

Political Science Department first to have all faculty teaching online

With the spring and summer terms approaching, faculty in the political science department are preparing for a busy summer of teaching, and much of it will be done online. Each member in the department has completed training to offer courses online, and department chair Jesse Donahue says the move to online instruction has been well-received by students.

“They appreciate the flexibility it gives them and they like that they can take their classes at SVSU,” she said. “A few years ago, we looked at

our students and realized they are traditional undergraduate students. They go home for the summer. They are going to take classes at other institutions if we don’t offer them.”

Donahue stressed students must meet the same academic standards.

“I assign the same amount of reading for an online course,” she said. “There is the same rigor as in a traditional classroom setting.”

Poonam Kumar, director of online and hybrid learning, said many resources are available for

faculty who want to prepare to teach in the digital age.

“The training is based on Quality Matters standards and best practices,” Kumar said. “It covers effective online course design, pedagogy and technology integration. Training is offered in a hybrid format that includes a combination of face-to-face and online sessions. Faculty can start redesigning their courses for an online or hybrid format during the training.”

Tried-and-true classroom instruction remains at SVSU’s academic core, and will for

the foreseeable future, but Deb Huntley, provost and vice president for academic affairs, sees opportunities to grow online course offerings.

“Right now, we offer fewer courses online than our peer institutions,” Huntley said. “We shouldn’t move to more online offerings just to ‘catch up,’ but we need to take a serious and strategic look at where it makes sense to do more online. We know the interest is there on the part of our students, and the tools are available to ensure faculty can confidently transition their courses to an online or hybrid format.”

Support continues beyond initial course design, Kumar said.

“We offer a variety of workshops covering different technology tools and best practices,” she said. “Our information technology department offers ongoing technical support to students and faculty.”

Donahue has continued to make personal connections with her online students.

“I’m constantly interacting with students,” she said. “It’s more of an individual interaction. In some ways I get to know them better.”

During the spring and summer sessions, credit hours in political science have rebounded as a result of online course offerings.

“Our enrollments were going down,” Donahue said. “Now we’re back to where the numbers used to be when more of our students were from the local area.”

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Stacie Krupp

Assistant Professor of Accounting

Stacie Krupp will not be doing your taxes this year. And she's OK with that.

The assistant professor of accounting spent 21 years as a public accountant before trading her calculators for syllabi when she joined SVSU and the higher education world in 2012.

"I don't miss the busy tax seasons," the Chesaning native said.

And while she does miss her former colleagues and the company that employed her, Krupp is enjoying her new profession as an educator. It's a role she warmed up to while working as a public accountant for Rehmann.

"The last five years or so, I started to teach internal training sessions there," she said. "The more I did that, the more I enjoyed it. It got to the point where it's what I wanted to do all the time."

Now, with more than two years in academia under her belt, Krupp said she doesn't regret the decision.

"What I enjoy is the interaction with the students and seeing that light bulb come on, especially if it's a student who has been struggling," she said. "It's exciting to see that 'ah-ha' moment."

Krupp said she switched careers because she "had something to offer the students."

"It's important, not just to understand the content in the course, but to have those well-rounded skills used to adapt to situations, to identify a problem and ask the right questions," she said.

Krupp draws some of her inspiration as a teacher from mentors who helped her when she was an undergraduate student.

"My first accounting course, I had a professor that had an energy about him," she said. "He was very interesting to listen to. I developed a friendship with him, and we're still in touch. I use some of his methods in how I teach."

Part of her approach involves challenging students with projects that mimic tasks faced by employees in the public and private accounting sector.

Krupp said she enjoys her new co-workers and the academic environment at SVSU.

"It does seem like a family here," she said. "It's a very close-knit community. The size of the university really lends itself to faculty collaborating, even across disciplines."

That cooperation itself results in a learning experience Krupp considers invaluable.

"Even though I had the knowledge on taxes and accounting, teaching is different. Listening to people who have been involved in academia so long, and seeing how students learn from them, I try to soak that all in and learn from that," she said.

"I'm continually amazed here."



Laurie Allison, Geoffery Haney, Andrea Ondish and Melissa Ford

Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum • March Staff Members of the Month

Teamwork won four longtime Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum employees the Staff Members of the Month award for March.

The recipients this month are, from left, Laurie Allison, senior secretary at the museum; Geoffery Haney, collections manager; Andrea Ondish, curator of education; and Melissa Ford, archivist.

Marilyn Wheaton, director of the museum since October 2006, nominated the four for the accolades. She praised her staff, which has remained constant for eight years.

"I would compare it to a good marriage between two people," Wheaton said of the group. "Only this is among five people."

Wheaton said the team has helped the museum meet and exceed expectations over the years. Ondish has worked at the museum since 2001; Haney, since 2004; and Allison and Ford, since 2007.

"We've come to learn each others' expectations, and we like working together," Wheaton said.

"When we have exhibitions coming in, we all participate in the installing and de-installing; when we have our big fundraisers, we have come to learn what each other does to make that work. If you took away any of the team members, it wouldn't be the same."

She said such teamwork helped the museum earn accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums in March 2013.

"That simply could not have happened without that committed

team that makes every day roll seamlessly and with the purpose," Wheaton said.

Ford agreed: "We constantly strive to provide quality exhibitions, tours and programming, and to make the museum a welcoming space to all visitors, but especially to SVSU students. One of our top priorities is to have every student visit the museum sometime during his or her time at the university."

Haney said the group works together seamlessly. "After eight years together, we just know what has to be done," she said. "We plan carefully, hold weekly meetings and execute as precisely as any well-oiled machine."

Ondish said the team's individual talents and expertise complement each other well. "We all have different strengths that are needed to accomplish goals for the museum," she said. "We all love working for this museum and university. In many cases, it feels as if we are a musical group in perfect tune."

Allison said it was fitting she and her three colleagues earned praise as a unit. "I consider them all to be my friends," she said, "and what better way to celebrate than with your friends."

Ford was grateful for receiving the recognition. "I truly love coming to work each day and am very fortunate to work with this amazing team and at this beautiful museum and wonderful university," she said.



Professional Profile

- **James Bowers**, assistant professor of criminal justice, presented “Collateral Consequences of Michigan Sex Offenders” at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences conference, March 6 in Orlando, Fla.
- **Geoffrey V. Carter**, assistant professor of English, presented a video installation titled “A Dark Ambience: Attuning Thomas J. Rickert’s Krautrock Influences” at the Conference on College Composition and Communication, March 21 in Tampa, Fla.
- **Fenobia I. Dallas**, associate professor of rhetoric & professional writing, had an article titled “Let’s Kick the Ballistics: Evolving Beyond the Stereotypes for Teaching African American Literature” accepted for publication in the *Journal of Africana Composition and Rhetoric* (Spring 2015).
- **Julie Foss**, assistant professor of modern foreign languages, presented a workshop titled “Planning, Assessing, Progressing? Can-Do!” at the Midland County Educational Service Agency’s 2015 World Language Mini-Conference. Also, Foss presented a session titled “Making a Multilevel Class Work” at the 2015 Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, March 13 in Minneapolis, Minn. She also served as a delegate representing the Michigan World Language Association at this regional conference, and serves as a member of the CSCTFL Advisory Council.
- **Chris Giroux**, assistant professor of English, and **Helen Raica-Klotz**, director of the writing center, presented “Developing Writers: The Role of Embedded Tutors in Developmental Writing Classrooms” at the Michigan Student Success Conference, Feb. 12 in Troy, Mich.
- **Rosina Hassoun**, assistant professor of sociology, wrote an article, “Shifting Arab-American Demographics and Historical Narratives: The Implications for Relations with African-Americans,” that was published in the inaugural issue of *The Backbone*, the journal of the W. Montague Cobb Research Laboratory at Howard University.
- **Jason Pagano**, assistant professor of chemistry, presented “Formation of Luminescent Inorganic Precipitation Tubes” at the 249th American Chemical Society National Meeting in Denver, Col., in March.
- **Hong Y. Park**, professor of economics, had a paper titled “Firm’s Knowledge Creation Structure for New Product Development” published in *Cogent Business and Management*, an open access journal by Taylor and Francis publication. Park co-authored this paper with Hyejung Chang and Yong-Seung Park, professors of management at Kyung Hee University, Seoul, Korea.
- **Carolyn Wierda**, executive director of STEM@SVSU, accepted a Connect Award from Governor Snyder March 3 on behalf of the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance STEM Impact Initiative. The program connects employers with education leaders and the nonprofit community to get students excited and prepared for careers in science, technology, engineering and math.
- **Gladys Zubulake**, professor of modern foreign languages, presented “Latina Women in Hollywood: Stereotypes in Film and Television” at the 22nd annual Dia De La Mujer Conference,

The campus community is invited to a ceremony to dedicate the Writing Center in honor of **Diane Boehm**, who was the founding director of the University Writing Program. She retired last year after more than 18 years of service.

The ceremony will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, April 17 in the Roberta Allen Reading Room, on the fourth floor of Zahnnow Library. A reception will follow. Those who are planning to attend are asked to RSVP by Thursday, April 9 to presidentsoffice@svsu.edu or ext. 4042.

March 21 in Lansing. Students Miranda Strasburg and Bethany Dickerson co-presented with Zubulake at this conference.

New Cardinals

- **Jenna Briggs**, director of graduate & international admissions, and Ted Lind, assistant director in the Academic Advisement Center, announced the birth of a boy, Rowan William (7 lbs., 7 oz., 19.75 in.), Feb. 26.

Condolences

- To the family of **Marlene Gotham**, a retired custodian for SVSU, who passed away March 18.
- To **Thomas Grobaski**, custodial specialist, whose daughter-in-law, Erin Grobaski, passed away Feb. 28.
- To **Kailah Happ**, athletic complex events coordinator, whose father, Edward W. Happ III, passed away March 12.
- To **Beth Roe**, professor of nursing, whose mother-in-law, Patricia Roe, passed away March 6.
- To the family of **Donald Wiseman**, professor of accounting, who passed away Feb. 28. Wiseman retired from SVSU in 1999.

Briefly Speaking

- Faculty and staff may present the diploma jacket to graduating members of their immediate family at Commencement. The two ceremonies take place at 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 8 and at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 9. Call Suzette Zimmerman at ext. 4384 or email szimmer@svsu.edu to make arrangements.

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