Art and Design

Jing Zhou, MFA

Jing Zhou’s artwork was part of the following curated and juried art exhibitions and festivals:
2. “Close Encounters,” Massachusetts College of Liberal
3. “Lightworks” International Film, Sound, and New Media Festival, Grimsby, United Kingdom

Communication

Don Swanson, EdD

Paper:
“A Key Corporate Communication Skill: Listening to Language and its Representations,” (2011, June), New York, Proceedings of the 2011 Conference on Corporate Communication, Corporate Communication International. The paper was selected as the lead article in the proceedings.

Presentations:


Jewish Community Center of Western Monmouth County, April, 2012, “Contemporary Perspectives on Conflict.”

Workshops Presented:
Eastern Region Community Media Conference, May 2012, conducted a workshop titled “The Politics of PEG: Managing Conflict to Everyone’s Advantage.”

Garden State Conference of the Society Human Resource Management, October, 2011, conducted a full day workshop on “Conflict and Conflict Coaching.”
Criminal Justice

Michele Grillo, Ph.D.

On April 23, 2012, Dr. Grillo presented a project titled, “Assessing Police Organizational Change Ten Years After September 11” at the International Association of Social Sciences and Behavioral Research, held in Atlantic City. This project is the initial analysis of the existing literature and research conducted to date.

English

Kristin Bluemel, Ph.D.


She also edited and published last December the 2012 issue of the interdisciplinary scholarly journal, The Space Between: Literature and Culture, 1914-1945, on the special topic of "Visual Arts and Cultures of the 1930s." The production team of The Space Between included Pat Cresson, Department of Art, and Kristine Simoes, Department of Communication, and Cira Fraser, School of Nursing and Health Studies. The journal is published annually and is funded by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Presentations:


On October 6, 2011, Dr. Bluemel presented a paper titled “Illustrating War: British Children’s Poetry Books,” at the 13th annual Modernist Studies Association meeting at SUNY-Buffalo.
History and Anthropology

Katherine Parkin, Ph.D.


Dr. Parkin was interviewed by L.V. Anderson for “Get a Hustle On – It’s Leap Year,” Slate (www.slate.com), February 28, 2012. Her research findings and sources in the accompanying textual slideshow were linked to online by articles on Huffington Post, Sociological Images (The Society Pages), and Global Post.

Dr. Parkin’s “Leap Year Marriage Proposals” segment appeared on public radio WAMC’s Academic Minute on February 29, 2012.

Library

Eleanora Dubicki

Article:


Eleonora was a co-facilitator of a workshop, "LibGuides: Tips and Tricks: Thinking Outside the Box" and presented the results of her recent study on Faculty Perceptions of Information Literacy Skills at the LILAC (Librarians’ Information Literacy Annual Conference) in Glasgow, Scotland in April 2012.

Management and Decision Sciences

Daniel R. Ball, Ph.D.


Marketing and International Business

David Paul, Ph.D.

Manuscripts published in journals:


**Manuscripts presented at conferences (and published in Conference Proceedings):**


**Award:**

Dr. Paul also won the Award for Earning the Most “Bright Ideas” Awards in New Jersey for the 2001-2011 Decade. Each year the Stillman School of Business at Seton Hall University and the NJPRO Foundation, the public policy research affiliate of the New Jersey Business and Industry Association (NJBIA), collaborate to compile an annual volume of the Publications of New Jersey’s Business Faculty. From that collection of research works, a panel of Deans identifies the top ten manuscripts from among those that they feel will have the greatest impact for business practitioners or on advancing knowledge in the discipline. The authors of these publications earn the “Bright Idea Award.” He was one of two faculty members in New Jersey business schools who earned a total of four Bright Idea Awards since 2001.

**Nursing and Health Studies**

**Cira Fraser, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC**

Dr. Cira Fraser presented interim data from a prospective study evaluating spasticity in patients with multiple sclerosis who transitioned from interferon-beta treatment to glatiramer acetate [GA] injection. The findings were presented Thursday, April 26, 2012 at the 64th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Neurology (AAN) in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The prospective longitudinal survey research study is evaluating 110 participants utilizing the Multiple Sclerosis Spasticity Scale (MSSS-88), the Performance Scales, and a sociodemographic questionnaire completed when transitioning between treatments and at month six. Inclusion criteria require that participants had stopped interferon-beta treatment within 30 days; were about to start, or started glatiramer acetate injections within the previous 21 days; had spasticity; and able to ambulate
with unilateral support or without. Of the 52 participants, 35 percent were taking medication for spasticity prior to enrollment and during the six month period.

Interim results for the first 52 of 110 participants revealed a significant reduction in muscle stiffness, pain and discomfort, and the effect of spasticity on the ability to walk, body movements and activities of daily living. Improvement was also found in reduction of total spasticity scores during the six month period.

These findings suggest that spasticity may be reduced for MS patients who discontinue IFN-β and transition to GA. The results of the study with the total sample are expected to be completed by October 2012.

**Award:**
Dr. Fraser was awarded the 2012 Research Award by the International Organization of Multiple Sclerosis Nurses in San Diego during the Consortium of MS Centers annual multidisciplinary conference. The research award recognizes the work done by a nursing professional who specializes in Multiple Sclerosis which adds to the body of knowledge about Multiple Sclerosis Nursing.

**Presentations:**

On June 1, 2012, Dr. Fraser and Michelle Keating RN presented a research poster titled *The Effect of a Creative Art Program on Individuals with MS*, in San Diego at the Consortium of MS Centers conference.

**Political Science**

**Kevin Dooley, Ph.D.**

Dr. Dooley had an article titled, "Defending the Traditions By Preserving the Classics," published in Vol. 12, No. 2 of the *Journal of the National Collegiate Honors Council*.

Dr. Dooley’s second book, co-authored with Dr. Joseph N. Patten, chair of the Department of Political Science and Sociology, titled "Why Politics Matter: An Introduction to Political Science" was released January 1, 2012.

**Psychology**

**Gary Lewandowski, Ph.D.**

Dr. Lewandowski was published with Natalie Nardone, Monmouth University undergraduate student:
Dr. Lewandowski was published with Natalie Ciarocco, Monmouth University professor:


Dr. Lewandowski presented research at the following conferences: * Monmouth University Undergraduate Student; ** Undergraduate Student from Another Institution


Dr. Lewandowski was invited to speak at the following venues:

1. Lewandowski, G. W., Jr. (2011, November). The science of healthy high school relationships. Freehold Township High School, Freehold, NJ.

**Psychological Counseling**

**Alan Cavaiola, Ph.D.**

In the Spring issue of the *Journal of Psychological Issues in Organizational Culture*, Dr. Cavaiola had an empirical research article published titled, “Differentiation of Self and its Relation to Work Stress and Work Satisfaction” (Vol 3, No. 1 p. 7-20). The paper was co-authored with two graduate students from the Department of Psychological Counseling, Callandra Peters and Nadya Hamdan.

On March 22, 2012, Dr. Cavaiola co-presented an all-day Pre-Conference Learning Institute at the annual conference of the American Counseling Association titled, “When the going gets tough: The role of the administrative supervisor in tough economic times.”
Rapid Response Institute

The RRI has completed work on a grant from the New Jersey Technology Solution Center called “Mobile Handheld Technology Applications in Support of the First Responder Community.”

The RRI Team, led by CTO and Principal Investigator Dr. Bill Tepfenhart with two contractors, three MU undergraduate students and two MU graduate students, investigated and prototyped software-based applications for existing and emerging handheld technologies (i.e. Android/Android Xoom and iPhone/iPad, digital radios and others) to enhance preparedness, response and recovery from catastrophic disasters for the military and civilian first responder community. The research focused on stakeholder meetings with civilian and military representatives to identify key critical applications that would meet catastrophic event needs and then prototype several solutions for evaluation. We researched existing emergency management mobile applications and their usefulness for enhancing or supporting preparedness, response, and recovery operations for a catastrophic disaster event. Based on stakeholder input, we developed applications to support sheltering of individuals in harm’s way as the first set of applications needed in NJ and Monmouth County.

Four mobile applications and two support websites were developed in five months by the team. A final hands-on workshop with thirty Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Managers was held on February 15, 2012.

The development of emergency management applications is just beginning. The use of social media in disaster events is already vivid with the Deep Water Horizon oil spill (the use of which was underestimated by the US Coast Guard), the Japanese Earthquake/Tsunami, and even the twitter that was reporting the arrival of helicopters at Bin Laden’s residence in Afghanistan. This work will aid decision support, situational awareness, and the development of a common operating picture.

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