

Talking Points - December 6, 2013

AHSS Ambassadors

The AHSS Ambassadors raised \$166.09 during their recent bake sale. They will use this money to purchase milk break snacks for children at Madison Elementary. Many thanks to all who baked, bought or contributed to this project.

Communication

Ph.D. student **Andrew Pritchard**, Associate Professor **Amy O'Connor**, and Associate Professor and Chair **Mark Meister** have been nominated by NDSU students for the second annual Awards for Excellence in Academic Advising of Undergraduates! The Provost's office established two awards to highlight the importance of academic advising at NDSU. As finalists, Andrew and Dr. O'Connor will provide additional information related to their advising philosophy for consideration. The selection committee will make its final decision in February with the winners receiving an honorarium of \$1,000 and will be recognized with a plaque in the Memorial Union.

Associate Professor and Director of the NDSU Center for Communication Research and Training, **Pamela Lutgen-Sandvik's** research on workplace bullying is featured by the Workplace Bullying Institute, the biggest center in the US dealing with adult bullying. The feature discusses Dr. Lutgen-Sandvik's award-winning research and her new book Adult Bullying A Nasty Piece of Work: Translating A Decade of Research on Non-Sexual Harassment, Psychological Terror, Mobbing, and Emotional Abuse on the Job. For more information, please visit: <http://www.workplacebullying.org/2013/12/05/pls-book/>

Assistant Professor **Nan Yu** and former doctoral student **Abby Gold** have recently published their co-authored study investigating the effectiveness of communication tools in food-safety education for new U.S. immigrants in the Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior. The citation for the publication is: Gold, A., Yu, N., Buro, B., & Garden-Robinson, J. (forthcoming). Teaching food safety in a multicultural context. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*. JNEB is an ISI journal.

Former Ph.D. students, **Anna Carmon** and **Amy Miller** have published their co-authored study (along with Kristen J. Brasher) "Privacy Orientations: A Look at Family Satisfaction, Job Satisfaction, and Work-Life Balance" in Communication Reports, v. 26, pp. 101-112. Dr. Carmon is an assistant professor at Indiana University Purdue University Columbus and Dr. Miller is a faculty member at Bellevue College.

Ph.D. **Emily Paskewitz** has had her solo-authored study, "Communication Apprehension in Hybrid and Public Speaking Basic Communication Course Textbooks" accepted for publication in *Basic Communication Course Annual*.

Several faculty and graduate students from the Department of Communication attended the annual convention of the National Communication Association (NCA). A total of 14 research panel presentations, panel responses, and research discussions were delivered by representatives from the Department of Communication. The annual convention was held November 19-22 in Washington DC. In addition to their presentation duties, graduate students and faculty participated in the Graduate School Recruiting Fair during the convention.

Emergency Management

Jessica Jensen, assistant professor and Associate Director of the Center for Disaster Studies and Emergency Management, served as an in-residence faculty member for the Emergency Management master's degree program at Royal Roads University, in Victoria, British Columbia. Professor Jensen spent 5 days at the Royal Roads campus in October teaching an intensive graduate course on comprehensive planning for Emergency Management. Professor Jensen has been invited to return to Royal Roads University in the spring.

Daniel J. Klenow, professor and head of the Department of Emergency Management served as a reviewer for an Emergency Management research proposal submitted to The Icelandic Centre for Research, Reykjavik, Iceland. He was also guest editor for the *Natural Hazards Review* based at Natural Hazards Center at the University of Colorado-Boulder.

Yue 'Gurt' Ge, assistant professor of the Department of Emergency Management, co-authored a technical report, titled "*Valley Hurricane Evacuation Study: Willacy, Cameron, and Hidalgo Counties, Texas*", with colleagues from the Hazard Reduction & Recovery Center at Texas A&M University. The study examined hurricane evacuation expectations, evacuation logistics, and hurricane preparedness and mitigation activities for the general urban population and the rural population of selected counties in the Lower Rio Grande Valley near the Mexico-U.S. border. The project was funded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Jessica Jensen and **Daniel J. Klenow** co-presented a national webinar on general education and emergency management on November 21st for FEMA's Emergency Management Institute, National Emergency Training Center, Emmitsburg, MD. The presentation focused on the format and content of NDSU's introductory course EMGT 101 Emergencies, Disasters and Catastrophes including the history of the course's evolution, general education approval, and how other institutions could utilize this model on their campuses. The implications of such a curricular change for increasing awareness of hazards, risks and individual, organizational, and societal vulnerabilities among a larger cross-section of undergraduates was also discussed.

Daniel J. Klenow, **Jessica Jensen**, **George A. Youngs**, and **Gary Goreham** have received a contract from Elsevier Publishing's Butterworth-Heinemann subdivision to publish the first textbook on research methods for Emergency Management. Butterworth-Heinemann is the publisher of the top selling introductory texts for Emergency Management as well as Homeland Security.

English

Kelly Sassi represented the Red River Valley Writing Project at the National Writing Project Annual Meeting November 20-22. After that, Kelly Sassi and Shari Steadman of East Carolina University co-presented on a panel titled: "Future Teachers: Strategic Implementation of Common Core State Standards in Teacher Education" at the National Council for Teachers of English Conference on Saturday, November 23rd. Kelly Sassi also chaired a session on "Negotiating Race Talk in Classrooms" by Carlin Black and Amy Carpenter Ford of Central Michigan University and Maureen Benson of Pacific Educational Groups. The discussant for the panel was Ebony Elizabeth Thomas of the University of Pennsylvania. Kelly Sassi also presented with Anne Gere (University of Michigan) and Leila Christenbury (Virginia Commonwealth University) on a panel titled "Reinventing Writing on Demand for Common Core Assessments." From November 25-26, Kelly Sassi attended the Adolescent Literature Assembly of NCTE's annual workshop, where she learned from dozens of established and new authors of Young Adult Literature. The NWP meeting, the NCTE Conference, and the ALAN workshop all took place in Boston.

Amy Rupiper Taggart contributed a review essay to the forthcoming Fall 2013 *Reflections: A Journal of Writing, Service-Learning, and Community Literacy*. The essay focuses on two recent books--*Texts of Consequence: Composing Social Activism for the Classroom and Community* edited by Christopher Wilkey and Nicholas Mauriello and *Unsustainable: Re-imagining Community Literacy, Public Writing, Service-Learning, and the University* edited by Laurie Cella and Jessica Restaino—both of which ask readers to consider what successful community-university writing and literacy partnerships should be and are like.

School of Music

Soprano **Virginia Sublett**, Professor of Music (Voice, Opera) will be a guest soloist at the Fargo Moorhead Opera's annual "Snow Ball," December 7, 2013. The program includes holiday favorites such as "I'll be home for Christmas," "O Holy Night," and "Have yourself a merry little Christmas."

Sociology/Anthropology

Jeffrey Clark, Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, is Co-PI on a grant with colleagues Stephanie Day (PI, Geosciences), Donald Schwert (Geosciences), and Anne Denton (Computer Science) awarded by ND NASA EPSCoR program. **Seth Quintus**, lecturer in anthropology, also participated in the preparation of the proposal and is part of the research team. The project, titled "Using Machine Learning in Earth Sciences Research to Discern Anthropogenic vs. Natural Landform Features within Remote Sensing Data Sets," will involve research on identifying archaeological sites in North Dakota and in American Samoa using aerial Lidar data, and developing software algorithms for use in digital data mining of both high-altitude satellite and low-altitude Lidar imagery.

Visual Arts

Michael Strand's recent work and public projects are the focus of a feature article written by Lauren Karle for the December issue of *Ceramics Monthly*, the world's largest ceramic periodical. The article, *Connecting Humanity, One Bridge at a Time*, focuses on Strand's recent public engagement works including the *Bowls Around Town Project* in Portland, OR and the *Misfit Cup Liberation Project* in Tallinn, Estonia. This is the second time this year that Strand's work has been featured in this international publication, the first time as the lead in image and part of the critical review of the National Juried Ceramics Biennial where Strand's work *Misfit Cup Liberation Project Houston* was selected for exhibition in February.

Kim Bromley's gouache painting, "Flower Series: I Love You," is on exhibit December 6-27, 2013, as part of the Fort Worth Community Arts Center 2013 9" x 12" Works on Paper Show. Part of the mission of the FWCAC is to exhibit contemporary art. The 9" x 12" show was inaugurated in 2005 as an exhibition opportunity for artists worldwide and offers patrons and art collectors an opportunity to discover a treasure-trove of small art.

