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Dr. Barbara Lyman named interim president

On Jan. 26, 2017, the State System Board of Governors appointed Dr. Barbara G. Lyman to serve as Shippensburg University's interim president. She will serve as interim president during the search for a new, permanent president to replace Dr. Jody Harpster, who retired Jan. 20.

Dr. Lyman has served as the university's chief academic officer since 2008, most recently as provost and executive vice president.

Prior to coming to Shippensburg University, Dr. Lyman served as associate vice president for academic affairs at the University of West Florida. She previously served as an associate and assistant graduate dean as well as a full-time faculty member and department chair at Texas State University-San Marcos, and also was on the faculty at Oakland University, the University of Louisiana-Lafayette and the University of Delaware.

She has held leadership roles at three public comprehensive universities, working extensively in academic program development, faculty affairs and student success initiatives, as well as in strategic planning, budgeting and assessment.

Dr. Lyman has a bachelor's degree in English from Anna Maria College; a master's degree in English and American literature from Brandeis University; and a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from Louisiana State University. She also earned a Certificate of Advanced Study in teaching of reading from the Harvard University Graduate School of Education.

During her nearly 10 years at Shippensburg University, Dr. Lyman has led efforts to diversify the university's academic program portfolio including the addition of three engineering programs—software, computer and electrical—and Shippensburg's first two doctoral programs: a Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and a Ed.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision

She also led the creation of the university's first Academic Master Plan, a strategic plan to guide, among other priorities, the creation of cutting-edge specialties within existing disciplines, for example, the minor in disability studies. Dr. Lyman fostered the formal establishment of academic living-learning communities (LLCs) beginning with the Honors Program LLC. She also elevated student/faculty mentored undergraduate research as a signature high-impact practice at Shippensburg, succeeded in adding affirmations of accreditations and certifications to academic programs and increased retention of first-time-in-college (FTIC) students.



Dr. Barbara G. Lyman

Kudos

Dr. Robert Hewitt, retired professor of social work, and **Dr. Nicole Hewitt**, adjunct instructor, recently co-facilitated a national workshop titled "Growing in Humility as We Reflect on Our Past Experiences." The workshop was presented as part of Bridge of Hope National's 2016 Annual Conference.

Dr. Matthew C. Ramsey, associate professor of human communication studies, authored an article, "Communiology and Humor: An Examination of Personality Traits as Predictors of Functions of Humor," that was published in the most recent issue of *Imagination, Cognition, and Personality: Consciousness, Theory, and Clinical Practice*, a peer-reviewed journal published by Sage. Additionally, Ramsey's book panel, Discussions and Applications: Examining Cases from the Book, *Issues of Culture and Conflict: Case Studies in Organizational Communication*, was accepted for presentation at the 87th annual meeting of the Southern States Communication Association.

Dr. Jayleen Galarza, assistant professor in social work and gerontology, **Dr. Dara Bourassa**, associate professor in social work and gerontology, **Dr. Matthew R. Shupp**, assistant professor in counseling and college student personnel, and **Dr. Charlene Lane**, assistant professor in social work and gerontology, collaborated and co-authored the article "Serving our (in)visible elders: The impact of a LGBTQ+ aging presentation on a rural college campus" in the *Journal of Gay & Lesbian Social Services*.

Dr. Christopher Carlton has been named interim director of the Counseling Center. Previous director, Dr. Philip W. Henry recently retired.

Dr. Robert Shaffer, professor of history, had his article, "The Christian Century: Protestants Protesting Harry Truman's Cold War," published in *Peace & Change*, January 2017.

Current job openings

The university is accepting applications for the following positions:

- Application Software and Database Administrator
- Business Intelligence and Applications Manager
- Coordinator for Alumni Events
- Head Women's Field Hockey Coach

Administrative changes insure continuity of university and academic operations

With the appointment of Provost and Executive Vice President Barbara Lyman to interim president, Dr. Tracy Schoolcraft, associate provost and dean of graduate studies, will serve as acting provost and vice president for academic affairs. Dr. Rick Ruth, vice president for enrollment management, technology and library services, will in addition serve as acting executive vice president.

Additional administrative changes to insure continuity in academic affairs of educational, administrative, and student support services are as follows:

Dr. Jim Mike, in addition to serving as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, will serve as dean of the Graduate School. As such he chairs graduate council, oversees the application of GA policies, and supports graduate programs. The allocation of graduate assistants, however, remains with Dr. Schoolcraft.

Dr. Tony Winter, in addition to serving as associate dean of the College of Business, will serve as acting associate provost for curriculum, policy and planning. He will be responsible for:

- Curriculum review support (Dr. Schoolcraft will retain her ex-officio role on the University Curriculum Committee and her responsibility for the proposal submission process for programs going to the Council of Trustees and Board of Governors.)
- New Academic Program Development Grants
- Transfer articulation from community colleges
- Serving as liaison to Enrollment Management and Facilities

Dr. James Delle, in addition to serving as associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, will also serve as acting associate provost for institutional effectiveness. He will be responsible for:

- Implementation of the University Strategic Plan and integration of all plans that align to it
- Serving as primary contact for five-year program review process and Academic Innovation Grants
- Implementation of TracDat software for tracking and documenting institutional effectiveness

Dr. Schoolcraft will continue in her role as administrative co-chair of the Middle States Self-study and will be supported by Dr. James Delle and Dr. Jose Ricardo, who in addition to serving as chair and associate professor of modern languages, will serve as acting associate provost for educational effectiveness assessment. He will be responsible for quality assurance of the university-wide assessments of student learning outcomes in order to be in compliance with the Middle States Educational Effectiveness Assessment standard.



Dr. Tracy Schoolcraft

Early warning grades due March 10

Early Warning Grades (EWGs) will be due Friday, March 10, at 4:00 p.m. All grades will be processed online. EWG's can be submitted for all students and is strongly encouraged. Courses at the 100-level and 200-level that are taken by freshmen are particularly encouraged to submit EWG's. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Registrar's Office at ext. 1381.

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Students and faculty abroad for winter break



SU Reach Out traveled to the Dominican Republic during winter break. Reach Out is a Ship Honors Program initiative and is a student based service-learning project that provides curricular material and support to Pathways of Learning School in Santo Domingo. In this photo Alexa Furlong and Sarah Kisner, along with Dr. Jose Ricardo, associate professor of modern language, lead students at the Pathways of Learning School in educational games about sustainability and earth science.



Students and faculty from the Modern Languages Department and French Club traveled to Haiti during winter break. This is the fifth year the group assisted a local village on the island of La Gonave through Project Gros Mangles. Dr. Agnes Ragone said they had two goals for the trip: to clean up from Hurricane Matthew and to install the roof on their ongoing dispensary project. For more information on this project visit projectgrosANGLES.com.



Dr. Sean Cornell, associate professor of geography and earth science, and his Regional Geography and Geology Field Studies of Curaçao class traveled to Curaçao, during winter break. During the 10-day trip students are studying the natural and human history of the island.

BD Wong to speak at HOPE Diversity Scholarship Event

Actor and activist BD Wong will be the guest speaker Feb. 23 at Shippensburg University's annual Helping Our People Excel (HOPE) Diversity Scholarship benefit program. The annual program commemorates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and raises funds for the scholarship.

Wong is known for his roles in movies such as "Jurassic World," "Jurassic Park," and "Father of the Bride" as well as TV shows like "Mr. Robot," "Gotham," "Law and Order: SVU" and "Oz."

His lecture "All the world's a stage: from exclusion to inclusion" will discuss lessons he has learned to survive and excel in a vocation fraught with rejection, stereotyping, and racism.

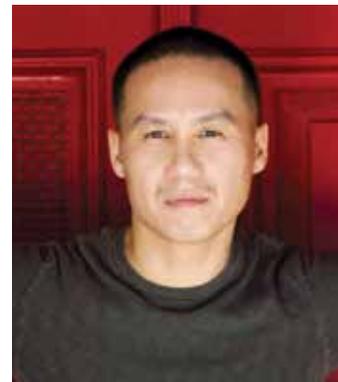
Infused with humor, storytelling, and the passion of a world-class artist, Wong will address the issues of racial self-image, race-based rejection, Asian-American parental pressure and the "model minority myth" as he describes his journey as a gay man in the entertainment industry.

The annual dinner is at 6:00 p.m. in the Tuscarora Room in Reisner Dining Hall, followed by his presentation at 8:00 p.m. in the H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center. A book signing will follow the lecture.

Tickets for the dinner and lecture are \$55 per person. Tickets for the lecture are \$20 per person. Shippensburg University students receive free admission to the lecture with their student ID and must pick up tickets in advance at the Luhrs Center Box Office.

Individuals may participate in a reception with Wong at 4:45 p.m. in the Luhrs Center for \$80 per person. That cost includes a ticket to both the dinner and the lecture.

For more information, contact the H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center at (717) 477-7469 or online at luhrscenter.com.



BD Wong

Winter Term 2016 Up 215 students

Nearly 1,200 students took courses during winter term 2016. In 2015, 980 students enrolled in winter term, while 1,195 took classes this year.

Dr. Carolyn Callaghan, interim dean of Professional, Continuing and Distance Education, attributed the increase to a number of factors. "We had 12 new online offerings and additional sections of high-demand general education courses. Also, because faculty members were willing to run low-enrolled courses, we were able to place all students on wait lists into classes."

She also noted that students can now receive financial aid for winter courses.

Winter course offerings included 65 online, three face-to-face/blended, and two study abroad courses.

Minds@Work

Minds@Work is set for April 25

The Minds@Work Conference will be held on Tuesday, April 25 in the Ceddia Union Building, 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The event celebrates student research, scholarship and creativity.

Undergraduate and graduate students from all disciplines will present their research and creative work.

Registration deadline is Feb. 23. For more information contact the Institute for Public Service and Sponsored Programs at (717) 477-1251 or e-mail Chris Wonders at cawonders@ship.edu.

Those interested in participating can register at <https://ship.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1757405>.

Coming soon...

- Feb. 7** MSA Rally for Retention, 2:00 p.m., CUB 119
Budget & Finance Meeting, 3:30 p.m., CUB 240
- Feb. 8** Women's Basketball hosts Lock Haven, 6:00 p.m.
Men's Basketball hosts Lock Haven, 8:00 p.m.
iLuminate, 7:30 p.m., Luhrs Center
- Feb. 9** Student Government Meeting, 4:00 p.m., CUB 119
- Feb. 10** Who's Bad: The Ultimate Michael Jackson Tribute Band, 8:00 p.m., Luhrs Center
- Feb. 11** Black History Month "Bow Tie Brunch," 8:00 p.m., Reisner Dining Hall
Inclusive Basketball, 11 a.m., Henderson Gym
Women's Basketball hosts Mansfield, 1:00 p.m.
Men's Basketball hosts Mansfield, 3:00 p.m.
- Feb. 12** Leader@SHIP Retreat, 12:00 p.m., CUB 100A
- Feb. 18** Women's Basketball hosts Cheyney, 1:00 p.m.
Men's Basketball hosts Cheyney, 3:00 p.m.
The Doo Wop Project, 8:00 p.m., Luhrs Center
- Feb. 23** HOPE Diversity Scholarship Program BD Wong, Lecture, 8:00 p.m., Luhrs Center

The "Vagina Monologues"

The "Vagina Monologues" will be performed in Memorial Auditorium Feb. 16-18 at 8 p.m. This event raises funds for the YWCA and V-Day, a global activist movement to end violence against women and girls.

Tickets go on sale Feb. 6 and are available in the Ceddia Union Building from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. The cost is \$3 for students and \$5 for faculty/staff. Hats will also be on sale for \$17. Hats can be pre-ordered by contacting the Women's Center at (717) 477-1790. This is the 14th performance of the "Vagina Monologues" at Ship.

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