Shane, Greenberg Receive Provost’s Award

Dr. Michael Greenberg and Dr. Joseph Shane have received the Provost’s Award for Extraordinary Service. Greenberg, Assistant Professor of Political Science, was recognized for his work with the Student Association. Greenberg took on the task of assisting the Student Senate conduct a web-based student survey.

Shane, Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Science Education, was honored for his work with the Scotland School for Veterans Children. Shane has endeavored to enhance science education and related technology at the Scotland School.

The Provost’s Award for Extraordinary Service is presented annually. Recipients of the award get a $500 travel grant which they may use during the academic year. According to Provost Ruth, the theme for the awards this year was outreach and service. “These are two excellent examples of that theme. Both individuals are first-year faculty members who have gone above and beyond the call of duty for faculty who are so early in their tenure.”

Computer Science Program Earns ABET Accreditation

The Computer Science Department received formal notification of national accreditation for its Bachelor of Arts program. The accrediting body is the American Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET). This is a new accreditation and is retroactive to 2004.

In an evaluation conducted during 2005-2006, the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET surveyed many aspects of Shippensburg University’s Computer Science Program – alumni interviews. In their final report, the team that visited campus found that Shippensburg University has “articulate students and a very dedicated faculty.” They stated they were “especially impressed by the enthusiasm of the students and the dedication

“The accreditation of the Computer Science program by ABET is a milestone event for that program and for the College Of Arts & Sciences,” notes Dr. James Mike, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. “It is evidence of program excellence and gives Shippensburg University students assurance of a quality educational experience in Computer Science. According to the ABET website, only 13 schools statewide (public and private) have ABET accreditation in Computer Science and related areas and Shippensburg is one of 4 PASSHE schools to carry ABET accreditation in Computer Science.”
Shippensburg University welcomed several new tenure track faculty this semester. The campus community will benefit from the addition of these highly qualified individuals.

**College of Arts & Sciences**

**Dr. Lea T. Adams** – Assistant Professor in Psychology. Dr. Adams received her Ph.D. in 1986 in Psychology from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Adams was an adjunct professor at Frederick Community College, Frederick, MD.

**Dr. Denise R. Adkins** – Assistant Professor in Psychology. Dr. Adkins received her Ph.D. in 2006 in Psychology from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Adkins was a graduate assistant at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA.

**Dr. John D. Bloom** – Assistant Professor in History/Philosophy. Dr. Bloom received his Ph.D. in 1991 in American Studies from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Bloom was an adjunct assistant professor at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, MD.

**Mr. Sean R. Cornell** – Assistant Professor in Geography/Earth Science. Mr. Cornell received his M.S. in 2001 in Geology from the University of Cincinnati and is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Mr. Cornell was an instructor at St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY.

**Dr. Catherine Dent** – Assistant Professor in English. Dr. Dent received her Ph.D. in 2006 from Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Ms. Dent was an instructor at Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY.

**Dr. John R. Ellerbach** – Assistant Professor in Communication/Journalism. Dr. Ellerbach received his Ed.D. in 1988 in Mass Communication from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Ellerbach was a tenure track associate professor at William Penn University, West Des Moines, IA.

**Dr. Richard A. Knight** – Assistant Professor in Human Communication Studies. Dr. Knight received his Ph.D. in 2000 in Speech Communications from the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Knight was an associate professor at Arkansas Tech University, Russellville, AR.

**Dr. Jeonghwa Lee** – Assistant Professor in Computer Science. Dr. Lee received her Ph.D. in 2004 in Computer Science from the University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Lee was a Mathematician/Software Engineer, RAPT Industries, Inc.

**Dr. Robert Lesman** – Assistant Professor in Modern Languages. Dr. Lesman received his Ph.D. in 2005 in Comparative Literature from the University of Texas, Austin, TX. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Lesman was an assistant professor at Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA.

**Dr. Steven B. Lichtman** – Assistant Professor in Political Science. Dr. Lichtman received his Ph.D. in 2004 in Politics from Brandeis University, Waltham, MA. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Lichtman was a lecturer at the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

**Mr. Weidong W. Mao** – Assistant Professor in Computer Science. Mr. Mao received his M.S. in 1999 in Computer Science from Wuhan University, Wuhan, Hubei, China and is currently a doctoral candidate at Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Mr. Mao was a graduate assistant at Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA.

Dr. Daniel P. Predecki – Assistant Professor in Chemistry. Dr. Predecki received his Ph.D. in 2000 in Physical Organic Chemistry from Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Predecki was an adjunct professor at Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA.

Dr. Mark Sachleben – Assistant Professor in Political Science. Dr. Sachleben received his Ph.D. in 2003 in Political Science from Miami University, Oxford, OH. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Sachleben was a visiting professor at Miami University, Oxford, OH.

Ms. Carrie A. Sipes – Assistant Professor in Communications / Journalism. Ms. Sipes received her M.S. in 2003 from Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, PA and is currently a doctoral student at Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Ms. Sipes was an instructor at Duquesne University, Womelsley, PA.

Dr. Paul Taylor – Assistant Professor in Mathematics. Dr. Taylor received his Ph.D. in 2004 in Mathematics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Taylor was an instructor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI.

Dr. Allan A. Tulchin – Assistant Professor in History/Philosophy. Dr. Tulchin received his Ph.D. in 2000 in History from the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Tulchin was an instructor at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Dr. Curtis M. Zaleski – Assistant Professor in Chemistry. Dr. Zaleski received his Ph.D. in 2005 in Chemistry from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Zaleski was an instructor at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

College of Business

Ms. April E. Bailey – Instructor in Management/Marketing. Ms. Bailey received her M.B.A. in 2004 from Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, PA and is currently a doctoral candidate at Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Ms. Bailey was an adjunct instructor at Pennsylvania State University, Mont Alto, PA.

Dr. Sarah B. Bower – Professor in Finance & Information Management & Analysis. Dr. Bower received her Ph.D. in 1985 in Economics from the University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Bower was the Dean of the College of Business at Clarion University, Clarion, PA.

Dr. Kevin J. Dougherty – Associate Professor in Finance & Information Management & Analysis. Dr. Dougherty received his Ph.D. in 1991 in Finance from the University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Dougherty was with Dougherty and Associates, Ligonier, PA and was an assistant professor at Wheeling Jesuit University, Wheeling, WV.

Mr. Nathan Goates – Assistant Professor in Management / Marketing. Mr. Goates received his M.B.A. in 2001 in Finance from the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT and is currently a doctoral candidate at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Mr. Goates was an instructor at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.

College of Education & Human Services

Ms. Rhonda A. Brunner – Assistant Professor in Teacher Education. Ms. Brunner received her M.Ed. in 1996 in Reading from Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, PA and is currently a doctoral candidate at Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Ms. Brunner was the Director of Curriculum and Instruction in the Harrisburg School District, Harrisburg, PA.

Dr. Marita N. Flagler – Assistant Professor in Social Work / Gerontology. Dr. Flagler received her Ph.D. in 2004 in Education and Human Resource Studies from Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Flagler was an assistant professor and head of the departments of Psychology and English at the University of New York, Tirana, NY.

Dr. Han Liu – Assistant Professor in Teacher Education. Dr. Liu received his Ph.D. in 2004 in Urban Education from Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Liu was a tenure-track assistant professor at Marygrove College, Detroit, MI.

School of Academic Programs & Services

Dr. Stephen O. Wallace – Assistant Professor in Academic Services. Dr. Wallace received his Ph.D. in 2000 in Educational Administration from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Wallace was a transfer coordinator/academic advisor at Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, MO.

Ezra Lehman Library

Mr. Aaron W. Dobbs – Assistant Professor in the Library. Mr. Dobbs received his M.S. in 1994 in Library Science from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN. Mr. Dobbs also received a M.S. in Management in 2005 from Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Mr. Dobbs was an assistant professor at Austin Peay State University's Felix G. Woodward Library, Clarksville, TN.
Outstanding!

These faculty members have recently received recognition for outstanding achievements and/or outstanding contributions to their field.

Steve Dolbin: Mr. Dolbin, Associate Professor of Art and Director if the Kauffman Gallery, had a sculpture included in Shaping Space, a textbook by Zalenski and Fisher. “Relic of Memory”, part of his Sept. 11 memorial series, is featured along with works by artists like Botticelli, Michelangelo, and Frank Lloyd Wright. It is used as part of a discussion of symbols in culture.

Margaret Evans: Ms. Evans, Associate Professor of Communications/Journalism, had an image chosen for the Turning Silver Online Exhibition sponsored by Women in Photography International (WPI). “The Muses” was one of 100 juried pieces selected for display. It will also be included in a limited edition 25th anniversary book compiled by WPI. Ms. Evans’ inclusion in this exhibition brings international attention to the university.

Kurt Kraus: Dr. Kraus, Associate Professor of Counseling, spent six months in Beijing, China studying at the China Academy of Traditional Chinese Medicine. As part of his sabbatical, Kraus learned more about how the integrated mind-body approach of Traditional Chinese Medicine can be applied to mental health counseling.

Karl Lorenz: Dr. Lorenz, Associate Professor of Sociology/Anthropology, recently co-authored The Chattahoochee Chiefdoms. The book, published by the University of Alabama Press, examines the ancient Native American archaeological sites along the Chattahoochee River as well as the debates that surround them.

Cause for Celebration at the College of Business

The John L Grove College of Business actually has several reasons to celebrate this year. 2006 marks the College’s 25th year of accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business as well as the 35th anniversary of the establishment of the College. Adding to the festive atmosphere is the news that it will be included in The Princeton Review’s 2007 edition of Best 282 Business Schools. Academic programs, institutional data, and student surveys determine which schools will be included in The Princeton Review. What makes the College of Business such a consistently strong asset to the University? “We have worked very hard on our college programs and community outreach programs these past years,” says Dr. Stephen Holoviak, Dean of the College of Business. “It is a tribute to the benefits of staying focused on our strategic plans and being in touch with all our partners from students-faculty-board members- and alumnus. I believe it also reflects our governance style of consensus leadership and a philosophy of continuous improvement.”

Shippensburg University Hosts Fulbright Scholar

Shippensburg University was pleased to have the opportunity to host Visiting Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Omaima M. Abou-Bakr. Specializing in Islam, Dr. Abou-Bakr spent October 30-November 17, 2006 sharing her view with the university community and surrounding region. While here, she lectured various classes, participated in university events, met informally with students and faculty, and visited local community groups.

A professor of comparative literature at Cairo University in Egypt, Abou-Bakr provided an opportunity for students, faculty, and community members to receive firsthand information and accounts of life in another part of the world.
Community Outreach: The Center for Land Use

The Center for Land Use at Shippensburg University has an ambitious and far-reaching mission: to “provide conferences, workshops, technical assistance, research, and community education programs to promote sound land planning and to enhance the quality of life in the five-county service region of Adams, Cumberland, Franklin, Fulton, and Perry counties.” Though the needs of the counties are diverse, from attracting economic development to dealing with environmental needs, all can find help at the Center for Land Use. “We make every effort to accomplish projects that demonstrate the ‘public value of public colleges’, “ states Dr. George Pomeroy, Associate Professor of Geography/Earth Science and Director of the Center. “This speaks to serving the region and the needs of our students.”

For a good example of how the Center works, one need look no further than a recent research study on the economic impact of trucking and warehousing on the southern I-81 corridor. Conducted by Dr. Kurt Fuellhart and Dr. Paul Marr, both from the SU Geography/Earth Science department, the study shows how the trucking and warehousing industry contributes to the local economy as well as the impact its growth has on the transportation infrastructure and physical landscape of the region. Recommendations to minimize any negative impact are also included in the study.

The Center for Land Use is a partnership among Shippensburg University, Governor’s Center for Local Government Services, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, and County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania. The Center is housed in the Geography/Earth Science department.

Honors Expands Its Program

Effective this semester, the Honors Program is a four-year program. Once only a General Education program, this expansion allows students to participate in interdisciplinary studies and undergraduate research. As well as meeting SU student demand, the change also meets national standards for honors programs.

Students in the Honors Program take a total of 36 Honors credits. 24 of those credits are in General Education and are usually completed during the students’ freshman and sophomore years. In their junior and senior years, students take three interdisciplinary Honors Seminars. These seminars explore a wide range of topics while demonstrating that disciplines do not exist in a vacuum. The final part of the program is the capstone project which consists of either independent research or a major creative work.

“The new program will make our students more competitive as they prepare for admission to graduate and professional schools and careers.”
- Dr. Kim Klein, Director

Real World Experience for Pre-Forensic Science Students

A recent agreement between Shippensburg University and the Cumberland County District Attorney’s Office will allow pre-forensic science students to gain valuable hands-on experience. During their internship experience at the Carlisle Forensic Laboratory, which reports to the DA’s office, Shippensburg students will rotate through the lab’s four major departments: chemical analysis, DNA, toxins, and trace. The Carlisle Forensic Laboratory will receive access to university facilities and faculty expertise as needed for evidence analysis. This is currently the only formal, working agreement with a forensic laboratory within the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. Shippensburg University offers pre-forensic concentrations through the biology, chemistry, and criminal justice departments.
And Now A Word From Our Sponsor…

Rick Ruth, Interim Provost & VP for Academic Affairs

Best Wishes For A Safe
And Happy Holiday Season!

MSW PROGRAM PASSES FIRST STEP TO ACCREDITATION

The Master of Social Work, a relatively new joint program with Millersville University, recently hosted a site visit for the Council on Social Work Education (CWSE), the accrediting body for their field. This visit was the first in a series of steps needed to gain accreditation. Dr. Mizanur R. Miah, the visiting commissioner, found that the program met all the requirements needed for this stage of the process and recommended the program be granted candidacy status. Dr Miah identified numerous areas of strength in the program education component, administrative support, and faculty.