Spring 2006
Volume 1, Issue 1

Shippensburg University's Provost Office Press

In This Issue:

Welcome New Faculty 2
Outstanding Faculty Achievements 4
New Dean of Arts & Sciences 4
Bringing Warli Art to an American Audience 5
Accreditation Updates 5
New Director of Social Equity 5
A Word From Our Sponsor 6
On the Move 6

What is the Provost Office, Anyway?

According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, a Provost is either: 1) a chief dignitary of a collegiate or cathedral chapter; 2) the chief magistrate of a Scottish burgh; 3) the keeper of a prison; or 4) a high-ranking university administrative officer. Here at Shippensburg University, the fourth option is the best fit. More than just an office in an ivory tower sitting atop a hill, the Provost Office plays an important role in the lives of Shippensburg University's students and faculty.

Most students will never actually visit the Provost Office, but they cannot escape the office's influence on their education. All academic programs, both undergraduate and graduate, are administered by the Provost. Curricular issues, academic policies, and new degree development all pass through the Provost Office. The academic quality at Shippensburg University, including tasks like accreditation and program review, is another responsibility. The office also oversees various instructional support functions such as the recruitment, advising, and retention of students.

Faculty members quickly become familiar with the office as faculty hiring and orientation are coordinated there. Throughout their careers at SU, faculty members have development and grant opportunities that are administered through the office. The Provost also participates in the tenure and promotion processes.

Though this is by no means an exhaustive list of the activities that go on at Shippensburg's Provost Office, it does demonstrate the degree of involvement it has in the campus community.

SU Faculty Receive State Grants

Shippensburg University fared extremely well this year in the Faculty Professional Development Councils Annual Grant Program. This year, System faculty submitted 122 proposals. Because only $220,000 was available for funding projects, the FPDC had to limit its awards to 46 applicants. Shippensburg had 7 of its 12 proposals funded, the greatest success rate of any PASSHE campus. In budget terms, SU had $38,361 funded out of $61,603 proposed. SU proposals fully funded were:

Steven Burg - $5,960
Allison Carey - $5,619
Jon Cart - $6,000
Tim Hawkins - $5,290
Theo Light - $5,992
Julie Olszewski - $5,500
Ming-Shiun Pan - $4,000

The selection of Shippensburg's seven proposals is a testimony to our faculty's exceptional ability to describe and delineate the significance of each project that was funded. Thanks to our local CFEST committee for their continued thoroughness so that we could receive such an achievement at the state level. Congratulations on a job well done!

New Programs at Shippensburg University

The interests and needs of students are always changing, and to meet those changes, several new programs have been added at Shippensburg University.

International Studies Certificates
To better prepare students for careers in an increasingly global world, SU now offers 4 different Area Studies Certificates. These certificates permit for in-depth study about particular regions by studying their culture, history, society, geography, and politics. Certificates are available in African & Middle Eastern Studies, Asian Studies, European Studies, and Latin American Studies.

Master of Social Work - Jointly Offered with Millersville University
This program pairs the faculty and resources from two outstanding universities.
(continued on page 6)

Welcome Aboard, New Faculty!

"At first and last, the hearty welcome."
- William Shakespeare

Shippensburg University welcomed several new tenure track faculty this academic year. The campus community is sure to benefit from the addition of these highly qualified individuals.

College of Arts & Sciences

Mr. Kazim M. Ali - Assistant Professor in English. Mr. Ali received his M.F.A. in 2001 in Creative Writing from New York University, New York, NY. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Mr. Ali was an assistant professor of English at the Culinary Institute of America, New York, NY.

Dr. Sandra D. Alvarez – Assistant Professor in Sociology/Anthropology. Dr. Alvarez received her Ph.D. in 2001 in Sociology from Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Alvarez was an assistant professor at Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN.

Ms. Doreen K. Baringer – Assistant Professor in Speech. Ms. Baringer received her M.A. in 1998 in Communication Studies from West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV and is currently a doctoral candidate at Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Ms. Baringer was an instructor at Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.

Dr. Sherri E. Bergsten – Assistant Professor in Biology. Dr. Bergsten received her Ph.D. in 2001 in Molecular Biology from Princeton University, Princeton, N J. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Bergsten was an adjunct faculty at Harrisburg Area Community College, Harrisburg, PA.

Dr. Thomas C. Crochunis – Assistant Professor in English. Dr. Crochunis received his Ph.D. in 1995 in Literature from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, Piscataway, NJ. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Crochunis was a Managing Specialist for the Educational Alliance at Brown University, Providence, RI.

Mr. Benjamin R. Culbertson – Assistant Professor in Art. Mr. Culbertson received his M.F.A. in 1991 in Ceramic Arts from Alfred University, Alfred, NY. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Mr. Culbertson was an associate professor at Hagerstown Community College, Hagerstown, MD.

Ms. Kimberly Garris – Assistant Professor in Communication / Journalism. Ms. Garris received her M.S. in 1990 in Broadcast Journalism from Boston University, Boston, MA. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Ms. Garris was an instructor at the Pennsylvania State University-Capital Campus, Harrisburg, PA.

Dr. Michael E. Greenberg – Assistant Professor in Political Science. Dr. Greenberg received his Ph.D. in 1987 in Government from the University of Texas, Austin, TX. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Greenberg was an adjunct instructor at Harrisburg Community College, Harrisburg, PA, as well a Chairman and Chief Technical Officer of Global Interactive Management, Carlisle, PA and Partner at Greenberg Research Associates, Carlisle, PA.

Ms. Claire A. Jantz – Assistant Professor in Geography/Earth Science. Ms. Jantz received her M.A. in 2000 in Geography from the University of Maryland, College Park, MD and is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of Maryland, College Park, MD. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Ms. Jantz was a teaching & research assistant at the University of Maryland, College Park, MD., and a research associate at The Woods Hole Research Center, Woods Hole, MA

Dr. Sabrina E. Joseph – Assistant Professor in History/Philosophy. Dr. Joseph received her Ph.D. in 2005 in Arab Studies from Georgetown University, Washington, DC. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Ms. Joseph was an instructor at Georgetown University, Washington, DC.

Mr. David I. Kennedy – Assistant Professor in Mathematics. Mr. Kennedy received his M.Ed. in 1990 in Curriculum and Instruction from University of Massachusetts at Lowell, Lowell, MA. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Mr. Kennedy was an associate professor at Glenville State College, Glenville, WV.

Dr. Kathryn M. Potoczak – Assistant Professor in Psychology. Dr. Potoczak received her Ph.D. in 2003 in Psychology from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Potoczak was an assistant professor at St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY.

Dr. Jose G. Ricardo Osorio – Assistant Professor in Modern Languages. Dr. Osorio received his Ph.D. 2006 in Spanish from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AK. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Mr. Osorio was an instructor at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AK.

Dr. Joseph W. Shane – Assistant Professor in Chemistry. Dr. Shane received his Ph.D. in 2005 in Science Education from Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Shane was an Instrument Van Workshop Coordinator and a University Supervisor for student teachers at Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.

College of Business

Dr. Wan-Jiun P. Chiou – Assistant Professor in Finance and Information Management and Analysis. Mr. Chiou received his Ph.D. in Management in 2005 from Rutgers University, Newark, NJ. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Chiou was a lecturer at Rutgers University, Newark, NJ.

Dr. Deborah H. Frances – Associate Professor in Management/Marketing. Dr. Frances received her Ph.D. in 1995 in Strategic Management/International Business from the University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Frances was an Associate Professor at Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, AL.

Dr. Susan R. Koch – Associate Professor in Accounting Management Information and System . Dr. Koch received her Ph.D. in 1993 in Accounting from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Koch was an associate professor at Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN.

Dr. Vicki F. Metzler – Associate Professor in Management / Marketing. Dr. Metzler received her Ph.D. in 2005 in Business Administration from Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Metzler was an adjunct instructor at Messiah College, Grantham, PA.

Dr. Robert Setaputra – Associate Professor in Finance and Information Management and Analysis. Dr. Setopurta received his Ph.D. in 2005 in Production and Operations Management at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Setoputra was an instructor at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI.

Dr. Robert D. Stephens – Associate Professor in Management/Marketing. Dr. Stephens received his Ph.D. in 1998 in Strategic Management and International Business, from Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Stephens was an assistant professor at the West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV.

College of Education & Human Services

Ms. Dara P. Bergel – Assistant Professor in Social Work. Ms. Bergel received her M.S.W. in 1999 from the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA and is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Ms. Bergel was a Graduate Teaching Fellow at the University of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD.

Ms. Jennifer A. Clements – Assistant Professor in Social Work. Ms. Clements received her M.S.W. in 1997 in Clinical and Community Organization from the University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD and is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Ms. Clements was an instructor at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD.

Dr. Susan G. Foltz – Assistant Professor in Teacher Education. Dr. Foltz received her Ph.D. in Psychology in 1989 form the Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Foltz was a school psychologist at the Capital Area Intermediate Unit, Summerdale, PA.

Dr. William J. McHenry – Assistant Professor in Counseling. Dr. McHenry received his Ph.D. in 2004 in Education and Supervision from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. McHenry was an assistant professor at Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, MO.

Dr. Sally Paulson – Assistant Professor in Exercise Science. Dr. Paulson received her Ph.D. in 2005 in Kinesiology from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Ms. Paulson had a Fellowship at the Schmieding Center for Senior Health and Education, Springdale, AK.

Dr. Russell E. Robinson – Assistant Professor in Exercise Science. Dr. Robinson received his Ph.D. in 1996 in Exercise Science from the Texas Woman's University, Denton TX. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Robinson was an Associate Professor and Division of Kinesiology Coordinator at Greensboro College, Greensboro, NC.

Mr. Christopher L. Schwilk – Assistant Professor in Teacher Education. Mr. Schwilk received his M.S. in 1996 in Deaf & Hard of Hearing from Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA and is currently a doctoral candidate at the Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Mr. Schwilk was a teaching assistant at the Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.

Dr. Todd K. Whitman – Assistant Professor in Counseling. Dr. Whitman received his Ph.D. in 2005 in Counselor Education from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, Dr. Whitman had a teaching internship at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

"From wherever you are, enter and be welcome."
- Albert Camus

Outstanding!

"There is a real magic in enthusiasm. It spells the difference between mediocrity and accomplishment"
- Norman Vincent Peale

Being located in a rural area, at SU it is not hard to literally be out standing in a field. However, these faculty members have recently received recognition for outstanding achievements and/or outstanding contributions to their field.

Dr. Cynthia Botteron: Dr. Botteron, Assistant Professor of Political Science, received the type of recognition any teacher hopes for – that from a student. In a letter of commendation sent to university administration, Mr. Alexander Bazley, Class of 2005, expressed his appreciation for Botteron's commitment to the campus and its students. He praised Botteron for her "experience, passion, and energetic teaching style in helping students understand and become comfortable with digesting difficult material." Her work with the Shippensburg College Democrats was also applauded.

Dr. Christine Martey-Ochola: Dr. Martey-Ochola, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, was recently recognized for her work as faculty advisor for the SU chapter of the American Chemical Society (ACS) Student Affiliates. Under her leadership, the chapter received an Honorable Mention award for their activities during the 2004-2005 academic year. This award brought national recognition to the Student Affiliates as well as Shippensburg University through a note of accomplishment in *Chemical & Engineering News*.

Dr. Ming-Shiun Pan: The scholarly publications of Dr. Pan, Professor of Finance & Information Management & Analysis, were recognized in the Winter 2005 issue of *Journal of Finance Literature*. "Prolific Authors in the Finance Literature: A Half Century of Contributions" by Philip Cooley and Jean Heck, an article in that issue, examined the scholarly work in the field of finance. Dr. Pan's ranking of 8.25 was significantly higher than the worldwide average of 2.91.

Dr. Sally Paulson: Dr. Paulson, Assistant Professor of Exercise Science, was awarded her Ph.D. on December 15, 2005. Her dissertation was "Effects of Balance Exercises on the Analysis of Selected Kinematic and Kinetic Variables of Gait and Balance in Obese Developmentally Disabled Adults."

Dr. George Pomeroy: Dr. Pomeroy, Associate Professor of Geography / Earth Science, was recently appointed as secretary and member of the Executive Committee of the Asian Urban Research Association (AURA). This group facilitates research, dialogue, and publications on a wide variety of topics associated with Asian urbanization as well as organizes international conferences attended by scholars from all over the world.

Dr. Robert Senn: Dr. Senn, Professor of Management / Marketing, received recognition for his role as faculty advisor for the Shippensburg University Chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma. The Board of Governors and Officers of Beta Gamma awarded the SU chapter the 2005 Premier Chapter designation. This designation brought national recognition to the local chapter as well as the university at the recent AACSB meeting.

SU Welcomes New Dean of Arts & Sciences

Dr. James Mike

After a thorough search process, Shippensburg University is pleased to welcome Dr. James Mike as the new Dean of Arts and Sciences. Prior to accepting the position at SU, Dr. Mike was an associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences at Youngstown State University. In this capacity, he worked with departments on budgets, strategic planning, program development, and procurement of equipment as well as resource and personnel issues. He was also responsible for student matters within the college. In addition to his duties as associate dean, Dr. Mike was a professor in the chemistry department.

Dr. Mike earned his bachelor's degree in medical technology and his master's degree in analytical chemistry from Youngstown State University. He earned his Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from the University of Cincinnati.

Introducing Warli Art to an American Audience – by Way of Shippensburg University

Divali at Night
by Jivya Mashe

Portrait of Jivya Mashe
Photograph by Martin Strassmore

In January, 2006, Shippensburg University had the honor of hosting the first American exhibit of the Warli art of Jivya Mashe. Dr. Stephen Hirshon, Assistant Professor of Art, was the exhibit curator for "Birth of the Painted World – Master Artist Jivya Mashe and the Warli Tribe Tradition of India."

The Warli tribe has about 300,000 members and only an oral language. Mashe, who refused to speak after he was orphaned as a boy, expressed himself through traditional Warli art. As traditionally only Warli tribe women painted, Mashe became the first man to produce paintings in the Warli style. Mashe is now an internationally recognized artist and, in 2002, was recognized by the president of India as one of five master craft artists in the country.

In addition to the art exhibit, the university hosted a related educational outreach day on January 26, 2006. Dr. Mark Moilanen, Assistant Professor of Art, had previously distributed K-12 lesson plans and activities related to Warli art and culture to art teachers across Pennsylvania. Teachers were encouraged to use the plans with their classes and send student art to Shippensburg University, where it was displayed in a juried exhibit in Kauffman Gallery.

The "Birth of the Painted World" exhibit next becomes a traveling exhibit so an even wider American audience can experience the impressive works of Mashe and Warli tribal art.

Accreditation Updates

College of Arts & Sciences

The College of Arts & Sciences is pleased to announce the successful accreditation by ABET (Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology) of the Bachelor of Arts program in Computer Science. This is a new accreditation and it recognizes the quality of instruction offered to students in the department.

College of Business

The John L. Grove College of Business has successfully retained its undergraduate accreditation by the new prestigious AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. At the same time its new MBA program achieved its initial accreditation. The JLG College of Business was the first college in the State System to achieve this status 25 years ago. There are only 400 College of Businesses worldwide with this accreditation status.

College of Education & Human Services

The College of Education & Human Services has once again successfully renewed its accreditation by NCATE (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education) for its Education program. This achievement reflects the hard work and dedication of the department on behalf of its students.

Upcoming Efforts

Shippensburg University is continuing to pursue accreditation for the following programs:

Master of Social Work
Art Education
Communication / Journalism

The JLG College of Business was the first college in the State System to achieve this status (accreditation) 25 years ago.

New Director of Social Equity Joins SU

Dr. Melodye Wehrung
Photo by John Chase

Dr. Melodye Wehrung has accepted the position of Director of Social Equity at SU. Prior to coming to Shippensburg, she was Director of Equal Opportunity Programs and Compliance at Harvard University. Dr. Wehrung has also been an evaluation research specialist for Boston Public Schools and has held a number of positions in higher education. She earned her bachelor's in psychology and history, her master's in guidance and educational psychology, and her Ph.D. in higher education administration from Southern Illinois University. She also holds a M.P.A. from Harvard University.

Wehrung specializes in domestic and global diversity, educational psychology, leadership and administrative policy, and workforce management and is the author of many articles dealing with diversity. We are pleased to welcome her to the SU community!

Office of the Provost

Shippensburg University
1871 Old Main Drive
Shippensburg PA 17257

PHONE:
(717) 477-1371

FAX:
(717) 477-4006

About Shippensburg University

Shippensburg University is a member of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE). Located in on 200 acres in south-central Pennsylvania, it is home to over 7000 undergraduate and graduate students. It has served as an institute of higher education in the region since 1873.

We're on the Web!

http://www.ship.edu/admin/provost/

Shippensburg University

Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, in compliance with federal and state laws and university policy, is committed to human understanding and provides equal educational, employment, and economic opportunities for all persons without regard to race, color, sex, age, creed, national origin, religion, veteran status, or disability. Direct requests for disability accommodations and other inquiries to the Office of Social Equity, Old Main 200, Shippensburg University, 1871 Old Main Drive, Shippensburg, PA 17257-2299, (717) 477-1161.

And Now A Word From Our Sponsor....

Rick Ruth, Interim Provost & VP for Academic Affairs

Change alone is unchanging. – Heraclitus

With even a cursory look at this newsletter, one cannot help but notice there are a lot of changes at Shippensburg University – changes in personnel, changes to buildings, changes in academic programming. They demonstrate the university's responsiveness to the interests and demands of its students. Rather than fear change, we embrace it as a means to grow and improve.

I don't know where the last 15 months have gone, but on reflection we've come a long way! We have a new Registrar, Cathy Sprenger; Dean of Enrollment Services, Tom Speakman; Associate Dean of Enrollment Services, Bill Washabaugh; Interim Associate Provost, Tracy Schoolcraft; Interim Dean of Extended Studies, Tony Winter; Interim Associate Dean of Business, Tom Verney; Director of Social Equity, Melodye Wehrung; Dean of Arts and Sciences, Jim Mike; and Interim Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences, Kim Long. So far we have been able to fill all the vacant positions we had planned to fill. A big THANK YOU goes out to all those who served on the search committees for these critical positions.

We were visited by three accreditation teams: ABET (Computer Science) in October, AACSB (Business) in January, and NCATE (Education) in April. Although we have a few weaknesses or concerns to address over the next year or two, we fully expect to receive accreditation in Computer Science and ongoing accreditation in Business and Education later this summer or early next fall. We are moving forward in the accreditation process for the new MSW, and we are planning for accreditation of the Art and Journalism programs as well. Again, a big THANK YOU to all who helped in any way with these efforts to achieve or maintain the various accreditations.

In the midst of all of this administrative activity, we are still admitting highly qualified students, hiring highly qualified faculty – including the numerous new tenure track appointments listed in this publication, teaching, learning, researching and serving our professions, the university, and the region. My BIGGEST THANKS goes to all members of the Academic Affairs Division who give of themselves each and every day to make this place we call Ship so very, very special.

On the Move

After being closed for renovations, Shearer Hall will shortly welcome back the Geography/Earth Science department. Rowland Hall, an elementary school prior to the renovations, will now be home to the Modern Languages and the Communication/Journalism departments.

The next building to be renovated, starting Spring Semester 2007, is Dauphin Humanities Center. The Human Communication Studies Department will temporarily be housed in the Faculty Office Building, the English Department will be in Wright Hall, and the History Department will call Gilbert Hall home for a spell.

New Programs *continued from page 1*

It is developed for social work professionals wanting to advance their education as well as people looking to join the profession. The program is designed with both full-time students and working professionals in mind. Multiple educational methods, including teleconferencing and internet activities, are used to teach the courses.

Degree Completion Program

This new program is designed for adult working professionals with 60 or more credits who wish to earn a B.S. in Health Care Administration. It features flexible evening classes and is offered in Harrisburg and Gettysburg.