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University conducting research project

The university is undertaking an important project related to its future as part of ongoing planning processes to help guide it as it faces ever-changing demands and needs of students and others in the coming years.

The university has contracted with Stamats, a national consulting firm with significant expertise in higher education research, branding, and marketing, to assist in a study of the current perception of the university by important constituent groups, especially prospective students and their parents. It will also focus on why students choose to attend Ship, and will help develop ways to better inform people about the quality of the university, its value to students, and its role in the region.

The project includes a series of meetings Sept. 9 through 11 on campus with members of the campus community. Two open forums are also planned. An open forum for all staff associates is 10 a.m. Sept. 10 in Old Main 203A. An open forum for all faculty is 3 p.m. Sept. 11 in Orndorff Theatre.

In addition, the firm will conduct a web-based survey later this semester for both internal and external constituencies.

More information is available by contacting Dr. Peter M. Gigliotti at pmgigl@ship.edu or at ext. 1202.

Ship selected as a top veteran-friendly school

U.S. Veterans Magazine has selected the university as one of its 2013 Top Veteran-Friendly Schools.

According to a release from the magazine, "The annual review is an evaluation of the nation's employers, initiatives, government agencies, and educational institutions."

"Our veterans have served our nation with honor and distinction, and the university provides a variety of educational and related opportunities to support these brave men and women," said Dr. Jody Harpster, interim president. "At Ship, we have looked at ways to better deliver our academic programming to veterans, we continue to review our support services for them, and we have a veterans resource center in our student union. Ship will continue to do what it can to help the veterans to whom we owe so much."

Shippensburg is one of 110 universities, colleges, and other educational facilities selected this year.

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Kudos

Dr. **Wendy S. Becker**, associate professor of management, was elected treasurer on the Executive Board of the Metropolitan New York Association for Applied Psychology (METRO). METRO is the oldest and largest local professional association of applied psychologists in the U.S.

Drs. **Kelly M. Carrero** and **Calli G. Lewis**, assistant professors of special education, will present "Using Applied Behavior Analysis to Teach Play Skills to Children with Autism" at the International Conference for Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders in Chicago Sept. 26.

Dr. **Scott A. Drzyzga**, associate professor of geography-earth science, was selected for and participated in Google's first Geo for Higher Ed Summit in July. The summit brought together 75 instructors and researchers in GIS, GPS, and remote sensing from higher education institutions around the world at the Googleplex in Mountain View, Calif., and focused on learning and testing new tools for collecting, hosting, analyzing, visualizing, and publishing map data.

Dr. **Corinne Eisenhart**, associate professor of educational leadership and special education, is the Early Learning Lead for the Mid-Atlantic Comprehensive Center (MACC) through which she provides consultation and technical assistance for early learning leaders in the Mid-Atlantic region. Eisenhart represented MACC at the National Early Learning Round Table in San Francisco. She also planned and provided leadership for a regional round table in New Brunswick, N.J., Aug. 15, which brought together early learning leaders from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

Dr. **Billy Henso**n, assistant professor of criminal justice, co-authored the article "Does gender matter in the virtual world: Examining the effect of gender on the link between online social network activity, security, and interpersonal victimization" published in the *Security Journal*.

Janice Minetola, Robert Ziegenfuss, and **Kent Chrisman**, all of the teacher education department, had their textbook *Teaching Young Children Mathematics* published this summer.

Dr. **William J. Morrison**, professor emeritus of biology, authored the feature article "The Lithuanian Roots of Igor Stravinsky and The Rite of Spring" in the May/June issue of *Lithuanian Heritage*.

Dr. **Cheryl Slattery**, associate professor of teacher education, in her role as chairperson for the Shippensburg Area School District Education Foundation, worked collaboratively with six district elementary teachers to create and launch a new program called Smooth Sailing. Through Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) funding from the Foundation, Smooth Sailing is an investment in the school community's need for a smooth transition into school for selected children who will start Kindergarten, and back to school for selected children who will start first grade. The program's goal is to provide foundational skills for selected incoming Kindergarten children and to provide targeted, data driven intervention to children starting first grade. It is a free, week-long supplemental transition program into the school year for up to 120 qualifying children enrolled in the district, including snacks and bus transportation. Smooth Sailing was Aug. 12 to 16 and will be offered every summer at one Shippensburg elementary school. She presented this program to the Shippensburg Area School District Board of Directors Aug. 26.

Dr. **Richard D. Stone**, professor emeritus of marketing and logistics, recently had his co-authored article "Commerce in The Late Unpleasantness: Business Aspects of Civil War Railroads" published in the *Journal of Transportation Law, Logistics, and Policy*.

Drs. **Robert Ziegenfuss, Janet Bufalino**, and **Eucabeth Odhiambo** from the teacher education department, and Dr. **Michael Small,** director of the Shippensburg University School Study Council sponsored the "Best Practices for Middle Level Students" symposium in the CUB. The symposium also involved the National Professors of Middle Level Education, the Pennsylvania Professors of Middle Level Education and the Pennsylvania Middle Level Association. A major goal of the symposium was achieved by bringing together educators involved in middle level education. More than 100 teaching candidates, recently graduated teachers from PASSHE universities, professors, and school-based administrators and teachers attended the keynote presentations along with 12 presentations and exemplary middle level school-based programs. Ziegenfuss, president of the National Professors of Middle Level Education, brought the symposium to Shippensburg to promote more involvement in the Northeast and to celebrate the new middle level teacher certification in Pennsylvania.

Promotion workshop

A promotion application workshop is 4 to 5 p.m. Sept. 19 in Franklin Science Center 30. Copies of the handouts distributed at the workshop will be available on the S drive: Public>Faculty>University-Wide Promotion Committee.

Deadline for faculty to submit a letter of intent to apply for promotion is Nov. 1.

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Fact is published by the Office of University Communications and Marketing for current and retired employees. The next issue is Sept. 23.

Deadline to submit material to SUnews@ship.edu is noon Monday the week before publication.

Shippensburg University is an equal opportunity educational institution.

Holocaust program

The university will host a talk Sept. 11 about Holocaust research.

Dr. Geoffrey Megargee, senior applied research scholar at the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, will speak from 2 to 3:15 p.m. in Grove Hall Forum. His talk, "Aspects of Nazism: The Role of the Military and New Research on the Camps," is open to the public.

He will explore the attitudes within the German military that prepared it to support the Nazi regime, as well as recent discoveries about the Nazi camp system.

Megargee, project director and editor-in-chief of the *Encyclopedia of Camps and Ghettos, 1933-1945*, received his Ph.D. in military history from the Ohio State University and has published widely on the German military and the Holocaust.

The talk is sponsored by the university's departments of history and philosophy and modern languages.

For information, contact Dr. Mark Spicka at mespicka@ship.edu or ext. 1009.

English readings

The English department's Professional Development Committee is sponsoring two readings. The events are open to campus and the public.

Neil Connelly, assistant professor of English, will give a reading from his book *The Midlife Crisis of Commander Invincible* at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 24 in Old Main Chapel.

Vincent Guerra, instructor in English, will read his poetry at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 24 in Dauphin Humanities Center 051.

Research funding

The Institute for Public Service and Sponsored Programs has started the 2013-2014 student research grant programs.

The undergraduate "Call for Proposals" is available online at http://www.ship.edu/Student_Research/Funding_Alert. The grants will be awarded on a competitive basis. Deadline to apply for funding is 5 p.m. Oct. 4. Award notifications will be issued the first week of November.

The graduate research grant program "Call for Proposals" is available at http://www.ship.edu/Public_Service/Graduate_Research/Graduate_Research_Overview. Graduate proposals will be accepted until funding is exhausted. This year's program has received $12,000 from the School of Graduate Studies and the IPSSP office.

Additional details and program rfequirements are available in the calls for proposals. Please review the call for proposals for additional details and program requirements.

For more information, contact Chris Wonders at cawonders@ship.edu or Pam Bucher at psbucher@ship.edu.

GBLUES Fall Festival

The Grace B. Luhrs University Elementary School will host its Fall Festival from 4 to 8 p.m. Sept. 21 behind GBLUES & Shippen Hall.

Numerous family-friendly activities, including various carnival-style games, crafts, face painting, carriage rides, and more are planned. Food, including homemade chicken corn soup, apple dumplings, and bake sale treats will be available.

Apple dumplings and soup can be pre-ordered by calling the school office at ext. 1612. Wristbands are $5 for activities/games and $3 for crafts; ages 4 and under can participate for free.

Events calendar

Members of the campus community that plan events are reminded to go to the event planning website to schedule their programs. That site is http://www.ship.edu/event_planning.

The website was designed to be a central location for requesting services and facilities for any member of the campus community who plans events. It also ensures that requests are received in a timely manner allowing better preparation, better time management, more efficient workload distribution, and cost savings in reduced overtime due to last minute requests.

The website has links on the left side that provide direction as to how to schedule an event and then links to the appropriate forms or other websites.

In addition, it also allows event planners to designate their event as a featured event. That designation allows the event to be posted automatically on the university's events page (www.ship.edu/events). The events page is used by the Office of University Communications and Marketing as the basis for its news releases and other publicity. Events must be listed on the events page before a news release is issued.

Nominations sought

The university relations office is seeking nominees for various awards presented to alumni for their outstanding contributions to the university, the community, and their career field. Nomination deadline is Nov. 1.

The awards include the Jesse S. Heiges Distinguished Alumnus Award, Lifetime Achievement Alumnus Award, Outstanding Young Alumnus Award, Exceptional Service Award, Alumni Humanitarian Award, and Alumni Chapter Award.

Full details on each award as well as nominating forms are available at www.ship.edu/Alumni/Getting_Involved/Awards_and_Nomination_Forms.

Guest speaker

Dr. Derald Wing Sue, professor of education and psychology at Teachers College, Columbia University will present a workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. Sept. 20 in Memorial Auditorium.

The talk is "Microaggressions in Educational Institutions."

For more information, call ext. 1161.

Coming soon . . .

Sept. 9 APB presents "Gone Too Soon," with speaker Kevin Smith on suicide prevention, 9 p.m., CUB MPR. For information, go to clubs.ship.edu/apb, send email to apb@ship.edu, or call ext. 1747.

11 Guest speaker Dr. Geoffrey Megargee on "Aspects of Nazism: The Role of the German Military and New Research on the Camps," 2 p.m., Grove Hall Forum. For information, contact Dr. Mark Spicka at mespic@ship.edu.

12 APB presents a musical performance by Nelly's Echo, noon, Ship Deck Amphitheater.

13 Comedian Michael Harrison, Red Zone Event, 10 p.m., CUB 023. For information go to http://www.ship.edu/CUB/Red_Zone, visit the CUB Information Desk, or call ext. 1693.

16 Beginner and advanced ballroom dance lessons, 6 p.m. and 7 p.m., respectively, H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center. Advanced registration is requested. Register online at luhrscenter.com or call 477-SHOW.

17 Constitution Day guest speaker Dr. Helen Knowles, Skidmore College, 7 p.m., Old Main Chapel.

18 APB presents Jose Canta, spoken word artist, 9 p.m., CUB 023. For information, go to clubs.ship.edu/apb, send email to apb@ship.edu, or call ext. 1747.

20 County singer Scotty McCreery, 8 p.m., H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center. For tickets and information, call 477-SHOW or go to luhrscenter.com.
APB After Dark with comedian Alexandra McHale, 9 p.m. For information, go to clubs.ship.edu/apb, send email to apb@ship.edu, or call ext. 1747.

21 Parent and Family Celebration, all day. For information, go to www.clubs.ship.edu/apb.

22 APB movie, 6 and 9 p.m., Orndorff Theatre. For information, go to clubs.ship.edu/apb, send email to apb@ship.ed, or call ext. 1747.

For more details on university events, please go to http://www.ship.edu/events.
For more details on athletic events, please go to http://www.shipraiders.com.