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PREFACE

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Recognition of Achievements. This new publication celebrates outstanding work from across our College to recognize faculty and staff excellence, foster connection, and amplify impact.

This publication was initiated in response to research showing our faculty felt their contributions were undervalued. No single strategy can fully shift that perception or culture, but this publication is one step in the right direction. As we honor contributions, we are committed to recognition that:

- Occurs in many ways, both formal and informal
- Extends beyond scholarly activity
- Does not create additional work for those being honored

This publication draws on the departmental submissions collected by the CLAS Dean's office that is shared with the Council of Trustees. Additionally, items for the formal recognition of Significant Career Achievement were solicited from CLAS chairs and from the Office of Grants and Sponsored Grants Projects.

Every CLAS department, the provost's office, the president's office, and the Office of Grants and Sponsored Projects will receive a bound copy of this publication. A digital copy will also be available on the CLAS website.

While this publication focuses primarily on scholarly activity, we deeply value the everyday excellence displayed by faculty and staff in teaching, service, leadership, mentorship, and collaboration—ongoing contributions that may not always be visible to others. These accomplishments from all faculty and staff will be shared at the Annual College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Community Picnic and Celebration of Achievement.

As this is our inaugural issue, we welcome your feedback and ideas for future editions. Creating a culture of appreciation is something we can all participate in.

Sincerely,
Laurie McMillan
Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
October 2025

CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT: RECOGNITION OF SIGNIFICANT CAREER ACHIEVEMENT

The Recognition of Significant Career Achievement honors accomplishments that reflect a deep investment of time and effort. These achievements have already earned attention beyond Kutztown University through publications, awards, or other forms of external recognition. By celebrating them internally, we aim to amplify their impact within our own community and foster a culture of shared pride and support.

Significant Career Achievement Categories

- Book publication
- Award from an external professional organization
- Principal Investigator on a major external grant
- Cumulative publications: 15 or more publications over the course of a career
- Additional awards for pilot year: each of the above categories

2024-2025 Significant Career Achievement Honorees

Book Publications

Michael P. Gabriel: *The Canadian Campaign, 1775–1776*. Volume 2 of the U.S. Army Center of Military History's Revolutionary War 250-Year Commemorative Campaign Series (U.S. Army Center of Military History, 2024)

Arthur Garrison: *Racial Narratives and the Development of Trumpism: The Whitewashing of the American Story* (Lexington Books, 2025)

Paula Holoviak: *Pennsylvania Government and Politics: Understanding Public Policy in the Keystone State*. With Thomas J. Baldino (Penn State University Press, 2024)

Andrew Vogel: *Narrating a New Mobility Landscape in the Modern American Road Story, 1893–1921* (University of Nebraska Press, 2024)

Principal Investigators on Major External Grants

Moira Conway (PI) The Center for Rural Pennsylvania grant. “Analyzing the Impact of Warehouse Development in Pennsylvania”

Kunal Das (PI) NSF grant. “RUI: Quantum Correlations and Dynamics of Ring Sensors and Simulators”

Donna DeMarco (Co-PI) NASA grant. “Here to Observe (H₂O) + Here to Storytell (H₂S)”

Moe Folk (PI) US Department of Education grant. “The Pennsylvania Alliance for Design of OpenTextbooks (AP-ADOPT) 5 Key”

Lisa Frye (Co-PI) NSF CS for All grant. "Development of a culturally relevant pedagogical framework for computer science and computational thinking in high schools"

Joleen Greenwood (Co-PI) NSF CS for All grant. "Development of a culturally relevant pedagogical framework for computer science and computational thinking in high schools"

Erin Kraal (PI) NASA grant. “Here to Observe (H₂O) + Here to Storytell (H₂S)”

Brian Kronenthal (PI) NSF grant. “NSF Scholarships in S-STEM”

Phillip Reed (PI) NSF grant. “IRES Track I: Planet-hunting Around the World with Students (PAWS)”

Laura Ann Sherrod (PI) Schuylkill Conservation District grant Kaska Mine Treatment System Design

15 or More Publications over the Course of a Career

Maddie Anthes

Alexander Hernandez

Amy Lu

Chris Saidi

Michelle Savescu

Gregory Setliff

Myung Song

Wing Hong Tony Wong

Todd Underwood

Ju Zhou

COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES REPORT 5/24/2024 – 9/12/2024

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Anne DeLong, Department of English, wrote an introduction to Mary Shelley's novel, *Frankenstein*, published by Wiley Books in the UK. The name of the introduction is, "*Frankenstein: The Gothic Classic*", 2024.

Dr. Michael P. Gabriel, Department of History, reviewed John R. Maass's *The Battle of Guilford Courthouse: A Most Desperate Engagement* for *South Carolina Historical Magazine* 121 (July 2020): 199-201 [backdated; published Summer 2024].

Dr. Curt Herr, Department of English, wrote a new introduction to Bram Stoker's novel, *Dracula*, published by Wiley Books in the UK. The name of the introduction is, "*Intimacy and Inversion: Dracula's Invasive Prose*," Summer 2024. Release date of publication is October 2024.

Dr. Amy Lynch-Binieck, Department of English, co-authored a publication (with Anicca Cox) in the *College Composition and Communication*, entitled, "*Time, Non-Tenure-Track Labor, and the Academic Knowledge Economy in English Studies: Let's Break the Scholarship Machine*," Summer 2024

Dr. Phill Reed, Department of Physical Sciences, July 2024, with KU alumnus Zachary Raup ('23), coauthored the peer-reviewed research paper "Migration and Evolution of giant ExoPlanets (MEEP). I. Nine Newly Confirmed Hot Jupiters from the TESS Mission" in *The Astronomical Journal* (July 2024). Link to the paper: <https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2024AJ....168...32S/abstract>

John R. Stanley, Department of History, reviewed *Adventist Mission in China in Historical Perspective*, by D.J.B Trim, in *Exchange. Journal of Contemporary Christianities in Context*, (2024): 1-2

Reviewed "'I Did Not Come to China For That!': Intersections of Gender, Marriage, and Motherhood for Southern Baptist Missionary Women in China at the Turn of the 20th Century" for *Religions* (2024).

Reviewed "Contingent Companion with the Cantonese: Uncovering a Hidden History of Written Cantonese Christian Literature in the Late Nineteenth Century." *Religions Special Issue: Expressions of Chinese Christianity in Texts and Contexts*. (2024).

Dr. Andrew Vogel, Department of English, authored a book, entitled, *Narrating a New Mobility Landscape in the Modern American Road Story, 1893-1921*, May 2024

Dr. Wing Hong Tony Wong, Department of Mathematics, June 2024, published “Residue sums of Dickson polynomials over finite fields,” *Journal of Number Theory* 264 (2024), 1-26, with Thomas Brazelton, Joshua Harrington, and Matthew Litman.

Dr. Wing Hong Tony Wong, Department of Mathematics, June 2024, published “Generalized impartial two-player pebbling games on K_3 and C_4 ,” *Journal of Integer Sequences* 27 (2024), Article 24.5.8, with Kayla Barker, Mia DeStefano, Eugene Fiorini, Michael Gohn, Joe Miller, and Jacob Roeder.

Dr. Wing Hong Tony Wong, Department of Mathematics, July 2024, published “Arithmetic progressions of b -Niven numbers,” *Rocky Mountain Journal of Mathematics* 54 (2024), 723-733, with Helen Grundman and Joshua Harrington.

Dr. Yong Zhang, Department of Computer Science & Information Technology, June 2024. Title of paper: Triangle Packing in Graphs with Bounded Degree Accepted by the 20th International Conference on Foundations of Computer Science (FCS'24)

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Tauqeer Hussain, Department of Computer Science & Information Technology, 07-23-2024. Peer reviewed conference paper, "Assessing ABET Outcomes Through a Software Engineering Capstone Course", presented at "The 20th International Conference on Frontiers in Education (FECS'24) July 22-25, 2024; Las Vegas, NV.

Dr. Melissa Nurczynski, Department of English, presented a paper at AEJMC (Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication), in Philadelphia, entitled “*The Vreeland Memos as a Literary Account of Fashion in the 1960s and 70s*”, August 2024, and participated in roundtable discussions on students in literary journalism and professionalism in media studies.

Dr. Myung Soon Song, Department of Mathematics, presented his research (with **Dr. Brooks Emerick**, **Dr. Yun Lu**, and **Dr. Francis Vasko**) titled “Application of Statistical Machine Learning: Predicting the Number of Solutions for a Minimum Cardinality Set Covering Problem” at the Machine Learning Seminar, which took place at the Korean Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), Daejeon, South Korea, on May 29, 2024. KAIST is one of the most prestigious research institutions in South Korea and regularly invites researchers to its seminars.

Dr. John R. Stanley, Department of History, presented “Rising from the Ashes: The Boxer Period and the Modernization of the Presbyterian Mission Work in Weixian (从灰烬中崛起：和团运动与潍县长老会传教工作的现代化).” Seminar on the Impact of the Boxer Movement on China’s Domestic and Diplomatic Affairs in the Early 20th Century (义和团运动与 20 世纪初的内政外交 学术研讨会). July 6-7, 2024. Shandong University, Jinan, China.

Presented “Searching for the Missionary Experience: A Comparison of the Presbyterian Historical Society Archives and The Claremont Colleges Library.” The 13th International Symposium on the History of Christianity in Modern China: Archives and the History of Chinese Christianity in Modern Times. June 6-7, 2024. Hong Kong Baptist University, HK, SAR China.

Dr. Wing Hong Tony Wong, Department of Mathematics, August 8, 2024, presented “Impartial Two-Player Pebbling Games” at the MathFest, Indianapolis, IN.

Dr. Wing Hong Tony Wong, Department of Mathematics, August 8, 2024, served on the panel of the panel discussion titled “Nurturing Equity, Inclusion, Diversity, and Belonging in Undergraduate Research: Strategies and Insights” at the MathFest, Indianapolis, IN.

Dr. Yong Zhang, Department of Computer Science & Information Technology, July 22, 2024. Title of presentation: Triangle Packing in Graphs with Bounded Degree At The 20th International Conference on Foundations of Computer Science (FCS'24)

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED

Dr. Ashraf Adeel, Department of Philosophy and Government, attended the 19th Annual International Conference on Philosophy, 27-30 May 2024, Athens, Greece. He also attended the 25th World Congress of Philosophy from Aug 1-8, 2024., Rome, Italy.

Dr. Phill Reed, Department of Physical Sciences, 9-13 June 2024, with KU attended the 244th Meeting of the American Astronomical Society (AAS) in Madison, WI.

Dr. Yong Zhang, Department of Computer Science & Information Technology, July 22-25, 2024. Attended The 20th International Conference on Foundations of Computer Science (FCS'24)

ACTIVITIES OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE

Dr. Richard Courtney, Department of Geography, completed a map of the Saucony Creek Trail South Section in conjunction with Todd Underwood (Biology), who represents the Kutztown Environmental Advisory Commission. The map is to be posted at the head of the trail to show trail users areas that are restricted during normal school hours. This is the second mapping collaboration between Courtney and Underwood, as they previously produced a map for the Borough of Kutztown’s North Park

Dr. Curt Herr, Department of English, was one of four international scholars interviewed by Airship Podcasts for their month-long series on the novel, Dracula, Summer 2024. The podcast will run for four consecutive weeks throughout October 2024.

Dr. Phill Reed, Department of Physical Sciences, 5-7 June 2024, served as an invited review panelist for NASA's Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) General Investigator (GI) program in Milwaukee, WI.

The Kutztown Pipe Band (KPB), a student group at KU and a nonprofit group in the Borough of Kutztown, had four outreach events during the time period. The KPB is led by Physical Sciences faculty, **Dr. Laura Sherrod**.

The KPB participated in the Reading Ren Faire in Wernersville on Sunday 9 June 2024. Band members participating in this event included Dr. Laura Sherrod (Physical Sciences faculty and KPB faculty advisor), Diana Cook (KU Alum of '98), Chris Hamm (KU Alum of '21), and Andrew Mull (KU Web Integration Manager).

The Kutztown Pipe Band participated in the Kutztown Folk Fest held in Kutztown on Sunday 30 June 2024. Band members participating in this event included Dr. Laura Sherrod (Physical Sciences faculty and KPB faculty advisor), Diana Cook (KU Alum of '98), Chris Hamm (KU Alum of '21), and Andrew Mull (KU Web Integration Manager).

The Kutztown Pipe Band participated in the Kutztown Summer Concert Series at the Kutztown Band Shell by hosting the 3rd annual Bagpipes at the Band Shell on Sunday 18 August 2024. Band members participating in this event included Dr. Laura Sherrod (Physical Sciences faculty and KPB faculty advisor), Diana Cook (KU Alum of '98), Chris Hamm (KU Alum of '21), and Andrew Mull (KU Web Integration Manager).

Dr. John R. Stanley, Department of History, was interviewed for *China Daily* front page article "History of WWII Internment Camp Bonds Westerners, Chinese Friends." Published on Monday, June 24, 2024.

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PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Achey, Dr. Darren, Department of Physical Sciences, September 30, 2024, with KU undergraduates Corbin Frisvold ('26) and Fred M. Martin Jr. ('26) published a paper entitled "Rapid and Facile Preparation of Carbon Tape Electrodes for the Evaluation of Metal Oxides as OER Catalysts" in the Journal of Chemical Education. DOI: 10.1021/acs.jchemed.4c01044

Topale, Dr. Jennifer, Department of English, wrote a book review of *Richard III's Bodies from Medieval England to Modernity: Shakespeare and Disability Studies*, by Jeffrey R. Wilson for *Borrowers and Lenders: The Journal of Shakespeare and Appropriation*, Vol. 16, No. 1 (Fall 2024).

Gu, L. & **Wang, J.** (2024). The Impact of Organizational Factors on Security Behavioral Intentions. *Issues in Information Systems*, 25 (3). pp 26-35.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Chincoteague Bay Research Symposium, Wallops Island, VA September 13, 2024

Hannah (Sellers) Cutshaw, B.S. Biology, KU Class of 2024, presented her ongoing research: Detailed Micro and Macro-Fossil Analyses of Vibracores from Custis Pond, Savage Neck Dunes Natural Area Preserve (SNDP), Eastern Shore, Virginia Reveal Late Pleistocene-Holocene Environmental Change in The Lower Chesapeake Bay Co-authors, **Dr. Adrienne Oakley** (Marine Geology, Physical Sciences), Dr. Sean Cornell (Shippensburg University), Gabby DeMarco (KU Marine Science class of 2026)

Gabby DeMarco, KU Marine Science, presented her ongoing research: Detailed Micro and Macro-Fossil Analyses of Vibracores from Custis Pond, Savage Neck Dunes Natural Area Preserve (SNDP), Eastern Shore, Virginia Reveal Late Pleistocene-Holocene Environmental Change in The Lower Chesapeake Bay Co-authors, **Dr. Adrienne Oakley** (Marine Geology, Physical Sciences), Dr. Sean Cornell (Shippensburg University), Hannah (Sellers) Cutshaw

Alexandra Garnand, B.S. Marine Science: Oceanography AND B.S. Geology, KU Class of 2019, gave a talk on her ONGOING, long-term research: An assessment of barrier island shoreline change and grain size variations 2011-2024 pre- and post- beach nourishments: Wallops Island, Eastern Shore, Virginia Co-authors, **Dr. Adrienne Oakley** (Marine Geology, Physical Sciences), Dr. Sean Cornell (Shippensburg University)

Dr. Brandon O'Brien, Marine Biology, gave a talk "Seaweed seasonality and succession in the Gulf of Maine"

Major Sierra Smart, B.S. Geology ('27) presented the results of her KU BEARS 2024 research project with **Dr. Laura Sherrod** (Physical Sciences Department, Geology Program) to the Society of Pennsylvania Archaeology, John Schrader Chapter 21 on Monday 7 October 2024. Sierra performed geophysical surveys at a site of historical interest. The results of those surveys will be used to guide future excavations at the site.

DeBiase, Lydia, Department of Social Work, October 8, 2024, *Restorative Practices with Families*, 29th Annual National Association of Case Management Conference, Denver, CO

Fischer, Alice, Department of Social Work/Grants Manager DHSS/PPC Manager, Kutztown University Doctoral student, Boehm, Alycha, Clinical Supervisor Northeast Division of Emergency Services and Independent Living, Valley Youth House, October

16, 2024, *Vicarious Resiliency: Healing Through Supervision – Nile*, Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers Conference, Pocono Manor, PA

Gasker, Janice, Department of Social Work, Alice Fischer, Department of Social Work/Grants Manager DHSS/PPC Manager, Kutztown University Doctoral Student, October 10, 2024, *How Does An Emotion Wheel Work? Tirelessly*, 29th Annual National Association of Case Management Conference, Denver, CO

Hain, Emily, Department of Social Work, Student + LTSS caseworker Kutztown University MSW Program, October 14, 2024, *Why Language Matters*, Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers Conference, Pocono Manor, PA

Harris, Christopher, Department of Social Work, Felker, Paul, Associate Professor, Eastern University, James Corbin, PhD, LCSW, October 14, 2024, *Empowering Families in Crisis: Navigating Mental Health Challenges for Dementia Patients in Skilled Nursing Facilities – Aloeswood*, Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers Conference, Pocono Manor, PA

Kutch, Dr. Lynn, Modern Language Studies, September 27, 2024, presented "A Graphic Contract: Olivia Vieweg's Huck Finn Graphic Novel Adaptation" at the German Studies Association Conference in Atlanta, GA.

Palmer, Tessa, Department of Social Work, Doctoral Student, October 14, 2024, *Empowering Clients to Use Nature as a Health and Wellness Tool in Social Work Practice – Nile*, Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Social Worker Conference, Pocono Manor, PA

Svistova, Juliana, Department of Social Work, Bhat, Meera, University of Albany, SUNY, October 15, 2024 *The Relevance of Social Entrepreneurship for New Age Social Work Practice – Rosewood*, Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers Conference, Pocono Manor, PA.

Topale, Dr. Jennifer, Department of English, participated in chair panels and presented a paper:

Panel Chair, "*Shakespeare.*" 77th Annual Rocky Mountain Language Association (RMMLA), Las Vegas, 10-12 October 2024.

Panel Chair, "*Milton, Sessions I & II.*" 77th Annual Rocky Mountain Language Association (RMMLA), Las Vegas, 10-12 October 2024.

Presenter, "*The Castlehaven Scandal: The Pamphlets of Eleanor Davies and John Milton's Comus.*" RMMLA Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association, Las Vegas, 10-12 October 2024.

Vafeas, John, Department of Social Work, Alice Fischer, Department of Social Work/Grants Manager DHSS/PPC Manager, October 8, 2024, *Mental Health Peer Support for Persons Served: Exploring Case Managers' Utilization*, 29th Annual National Association of Case Management Conference, Denver, CO

Vafeas, John, Department of Social Work, Vasquez, Felix, 2024 MSW Kutztown University Graduate, October 14, 2024, *Trends of Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) in Pennsylvania: The Sandusky and COVID Effects-Sagewood*, Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers Conference, Pocono Manor, PA

Vogel, Dr. Andrew, Department of English presented research at the international, interdisciplinary Association for the History of Transport, Traffic, and Mobility in Leipzig, Germany. This presentation represented a preliminary study of the fraught interrelationship between the construction of the American interstate highway system and the Civil Rights Movement as reflected in the travel writing of John Williams and John Steinbeck. This project is slated for publication next year in a collection concentrating on multiethnic travel writing in the United States from Bloomsbury Press.

Wei, FangHsun, Department of Social Work, October 8, 2024, *Inter-Professional Social Work In Primary Care Settings*, 29th Annual National Association of Case Management Conference, Denver, CO

Weller, Mary Rita, Department of Social Work, October 8, 2024, *Autism Support in Higher Education*, 29th Annual National Association of Case Management Conference, Denver, CO

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED

Arnold, Andrew, History Department, attended the Hannah Arendt Conference entitled, "Tribalism and Cosmopolitanism" at Bard College in Annandale on the Hudson, NY on October 17-19, 2024.

Arnold, Andrew & Reynolds, Robert, History Department, attended the Pennsylvania Historical Association's annual meeting entitled, "Identity and Politics in the MidAtlantic" in Johnstown, PA on October 11, 2024.

DeBiase, Lydia, Department of Social Work, October 8-10, 2024, 29th Annual National Association of Case Management Conference, Denver, CO

Fisher, Alice, Department of Social Work/Grants Manager DHSS/PPC Manager, October 8-10, 2024, 29th Annual National Association of Case Management Conference

Gasker, Janice, Department of Social Work, October 8-10, 2024, 29th Annual National Association of Case Management Conference, Las Vegas, NV

Gasker, Janice, Department of Social Work, October 13-16, Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers Conference, Pocono Manor, PA

Geology Majors Elizabeth Keim ('27), Todd Messner ('27), and Sierra Smart ('27) Attended the Field Conference of Pennsylvania Geologist 3-5 October 2024 in Gettysburg, PA.

Harris, Christopher, Department of Social Work October 13-15, 2024, Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers Conference, Pocono Manor, PA

Sharma, Yasoda, Department of Social Work, October 13-16, Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers Conference, Pocono Manor, PA

Svistova, Juliana, Department of Social Work, October 13-15, 2024, Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers Conference, Pocono Manor, PA

Vafeas, John, Department of Social Work, October 8-10, 2024, 29th Annual National Association of Case Management Conference, Denver, CO

Vafeas, John, Department of Social Work, October 13-16, 2024, Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers Conference, Pocono Manor, PA

Wei, FangHsun, Department of Social Work, October 8-10, 2024, 29th Annual National Association of Case Management Conference, Denver, CO

Weller, Mary Rita, Department of Social Work, October 8-10, 2024, 29th Annual National Association of Case Management Conference, Denver, CO

ACTIVITIES OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE

Kutch, Dr. Lynn, Modern Language Studies, September 27, 2024, participated in roundtable discussion "Ten Years Tatort: German Crime Fiction Ten Years On," at the German Studies Association Conference in Atlanta, GA.

The Kutztown Pipe Band (KPB), a student group at KU and a nonprofit group in the Borough of Kutztown, had five outreach events during the time period. The KPB is led by Physical Sciences faculty, **Dr. Laura Sherrod**.

The KPB participated in Berks Fiddle Fest at Fleetwood on Sunday 15 September 2024, performing America the Beautiful and Amazing Grace as part of the remembrance ceremony held at the event. Band members participating in this event included Dr. Laura Sherrod (Physical Sciences faculty and KPB faculty advisor), Diana Cook (KU Alum of '98), Chris Hamm (KU Alum of '21), and Andrew Mull (KU Web Integration Manager).

The KPB performed for the opening ceremony of the final day of the PA Golf Association tournament held at Moselem Springs Golf Course on Monday 17

September 2024. Band members participating in this event included Dr. Laura Sherrod (Physical Sciences faculty and KPB faculty advisor).

The KPB hosted an educational/musical presentation titled Preserving the Tradition in Schaeffer auditorium on Thursday 18 September 2024. This event was open to the public. Band members participating in this event included Dr. Laura Sherrod (Physical Sciences faculty and KPB faculty advisor), Diana Cook (KU Alum of '98), Chris Hamm (KU Alum of '21), Holly Fegley ('25), and Andrew Mull (KU Web Integration Manager).

The KPB performed at the Hamburg High School Military and First Responders Appreciation event on Friday 11 October. The event also featured military personnel, vehicles, and dozens of police, fire, and medical units. A Pennsylvania National Guard Blackhawk helicopter was also in attendance. KPB members participating in this event included Chris Hamm (KU Alum of '21).

The KPB gave an educational/musical presentation at The Highlands, a retirement community in Wyomissing on Thursday 17 October 2024. Band members participating in this event included Dr. Laura Sherrod (Physical Sciences faculty and KPB faculty advisor), Diana Cook (KU Alum of '98), Chris Hamm (KU Alum of '21), Holly Fegley ('25), and Andrew Mull (KU Web Integration Manager).

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PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Adeel, Ashraf, Department of Philosophy & Government, Reviewed the proofs of his upcoming paper contributed to the University of Edinburgh anthology on Islamic Epistemology.

Kronenthal, Dr. Brian, Department of Mathematics, November 2024, published “Nonisomorphic two-dimensional algebraically defined graphs over \mathbb{R} ,” *Journal of Graph Theory* **108** (2025), 50-64, with Joe Miller, Alex Nash, Jacob Roeder, Hani Samamah, and Wing Hong Tony Wong.

Lu, Dr. Yun, Department of Mathematics, November 2024, published the article titled “Statistical Analyses of Solution Methods for the Multiple-Choice Knapsack Problem with Setups: Implications for OR Practitioners” (with Dr. Myung Song, Mr. Dominic Rando, and Dr. Francis Vasko) in the peer-reviewed journal *Expert Systems with Applications*, which is a top journal in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Computer Science Applications, and Engineering. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.eswa.2024.125622>

Lu, Dr. Yun, Department of Mathematics, November 2024, published the article titled “The importance of fine-tuning Gurobi parameters when solving Quadratic Knapsack

Problems: A Guide for OR Practitioners” (with Mr. Dominic Rando, Dr. Myung Song, and Dr. Francis Vasko) in the peer-reviewed journal *Pure and New Mathematics in AI*. <https://doi.org/10.24294/pnmai8052>

*Scherer, J., *Krankoskie, T., *Pittinger, D., *Rogers, G., **Simpson, E.L.**, (Department of Physical Sciences) and Wizevich, M.C., 2024, Variations in microbial preservation across a Gwyneddichnium track from the Triassic Lockatong Formation, eastern Pennsylvania, In: Taylor, L.H., Raynolds, R.G., Spencer Lucas, Eds., Vertebrate Paleoichnology: A tribute to Martin Lockley: New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science, Bulletin 95, p. 381-387.

*Pittinger, D., *Rogers, G., *Reichard-Flynn. W.R., **Simpson, E.L.** (Department of Physical Sciences), Wizevich. M.C., Keeber, A., *Evans, S., 2024, Recognizing Primary Paleotopography Utilizing Ichnofossils and 3-D Models: Mill Canyon Dinosaur Track Site, Utah, In: Davies, N. and Shillito, Eds., Bedding Surfaces: True substrates and Earth’s historical archive: Geological Society of London Special Publication 556, <http://doi.org/10.1144/SP556-2024-1>.

*Rogers, G.A., *Pittinger, D.R., **Simpson. E.L.** (Department of Physical Sciences), Friehauf, K., 2024, Microscale analysis of Knighti eocaena taphonomy: implications for preservation by bacterial mats: Palaeobiodiversity and Palaeoenvironments, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12549-024-00621-6>

Wizevich, M.C., **Simpson, E.L.** (Department of Physical Sciences), Underwood, A., **Sherrod, L.**, *Livingston, K., *Bogner, E., *Malenda, M., 2024, Anatomy of modern sedimentary volcanoes produced by gas-charged groundwater liquefaction, Lake Powell, Hite, Utah: implications for the recognition and interpretation of ancient sedimentary volcanoes: The Depositional Record, 1-17. <https://doi.org/10.1002/dep2.320>

Song, Dr. Myung, Department of Mathematics, November 2024, published the article titled “Statistical Analyses of Solution Methods for the Multiple-Choice Knapsack Problem with Setups: Implications for OR Practitioners” as the first author (with Dr. Yun Lu, Mr. Dominic Rando, and Dr. Francis Vasko) in the peer-reviewed journal *Expert Systems with Applications*, which is a top journal in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Computer Science Applications, and Engineering. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.eswa.2024.125622>

Song, Dr. Myung, Department of Mathematics, November 2024, published the article titled “The importance of fine-tuning Gurobi parameters when solving Quadratic Knapsack Problems: A Guide for OR Practitioners” (with Mr. Dominic Rando, **Dr. Yun Lu, and Dr. Francis Vasko**) in the peer-reviewed journal *Pure and New Mathematics in AI*. <https://doi.org/10.24294/pnmai8052>

Wong, Dr. Wing Hong Tony, Department of Mathematics, November 2024, published “Nonisomorphic two-dimensional algebraically defined graphs over \mathbb{R} ,” *Journal of Graph Theory* **108** (2025), 50-64, with Brian G. Kronenthal, Joe Miller, Alex Nash, Jacob Roeder, and Hani Samamah.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Cardozo, Dr. Mario L., Department of Geography, November 15, 2024. Presented “Socioecological injustices of the soybean assemblage in Paraguay,” Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Geographical Society, Villanova, Pennsylvania.

Conway, Dr. Moira, Department of Geography, October 21, 2024. Presented “Agriculture to E-Commerce: The Changing Landscape of the Greater Lehigh Valley, PA” at the International Society for Landscape, Place and Material Culture Conference.

Kronenthal, Dr. Brian, Department of Mathematics, November 2, 2024, presented “CATANbinatorics and the Probability of Constructing a Legal Board” at the Fall Meeting of the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (EPaDel) Section of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA), Penn State Abington, Abington, PA.

Kutch, Dr. Lynn, Modern Language Studies, November 23, 2024, presented “The German Volkshochschule, Technology, and DEI,” at the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Conference in Philadelphia, PA.

Molitoris Miller, Dr. Susanna, Department of Mathematics, November 2, 2024, presented “CATANbinatorics and the Probability of Constructing a Legal Board” at the Fall Meeting of the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (EPaDel) Section of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA), Penn State Abington, Abington, PA.

Schnell, Dr. Steven Schnell, Department of Geography, November 1-2, 2024. Presented “Place as Palimpsest: Building Deep Maps in Comics and Graphic Novels,” at the Middle States Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, West Chester, PA.

Wong, Dr. Wing Hong Tony, Department of Mathematics, November 2, 2024, presented “Nonisomorphic affine planes over \mathbb{R} arising from algebraically defined graphs” at the Fall Meeting of the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (EPaDel) Section of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA), Penn State Abington, Abington, PA.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED

Cardozo, Dr. Mario L., Department of Geography, November 15, 2024. Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Geographical Society, Villanova, Pennsylvania.

Conway, Dr. Moira, Department of Geography, October 21, 2024. International Society for Landscape, Place and Material Culture Conference.

Davis, Dr. Michael, Department of Geography, November 1-2, 2024. Middle States Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, West Chester, PA.

Holoviak, Paula, Department of Philosophy and Government, Paula Holoviak was chair and discussant for two panels at the Northeastern Political Science Association Conference in Boston, Nov. 14-16.

Kronenthal, Dr. Brian, Department of Mathematics, November 2, 2024, attended the Fall Meeting of the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (EPaDel) Section of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA), Penn State Abington, Abington, PA.

Molitoris Miller, Dr. Susanna, Department of Mathematics, November 2, 2024, attended the Fall Meeting of the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (EPaDel) Section of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA), Penn State Abington, Abington, PA.

Schnell, Dr. Steven, Department of Geography, November 1-2, 2024. Middle States Division of the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, West Chester, PA.

Twenty-six Kutztown University students and four geology faculty (**Dr. Sarah Tindall, Dr. Adrienne Oakley, Dr. Laura Sherrod, and Dr. Kurt Frieauf**) attended the Pennsylvania Council of Professional Geologists Continental Drifters event where they networked with licensed professional geologists from all across Pennsylvania. The Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Dr. Laurie McMillan) also attended to see firsthand how Kutztown University geology is a major force in our field in the Commonwealth. Due to the involvement of Kutztown University students and faculty, this was by far the biggest in the history of these events. Department of Physical Sciences.

Wong, Dr. Wing Hong Tony, Department of Mathematics, November 2, 2024, attended the Fall Meeting of the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (EPaDel) Section of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA), Penn State Abington, Abington, PA.

ACTIVITIES OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE

Adeel, Ashraf, Department of Philosophy and Government. Arranged the 12th UNESCO World Philosophy Day Lecture on Nov 21st, 2024. It was delivered by the renowned Philosopher Ernest Sosa. He talked about "Knowledge is Action: What it Means and Why it Matters".

Herr, Dr. Curt, Department of English, was one of four international scholars interviewed by for the four-part series, “The Real History of Dracula”. This podcast explores the cultural, historical and literary significance of Bram Stoker’s novel. <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/introducing-the-real-history-of-dracula-from/id1291579828?i=1000674694832>

Bram Stoker’s great grandnephew and author, Dacre Stoker will be speaking to **Dr. Herr’s** Gothic Literature class on Monday, November 18, 2024.

Holoviak, Paula Holoviak, Department of Philosophy and Government, Paula Holoviak was filmed by Japanese Public Broadcasting and Good Morning Britain regarding the Presidential elections in Pennsylvania (early Nov.) and interviewed by Slovenian, Italian, Swiss, Finnish, German press regarding the election as well as the New York Times and Reuters.

Le Bossé, Dr. Mathias, Department of Geography, October 2, 2024. Portions of interview given to USC Annenberg Media earlier in the fall included in “[Switzerland and Italy redraw border due to melting glaciers,](#)” Annenberg Media.

The Kutztown Pipe Band (KPB), a student group at KU and a nonprofit group in the Borough of Kutztown, had five outreach events during the time period. The KPB is led by Physical Sciences faculty, **Dr. Laura Sherrod**.

The KPB participated in the King Frost parade in Hamburg on Saturday 26 October 2024. Band members participating in this event included Dr. Laura Sherrod (Physical Sciences faculty and KPB faculty advisor), Diana Cook (KU Alum of '98), Chris Hamm (KU Alum of '21), and Andrew Mull (KU Web Integration Manager).

The KPB participated in the Jack Frost parade in Robesonia on Sunday 3 November 2024. Band members participating in this event included Dr. Laura Sherrod (Physical Sciences faculty and KPB faculty advisor), Diana Cook (KU Alum of '98), Holly Fegley ('25) and Andrew Mull (KU Web Integration Manager).

The KPB participated in the NW Lehigh Veteran’s Memorial Ceremony on Monday 11 November 2024. Band members participating in this event included Dr. Laura Sherrod (Physical Sciences faculty and KPB faculty advisor) and Rachel Massie (KU Alum of '05)

Edward Simpson has been Appointed Research Associate in Collections and Research Department at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science.

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Sacchi, Christopher F., Biology, December 5, 2024. The Lower Macungie Township Board of Commissioners honored Dr. Sacchi with a certificate of recognition for 15 years of service on the Township's Environmental Advisory Council, with 6 years as recording secretary and four years as Chair of Council.

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Fillman, Dr. Robert, Department of English, published a scholarly article in January 2025, "*I see the blade continue cutting*", in *The Circuitry of Healing* in Jean Toomer's Pastoral Poetry in Cane, *College Literature*, vol. 52, no. 1, Winter 2025, pp. 103-137.

Leonard, Dr. Sandra M., Department of English, published "*Vera's Sister Play Czeka*" in the peer-reviewed journal of the Oscar Wilde Society, *The Wildean*, vol. 66 on 1 January 2025.

Leonard, Dr. Sandra M., co-authored with Rob Marland a publication, "*Oscar Wilde's Rehearsal Copy of Vera; or The Nihilists*" in x on 7 January 2025.

Mashintonio, Andrew and Heineman, Richard, Department of Biological Sciences, 2-20-2025. A CURE lab in an introductory biology course has minimal impact on student outcomes, self-confidence, and preferences compared to a traditional job. *Journal of Microbiology and Biology education* 0:e00212-24. <https://doi.org/10.1128/jmbe.00212-24>

Saidi, Chris, Department of History, published the following chapters and digital publications:

2024 "Mothers and Matriliny: Bantu Matrilineal Zone: 1500 to the Present," ed. Maxwell, Musingafi, *Culture, Gender and Religion in Archival Material in Southern Africa*. New York: Palgrave.

2024 "Grandmothers, Mothers, and Persons of Authority: The non-patriarchal history of the Bantu Matrilineal Zone, 300 CE to 1500 CE." *African Womanhood and the Feminist Agenda*, eds. Maxwell Constantine Chando Musingafi, and Chipo Hungwe. Hershey, Pa: IGI Global.

Digital Publications

2024 "Early Modern Women of Africa," *Encyclopedia of Early Modern Women's Writing, Section: International Contexts*. New York: Palgrave/Springer.

Simpson, E.L., Wizevich, M.C., Fillmore, D.L., 2024, Seismites of the Late Lockatong Formation, Pennsylvania, USA: implications for Newark Basin border fault movement. *Journal of Paleogeography*.

Simpson, E.L., Wizevich, M.C., Fillmore, D.L., 2025, Seismites of the Late Triassic Lockatong Formation, Pennsylvania, USA: implications for Newark Basin border fault movement: *Journal of Palaeogeophy*, v. 14.

Simpson, E.L., Hunt, A.P., Lucas, S.G., 2025, Microscale analysis of a coiled-coprolite from the Eocene Green River Formation: diagenesis and preservation of spherical bacteriomorphs, in *Fossil Record 9: New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science*.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Kronenthal, Dr. Brian, Department of Mathematics, January 9, 2025, presented “On the Girth of Three-Dimensional Algebraically Defined Graphs with Multiplicatively Separable Functions” at the Joint Mathematics Meetings, Seattle, WA.

Leonard, Dr. Sandra M., Department of English, co-presented with undergraduate KU students Hannah Katein and Kody Knight at the CUNY Games Conference 11.0, New York on 23 January 2025, “*Access Granted!: A Project to Preserve Games in Libraries*”.

Lu, Dr. Yun, Department of Mathematics, January 11, 2025, presented “Solving hard knapsack problems using general-purpose integer programming software” at the Joint Mathematics Meetings, Seattle, WA.

McCabe, Jeffrey, Department of Social Work, December 12th, According to *Their Own Accounts: Former Child Welfare Involved Youth Recalling Their Participation in Child Protective Services Interviews and That Occurred at School*, Scientific Committee of the 9th International Conference on Research in Humanities and Social Sciences, Cambridge, United Kingdom

Under the guidance of **Drs. Danielle Seier and Justin L. Smoyer**, Physical Sciences, January 17th, 2025, KU Students Rachel Cuth ('26) and Dwayne Cordes ('25) presented "Exploring Filopodia Formation Using Python and a Cluster of Raspberry Pi's" at Bioscience in Berks Conference in Reading, PA.

Under the guidance of **Dr. Danielle Seier**, Physical Sciences, January 17th, 2025, KU Student Cameron Crites ('25) presented "Plasmapheresis: A Time-Based Model" at Bioscience in Berks Conference in Reading, PA.

Wong, Dr. Wing Hong Tony, Department of Mathematics, January 11, 2025, presented “Throttling number of zero forcing and power domination on graphs” at the Joint Mathematics Meetings, Seattle, WA.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED

Kronenthal, Dr. Brian, Department of Mathematics, January 8-11, 2025, attended the Joint Mathematics Meetings national conference, Seattle, WA.

Lu, Dr. Yun, Department of Mathematics, January 8-11, 2025, attended the Joint Mathematics Meetings national conference, Seattle, WA.

McCabe, Jeffrey Department of Social Work, December 10-12, Scientific Committee of the 9th International Conference on Research in Humanities and Social Sciences, Cambridge, United Kingdom

Seier, Dr. Danielle, Physical Sciences, January 17th, 2025, with KU undergraduates Rachel Cuth ('26), Dwayne Cordes ('25), Cameron Crites ('25) attended Bioscience in Berks Conference in Reading, PA.

Wong, Dr. Wing Hong Tony, Department of Mathematics, January 8-11, 2025, attended the Joint Mathematics Meetings national conference, Seattle, WA.

Zhang, Dr. Yong, Department of Computer Science & Information Technology, December 12, 2024, presented “The Applications of Smart Contracts in Class-room Teaching” at the 11th Annual Conf. on Computational Science & Computational Intelligence (CSCI'24), Las Vegas, U.S.A.

ACTIVITIES OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE

The Kutztown Pipe Band (KPB), a student group at KU and a nonprofit group in the Borough of Kutztown, had one outreach event during the time period. The KPB is led by Physical Sciences faculty, **Dr. Laura Sherrod**.

The Kutztown Pipe Band visited Bethel Elementary School on Monday 10 February 2025 to do educational outreach program: Learn About Bagpipes. Dr. Laura Sherrod (Physical Sciences) and Diana Cook (member of the KPB and KU Alum from '98) presented to ~150 students in grades K through 5.

COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES REPORT 2/28/25 – 4/10/25

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Robert Fillman, Department of English, has a poetry collection book, *The Melting Point* published by Broadstone Books, April 15, 2025.

Dr. Hsu, Criminal Justice, April 2025, in press, Hsu, K., Choi, J., & Mogavero, M. C. “Undergraduate students’ perceptions of police and career interest in law enforcement: Do social media matter?” Journal of Criminal Justice Education.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/10511253.2025.2485977>

Dr. Hsu, Criminal Justice, April 2025 published, Choi, J., Hsu, K., & Lee, J. “Comparing justification of morally dubious behavior and violence across immigrant generations and

native-born individuals: A cross-national assessment.” *Crime & Delinquency*.
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/00111287251323515>

John Lizza has a publication: A Prescriptive Metaphysics of Death, *Hastings Center Report* 55 (1): 33-46 (2025).

Dr. Sandra M. Leonard, Department of English, published “Oscar Wilde’s ‘Evil’ Intentions: The Riddle of an Unfinished Epigram” in the print magazine of the Oscar Wilde Society, *Intentions*, no. 132. And was also mentioned in the widely read *Times Literary Supplement* in a March 14, 2025 article entitled “Thoroughly Evil”.
<<https://www.the-tls.co.uk/regular-features/nb/nb-column-wilde-wits-james-baldwin-britain-lewis-carroll-oxford>>.

Dr. Y. Lu, Department of Mathematics, March 2025, published “A practical approach for dealing with hard knapsack problems using general-purpose integer programming software”, (with M.S. Song, P.H. Lin, E. Shively-Ertas, and F.J. Vasko), *International Transactions in Operational Research*, 32, 1472-1493, 2025.
<http://doi.org/10.1111/itor.13499>

Dr. Y. Lu, Department of Mathematics, March 2025, published “Filling the gap in weighted set covering problem test instances: implications for both researchers and practitioners”, (with F.J. Vasko, M. S. Song, and D. Rando), *International Journal of Industrial Optimization*, Vol 6, No 1, 17-27, 2025. <http://doi.org/10.12928/ijio.v6i1.10836>

Dr. Y. Lu, Department of Mathematics, March 2025, published “Statistical analyses of solution methods for the multiple-choice knapsack problem with setups: Implications for OR practitioners”, (with M.S. Song, D. Rando and F.J. Vasko), *Expert Systems with Applications*, 262, 2025. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.eswa.2024.125622>

Dr. M.S. Song, Department of Mathematics, March 2025, published “A practical approach for dealing with hard knapsack problems using general-purpose integer programming software”, (with P.H. Lin, Y. Lu, E. Shively-Ertas and F. J. Vasko), *International Transactions in Operational Research*, 32, 1472-1493, 2025.
<http://doi.org/10.1111/itor.13449>

Dr. M.S. Song, Department of Mathematics, March 2025, published “Filling the gap in weighted set covering problem test instances: implications for both researchers and practitioners”, (with F.J. Vasko, Y. Lu, and D. Rando), *International Journal of Industrial Optimization*, Vol 6, no 1, 17-27, 2025. <http://doi.org/10.12928.ijio.v6i1.10836>

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Victoria Smurthwaite, Department of English, Graduate Student, March 2025, published “*Critical Role’s Candela Obscura: World Building to Build a Better World*”, a peer reviewed journal article in *Board Game Academics*, vol.2.

Dr. Glenn Walters, Criminal Justice, April 2025 published “Testing for Sex Moderation of the Moral Neutralization-Mediated Peer Influence Effect in Early Adolescent Youth.” *Journal of Early Adolescence*.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Mario L. Cardozo, Geography Department, March 24-28, 2025. Presented poster entitled “Connecting urban renewal with illegal dumping through urban art in the Philadelphia area” at the American Association of Geographers annual meeting, Detroit, Michigan.

Dr. Moira Conway, Geography Department, March 24-28, 2025. Presented “Economic and transportation impacts of ecommerce warehousing growth in Berks County, PA” at the American Association of Geographers annual meeting, Detroit, Michigan.

Dr. Michael Davis, Geography Department. Presented at the American Association of Geographers annual meeting, Detroit, Michigan.

Dr. Donato Fhunsu, Department of English, participated in an FDI Lecture Series presentation on KU Campus on February 27, 2025 (this was not reported on the previous COT report).

Dr. Donato Fhunsu, Department of English, attended and presented at the 56th NeMLA Convention in Philadelphia, PA, on March 6-9, 2025.

Dr. Hsu, Criminal Justice, April 4 – 5, 2025, presented “Undergraduate Students’ Perceptions of Police and Career Interest in Law Enforcement: Do Social Media Matter?” at the Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Justice Educators (PACJE) Annual Conference, Center Valley, PA.

Dr. Mathias Le Bossé, Geography Department, March 24-28, 2025. Participated remotely in the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG) held in Detroit, MI, and presented paper, “Spaces and Scales of Memory: D-Day Commemoration in Transnational Perspectives,” and chaired the Business Meeting of the AAG’s European Specialty Group.

Dr. Sandra M. Leonard, Department of English, presented “*Fusions of Justice, Empathy, and Authorial Voice in Oscar Wilde’s The Ballad of Reading Gaol*”, at the Nineteenth Century Studies Association, New Orleans, on March 28, 2025.

Dr. Susanna Molitoris-Miller, Department of Mathematics, March 29, 2025, presented “Implementing Self-Directed Learning in General Education Level Mathematics

Courses”, at the Spring Meeting of the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (EPaDel) Section of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA), Messiah University, Mechanicsburg, PA.

Dr. Adrienne Oakley, Physical Sciences, presented the Keynote Address at the Eastern and Great Lakes Sections SEPM (Society for Sedimentary Geology) Reception at the Northeastern and North Central Geological Society of America meeting in Erie, PA (March 27-30, 2025). The talk, titled, “A Coastal Sedimentary Record of Late Pleistocene-Holocene Environmental Change in the Delmarva Region Using GPR and Vibracore Analyses from Greenbackville and Savage Neck Dunes, Virginia” highlighted undergraduate marine geology research and collaborations made possible through the Chincoteague Bay Field Station.

Dr. Adrienne Oakley, Dept. Physical Sciences, March 28, 2025, Geological Society of America meeting in Erie, Pennsylvania presented research with Sean Cornell titled “Investigation of storm-reworked peat balls, firm ground rip-up clasts, nodules and concretions from the eastern shore of Virginia: Implications”

Dr. Adrienne Oakley, Dept. Physical Sciences, March 29, 2025, Geological Society of America meeting in Erie, Pennsylvania presented research Page McGovern, Nicole O’Connor, Sean Cornell titled “Preliminary ground penetrating radar and geomorphologic investigation of the highly incised Mappsville Escarpment of northern Accomack County (Wallops Island National Wildlife Refuge), Eastern Shore, Virginia

Dr. Steven Schnell, Geography Department, March 24-28, 2025. Presented a poster entitled "Nationalism, Identity, and Place in Comics and Graphic Novels: America as Undiscovered Country" at the American Association of Geographers annual meeting, Detroit, Michigan.

Dr. Wing Hong Tony Wong, Department of Mathematics, March 29, 2025, presented an invited plenary talk “A journey into the fun of number theory with Niven numbers”, at the Spring Meeting of the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (EPaDel) Section of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA), Messiah University, Mechanicsburg, PA.

Dr. Wing Hong Tony Wong, Department of Mathematics, March 30, 2025, presented “Digital sums and variations”, at the Mid-Atlantic Seminar On Numbers (MASON) VII, Brin Mathematics Research Center, College Park, MD.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED

Dr. Mario L. Cardozo, Geography Department. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), March 24-28, 2025, Detroit, MI.

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Paula Holoviak will be a panel chair and discussant for the undergraduate panel on "Migration" at the Pennsylvania Political Science Association Conference, Friday, April 11.

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Dr. Steven Schnell, Geography Department, Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), March 24-28, 2025, Detroit, MI.

Dr. George Sirrakos, Department of Secondary Education, **Dr. Lisa Frye**, Department of Computer Science & Information Technology, and **Dr. Joleen Greenwood**, Department of Anthropology & Sociology, March 29, 2025, presented "Computational Thinking Skills Across the Curriculum: A Roundtable of High School Teacher Perspectives" at the National Science Teaching Association (NSTA) National Conference in Philadelphia, PA

Dr. Wing Hong Tony Wong, Department of Mathematics, March 29, 2025, attended the Spring Meeting of the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (EPaDel) Section of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA), Messiah University, Mechanicsburg, PA.

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The KPB gave an educational/musical presentation at Fellowship Community of Whitehall, a retirement community in Whitehall on Friday 7 March 2025. Band members participating in this event included Chris Hamm (KU Alum of '21), Holly Fegley ('25), and Andrew Mull (KU Web Integration Manager).

The KPB participated in the Bethlehem Parade of Shamrocks on Saturday 15 March 2025. Band members participating in this event included Chris Hamm (KU Alum of '21), Holly Fegley ('25), Diana Cook (KU Alum of '98), and Andrew Mull (KU Web Integration Manager).

The KPB participated in the Allentown Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday 23 March 2025. Band members participating in this event included Dr. Laura Sherrod (Physical Sciences faculty and KPB faculty advisor), Chris Hamm (KU Alum of '21), Holly Fegley ('25), Diana Cook (KU Alum of '98), and Andrew Mull (KU Web Integration Manager).

The KPB visited Tyson Schoner Elementary School in Reading on Monday 31 March 2025 to give an educational outreach program: Learn About Bagpipes. Dr. Laura Sherrod (Physical Sciences) and Diana Cook (member of the KPB and KU Alum from '98) presented to ~150 students in grades K through 5.

Dr. Wing Hong Tony Wong, Department of Mathematics, started a peer-reviewed journal *Communications on Number Theory and Combinatorial Theory* (CONTACT), through Digital Commons powered by bepress. This journal is open access, and it features a double-blind referee process. The journal was inaugurated in 2020 and is successfully indexed on zbMATH. Open in March 2025.

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PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Hsu, Criminal Justice, April 27, 2025 published, "Support for burglary victims: An analysis of victim service provider practices." Journal of Criminal Justice, 98. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2025.102420>

Dr. Brandon Krieg, Department of English, published a book, *Users with Access: New and Selected Poems*, on April 15, 2025 and my poem "Invasives" was published in *Attached to the Living World: A New Ecopoetry Anthology* edited by Ann Fisher-Worth and Laura-Gray Street and published by Trinity University Press.

Dr. Robert Portada wrote an article titled "Locally Owned Private Security Companies in Overlapping Markets: The Case of KASS in South Sudan," was published in the spring 2025 edition of the *Journal of Global South Studies*: <https://journals.upress.ufl.edu/JGSS/article/view/3000>

Dr. Walters, Criminal Justice, April 2025 published "A change in time spent on homework as a possible turning point for youth with a history of serious delinquency: Testing the intervening influence of cognitive and moral agency." Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology.

Dr. Walters, Criminal Justice, April 2025 published “Changes in moral neutralization leading to recidivism in low-to-moderate-risk justice-involved youth: Replication and extension.” *Psychiatry, Psychology & Law*, in press to be published April 2025.

Dr. Walters, Criminal Justice, April 2025 published “A developmental antecedent-reciprocal effects model of the animal cruelty-later offending relationship.” *Aggression and Violent Behavior*, in press to be published April 2025.

Dr. Walters, Criminal Justice, April 2025 published “Does criminal versatility predict recidivism? Results from Cox proportional-hazards and binomial logistic regression analyses.” *Crime & Delinquency*, in press to be published April 2025.

Dr. Walters, Criminal Justice, April 2025 published “Do moral agency for aggressive behavior and low peer substance use protect against non-substance use delinquency? A cross-lagged analysis of youth at high risk for delinquency.” *Crime & Delinquency*, in press to be published April 2025.

Dr. Walters, Criminal Justice, May 2025 published “The effect of direct interventions for antisocial cognition on recidivism in antisocial populations: A meta-analysis.” *Journal of Experimental Criminology*.

Dr. Walters, Criminal Justice, May 2025 published “Insecure attachment, poor self-regulation, and weak empathy as developmental antecedents to delinquency when mediated by antisocial cognition.” *Youth & Society*, in press to be published May 2025.

Dr. Walters, Criminal Justice, May 2025 published “The interaction between a change in substance use/consequences and a change in moral agency as a mechanism for decreased criminal involvement in low-to-moderate and high-risk youth.” *Psychology, Crime and Law*, in press to be published May 2025.

Dr. Walters, Criminal Justice, May 2025 published “Moderation of the antisocial cognition-offending relationship by neighborhood disorder: A multilevel analysis of adolescents from eight European countries.” *Criminal Justice Review*, in press to be published May 2025.

Dr. Walters, Criminal Justice, May 2025 published “Parent religiosity as a protective and promotive factor in reducing future arrest in youth with antisocial and conventional peers.” *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*, in press to be published May 2025.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Amy Lynch-Binieck, Department of English, presented results of an IRB study entitled, “Pile on More, Right?': Exploring Faculty Perceptions of the Labor and Resources Needed to Teach in the Context of Generative AI,” at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in Baltimore, Maryland on April 11, 2025.

Dr. Lynn M. Kutch, soon to be Department of English provided a presentation, "*Lights, Camera, Kino: Using Short Films in Language Instruction.*", along with student Jessica Southgate-Sands, at the American Association of Teachers of German Central Pennsylvania Chapter meeting at Franklin and Marshall College on Saturday, April 26, 2025.

Dr. Laura Sherrod, Physical Sciences, 15 April 2025, with KU undergraduates Linda Zuniga ('25) and Sierra Smart ('27) presented "Geophysical Interpretations of the Influence of Geology on the Prehistoric Green Cabin Quarry" at the 37th Symposium on the Application of Geophysics to Engineering and Environmental Problems (SAGEEP), in Denver, CO

Dr. Laura Sherrod, Physical Sciences, 15 April 2025, with KU undergraduates Sierra Smart ('27), Linda Zuniga ('25) and Todd Messner ('27) presented "Comparison of Geophysical Imaging of Suspected Mass Reinterments in Pennsylvania" at the 37th Symposium on the Application of Geophysics to Engineering and Environmental Problems (SAGEEP), in Denver, CO

Dr. Laura Sherrod, Physical Sciences, 15 April 2025, with KU undergraduates Sierra Smart ('27), Elizabeth Keim ('27), Linda Zuniga ('25), and Todd Messner ('27) presented "Establishing Long-Term Relationships with the Local Community through Geophysical Service Projects" at the 37th Symposium on the Application of Geophysics to Engineering and Environmental Problems (SAGEEP), in Denver, CO

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED

Dr. Kremser, Criminal Justice, April 29-30, 2025 attended International Association of Professional Security Consultants (IAPSC) Annual Conference Pre-Conference program on cybersecurity in San Diego, CA.

ACTIVITIES OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE

Dr. Paula Holoviak was a panel chair and discussant for the undergraduate panel on Migration at the Pennsylvania Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Friday, April 11 at PSU Harrisburg.

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1. The KPB led the processional and recessional of Albright College on Sunday 11 May. Band members participating in this event included Dr. Laura Sherrod (Physical Sciences faculty and KPB faculty advisor), Diana Cook (KU Alum of

'98), Chris Hamm (KU Alum of '21), and Andrew Mull (KU Web Integration Manager).

2. The KPB participated in the Armed Forces Parade in West Reading on Saturday 17 May 2025. Band members participating in this event included Chris Hamm (KU Alum of '21), Diana Cook (KU Alum of '98), and Andrew Mull (KU Web Integration Manager).

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