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## FACULTY AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

*Awards, presentations, committees, and seminars*



**JOSHUA FRANCIS**, assistant professor of education, was elected earlier this year to the Executive Committee of the Ohio Association of Colleges for Teacher Education as treasurer. The

purpose of OACTE is to advocate for and provide leadership in teacher education in the State of Ohio by working collaboratively with member institutions to achieve the group's goals and objectives.



**DR. DOUG KANE**, assistant professor of biology, recently presented an invited talk at the 2012 Keystone Power Conference in Pittsburgh, Pa. Kane's talk "Algae and Microbe Propagation

and Control in Water Systems or Turning a Problem into a Solution" was presented to power plant professionals, including chemists and managers from throughout the eastern U.S.

In February, Dr. Kane presented at the Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography's Aquatic Sciences meeting in New Orleans. His talk was titled "Lake Erie as a Sentinel for Climate Change: Weather Affects Stratification and Hypoxia Formation" and included co-authors from Westminster College, Ohio State University, F.T. Stone Laboratory, Ohio Division of Wildlife, and Defiance College (senior Phoenix Golnick).

Dr. Kane has also been selected as part of the Editorial Board for the new, online, open-access, peer-reviewed *Open Journal of Ecology*, and was recently elected to the Ohio Lake Management Society Board of Directors.



**DR. SANDRA GOLDEN** was a presenter at the 33rd annual conference of the American Reading Forum held in December. She presented an examination of content area pre-service teachers' attitudes on using

various forms of texts. She also discussed investigating ways to actively engage students through science ethics and academic literacy. Dr. Golden was also invited and selected as one of the 2013 American Reading Forum Annual Yearbook associate editors and one of the 2014 American Reading Forum Yearbook managing editors. In addition, she was invited to present at the 2013 Ohio Student Education Association spring conference where she will discuss using multicultural literature in the classroom.



**TIM WEDGE**, assistant professor of practice of digital forensic science, will have his paper "The Basics of Digital Forensics: The Primer for Getting Started in Digital Forensics" published in the journal

*Computers & Security*.



**DR. GREGG GUNSCH**, professor of digital forensic science, gave his Distinguished Faculty presentation recently. Titled "One Man's Journey: Bobbing Along the River of Education –

or Serendipity Has Been My Friend," Dr. Gunsch's presentation was a reflection on education and how he has moved from one opportunity to the next without anything that

could really be called a plan. The lessons afforded through serendipity have shaped the turns of his wandering path, but at the same time prepared him for technologies and fields of study that simply didn't exist when the learning first occurred. He hopes to inspire others to realize that the payoffs in all dimensions of education are consistently great, but sometimes far from immediate.



**MARY ANN STUDER**, dean of the McMaster School, had an article published in the Winter 2013 *Diversity & Democracy*, a publication of the Association of American Colleges

and Universities. The article is titled, "Developing Sustainable Partnerships for International Community-Based Research." A web version of the article can be found at <http://www.aacu.org/diversitydemocracy/vol16no1/studer.cfm>.



**BRAD HARSHA**, Defiance College director of admissions, has been invited to serve on the advisory committee for the Council of Independent Colleges' Campaign for the Liberal Arts and

Liberal Arts Colleges. The committee will embark on a nationwide public information campaign to promote the advantages of a liberal arts education. Brad recently attended a meeting of the committee in Washington, D.C. Members include administrators and presidents from 13 liberal arts colleges across the country. The Council of Independent Colleges is the major service organization for all small and mid-sized independent, liberal arts colleges and universities in the U.S.



**DR. TODD COMER**, associate professor of English, has co-edited the book *Terror and the Cinematic Sublime* (McFarland, 2013). The publisher writes: “This collection considers film in

the aftermath of September 11, 2001. Eleven essayists address Hollywood movies, indie film, and post-cinematic media, including theatrical films by directors such as Steven Spielberg, Darren Aronofsky, Quentin Tarantino and Spike Lee, and post-cinematic works by Wafaa Bilal, Douglas Gordon and Peter Tscherkassky, among others. All of the essays are written with an eye to what may be the central concept of our time, the sublime. The sublime--that which can be thought but not represented (the “unpresentable”) - provides a ready tool for analyses of trauma, horror, catastrophe and apocalypse, the military-industrial complex, the end of humanism and the limits of freedom. Such essays take the pulse of our cultural moment, while also providing the reader with a sense of the nature of the sublime in critical work, and how it continues to evolve conceptually in the 21st century.”



**DR. DEBORAH DALKE**, professor of psychology, presented a poster at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Pre-conference held recently in New Orleans. The pre-conference session

was on Social Psychology and the Law. The title of the poster was: “Mock Jurors are More Likely to Convict a Defendant with Eyewitness Testimony than with DNA Evidence. but the Reason for the Conviction is Less Obvious.” Students from her research methods class who helped to design the project included: Kellie Cooper, Bryant Green, Amanda Johnson, Amanda Mansfield, Megan Nicholson, Daniel Samuels, Courtnie Vaughan, and Brooke Zachrich.



**DR. TIM RICKABAUGH** is certified as a strength and conditioning specialist (CSCS) through the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) and renewed his certification in 2012.

He has seen significant student interest in obtaining professional certifications in order to become more competitive for jobs or graduate assistantships upon graduation. ◆



## CHICAGO CITY COUNCIL HONORS DC STUDENT FOR STARTING PARK DISTRICT LACROSSE PROGRAM

**D**efiance College freshman Jimmy Lopez received some very special recognition recently from the Chicago City Council and Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

Lopez, who is a member of Defiance’s new men’s lacrosse team, was honored by the administration of the Windy City for his efforts in starting a youth lacrosse program in the city’s park district. A resolution congratulating Lopez for his efforts was read during a recent council meeting. The resolution said that he was “the driving force behind the park district’s introduction to boys and girls lacrosse training at various parks throughout the city.”

Lopez began playing lacrosse when he was a student at St. Daniel the Prophet Grammar School in Chicago. He was starting varsity attacker on the St. Laurence High School team for three years, and now holds that position on the DC Yellow Jackets team. He was also a Gold Team member of Team Illinois and True Lacrosse Programs.

In 2010, he first wrote Alderman Mike Zalewski asking for help in starting a youth lacrosse program. He later met with city park superintendent Michael Kelly to further develop the program and volunteered to help teach the fundamentals of lacrosse to children on Chicago’s South Side.

During his visit to City Hall, Lopez had the opportunity to meet with Mayor Emanuel in his office and present him with a Defiance College lacrosse sweatshirt.

He is the son of James Lopez Sr. and Christina Benz. His father’s career as a Chicago police officer piqued his interest in law enforcement, and he is currently majoring in criminal justice at DC.

## MARTINDALE COACHES IN SUPER BOWL



DC alumnus Don Martindale played a big role in Super Bowl 2013 in New Orleans. Martindale, inside linebackers coach for the Super Bowl champion Baltimore Ravens, graduated from Defiance College with a bachelor’s degree in business education after playing linebacker with the Yellow Jackets. His coaching career began as an assistant at DC in the late 1980s.

Martindale joined the Ravens in 2012. He is an eight-year NFL coaching veteran and has 19 years of combined coaching experience on the pro and collegiate levels. Prior to joining the Ravens, he was defensive coordinator for the Denver Broncos, and he spent five seasons with the Oakland Raiders. Before entering the NFL ranks, Martindale coached for three seasons at Western Kentucky University on the staff of Jack Harbaugh, father of Ravens head coach John Harbaugh. He and his wife, Laura, have two children.