

Stetson University
Academic Affairs
Faculty and Staff Highlights
February 2015-May 2015

Kristen Adams and **Candace Zierdt**, Professors of Law, have been invited to lead the CISG portion of the UCC Survey that the ABA's *Business Lawyer* publishes each year. Professor Adams has also been nominated to serve a four-year term on the Board of Regents of the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers. Professor Adams has been named Advisor for the Alternative Dispute Resolution Board in the Advocacy Program at the College of Law.

Jesus Alfonso, Associate Professor of Music, has completed a book which will be released in May 2015: *SOGGETTO CAVATO: The History and My Stories of the First Five Years of EL SISTEMA*. The book chronicles the founding of the El Sistema music system in Venezuela.

Shahram Amiri, Associate Professor of Decision and Information Sciences, presented, "Theoretical Application of Business Decision Support" at the 19th World Multi-Conference on Systemics, Cybernetics and Informatics, 2015.

Shahram Amiri, Associate Professor of Decision and Information Sciences, and **Joseph M. Woodside**, Assistant Professor of Decision and Information Sciences, presented "Theoretical Application of Business Decision Support" at the 19th World Multi-Conference on Systemics, Cybernetics and Informatics, 2015. Drs. Amiri and Woodside also co-presented with student Christopher Dodson, class of 2015, "An Examination of ICT Spending and the Development of E-Skill in the Republic of Turkey" at the e-Skills for Knowledge Production and Innovation Conference, 2014.

William Andrews, Associate Professor of International Business, joined the blue ribbon International Trade Task Force sponsored by the Central Florida Partnership, and passed the Certified Global Business Professional certification exam (professional development).

Natalie M. Banta, Bruce R. Jacob Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, has completed her two-year term in that position. The Jacob Visiting Assistant Professor program is designed to provide mentorship and training for faculty members seeking to enter the law teaching profession. Professor Banta will begin a tenure-track appointment in the fall at Valparaiso University School of Law.

Cynthia Batt, Associate Professor of Law, Director of Clinical Education, and Associate Director of the Veterans Law Institute, had several papers listed on SSRN's top download lists: "Delivering Effective Education in Externship Programs (From Building on Best Practices)," "Incorporating Experiential Education Throughout the Curriculum," and "A Practice Continuum: Integrating Experiential Education Into the Curriculum."

Mike Bitter, Rinker Distinguished Professor of Accounting, participated in both the American Accounting Association's Auditing Mid-Year Meeting as well as the Federation of Schools of Accountancy/Accounting Program Leadership Group's Annual meeting for accounting directors and chairs. He was quoted in "7 Myths About Online Education" by Terri Williams on March 9,

2015 in U.S. News and World Report. Finally, he is a volunteer member of the Florida Department of Education's Accounting Operations/Applications Program Review Committee, which is charged with reviewing and revising the curriculum framework for all accounting courses taught in public high schools in the State of Florida.

David Bjella, Professor of Music, performed the Boccherini *Concerto in C Major* with Professor **Anthony Hose** and the Stetson University Chamber Orchestra on March 31 in Lee Chapel and will be joining them on their UK tour in May. He has also been invited to join the faculty at the Hot Springs Music Festival in Arkansas in June, and then will head to several South Dakota concerts in the Black Hills in July.

Rachel Boldman, M.S., LMHC, '04, '10, Director of the Counseling Center, assumed the role of Director as of January 1, 2015. She has been with the Counseling Center since June 2013. In October 2014, she gave a presentation at the American College Counseling Association National Conference entitled "The High-Functioning Sociopath Comes to College."

Kristie Born, Visiting Assistant Professor, gave two recitals with former faculty member Stephen Ng, tenor, performing music by **Syd Hodkinson**, Claude Almand Chair of Composition, Kari Juusela, and other living American composers. Performances were on February 16 in West Chester, PA and February 22 at Stetson. Dr. Born is part of Ensemble P4, along with **Marja Kerney**, Adjunct Professor of Music. At the group's February 8 concert at the Daytona News Journal Center, they performed Bartók's *Sonata for Two Pianos and Percussion*, along with new American music.

Brooke Bowman, Professor of Legal Skills, will become the Associate Director for the Center for Excellence in Advocacy and will continue her work as the Moot Court Advisor in the Advocacy Program at the College of Law.

Vince Brenner, David M. Beights Professor of Accounting, celebrates his 50th year of teaching at the university level. He has been nominated by current and former colleagues and students for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Distinguished Achievement in Accounting Education Award, the highest award given to an accounting educator by the accounting profession.

Tammy Briant, Director for Student Life at the College of Law, was this year's winner of the Administrators in Graduate and Professional Student Services (AGAPSS) NASPA national award. As one nominator noted, "Tammy has had a major impact on many facets of the student experience, and none of these is more evident than her influence in the areas of leadership, ethics and professionalism."

Jon Carrick, Assistant Professor of International Business, presented a paper, "Financing Globally Competitive New Ventures," at the National Business and Economics Conference in Panama City, Panama. Dr. Carrick also engaged with Tangent Foods, a venture capital-backed firm in Thailand with several disruptive food technologies, for an EMBA consulting project on the firm's market entry strategy into the US.

Valrie Chambers, Associate Professor of Accounting and Tax, had her article "Convenience May Be Necessary for Widespread Pension Participation by the Poor" accepted for publication in June, 2015 for the *IRS Research Bulletin*, U.S. Treasury.

Valrie Chambers, Associate Professor of Accounting and Tax, **Bonnie Holloway**, Visiting Instructor of Accounting, and **Maria Rickling**, Assistant Professor of Accounting, had their paper entitled “The VITA Program: Vital to Communities, Campuses, Students and Employers” accepted for publication in May, 2015 in *The Tax Adviser*.

Dione Chandler, Adjunct Professor of Music, gave a master class to the oboe section of the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra Youth Orchestra on March 16.

Carliss Chatman will serve as the College of Law’s Jacob Visiting Assistant Professor beginning in fall 2015 and will teach Professional Responsibility as well as business courses. Professor Chatman has argued more than 30 responsive and dispositive motions in state and federal courts, was the lead associate for a Fortune 500 natural gas company involved in arbitration against a publicly traded oil and gas company, and was involved in Multi-District Litigation proceedings arising from an oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Jane Christeson, Professor of Music, compiled, transcribed and edited two volumes of songs by Venezuelan composer Inocente Carreño entitled "Songs of the Enchanted Island." Clear Note has published the first of these volumes and the second is due out later this spring. Additionally, she wrote the preface for the edition.

Jane Christeson, Professor of Music, as a member of the Africana Studies Committee at Stetson, collaborated with **Kristie Born**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Music, who represented the Women and Gender Studies Committee, to organize a concert of music by African American and Caucasian Women in celebration of Black History Month (February) and Women's History Month (March). Both Mrs. Christeson and Dr. Born performed in the February 17 concert and were joined by other School of Music faculty

Stacy Collins, Director of the Academic Success Center, presented with **Noel Painter**, Associate Professor of Music and Associate Dean, “Beyond Accommodations: Universal Design in Teaching and Learning” at the inaugural *Sharing Excellence Colloquium on Teaching and Learning* at Stetson University and “Inclusive Teaching with Accommodations” at the *Inclusive Excellence Symposium* also at Stetson University.

Chris Colwell, Associate Professor of Education, published the book *Impact: How Assistant Principals Can be High Performing Leaders* (Rowman & Littlefield) in March.

Lee Coppock, former Trial Advocacy Fellow at the College of Law will rejoin the College of Law in the Fall of 2015 as a Visiting Professor teaching Professional Responsibility and Trial Advocacy.

Paul Croce, Professor of American Studies, gave a paper entitled “Decolonizing Education: American Studies Across the Disciplines” for the American Studies Program at Maharaja Agrasen College, University of Delhi, India in March. Dr. Croce also served as Referee for the Public Scholar Program of the National Endowment for the Humanities:
<http://www.neh.gov/news/press-release/2014-12-01>

Lizzie Dement, Assistant Director of Leadership Development, gave a presentation at the NASPA Annual Conference entitled “Discover Your Welcome Mat: How Social Media Can

Become Your Office's New Front Door." Lizzie was also recently elected as the Chair of Women in Student Affairs NASPA Knowledge Community.

Stephen John Ellis, Assistant Professor of Digital Arts, exhibited his interactive work *In Memoriam* at the Slingshot Festival in Athens, Georgia in March. The work is a memorial to the victims of mass shootings and takes a critical look at the media representations of these tragedies.

Chris Ferguson, Associate Professor of Psychology, and his psychotechnology lab had another paper, with multiple student coauthors, accepted for publication. Student co-authors include: **Hayley Barr**, class of 2016, **Grace Figueroa** B.A. '14, **Kimberly Foley**, class of 2015, **Alex Gallimore** B.A. '14, **Alexandra Merritt**, class of 2015, **Cameron Spanogle**, class of 2016, **Benjamin Trigani**, class of 2015, **Julie Stevens** B.A. '14, **Stephanie Miller**, class of 2016, **Hien Nguyen Pham**, class of 2015, and **Rachel LaQuea** B.A. '14.

Ferguson, C. J., Barr, H., Figueroa, G., Foley, K., Gallimore, A., LaQuea, R., Merritt, A., Miller, S., Nguyen-Pham, H., Spanogle, C., Stevens, J., Trigani, B., & Garza, A. Digital Poison? Three Studies Examining the Influence of Violent Video Games on Youth. *Computers in Human Behavior*

Michael Finch, Professor of Law, has been named Interim Director of Academic Success at the College of Law.

Mayhill Fowler, Assistant Professor of History, gave the keynote address at the University of Toronto Graduate Conference in Slavic Studies. Her talk was called "Tricksters at Cards: The Official Artist in Soviet Ukraine...or How to do History with Theater." Dr. Fowler spoke at a symposium of scholars, "Experiment, Expression, and the International Scene: The Ukrainian Avant-Garde Stage in the 1910s and 1920s," at the Ukrainian Museum in New York City in April for the exhibition "Staging the Ukrainian Avant-Garde of the 1910s and 1920s." Her talk was called "Hello from Radiowave 477!: The Berezil Theater as Institution in Soviet Kharkiv." Dr. Fowler also published a catalogue essay for the above exhibition called "Berezil: Theater as Institution in Soviet Ukraine."

Krista Franco, Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts, and **Ken McCoy**, Professor of Theatre Arts, attended the Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC) with several students.

Russell Franks, Visiting Lecturer in Music and director of Stetson University Opera Theatre, produced and directed two performances of Mozart's *Idomeneo* in March with the Stetson Symphony Orchestra. Stetson University Opera Theatre has been invited back to the Sulzbach-Rosenberg International Music Festival. Mr. Franks will take nine students, who will study intensively *Die Zauberflöte* by Mozart and present it in performance in August. Mr. Franks directed and designed the Vero Beach Opera's *Il tabarro* by Puccini in January. Stetson students were hand-picked for comprimario roles and the chorus for this production. The principal roles were comprised of professionals from around the world who have sung at opera houses from The Metropolitan Opera to the Liceu in Barcelona to the Verona Opera Festival. Students were able to observe and participate in a professional opera production with world class singers in a "real world" application.

Clark Furlow, Professor of Law, will retire at the end of the 2014-2015 academic year after having helped hundreds (or more) students understand corporate law. Prior to joining the College of Law, Professor Furlow practiced corporate law in Delaware arguing numerous corporate cases in the Delaware Supreme Court and the Delaware Court of Chancery — and thirty-three of the cases in which he was involved led to published judicial decisions, including a number that are included in law school casebooks.

Royal C. Gardner, Professor of Law and Director, Institute for Biodiversity Law and Policy, has co-authored a Ramsar Briefing Note on the “State of the World’s Wetlands and their Services to People: A compilation of recent analyses.” He also presented a webinar for the Convention on Biological Diversity and spoke at a biodiversity and sustainable development symposium at Cambridge University.

Yolany Gonell, Director for Diversity & Inclusion, serves as the Latino/a Caucus Chair for the National Conference of Race & Ethnicity and two proposals have been accepted for the 2015 28th Annual NCORE Conference: “Transformation from Within: A Model for Weaving Inclusive Excellence into the Fabric of a University” and “Dismantling Presumed Incompetence: Testimonies and Transformative Strategies for Latinas in Higher Education.” She coordinated Stetson University’s inaugural Diversity & Gender Sexuality Conference in cooperation with the Gender Studies Program and a number of departments across campus.

Lindsey Graves, Assistant Director for Interfaith Initiatives, took five students to an Interfaith Leadership Institute hosted by Interfaith Youth Core in January 2015. In response to the conference, the students initiated an Interfaith Student Organization (ISO). ISO will be responsible for organizing large interfaith events on campus (such as Better Together Day in April), and for building relationships with and among religious and non-religious organizations on campus. Lindsey has successfully launched a 6-week “Meditation Starter Kit” which serves as an introduction to mediation and guided practices.

Ethan Greene, Assistant Professor of Digital Arts, presented his composition “Environmental Rhythm Etude No. 1” at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA. The work was juried for inclusion on the program of the 2015 Society of Electro-Acoustic Music in the United States (SEAMUS) national conference March 26-28.

Tandy Grubbs, Professor of Chemistry, and **Susan Ryan**, Betty Drees Johnson Dean of the duPont-Ball Library & Learning Technologies, presented “3D Printing to Create Computationally Derived Models in the Physical Chemistry Laboratory” in March at the American Chemical Society’s Annual Conference in Denver.

Laura Gunn co-presented a paper entitled “Assessing Treatment Effect of Thiopurines on Crohn’s Disease from a UK Population-Based Study Using Propensity Score Matching” at the Eastern North American Region (ENAR) of the International Biometric Society (IBS) Annual Meeting in Miami, FL in March.

Lua Hancock, Vice Provost, presented a half day pre-conference at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) “Establishing and Sustaining Academic and Student Affairs Partnerships in Support of Student Learning, Development and Success.”

Terrance Harris, Assistant Director of Wellness and Recreation, presented “Hatterzone... Raging Responsibly On a College Campus” at the Bacchus (Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students) Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida in November 2014 with the Wellness and Recreation Wellness Interns and “Know Your Power” Sexual Assault Prevention and Education at the RespectCon Conference in Savannah, Georgia in April 2015.

Elizabeth Heins, Kathy Piechura-Couture, and Mercedes Tichenor, Professors of Education, co-presented a paper on “Girls’ Attitudes Towards Math: What Do They Really Think?” at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) Annual Conference in Boston, MA in April.

Elizabeth Heins, Kathy Piechura-Couture, and Mercedes Tichenor, Professors of Education, and **Douglas MacIsaac**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Education, co-presented a talk on “Professional Growth Plans: Supporting Teachers as Learners” at the 2015 Professional Development Schools (NAPDS) National Conference in Atlanta, GA in March. The group also co-presented a paper on “Developing Professional Growth Plans to Strengthen Teacher Practice” at the 70th ASCD Annual Conference and Exhibit Show in Houston TX in March.

Carol E. Henderson, Professor of Law and Director, National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law, was recently recognized for her co-authored publication, *Scientific Evidence Review: Monograph No. 9*.

Patrick Hennessey, Adjunct Professor of Music, presented a concert/lecture at the Daytona Beach Regional Library in February on the evolution of jazz from its African roots to the present, featuring members of the Stetson University Jazz Ensemble. Dr. Hennessey’s article about the Melbourne Municipal Band’s 50th Anniversary was published in the February 2015 issue of *The Journal of the Association of Concert Bands*. Recent performances have included shows with the Temptations, Celtic Thunder, and the Phoenix Jazz Orchestra and concerts with the Central Florida Winds and the Space Coast Symphony Orchestra.

Sydney Hodkinson, Claude Almand Chair of Composition, was honored by the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester, which gave two concerts to celebrate longtime conducting and composition faculty member and Eastman alumnus Sydney Hodkinson’s 80th birthday. The concerts consisted of an array of works by Dr. Hodkinson and repertoire that complemented his compositions, performed by the Eastman Wind Ensemble and Musica Nova. In addition, Dr. Hodkinson has received a commission from Aspen Music Festival for a String Quartet, to be premiered this summer by the Jupiter Quartet. He continues to serve as a long-standing member of the Aspen Summer Music Festival in Aspen, CO.

Asal Johnson, Assistant Professor of Integrative Health Science, has co-authored an article entitled “Perception or Reality of Body Weight: Which Matters the Most to Adolescents Emotional Wellbeing?” to be published in *Current Psychiatric Reviews*.

Scott Jones, Associate Professor of Marketing, in his role as faculty advisor for the American Marketing Association, attended the AMA’s International Collegiate Conference where he served as a judge for the Marketing Case competition.

Camille King, Associate Professor of Psychology, has co-authored a paper entitled “Unconditioned Oromotor Taste Reactivity Elicited by Sucrose and Quinine is Unaffected by Extensive Bilateral Damage to the Gustatory Zone of the Insular Cortex in Rats” published in *Brain Research*.

Clara Knotts, Visiting Lecturer in Music, presented at the American String Teacher Association (ASTA) National Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah (March 18-21, 2015): “The ‘Re-emergence’ of the Fretted Violin Family: Extended Technique and Educational Significance.”

Eric Kurlander, Professor of History, has written an article “Liberalism in Imperial Germany, 1871-1918” that will appear in Matthew Jeffries, ed., *Ashgate Research Companion to Imperial Germany* (London: Ashgate, 2015) this month. See advance reviews: <http://www.ashgate.com/default.aspx?page=637&calcTitle=1&isbn=9781409435518&lang=cy-GB>. Dr. Kurlander also gave an invited lecture as part of the "Protest Requiem" Commemoration at the University of Florida: <http://arts.ufl.edu/in-the-loop/events/protest-requiem/>. His lecture was entitled “The Supernatural Roots of Nazi Anti-Semitism: Imagination, Demonization, and Genocide” (April 17, 2015).

Matt Kurz, Director of Student Development and Campus Vibrancy, led a service trip to Cusco, Peru with eight Stetson students over spring break. The group worked with a local charter school to assist staff in teaching the children English, as well as contributed time to an elderly care unit within the same general education compound.

Peter F. Lake, Professor of Law, Charles A. Dana Chair and Director, Center for Excellence in Higher Education Law and Policy, has assumed the role of Interim Director of Title IX Compliance for the University. He is frequently quoted in news outlets, including recent quotes in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, the *Chicago Tribune*, and *USA Today*.

Adam Levine, Adjunct Professor at the College of Law, wrote “The Best and Worst States for Ob/gyn Practice: A Professional Liability Perspective” and “Reproductive Technologies and the New Math: When it Takes Three Parents to Make an Embryo” for *Contemporary OB/GYN*.

Dejan Magoc, Assistant Professor of Integrative Health Science, co-presented two papers entitled “Gender Differences Associated with Health Behaviors and Related Beliefs among College Students” and “What do Eating Inventories Measure?” at the Society of Behavioral Medicine 36th Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions in San Antonio, TX in April.

Jason Martin, Library Head of Public Services and Assistant Professor, presented a paper “Leadership in Academic Libraries: Exploratory Research on the Use of Transformational Leadership Styles” in March at the Association of College and Research Libraries annual conference in Seattle.

Kevin Miller, Academic Success Coordinator in the Academic Success Center, presented “Using Data Driven Decision-Making to Pilot Peer Instruction” at the Florida College Learning Centers Association and will present this same session at the Association of Institutional Research Annual Forum.

Rebecca C. Morgan, Boston Asset Management Chair in Elder Law and Co-Director, Center for Excellence in Elder Law was quoted in *AARP Magazine* regarding elder abuse.

Lynn Musco, Professor of Music, performed with TOSCA DUO (Shawn Copeland '99) at the 10th Annual Vandoren Clarinet Ensemble Festival in Mobile Alabama. Dr. Musco and Dr. Copeland also participated in a panel discussion about the future of clarinet ensembles and music education, and Dr. Musco gave a 15-minute interview for Banddirector.com (the company live streamed the entire festival) and had the opportunity to talk about the music program at Stetson, the two ensembles that performed at the festival, and gave some ideas for how band directors can incorporate clarinet ensembles in their high school programs. TOSCA DUO also performed at the South Texas Flute and Clarinet Day in Brownsville, TX on April 11.

Lynn Musco, Professor of Music, and **Tammy Miller**, Adjunct Professor in Music, gave a recital on the UCF Clarinet Day on February 14.

Lynn Musco and **Jean West**, Professors of Music, along with **Dione Chandler**, **Ashley Heintzen**, **Kathy Thomas**, Adjunct Professors of Music, who form *Veritate Winds*, the faculty woodwind quintet, gave a recital on February 10.

Luz Estella Nagle, Professor of Law, was recently recognized by the College of Law for her book chapters, "The Rule of Law in Latin America," in *Latin American Democracy: Emerging Reality or Endangered Species?* and a chapter in *Comparative Counter-Terrorism Law*.

Michael Oeser will join the College of Law as a Visiting Professor of Legal Skills for the 2015-2016 academic year to teach in the College of Law's legal writing curriculum. Professor Oeser has significant experience teaching in a variety of legal writing programs including at Valparaiso, Arkansas (Little Rock), and the University of Houston.

Erin Okuno, a Stetson University College of Law alumnus (2013) was named the inaugural Foreman Biodiversity Fellow in the Center for Biodiversity Law and Policy.

Mary Ellen Oslick, Assistant Professor of Education, won the Virginia Hamilton Essay Award for "Children's Voices: Reactions to a Criminal Justice Issue Picture Book," 2014, awarded by the Virginia Hamilton Conference Board. Dr. Oslick also co-presented with N. Clendenin and L. Lizalde a talk on "Fostering Home Literacies in a Primary Reading Course" at the annual conference of the Professional Development Schools (NAPDS) in Atlanta, GA in March.

Jason S. Palmer, Associate Professor of Legal Skills and Coordinator of Legal Research and Writing, has been named Professor of Legal Skills. He recently presented to the Suncoast Estate Planning Council on Marriage Equality and Planning for LGBT Clients Post-*Windsor*.

Lou Paris, Visiting Lecturer in International Business, appeared in a *Daytona Beach News-Journal* business article on March 15th. He was also recognized by the *Daytona Beach News-Journal* "Business Report" as one of 2015's "40 under 40."

Timothy Peter, Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities, presented at the National American Choral Directors Association conference in February in Salt Lake City: "Study and Analysis of Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*: A 50-Year Reflection on Culture, Music, War, Peace, and the Psalms." Dr. Peter conducted the All-State Reading Chorus at the 2015 Florida Music Educators Association conference in Tampa in January.

Jelena Petrovic, Assistant Professor of Communication and Media Studies, presented a paper at the Southern States Communication Association in April. The title of her presentation was “Moral Rights and Transgressions in Serbian Discourses on Asylum-Seeking.” It was presented as a top paper in Language and Social Interaction.

Kathy Piechura-Couture, Professor of Education, and **Douglas MacIsaac**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Education, delivered a talk on “Data Chats: Supporting Preservice and Inservice Educators through Professional Learning Communities” at the Association of Teacher Educators Annual Meeting in Phoenix, AZ in February.

Ellen S. Podgor, Gary R. Trombley Family White-Collar Crime Research Professor and Professor of Law, is the co-author of *Mastering Criminal Procedure: Volumes 1 and 2*, which was recently published in its second edition.

Mary Pollock, Professor of English, published an article entitled “Animal Companions in Sylvia Townsend Warner’s More-than-Marxist World” in *Mosaic*.

Michelle Quiñones, Director of Community Standards and Compliance, attended the Association for Student Conduct Administration conference in St. Pete Beach, FL in February 2015 and presented a session entitled, “Hitting Reset: A New Approach to Conduct at a Small, Private University.”

Kimberly Reiter, Associate Professor of History, won a highly competitive “Enduring Questions” grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Rosalie Richards, Associate Provost for Faculty Development, published two articles in *CUR Quarterly* Spring 2015 issue. The first is a full article entitled “Measuring Self-Efficacy and Scientific Literacy Across Disciplines as Value-Added Outcomes of Undergraduate Research Mentoring: Scale Development” while the second is a vignette entitled “Sustaining a Culture of Undergraduate Research through Robust Faculty Evaluation Processes.” Dr. Richards also co-authored a book chapter “Undergraduate Research as Pedagogy: Promoting and Sustaining a Culture of Undergraduate Research among Chemistry Majors” in *Addressing the Millennial Student in Undergraduate Chemistry ACS Symposium Series 1180*. She also co-authored a manual, *Mentoring Undergraduate Research*, which is accessible online at <http://kb.gcsu.edu/urace/1>.

Michael Rickman, Professor of Music, gave a solo recital benefiting the scholarship fund of the Florida Federation of Music (Wednesday Music Club of Central Florida) on March 1 at the First United Methodist Church, DeLand, as well as a recital at Westminster by the Sea, Port Orange.

Leila Roach, Associate Professor of Counselor Education, presented an educational session “Working Through Client/Counselor Values Conflicts: Understanding your Own Process of Ethical Decision Making” at the American Counseling Association National Conference in Orlando in March. Dr. Roach also presented an educational session “The Ripple Effect: Extending Counselor Wellness from Training Programs to Clinical Practice” with two graduate students at the Florida Mental Health Counselors Association Conference in Lake Mary in February.

Matt Roberts, Associate Professor of Digital Arts, gave a guest lecture at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville TN in January. His work *Waves* was curated for inclusion in the exhibit SOUND running at the Trahern Gallery from January 20 to February 6.

Stephen Robinson, Professor of Music, was a guest clinician and performer at the Florida Music Educators Association Guitar Ensemble Festival in January in Tampa. In April he performed a solo concert for the New York Classical Guitar Society at the Diller-Qualie School of Music in New York, NY, as well as a solo performance/lecture at the Manhattan Theatre Club Creative Center, New York, NY.

Stephen Robinson, Professor of Music, **Patrece Robinson**, Adjunct Professor of Music and Coleman Fellow, hosted 95 high school guitarists from Freedom High School in Orlando on February 26. The students were on campus for a full day of performances and masterclasses with Dr. Robinson, and the day culminated with a concert by the internationally renowned Amadeus Duo. Dr. and Mrs. Robinson also attended the Network of Music Career Development Officers (NETMCDO) Conference at the Manhattan School of Music in January, 2015. The conference, entitled "The Past, Present, and Future of the Music Career & Entrepreneurship Development Field" celebrated its 20th anniversary and hosted music career professionals from over 40 conservatories, universities and performing arts organizations from the US, Canada, England and Japan.

Stephanie Ryan, Internship Coordinator, Career & Professional Development, was selected for a committee that met in Houston, TX to determine finalists for the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. The Gilman Scholarship provides undergraduate U.S. Citizens who have limited financial means with the opportunity to pursue academic studies or credit-bearing, career-oriented internships abroad. She also attended the CEIA (Cooperative Education & Internship Association) national conference in Atlanta, GA.

Greg Sapp, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, became the Series Co-editor of *SpringerBriefs in Religion and Sport*, a new publication in the academic field of Religion and Sport started by Dr. Sapp and his co-editor, Eric Bain-Selbo, published by Springer Publishing, United Kingdom. In March, Dr. Sapp presented a paper at the Virginia Military Institute's annual Leadership Conference in Lexington, VA. The title of his paper was, "The Civil Rights Movement and Social Justice: Meeting the Past and Changing the Future."

Lynn Schoenberg, Dean of Students, presented "Stress, Sleep & Resiliency - A Holistic and Strategic Effort," in November at the Association of University and College Counseling Center Directors (AUCCCD) Conference in Chicago. She is scheduled to give a similar presentation by the same name in May at the American College Health Association (ACHA) Conference in Orlando. In March, she led a full day workshop titled "Managing the Environment: Alcohol Prevention For Everyone," for the Illinois Higher Education Center in Chicago. Lynn completed her three year term as President of the Orlando Kappa Delta Alumnae Association in April.

Tara Schuwerk, Assistant Professor of Communication and Media Studies and Integrative Health Science, presented a paper at the Southern States Communication Association in April. The title of her presentation was "Exploring the Relationship between Multiple Identities and Communication Through a Classroom Art Gala."

Leander Seah, Assistant Professor of History, delivered a paper on “Rethinking the Making of Republican China: Jinan School, Chinese Migrants, and the Nanyang Connection, 1912-1926” at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting. He also organized a panel on “Beyond Sino-Centrism: China, Southeast Asia, and Transnational Chinese Identities in Interdisciplinary Perspective” at the same meeting in Chicago, IL.

Rajni Shankar-Brown, Associate Professor of Education, delivered a paper entitled “Transformative Leadership and Pedagogy: Preparing Teachers to Effectively Reach Diverse Learners” at the Association of Teacher Educators Annual Meeting in Phoenix, AZ in February. Dr. Shankar-Brown was also the Featured Speaker in March at the National Youth at Risk Conference in Savannah, GA. Her talk was entitled “Planting Seeds of Positive Impact: Supporting Students in Poverty and Homelessness.” Further, Dr. Shankar-Brown gave two talks entitled “Bridging Home and School: Collaboratively Building Inclusive Learning Communities that Advance Social Justice” and “Empower Students and Encourage Lifelong Learning: Partnering to Create Successful Mentoring Programs that Close the Opportunity Gap” at the 2015 Professional Development Schools (NAPDS) National Conference in Atlanta, GA in March.

Rajni Shankar-Brown, Associate Professor of Education, and **Carine Strebel**, Assistant Professor of Education, presented a paper entitled “Multilevel Campus Initiatives to Advance Social Justice Education” at the Association of Teacher Educators Annual Meeting in Phoenix, AZ in February.

Stacey-Rae Simcox, Associate Professor of Law and Veterans Advocacy Clinic Director, spoke with MSNBC’s *Taking the Hill* about the Veteran’s Advocacy Clinic.

Rebecca Stone, M.A., LMHC, counselor at the Counseling Center, completed 1,500 hours of supervised counseling, and earned her credentials as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in March, 2015. In October, 2014, she gave a presentation at the American College Counseling Association National Conference entitled “Meeting Students Where They Are: Utilizing Technology to Maximize Reach.”

Jud Stryker, Professor of Accounting and Eugene M. Lynn Chair of Business, has served Stetson for almost 40 years as a faculty member, Chief Financial Officer, associate dean, and department chair. He has been nominated by the accounting department and the Volusia County Chapter of the Florida Institute of CPAs for the FICPA Outstanding Educator Award. The very first winner of this award was the late Joseph “JJ” Master, legendary accounting educator in Florida, former chairman of the accounting department, and a former Stetson University Trustee.

Brenda S. Taylor, Stetson Health Service Medical Secretary, had her article ““I Have a Cold; I Need a Z-pak”: Educating Students about Antibiotic Use on Campus” published in the April/May/June 2015 issue of *College Health in Action*, The Official Newsletter of the ACHA (American College Health Association).

Ciara Torres-Spelliscy, Associate Professor of Law, presented on “The Impact of Citizens United and McCutcheon for Campaign Finance and Beyond” at The Law of Democracy at a Crossroads: Reflecting on Fifty Years of Voting Rights and the Judicial Regulation of the Political Thicket Symposium at the Florida State University Law School. Her co-authored piece,

“Running the D.C. Circuit Gauntlet on Cost-Benefit Analysis after *Citizens United*: Empirical Evidence from Sarbanes-Oxley and the JOBS Act,” was published by the *Duke Journal of Constitutional Law & Public Policy*.

Stephanie A. Vaughan, Professor of Legal Skills and Associate Director of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy, has been named Associate Dean for Student Engagement at the College of Law.

Jamison Walker, Assistant Professor of Music, will be singing for the First Coast Opera 25th anniversary gala in May, and in June with the West Point Band in West Point, NY.

Matt Wilson, Associate Professor Sport Business, attended the *Orlando Business Journal's* sponsored Networking Breakfast Panel in March. Dr. Wilson presented, “University Brand Management: Exploring Institutional Enhancement, Visual Identity, and the Role of Football as a Catalyst” at the 8th Annual College Sport Research Institute Conference on College Sport at The University of South Carolina in April.

Joseph M. Woodside, Assistant Professor of Decision and Information Sciences, introduced a new course for the spring of 2015: BSAN 493 – Health Informatics. This course is designed to provide a health informatics overview in major sections of healthcare information systems, healthcare information systems administration, and healthcare business intelligence and analytics.

Daniil Zavlunov, Assistant Professor of Music, contributed an article to the most recent *Stetson University Magazine*: “Music Forges Community.”

Notable Department and Interdisciplinary Events

Faculty from the **Department of Chemistry** delivered five presentations as part of the Division of Chemical Education Program at the Spring 2015 National American Chemical Society (ACS) Meeting in Denver, CO, March 22 – 25.

W. Tandy Grubbs, Professor of Chemistry, presented “3D Printing to Create Computationally Derived Models in the Physical Chemistry Laboratory.”

Ramee Indralingam, Professor of Chemistry, presented “Importance of Sampling: The First Lab in the Analytical Chemistry Class.”

Paul Sibbald, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, presented two posters entitled “DFT Study of Phosphine-borane Bonds: Exploring Electronic Effects” and “Using 3D Printing to Model Steric Interactions.”

John York, Associate Professor of Chemistry, presented “Utilizing Electronic Structure Calculations in Undergraduate Inorganic Chemistry.”

The **Department of Counselor Education** hosted the *Mental Health and Immigration Conference* on both the Deland and Celebration campuses with international speakers from the University of Barcelona, Drs. Joseba Achotegui and Dori Espeso, March 25 in Celebration and March 26 in DeLand.

The **Department of Environmental Science and Studies** hosted Thomas Ruppert, J.D., Coastal Planning Specialist with Florida SEA Grant, who spoke to a multi-disciplinary audience and community about the "Hazards and Costs of Living in Paradise: Dealing with Sea Level Rise." Ruppert, an environmental attorney, is nationally recognized for his work in land use planning, specializing in threats to coastal communities.

The **Department of Integrative Health Science** hosted Dr. Maria Miralles from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Dr. Miralles gave a presentation entitled, "Careers in Global Health."

The **Department of Political Science** is reviving the *International Symposium* after a 15-year hiatus. This academic year the Department put on a series of lectures (rather than the single symposium) with the theme of Borders vs. Globalization, and after a framing lecture in November followed it up with symposia on Africa, the US/Mexico, and the Middle East. Among the speakers have been three of the leaders in the field of border and borderland studies, Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly from the University of Victoria (Canada), Tony Payan from Rice, and David Newman, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences at the Ben Gurion University of the Negev in Israel.

Stetson hosted a University Health Summit, an event to bring together, in conversation and collaboration, campus and community stakeholders with health emphases to define a focus for the University's emerging **Public Health Program** on March 27. The meeting was facilitated by Dr. Lynn Woodhouse, President, NGAGE, Inc., Public Health Research Consulting Firm and Senior Research Scientist, University of Florida College of Medicine, Jacksonville.

Rosamund Bartlett, internationally-renowned translator of Tolstoy, visited Stetson in April and gave a presentation under the auspices of **Stetson's Program in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies**.

Tracy Mac Donald, Professor at McMaster University in Canada and winner of the 2012 Reginald E. Zelnick Award in Russian History, visited Stetson and gave a lecture in April.

The international scholar Jan T. Gross visited Stetson for three days in April and delivered the annual **Weiner Holocaust Memorial Lecture**.