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Presentations

MCC faculty and staff have been actively involved in scholarly activities in the past few months. At the 10th Annual Conference on e-Learning: Sharing Best Practices in June 2014, for example, a number of our faculty and staff presented and shared their expertise with participants from colleges across Massachusetts.



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First, **James Dottin**, *Department Chair & Professor of Business Administration HP*

Life Faculty Ambassador, **Ashli Ree**, *Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator of Fashion Merchandising*, and **Luciano**

Sappia, *Assistant Professor of Business and Entrepreneurship, Entrepreneurship Coordinator*, collaborated on their presentation entitled "Project Kaleidoscope: Lumen and Three OER Perspectives" on June 4th, 2014 at Bridgewater State University.

Carrie Salazar, *Information Literacy and Assessment Librarian*, and **Ellen Royalty**, *Coordinator of Public Services*, presented "Online Library Instruction and the Flipped Classroom in Blackboard".

Last but not least, **John B. Smith**, *Professor of Physics*, who recently received a COD (Course of Distinction) award from Massachusetts Colleges Online for his hybrid course TMA 080 (Technical Math and Physics) also gave a presentation on the course at the same conference.

Ashli Ree, *Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator of Fashion Merchandising*, and

Luciano Sappia, *Assistant Professor of Business and Entrepreneurship, Entrepreneurship Coordinator* teamed up for a second time at the 3rd Annual Deshpande Symposium for Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Higher Education. **Judy Hogan**, *Dean of Business, Education and Public Service*, joined the team and presented "Building a Culture of Entrepreneurship Across Campus on June 10-12, 2014 at UMass Lowell Inn and Conference Center.

On June 9th, 2014, **Luciano Sappia**, *Assistant Professor of Business and Entrepreneurship, Entrepreneurship Coordinator*, together with fellow faculty from other universities, **Steve Tello** (UMass Lowell), **Adam McGowan** (Firefield), and **Janin Duran** (MVSandbox), they presented "How To Teach Entrepreneurship To Students & Youth" at Merrimack Valley Sandbox Summit 2014 at UMass Lowell Inn and Conference Center.

Still in June 2014, **Max Hallsett**, *Lowell Academic Advisor*, and **Karen James**, *Bedford Career Counselor*, presented on Creating a Culture of Belonging at the MCCADA (Massachusetts Community Colleges Advising Association) Annual Conference at Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester, MA.

Diane Malley-Parcella, *Bedford Campus Transfer Counselor*, also gave her presentation at MCCADA in partnership with **Deborah Smith** of UMass Lowell. Their presentation was called, "Transfer Collaboration: Reaching the Summit".

Kim Burns, *Associate Dean of K-16 Partnerships*, **Jane Fain**, *Lowell Campus*

Transfer Counselor, **Diane Malley-Parcella**, *Bedford Campus Transfer Counselor*, and **Judith Hogan**, *Dean of Business, Education & Public Service*, presented a panel discussion with University of Massachusetts Lowell colleagues **Gerald Durkin**, **Deborah Smith**, **Charlotte Mandell**, **Frank Andrews** and **Tony Szczesiul** entitled "Articulation & Transfer from a Faculty Lens" at the New England Transfer Association Annual Conference on April 10, 2014 in Portsmouth, NH.

Jo Mucci, *Director of First-Year Experience*, and **Phyllis Gleason**, *Dean of Foundational Studies, First-Year Experience, and General Education* presented "First-Year Experience Redux" at the Massachusetts Teaching, Learning, and Student Development Conference, Annual conference, "Social Justice and the Community College, on March 28, 2014 at Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill MA.

In addition, **Paulo Barrio**, *Assistant Director of Professional Development*, together with **Joanne Jaber-Gauvin**, *TRiO advisor*, presented "Empowering Students through Professional Development Collaboration".

Genevieve Green, *Assistant Director of Academic Support Programs*, **Rebecca Watson**, *Supplemental Instruction Coach* and **Noreen McGinness Olson**, *Director of Academic Support Programs*, presented at the Supplemental Instruction International Conference in Chicago on May 24, 2014. The presentation title was "CCSI: Community College SI" - an In-Depth Investigation of Lessons Learned.

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Dona Cady, *Dean of Global Education*, **Matthew Olson**, *Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences*, and **Carina Self**, *Assistant Dean of Social Sciences and Service Learning*, presented "Conversation on the Bridge: The Bridging Cultures Project at Middlesex Community College" at the AAC&U Global Learning in College Conference in Providence, RI on October 4, 2013.

On February 21-24, 2014, **Dona Cady**, *Dean of Global Education*, and **Judy Hogan**, *Dean of Business, Education and Public Service*, presented their paper entitled "Linking International Initiatives and Student Success" at the Community Colleges for International Development Local Access: Global Opportunities Conference in Las Vegas, NV.

The following month, at the Twentieth Anniversary ASDP National Conference Revisiting the Past, Living the Present, Envisioning the Future in Houston, TX on March 12-15, 2014, **Dona Cady**, *Dean of Global Education*, presented her paper on "Bridging Cultures: East and Southeast Asia at MCC-NEH Grant".

At the same conference, **Dona Cady**, *Dean of Global Education*, teamed up with **Cathy McCarron**, *Faculty, English*, and presented their paper on "Building Chinese Studies, Language, and Culture at MCC-UISFL Title VI".

In April 2014, **Dona Cady**, *Dean of Global Education*, **Ellen Nichols**, *Assistant Dean of Humanities*, and **Priscilla Eng**, *Faculty, Humanities*, presented "Building Chinese Studies at MCC" at the ASDP Title VI UISFL Lessons Learned Conference in Kansas City, MO.

Dona Cady, *Dean of Global Education*, presented her individual paper of "Half the Sky: Untangling Roots to Reach the Heights of Wisdom" at two different conferences. The first took place on May 29-June 1, 2014 at the Daoism: Tradition and Transition: 9th International Conference on Daoist Studies in Boston, MA. The latter was from August 11-15, 2014 at the ASDP-NEH Bridging Cultures at Community Colleges' Online Conference on Cultural Diversity in Asia.

Also, at the ASDP-NEH Bridging Cultures at Community Colleges' Online Conference on Cultural Diversity in Asia, 2 faculty presented their papers. **Johannah Segarich**, *Faculty, Humanities*, presented her paper entitled "Bridging Cultural Differences in Asian Traditions" and **Mar-**

garet Rack, *Faculty, Humanities*, presented "A Fire is Lit in Lowell".

Ellen Ricca, *Web & Application Support Manager*, presented at the 10th Annual 2014 Omni-Update User Training Conference in Anaheim, CA on March 10-13, 2014 (Twitter hashtag #outc14). Her presentation was entitled "Getting Your Users Onboard with OU Campus".

Cheryl Hunter, *Adjunct Professor, Humanities*, presented a paper titled "The Heroic Life of Tolkien's Characters" as defined by their ethical choices and mortality at the Mythopoeic Society Conference on August 8, 2014.

Barbara Mellin, *Adjunct professor in English, Art and Humanities*, was a featured presenter of "Writing for Magazines" at the Carolinas Writers Conference in Wadesboro, NC on April 5, 2014.

Elise Martin, *Dean of Assessment*, together with **Peter Ewell**, *Vice President of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS)*, **Pat Hutchings**, *Senior Scholar at the National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment (NLOA)* and **Charlotte Mandell**, *UML Vice-Provost for Undergraduate Education*, presented on MCC-UML Collaborative Work on Assignment Redesign at IUPUI Assessment Conference on October 27-29, 2013. Their presentation was entitled "Mapping the Curriculum: Learning Outcomes and Related Assignments".

For a second time, **Elise Martin**, *Dean of Assessment*, teamed up with **Charlotte Mandell**, *UML Vice-Provost for Undergraduate Education*, and presented their poster presentation on MCC-UML collaborative work on assignment redesign entitled "Building a Sustainable Model for Faculty Development through Cross-Campus Collaboration, Curricular Alignment and Assessment of Student Learning" at the American Council on Education 96th Annual Meeting (ACE) on March 10, 2014.

At AACU Annual Meeting on January 22-25, 2014, together with **Sandra Shapiro**, *Nursing Coordinator*, **Elise Martin**, *Dean of Assessment*, presented their paper on MCC eportfolio use called, "Implementing and Sustaining a Cross-College E-Portfolio Initiative: One Community College's Story".

The following month, together with **Philip Sisson**, *Provost and VP of Academic and Student Affairs*, and **Rebecca Newell**, *Assistant Dean of Students*, **Elise Martin**, *Dean of Assessment*, presented at Valencia College Assessment Conference on February 22-24, 2014. The title of their presentation is "Revising Gen Ed: Engaging Students with Multiple and Authentic Opportunities to Achieve Institutional Student Learning Outcomes".

As part of an AACU Roadmap group presentation, **Elise Martin**, *Dean of Assessment*, presented her paper on "Leveraging Opportunities, Helping Students to Build and Reflect upon Their own Roadmap to Success".

On May 15, 2014, **Elise Martin**, *Dean of Assessment*, presented MCC assessment work at North Shore Community College. Her presentation's title is "Assessment at Middlesex Community College: Keeping the Focus on What Matters Most".



On March 16-19, 2014, **Philip Sisson**, *Provost and Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs*, **Clea Andreadis**, *Associate Provost*, and **Gail Lucozzi**, *Academic Progress Coordinator*, presented on MCC's innovative academic progress process at TASS 25th Annual Conference in Florida.

Clea Andreadis, *Associate Provost*, presented at 2014 OpenEd Leadership Summit Registration on June 4-7, 2014. Her presentation's title is "Focusing on Promoting and Expanding Open Educational Resources for College Students".

Clea Andreadis, *Associate Provost*, **Matthew Olson**, *Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences*, **Karen James**, *Bedford Career Counselor*, **Alissa Mendes**, *Coordinator of Advising*, and **Lonnie Armstrong**, *Achievement Coach*, attended AAC&U's 2014 Institute on High-Impact Practices and Student Success in Nashville, from June 17-21, 2014. The team developed a student success model for the college's communication program based on Complete College America principles and career exploration.

MCC proudly honors and celebrates the scholarly activities of MCC's faculty and staff that are shaping professional practice and the education of our students.

Conferences

Patricia Bruno, *Associate Dean of Academic, Career and Transfer Advising*, attended a conference entitled "Expanding the Circle: Creating an Inclusive Environment in Higher Education for LGBTQ Students and Studies" in June 2014 in San Francisco, CA.

In the same month, **Patricia Bruno** served as a member of the steering committee for MCCADA's (Massachusetts Community Colleges Advising Association) Annual Conference at Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester, MA.

Several academic advising staff joined **Patricia Bruno** to the latter conference including **Alissa Mendes**, *Coordinator of Advising*, **Diane Malley-Parcella**, *Bedford Transfer Counselor*, **Kaitlynn Arvidson**, *Lowell Career Counselor*, **Max Hallsett**, *Lowell Academic Advisor*, and **Karen James**, *Bedford Career Counselor*, **Ivette Caletz**, *Lowell Academic Advisor*, **Adrienne Ray**, *Lowell Academic Advisor*.

Paulo Barrio, *Assistant Director of Professional Development*, attended a conference in Baltimore, MD on July 16

-18, 2014, titled, "Designing a High Impact Leadership Development Program".

Maria Halepis, *Administrative Assistant to Dean of Assessment*, attended the New England Educational Assessment Network (NEEAN) Dialogues Meeting in the Disciplines on March 31, 2014 and the Association for Authentic, Experiential and Evidence-Based Learning (AAEEBL) Annual Conference on July 29-31, 2014.

Roundtable Discussions



Audrey Ambrosino, *Adjunct faculty, Behavioral Science*, presented 2 roundtable discussions in May 2014.

The first took place on May 25, 2014 and was entitled "Beyond Us and Them: Engaging the Perspectives of Immigrant Students". The latter whose title is "No Textbook Required: Teaching Your Course with Only Free Resources" was presented on May 28, 2014.

Both roundtable discussions were offered at the annual meeting of the International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence in Austin, Texas.

Classroom Presentations

On June 19, 2014, **Leah MacPherson**, *Faculty, Dental Hygiene*, presented 2 classes at the American Dental Hygiene annual meeting in Las Vegas. One course was named "Hands-on strategies to improve periodontal instrumentation" and another course was called "Current Concepts in Nonsurgical Periodontal Therapy".

Still in June 2014, **Anahit T. Shahinian**, *Faculty, Humanities*, visited Slavonic University in Armenia and taught a master class for teachers of EFL. In particular, she spoke of various delivery methods and ways of making EFL instruction more effective.

Publications

Dona Cady, *Dean of Global Education*, **Matthew Olson**, *Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences*, and **Carina Self**, *Assistant Dean of Social Sciences and Service Learning*, published in *Diversity and Democracy*, a National AAC&U publication for higher education practitioners in Volume 17, No. 3, pp. 14–16. Their paper was entitled, “Connecting Engagement and Global Learning in General Education”.

Marilyn Black, *Faculty, Humanities*, recently became a writer for Bedford St. Martin’s Developmental English Division. She contributed to their online bank of student exercises for Learning Curve for Reading and Writing. Learning Curve became available online to faculty and students in Spring 2014.

Barbara Mellin, *Adjunct professor in English, Art and Humanities*, published her poem in *Deep South* magazine and her non-fiction essay of a travel reflection about Rome called “Embracing Eternity” in *Flyway: Journal of Writing and Environment* of Iowa State University in Spring 2014. One of her oil paintings was recently selected as one of 50 works chosen from over 700 entries for exhibition in the national juried exhibition called Dimension, sponsored by the Associated Artists of Winston Salem.

Mark Friedman, *Adjunct faculty, Behavioral Science*, published “Balla (The Chronicles of Latvia)” in *Amazon*.

Patricia Richard, *Faculty, Biotechnology*, together with MCC student **Antoniya Nemtserova** co-authored a paper submitted for the 6th International Meeting on Origami in Science, Mathematics and Education (6OSME) held at the University of Tokyo on August 10–13, 2014. **Patricia Richard** also participated as an RET at Northeastern University researching liver tissue regeneration. The topic of the paper was “Toward Engineering Biological Tissues by Directed Assembly and Origami Folding”.

Reginald Nichols, *Academic Counselor*, published his article entitled, “Community Colleges Offer Solutions” for the eMagazine, “Living Education” in Spring 2014.

Terrence Downes, *Executive Director of the MCC Program on Homeland Security*, continues his contributions to Boston and Lowell newsradio news. He often appears on WCAP in Lowell providing analysis and discussion of homeland security and related matters.

In addition, during the 2013–14 Academic Year, Mr. Downes appeared over a dozen times on WBZ Radio in Boston, New England’s leading newsradio station. He was interviewed six times by WBZ News reporters commenting on such breaking-news stories as:

- The arrest in April of a suspect following the “Boston Marathon First Anniversary Day of Remembrance” ceremonies, after the man left a suspicious package in a backpack near the Marathon Finish Line.
- New developments in May in Federal Court regarding Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev.
- The May arrest of a Quincy man, charged by the F.B.I. with obstructing the investigation into Boston Marathon bombing investigation and of lying to Federal investigators.

On seven other occasions, Terry appeared on WBZ Radio’s overnight talk shows, providing live discussion and analysis, and responding to listener calls. Each appearance lasted one to two hours, and covered such topics as:

- The November mass shooting at Los Angeles International Airport;
- The March invasion and seizure by Russia of the Crimean region of Ukraine;
- The March disappearance of Malaysian Airlines Flight 370;
- The April mass shootings at Ft. Hood, Texas, and in Overland Park, Kansas.
- The May mass kidnapping of 276 schoolgirls in Nigeria by the Boko Haram terrorist group.
- The July declaration of an “Islamic Caliphate” in portions of Iraq and Syria by the terrorist army ISIS.

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