Software & Electrical Engineering

Jim McDonald
During the spring 2002 semester Dr. McDonald attended the 15th annual Conference on Software Engineering and Training for which he served as a member of the program committee. He also attended the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department Head's Association's annual meeting.

Gerald M. Powell
Dr. Powell authored and presented two technical papers at the sixth annual International Command and Control Research and Technology Symposium sponsored by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence). The symposium was held at the United States Naval Academy, June 19 to 21, 2001. This is an annual symposium with significant participation from members of academia, industry and government.

The papers were entitled "Metaknowledge Supporting Battlespace Planning, Execution Monitoring and Replanning" and "Using Continuous-Planning Techniques to Achieve Autonomy and Coordination Among Multiple Unmanned Aerial Vehicles." The latter paper received an award for best paper for it's "Exceptional Contribution."

Maureen Paparella
Professor Paparella co-authored an article entitled “The Role of Information Technology in University Administration.” It was refereed and accepted by the International Council for Innovation in Higher Education’s International Conference. She presented a demonstration of the technology discussed in the article at the American University in Rome, Italy, in November 2001.

Professor Paparella also presented a workshop entitled: “Improving Teacher Productivity Using Technology,” at the New Jersey Association for Educational Technology Conference at Georgian Court College in Lakewood, New Jersey in October 2001.

Daniela Rosca
Dr. Rosca had a paper published at the Frontiers in Education International Conference (FIE), held in Reno, Nevada in October 2001(FIE is one of the two major forums for educational research methods in engineering education). The paper entitled "PSP-EAT - Enhancing a Personal Software Process Course," was co-authored with a group of masters’ students who have implemented the PSP-EAT tool as part of their Software Engineering Practicum course, under the supervision of Dr. Rosca. This tool was already used in the SE 500 class for alleviating the clerical work of both students and instructor.

Another paper entitled "Business Rules Specification and Evolution for Distributed Environments," was published at the Computer Software and Applications International Conference (COMPSAC), held in Chicago, Illinois in October 2001. It was co-authored with John D'Atillio, a graduate student who is pursuing his master's thesis under the supervision of Dr. Rosca.
Biology

Dennis E. Rhoads

In January, Dr. Rhoads published a paper with several colleagues at Southern Connecticut State University and the University of Rhode Island entitled "A Gene Coding for a Novel Protein Specific to the Olfactory Rosettes of Atlantic Salmon," in the *Journal of Biomolecular Structure and Dynamics*.

Michael Palladino/John Tiedemann

Dr. Palladino and Mr. Tiedemann were recently awarded two grants to continue their research on the Manasquan River Estuary. This research involves undergraduate biology students who are working on Experiential Education projects and independent study research. They use DNA fingerprinting techniques to identify sources of fecal bacterial (E. coli) pollution in the Estuary.

The $60,000 grant from the New Jersey Sea Grant College Program will fund a comprehensive study of water samples from the Manasquan River for comparison to the database of DNA fingerprints to determine the sources of the pollution. Another goal of this grant is to develop a rapid assay method for DNA fingerprinting in the field. This grant received the number one priority ranking for technical merit and scientific impact of all Sea Grants submitted in New Jersey. The $35,000 grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) was awarded to complete a database of DNA fingerprints from human, pets, farm animals and wild animals.

They anticipate that the data from these studies will provide an essential first step towards identifying sources of fecal pollution and implementing corrective strategies and their work has received attention from many watershed management groups throughout the state.

Donald Dorfman

In March, Dr. Dorfman presented the paper Benthic Community Structure in the Morris Canal at the sixth annual Marine & Estuarine Shallow Water Conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

In October 2001, he presented several papers at the Metropolitan Association of College and University Biologists (MACUB) 34th annual Conference held at Union County College. They included: “Fishes Collected in Raritan Bay, South Amboy, New Jersey;” “The Growth Rate of White Perch;” “Hemoglobin Values in Bluegills (Sunfish);” “Glucose Values in Bluegills;” and “Pediatric Parasites.”

English

Michael Thomas

Mr. Thomas had five poems appear in the most recent issue of *Kestrel: A Journal of Literature & Art*. Two poems also appear in the current issue of *Slant*, an online literary magazine located at [www.slantreview.com](http://www.slantreview.com).

Education

Mary Lee Bass

Dr. Bass completed her Ed.D in Literacy Education at Rutgers University. Her dissertation was entitled “Influences on Teaching and Learning in Adult Literacy.”
In February, Dr. Bass gave a presentation at the New Jersey Reading Association’s annual state conference at the Doubletree Hotel in Somerset, New Jersey. It was entitled “Let’s Read These Pictures.”

She was recently named as a board member of the New Jersey Association for Lifelong Learning, a professional association that encourages the growth and development of learners in the Garden State.

**Psychology**

**Jeffrey I. Kassinove**

Dr. Kassinove gave two presentations at the American Psychological Association’s (APA) annual convention in San Francisco in August 2001: “Daytrading and Addiction: Related Concepts?” and “Hocus-pocus: Using Magic to Teach Good Skepticism.”

**David B. Strohmetz**

Dr. Strohmetz co-published two articles on tipping in the *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*. “Sweetening the Till: The Use of Candy to Increase Restaurant Tipping,” appeared in the February issue and “Effect of Beliefs About Future Weather Conditions on Restaurant Tipping,” appeared in the December 2001 issue. The study was also discussed in a Washington Post article that ran in February.

Dr. Strohmetz had an article entitled “The Impact of Tip Recommendations on Tipping,” appeared in the June 2001 issue of the *Cornell Hotel and Restaurant Administration Quarterly*.

His article the “Effect on Restaurant Tipping of Presenting Customers with an Interesting Task and of Reciprocity,” appeared in the August 2001 issue of the *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*.


**Nursing & Health Studies**

**Sharon W. Stark**


She also presented a paper entitled “Establishing Validity and Reliability of the Self-Reported Role Choices, Role Flexibility, Practice Settings Survey: A Pilot Study,” at the annual conference of the Eastern Nurses Research Society held at Penn State College on March 22.
Dr. Janet Mahoney

In March, Dr. Mahoney had her article entitled "Beyond the GRE," published in Advance for Nurses (Greater New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia and Virginia editions).

She also presented a paper entitled "Weighing the Value of the GRE & UGPA," at the Business and Health Administration Association’s annual meeting and Annual Conference of the Midwest Business Administration Association in Chicago, Illinois February 27 to March 1.

**Communication**

Kimberly M. Cuny

Ms. Cuny was recently added to the leadership task team of Communicating Common Ground (CCG) a cooperative project between the National Communication Association (NCA), the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), the American Association for Higher Education (AAHE) and Campus Compact. The project integrates the interests of the sponsoring organizations in better educating youth to embrace the advantages of a diverse society, forwarding engagement of higher education with elementary/secondary education and promoting service learning as an efficacious method for enhancing student learning and civic responsibility.

She also chaired the Great Ideas for Teaching Speech/Communication session at the sixth annual conference of the New Jersey Communication Association. The session is designed to provide learning centered ways of discovering, understanding and applying important speech/communication principles and practices in the classroom, open a dialogue about successful classroom activities colleagues have found useful and enhance discussion about teaching.

A multicultural/teaching tolerance class assignment designed for and implemented in her Nonverbal class at Monmouth University is featured in the sixth edition of “Teaching Ideas for the Basic Communication Course.”

Ms. Cuny and Claire B. Johnson presented Monmouth's Power of Storytelling project at the 2002 Eastern Communication Association’s annual convention in New York City. Attendees learned about Monmouth's leadership role in a national initiative that combats prejudice.

Eleanor M. Novek

Dr. Novek had an article published about her study of faculty adaptation to computer-enhanced pedagogy in upstate New York. Entitled "Do Professors Dream of Electronic Students? Faculty Anxiety and Information Technology," it appeared in Volume 14 of The Speech Communication Annual, 2000, which was just published.

Another article – “Gates of conflict: Communication, Symbolic Spaces and the Construction of Difference in Faith Communities” – was published in the Spring 2002 issue of the New Jersey Journal of Communication. It focused on the social construction of private and public spaces in two shore towns.

**Social Work**

Mark Rodgers

In January, Dr. Rodgers was national board certified as a BCD (Board Certified Diplomat) in Social Work and in February he was certified and licensed with the highest social work license in Pennsylvania – Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW).
In February, Dr. Rodgers was appointed by the president of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), Dr. Frank Baskind, as the Commissioner on Field Education. As a CSWE Commissioner, he interacts to improve policies and structure related to field internships for the profession of social work.

Also in February, Dr. Rodgers was elected to the board of directors of the National Association of Deans and Directors of Social Work Programs (NADD). The NADD board is the organization directing the structure and focus of Social Work education in America.

**Kelly Ward**

Ms. Ward defended her dissertation from Fordham University’s Graduate School of Social Services in December and is now officially “Dr.” Ward.

She co-edited a book with Dr. Mary Swigonski and Dr. Robin Mama entitled from *Hate Crimes to Human Rights a Tribute to Matthew Shepard*, which was published early in the fall 2001 semester by Haworth Press.

Dr. Ward completed two community presentations. The first was in a series on parenting adolescents hosted by Brookdale Community College and provided information on drug and alcohol use in teenagers. The second presentation was about the developing resiliency in younger children proved to the Holy Cross PTO in Rumson, New Jersey.

**Jan Rodgers**

Ms. Rodgers received her Board Certification Diplomate in Clinical Social Work in February and her LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Worker) in the state of Pennsylvania in March 9 (she already has it in New Jersey). The certification is through the American Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work, a national certification.

**Romance Languages & Literature**

**Priscilla Gac-Artigas**

Dr. Gac-Artigas’ article “Reflexiones Sobre la Identidad, el Oficio de Escritor y el Género a Partir de *La casa de la laguna* de Rosario Ferré y de *Cuando era Puertorriqueña* de Esmeralda Santiago,” was included in the anthology *Visiones Alternativas: los Discursos de la Cultura Hoy*, in June 2001.

An article about Dr. Gac-Artigas entitled “Latinas Connecting Through Literature,” by Joe Beck was published in *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education* in February.

Also in February, Dr. Gac-Artigas presented a paper entitled “La Literatura Venezolana en Busca de una Obra ‘Deslumbrante’ que Traspase las Fronteras,” at the 20th Century Literature Conference at the University of Louisville.

**Alison Maginn**

In October 2001, Dr. Maginn was a Guest Speaker at the Simon H. Rifkind Center for the Humanities at the City University of New York (CUNY). She presented the lecture “La Novela Española Contemporánea: ¿Más allá de la Posmodernidad?”
In July 2001, Dr. Maginn presented the paper “Revisitando a Cervantes en la Novela Española del Siglo 21: El Juego de la Escritura en Ventajas de Viajar en Tren,” at the conference of the XIV Congreso de la Asociación Internacional de Hispanistas. The conference was held at the Graduate Center of CUNY. At the conference she also chaired the panel “Intertextualidad y Estructuras Narrativas en la Novela Decimonónica Española.”

**Political Science**

**Rekha Datta**

In February, the department of political science and the office of public affairs hosted a reception for Senator Jon O. Bennett in honor of his work as Monmouth University's Public Servant in Residence for 2000 and 2001. Dr. Datta, President Rebecca Stafford, Provost Tom Pearson, Associate Vice President Susan Doctorian, Vice President Patti Swannack, Deans William Mitchell and Kenneth Campbell and the political science faculty and students attended the event. Two of Monmouth's political science alumni – Yesenia Sarabia-Peiker and Dana Pfeffer – also attended the event. They both serve on Senator Bennett’s staff as communications director and legislative director respectively.

Dr. Datta presented a paper entitled "At the Crossroads: Global Governance, Human Rights Laws and Women's Rights," at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in San Francisco, California, August 30 to September 1, 2001.

She also presented a paper entitled "Networking at the Local, State and Global Levels: Development Strategies and Policy Impact of the Self-Employed Women's Association in India." It was held at the Academic Council of the United Nations System in Puebla, Mexico in June 2001.


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