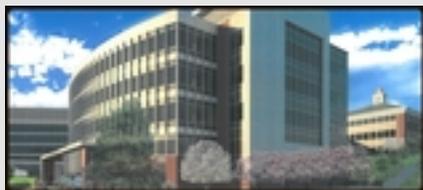




*Radford University  
College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences  
Dean's Newsletter  
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**Letter from the Dean**



Students in the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences develop marketable skills in written and oral communication, critical thinking, creative problem solving and collaboration with others that prepare them well for success in their personal and professional lives after graduation



## Meet a CHBS Ambassador

Analise Roccaforte is a phenomenal Highlander. Originally from Point Pleasant, New Jersey, Analise, a rising senior, chose Radford after searching on collegeboard.com for schools with both

Greetings from the CHBS Dean's Office!

I hope this note finds you well and enjoying the last days of summer! Welcome to the first CHBS Newsletter. I'm happy to share two pieces of wonderful news with you in this inaugural issue. First, you may have already seen this announcement on the RU website about the new **academic building** for our college.

The planning phase for the building is now complete and construction has begun. The new 143,600 square foot facility will be the largest academic building on the campus, capable of housing all of the college's faculty, as well as our CHBS Advising Center. The building includes a number of very exciting teaching spaces, such as a Mock Trial/Moot Courtroom, a Emergency Management Center, and fully operational television studio. The construction of the new building brings the university closer to its goal of providing RU teaching facilities that match the excellence of the instruction taking place at RU. The building is scheduled to open in the fall of 2016.

I'm also excited to announce Ms. Jeanie Owens has been selected as the college's first ever Assistant to the Dean. Jeanie was selected from a very competitive pool of nearly 70 applicants in a search process that took almost six months, but her unique set of skills and experiences made her the clear choice for the position.

Jeanie received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Radford University in 1992 with majors in History (with Honors) and German, and with a minor in French. She later received her Master of Science degree from Virginia Tech



Dean Kate Hawkins

outstanding psychology and dance programs. Radford fit the bill. Not only that, but she fell in love with the look and the feel of the university, making it an ideal college for her.

Analise has an intense workload. She is pursuing a **Psychology** major and four minors: Dance, **Sociology**, Statistics, and **Interdisciplinary Forensic Studies**.

Analise is truly involved in her university. She has volunteered her time at talents at the RAFT Crisis Hotline, the Women's Resource Center, and with Big Brother/Sisters just to name a few. She is also a member of several clubs on campus, including the **Psychology Club**, **Virginia 21**, **Pi Gamma Mu**, and Pi Sigma Pi. The list of awards for Analise is long and impressive. She has been honored with the Outstanding Student Award in the spring of 2013 and 2014, a Dean's List

in Teaching and Learning. She began her tenure as the college's Assistant to the Dean on May 27th.

The college has never had an Assistant to the Dean. It's been one of my top priorities over the past two years to establish the position for someone to serve as the primary liaison for the college's alumni and friends, manage communications with internal and external constituencies, as well as to be the primary point of contact for the new building. Jeanie definitely hit the ground not merely running, but sprinting!

For example, this newsletter you're reading is a product of her efforts. She has also overhauled the college's presence in social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Pinterest. I encourage you to check out the college's new face to the world as presented through these outlets. I hope you have the pleasure of meeting Jeanie soon!

I invite you to enjoy reading this inaugural issue of the CHBS College Newsletter. Please let us know if you have ideas for features we should include in the newsletter. We want to know what interests you!

All best wishes,

Kate



scholar since 2011, and has earned many prestigious scholarships.

Analise believes that one strong component to her success at Radford has been the educational opportunities she has been given. She credits her professors with providing her an outstanding education: “The professors here have also made me realize that I made the right choice when I chose Radford. They are the most helpful, caring, and knowledgeable people, and I am grateful that Radford University has so many amazing professors.” Analise credits the professors with giving her opportunities to attend conferences and conduct research. She is currently working with Dr. **Dayna M. Hayes** through a summer undergraduate research fellowship grant. She is researching the dual exposure of alcohol and



## Spotlight on Phenomenal Faculty

### Dr. Paige Tan

CHBS welcomes Dr. Paige Tan as the new **Department of Political Science** chairperson. Dr. Tan, originally from McLean, Virginia, earned her Bachelor’s degree in Asian Studies at the University of Virginia with a concentration in Chinese Affairs. Dr. Tan then attended the Monterey Institute of International Studies in Monterey, California where she received a Master’s in International Public Administration with a concentration in

International Management and Chinese Language. Dr. Tan returned to the University of Virginia earning a Ph.D. in Foreign Affairs with a concentration in Comparative Politics focusing on Southeast Asia.

Dr. Tan became an Associate Professor and Assistant Chair in the Department of Public and International Affairs at the University of North Carolina Wilmington where she worked for the last ten years. She brings to Radford an expertise in Asian politics. Dr. Tan is excited and optimistic and sees Radford as a great fit for her as she has studied both public administration and political science. Her passion to study Asian culture and politics began as a senior in high school. There, she recalled, she spent several years learning about other primarily European cultures. But

nicotine on the hippocampus(an area of the cerebral cortex) and how this impacts memory and learning. Her goal is to continue studying clinical psychology with the desire to have her own private practice; however, she is also interested in forensic psychology and is intrigued by working in the court system.



## Happy 20th Anniversary PRSSA!

The Radford University Vincent Hazelton chapter of the **Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA)** celebrates

spent several years learning about other primarily European cultures. But when it came time to study ancient China during her senior year, she was only given a two- week unit. She felt deprived.

Dr. Tan entered UVa as an undergraduate determined to learn everything she could about China and the Chinese culture. She studied Chinese calligraphy, language, history, anthropology, and related subjects. She also branched out and started learning about other Asian cultures. As Dr. Tan stated, studying Asia “speaks to me” as she feels passionate about studying the varied ethnic groups and understanding the challenges of new democracies.

Dr. Tan has spent three years in Singapore, including two years at the National University of Singapore as a student and in program development. Most of her academic research centers on Indonesia’s political party system. She is currently editing her first book for Routledge Press on Asian political thought. International scholars are contributing chapters that will focus on topics ranging from ancient civilizations to contemporary issues. She is writing the chapter on the political thought of Singapore’s hyper-successful founding father, Lee Kuan Yew.

Dr. Tan hopes to encourage Radford students to become more internationally focused. She wants her students to recognize the importance of understanding Asia’s political cultures. She brings with her experience taking students on study abroad adventures and will organize a trip planned for RU students in the near future. Dr. Tan wants to involve Radford students in Model United Nations. Model UN allows students to participate in mock UN meetings and/or crisis scenarios, helping students build leadership, public speaking, and networking skills, along with their knowledge of international affairs.

Dr. Tan believes that this is an exciting time of growth for the Department as

its 20th anniversary this year. The Public Relations Society of America (PRSSA) is made up of over 11,000 students and advisors nationwide and in Argentina and Columbia. The purpose of the organization is to advance the public relations profession by nurturing future professionals. The Radford University Chapter is named in honor of Dr. Vincent Hazelton who is a professor in the School of Communication. He served as the chapter's original advisor and assisted with the beginning of the organization in 1994. The PRSSA offers scholarships, networking opportunities, and conferences. Guest speakers are often invited. Happy Anniversary Year, PRSSA!



they add an international focus to the department's strength in political theory, American government, and public administration. She also notes that this year she and her department will begin to search for new faculty members, as key members of the department are retiring. "This program is facing retirements of beloved faculty. I am looking forward to working with younger faculty to build on what is here." She wants the department to utilize active and applied learning with the goal that students take the education they receive in the Political Science Department and apply that to life after Radford.

In January, Dr. Tan's husband, Tay Keong Tan will join the department as the Interim International Studies Minor Director. Along with their son, Pierce, they are living in a home outside of Radford. Dr. Tan is excited about her move to the mountains and very enthusiastic about being a part of the Radford faculty. "I am very student focused, focused on working with the faculty and working with to Dean to create a program that is amazing for students."

Welcome, Dr. Tan. We are so glad you are here!





## Internationalizing CHBS

Faculty-led study abroad programs remain a highlight for both students and professors at Radford. The College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences offers numerous programs throughout the year. Dr. Jolanta Wawrzycka, Professor of **English**, directs a summer study abroad program entitled **European Literary Trails**. In her program she and her students travel throughout Ireland and Italy visiting sites that have long been recognized for their literary, cultural, and historic significance. Dr. Wawrzycka, who has been conducting study abroad programs since 2002, believes that international education “is



## Criminal Justice Department Celebrates 40 Years

Candles will adorn the top of a festively decorated birthday cake at this year's Alumni Village. This celebration is not for one particular person, but for a well-established and beloved department as Radford University's **Criminal Justice Department** turns forty.

The criminal justice program began at Radford University in 1974. Like other criminal justice programs in the country, Radford's resulted from the 1968 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act. This law provided grants to police officers to attend colleges and funding for colleges to start criminal justice programs. In Southwestern Virginia, New River Community College had created a two-year associates program. Radford's criminal justice program was developed as a means to allow community college students to complete the last two years of a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. By 1976, the program had grown allowing it to become a four-year degree and completed entirely at Radford.

Initially the criminal justice program was housed with the Department of History with Dr. Ken Werrell as program coordinator along with an interdisciplinary committee of faculty. In 1978 the program moved to the Department of Political Science where Dr. James Gilbert served as criminal justice program coordinator and was also the first criminal justice professor

necessary for students to leave their comfort zone even if it's only for a few weeks." She continues, "Through travel-based learning, students gain lessons about themselves as much as they learn about cultures other than their own. And, of course, visiting literary and cultural places enhances their reading experiences and feeds into their critical curiosity."

Other study abroad programs are also offered. Students may travel to countries such as Costa Rica, England, the Bahamas, Malawi, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands and the US Virgin Islands. Radford University student Jason Jobse, who traveled with Dr. Wawrzycka in 2007, stated that the study abroad trip was the most amazing experience of his life, "Throughout our travels I knew that this would be an experience I would never forget. But it was not until I

to head the program. That year the Chair of the Department of Political Science, Dr. Sidney Pearson, also proposed a criminal justice master's degree program.

In 1982, the State council of Higher Education in Virginia gave its approval for the graduate degree, making RU's criminal justice graduate program the second oldest in the state of Virginia and the only Virginia public university west of Richmond to offer a criminal justice graduate program. By 1989 Criminal Justice had become its own department under the leadership of Dr. Jack Call. The program evolved over the next eight years. In 1996 it was expanded to require 36 semester hours of study with eight courses as part of the core requirements. For the first time, all of these core courses were taught by criminal justice faculty. Also that year, the addition of a "forensic science" option was added that allowed students to complete courses in criminal investigation. This evolved into the Interdisciplinary Minor in Forensic Studies.

Finally, in 2004, an "accelerated" bachelor's/master's program was created at RU allowing undergraduates to complete both a bachelor's degree and a Master of Science degree in five years. A Post-Baccalaureate Crime Analysis Certificate has also been added. This 15-credit hour program is designed to develop the knowledge, skills, and abilities for an entry-level position as a crime analyst.

The criminal justice program also offers numerous internships that allow students the chance to work with criminal justice agencies. Some of the more popular internships are with the U.S. Marshals Service, U.S. Customs, and the Virginia State Police. Faculty led study abroad programs are also available. In 2013, Dr. Bakhitah Abdul-Ra'uf took students to Finland as part of the department's International Criminal Justice course. There they compared and contrasted the U.S.

was on the plane back to DC that I realized how much it impacted me.”

Radford University has partnered with an Institute of International Education (IIE) Generation Study Abroad initiative to double the number of students participating in a study abroad program. Dean Katherine Hawkins believes in the internationalization of collegiate studies so that students make themselves more competitive and successful in the marketplace: “Research demonstrates that students who attend culturally diverse universities are more successful in the workplace. So, we know that by internationalizing the RU campus, we are giving our students a competitive advantage after graduation.”



criminal justice system with others. Dr. Abdul-Ra’uf stated, “It is imperative for students...to be aware of criminal justice systems other than their own, because it helps them to meet the challenges of crime in the contemporary world.”

The Criminal Justice Department currently has 12 full-time faculty members, two emeritus faculty, and 15-20 adjunct faculty members. About the exceptional faculty, Dr. Stephen Owen, chair of the criminal justice department, stated, “Criminal justice department faculty are excellent teachers who provide innovative, engaging, and meaningful learning opportunities for their students. In addition, faculty are respected scholars in the field and have great relationships with the professional community.”

Criminal Justice graduate and Radford City Chief of Police Don Goodman reflected on his years in the Criminal Justice program, “My time at Radford shaped me.... I learned how to analyze a problem, how to write well, how to speak well, how to interact well. I loved the size of the University. I loved the fact that when I was having trouble I could go speak to one of my professors...” Chief Goodman commented that the education he received as a Criminal Justice major prepared him for the challenges he would face as a police officer. Furthermore, he has witnessed the growth of the department as both a devoted guest lecturer and as a parent of a Radford graduate. Chief Goodman concluded, “Young people coming here seeking a criminal justice education will certainly find a world class one.”

## On the Retirement of Dr. Bob Hiltonsmith

Leaning back in his office chair, sporting a **Radford Psychology Department** t-shirt, it’s hard to imagine that Dr. Bob Hiltonsmith will





## Summertime on the Emerald Isle

By: Jodie

**McKaughan  
(School of  
Communication  
Major/French Minor)**

*This summer I was lucky enough to complete an internship in Dublin, Ireland, one of the most amazing cities in one of the most beautiful countries in the world. My internship was at an acting agency named Independent Theatre Workshop (ITW.) Upon arrival to Ireland, I was a*

soon be hopping into his 1953 Hudson Hornet and riding off into the sunset. With only a touch of apprehension, that's what Dr. Hiltonsmith will do this December as he retires after 21-years of service to Radford University.



Dr. Hiltonsmith earned his Bachelor's degree at Syracuse University and his Master's at Ohio State. He became a school psychologist in a small town in southeastern Ohio where he worked from 1974 to 1976. Prior to taking this position, however, Dr. Hiltonsmith had been encouraged by one of his professors to earn his PhD. "Like many at the time, I was the first person in my family to go to college; so, going that far (earning a PhD) was way more than I had thought possible."

Dr. Hiltonsmith received his PhD in Psychology at the Peabody College of Vanderbilt University. He returned to Syracuse to become an Assistant Professor of Psychology and Education as well as a practicing psychologist. Reflecting upon his educational path and his life's journey, Dr. Hiltonsmith commented, "Some of the decisions we make early in our lives that seem somewhat temporary...end up being major decisions for us changing the trajectory of our lives. It's interesting how that one decision can set us on a path."

The students, faculty, and staff at Radford are certainly glad that Dr. Hiltonsmith's path led him here. Dr. Hiltonsmith, along with his family, moved to Virginia in 1993 where he began teaching both graduate and undergraduate courses. He also became active on campus by participating in the Faculty Appeals Committee, the Graduate Affairs Council, the Faculty Senate, and the International Education Advisory Committee, as well as many other faculty organizations. "His contributions were very wide-

*little apprehensive. Ireland had never been in my 'master plan,' and I was not sure what to expect from the people or the culture.*

*It took some time to adjust to my internship during the first week. I went through the awkward phase of being trained at ITW and familiarizing myself with the Dublin accents (which I now adore). Gradually, I learned more about the agency I was working for. I learned that my education in communication alongside my experience in the performing arts could be really useful to an organization. I can't think of a time I have been happier at work. The people I worked with truly inspired me to be better for the sake of all the actors and actresses at the agency. I think about them every day, and I am unbelievably proud of all the amazing performers at ITW.*

*I traveled on*

ranging, and led him to from many connections beyond the department—and beyond the university,” commented Psychology Department chair, Hilary Lips. “Those connections, along with his expertise and his varied interests, have benefitted our students in a variety of important ways.” In fact, it is his link with international education that Dr. Hiltonsmith feels is one of his most meaningful professional contributions.

Since 2005, Dr. Hiltonsmith has taken Psychology graduate students to England and Scotland to study how school psychology is practiced internationally. Dr. Hiltonsmith stated it was an honor and a privilege to have experienced overseas travel and education with students and to show them different countries with diverse perspectives. Students, such as Meghann Eisner, who traveled with him this past summer, reflected on her role as his graduate assistant and trip planner stating, “Dr. Hiltonsmith's generosity and thoughtfulness coupled with his professorial knowledge made this study abroad experience a memory of a lifetime. Furthermore, my collaboration with him as his graduate assistant was a meaningful part of my academic career at Radford University. I wish him well in his retirement, but he will be sorely missed.”

As Dr. Hiltonsmith reflects on his professional journey, he is proudest of his involvement in the Virginia Psychological Association where he served as president during a tumultuous year for the organization. “I’ve never been a step up to the front line- be a leader- type of guy,” Dr. Hiltonsmith remembered his service from that year. “But that year pushed me... and made me stand up and do things.”

Dr. Hiltonsmith believes, above all, in the power of teaching. His best moments come from engaging his students and seeing the lasting impact he has made upon their careers as psychologists. From hearing an English major say, “It’s truly a privilege to be in your class...” to students such as

*traveled on weekends, and some of the places I visited included Cork, Cobh, Galway, the Cliffs of Moher, Malahide, Blarney Castle, and Belfast in Northern Ireland. The trip to Belfast was particularly special to me because I was able to visit a friend who had previously been studying at Radford. Having friends all over the world is one of the most rewarding feelings I could ever have, and Belfast is a phenomenal city. I loved seeing different cities, but coming back to Dublin was always my favorite part because I knew I was going to see my friends at my internship on Monday morning.*

*I learned a lot about myself this summer. Interning abroad helped me better understand what I would like to do with my career. Aside from the work experience, I learned that people are inherently good. If and when you go abroad, you are not as alone as it may*

Heidi Hawkins who was influenced as an undergraduate psychology major to continue in Radford's graduate Psychology program, Dr. Hiltonsmith's gentle guidance endures. Ms. Hawkins, who now works as a school psychologist for Floyd County Schools, commented, "During my time at RU and since then Dr. H., as we fondly refer to him, has always been a mentor. He demonstrates a magnitude of knowledge and holds a wealth of experience that he always shared with us as students. He was always someone I could reach out to even post-graduation to find advice and support. I always knew he would listen and help give me guidance. There was always an ease of communicating with Dr. H. and he left each person always feeling valued and respected making him a lifelong trusted advisor. "

Dr. Hiltonsmith's legacy will be one of service to his profession, service through volunteer work, and, most importantly, service to his students. Heidi Hawkins reflected, "(Dr. Hiltonsmith) left me an ingrained sense of the importance of our work, but also a model for selflessly serving student." As Dr. Hiltonsmith drives off to his next adventure he concedes, "There may be some side roads to think about (taking in retirement). There are things that I know I'm going to be doing... reading, traveling, bicycling, gardening, volunteering. " He is cautious about looking too far in the future, but knows that overseas excursions, particularly to the British Isles, will be part of his travel plan.

Thus, as you depart, Dr. Hiltonsmith, with your Frodor's guide and your passport, we wish you luck for the road ahead, thanks for your unending service, and congratulations for a career that has embodied the true essence of a valued educator and mentor.

*seem. There are good people out there who are willing to help you. I think of my friends in Ireland and ITW almost every day I have been back in The States. I could not have asked for a better experience this summer.*

*Cheers, Éire(Ireland)!*



## **Alumni Voice...**

**Ryan West reflects on his time with the Kirk Scholar program**

*I was a student at Radford from*



## **CHBS Honors Retiring Faculty ...**

Thank you for the service you have given to this college and to the university. Dr. Jeffry Saperstien, Dr. Craig Waggaman, Dr. James Radford, Dr. Bob Hiltonsmith, and Dr. Melinda Wagner



2008 to 2012. I majored in business administration with minors in international studies and Mandarin Chinese. My best experience at Radford was traveling to China with Dr. Fu as a Kirk Scholar. We traveled to various cities, sampled a variety of Chinese cuisines, and experienced a total immersion into Chinese culture. Traveling in China was exciting and full of great experiences. You never knew what was around the corner or where your travels would take you.

The Kirk Scholar Program allows you to experience a foreign country with a great support group and an even better Chinese language professor. Studying abroad opened my eyes to international business policies and gave me a much better perspective of a multifaceted global economy. College is one of the best times to travel and



## **RU Alumnus Nathan O. Taylor Discovered His Future with the Kirk Scholars Program**

Nathan O. Taylor's future was molded by an opportunity to study abroad in China with Radford University's Kirk Scholars Program.

Radford alumnus Nathan O. Taylor attended the university from 2000-2004 earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Sculpture. While a student at RU Nathan became active in the university community. He joined Phi Kappa Sigma men's fraternity, was involved with Residential Life, and Quest. But it was his involvement in the Kirk Scholars Program that nurtured Nathan's interest in and love of the Asian culture, particularly in China.

**The Kirk Scholars Program** was created in 1999 by former university rector R.J. Kirk. He named the scholarship program after his daughter Zylphia Shu-En Kirk. This endowment supports eligible Radford University students as they travel to China for a three-week summer program led by Dr. I-Ping Fu, Associate Professor of Foreign Languages and Literatures and Department Chair. Dr. Fu believes the Kirk Scholarship is important for Radford students, in part, "because of every five people that our students meet on this earth, one will be Chinese! Additionally, China is predicted to be the #1 largest economy (\$26,117 billion) in 2020, which is going to be ahead of the USA (\$22,482 billion)". Dr. Fu is thankful that Mr. Kirk had the

*there is no better way to do it than having the support of Radford University while simultaneously contributing to your future career.*

*Studying Chinese has had a profound impact on my career oriented goals. There was a great deal of value attached to my language proficiency throughout the flight school selection process. Speaking Chinese showed my superiors that I was able to learn something difficult and that I did not shy away from a challenge. I was given the opportunity to attend flight school with the West Virginia Army National Guard and I am currently a UH-60 Black Hawk pilot. I can attribute a great deal of my military success and flight school selection to my language studies.*

vision in 1999 to donate \$1,000,000 to Radford University so our students can participate in the study abroad program to China every year.

Throughout the past 14 years, she witnessed students who had never even flown in a plane grow into productive world citizens. Nathan Taylor is a great example of the value that students can derive from taking advantage of the offer of a Kirk Scholarship. Dr. Fu believes one of the most important things that Radford University can provide for students is to give them a tool to speak a foreign language and appreciate cultures other than those in the USA. This ability will further help enable students to prosper in their careers and in life.

The Kirk Scholarships pays for tuition for the summer abroad experience. Students in the program must also complete two semesters of Mandarin Chinese, earning at least a B in their language courses. They participate in out-of-class language opportunities, show leadership in promoting Chinese culture on campus and in the local community, and complete the foreign language Trademarks of Chinese Culture course.

During the study abroad trip, students visit Beijing, Shanghai, and many other cities. They see a variety of cultures intermix as they experience historical sites and wonders of nature. Places such as the Great Wall, Temple of Heaven, Summer Palace, Yuanmingyuan, Yu Yuan Garden, and Olympic Park are only a few of the sites students experience each year.

Nathan, who participated in the program during the 2003-2004 academic year reflected on how, from the very start, the Kirk Scholar Program gave him responsibilities beyond the trip experience: "My involvement...extended beyond that program. I presented a lecture at RU in 2007 called 'Traveling in China' and a second in 2010 called 'Living and Working in China.' The goal of each of those was to build awareness of international opportunities and the doors that RU opens." Nathan also mentioned he continues to





Thanks, CHBS Faculty, for showing support of our students during the "clap-in".



meet with the Kirk Scholars every year in China, which has allowed him to share his experiences first hand with Radford students.

Upon graduation from RU, Nathan returned to China where he became an English-as-a-Second Language instructor and later managed an English school in China's Guizhou Province. After spending time learning the language and understanding Chinese business practices, Nathan moved to Nanjing in 2008 with his wife, Lei Wu. There he continued to work in the field of English education, assisting in the development of several small educational companies by designing their business strategies and marketing programs. In 2010, he opened Cornerstone Cultural Exchange which is an international internship provider that helps young professionals transition into the Chinese culture. In 2012, Nathan received the Chinese Government Scholarship for International Students and began to study at Nanjing University in the department of Architecture and Urban Planning. He is currently working in Nanjing for Impress Environmental where he designs vertical and rooftop gardens. He and his wife are also enjoying raising their two-year-old son.





## Dr. Sandy French

Interdisciplinary Studies Interim  
Director



## Dr. Carter Turner

Acting Chair of the Sociology



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## Check out our NEW **WEBSITE** FEATURES...

### CHBS CONNECT!

As a result of our desire to provide continued connections and support between current students and alumni, the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences is implementing a CHBS Connect! program. This will be an opportunity for alumni to mentor current students. All we are asking for is a commitment of time and knowledge!

### HIGHLANDER HIGHLIGHTS

We love to feature our alumni in our dean's newsletter and in social media. These **Highlander Highlights** allow our current and prospective students to see what opportunities await them as alumni. If you are willing to be featured, please **answer some questions** and upload a photo of yourself.



Department for the 2014-2015 academic year.

## Welcome New CHBS Faculty Members...

Communication- Kimberly Herbert

Criminal Justice- Dr. Riane Bolin, Dr. Maggie Lisuzzo, and Dr. Shelly Waters

Political Science faculty members: Dr. Paige Tan, Dr. Tay Keong Tan, and Dr. Jesse Kirkpatrick

Psychology- Dr. David Townsend and Dr. Erin Kerfoot;

Sociology- Steve McGlammery and Dr. Amy Sorenson.

## Calendar of



**Congratulations to Dr. Hrezo for receiving the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences Distinguished Teaching Award.**



## Upcoming Events

### September 4, 2014

-Welcome Back Party

### September 5, 2014

-Interdisciplinary Studies Reception

1:00-2:00 Hulburt 249/250

### September 15, 2014

-Constitution Day

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM  
Bonnie Auditorium

### October 6-10th

-Alumni Teaching Week

### October 10th & 11th

-Family Weekend/Alumni Weekend

### October 10, 2014

-Alumni Reception

5:00-6:00

Heth Lawn

**Congratulations to Dr. Tod Burke for receiving the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences Distinguished Scholar Award.**

### CHBS Faculty Highlights...

Professors of Criminal Justice Dr. Tod Burke and Dr. Stephen Owen published the second edition of their textbook (co-authored with Dr. Hank Fradella, Arizona State University, and Dr. Jerry Joplin, Guilford College), Foundations of Criminal Justice (2014, Oxford University Press).

School of Communication Director and Professor of Communication Dr. Lynn Zoch co-authored two articles that received widespread acclaim in the field of public relations. The first article, "Does social media use affect journalists' perceptions of source credibility?" was selected as the top paper in the Public Relations Division for the 2014 conference of the Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication. The second article, "Dictating the News: Understanding Newsworthiness from the Journalistic Perspective" was honored as one of the five best articles in the Public Relations Journal, a publication by the Public Relations Society of America.





## **CHBS Salutes Two Outstanding History Majors**

Katherine Okie and Caitlyn Parker are shown here taking a break from their research in Colonial Williamsburg to explore the garden at the governor's palace. The undergraduates spent part of their spring break researching at the John D. Rockefeller Library at Colonial Williamsburg and exploring the eighteenth century city. The two history majors are both Winesett Award winners for library research.

Dr. Jolanta Wawrzycka, Professor of English, was awarded the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences grant for scholarly research that allowed her to translate the poetry of James Joyce into her native Polish and then travel to Utrecht, Netherlands to present her work.

During Maymester, Radford University criminal justice students traveled to Washington, D.C. for a seminar experience that extended students' education with practical interactions with law enforcement. Led by Associate Professor of Criminal Justice Dr. Nicole Hendrix, the course examined the operation of criminal justice agencies in an urban environment. Students visited headquarters of law enforcement agencies, such as the FBI, Washington Metro Police Department, United States Attorney's Office, and the George Washington University Police Department.

Dr. Tracy Cohn is coauthor on the following book chapter: Curtin, L., Cohn, T. J., & Belhumer, J. (in press, 2015). Suicidal Behavior in the Rural Population. In D. A. Lamix & N. J. Kaslo (Eds.), *Suicide: Epidemiology, Role of Psychological Disorders and Challenges of Intervention*, Nova Science Publishers.

Along with alumna Katie Lawson, Dr. Hilary Lips published an article in the *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*, 44(6), pp. 433-441. The article is titled *The role of self-perceived agency and job attainability in women's impressions of successful women in masculine occupations*

Dr. Jenessa Steele was awarded a Faculty Professional Development Leave for Fall 2014 to work research on aging stereotypes and their role as barriers to the screening, access, and availability of resources for community-dwelling older adults with dementia-related illnesses

Dr. Jeff Aspelmeier was awarded a Faculty Professional Development



Leave for Spring 2015 to work on developing an experimental procedure for testing whether specific cognitive processes can explain individual differences in adult romantic relationships.

Professor of Philosophy Dr. Glen T. Martin was named a 2013 Gusi Peace Prize Laureate by the Gusi Peace Prize Foundation for his work on behalf of world peace. He was one of 17 international award winners.

## **CHBS Welcomed Visitors from Iraqi Kurdistan**

Radford's Language and Cultural Institute (LCI) in partnership with Virginia Tech brought educators from Kurdistan to RU's campus in August. More than a dozen Iraqi educators spent a week in the New River Valley and on the Virginia Tech campus discussing ways to improve the educational system in Kurdistan. Dean Hawkins, along with a group of professors and administrators at RU, met with the group to highlight Radford University's campus and to further discuss how to build quality education



**Congratulations to Dr. Johnny Moore and Dr. Lori Elis for their promotions to Full Professors**

in Kurdistan.



Dean Katherine Hawkins and Associate Dean Tod Burke met with CHBS Advisory Board Members who live in the NOVA and DC areas. Those members in attendance included: Jeff MacKinnon, Sherry Fisher, John Rainbolt, Jay Rupert, Pattie Deloatche, and Lisa Throckmorton.



## Congratulations Tenured and/or Promoted Faculty

School of Communication- John Brummette, James Collier, Shuo Yao, and Sam Jennings; Philosophy and Religious Studies- Paul Thomas; Psychology- Ruth Riding-Malon; Sociology- Carla Corroto.





Dean Hawkins and Associate Dean Burke met with alumnus Curtis Brown (Political Science, 2002) and Coordinator for Alumni Engagement Vanessa Quesenberry in Richmond, Virginia.



### **Congratulations Deborah Kitts...**

Deborah was awarded the 2014 Award for Administrative and Professional Excellence for her distinguished leadership and service in her role as Director of the Advising Center



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