Morin and Weikel Receive Provost’s Award

The Provost’s Award for Extraordinary Service was presented to two worthy recipients this year. Dr. Suzanne Morin and Dr. Kim Weikel were recognized for the work they have done with the Scotland School for Veteran’s Children. They conducted training and follow-up workshops for the house parents at the school, which offers a residential educational experience for children of Pennsylvania veterans. “In the current strategic plan for Shippensburg University, the goals include to “become more inclusive and diverse” and “be a leading community partnership university.” The outreach services for which we recognize Dr. Morin and Dr. Weikel live up to both aims,” commented Dr. Barbara Lyman, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The awards were presented at the opening faculty meeting this fall. In addition to a newly-designed plaque, Morin and Weikel received a $500 travel grant which they can use to attend a conference of their choice during the academic year.

Johnson named as Dean of Ed & HS

Dr. James R. Johnson has been named Dean of Education and Human Services. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Johnson served as the Dean of the School of Education and Allied Human Services at Hofstra University. At the University of Toledo, he served first as Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies and then as Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research. Dr. Johnson earned his doctorate in curriculum and instruction/educational psychology and his master’s in secondary education/social studies from Pennsylvania State University. His bachelor’s degree in history/education/religion was earned from Duke University.

“I was drawn to Shippensburg University for many reasons,” says Dr. Johnson. “These include the reputation of the school and its academic programs in EHS. I was particularly drawn by the sense of community I experienced during my campus visit. Every person I met, either by chance or plan, seemed to be proud of the campus and responsive to making visitors welcome. I want to be part of an academic learning community committed to student learning, quality instruction, and long term relationships with the students we serve. I am certain I found such a place in SHIP!”
Welcome Aboard, New Faculty!

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**

**Ms. Alice J. Armstrong** – Assistant Professor in Computer Science. Ms. Armstrong received her M.S. in 2002 in Computer Science from The George Washington University and is currently a doctoral candidate at The George Washington University, Washington, D.C. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Ms. Armstrong was a Research Assistant at The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

**Dr. Alyssa C. Bumbaugh** – Assistant Professor in Biology. Dr. Bumbaugh received her Ph.D. in 2003 in Genetics from Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Bumbaugh was an Assistant Professor at Pennsylvania State University, Altoona, PA.

**Dr. Allen Dieterich-Ward** – Assistant Professor in History/Philosophy. Dr. Dieterich-Ward received his Ph.D. in 2006 in History from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Dieterich-Ward was a Graduate Student Instructor at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

**Dr. Nicole Grewling** – Assistant Professor in Modern Languages. Dr. Grewling received her Ph.D. in 2007 in German from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Grewling was a visiting Professor at St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN.

**Dr. Mark L. Hartman** – Assistant Professor in Music/Theater Arts. Dr. Hartman received his D.M.A. in 1997 in Violin from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, N.C. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Hartman was an Assistant Professor at Central College, Pella, Iowa.

**Dr. Misty L. Knight** – Assistant Professor in Human Communication Studies. Dr. Knight received her Ph.D. in 2005 in Speech Communication from the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Knight was an Assistant Professor at the Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg, PA.

**Dr. Luis A. Melara Jr.** – Assistant Professor in Mathematics. Dr. Melara received his Ph.D. in 2003 in Computational and Applied Mathematics from Rice University, Houston, TX. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Melara was a visiting instructor at the University of Colorado at Boulder, CO.

**Ms. Blandine M. Mitaut** – Assistant Professor in Modern Languages. Ms. Mitaut received her M.A. in 2005 in French Literature from Miami University, Oxford, OH and is currently a doctoral candidate at Emory University, Atlanta, GA. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Ms. Mitaut was an instructor at Emory University, Atlanta, GA.
Dr. Nathan E. Thomas – Associate Professor in Biology. Dr. Thomas received his Ph.D. in 2008 in Biological Sciences from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Thomas was a Graduate Assistant at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD.

Ms. Catherine D. Wing – Associate Professor in English. Ms. Wing received her M.F.A. in 2004 in Creative Writing from the University of Washington, Seattle, WA. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Wing was a Lecturer at the University of Washington, Seattle, WA.

College Of Business

Dr. Wendy Becker – Associate Professor in Management/Marketing. Dr. Becker received her Ph.D. in 1999 in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from the Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Becker was an Assistant Professor at the University of Albany, Albany, NY.

Mr. Jerry A. Carbo – Associate Professor in Management/Marketing. Dr. Carbo received his J.D. in 1997 from the Dickinson School of Law, Harrisburg, PA and is currently a doctoral candidate at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Mr. Carbo was a solo practitioner for the Law Office of Jerry A. Carbo.

Dr. Mu-Sheng Chang – Associate Professor in Finance & Supply Chain Management. Dr. Chang received his Ph.D. in 2008 in Risk, Insurance and Healthcare Management from Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Chang was a Teaching Assistant at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.

Mr. Viet T. Dao – Associate Professor in Accounting and Management Information Systems. Mr. Dao received his M.S. in 2003 in Information Systems from the University of Leeds, Leeds, United Kingdom and is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Mr. Dao was an Instructor at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK.

Dr. Ian M. Langella – Associate Professor in Finance & Supply Chain Management. Dr. Langella received his Ph.D. in 2007 in Operations Management from the University of Magdeburg, Germany. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Langella was a Postdoctoral Associate at the University of Magdeburg, Germany.

Dr. Allison D. Watts – Associate Professor in Management/Marketing. Dr. Watts received her Ph.D. in 2008 in Strategic Management from Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Watts was an instructor at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.

College of Education & Human Services

Dr. Dennis Baughman – Assistant Professor in Education Leadership & Policy & Special Education. Dr. Baughman received his Ph.D. in 1990 in Educational Administration from Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Baughman was a Superintendent of Schools at the Northeastern School District, Manchester, PA.

Dr. Corinne E. Eisenhart – Assistant Professor in Educational Leadership & Policy & Special Education. Dr. Eisenhart received her Ph.D. in 1991 in Curriculum & Instruction from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Eisenhart was a National Technical Assistant, Professional Development and Consultation, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL.

Dr. Stephanie J. Harry – Assistant Professor in Teacher Education. Dr. Harry received her Ph.D. in 1998 in Children’s Literature from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Harry was an Instructor at Century College, White Bear Lake, MN.

Dr. Joohee I. Sanders – Assistant Professor in Exercise Science. Dr. Sanders received her Ph.D. in 2007 in Kinesiology from Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Sanders was an Adjunct Faculty at Delaware County Community College, Media, PA.

School of Academic Programs & Services

Mr. Chad H. Bennett – Instructor in Academic Success Program. Mr. Bennett received his M.S. in 2000 in Psychology from Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, PA and is currently a doctoral candidate at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Mr. Bennett was the program Director at Catholic Charities, Harrisburg, PA.

Dauphin Humanities Center re-opened in time for the fall semester. DHC is home to the English, History/Philosophy, Economics, and Human Communication Studies departments. A new wing also houses the College of Arts & Sciences.
Administrators Named in College of Business and College of Arts & Sciences

Shippensburg University recently filled two academic administrative positions. Dr. Kim Long was named as the Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Patti Wolf was named as the Assistant Dean in the College of Business.

Dr. Long received her Ph.D. in 1993 in American Literature from the University of North Texas, Denton, TX. Prior to taking the position of Associate Dean, Dr. Long was the Interim Chair and Associate Professor of the English Department, Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, PA.

“The last two years as interim associate dean have shown me what academic administration is all about, and working with students and their problems gives me a great deal of satisfaction,” commented Long. “It is exciting to be part of this team as Shippensburg University looks to the future in helping students achieve success.”

Dr. Wolf received her DM. in 2004 in Management from the University of Maryland University College, Adelphi, MD. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Wolf was an Associate Professor at the University of Maryland University College, Adelphi, MD, and the Senior Program Manager at Internet Testing Systems, Baltimore, MD. When asked what drew her to SU, Dr Wolf answered, “This opportunity seemed a perfect match for my skills. The quality of life in the area, the great reputation of Ship and its students, and the potential to help grow and strengthen the MBA and business internship programs contributed to my decision to relocate here.”

Shippensburg University is sure to benefit from these additions to our academic leadership.

SU Programs Promoted in PACT Presentations

Shippensburg University programs got to strut their stuff at the Pennsylvania Association of Council of Trustees (PACT) conference held in October. President Ruud selected three programs to feature during the event: Alternative Fall Break (College of Arts & Sciences), Students in Free Enterprise (College of Business), and Growing Edges Community Counseling Clinic (College of Education and Human Services). Faculty and students gave presentations on the respective programs to the entire PACT group.

The Alternative Fall Break program arranges service learning opportunities in which students can participate over fall break. Last year’s program was built around Rachel Carson and her conservation efforts and included a trip to Wallops Island, VA. Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) is a team of students who work to create economic opportunities in the community through various outreach projects. The Shippensburg University Chapter was established in 2005 and has been the SIFE Regional Champion and has competed at the SIFE National Competition all three years of its existence. Growing Edges Community Counseling Clinic opened in the spring of 2008 and provides free individual and family counseling to community members. The program quickly established a solid client base while providing an opportunity for field training for graduate counseling students.

Ed & HS Receive NCATE Reaccreditation

Congratulations are in order for the College of Education & Human Services. At their October 2008 meeting, the Unit Accreditation Board of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) approved the continued accreditation of Shippensburg University’s programs for initial teacher preparation and advanced teacher preparation. NCATE congratulated the College on the high quality of the professional education programs they offer at Shippensburg University as well as thanked the faculty, staff, and administrations for the cooperation they received during the process.

“We applaud the College of Education and Human Services for this achievement.”

-Dr. Barbara Lyman
Shippensburg University’s Advising Excellence Award has received national attention. It is featured as an exemplary practice in Academic Advising: A Comprehensive Handbook (2nd Edition) by V. Gordon, W. Habley, and T. Grites (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2008). Dr. Stephen Wallace, Coordinator of Developmental Education and Advising Development, and Mr. David Henriques, Assistant Dean for the School of Academic Programs & Services, submitted the case study for the publication. The Advising Excellence Award is a $5000 award presented to the College, School, or academic department that best demonstrates excellence in advising. The award acknowledges that good advising is a group effort and not solely the responsibility of an individual; it also demonstrates that the university understands that advising is crucial to the success of its students.

SU’s Advising Award Featured in New Book

Dr. Christine Royce, Associate Professor and Chair, Teacher Education Department, has been named as chair for the National Conference on Science Education for 2010. This conference is the annual gathering for the National Science Teachers Association, the world’s largest organization for science education. Congratulations, Christine!

Middle States Reaccreditation Update

It’s almost time! The Middle States Evaluation Team is scheduled to be on campus this April. The campus, through the guidance of the university’s Middle States Steering Committee, has been preparing for the visit since February 2007. Through a series of meetings, work group sessions, and open forums, pertinent material was collected and a draft self study was crafted.

This October, Dr. Dennis Hefner, Chair of the Middle States Evaluation Team that will be coming to Shippensburg, paid the campus a visit. While here, he met with various constituencies of the university – students, faculty, trustees, and administration – as well as the Middle States Steering Committee. Dr. Hefner is the president of SUNY-Fredonia and this is the fourth time he has chaired an evaluation team. Dr. Hefner was very positive about the self study draft and offered constructive suggestions. He complimented the university on the efforts it had put forth to produce the document.

Campus feedback on the current self study draft is welcome through December 15, 2008. After that point, the final draft will be completed and sent out to the evaluation team, as well as made available to the campus community.

SU & Widener Partner for DED Program

Shippensburg University and Widener University have partnered to promote doctoral studies on the SU campus. A cohort program leading to a Doctor of Education Degree in Educational Leadership began this fall. Most on campus instruction will be provided by Widener faculty; SU’s Educational Leadership and Special Education faculty will also provide instructional support as well as serve on dissertation committees. Of particular benefit to Shippensburg students is the component that counts more graduate credits from Shippensburg towards the degree than would typically be counted from other institutions. There are eighteen students in the original cohort; more cohorts are planned to begin in the fall of the next several years.

Royce Named NCSE Chair

Dr. Christine Royce

SU’s Advising Excellence Award is featured as an exemplary practice

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A new entrance gate greets visitors and campus community members alike as they drive onto the Shippensburg University Campus.

And Now A Word From Our Sponsor....

Barbara G. Lyman, Provost & Senior VP for Academic Affairs

“Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.”

- Marian Wright Edelman

In my first few months at Shippensburg University, I have visited over twenty academic departments and additional centers and service offices. I come away from these visits deeply impressed with the caliber of our faculty and staff and the extent of their lived commitment to engaging and challenging our students to excel. This is one reason why Shippensburg University continues to have the highest four-year graduation rate in the PASSHE system. Faculty and staff spend significant amounts of time mentoring students, living out our mission to recognize and develop talent, whether around undergraduate or graduate research projects, advising students on the implications of their curricular choices and career opportunities, or leading study abroad experiences to literally widen horizons. Students remain highly loyal to Shippensburg after graduation, in large part because of how seriously faculty and staff take mentorship.

At the same time, I have seen the results of assessment to shape curricular offerings and enhance pedagogical approaches. I look forward in the coming months to faculty and staff being involved in various opportunities to contribute to the development of the Academic Master Plan as we focus on crafting a sustainable planning process and on the profile of our programs. Finally, during this time of year that affords more than the usual chances for reflection, I would like to take a moment to thank the faculty and staff for their extraordinary dedication to our students and preparing them for their future.