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Harpster appointed interim president

Dr. Jody Harpster was appointed interim president by the Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education at its meeting April 11.

Following is an e-mail sent to campus for B. Michael Schaul, chair, on behalf of the university's Council of Trustees:

"The Council of Trustees is particularly pleased that Dr. Jody Harpster was appointed today as Shippensburg's interim president by the Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. At the direction of the Council of Trustees, I met with representatives of all campus constituencies prior to our making a recommendation to the system office. Based on those meetings, in which the support for Jody was overwhelming, the trustees recommended that Jody be appointed to serve as interim president.



"Jody's prior service as interim president after President Tony Ceddia retired in 2005 and the arrival of President Bill Ruud in 2007 gives him the experience necessary to provide the university with needed leadership during this transition. Jody's knowledge, commitment, and long-term support to our University are without question as he follows in the footsteps of Presidents Ruud and Ceddia."

According to Dr. Harpster, "As both a Shippensburg alumnus and a member of the university administration since 1995, I am proud to again serve Shippensburg as interim president. The strength of the university is the collaboration among all parts of the campus, and I look forward to working with everyone as we all strive to continue to make Shippensburg a leader in education and service in the region. I also appreciate the confidence and trust shown in me by our Council of Trustees, by the Board of Governors, and by the campus community."

Following is the news release issued by the Chancellor's Office April 11.

Harrisburg – The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's Board of Governors today named Dr. George F. "Jody" Harpster to serve as interim president of Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania effective May 31. Dr. Harpster is the university's executive vice president for external affairs and

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Kudos

Dr. **Wendy S. Becker**, associate professor of management, conducted the master tutorial “Qualitative Investigation of Context” at the 28th Annual Society for Industrial-Organizational Psychology Conference in Houston April 10 to 14. She also presented “New Perspectives in Green Organizations: Driving Change with I-O Psychology.”

Dr. **Masudul (Mas) Biswas**, assistant professor of communication/journalism, received “Distinguished New Faculty” award at the 24th International Conference on College Teaching and Learning (ICCTL) in Florida April 10. Biswas also conducted a session on “Incorporating Twitter as a Tool of Course Participation” in the same conference. His research article, “Health Organizations’ Use of Social Media during a Pandemic Situation: A H1N1 Flu Context,” was published in the Winter 2013 issue of *Journal of New Communications Research*. Biswas and his Summer Undergraduate Research Experience mentee Kayla Krebs presented the research paper “Tweets and Facebook Posts on Egypt and Libya: Post-revolution public sphere discourses,” at the Global Fusion Conference 2012 at Ohio University. He also won second-place faculty research award for his research paper, “Latino Online Newspapers vs. Mainstream Online Newspapers: A Comparative Analysis of News Coverage of the 2010 Health Care Reform,” in Minorities and Communication Division at the 2012 annual convention of Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication in Chicago.

Dr. **Karin J. Bohleke**, director of the Fashion Archives & Museum, gave the lecture “The Quintessential Flapper from Head to Toe” at the Historical Society of Dauphin County in the Cameron-Harris mansion in Harrisburg. The lecture also introduced the listeners to the Fashion Archives & Museum collection,

as well as its work with students, researchers, the community, conservation, and exhibition.

Dr. **Cynthia A. Botteron**, professor of political science, will have her co-authored article “Understanding Singular Vectors” published in the May 2013 edition of the *College Mathematics Journal*.

Dr. **Joseph Catanio**, associate professor of management information systems; Dr. **Gary Armstrong**, professor of management information systems; and Dr. **Joanne Tucker**, associate professor of supply chain management, published “Project Management Certification and Experience: The Impact on the Triple Constraint” in the *Journal for Advances in Information Technology*.

Dr. **Scott A. Drzyzga**, associate professor of geography-earth science, presented his paper “Using Boots on the Ground and Data in the Cloud to Motivate Student Learning” at the 24th International Conference on College Teaching and Learning at Ponte Vedra, Fla. Drzyzga also co-authored the paper “The Shippensburg University Address Referencing System Project” with students Samuel Finn and Will Davis that Finn presented at the 2013 Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting at Los Angeles.

Dr. **Luis Melara**, assistant professor of mathematics, presented the talk “Introduction to Math Biology Using Differential Equations” at the Spring Colloquium Series at Gettysburg College March 29.

Dr. **Amanda M. Olejarski**, assistant professor of public administration, had her book *Administrative Discretion in Action: A Narrative of Eminent Domain* published. She also co-authored the journal manuscript “The little blue pill that killed the little pink house: A narrative of eminent domain” to be published in *Administration & Society*.

Dr. **Praveen Veerabhadrapa**, assistant professor of exercise science, co-authored the manuscript

“Visit-to-visit and 24-h blood pressure variability: association with endothelial and smooth muscle function in African Americans” in the *Journal of Human Hypertension*.

Several members of various departments or offices participated in the Ellucian LIVE Conference Philadelphia. **Amy Diehl**, **Cathy Sprenger**, **Eric Shirk**, and **John Vandebrake** presented “Riding the Banner XE Wave: One University’s Experience.” **Trudy Smith** and **Diehl** presented “Mom pay my bill! (But don’t look at my grades).” **Justin Sentz**, **Dustin Sier**, and **Mira Matern** presented “Luminis and Content Management – Integrating Targeting of Content.” **Sier**, **Sentz**, and **Matern** also presented “Responsive Design in Ellucian Luminis Platform 5.”

Luhrs events

The Grace B. Luhrs University Elementary School (GBLUES) will have its annual plant sale May 8 and 9. The sale, including herbs, vegetables, annuals, and perennials, will run daily from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the lobby. Proceeds from the sale benefit Relay for Life. For more information, call the office at ext. 1612.

The GBLUES Library will host a spring book fair May 15 and 16 from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. with all proceeds to benefit the GBLUES Library. The event is open to all members of the community and will include children’s books, teen novels, cookbooks, adult books, and educational materials.

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Shippensburg University is an equal opportunity educational institution.

BOG OKs degree

A new degree program will provide students with skills needed to be successful in the global economy.

The program, approved April 11 by the Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education and beginning this fall, will allow the university to expand its current international studies (IS) program into a bachelor of arts degree in international studies. It will also produce graduates with the skills to meet the challenges of an ever-changing, globally connected and interdependent world; and to meet Pennsylvania's demand for workers capable of negotiating the links between the Commonwealth and the global economy.

According to Dr. Barbara Lyman, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, "Through our newest degree in international studies, Shippensburg University offers a high-caliber program for intellectually curious students seeking inter-

national career credentials. Students pursuing this major will be taught by high caliber faculty with an impressive array of international expertise and experiences.

"This focused yet flexible degree will produce graduates who are well prepared for the rapidly growing number of positions requiring international expertise. Many of these positions are emerging right here in south-central Pennsylvania in a state having what is considered the strongest international trade support program of any state in the country. Our proximity of only 100 miles to Washington, D.C., will also be a terrific advantage for our international studies majors seeking internships in and around the nation's capital."

According to Dr. Jonathan Skaff, professor of history/philosophy and IS program director, the major is flexible enough to prepare students for careers in business, government or non-profit work in domestic or foreign settings. "Many students and

faculty have told me that they are eagerly anticipating the new major. Students who hope to pursue international careers are happy to have the major available to them. Faculty are also glad that the major will showcase the university's strong offerings in international studies as almost 70 faculty have international teaching interests or research expertise."

The program will include area studies, global studies, foreign language, and study abroad/internship requirements. Over the past decade, the IS minor has been one of Shippensburg's fastest growing academic programs, increasing from 14 students in Fall 2001 to 92 in Spring 2012.

The program builds upon Shippensburg's current international studies minor and its more than 120 interdisciplinary offerings of international studies courses to meet the needs of existing students seeking greater curricular opportunities in international studies. Transfer students and veterans returning to college, especially those with international experiences, will be able to build upon their prior learning.

The program will also use existing faculty and facility resources. In addition, the program will work in collaboration with two other PASSHE universities, California and East Stroudsburg, to allow Shippensburg students to take Chinese and Arabic courses.

According to a feasibility study on the new program, the program graduates will help meet the workforce requirements of companies contributing to Pennsylvania's \$41 billion in annual exports, including multinational companies with headquarters or major operations in south-central Pennsylvania. In the Harrisburg-Carlisle region, exports contribute seven percent to local GDP and are one of the fastest-growing sectors of the economy.

Information on the program is available at <http://www.ship.edu/ism>.

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government relations. He also served as Shippensburg's interim president from June 2005 to February 2007.

Current Shippensburg University President Dr. William N. Ruud will leave the position at the end of May to become the next president of the University of Northern Iowa. A national search will be conducted for a permanent replacement. Dr. Harpster was named to his current position after serving for nearly 21 months as Shippensburg's interim president. Previously, he was the university's vice president for student affairs beginning in 1995.

Before coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Harpster spent more than a decade at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte where he served as director of student life, dean of students and assistant vice chancellor for student affairs. He began his academic career in student affairs while attending Shippensburg University as a graduate student from 1972 to 1974.

Dr. Harpster holds a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Juniata College, a Master of Science degree in counseling and college student personnel administration from Shippensburg, and a Ph.D. in adult and higher education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education is the largest provider of higher education in the Commonwealth, with about 115,000 students. The 14 PASSHE universities offer degree and certificate programs in more than 120 areas of study. About 500,000 PASSHE alumni live and work in Pennsylvania.

BOG honors Ruud

The Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education April 11 approved a resolution honoring President Bill Ruud for his contributions to public higher education and to the students of Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.

The resolution was unanimously approved and signed by BOG Chair Guido M. Pichini. The entire resolution is available online at <http://tiny.cc/vn1mvw>.

Alumnus to speak

Alumnus Todd Platts, a retired U.S. representative, will present the commencement address May 11 during the Spring undergraduate commencement ceremony. Platts will also receive an honorary doctor of public service degree.

The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. in Seth Grove Stadium. Approximately 1,000 students are expected to participate. Information will be released shortly on the speaker for the graduate ceremony at 7 p.m. May 10 in the H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center.

If a family member is an undergraduate who is graduating, employees may present the diploma cover personally to the graduate. If you wish to do so, please send a note with the undergraduate's name and degree no later than May 1 to Dr. Peter M. Gigliotti, Commencement Committee co-chair, at pmgigl@ship.edu.

Academic regalia is available from the University Store in the Ceddia Union Building. More information is available by calling the store at ext. 1600.

No tickets are required for guest admission if the ceremony is in the stadium. Faculty participating in the academic procession who wish to bring a guest may obtain a ticket for reserved seating, either indoors or outdoors, by calling ext. 1202.

In the event of bad weather May

11, the undergraduate program will be in Heiges Field House in two separate ceremonies. Members of the John L. Grove College of Business and the College of Education and Human Services will participate in the 11 a.m. ceremony and members of the College of Arts and Sciences will participate in the 3 p.m. ceremony.

Any decision to move indoors will be made by President William N. Ruud as soon as feasible. Individuals may call Hotline at 477-1200 about the ceremony. Final information will be available by 7 a.m. May 11. The information will also be posted on the university's website.

The stadium will open at 9 a.m. for guest admission. Light refreshments will be available in the arena for guests who arrive early. Guests should be seated by 10:30 a.m. If the program is indoors, guests are asked to be seated 30 minutes prior to each program. Doors to the field house will open at 9 a.m. for the 11 a.m. ceremony and no later than 2 p.m. for the 3 p.m. ceremony.

Faculty, trustees, and administrative associates will assemble to robe by 10:30 a.m. in the locker rooms under the stadium grandstand. The academic procession will form at 10:45 a.m. and start promptly at 11 a.m. The mace bearer will lead the processional followed by the graduating class, faculty, trustees, and administrators, and then the platform party. The mace bearer will lead the recessional followed by the platform party, trustees.

Platts earned his degree in public administration from Shippensburg in 1984 and then earned his law degree from Pepperdine University in 1991. The next year, he was elected to serve the 196th District in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

In 2000, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives serving the 19th district. In January, 2012, he announced he would not seek a seventh term and ended his service last January. While in Congress, he

served on numerous committees including the committee on education and the workforce, the committee on armed services, and the committee on oversight and government reform. He also served as chair of the subcommittee on government organization, efficiency, and financial management.

Student research

Approximately 400 students will participate in the annual Celebration of Student Research Conference April 23.

The event highlights the year-long efforts by students who collaborate with faculty to conduct research in various areas. Topics this year include preventing adolescent gang involvement, providing better services for bereavement support, and helping Americans understand their healthcare options.

The conference, open to the public, is 3 to 9 p.m. in the Ceddia Union Building.

The conference keynote address, at 7 p.m. April 22 in Old Main Chapel, is being presented by alumni Dr. Gary and Mary Jo Grove. The Groves both earned their undergraduate and graduate degrees from Shippensburg. Gary received his in 1968 and 1970 and Mary Jo earned hers in 1969 and 1970. Gary later received a Ph.D. from The Pennsylvania State University.

They will discuss their firm, cyberDERM Inc., which they founded in 1997. The firm focuses on computerized biomedical research instruments that allow changes in skin structure and function to be monitored non-invasively.

The conference will feature 140 poster presentations, 30 oral presentations and 12 department panels.

More information about the conference is available at http://www.ship.edu/Student_Research_Conference.

Vietnam fund-raiser

Twelve students and alumni will travel to Vietnam during winter break 2013-14 to participate in a service learning opportunity sponsored by United Campus Ministry. The group will construct a school for an impoverished village in the Mekong Delta region of Vietnam. It will be the sixth trip for students to the region.

To offset costs of the trip, participating students want to participate in fundraisers to help raise money. They are willing to assist community members with household chores, including yard work (e.g., raking leaves), cleaning, grocery shopping, household maintenance, or other household tasks. In return, they would appreciate any assistance with their expenses.

If you have work for our students to complete and would like to support this fundraiser, contact the Rev. Jan Bye at Ext. 1672 or at jmbye@ship.edu.

Princess Playhouse

The Little Princess Playhouse will present a special double feature presentation highlighted by a performance of *The Wizard of Oz*.

The playhouse, sponsored by the Department of Music and Theatre Arts, will present *The Wizard of Oz* with *Sleeping Beauty and the Pirate Prince*. The double feature will be presented at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on April 27 and May 4 in Stewart Hall.

Tickets for the double feature are \$4 and will be available at the door. Seating is limited. Parking is free and available in the nearby Memorial Auditorium lot. For more information, call ext. 1638.

Memorial lecture

Dr. Mario Livio, astrophysicist and award-winning author, will present the annual Kirkland/Spizuoco Memorial Science Lecture at 7:30 p.m. April 23.

The annual lecture, free and open to the public, is in the H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center. The program's title is "The Greatest Discoveries of the Hubble Space Telescope."

The lecture is held in memory of Dr. Gordon L. Kirkland Jr. and Dr. Joseph Spizuoco, who both died in 1999. The series was started to honor the two long-time faculty members for their dedication and commitment to Shippensburg students and to their academic fields of biology and physics, respectively.

Livio is a senior astrophysicist at the Hubble Space Telescope Science Institute. He has a love for astrophysics, with a special interest in the accretion of mass by black holes, neutron stars, and white dwarfs. In the past decade, Livio focused on supernova explosions and their use in cosmology to determine the rate of expansion of the universe, on the nature of "dark energy," on formation of black holes and the possibility to extract energy from them, on formation of planets in disks around young stars, and on the emergence of intelligent life in the universe.

In recent years, he combined his passions for science and art in numerous books including *Accelerating Universe*, *The Golden Ratio*, *The Equation That Couldn't Be Solved* and *Is God A Mathematician?*

His latest work is *Brilliant Blunders: From Darwin to Einstein – Colossal Mistakes by Great Scientists That Changed Our Understanding of Life and the Universe* which shows how even these geniuses made major mistakes and how their errors were an essential part of the process of achieving scientific breakthroughs.

Livio, who has published more than 400 scientific papers, is interviewed often in the media, including appearances on *60 Minutes*.

For more information, call ext. 1738.

Forsythe collection

Ezra Lehman Memorial Library will showcase elements from the O. Richard Forsythe Dean Koontz Collection in the gallery starting April 29.

The campus is invited to visit and explore these highlights, which include photographs, letters, and original creative works. The collection, housed in the Rare Book Room, was provided by O. Richard Forsythe, an alumnus and faculty emeritus. The items relate to his long-standing relationship with his former student and best-selling author Dean Koontz.

RaiderFest 2103

Members of the campus community are invited to RaiderFest 2013 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 27 in the commuter lot across from the Luhrs Center.

Funds raised from the event will be donated to Project Share (Survival Help and Recipient Education), a non-profit food pantry that serves the Carlisle area.

Events include a costume contest, carnival games, inflatable obstacle course, dunk tank, and a zip line.

A punch card allows individuals to participate in most of the events and activities. Cost is \$3 for SU students with ID, \$3 for non-SU students with ID and children, and \$5 for all non-students.

Lunch will be provided in the outdoor hockey rink from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The meal is free to SU students with ID and meal plan, \$8 for the public and non-SU students, and \$4 for children 10 and younger.

For details, contact Amanda Gelber, APB special events chairperson, at SpecialEvents@ship.edu; Bradley Thomas, graduate assistant for the University Union & Student Activities, at univop@ship.edu; or Elizabeth Thomas, assistant director for campus activities & programming, at ecthomas@ship.edu.

Coming soon . . .

- April 22** Dr. Gary and Mary Jo Grove, Celebration of Student Research Conference keynote speakers, “The Skin Business: Investigative dermatology,” 7 p.m., OM Chapel.
- 23** Celebration of Student Research Conference, 3 to 9 p.m., CUB MPR. For details, go to http://www.ship.edu/Student_Research_Conference. Kirkland-Spizuoco Lecture by astrophysicist Mario Livio on “The Greatest Discoveries of the Hubble Space Telescope,” 7:30 p.m., H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center, free. A book signing will follow the lecture.
- 29 to May 11** Senior Art Exhibit, Kauffman Gallery, Huber Art Center. Reception is 1 to 3 p.m. May 11.
- May 3** Under the Streetlamp, 8 p.m., H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center. For tickets and information, call 477-SHOW or go to www.luhrscenter.com.