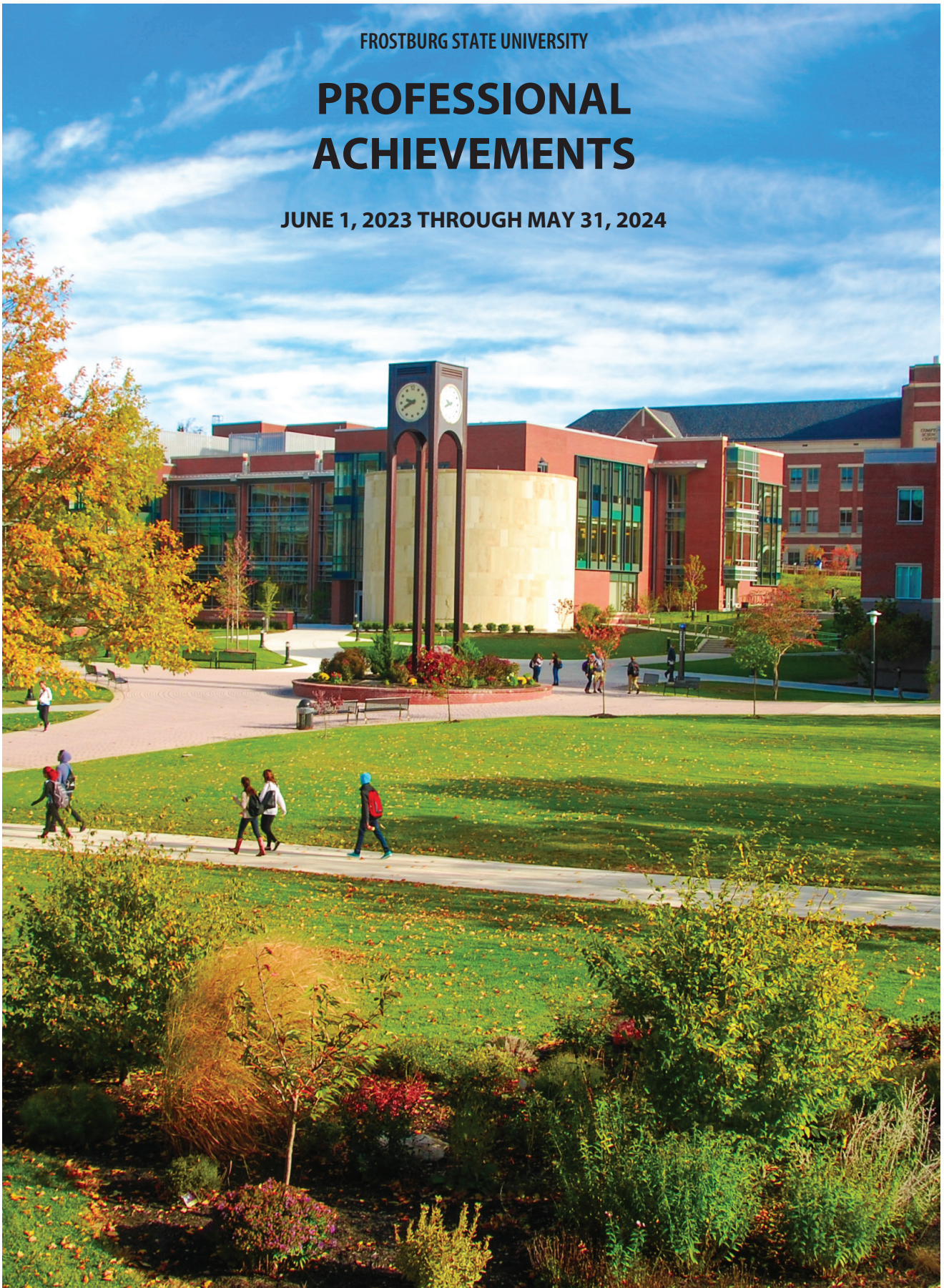


FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

# PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

JUNE 1, 2023 THROUGH MAY 31, 2024



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Frostburg State University is incredibly honored to highlight the dedication and professional achievements of faculty and staff. Contributing original scholarly research, creative works and performances, and exceptional scholarship within the field of teaching and learning, they open a world of opportunities to FSU students. As part of this commitment and pledge of support, they engage in extensive service to their fields of study in addition to the local, regional, national and international communities at large. As a result, these professional activities enhance and promote instructional engagement in meaningful ways that inspire social and cultural enrichment, civic responsibilities and global sustainability efforts. Thank you for joining me in highlighting and further sharing these monumental achievements from the academic year 2023-2024.

**Dr. Sharman L. Siebenthal Adams**  
**Acting Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs,**  
**Associate Provost for Student Success and Graduate Services**

## **MESSAGES FROM THE DEANS**

### **COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, ENGINEERING, AND COMPUTATIONAL & MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES**

Warm Greetings from the College of Business, Engineering, and Computational and Mathematical Sciences (CBECMS)! The College is now one year old, and this is a heartwarming occasion to celebrate the achievements of our outstanding faculty, staff and students. What follows is merely a small sampling of excellence:

- Justin Dunmyre, an associate professor in the Department of Mathematics, was honored with the 2024 Faculty Achievement Award in Service for the many high-impact and visible service leadership roles he fulfills at all levels of the institution. With this award, he is now the sixth FSU faculty member to have been honored in all three Faculty Achievement Award categories.
- Michael Monahan, chair and a professor in the Department of Management, was selected as the 2023 recipient of the President's Distinguished Faculty Award. This award recognizes a faculty member who has provided exceptional service to the University and has advanced its mission, goals and strategic planning initiatives.
- Yuechen Chen, an assistant professor in the Department of Computer Science and Information Technologies, published his collaborative work, "Chiplet-GAN: Chiplet-Based Accelerator Design for Scalable Generative Adversarial Network Inference," in *IEEE Circuits and Systems*.
- Chenchen Huang, chair and an assistant professor in the Department of Accounting, published his co-authored works, "The Internal Control Project: Educative and Reflective Learning" in the *Journal of Accounting Education*, as well as "Fostering Active Learning: The Effects of Using the Socrative App in Undergraduate Advanced Accounting Classes," in the *Business Education Innovation Journal*.
- Tariq Masood, an assistant professor in the Department of Engineering, and Dr. Jamil Abdo, a professor in that department, are collaborating on a textbook, *Protection of Power Distribution System: Smartgrid – Microgrid Operations and Control*, John Wiley & Sons, Springer Nature. Both scholars also presented their works virtually at the 22nd

International Conference on Renewable Energies and Power Quality, European Association for the Development of Renewable Energies, Environment and Power Quality, Bilbao, Spain, June 2024.

- Monahan and Dr. Amit Shah, a professor in the Department of Management, published their co-authored work, “Do You Have to Attend to Succeed: Is There a Relationship Between Class Attendance and Final Grades?” in the *Journal of Business, Industry and Economics*, Vol. 28, pp. 134-156, Fall 2023. They also presented their collaborative research at the Society of Business, Industry and Economics Conference, the Society for the Advancement of Management Conference and at the SEInforms Conference at various times during the year.
- Lilly Ye, a professor in the Department of Marketing, and Dr. Yiming Zhuang, an assistant professor in the Department of Management, published their works: “The Government’s Role in Logistics and Distribution Innovation in China,” in the *International Journal of Economics and Globalisation*, and presented their research, “The Application of GANs in Consumer Behavior,” at the Association of Collegiate Marketing Educator Annual Conference, Galveston, Texas.

The College’s strategic efforts to expand opportunities for international education for its students and faculty continued with the same fervor as follows:

- In continued fulfillment of the cooperative partnership between FSU and the Hunan University of Technology and Business (HUTB), a total of 17 courses was delivered successfully at the HUTB campus in Changsha, China, to three cohorts of students during the fall 2023 and summer 2024 terms. Dr. William Anderson, Dr. Rahim Ashkeboussi, Dr. Audrianna Burgin, Dr. Margie Burns, Nichola DeMichele, Dr. Thuong Harvison, Dr. Chenchen Huang, Dr. Scott Kjar, Dr. Dan Mizak, Dr. Ming Shou, Dr. Xun Xu and Dr. Ren Zhang taught about 120 students per cohort in predominantly in-person modality. As in the past, faculty and student feedback continued to be reliably favorable.
- A total of 79 students from the fifth cohort of HUTB students entering in 2020 graduated in June 2024. The second graduation ceremony was held at the HUTB campus on June 15 with the assistant to the president, Dr. Alan Walker; College of Arts, Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences dean, Dr. Michael Mathias; myself; HUTB-FSU program coordinators, Dr. Wendy Xu and Dr. Lilly Ye; and Dr. Yiming Zhuang. Based on partner institution reporting, graduating students continue to enjoy successful placement within industry in China, with many otherwise pursuing graduate education in China and across globally recognized educational institutions, including many in the United Kingdom and the United States.
- In support of the ongoing partnership agreement with Duale Hochschule Baden-Württemberg, Bad Mergentheim campus in Germany, several members of the business faculty – Dr. Ali Ashraf, Dr. Dong Wook Huh, Dr. Ryan Kentrus, Dr. Kenneth Levitt, Dr. Jeffrey McClellan, Dr. Michael Monahan, Dr. Amit Shah and I – successfully delivered instruction over compressed class schedules in virtual and in-person modality.

Other faculty-student accomplishments are also noted as follows:

- A student team consisting of Teresa Wolf, Mychael McKay, Shannon Casey and Eric Denham, under the mentorship of faculty leaders, Dr. Michael Monahan and Dr. Amit Shah, won Second Place in the Written Case Competition hosted as part of the Society for Advancement of Management International Business Conference 2024. Additionally, Teresa Wolf won Third Place in the Extemporaneous Speech Competition.
- FSU student Daniel Baiyeshea, a senior majoring in Marketing, under the guidance of his mentor, Dr. Lilly Ye, joined his peers from across the system as a student panelist for the highly attended University System of Maryland's Student Success Symposium hosted by Bowie State University in March 2024. Baiyeshea serves as the president of the American Marketing Association, is a member of the President's Leadership Circle and the Student Business Leadership Council and is a Student Alumni Ambassador.
- FSU's Engineering team, Kick Master 3000, comprising Awah Banga, Savannah Grimm, Jackson McGahey, Kambria Rice, Kevin Smith and John Struss, under the tutelage of Dr. Jamil Abdo, won first place at this year's University of Maryland College Park Design Day in fall 2023. A total of 17 teams competed in the event.
- The CBECMS Student Engagement Committee, under the leadership of Dr. Evan Offstein, invited seven speakers from various industries to FSU to speak to select classes. Six of the seven speakers were alumni. These speakers addressed 15 classes and one student club held by the student chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management. Speakers included Collin Smith '22 (MATH and CSIT) of Dave Wheatley Enterprises, Ryan Bugas of Dominion Energy, Dave Pishioneri (BUAD-HR, ECON alum) of Amyx, Danielle Willets '07 (MBA) of Little Dog Social Media, CW Etzler '99 (ECON) of ManTech, Laura Breighner '06 (MBA) of Mason & Breighner PA, and Chip Fristch '08 (BUAD-MGMT) of Hotel Investor Apps. Feedback from all quarters was overwhelmingly positive.
- CBECMS and the Allegany Chamber of Commerce collaborated to hold the 2023 Allegany County Local Business Showcase on Oct. 18, 2023. Dr. Dong Wook Huh (MGMT) co-chaired the event to add several practical workshops throughout the day and helped organize a discussion forum on building and deepening the relationship between the College and the local business community. AMA FSU Chapter (Marketing Club), led by club president Baiyeshea, helped promote the event and provided crucial support in making the events successful.

Some of the salient programmatic innovations and other impactful initiatives occurred in the following areas:

- The Life-Cycle Facilities Management Program is successfully retitled and offered as the Sustainable Construction Management Program.
- The Department of Mathematics successfully introduced a set of "Achieve" courses in Fall 2023 to advance student placement and achievement in the field.
- The College's outreach efforts to regional community colleges resulted in far-reaching, dual enrollment collaborations with those institutions.
- The business programs' continuation of accreditation efforts by AACSB International has resulted in a site visit planned for fall 2026.

In closing, I would like to sincerely acknowledge members of the leadership team at FSU – President Nowaczyk; Acting President Delia; Provost Taylor; Acting Provost Siebenthal-Adams; Assistant to the President Walker; Vice Presidents Donoway, Short and Travis; and my decanal colleagues and friends, Mathias and Williams – for their unwavering support to me and the College toward meeting its educational mission this landmark year. And the contributions of our valued alumni and members of our Advisory Board sustain the College as it continues in its endeavor to amplify its narrative for the future. Let’s renew our abiding credo: Onward and Upward!

**Dr. Sudhir Singh**

**Dean of the College of Business, Engineering, Computational & Mathematical Sciences**

### **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HEALTH & NATURAL SCIENCES**

The College of Education and Health and Natural Sciences (CEHNS) completed their first year together as a new college. The year was filled with exciting opportunities to re-image the structure of the combined new departments. The faculty worked collaboratively to establish several committees, which provided input and guidance. The CEHNS Chairs Council navigated the challenges and shared recommendations from their departments. Together they established the draft of CEHNS’ mission, vision, values and goals aligned to the University’s strategic plan. The faculty and staff across the college then provided input during their August 2023 retreat for the College’s strategic plan, which served to guide the work of CEHNS throughout the year. The Dean’s Advisory Council developed rubrics and guidelines for PELEF grants and the commencement speaker. Over the year, the College Assessment Committee determined program assessments, which were added into a program template, and will serve the new college in collecting data in AY 25 to meet the University Student Learning Goals. The Curriculum Committee carefully analyzed and approved new curricular proposals in Quali. Overall, faculty in collaboration with the Dean’s Office built a solid foundation in this inaugural year.

Grants secured by faculty members promote the programs and student experiential learning beyond the support provided by the institution and state. Many of the grants also aid community needs. This past year the Nursing Department received three NSP II-MHEC grants totaling \$3,765,578 to build pre-licensure capacity, increase the number of LPN to BSN students and provide faculty professional development. Biology’s Dr. Cody Kent received funding to expand his research on evolutionary biology and ecology. Educational Professions’ Dr. Jennifer Rankin implemented a \$50,000 MCCE grant on Integration of Emerging Technologies in Pre-service Programs at Frostburg State University. The REACH multiyear 3.4-million-dollar federal grant entered the second year of a five-year project to support the newly approved Elementary/Special Education dual certification program and provide a pathway for not only traditional students but non-traditional instructional assistants to gain teacher licensure. Dr. Nancy Giunta, in her first year as Social Work chair, secured a \$934,750 U.S. Department of Agriculture grant for Generational Health – Healthy Food Bags. Several faculty members supported outreach activities through grants, which include Dr. Sarah O’Neal for the Children’s Literature Centre, Dr. Kris McGee for the PALs reading program at USMH, and Dr. Jamey Tobery-Nystrom’s HUB project for the Hagerstown community. The Geography Department secured a \$250,000 ARC grant.

Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Social Work all secured outside grants to assist with meaningful experiential learning for the students in their departments. Several faculty members took advantage of the PELEF grant funds to promote programs and enrich student experiences. Dr. David Puthoff, Dr. Thomas Lambert, Dr. Phillip Allen and Dr. Kumudini Munasinghe secured funding for several biology projects. Dr. Matthew Crawford, chair of the Chemistry and Physics Department, secured funding to provide demonstrations for PreK-12 students and support student projects in advanced chemistry and physics research. Dr. Janet Mattern, in Educational Professions, used the PELEF grant for students to experience a clinical round in a Baltimore City school.

The Achievement Publication only served as representation of all the work that has been happening throughout the year. Each department had many more faculty members who were recognized for their expertise at the state and national levels through conference presentations. Research projects in Biology, Chemistry, Education, Geography, Kinesiology and Physics highlighted innovation in their fields. Health professionals in Nursing, Kinesiology and Physician Assistants departments maintained and built on their certifications to be current in practice. Social Work and Education faculty members also maintain certifications in their fields to extend their knowledge and skills in the professions. The Dean's Office is proud to be partners with the highly talented faculty members who are members of the College of Education and Health and Natural Sciences.

**Dr. Boyce C. Williams**  
**Dean of the College of Education, Health & Natural Sciences**

## **COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**

The College of Arts, Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences (CAHSBS) is a hub for intellectual and creative activities at FSU and in the region. This is evident from the noteworthy professional achievements of the college's faculty and staff over the past year.

Two CAHSBS faculty members were recipients of Faculty Achievement Awards in 2024. Dr. Michael Murtagh (a professor in the Department of Psychology) was recognized for teaching, and Gerry LaFemina (a professor in the Department of English) was recognized for academic achievement.

Dr. Alemseged Abbay (a professor in the Department of History) and Dr. James Saku (a professor in the Department of Geography and coordinator of the African American Studies program) were appointed to Gov. Wes Moore's Commission on African Affairs for their professional and personal ties to Africa and Maryland's diverse African population.

Music faculty members Dr. Brent Weber and Dr. Joseph Yungen were selected to participate in the 19th World Saxophone Congress (WSC) in Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, Spain. WSC is the most prestigious conference for saxophonists, drawing more than one thousand people from five continents.

Dr. Amy Branam Armiento (a professor in the Department of English) was named a laureate of the Hesperus Cultural Foundation in recognition of her research on the connections between Edgar Allan Poe and Mihai Eminescu, Romania's national poet. She was also appointed to the Board of Directors of Poe Baltimore, the organization that operates The Edgar Allan Poe House and Museum in Baltimore.

This past spring saw the premiere of the documentary film *Sweet Appalachia: The Story of DelFest*, which was produced and directed by Annie Danzi (an associate professor in the Department of Communication). The film chronicles the story of how DelFest, a music festival named after bluegrass legend Del McCoury, came to have its home in Cumberland.

Dr. John Lombardi (a professor of Emerging Media in the Department of Communication) was awarded a \$125,000 grant by the Appalachian Regional Commission to create a regional community media center. The center, located on FSU's main campus, will be a creative space for community members to come to learn digital content creation techniques, rent equipment and utilize facilities for audio and video production and for meeting space among local and regional partners.

Throughout the year, CAHSBS faculty and staff hosted many outreach events serving the regional community.

FSU's Appalachian Festival, organized by Dr. Kara Rogers Thomas (a professor in the Department of Sociology), returned to campus for its 18th year. The annual event brings together artists, craftspeople and academics to celebrate the region's history and culture through performances, workshops, displays, discussions and other activities. The theme of this past year's event was "Experiencing the Feminine in Appalachia: Women, Gender and Place."

As part of the Roundabout Children's Theatre tour, the Department of Theatre and Dance produced the musical *Nate the Great* during the fall 2023 semester, reaching 3,655 children over 14 performances. This K-5 regional outreach project, directed by Nicole Mattis (a professor in the Department of Theatre), included collaborations with FSU's Cultural Events Series, the Children's Adaptive Sports League and 10 K-5 tour performances in the Allegany County Public Schools. The Department of Theatre and Dance also hosted the fifth annual Mountain Maryland Theatre Festival, providing valuable development and networking opportunities for young artists and their teachers.

In the fall, Dr. Scott Rieker (a lecturer in the Department of Music) hosted the sixth annual Tenor-Bass Sing Invitational Choral Festival, and in the spring, Peter Lewis (a lecturer in Music) conducted the Maryland Honor Band in a concert culminating the High School Honor Band Festival held on campus. Dr. Brent Weber (a professor of Music) hosted the eighth annual Jazz Fest, featuring clinics for high school students and a showcase performance by the U.S. Army Blues, the premier jazz ensemble of the U.S. Army.

FSU's Center for Literary Arts, directed by Jennifer Browne (a lecturer in the Department of English), held its annual Western Maryland Independent Literature Festival (Indie Lit!) and its One-Act Play Festival, and the Department of English and Foreign Languages and Literature

sponsored a performance of William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* by The Cambridge University American State Tour.

The Stephanie Ann Roper Gallery featured exhibitions by regionally and nationally acclaimed visual artists, organized by gallery director April Wright (a lecturer in the Department of Visual Arts). A winter exhibition featured works by FSU Visual Arts faculty.

This past summer, 20 high school students from counties in Maryland and Pennsylvania participated in the 2024 FSU STEM Summit, co-directed by Dr. Keith Terry (assistant dean and a professor in the Department of Communication) and Dr. Linda Steele (college program manager). During this four-day, three-night event, students were engaged in STEM instruction and problem-solving as they reinforced and expanded their knowledge in these fields and stimulated their interest in a STEM career by networking with science professionals.

This is just a sample of the many individual and collective achievements of faculty and staff in the college. I encourage you to take some time to peruse the complete record of professional activities. I am sure you, too, will take pride in the many accomplishments of our colleagues.

**Dr. Michael B. Mathias**

**Dean of the College of Business, Engineering, Computational & Mathematical Sciences**

## **BOOKS PUBLISHED**

**Andy Duncan**, English and Foreign Languages

*Andy Duncan's Weird Western Maryland*, [www.frostburg.edu/personal-arduncan](http://www.frostburg.edu/personal-arduncan). Since going live in October 2023, these public pages devoted to Duncan's ongoing research have grown to 166 items totaling 25,000 words.

**Dr. Tariq Masood**, Engineering

*Protection of Power Distribution System: Smartgrid – Microgrid Operations and Control*, John Wiley & Sons, Springer Nature, forthcoming.

## **FILMS**

**Annie Danzi**, Communication

Director and Producer, *Sweet Appalachia: The Story of DelFest*, April 2024 (premiere).

## **SHORTER PUBLICATIONS**

## ARTICLES OR EXCERPTS

**Dr. Yuechen Chen**, Computer Science and Information Technologies

“Chiplet-GAN: Chiplet-Based Accelerator Design for Scalable Generative Adversarial Network Inference,” with A. Louri, F. Lombardi and S. Liu, *IEEE Circuits and Systems*, DOI: 10.1109/MCAS.2024.3359571, Forthcoming.

**Andy Duncan**, English and Foreign Languages

“Sarah Pinsker” (essay, tribute to the convention’s guest of honor), *Capclave 2023 Program Book*, Capclave, Rockville, Md., September 2023.

**Dr. Jodi Eirich** and **Dr. Jenna Epstein**, Educational Professions

“Engaging Teachers’ Mental Health Early Through a Trauma-Informed Microcredential,” with J. Wildesen, *School-University Partnerships*, May 2024.

**Dr. Chenchen Huang**, Accounting

“The Internal Control Project: Eductive and Reflective Learning, with M. Marsha, D. Law, L. Killian, A. Khallaf, P. Kassawat and Q. Zhang, *Journal of Accounting Education*, Forthcoming.

“Fostering Active Learning: The Effects of Using the Socratic App in Undergraduate Advanced Accounting Classes,” with P.K. Bradley and Q. Zhang, *Business Education Innovation Journal*, Vol. 15, No. 2, pp. 30-34, 2023.

**Dr. Scott P. Johnson**, Political Science

“Justice David Souter and the Right to Privacy,” *Mitchell Hamline Law Review*, Vol. 50, 2024.

“The Assassination of Martin Luther King: Understanding the Criminal Behavior and Prosecution of James Earl Ray,” *Ohio Northern Law Review*, Vol. 49, No. 3, 2023.

**Dr. Cody M. Kent**, Biology

“Identifying the Forage Base and Critical Forage Taxa for Chesapeake Waterbirds,” with M. Hack, J.D. Sullivan and D.J. Prosser, *Journal of Fish and Wildlife Management*, February 2024.

“Waterfowl Show Spatiotemporal Trends in Influenza A H5 and H7 Infections but Limited Taxonomic Variation,” with S.N. Bevins, J.M. Mullinax, J.D. Sullivan and D.J. Prosser, *Ecological Applications*, Vol. 33, e2906, October 2023.

“Zoonotic Implications of White-Footed Mice Habitat Selection and Territoriality in Fragmented Landscapes,” with G.F. Hummell, A.Y. Li and J.M. Mullinax, *Journal of Vector Ecology*, Vol. 48, No. 2, pp. 89-102, August 2023.

“Summary Data on the Forage Base and Critical Forage Taxa for Chesapeake Waterbirds” (data set), with M.D. Hack, J.D. Sullivan, C.M. Kent and D.J. Prosser, U.S. Geological Survey, <https://doi.org/10.5066/P921XR3Q>, 2023.

**Dr. Gerald W. Kiel**, **Dr. Heather Hurst** and **Dr. Michael R. Williams**, Educational Professions

“Engaging the Community Through a Consultancy-Based Group Practicum,” *Impacting Education: Journal on Transforming Professional Practice*, Vol. 8, No. 3, pp. 50-57, <https://doi.org/10.5195/ie.2023.354>, August 2023.

**Dr. Michael Monahan**, Management

“Do You Have to Attend to Succeed: Is There a Relationship Between Class Attendance and Final Grades?” *Journal of Business, Industry and Economics*, Vol. 28, pp. 134-156, Fall 2023.

**Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski**, Communication

“‘All’s Well that Ends Well’: The Influence of Julia Walker Ruhl’s Communication Leadership and Public Voice on Clarksburg, West Virginia, and the Nation,” in *The Civically Engaged*

*Woman: The Rhetoric and Activism of the Silenced Voice*, Jill K. Burk and Christina L. McDowell, editors, Lexington Books, forthcoming.

**Dr. Thomas L. Serfass**, Biology

“The bii4africa Dataset of Faunal and Floral Population Intactness Estimates Across Africa’s Major Land Uses,” with H.S. Clements et al., *Scientific Data*, Nature Publishing Group, <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-023-02832-6>, February 2024.

“Concentrations of 45 Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in North American River Otters (*Lontra canadensis*) From West Virginia, USA,” with Zhong-Min Li, A. Roos, C. Lee and K. Kannan, *Environmental Science & Technology*, Vol. 58, No. 4, pp. 2089-2101, DOI:10.1021/acs.est.3c09467, January 2024.

“Trapping and the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation: Incongruities Demonstrated Through the Northern River Otter,” with G. Proulx, in *Wildlife Conservation and Management in the 21st Century – Issues, Solutions and New Concepts*, G. Proulx, editor, Alpha Wildlife Publications, pp. 119-132, 2024.

**Dr. Michael R. Williams**, Educational Professions

“Navigating Black Masculinity: A Journey Through Hip-Hop and Mental Health,” *Black Male College Student’s Mental Health: Providing Holistic Support in Higher Education*, Tryan L. McMickens and Robert T. Palmer, editors, Routledge, Forthcoming.

“Black Manhood and Progressive Masculinity: A Collection of Essays,” *Spark Magazine*, <https://medium.com/national-center-for-institutional-diversity/black-manhood-and-progressive-masculinity-4c21c15d600e>, June 2024.

**Dr. Gregory Wood**, History

“‘No Labor Dictators for Us’: Anti-Union Workers During the Flint Sit-Down Strikes,” *Michigan Historical Review*, Vol. 49, No. 1, pp. 1-36, 2023.

**Dr. Lilly Ye**, Marketing and Finance

“How to Create a Fave and Catch the Fake: Generative Adversarial Networks in Marketing Strategy,” in *The Impact of Digitalization on Current Marketing Strategies*, Emerald Publishing Limited, Leeds, England, March 2024.

**Yelizaveta Zakharova**, Lewis J. Ort Library

“Genne Kuhn: Labor, Healthcare and Civil Rights in the 1960s-1970s Ohio River Valley,” *Journal of the Alleghenies*, Vol. 59, 2023.

**Dr. Yiming Zhuang**, Management, and **Dr. Lilly Ye**, Marketing and Finance

“The Government’s Role in Logistics and Distribution Innovation in China,” *International Journal of Economics and Globalisation*, Forthcoming.

## BOOK REVIEWS

**Dr. Travis English**, Visual Arts

*Otto Dix and Weimar Media Culture: Time, Fashion and Photography in Portrait Paintings of the Neue Sachlichkeit*, by Ann Reimers, in *German Studies Review*, Vol. 26, No. 2, May 2023.

## PAPERS/PRESENTATIONS

**Dr. Jamil Abdo** and **Dr. Tariq Masood**, Engineering

22nd International Conference on Renewable Energies and Power Quality, European Association for the Development of Renewable Energies, Environment and Power Quality, Bilbao, Spain, June 2024:

“New Technique to Develop Intelligent, Highly Reliable and Efficient Unmanned Power Generation Modular,” with Abdul Jabbar Khan, <https://www.icrepq.com/icrepq24/415-24-abdo.pdf>

“New Technique to Enhance Hybrid Renewable Energy Resources’ Operational Flexibility and Reliability,” with Abdul Jabbar Khan, <https://www.icrepq.com/icrepq24/414-24-masood.pdf>

“Review: Uninterrupted Liquid Hydrogen (E-Methanol) Production Framework to Deliver Clean and Green Energy” (poster and presentation), <https://www.icrepq.com/icrepq24/392-24-abdo.pdf>

“Techno-Economics Analysis to Reshape Global Clean and Green Energy,” <https://www.icrepq.com/icrepq24/396-24-masood.pdf>

Ninth North American Conference on Industrial Engineering and Operations Management, IEOM Society International, University of the District of Columbia, Washington D.C., <https://ieomsociety.org/documents/program-dc2024.pdf>, June 2024:

“Maintenance System – Production Best Practice Pragmatic Case Studies and Operations Improvement”

“Operational Reliability – Production Best Practice Pragmatic Case Studies and Improvement”

**Dr. Amy Branam Armiento**, English and Foreign Languages

“Gilding the Lily: Flowers, Gifts and Dangerous Gifts in 19th-Century American Literature,” podcast episode, with Dr. Alexandra Urakova, 2024.

“Edgar Allan Poe: Myths, Mysteries and Misconceptions,” with Mark Dawidziak, San Francisco, October 2023.

“The Macabre Poe,” Profs and Pints, Annapolis, Md., October 2023.

“Poe and Women,” Friends of the Frostburg Library, October 2023.

**Andy Duncan**, English and Foreign Languages

“Weird Western Maryland: UFOs and UAPs,” South Cumberland Library, May 2024.

Public Lifelong Learning talk on his ongoing project, Weird Western Maryland, Allegany College of Maryland, Cumberland, November 2023.

**Dr. Jodi Eirich**, Educational Professions

“Engaging Teachers’ Mental Health Early Through a Trauma-Informed Microcredential,” National Association of School University Partnerships, Anaheim, Calif., March 2024.

**Dr. Travis English**, Visual Arts

“The Laws of Painting and the Radical Use of Tradition in the New Objectivity,” Art Contra Politics Panel, SECAC 2023, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Va., October 2023.

**Dr. Chenchen Huang**, Accounting

“Applying Brynjolfsson’s Suitability for Machine Learning Model to the Future of Work in Management Accounting,” poster presentation, with M. Huber and M. Oschinski, 2024 Management Accounting Section Midyear Meeting. Orlando, Fla., January 2024.

“Social Cognitive Learning: A Qualitative Study of Co-learning for Both Students and Clients in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program,” with M. Huber, R. Shaffer and Q. Zhang, 2023 American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, Denver, August 2023.

**Dr. Cody M. Kent**, Biology

“Winter Warblers,” Southern Maryland Audubon Society, November 2023.

“Leveraging Scientific Surveys and Citizen Science Data: Applying Integrated Species Distribution Models to Understand Waterfowl Distributions in the Chesapeake Bay,” with M. Gonnerman, J.M. Mullinax and D.J. Prosser, The Waterbird Society Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., October 2023.

“Mapping the Risk of Bird Flu,” Brains & Brews, The Deep End, Frostburg, September 2023.

“Assessing Spatiotemporal Risk of Avian Influenza Spillover Events From Wild Waterfowl Into Domestic Poultry,” with J.M. Mullinax, J.D. Sullivan, K. Patyk, M. McCool-Eye, A. Fox and D.J. Prosser, American Ornithologic Society, London, Ontario, August 2023.

“Avian Influenza at the Wild Waterfowl – Domestic Poultry Interface,” poster presentation, with D. Prosser, N. Gonnerman, K. Patyk, J. Humphreys, J. Mullinax, M. McCool and A. Fox, GeoVet, Teramo, Italy, September 2023.

**Dr. Gerald W. Kiel** and **Dr. Michael R. Williams**, Educational Professions

“Learning to Honor Diverse Perspectives in Solving Problems of Practice Through a Signature Pedagogy of Diverse Collaborative Cohorts,” with Stacey Williams, Elaine Rudder and Ashley Cudmore, Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate Virtual Convening, October 2023.

**Dr. Gerald W. Kiel**, **Dr. Seniz Celimli-Aksoy** and **Dr. Michael R. Williams**, Educational Professions

“Critical Research Methods Curriculum for Social Justice-Oriented and Equitable Research in Ed.D. Programs,” Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate Virtual Convening, October 2023.

**Melanie Lombardi**, FSU-TV3/Communication

“Data and Analytics for the New Normal Representing FSU-TV3,” Alliance for Community Media National Conference,

[https://www.allcommunitymedia.org/ACM/Events/Annual\\_Conference\\_2023/ACM/Conference/2023/ACM\\_2023\\_Annual\\_Conference.aspx?hkey=eb29eaf3-26c9-4e7e-b462-b3b59ecd875f](https://www.allcommunitymedia.org/ACM/Events/Annual_Conference_2023/ACM/Conference/2023/ACM_2023_Annual_Conference.aspx?hkey=eb29eaf3-26c9-4e7e-b462-b3b59ecd875f), June 2023.

**Nicole Mattis**, Theatre and Dance

“Theatrically Read Aloud,” Children’s Literature Festival, FSU, April 2024.

**Dr. Michael Monahan**, Management

“Art, Business or Computer Science: An Investigation Into Academic Clustering Among Division II Student Athletes,” Society of Business, Industry and Economics, San Destin, Fla., April 2024.

“Competitive Scholars: An Analysis of Division II Business Majors and Their Sports,” Society for the Advancement of Management, Orlando, Fla., March 2024.

Made presentations for prospective students, November 2023.

“Are Division II Student Athletes Academically Weak? An Exploratory Study,” SeInforms, Virginia Beach, Va., October 2023.

**Dr. Daniel Moorehead**, Sociology

“Humans: Our Insatiable Appetite to Consume Animal Products,” Animals in Human Society Presentation Series, Allegany College of Maryland, Cumberland, April 2024.

“Group Work: Enhancing Student Learning and Success in the Classroom,” 13th Annual Regional Conference on Teaching, Learning and Scholarship, Center for Teaching Excellence, FSU, March 2024.

“Deviant Behavior: A Closer Look,” Brains and Brews, The Deep End, Frostburg, May 2023.

**Dr. Lauren Pacinelli and Dr. Jackie Durst**, Kinesiology

Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Symposium, Virginia Beach, Va., May 2024:

“Anaerobic Capacity and Lower Body Strength Deficits Related to Thermal Protective Gear in Rural Volunteer Firefighters,” poster presentation

“Influence Of Thermal Protective Gear on Rural Volunteer Firefighter Postural Stability,” poster presentation

**Dr. Lauren Pelesky**, Nursing

“Screening for a Traumatic Birth Experience to Increase Identification of Maternal Mental Health Issues in the Postpartum Period,” Sigma Theta Tau International Lambda Eta Spring 2024 Evidence-Based Practice Conference, Salisbury, Md., May 2024.

**Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski**, Communication

Opening Speaker, Taste of Civility event, Choose Civility: Allegany County, December 2023. Opened alumna Tara Strickland's presentation to CMST 335 to all department majors and campus, Fall 2023.

**Dr. James C. Saku**, Geography

“The Dynamics of Environmental Review Within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region,” 2024 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Honolulu, April 2024.

“The Population Dynamics of Native Canadians,” 2023 Applied Geography Conference, Pittsburgh, October 2023.

**Dr. Sudipto Sarkar**, Marketing and Finance

“Firm Capabilities and Global Value Chain Embeddedness,” Association of Collegiate Marketing Educators, Galveston, Texas, April 2024.

“Sponsorship Synergy: Unleashing the Brand Power in Concert Sponsorship,” Society for Marketing Advances Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, November 2023.

**Dr. Thomas L. Serfass**, Biology

“Trapping and the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation: Incongruities Demonstrated Through the Northern River Otter,” Wildlife Conservation and Management in the 21st Century: Issues, Solutions and New Concepts, <https://alphawildlifesummits.ca>, December 2023.

Maryland/Delaware Chapter of The Wildlife Society Fall Meeting, Seneca Creek State Park, Gaithersburg, Md., September 2023:

“Food Habits of River Otters (*Lontra canadensis*) in West Virginia,” with B. Blake, R. Rogers and B. Keplinger

“The C&O Canal National Historical Park – A Conduit for Carnivore Population Expansion East?” with E. Geibel, M. Triska, A. Landsman and M. Spínola

“Food Habits of River Otters (*Lontra canadensis*) in West Virginia, With Emphasis on Assessing Predation on Gamefish,” with B. Blake, R. Rogers and B. Keplinger, Northeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies 78th Annual Conference, Hershey, Pa., April-May 2023.

**Dr. Thomas L. Serfass, and Dr. Thomas Lambert**, Biology

“The C&O Canal National Historical Park – An Important Corridor for Carnivore Movement in Maryland?” with E. Geibel, M. Spínola, M. Triska, and A. Landsman, 13th International Mammalogical Congress, Anchorage, Alaska, July 2023.

“Occupancy and Detection Patterns of Carnivores Along Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park From Cumberland to Hancock, Maryland,” with E. Geibel, M. Spínola, M. Triska and A. Landsman, Northeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies 78th Annual Conference, Hershey, Pa., April-May 2023.

**Lazareth Sye**, Residence Life

“Kipuka, a Place of Refuge: Lessons on Navigating Cultural Identity at a Predominantly White Institution,” NASPA 2024, Seattle, March 2024.

**Dr. Jamelyn Tobery-Nystrom**, Educational Professions

“What’s Art Got to Do With It?” Association of Teacher Educators Summer Conference, Washington, D.C., July 2023.

**Dr. Jodi G. Welsch**, Educational Professions

“Viewing Classroom Texts Through Multiple Lenses,” roundtable, with Valerie Robnolt and Virginia Massaro, Association for Literacy Educators and Researchers, Santa Fe, N.M., November 2023.

**Dr. Jodi G. Welsch** and **Dr. Kristine McGee**, Educational Professions

“Culturally Responsive to Culturally Competent: Growing Preservice Teachers as Critical Guides,” roundtable, Association for Literacy Educators and Researchers, Santa Fe, N.M., November 2023.

**Dr. Gregory Wood**, History

Social Science History Association Conference, Washington, D.C., November 2023:

“‘No Labor Dictators for Us’: Anti-Union Workers During the Flint Sit-Down Strikes”

“Unions and the Fight for Labor Rights”

**Dr. Lilly Ye**, Marketing and Finance, and **Dr. Yiming Zhuang**, Management

“The Application of GANs in Consumer Behavior,” with Mousumi Bose, Association of Collegiate Marketing Educator Annual Conference, Galveston, Texas, April 2024.

## **WORKSHOPS, DISCUSSIONS LED**

**Andy Duncan**, English and Foreign Languages

Held a virtual Q&A, with *Wakulla Springs* co-author Ellen Klages, with Rick Wilber’s students in the low-residency Genre Fiction MFA Program at Western Colorado University in Gunnison, November 2023.

Taught Week One of the Clarion Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers’ Workshop (a six-week residency with participants from Canada, Nigeria, Norway, Singapore and South Korea, as well as from across the U.S.), University of California San Diego, June 2023.

**Dr. Jodi Eirich**, Educational Professions

“The Art of Facilitating Meaningful Discussions,” Maryland Accelerates National Leadership Academy, Ellicott City, Md., June 2024.

“Using Video-Stimulated Recall Methodology to Facilitate Discourse With New Teachers,” Frederick County Public Schools, Frederick, Md., November 2023.

**Dr. Travis English**, Visual Arts

Conducted a gallery discussion and walk-through for the *2023 Will’s Creek Exhibition* at the Allegany Arts Council, September 2023.

**Dr. Tariq Masood**, Engineering

“Sustainable Smart Grid, Technology Option to Resolve Operations and Control Challenges of Electrical Power System,” Focus Frostburg Symposium, April 2024.

**Dr. Michael Monahan**, Management

Team Leadership, FSU EDLS Leadership Cohort Series, December 2023.

**Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski**, Communication

Facilitated “Relentless: Like a Woman” event, Allegany County Chamber of Commerce, Cumberland Country Club, Cumberland, April 2024.

Positive Visualization, “Relaxation Reading Day Recharge,” BURG Peer Education event, December 2023.

**Dr. Kate Sheehan**, Biology,

Led a workshop on quantitative avian necropsy in collaboration with a doctor of veterinary medicine from local wildlife rehabilitation centers and Nova Southeastern University and presented original research on parasites from birds, fishes and invertebrates in Alaska, Annual Waterbirds Society Conference, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., October 2023.

**Dr. Traki L. Taylor**, Office of the President

“Navigating the Higher Education Terrain,” BOLD Leadership Group, Morgan State University, Baltimore.

**Donnell H. VanSkiver**, Office of the President

#IAMRemarkable Workshops:

FSU Sorority Leaders, Frostburg, March 2024

Allegany College of Maryland Administrative Associate Staff, Cumberland, October 2023

FSU ADAPT 2023 Cohort, Frostburg, September 2023

International Association of Administrative Professionals, Hagerstown, Md., August 2023

**Dr. Lilly Ye**, Marketing and Finance

“Navigating Tomorrow: The AI Revolution in Consumer Engagement,” Association of Collegiate Marketing Educators Fall Colloquium (online), December 2023.

## EXHIBITS

**Yelizaveta Zakharova**, Lewis J. Ort Library

*Celebrating FSU’s 125th-Year Anniversary: Frostburg State University*, Lewis J. Ort Library, February 2024.

*Celebrating FSU’s 125th-Year Anniversary: Frostburg State College, 1963-1987*, Lewis J. Ort Library, August 2023.

## PERFORMANCES

**Dr. Donald Albrecht**, Music

Brass Fest! FSU, February 2024.

**Joshua Bishop**, Music

Conductor, Brass Ensemble Concert, FSU, April 2024.

Faculty Artist Series Concert, “Pantomime,” FSU, March 2024.

Brass Fest! FSU, February 2024.

Conductor, Brass Ensemble Concert, FSU, December 2023.

Faculty Artist Series Concert, “Variations,” FSU, September 2023.

**Dr. Shoshana R. Brassfield**, Philosophy

Played the role of Ada Lovelace in the Reacting to the Past roleplaying game *Charles Babbage, Ada Lovelace and the Dawn of Computing*, RTTP Winter Conference 2024 (online), January 2024.

**Dr. Jay DeWire**, Music

Director:

Piano Studio Concert, FSU, April 2024

Piano Ensemble Concert, FSU, October 2023

Faculty Artist Series Concert, "Variations," FSU, September 2023.

**Dr. Jay DeWire** and **Dr. Joseph Yungen**, Music

Faculty Artist Series Piano Duet, FSU, April 2024.

**Andy Duncan**, English and Foreign Languages

Flash Play Festival of the 45th International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts, Orlando, Fla., March 2024:

Actor, *Faustus Financial Management* by Sean Nixon

Actor, *The Suppliants* by Jeanne Beckwith

Playwright, *America's Stonehenge*

Performed R.J. Palacio's *We're All Wonders* to first-, second- and third-graders at Humbird Elementary in Cumberland as part of the Allegany County Public Schools celebration of Read Across America, March 2024.

Acted the role of the Professor in the student-filmed Active Assailant Video posted to the FSU University Police website, March 2024.

Reading, "Role-Playing at Poe" (in-press essay), Second Annual Virtual International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts, November 2023.

Acted the role of Judge Julius Alexander Randolph in *A Few Good Men* by Aaron Sorkin (eight performances), Cumberland Theatre, Cumberland, September 2023.

Reading from a new, untitled short story, Mysterious Galaxy bookstore, San Diego, June 2023.

**Nancy Frost**, Lewis J. Ort Library

Wrote and recited the reading "Memorial Day" during the Ridgeley American Legion Memorial Day Service, May 2024.

**Dr. Mark Gallagher**, Music

Faculty Artist Series Clarinet Concert, FSU, April 2024.

Faculty-Guest Artist Series Concert, Deutsch-Amerikanisches Klarinetten trio, with Jeffrey Boehmer and Hendrik Wüster, FSU, November 2023.

**Dr. Felipe Garibaldi de Almeida**, Music

Director, Guitar Ensemble Concert, "Strings Unleashed," FSU, April 2024.

**Tom Harrison**, Music

Director, Jazz Combo Concert, FSU, April 2024.

Conductor, Jazz Combo Concert, FSU, November 2023.

**Dr. Mackenzie Jacob LaMont**, Music

Director, Percussion Ensemble Concert, FSU, May 2024.

Faculty Artist Series Concerts:

"DRUMS (mostly)," FSU, May 2024

FSU, November 2023

Conductor, Percussion Ensemble Concert, FSU, November 2023.

**Peter Lewis**, Music

Conductor:

Wind Ensemble Concert, "Full Circle," FSU, May 2024  
Chamber String Orchestra Concert, FSU, April 2024  
Wind Ensemble Concert, "Wayward Voyage," FSU, March 2024  
Alumni Concert, FSU, March 2024  
Honor Band Festival Concert, FSU, March 2024  
Wind Ensemble Concert, "Eternal Mysteries," FSU, December 2023  
String Ensemble Concert, "Chorus Aeternus," FSU, November 2023  
Wind Ensemble Concert, "Time Travels," FSU, October 2023

**Nicole Mattis**, Theatre and Dance

Dialect Coach:

*Martin and Margaret and the MINDSWAP*, Frostburg State University, Spring 2024  
*The Rose Tattoo*, The Cumberland Theatre, Cumberland, February/March 2024  
*Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley*, FSU, Fall 2023

Director:

*Nate the Great*, FSU, Fall 2023  
*A Few Good Men* by Aaron Sorkin (eight performances), Cumberland Theatre,  
Cumberland, August and September 2023

**Dr. Avery Pettigrew**, Music

Brass Fest! FSU, February 2024.

**Dr. Scott Rieker**, Music

Conductor, Chamber Singers in Regional Premiere of David Heck's "A Cappella Mass," Rose Hill Cemetery Mausoleum, Cumberland, May 2024.

Conductor, Choral Concerts:

"Peace, Love and Happiness," FSU, May 2024  
"Awake the Voice: Awake the String," FSU, March 2024

**Dr. Scott Rieker and Peter Lewis**, Music

Conductors, Holiday Concert, "Music for the Season," FSU, December 2023.

**Darrell S. Rushton**, Theatre and Dance

Fight Director, *The Play That Goes Wrong*, Cumberland Theatre, February 2024.

**Dr. Brent Weber**, Music

Faculty Artist Series Concert, "React," FSU, May 2024.

Director:

Evening of Jazz! Concert, "Level Up," FSU, April 2024  
An Evening of Jazz, "Remembering Oliver Nelson," FSU, November 2023  
Birthday Celebration Recital in Honor of Adolphe Sax, FSU, November 2023

Faculty Artist Series Concert, FSU, October 2023.

**Dr. Brent Weber and Dr. Joseph Yungen**, Music

"Oboe Concerto" by Richard Strauss, as arranged for soprano saxophone by Weber, 19th World Saxophone Congress, Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, Spain, December 2023.

**Dr. Joseph Yungen**, Music

Faculty Artist Series Concert, FSU, May 2024.

Faculty-Guest Artist Series Concert, "Felix Mendelssohn: Piano Trios," with Steven Honigberg and Peiming Lin, FSU, October 2023.

## GRANTS

**Dr. Jacob Ashby**, University System of Maryland at Hagerstown

\$20,000, University System of Maryland, Quasi Endowment grant, December 2023.

**Jodi Broadwater**, Small Business Development Center

\$50,000, University of Maryland, College Park, Federal Small Business Administration funds in support of the Western Region Small Business Development Center for FY2024, February 2024. SBDC provides outreach, review and assistance in business plan and financing proposal preparation, marketing strategies, procurement-related certifications and strategic planning based on the client's stage in the business life cycle.

\$25,529, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland Small Business Development Center – Lead Center for FY2024, February 2024.

\$44,390, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland Small Business Development Center – Lead Center, for the project, MD Economic Opportunity Center, January 2024.

\$156,262, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland Small Business Development Center – Lead Center for FY2024, November 2023.

\$142,967, University of Maryland, College Park, Federal Small Business Administration funds in support of the Western Region SBDC for FY2023, June 2023.

**Jennifer Browne**, Department of English and Foreign Languages

\$3,500, Allegany Arts Council, General Operating Grant by the in support of the Frostburg Center for Literary Arts (FY2024), December 2023.

**Holly Clark**, TRIO Student Support Services

\$412,173, U.S. Department of Education, for the TRIO program, Student Support Services (FY2024), June 2023.

**Lisa Clark**, Student Affairs/Civic Engagement/AmeriCorps

\$493,109, AmeriCorps Competitive Application serving through the Department of Service and Civic Innovation and the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism, FSU ASTAR AmeriCorps Grant, whose purpose is to engage partners across the state in building capacity within their agencies through using AmeriCorps members to increase efficiency, effectiveness and scope of programming, August 2023.

**Dr. Matthew Crawford**, Chemistry and Physics

\$5,000, Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh, College Equipment Grant for the project, College Equipment Program, April 2024.

**Dr. Holly Currie**, Chemistry and Physics

\$1,500, Transform Mid-Atlantic, Faculty Development Mini-Grant by for the 13th Annual Regional Conference on Teaching, Learning and Scholarship, December 2023.

**Ashley Daniels**, Student Life

\$5,224, Maryland Food Bank, Food First Capacity Grant for the project, FSU Community Garden, June 2023.

**Troy Dell**, Athletics

\$7,131, National Collegiate Athletic Association – Division II of Institutional Equal Distribution Funds, April 2024.

\$13,500, National Collegiate Athletic Association – Division II in supplemental distribution funds, February 2024.

**Andy Duncan**, English and Foreign Languages

Consecutive \$1,125 FSU Foundation Opportunity Grants from the Leonard Mindful Leadership Fund, for online study at the Rhine Education Center in Durham, N.C., one in FY23 and one in FY24.

Conference travel grants from the FSU Faculty Development Subcommittee and the FSU Department of English and Foreign Languages, March 2024.

**Angela Forbeck**, Regional Math/Science Center

\$375,376, U.S. Department of Education, for the TRIO Program, Upward Bound Math/Science (FedFY2024). The program prepares high school students for postsecondary education programs that lead to careers in the fields of math and science, June 2023.

**Maureen Hamilton**, Educational Professions

\$76,353, Maryland State Department of Education, for the Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund for FY2024. The fund covers tuition, fees and required textbooks for students who are completing the required coursework in pursuit of a degree in early childhood education, elementary education, child development and special education, or other state-approved fields, August 2023.

**Nicole Higgins**, Engagement

\$1,000, National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, “NACDA U” Professional Development Grant for the 2024 Senior Administrators Mentoring Institute, February 2024.

**Amy L. Hutcherson**, Regional Development and Engagement Division

\$750,000, National Aeronautics Space Administration, Shared Services Center, grant for the project, FSU Regional Science Center, January 2024.

**Dr. Cody M. Kent**, Biology

\$124,816, The George Washington University, National Science Foundation Division of Environmental Biology funds for the project, Collaborative Research: How Different Forms of Competition Shape Trait Evolution and Coexistence: A Tale of Two Castes in the Turtle Ants, February 2024.

**Sierra King**, Nursing

\$10,000, (FY24) New Nurse Faculty Fellowship, part of the Nurse Support Program II funded through the Health Services Cost Review Commission and administered by the Maryland Higher Education Commission, November 2023.

**Dr. Hai Lan**, Geography

\$19,995, Garrett County Government for the project, Garrett County Utilities Mapping Project, March 2024.

**Jason Litten**, Western Maryland Regional GIS Center

\$250,000, Appalachian Regional Commission, for the project, Using Remote Sensing Technology in Western Maryland to Assist in Land Reclamation, May 2024.

\$19,900, City of Cumberland, for the project, Environmental Assessment of the Constitution Park Trails, January 2024.

\$400,000, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, various cartographic and geographic information system (GIS) services, June 2023.

**Dr. John Lombardi**, Communication

\$125,000, Appalachian Regional Commission, grant to create a regional community media center, May 2024.

**Nicole Mattis**, Theatre and Dance

\$5,727, FSU Foundation Opportunity Grant to support the 2024 Mountain Maryland Theatre Festival.

\$1,500, Allegany Arts Council, General Operating Grant in support of the Mountain Maryland Theatre Festival (FY2024), December 2023.

\$500, Theatre Communications Group, Plays for the People: In the Stacks book credit with funding from the Mellon Foundation in support of expanding the drama book collection, December 2023.

**Dr. Kristine McGee**, Educational Professions

\$20,000, FSU Foundation, Alice Virginia and David W. Fletcher Foundation, Inc., funds for the University PALS Program, March 2024.

**Melanie Moore**, Cultural Events Series

\$3,775, Maryland State Arts Council, in a Presenting and Touring award in support of the project, Hot Club of Baltimore, January 2024.

\$35,143.57, Maryland State Arts Council, Grant for Organization – Off-Year award in support of CES, July 2023.

\$3,000, Community Trust Foundation funds by the FSU Foundation, CES presentation of the Maryland Symphony Orchestra, July 2023.

\$1,000, Western Arts Alliance Advancing Indigenous Performance Touring Fund and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, to support, in part, the project, “An Engagement With Martha Redbone,” July 2023.

\$3,750, Mid Atlantic Tours Program of Mid Atlantic Arts with support from the National Endowment for the Arts, for the performance, “An Engagement with Martha Redbone,” June 2023.

**Dr. Benjamin Norris**, Chemistry and Physics

\$20,000, Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) for the project, ARC – Master of Environmental Management in Sustainability, April 2024.

**Dr. Jennifer Rankin**, Department of Educational Professions

\$49,964, University System of Maryland, Maryland Center for Computing Education, for the project, Integration of Emerging Technologies in Pre-service Programs at FSU, November 2023.

**Eric Seifarth**, Compliance

\$1,000, National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, Professional Development Grant for the 2024 NAAC Convention as part of the Professional Development Program for DII Compliance Administrators, February 2024.

**Dr. Thomas L. Serfass**, Biology

\$32,780, West Virginia Department of Natural Resource, for lab costs associated with the assessment of toxic substances accumulated in the tissues of river otters, October 2023. The project is a collaborative effort involving Serfass’ colleagues at the Swedish National Museum, University of Georgia and University of California, Davis, 2023.

**Dr. Kate Sheehan**, Biology

\$35,000, U.S. Department of Agriculture – Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, for the project, Spatial and Temporal Characteristics of Parasite Communities of Avian Predators Depredating Inland Shrimp Aquaculture in the Southeastern U.S., August 2023.

**John Short**, University Advancement and FSU Foundation

\$45,000, University System of Maryland, Quasi Endowment grant, December 2023.

**Don E. Swogger**, S.A.F.E. Office

\$5,000, University of Maryland, for the project, Problem Gambling Prevention, Awareness, Research, June 2024.

\$159,723, Maryland Department of Health, Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Prevention Center, FY 2025, April 2024.

**Dr. Rebekah Taylor**, Biology

\$61,415, Minnesota State University Moorhead subaward of National Science Foundation funds, for the project, RCN-UBE: ImmunoReach – An Interdisciplinary Community of Practice to Promote Immune Literacy, February 2024.

\$10,000, by the University of California, Berkeley supported by funding from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, FieldScope Collaborative Co-design of Community and Citizen Science Resources, July 2023.

**Dr. Traki L. Taylor**, Office of the President

\$19,000, University System of Maryland, Integrating Civic Learning Into the Curriculum award for the project, Integrating Civic Learning Into the Curriculum at FSU, December 2023.

**Clara Thiel**, Biology

\$73,828, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, Department of the Interior, National Park Service funds for the project, Climate Change Vulnerability Assessments of State-Listed Plant Species, September 2023.

**Dr. Kara Rogers Thomas**, Sociology

\$8,000, East Tennessee State University, Appalachian Regional Commission funds for the Appalachian Collegiate Research Institute project, Wills Mountain State Park: History, Ecology and Opportunity in Western Maryland, August 2023.

\$80,000, Maryland State Arts Council, Folklife Network Application – On-Year award in support of folklore and folklife programming at FSU, July 2023.

**Dr. Jamelyn Tobery-Nystrom**, Educational Professions

\$75,000, Maryland Family Network, Strong Families: Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention grant 2024.

\$46,283, Maryland State Department of Education Part B SIG Funds, U.S. Department of Education funds for the project, Elevate Grant: Equitable Family Engagement and Professional Learning Communities, January 2024.

\$90,000, Maryland State Department of Education Part B SIG Funds, Elevate Grant: Equitable Family Engagement and Professional Learning Communities/Families as Informed Partners in Special Education, 2023.

\$20,000, Washington County Public Schools, Early Intervention FSU HUB@USMH, Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten Assessment Support, 2023.

**Dr. Artie Lee Travis**, Student Affairs

\$8,900, University System of Maryland, Carnegie Classification, for Community Engagement grant program for the project, FSU Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement, December 2023.

**Jennifer Walsh**, Regional Development and Engagement

\$708,650, Appalachian Regional Commission for the project, FOREI – FSU Outdoor Recreation Economy Institute.

**Dr. Stacy Wassell**, SBDC

\$75,000, Rural Maryland Council, Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Funds for the project, Summit Station at Innovation Park, November 2023.

**Dr. Boyce Williams**, Dean, College of Education, Health and Natural Sciences

\$500,000, U.S. Department of Education, for the project, Maryland Accelerates Program, May 2024.

## AWARDS, HONORS AND OTHER DISTINCTIONS

**Dr. Amy Branam Armiento**, English and Foreign Languages

Named a laureate of the Hesperus Cultural Foundation, November 2023. The organization bestowed this honor in recognition of her research on the connections between Edgar Allan Poe and Mihai Eminescu, Romania's national poet.

**Dr. Sara-Beth Bittinger**, Academic Operations and Fiscal Affairs

Top 100 Women in Maryland Honoree, The Daily Record, 2024.

**Kristie Bloskey**, Administration and Finance

Staff Award for Excellence, Nonexempt Employee category, September 2023.

**Lisa Clark**, Student Affairs/Civic Engagement/AmeriCorps

Recognition through the Division of Student Affairs for Community Engagement and Service at FSU.

Recognition for participation in National Service Conference.

**Andy Duncan**, English and Foreign Languages

Fifteen FSU student reports for which Duncan was Faculty Evaluator were selected for online publication by Project Censored in Spring 2024, bringing his career total, since joining FSU, to 60.

Duncan's 2001 story "Senator Bilbo" was taught at Yale-NUS College in Singapore in Spring 2024 as part of WHU3394, Writing Speculative Fiction, the first such higher-ed course ever taught in that nation.

**Dr. Justin Dunmyre**, Mathematics

University and Community Service Award, May 2024.

**Dr. Jeff Graham**, Student Affairs

President's Distinguished Staff Award, September 2023.

**Gerry LaFemina**, English and Foreign Languages

Academic Achievement Award, May 2024.

**Dr. Janet Mattern**, Educational Professions

Letter of recognition for scholarly volunteer service, National Association for the Education of Young Children 2024.

**Dr. Michael Monahan**, Management

President's Distinguished Faculty Award, September 2023.

**Dr. Michael Murtagh**, Psychology

Faculty Achievement Award for Teaching, May 2024.

**Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk**, President

Higher Education Power List, The Daily Record, 2023.

**Dr. David Puthoff**, Biology

Regents' Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, University System of Maryland Board of Regents Meeting, April 2024.

**Anthony Rosa**, Physical Plant

Staff Award for Excellence, Nonexempt Employee in the Facilities/Maintenance category, September 2023.

**Dr. James C. Saku**, Geography

Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship, 2023.

**Rubin Stevenson**, Athletics

Staff Award for Excellence, Exempt (salaried) Employee category, September 2023.

**Lazareth Sye**, Residence Life

Ann Webster New Professional Award 2023, MACUHO Annual Conference, October 2023.

**Dr. Artie Lee Travis**, Student Affairs

Allegany County's Inaugural Positive People Award.

Annual Historic Preservation Award for his work on the Negro Mountain African American historic site marker, Allegany County NAACP 7007 Fourth Annual Voice of Freedom awards, 2024.

Inaugural Veteran in Business and Law Award, The Daily Record, 2023.

**Donnell H. VanSkiver**, Office of the President

Leadership Award Winner, Washington, D.C., Admin Awards,

<https://www.adminawards.com/washington-dc/#winners>,

<https://www.frostburg.edu/news/2023/august/donnell-vanskiver-admin-award-winner.php>,

August 2023.

**Dr. Jodi G. Welsch**, Educational Professions

Faculty Achievement Award for Teaching, May 2024.

## OFFICES AND SERVICES

### OFFICES HELD IN ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

**Amanda Bena**, Lewis J. Ort Library

Chair:

Access Services in Libraries Conference Awards Committee

University System of Maryland and Affiliated Institutions Interlibrary Loan and Resource Sharing Subcommittee

**Andy Duncan**, English and Foreign Languages

Co-chair, "In Memoriam: Michael Bishop and Other Absent Friends," 45th International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts, Orlando, Fla., March 2024

**Dr. Chenchen Huang**, Accounting

Co-chair, Faculty-Student Collaborations in Accounting, 2023 American Accounting Association Annual Meeting, Denver, August 2023

**Clarissa Lang**, Veterans Services

Co-chair, Membership Committee, National Association of Veterans' Program Administrators, 2023-2024

**Dr. Tariq Masood**, Engineering

Associate Editor, *IEEE Access Journal*

**Dr. Sudipto Sarkar**, Marketing and Finance

Track Chair, Global Marketing, Association of Collegiate Marketing Educators Conference, 2024

**Dr. Traki L. Taylor**, Office of the President

Chair, Development Committee, NAEYC

Co-chair, AAT Leadership Group for USM

**Dr. Artie Lee Travis**, Student Affairs

Vice President, Educational, Corporate and Business, Dr. Edna B. McKenzie (Pittsburgh Branch), Association for the Study of African American Literature and History  
**Donnell H. VanSkiver**, Office of the President  
Branch Director, Greater Hagerstown Branch, International Association of Administrative Professionals  
**Dr. Michael R. Williams**, Educational Professions  
Chair, Commission for Online Engagement and Experiences, ACPA  
Executive Director, Center for African American Research and Policy  
**Dr. Gregory Wood**, History  
Labor Network Representative, Social Science History Association

## OFFICES HELD IN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

**Lisa Clark**, Student Affairs/Civic Engagement/AmeriCorps  
Vice Chair, Frederick County Commission on Disabilities  
**Robert N. Cooper**, Student Engagement  
Vice President, Allegany Arts Council  
**Nancy Frost**, Lewis J. Ort Library  
Secretary/Treasurer, Ridgeley American Legion Auxiliary Unit 136  
**Lynn Ketterman**, Development/University Advancement  
Vice President, Frostburg Lions Club  
**Dr. Michael Monahan**, Management  
Chair:  
    Bishop Walsh School Finance Committee  
    Divine Mercy Parish Finance Committee  
**Eric A. Stevens**, Payroll and Employee Services  
Commissioner, City of Frostburg Planning Commission  
**Donnell H. VanSkiver**, Office of the President  
Co-chair, Topic Day, Leadership Allegany, Allegany County Chamber:

## SERVICE PERFORMED (ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS)

**Dr. Alemseged Abbay**, History  
Member, Governor's Commission on African Affairs, to April 2025  
**Dr. Amy Branam Armiento**, Department of English and Foreign Languages  
Member:  
    Editorial Board, "Poe Studies: History, Theory, Interpretation," May 2024  
    Board of Directors, Poe Baltimore, January 2024  
**Amanda Bena**, Lewis J. Ort Library  
Member:  
    Access Services in Libraries Steering Committee  
    Maryland Interlibrary Loan Group  
    University System of Maryland and Affiliated Institutions Access Services Committee  
Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Access Services*  
**Lisa Clark**, Student Affairs/Civic Engagement/AmeriCorps

Member, American Service Commission

**Andy Duncan**, English and Foreign Languages

Panelist, 45th International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts, Orlando, Fla., March 2024:

“Elements of Craft”

“In Memoriam: Michael Bishop and Other Absent Friends”

Was a virtual visitor in the low-residency Genre Fiction MFA Program at Western Colorado University in Gunnison, November 2023. He and co-author Ellen Klages (<http://ellenklages.com>) took questions from students of novelist Rick Wilber (<http://rickwilber.net>) about the years-long collaboration that resulted in their World Fantasy Award-winning novella *Wakulla Springs* (<https://www.tor.com/2013/10/02/wakulla-springs>).

Panelist, Capclave, Rockville, Md., September 2023:

“A Celebration of Octavia E. Butler”

“Modern Book Bans”

“Fifty Years of Omelas” (on Ursula K. Le Guin’s story “The Ones Who Walk Away From Omelas,” first published in *New Dimensions 3* in 1973)

**Dr. Cody M. Kent**, Biology

American Ornithological Society:

Student Mentor

Student Presentation Judge

**Clarissa Lang**, Veterans Services

National Association of Veterans’ Program Administrators:

Delegate at Large

Member, Board of Directors, 2023-2024

**Dr. Tariq Masood**, Engineering

Certified Member, CET International

Corporate Member, Institute of Engineering and Technology, United Kingdom

Member:

Advisory Board, Texas A&M University, Qatar Campus

Advisory Board, MNS University of Engineering and Technology, Multan, Pakistan

American Society of Certified Engineering Technicians

IEEE Admission and Advancement Committee

IEEE Policy Committee

Renewable Energy, NFC Institute of Engineering and Technology, Multan, Pakistan

Review Committee of the Fourth International Conference on Industrial Engineering and

Operations Management, Dubai, UAE, February 2024

Mentor and Judge, Switch International Energy Case Competition

Panelist, Third Symposium on “Current Challenges and Recent Advancements of Flow

Assurance,” organized by Texas A&M University, Hilton, Doha, Qatar, May 2024

Senior Member:

American Institute of Chemical Engineers

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineer

**Dr. Michael Monahan**, Management

Reviewer:

Academic and Business Research Institute

AIMS

*Journal of Business, Industry, and Economics*

**Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk**, President

Commissioner, Middle States Commission on Higher Education, through December 2029

**Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski**, Communication

Panelist, “Inclusive Leadership: A Path to Organizational Inclusion,” Women in Industry, Rowland School of Business, Point Park University, Pittsburgh, December 2023

**Dr. James C. Saku**, Geography

Article Editor, “Visibilising Empowerment as Topological Resonances: Analysis of a Participatory Mapping and Enumeration Project as Strategy for Active Waiting for Housing in Khayelitsha (South Africa),” *Sage Open*, November 2023

Manuscript Reviewer:

“Does LocaSpace Viewer Improve Spatial Thinking? Evidence From a Training Course for Pre-Service Geography Teachers,” *Sage Open*, March 2024

“Establishing a Baseline of Forest Cover in Two Ghanaian Forest Reserves Using an Open-Source Remote Sensing Tool to Aid Endangered Species Conservation Efforts,” *Pennsylvania Geographical Review*, December 2023

“Migration, Integration and Islam: Turks Living in Paris,” *Sage Open*, November 2023

“Driving Factors of Bus Rapid Transit Ridership in Growing African Cities: The Case of the Greater Accra Metropolitan Area (GAMA), Ghana,” *Sage Open*, October 2023

Member:

Editorial Board, *Geography Research Forum* (an international geographic journal published in Israel)

Editorial Board, *Sage Open*

Governor’s Commission on African Affairs, to April 2025

**Dr. Sudipto Sarkar**, Marketing and Finance

Ad hoc Reviewer, *European Journal of Marketing*

Reviewer, American Marketing Association Summer Academic Conference, 2024

**Dr. Traki L. Taylor**, Office of the President

Member, CECE Council for USM

Member of the Board, NAEYC

Mentor for professionals aspiring to higher education leadership, including an American Academic Leadership Institute Becoming a Provost Academy participant

**Dr. Jamelyn Tobery-Nystrom**, Educational Professions

Member, Executive Board, Maryland Association of Teacher Educators

**Dr. Artie Lee Travis**, Student Affairs

Board Member, Educational, Corporate and Business, Dr. Edna B. McKenzie (Pittsburgh Branch), Association for the Study of African American Literature and History

Member, Steering Committee, Chamber of Commerce Leadership Allegany Committee

Program Reviewer, National Association for Student Personnel Administrators

**Donnell H. VanSkiver**, Office of the President

Member, Advisory Board, Admin Awards, Washington, D.C., and Mid-Atlantic Region

**Dr. Jodi G. Welsch**, Educational Professions

Committee Member, International Literacy Association Dina Feitelson Research Award

Conference Proposal Reviewer, Association for Literacy Educators and Researchers

**Dr. Michael R. Williams**, Educational Professions

Fellow, Bridging Different Higher Education Learning Fellowship

GSE Panelist, Northeastern University – Qualitative Research

Member, Editorial Board:

*Spark Magazine*

*Advances in Human Resource Development*

**Yelizaveta Zakharova**, Lewis J. Ort Library

Member:

MD-SOAR Committee, University System of Maryland and Affiliated Institutions

Mid Atlantic Regional Archives Conference

## **SERVICE PERFORMED (COMMUNITY)**

**Amanda Bena**, Lewis J. Ort Library

Prose Editor, *Backbone Mountain Review*

**Lisa Clark**, Student Affairs/Civic Engagement/AmeriCorps

Member:

Frederick County Human Relations Commission

United in Kindness Coalition of Frederick

Unified School Representative, Special Olympics Maryland

Secured resources and funding through the Ausherman Family Foundation and United Way of Frederick County to help support the 2024 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service event.

Worked with the Evergreen Heritage Center partnership to identify, apply and be funded through the Rural Maryland Council to support Evergreen's commitment to the community, using AmeriCorps members.

**Andy Duncan**, English and Foreign Languages

Election Judge, Allegany County (Maryland) Board of Elections, ongoing. Served as first check-in judge at the Frostburg Community Center on Water Street for the May 7, 2024, Maryland primary.

One of the judges for the inaugural Stillwater Awards, a national contest "to honor journalistic excellence in the incarcerated community," sponsored by the Prison Journalism Project and the Florida chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, Spring 2024

One of 300,000 volunteer research subjects in the American Cancer Society's Cancer Prevention Study-3, ongoing

**Dr. Jodi Eirich**, Educational Professions

Grant Writer, Allegany County Animal Shelter

Participated in community and adoption events, Hounds Around Town.

**Nancy Frost**, Lewis J. Ort Library

Organized and participated in Ridgeley American Legion's National Poppy Day Collection, May 2024.

Designed a T-shirt for American Legion's 105th Birthday Celebration (1919-1924) for the Ridgeley American Legion Unit No. 136.

Participated in American Legion Auxiliary Department of WV District 10 Spring Conference, Capon Bridge, W.Va., April 2024.

WV Department of Health and Human Resources Food Service Worker's Permit, April 2024

Participated in 42nd Annual Mid-Winter Conference American Legion Auxiliary, Wheeling W.Va., February 2024.

Participated in American Legion Auxiliary Department of WV District 10 Fall Conference, Berkeley Springs, W.Va., October 2023.

**Amy L. Hutcherson**, Regional Development and Engagement Division

Member, Allegany High School Endowment Fund

Troop Leader, Girl Scout Council Nation's Capital Troop 14104 and 40058

**Lynn Ketterman**, Development/University Advancement

Board Member, Fellowship of Christian Athletes

**Nicole Mattis**, Theatre and Dance

Board Member, Family Crisis Resource Center, Allegany County, Md.

Coordinator, Mountain Maryland Theatre Festival, January 2024

**Dr. Michael Monahan**, Management

Board Member, Bishop Walsh School

**Dr. Daniel Moorehead**, Sociology

Governing Board Member, HART for Animals, Inc., 2019 to Present

**Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski**, Communication

Member, Steering Committee, Choose Civility: Allegany County, Md., Chapter

**Dr. Richard A. Russo**, Geography

Member, Planning Commission, City of Frostburg

**Dr. James C. Saku**, Geography

Member, Ethics Commission, City of Frostburg

Scanning Judge, Allegany County Board of Elections

**Dr. Traki L. Taylor**, Office of the President

Volunteer, LaVale UMC Food Pantry

**Dr. Jamelyn Tobery-Nystrom**, Educational Professions

Member, Washington County Community Action Council, CIRCLES Program

**Dr. Artie Lee Travis**, Student Affairs

Member:

Advisory Board, Western Maryland Advisory Council, Maryland Commission on Civil Rights

Board of Trustees, Allegany County Library System

Organized Black History Month Celebration at Dickerson AME Church in Frostburg.

**Donnell H. VanSkiver**, Office of the President

Member, Steering Committee:

Leadership Allegany, Allegany County Chamber

Lucky Ladies Night Out, Allegany County Chamber

**Dr. Gregory Wood**, History

Judge, Senior Individual Documentaries, Maryland History Day, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, May 2023

**Yelizaveta Zakharova**, Lewis J. Ort Library

Run board game nights/days held on campus for the University and local community, 2022-present.

## **SERVICE PERFORMED (UNIVERSITY)**

**Amanda Bena**, Lewis J. Ort Library

Member:

Frostburg Network for Intersectional Feminism

FSU Ort Library ILS Migration Team

Library Review Committee

Women's Studies Steering Committee

Treasurer and Secretary, Faculty Development and Sabbatical/Professional Research Leave Subcommittee

**Troy Donoway**, Administration and Finance

FSU's project director for \$750,000 Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund grant received by FSU from Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, March 2024. Funds will support the project, Prichard Building Rehabilitation. The University will administer the grant funds for this public-private partnership.

**Andy Duncan**, English and Foreign Languages

Voting Faculty Assembly Member, May 2024

Faculty Grievance Committee:

Elected Member

Elected Committee Chair, August 2023

Maintained the Canvas shell, titled Media Jobs and Opportunities for Students, which he created in January 2022 so that announcements of jobs, internships, scholarships and grants can be sent to interested students in English, communication, journalism and public relations. (Fifty announcements were sent and added to the accessible archive between August 2023 and May 2024.)

Elected Member, Athletics Advisory Council

Member, Curriculum, Creative Writing and Professional Writing committees, Department of English and Foreign Languages.

Launched his Weird Western Maryland pages at <https://www.frostburg.edu/personal-arduncan> with a starter set of 70-plus items from his years of research into area ghosts, monsters, UFOs, superstitions, conspiracies, oddities, eccentricities and mysteries, Fall 2023.

**Dr. Jodi Eirich**, Educational Professions

Chair, Academic Monitoring

Member:

Dean's Advisory Council

Department Evaluation Committee

Library Advisory Council

P-9 Program Committee

Secondary/P12 Program Committee

Social Science Advisory Committee

University Advisory Council

Participated in outreach at Bobcat Bound events and on campus visit days.

**Dr. Travis English**, Visual Arts

Chair, Academic Affairs Committee

Senator, Faculty Senate

**Nancy Frost**, Lewis J. Ort Library

Library Coordinator, FSU's Sponsor-a-Family Thanksgiving Basket Program

Member, FSU Awards for Excellence Committee

**Dr. Cody M. Kent**, Biology

Member:

Middle States Accreditation Committee  
Technology Advisory Committee

Maintain the FSU Ornithology Teaching Collection.

**Clarissa Lang**, Veterans Services

Advisor, Student Veterans of America Frostburg Chapter

Co-Advisor, National Society of Leadership and Success Frostburg Chapter

**Dr. Tariq Masood**, Engineering

Member:

Academic Affairs Committee  
Academic Standard Committee  
Engineering Advisory Board

Senator, Faculty Senate

ENES-401 (Energy Fundamentals):

Tailored and developed in-house energy models to produce and consume conventional and renewable energy at FSU. Saved an estimated \$30,000 in new equipment costs by configuring and customizing existing resources.

AC/DC Power Production Models:

Customized and developed AC generator system integrated with excitation to adjust required AC power delivery at different balanced AC load.

Customized and developed DC generator system integrated with rheostat resistance to adjust armature current to maintain required DC power delivery at different balanced DC load.

AC/DC Power Consumption Models:

Customized three-phase squirrel cage induction motor performance enhancement by integrating required static reactive power compensation.

Customized three-phase wound rotor induction motor performance enhancement by integrating required static reactive power compensation.

Customized synchronous motor performance enhancement by integrating dynamic reactive power compensation.

Enhanced DC motor performance by adjusting rheostat resistance to increase armature current.

Renewable Energy Models:

Customized and developed fuel cell power delivery of 5 watts (in progress).

Customized and developed solar model of 5 watts. This is operational now.

ENES-475 (Power Electronics):

Tailored and developed in-house extensive model by configuring and customizing existing resources, saving an estimated \$25,000 in new equipment costs at FSU.

DC to DC Set-Up and Step-Down Converters:

Design and implement buck and boost converters and associated equipment (sizing capacitors, inductors, non-ideal switches and power diodes). This equipment was customized and implemented to size buck and boost converters. Buck converter to step down from 120 DC voltage to 80 DC voltage; boost converter to step up from 120 DC voltage to 200 DC voltage by using existing equipment.

AC to DC Converters:

Half- and full-wave rectifier design and implementation.

Bridge rectifier design and implementation.

Three-phase rectifiers design and implementation for renewable energy resources.

DC to AC Converters:

Half- and full-wave inverters design and implementation.

Three-phase inverters design and implementation for renewable energy resources.

ENME-351 (instrumentation and circuit):

Tailored and developed in-house instrument control circuit models to produce and consume conventional and renewable energy at FSU. Saved an estimated \$20,000 in new equipment costs by using existing resources.

AC/DC Power Production Instrumentation Control Circuit Models:

AC generator system integrated with excitation to adjust required AC power delivery.

DC generator system integrated with rheostat resistance to adjust armature current.

AC/DC Power Consumption Instrumentation Control Circuit Models:

Cage induction motor instrument control circuit static reactive power compensation.

Wound rotor induction motor instrument control circuit static reactive power compensation.

Synchronous motor instrument control circuit dynamic reactive power compensation.

DC motor instrument control circuit rheostat resistance to increase armature current.

**Dr. Michael Monahan**, Management

Ad hoc Member, Curriculum Committee

Advisor, Student Athletic Advisory Committee

Chair, Athletic Advisory Council

Co-Chair, Athletic Compliance Committee

Faculty Athletic Representative

Marshall at December and May Graduations

Member:

CEC

Council for Exceptional Children

Strategic Planning Committee

Mentor of EDLS Cohort Member

Manned a table at the Chamber Business Showcase, October 2023.

**Dr. Daniel Moorehead**, Sociology

Chair, Dr. Leroy L. Kohler Outstanding Junior/Senior Sociology Scholarship Committee, March 2022 to Present

Library Representative, Sociology Department, 2008 to Present

Member:

Americans With Disabilities Act and Equal Employment Opportunity Committee, 2023

CAHSBS Curriculum Committee, 2023

Student Conduct Hearing Panel, 2023

**Dr. Elesha L. Ruminski** and **Annie Danzi**, Communication

Created an advisory council of alumni and partners for the Department of Communication, Fall 2024.

**Dr. Sudipto Sarkar**, Marketing and Finance

Chair, Assessment Committee, Fall 2023

Member:

Assessment Committee, Spring 2024

Middle States Commission on Higher Education Standard V (University-level committee), Fall 2023 and Spring 2024  
Student Affairs Committee, Spring 2024

**Dr. Traki L. Taylor**, Office of the President  
Speaker, Black History and Women's History Month  
**Dr. Jamelyn Tobery-Nystrom**, Educational Professions  
Chair, Department Evaluation Committee  
Senator, Faculty Senate

**Dr. Artie Lee Travis**, Student Affairs  
Member:

Dissertation Committee, June 2024  
RFP Committee, Intermodal Transportation Study for Allegany County Department of Economic Development

**Donnell H. VanSkiver**, Office of the President  
DEOP Coordinator, Hitchins Second Floor

Member:  
Middle States Communications/Logistics Working Group  
Parking Appeals Hearing Committee

Program Coordinator:  
ADAPT Community Conference Series  
ADAPT Program

**Dr. Jodi G. Welsch**, Educational Professions  
Member, FSU Grievance Committee  
**Yelizaveta Zakharova**, Lewis J. Ort Library  
Secretary, Faculty Concerns Committee, Spring 2024  
Senator, Faculty Senate

## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

**Dr. Shoshana R. Brassfield**, Philosophy  
Completed the Center for Canon Expansion and Change Summer 2023 Workshop, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, June 2023.

**Andy Duncan**, Department of English and Foreign Languages  
"An Interview With Andy Duncan on Genre, His Writing and the Influence of Tanith Lee" (47-minute YouTube interview hosted by Julie C. Day), Essential Dreams Press, April 2024.  
Quoted on camera as part of the Admissions video shown to incoming FSU students at Bobcat Bound, April 2024.

"Interview with a Researcher: Andy Duncan," Q&A about the Weird Western Maryland project and the importance of FSU's Special Collections to that work, *Lewis J. Ort Library Special Collections/Archives Annual Newsletter*, March 2024

Quoted on camera as part of *Locus Magazine's* 2024 fundraising campaign video on YouTube, hosted by Neil Gaiman, March 2024.

The Arabic translation of his 2014 World Fantasy Award-winning novella, *Wakulla Springs*, with Ellen Klages, debuted at the Cairo International Book Fair, Yatakyloon, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, January 2024.

Was the subject of a front-page story, titled “Reporting the Weird: FSU Professor Chronicles Strange Happenings,” *Cumberland Times-News*, November 2023.

Quoted on the cover of Justin C. Key’s first story collection, *The World Wasn’t Ready for You*, HarperCollins, New York, September 2023.

Quoted on the cover of Lavie Tidhar’s novel *The Circumference of the World*, Tachyon Publications, San Francisco, September 2023.

Contributor of news clippings to issue No. 435 of the London magazine *Fortean Times*, September 2023.

**Nancy Frost**, Lewis J. Ort Library

“Remembering a Hero: Honoring Marine Staff Sergeant William E. Shuck Jr. on National Medal of Honor Day,” American Legion’s Legiontown USA Blog site

(<https://www.legiontown.org/other/12388/remembering-hero-honoring-marine-staff-sergeant-william-e-shuck-jr-national-medal-honor>) and *Mineral News and Tribune*, March 2024

**Clarissa Lang**, Veterans Services

Doctor of Business Administration, University of Maryland Global Campus, Dissertation Title: *ROTC vs. Career Pathways: Experiences and Development of Leadership Skills – A Qualitative Content Analysis*, June 2024.

**Dr. Tariq Masood**, Engineering

Visiting Professor:

DHA Suffa University, Karachi, Pakistan

Muhammad Nawaz Sharif University of Engineering and Technology, Multan, Pakistan

NFC Institute of Engineering and Technology, Multan, Pakistan

**Dr. Daniel Moorehead**, Sociology

Certificate awarded for Open Educational Resource Course, December 2023.

**Dr. Lauren Pelesky**, Nursing

Completed Doctor of Nursing Practice project, titled *Screening for a Traumatic Birth Experience to Increase Identification of Maternal Mental Health Issues in the Postpartum Period*, May 2024.

**Dr. Traki L. Taylor**, Office of the President

Completed American Academic Leadership Institute training.

Participated in the Moving the Needle Seminar for Women in Executive Leadership.

**Dr. Rita Thomas**, Instructional Design and Technology

Teaching Online Certificate by QM Quality Matters, March 2024. The earner of this credential has demonstrated knowledge competence in seven different competencies related to online teaching. The QM Teaching Online Certificate represents the earner’s knowledge of crucial online teaching competencies evidenced in the seven individual credentials earned under this certificate.