On Wednesday, January 27, 2016, Dr. Penny Harris of the Department of Sociology and Criminology was presented with the 2016 Curtis W. Miles Award for Service. The award recognizes faculty members who share their expertise with community groups and nonprofit agencies and make a significant contribution to the broader Cleveland community consistent with the University’s mission and goals. The Faculty Committee on Research, Service and Faculty Development solicits nominations from the faculty, staff, and students, and, with support from the Center for Service and Social Action, recommends candidates. The award is presented during John Carroll’s Ignatian Heritage Week, recognizing the role of service in the University’s mission.

Dr. Harris is deeply committed to the Jesuit ideal of service to others. When one looks at the entire body of her service activities, it is clear she has made a significant long-term contribution to the Cleveland community in ways that align with John Carroll’s mission and goals.

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Listed are self-reported faculty accomplishments in research, teaching, and scholarship, along with other professional activities.

**ART HISTORY AND HUMANITIES**


**BIOLOGY**


**BORROMEO SEMINARY INSTITUTE**

Rev. Damian J. Ference made a presentation titled “Flannery O’Connor, Pope Francis, Gays and Lesbians” at the International Flannery O’Connor Conference in Ireland and then published the paper in *Chicago Studies* 55.1 (Winter 2016).

Beth A. Rath was awarded a $10,000 grant for the development and delivery of her course “What Does Science Prove? Topics at the Intersection of Science and Religion.” The funding, which came from the John Templeton Foundation, is administered by the John Carroll University “Sciences in Seminaries” project.

**CLASSICAL AND MODERN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES**


**COMMUNICATION & THEATRE ARTS**

Mary Beadle’s article “The Sociocultural Situation in Russia through a Cultural Lens” has been translated and published in the November 2015 issue of the Russian *Journal of Actual Problems of Humanities and Natural Sciences*.

Bob Noll’s one-act play “What is Love?” premiered at the 2016 Equity Library Play Festival in New York City in February. The performance represents the seventh New York production of one of his plays. “What is Love?” received a first-place award in the festival.

**COUNSELING AND EXERCISE SCIENCE**


**ECONOMICS & FINANCE**

Feng Zhan, Martin Jacob, Sofia Johan, and Denis Schwizer published “Corporate Finance and the Governance Implications of Removing Government Support” in the *Journal of Banking & Finance* 63 (2016).

**EDUCATION AND SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY**

John Rausch and his graduate advisee, Gabrielle Cregan, made two presentations in Las Vegas in February 2016: “Exploring Asperger’s Syndrome: A Grounded Theory Study with Adolescents and Young Adults” at the Ethnographic and Qualitative Research Conference, and “Shyness: Using Technology to Transition to Face-to-Face Communication” at the American Association for Behavioral and Social Sciences Conference.


**ENGLISH**


Jacqueline Schmidt participated in a panel titled “Developing International Collaborations” at the National Communication Association Conference last November.

Dr. Schmidt participated in a focus group about entrepreneurship texts at the January 2016 conference of the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship in San Diego.

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English

Ms. Fazelian was named president of the Middle East Librarian Association at its annual meeting in Denver this past November.

**HISTORY**


**MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE**


**PHILOSOPHY**


Earl Spurgin presented his paper “Are African-American Athletes and Celebrities Obligated Not to Use the N-Word?” at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics in Reston, Virginia, in February 2016. He also provided commentary about “Developing Moral Sensitivity,” edited by Deborah Mower et. al., and judged the Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl.

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Margaret Farrar’s presentation, “Sustainable Places,” was named Best Paper in Environmental Political Theory at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association in Las Vegas in March 2015.


**PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE**

Amy Jo Marcano-Reik was awarded the Forest City Urban Primary Care Scholarship through the Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) and Cleveland State University Partnership for Urban Health. The scholarship will enable her to practice as a primary care physician in medically underserved communities in Cuyahoga County.

**SOCIOLOGY & CRIMINOLOGY**

Penny Harris is a consultant for the state of Maine, assisting its Department on Aging to develop a risk assessment scale for people with dementia who live alone.

**THEOLOGY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

Paul Nietupski, Marie-Paule Hille, and Bianca Horlemann edited *Muslims in Amdo Tibetan Society: Multidisciplinary Approaches* (Lexington, 2015). It includes a chapter written by Dr. Nietupski entitled “Islam and Labrang Monastery: A Muslim Community in a Tibetan Buddhist Estate.”


**WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES**

Suzanne Ondrus hosted a Skype talk that linked her class, “Sex and Gender in a Global Context,” with Romanian author Elena Maria Sandovici. Students had the opportunity to engage the author in a discussion about her 2013 book *Dogs with Bagels: A Tale of the American Dream Gone Bad*, which they had read previously.
Congratulations to the Grauel Faculty Fellowship Recipients for 2016-2017

The fellowship is available to support faculty research for one semester at full salary or one year at half salary. Proposals should be research-oriented and result in a publication, or should involve other types of faculty development, such as writing textbooks, curriculum development, or academic service-oriented activities.

CARL ANTHONY
Biology
Dr. Anthony will write several papers addressing questions about how polymorphism relates to species formation, specifically that of the red-backed salamander. He also will collect preliminary data about this topic, as well as edit and revise a co-authored book about research on the red salamander.

CHRISTAL BRUCE
Chemistry
Dr. Bruce will examine how the shape and other properties of small molecules affect their ability to recognize specific DNA sequences of certain proteins. The ability of one molecule to recognize another is important in many biochemical processes necessary for normal function and the treatment of disease.

GWEN COMPTON-ENGLE
Classical & Modern Languages and Cultures
Dr. Compton-Engle will research, write, and submit an article about the role of the foundling - a child exposed at birth and later discovered - in Greek drama. Her particular focus will be tracing the development of this theme in the period between Greek tragedy (late fifth century B.C.E.) and New Comedy (late fourth century B.C.E.).

NATHAN GEHLERT
Counseling and Exercise Science
Dr. Gehlert will analyze the data collected from a study investigating the psychometric qualities of ASPIRES (the Assessment of Spiritual and Religious Sentiments) in a sample of Vietnamese nationals and write a publishable article based on those data.

GERALD GUEST
Art History and Humanities
Dr. Guest will focus on Suger (d. 1151 C.E.), abbot of the French monastery of Saint-Denis, and the ways in which his writings reveal a complex set of attitudes toward religious art objects in the central Middle Ages, thus gauging the sophisticated agency and complex presence attributed to liturgical art objects during this time.

EDWARD HAHNENBERG
Theology and Religious Studies
Dr. Hahnenberg will write an original scholarly monograph exploring the often unruly ways people engage and appropriate the culture around them. He also will ask how these social dynamics might illuminate theological reflections on the ways in which ordinary believers navigate highly structured and hierarchical cultures like the Catholic Church.
PAUL LAURITZEN  
Theology and Religious Studies  
Dr. Lauritzen will develop ethical guidelines for psychologists working in national security contexts, an increasingly common phenomenon.

JOHN McBRATNEY  
English  
Dr. McBratney will finish a book about the tension between two rival ideological impulses – the provincial and the cosmopolitan – in Victorian literature during one of the most expansive phases of the British Empire.

MARIANA ORTEGA  
Philosophy  
Dr. Ortega will write an article about the manner in which the phenomenological notions of “lived body” and “lived experience” are key to interpretations of photographic representations of marginalized identities and experience. She also will elaborate on the connection between aesthetics and the ethico-political realm by illustrating how specific works of art are produced by a “call to conscience,” which is an attunement to questions about justice in the context of oppression and marginalization.

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Dr. Harris regularly teaches a course about poverty and social welfare that enables her students to partner with community organizations and provide service in the form of program evaluations. She also oversees numerous internships that place students with various social service agencies in the Cleveland area. The internships provide much-needed assistance to these agencies while offering students opportunities to explore careers.

Dr. Harris’s commitment of service to others also is evident in her work with the John Carroll Intergenerational Choir. Originated by Dr. Harris – with the help of Dr. Cynthia Caporella, Director of Liturgical Music and Musical Arts – the intergenerational choir joins John Carroll students with Cleveland residents who have early stage Alzheimer’s disease and members of their families. Realizing that people tend to see the disease and not the person, Dr. Harris has brought people together to change attitudes, challenge perceptions, and build community in new ways. She is a true person for others.

SPRING SEMESTER STUDY TOURS & IMMERSION TRIPS

COSTA RICA
BL 406 “Tropical Field Biology”
Ralph Saporito (Biology)

FRANCE AND ITALY
IC 299A “Gazing Women, Paris-Florence”
Santa Casciani and Nancy Conrady
(Classical & Modern Languages and Cultures)

GREECE
CL 340 “The Archaeology of Greece”
Gwen Compton-Engle (Classical & Modern Languages and Cultures)

HONDURAS
MK 405B “Entrepreneurial Development: Honduras” • Jim Martin (Marketing)

ROME
HS 305 “Rome: City of Emperors, Popes, and Saints” • Paul V. Murphy (History)

IMMOKALEE, FLORIDA
Malia McAndrew (History) and Sarah Narkin (Center for Service & Social Action)

JAMAICA
Brendan Dolan (Residence Life) and Alana Matteson (Campus Ministry)

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
Rich Clark (Sociology & Criminology) and Julie Myers (Campus Ministry)

ONLINE COURSE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Awardees for Summer 2016

Charles Watts (Management, Marketing and Logistics)
BI 326: Operations Management

Karen Connell (Nonprofit Administration Master’s Program)
NP 565: Information Technology and Social Media for Nonprofit Administration

Sharon Kaye (Philosophy)
PL 350: Philosophy of Beauty and Art

Edward Hahnenberg (Theology and Religious Studies)
TRS 306: Jesus in Film and History
PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE
The 15th annual “A Celebration of Scholarship!” will be held the week of April 11, 2016, at John Carroll University. The majority of events will be held in the Dolan Center for Science and Technology. See the schedule below for details about the location of events. This schedule is subject to change.

ALL WEEK: CELEBRATE THE ART EXHIBIT
Grasselli Library, Tully Atrium & Gallery

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016
MON 5:30-7 p.m.
Poster Session and Poster Competition Including the Early College Presenters
Dolan Science Center, Muldoon Atrium
Refreshments

MON 9-11 p.m.
The Arts at Night
Lombardo Student Center, The Underground • Refreshments

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016
TUE 3:30-4:45 p.m.
PANEL: Peacebuilding in Northern Ireland
Moderator: Dr. Philip Metres, English
Dolan Science Center, A202
2. Emily Tusick: “Stories of Northern Ireland: The Website”
4. Tyler Moran: “The Economics of Conflict in Northern Ireland”
5. Jill Sullivan: “Seamus Heaney and the Role of the Arts in Peacebuilding”

TUE 5-6:15 p.m.
PANEL: A Program Evaluation of Youth Services for Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry
Moderator: Dr. Penny Harris, Sociology & Criminology
Dolan Science Center, A203

TUE 5-6:15 p.m.
SPEAKER PRESENTATION: Journey to Ararat • Pietro Shakarian, Alumnus
Dolan Science Center, O’Connell Reading Room

TUE 6:30 p.m.
Mitsui Lecture
Patricia Graham, Ph.D.
“Art of the Silk Road and Japan”
Dolan Science Center, Donahue Auditorium
Sponsored by the East Asian Studies Program

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016
WED 2-3:15 p.m.
PANEL: Honors Panel
Moderator: Dr. Thea Ford, Education & School Psychology
Dolan Science Center, A202

WED 2-3:15 p.m.
PANEL: Scenes from the Next Big TV Shows
Moderators: Dr. Sharon Kaye, Philosophy, and Dr. Tom Pace, English
Dolan Science Center, A203

WED 5-6:15 p.m.
PANEL: White Culture
Moderator: Dr. Thea Ford, Education & School Psychology
Dolan Science Center, A202

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016
THU 3:30-4:45 p.m.
PANEL: Putting Creativity into Your Course
Moderator: Dr. Jackie Schmidt, The Tim Russert Department of Communication & Theatre Arts
Dolan Science Center, O’Connell Reading Room
Panelists: Drs. Alison Dachner, Pamela Mason, Tom Bonda, Nancy Taylor, Jerry Weinstein

THU 5-6:15 p.m.
PANEL: No Place like Home for the Anglo-Saxons
Moderator: Dr. Emily Butler, English
Dolan Science Center, A203
2. Christopher Kane: “Redeeming the Old English Daniel”
3. Maria Clare McKeating: “A Reading of Alcuin’s ‘O Mea Cella’”

THU 5-6:15 p.m.
PANEL: Economics • Moderator: Dr. Lindsay Calkins, Economics & Finance
Dolan Science Center, O’Connell Reading Room
Panelists: Alec Kopsick, Judy Mualem, Jordan de Bord, Victoria Hume
1. Alec Kopsick: “The Decline of Money Velocity in the U.S. Economy”
3. Jordan de Bord
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