Psychology Counseling

Dr. George Kapalka

Dr. Kapalka published “Longer eye contact improves compliance of ADHD children” in the Journal of Attention Disorders and “Prescriptive authority: A survey of New Jersey psychologists” in New Jersey Psychologist. He presented 8 papers at the New Jersey Counseling Association, two papers at the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology, and one paper at the American Psychological Society.

Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Nancy Nicolescu

Dr. Nancy Nicolescu attended a reception honoring Excellence in Education at the invitation of Governor McGreevey at the gubernatorial residence in Princeton on July 24th. Dr. Nicolescu was commended for her work as an appointed member of the New Jersey Task Force on Middle Grade Literacy Education, formed by the Commissioner of Education, William L. Librera. Dr. Nicolescu represented Monmouth University and the NJ Council of Teachers of English when the Task Force presented its 28-page report, entitled “Improving the Quality of Literacy Education in New Jersey’s Middle Grades,” to Commissioner Librera and the public at Rutgers University in New Brunswick on May 27th. The charge of the Task Force, co-chaired by Dr. Dorothy Strickland of Rutgers and Dr. Penelope Lattimer of the Department of Education, was three-fold: “to initiate a statewide conversation about literacy education in grades 4-8; to produce a consensus document that provides background information to guide policy and practice along with specific recommendations for action; to improve the qualify of literacy instruction in grades 4-8.” Commissioner Librera accepted the report and commended it as outstanding.

Under the leadership of its president, Kelly Gruskos-Brinton, and guidance of faculty advisor, Dr. Nancy Nicolescu, Monmouth University’s Nu Tau Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the Honor Society in Education, was lauded by KDP’s National Headquarters as the “most improved chapter” for the 2003-2004 academic year.

In July, Dr. Nicolescu joined 17 colleagues from NY, NJ and CT as founding members of TRI-MEDIA, which in August became an official caucus of the national alliance for a Media Literate America. The mission of the caucus is to positively and purposefully promote media literacy in the tri-state area.
On September 15th, an opening exhibit of faculty art work at Kean University’s James Howe Gallery included “Diptych,” a print created by Nancy Nicolescu and her husband Alec Nicolescu.

Library

Dawn Popoff


In July and August she presented “Information Literacy: the High School to College Transition” at the “Crossing Borders, Making Transitions” conference sponsored at Brookdale College, and “It's All About Literacy” program in Freehold. Both of these programs present her work in developing information literacy presentations for high school administrators, teachers, librarians and students that was conducted at workshops throughout the spring in Haddon Heights and Middletown High School South. Thanks to Eleonora Dubicki, (Library) and Risa Gorelick (English) for their assistance and participation in these events and programs.

Political Science/Sociology

Dr. Joseph Patten


In April, 2004, Dr. Patten presented “Ethnic Politics: The Motivation Behind Senate Foreign Policy Voting Behavior” at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, and he also served as a discussant on a Public Policy Panel at the Conference.

English

Dr. Elizabeth Gilmartin


Michael Thomas

Michael Thomas was a visiting Poet and Lecturer at Beloit College in Wisconsin on September 17, 2004. He gave a reading from his current manuscript of poems, and he also gave a lecture on the poet, Theodore Roethke, entitled, “Roethke: Epiphany and Disclosure.”
Dr. Eleanor Novek

Dr. Eleanor Novek was awarded the James E. Murphy Memorial Award for the Best Faculty Paper by the Cultural and Critical Studies division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. Dr. Novek presented the paper, entitled “Heaven, Hell and Here: Understanding the Impact of Incarceration Through the Rhetorical Vision of a Prison Newspaper,” in Toronto in August, 2004, at the organization’s annual conference.

Dr. Alan Schwerin

Dr. Alan Schwerin participated in an ‘author meets critics’ session of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas annual meeting to be held in Pamplona, Spain in early August. The session focused on contributions to Professor Schwerin’s book, *Bertrand Russell on Nuclear War, Peace and Language: Critical and Historical Essays* (Praeger, Greenwood).

Dr. Robin Mama

Dr. Robin Mama was the recipient of the Judith Stanley Humanities Fellowship this summer. Her project focused on infusing more content on human rights in the social work curriculum. During the last two weeks of August, Dr. Mama participated in the International Human Rights Academy, held in Utrecht, The Netherlands. She was one of 80 participants from around the world who convened for an intense course on human rights law and humanitarian law. At the end of the two week course, she was asked to present a summary of the Academy to the International Federation of Health and Human Rights Organizations on the topic: “The Language of Human Rights: Meaningless Rhetoric or Means of Realisation?”

Dr. Golan M. Mathbor

Dr. Mathbor published an article, “Diversification of the Woodcutting Occupation to Weaving: A Community Based Development Initiative to Save the World’s Largest Mangrove Forest in Bangladesh,” in the *Socialais Darbinieks (Social Worker) Journal of Latvia*.

Dr. Mathbor guest lectured on “Global Community and International Social Work” at the auditorium on the Institute of Social Welfare and Research (ISWR), University of Dhaka, Bangladesh on August 17, 2004. Approximately 400 people, including faculty and students, attended the lecture.

Dr. Mathbor participated in a half hour long, regular Bangladesh Television broadcasting program on “Plants and Life” on August 19, 2004. Dr. Mathbor was featured in the program for his outstanding scholarly contributions for the protection and conservation of the World’s Largest Mangroves forestry in the coastal regions of Bangladesh.

Nursing
Dr. Cira Fraser

Dr. Cira Fraser co-authored “Certification of multiple sclerosis nurses : An international perspective” in the The International MS Journal and “A Prospective Study of Adherence to Glatiramer Acetate in Individuals with Multiple Sclerosis” in the Journal of Neuroscience Nursing. In addition she presented “The Use of Technology in a Prospective Nursing Study” at Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers annual conference in June.

History
Dr. Thomas Pearson

Dr. Thomas Pearson, Provost, had his chapter “Ministerial Conflict and the Politics of Zemstvo Reform, 1864-1905,” published in The Politics of Local Reform in Russia, edited by Alfred Evans and Vladimir Gel'man (Lanham, MD, and Boulder, CO: Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2004): 45-67. Dr. Pearson’s contribution, invited by the editors, provides the historical context from the late tsarist period for the problems in establishing district and municipal government in contemporary Russia under the framework of the 1993 constitution.

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