Dr. Amy Diehl, associate vice president of technology & library services and deputy CITO, presented her research “Why so few women leaders? Understanding the impact of intersectionality on unconscious gender bias” at the State System Summit on Inclusive Excellence & International Education, held in West Chester, PA on November 16-17, 2017.

Thomas Crochunis, associate professor of English, presented “Are Long-Distance Runners Lonely? Rethinking Less Social Sports” and “Envisioning Native American Distance Runners: Collaborating to Examine Media and Genres” on November 17-18, 2017, at the National Council of Teachers of English conference in St. Louis. Additionally, I served as a facilitator for the NCTE Screening Room, preparing curriculum materials for the documentary films “Midsummer in Newtown” and “The Bad Kid” and introducing the second of these when it was shown at the conference. Crochunis, had his poem “How to Survive Your Father’s Death,” published in the November 2017 issue of English Journal (vol. 107, no. 2).

Dr. Cheryl Slattery, associate professor of teacher education, conducted a breakout session at the Southern Regional Conference of the Student Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA) at Millersville University on Saturday, November 18, 2017. Her presentation was entitled “Culturally Alert Teachers: Getting to know the Tangible and Intangible Categories of Culture.” Slattery demonstrated that every day, situations involving cultural differences arise in our classrooms. We naturally look at these situations through the lens of our own cultural experiences. We have to force ourselves to look closely with different cultural filters. It isn’t easy or natural to do, but teachers must be conscientiously aware of it, and be sure to practice it. The conference theme was inclusion and diversity.

Cheryl Young, consulting manager at the small business development center, was a panelist at the “Diverse & Minority Business Conference: A Business Diversity and Inclusion Event” held October 30th at York College. The day-long Conference, coordinated by the Pennsylvania Department of General Services and the City of York, featured multiple panel presentations and one-on-one meetings with government procurement representatives and economic development technical assistance providers. Young’s session, in partnership with a York College faculty member and Small Business Administration deputy director, was facilitated by deputy secretary Kerry Kirkland and focused on business planning, accessing capital and launching new enterprises.