on one baguette a day.

Q: Do you recommend students to study abroad?

A: Absolutely, whether you’re studying languages or not. There’s no better way of meeting people from every background you can imagine and learning how to communicate.

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Q: Do you still speak any French? What's your favorite French phrase?

A: Only to myself! But I can fake a very authentic French accent.

Q: What was your first job after college?

A: Advertising agency on Madison Avenue in New York.

Q: What advertising agency did you work at in NYC, and what was that experience like?

A: I started at Dancer Fitzgerald Sample and then moved to Kenyon & Eckhardt. It was the '70s, the real "Mad Men" era including the three-martini lunch.

Q: I hear your career at Millersville started in the basement of Biemesderfer. Can you tell us about that?

A: Believe or not, UC&M – then known as the public relations office – used to be in the basement of Biemesderfer along with the print shop! One of the fun but spooky aspects of that location was that it had access to one of the old steam tunnels. We used to joke about long-lost students and faculty wandering the tunnels.

Q: What does a typical day consist of at the office?

A: Well, there really is no "typical" day. My schedule can include anything from dealing with the crisis du jour to hunting and capturing the occasional bat that lives in Duncan Alumni House.

Q: What do you love most about Millersville University?

A: It's hard to find a greater group of people to work with and among. The folks I see every day, including the best and most talented students out there, make life a joy. Millersville also brings to campus an incredible array of international figures that have made a difference in the world. I'll never forget meeting Elie Wiesel, author and Holocaust survivor, in 1993, when he was given an honorary degree.

Q: How often do you travel to Maine and what do you do there?

A: My husband Lee and I love the Maine and have been visitors for many years. For the last several years we've stayed in a cabin in New Harbor right on the ocean and spent a lot of time watching a family of ospreys raise their chicks.

Q: Can you share some stories about your siblings and their passion for fire/fireworks?

A: Hmm, I'm not sure our pyrotechnics hijinks are legal in all states. Let me just say that I lack the fondness-for-explosions gene that my siblings have. When we get together, they spend a lot of time blowing things up or setting them on fire.

Q: What are some of your favorite movies?

A: I love the movies, and had so much fun making this list. It's actually much longer but here are some of my faves: Cinema Paradiso, The Best Years of Our Lives, anything by Hitchcock or Billy Wilder, Apocalypse Now, The Third Man, Black Orpheus, Fargo, Shaun of the Dead, The 400 Blows.

Q: Please complete this sentence. People would be surprised to know that I ____.

A: Well, I'm not sure people would be surprised at anything, but I am a descendent of Nancy Hanks, Abraham Lincoln's mom.