

**Agendum
Oakland University
Board of Trustees Formal Session
October 4, 2012**

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ACTIONS
A Recommendation**

1. **Division and Department:** Academic Affairs, Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.
2. **Introduction:** The following sets of personnel actions require Board of Trustees (Board) approval. In addition, twice a year, the administration reports to the Board other personnel actions as information items.
3. **Previous Board Action:** The Board routinely approves personnel actions at its Formal Sessions.
4. **Budget Implications:** Changes in salary due to the promotion/change in faculty rank have been supported by the Board through the approval of Agreements between Oakland University and the Oakland University Chapter of the American Association of University Professors.
5. **Educational Implications:** Seasoned and knowledgeable faculty enhance the training and education of students. Recognition of a faculty member's long-standing dedication to the mission of the institution reinforces a culture that is devoted to excellence in teaching, research, creative endeavor, and service.
6. **Personnel Implications:** The personnel implications are as outlined in the recommendation below.
7. **University Reviews/Approvals:** Academic personnel actions are reviewed by faculty committees and academic deans, and are subject to the approval of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. Administrative personnel actions are reviewed by University Human Resources and when appropriate, by the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs.
8. **Recommendation:**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approve the personnel actions below.

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I. New Appointments

Effective August 15, 2012

Asmussen, Nicole S., Assistant Professor of Political Science (\$54,000)
(New appointment filling a newly authorized position).

Balijepally, Venugopal, Assistant Professor of Management Information Systems
(\$110,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Barnett, Jeremy C., Assistant Professor of Theatre (\$54,000) (New appointment filling a
vacant authorized position).

Battistuzzi, Fabia U., Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences (\$65,000)
(New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Bornsheuer, Jennifer N., Assistant Professor of Education (\$55,000) (New appointment
filling a newly authorized position).

Boyer, Micah N., Instructor in Anthropology (\$56,000) (New appointment filling a vacant
authorized position).

Cesmelioglu, Aycil, Assistant Professor of Mathematics (\$63,000) (New appointment
filling a vacant authorized position).

Cheezum, Rebecca R., Assistant Professor of Health Sciences (\$55,500)
(New appointment filling a newly authorized position).

Comartin, Erin B., Assistant Professor of Social Work (\$56,000) (New appointment
filling a vacant authorized position).

Conrad-Sczygielski, Megan O., Assistant Professor of Engineering (\$75,000)
(New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Dean, Brian K., Assistant Professor of Engineering (\$75,000) (New appointment filling a
vacant authorized position).

Donoghue, Courtney B., Assistant Professor of English (\$54,000) (New appointment
filling a vacant authorized position).

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I. New Appointments, effective August 15, 2012 (Cont'd)

Finch, Meghan M., Assistant Professor, Library (\$53,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Freed, Joanne L., Assistant Professor of English (\$54,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Harbin, Ami, Assistant Professor of Philosophy (\$54,000) (New appointment filling a newly authorized position).

Hoffman, Alison R., Assistant Professor of English (\$56,000) (New appointment filling a newly authorized position).

Li, Yan, Instructor in History (\$54,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Li You, Assistant Professor of Journalism (\$54,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Lynch, Amanda I., Assistant Professor of Health Sciences (\$57,000) (New appointment filling a newly authorized position).

Martic, Sanela, Assistant Professor of Chemistry (\$63,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Monahan, Janean C., Assistant Professor of Nursing (\$65,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Nichols, Amanda K., Assistant Professor, Library (\$53,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Petchauer, Emery M., Assistant Professor of Education (\$62,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Raffel, Thomas R., Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences (\$62,000)
(New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Thornton, Rebecca M., Assistant Professor of Communication (\$54,000) (New appointment filling a newly authorized position).

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I. New Appointments, effective August 15, 2012 (Cont'd)

Tieppo, Carolyn K., Special Instructor in Nursing (\$62,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Welling, Lisa L., Assistant Professor of Psychology (\$58,000) (New appointment filling a newly authorized position).

Woerner, Alison, Assistant Professor of Dance (\$54,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Yang, Jie, Assistant Professor of Engineering (\$75,000) (New appointment filling a newly authorized position).

Zhou, Wenjin, Assistant Professor of Engineering (\$78,000) (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position).

Effective September 1, 2012

Farr, A. Celeste, Assistant Professor of Biomedical Sciences without tenure on the tenure track (\$90,000.00): (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position) Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, effective September 1, 2012.

Rajasekaran, Senthil K., Associate Professor of Biomedical Sciences with tenure (\$110,000.00): (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position) Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, effective September 1, 2012.

Uhley, Virginia E., Assistant Professor of Biomedical Sciences without tenure on the tenure track (\$86,000.00): (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position) Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, effect September 1, 2012.

Effective October 1, 2012

Hankin, Mark H., Professor of Biomedical Sciences with tenure (\$156,000.00): (New appointment filling a vacant authorized position) Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, effective October 1, 2012.

II. Administrative Appointments

Crabill, Scott L., Interim Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Associate Professor of Communication, with tenure. Effective July 1, 2012, pursuant to the Employment Agreement between Scott L. Crabill and Oakland University that was reviewed and approved by the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and is in compliance with the law and University policies and regulations and conforms to the legal standards and policies of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

Larrabee, Timothy G., Associate Dean, School of Education and Human Services, and Associate Professor of Education, with tenure. Effective August 15, 2012, pursuant to the Employment Agreement between Timothy G. Larrabee and Oakland University that was reviewed and approved by the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and is in compliance with the law and University policies and regulations and conforms to the legal standards and policies of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

Moore, Gary, Associate Dean, School of Nursing, and Associate Professor of Nursing, with tenure. Effective August 15, 2012, pursuant to the Employment Agreement between Gary Moore and Oakland University that was reviewed and approved by the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and is in compliance with the law and University policies and regulations and conforms to the legal standards and policies of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

Stein, Mary T., Interim Associate Provost, and Professor of Education, with tenure. Effective August 7, 2012, pursuant to the Employment Agreement between Mary T. Stein and Oakland University that was reviewed and approved by the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and is in compliance with the law and University policies and regulations and conforms to the legal standards and policies of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

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Department Chairs

| <u>Chair</u> | <u>Department</u> | <u>Term</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Estes, Todd | History | August 15, 2012 – August 14, 2015 (1 st term) |
| Heisler, Jennifer M. | Communication & Journalism | August 15, 2012 – August 14, 2015 (2 nd term) |
| Meehan, Albert J. | Sociology & Anthropology | August 15, 2012 – August 14, 2015 (3 rd term) |
| Nidiffer, Jana | Educational Leadership | August 15, 2012 – August 14, 2015 (2 nd term) |
| Pfeiffer, Kathleen A. | English | August 15, 2012 – August 14, 2015 (1 st term) |
| Sullivan, Jennifer L. | Modern Languages & Literatures | August 15, 2012 – August 14, 2015 (5 th term) |

III. Emeritus Appointments

Hawkins, Susan E., Professor Emerita of English, effective August 14, 2012.

Moudgil, Virinder K., Professor Emeritus of Biological Sciences, effective June 30, 2012.

IV. Change of Status

Cipielewski, James F., from Associate Dean, School of Education and Human Services and Associate Professor of Education to Associate Professor of Education, Department of Reading and Language Arts, effective August 1, 2012.

Eis, Andrea L., from Chair, Department of Art and Art History, and Associate Professor of Art to Associate Professor of Art, effective August 15, 2012.

Giberson, Tomas R., Associate Professor of Education and Acting Department Chair of Human Resource Development, effective August 15, 2012 through August 14, 2013.

IV. Change of Status (cont'd)

Goody, Stephen G., from Associate Professor of Art and Art History to Associate Professor of Art and Art History and Acting Chair, Department of Art and Art History, effective August 15, 2012.

Miller, Karen A.J., from Chair, Department of History and Associate Professor of History to Associate Professor of History, effective August 15, 2012.

Rapin, Ronald F., from Chair, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, and Associate Professor of Spanish to Associate Professor of Spanish, effective August 15, 2012.

Roth, Bradley J., from Professor of Physics to Professor of Physics and Acting Chair, Department of Physics, effective September 1, 2012.


Srinivasan , Gopalan, from Acting Chair, Department of Physics and Distinguished Professor of Physics to Distinguished Professor of Physics, effective September 1, 2012.

Wiggins, Robert A., from Professor of Education to Acting Chair, Department of Teacher Development and Educational Studies and Professor of Education, effective August 15, 2012.


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9. **Attachments:** Attachment A: Faculty Personnel Information Items
Attachment B: Academic Appointments

Submitted to the President
on 10/1, 2012 by


Susan M. Awbrey
Interim Senior Vice President for
Academic Affairs and Provost

Recommended on 10/1, 2012
to the Board for Approval by


Gary D. Russi
President

**FACULTY PERSONNEL INFORMATION ITEMS
REPORT TO OAKLAND UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

October 4, 2012

A number of faculty personnel actions do not require approval by the Board of Trustees, but in the interest of keeping members informed on the level of personnel activity, the University presents this information on a regular basis. The reports are prepared in October and April.

Administrative Leave

Sudol, Ronald A., Professor of Rhetoric, effective September 1, 2012 through August 14, 2013.

Leave with No Pay

Alston, Lettie B., Associate Professor of Music, effective August 15, 2012.

Kruk, Serge G., Associate Professor of Mathematics, effective September 4, 2012 through April 25, 2013.

Rajagopalan, Balaji, Professor of Management Information Systems, effective August 15, 2012 through August 14, 2013.

Rangarajan, Sukanya, Special Instructor of Accounting, effective August 15, 2012 through August 14, 2013.

Rieger, Ingrid, Associate Professor of German, effective August 15, 2012 through August 14, 2013.

Phased Retirements

Packard, Sandra P., Professor of Education, effective August 15, 2012.

Schwartz, Robert M., Professor of Education, effective August 15, 2012.

Retirements

Haskell, Richard E., Professor of Engineering, effective August 14, 2012

Stamps, Richard B., Associate Professor of Anthropology, effective August 14, 2012

Retirements (cont'd)

Winkler, Barry S., Professor of Biomedical Sciences, effective August 14, 2012

Resignations

Bazaz, Mohammad S., Professor of Accounting, effective August 14, 2012.

Chen, Yu, Assistant Professor of Marketing, effective August 14, 2012.

Harlow, Luke E., Assistant Professor of History, effective August 14, 2012.

Hastmann, Tanis J., Assistant Professor of Health Sciences, effective August 14, 2012.

Ingram, Ilene L., Associate Professor of Education, effective August 14, 2012.

Melnick, Ross, Assistant Professor of English, effective August 14, 2012.

Mili, Fatma, Professor of Engineering, effective July 15, 2012.

Pedroni, Thomas C., Associate Professor of Education, effective August 14, 2012.

Weiss, Michael K., Assistant Professor of Education, effective August 14, 2012.

Woodson, Rosalind D., Special Instructor of Nursing, effective August 14, 2012.

Sick Leaves

Farrugia, Rebekah L., Associate Professor of Communication, effective August 16, 2012.

Osborne, Annette M., Special Instructor in Education, effective May 31, 2012 through July 31, 2012.

Simon, Mark, Professor of Management, effective September 13, 2012 through December 14, 2012.

Switzer, Anne T., Assistant Professor of Library, effective August 15, 2012.

Urla, Julia, A., Special Instructor in Spanish, effective September 4, 2012

Return from Sick Leave

Deubel, Tara, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, effective May 1, 2012.

Rodriguez, Julia E., Assistant Professor of University Library, effective April 23, 2012.

Yang, Lianxiang, Professor of Engineering, effective March 31, 2012.

Professional Development & Research Leave (with pay)

McGlothlin, Charles W., Special Instructor in Occupational Safety & Health, effective January 3, 2012 through April 25, 2013

Fall 2012 Sabbatical Leaves (with full pay) (effective August 15, 2012 through December 17, 2012)

Battles, Kathleen M., Associate Professor, Department of Communication and Journalism, to allow time to work on three projects. For the first project, she will be working with 2 co-editors to finalize the submission of, *From War of the Worlds to Social Media: Mediated Communication to Times of Crises*. Second project will be at the completion stages of her co-authored book, *Sexual Identity and the Media: An Introduction*. The final project, to begin work on a follow up to her published book, *Calling All Cars: Radio Dragnets and the Technology of Policing*.

Drignei, Dorin, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, will conduct research in statistical analysis of massive data sets. He is also applying for grants in collaboration with faculty members in engineering and other universities.

Epstein, Alan D., Special Instructor, Department of Political Science, will pursue a research project examining China's involvement in the United Nations peacekeeping operation in Haiti. He will have to travel to Haiti, China and Taiwan and this research is expected to result in a journal publication.

Filler, Stephen, Associate Professor, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, to head overseas to conduct research. With this information he will be able to write a significant portion of a monograph, tentatively entitled: *Rebels, Romance, and Nihilism in Early Japanese Proletarian Fiction, 1916 – 1926*.

Fall 2012 Sabbatical Leaves (with full pay) (effective August 15, 2012 through December 17, 2012) (cont'd)

Fu, Huirong, Associate Professor, Department of Engineering, will further consolidate his research and education in the areas of information security and Vehicular Ad Hoc Networks (VANETs) via collaborations with industry. With his time away it will give him a chance to work on five areas: (a) to collaborate with Chrysler on four problems. (b) to work with Kostal LLC to focus on "Medium Access Control of VANETs, targeting at the NSF Computer and Network Systems (CNS): Core Programs. (c) to develop and submit two high quality collaborative proposals aiming at the NSF Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace program and the NSF Computer and Network Systems: Core Programs. (d) study two books, read papers and make a literature review as the basis of two planned proposals. (e) to continue work on an ongoing REU project funded by the NSF.

Howell, Sharon L., Professor, Department of Communication and Journalism, will work on a book project. The project will be working with University of California Press to bring together a *Peoples Tour of Detroit* as part of their new series on cities.

Khattree, Ravindra, Professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, will conduct research in financial mathematics using statistical techniques.

Larocca, Roger, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, will do a large-scale project on the history of presidential agenda setting. To help with his research, he plans to visit presidential libraries to explore archival materials for key presidents.

Lauer, Thomas W., Professor, Department of Decision and Information Sciences, to work on 4 projects while he is on his sabbatical. (a) Open Source Project – he tends to review scholarly books pertaining to open source IT projects and their role in economic development. (b) CCTV Project – to examine university policies regarding CCTV deployment and operation. (c) SurPriSe Activities – to continue his involvement with SurPriSe, a faculty learning community for the study of surveillance, privacy, and security. (d) Border Security Project – he will study interactions that take place under the auspices of the Department of Homeland Security and the Transportation Safety Agency at the US Canadian border.

Leibert, Todd W., Associate Professor, Department of Counseling, will work on two proposed activities: (a) Quantitative Analyses – collected data and needs to be cleaned and analyzed. (b) Qualitative learning and analyses – to focus on the necessary skill learning so that he can analyze, complete, and submit this line of research for publication.

Fall 2012 Sabbatical Leaves (with full pay) (effective August 15, 2012 through December 17, 2012) (cont'd)

Matthews III, Weldon C., Associate Professor, Department of History, to continue the research and writing of his current book project, tentatively titled *Modernities in Contention: The United States and Revolutionary Iraq, 1958 – 1968* and to complete work on two journal articles on the same topic.

Mitchell, Michael A., Associate Professor, Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, will work with the Academic Choir Ivan Goran Kovacic of Zagreb. Also, will spend time in rehearsal and performance with the Croatian Baroque Ensemble, a professional Baroque music group. He will study Baroque performance practice and literature with the musicians of the group as well as with their conductor, Sasa Britvic.

Murphy, J. Austin, Professor, Department of Finance, will work in the area of behavioral finance, using empirical data to evaluate a theoretical model he has developed.

Orzach, Ram, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, will work in the area of differential information to complete research projects that are at different levels of progress.

Russell, Joel W., Professor, Department of Chemistry, will work on the selection, refinement and testing of additional experiments for Chemistry 157 and 158 from September – October. From November – December he will be development of pre-lab materials and post-lab quizzes.

Schiele, Joseph, Associate Professor, Department of Decision and Information Sciences, to the preparation of two manuscripts and the development of an online version of an MBA core course. (a) Manuscript – A model of public purchasing department involvement. (b) Manuscript – The adoption of lean thinking within public procurement. (c) The development of an online operations management MBA core course.

Slavin, Andrei N., Professor, Department of Physics, will present research papers at two International Conferences on Magnetism and to deliver invited seminar talks on his research at host Universities and other Universities in Europe.

Stoffan, George C., Associate Professor, Department of Music, will be in residence at a university abroad and this is their semester timeframe. The residence will consist of teaching applied lessons, master classes, and coaching student chamber music ensembles, and will culminate with a recital performance at the Janacek Academy of Music in Brno, Czech Republic.

Fall 2012 Sabbatical Leaves (with full pay) (effective August 15, 2012 through December 17, 2012) (cont'd)

Wang, Xia, Associate Professor, Department of Engineering, will submit two research proposals and explore collaborative opportunities with Wayne State University. Also, plans to develop appropriate teaching materials for a battery course at Oakland University. Finally, she plans to join Dr. Simon Ng's research group at Wayne State University, to work on battery research.

Fall 2012 Sabbatical Leaves (with half pay) (effective August 15, 2012 through December 17, 2012)

Milne Jr, George E., Assistant Professor, Department of History, will work on revisions suggested for his new book manuscript, *Rising Suns, Fallen Forts, and Impudent Immigrants: Plotting Race and Power in Colonial Louisiana*. Also, plans to work on two articles: (a) "These Are People Who Call Themselves Red Men," investigates the roles of European-style chattel slavery and indigenous modes of identity in the Lower Mississippi Valley during the early eighteenth century. (b) "A Tale of Two Towns: Diversity, Divisions, and Cross-cultural Relations in Eighteenth-Century Natchez Country," investigates the spatial discourse that helped from the diplomatic and social practices during the same era.

Yugo, Jennifer E., Assistant Professor, Department of Management and Marketing, will send out a manuscript based on her dissertation to the *Journal of Occupational and Organizational Psychology*. She also plans to work on a manuscript currently targeted for Human Relations on the experiences of deaf workers and other workers with disabilities. In addition, she also plans to work with colleagues at Bowling Green University, Michigan Tech and in Washington D.C. on diverse projects. Her plans also include a manuscript for the *Journal of Management Education* detailing projects completed by her students in her ORG 330 classes.

Rooney, Phyllis A., Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, will work on a book with the working title, *Reason for Justice: New Understandings of Reason for New Eras of Social and Political Progress*. In the Fall she plans to submit parts of her research work to academic conferences. Professor Rooney plans to write and submit a book proposal, along with two completed chapters, to publishers who publish in the areas of feminist epistemology and political philosophy.

Fall 2012 and Winter 2013 Sabbatical Leaves (with half pay) effective August 15, 2012 through August 14, 2013)

Schwartz, Howard, Professor, Department of Management and Marketing, will be a Visiting Fellow at the James Madison Center at Princeton University, a leading institution devoted to western political thought. While there, he plans to explore and critique the philosophical basis of much of an important current in contemporary organization theory. He plans to spend the first half researching and the second half writing the critique.

Winter 2013 Sabbatical Leaves (with full pay) (effective January 3, 2013 through April 27, 2013)

Aigbedo, Henry O., Associate Professor, Department of Decision and Information Sciences, will engage in three research activities, which include one methodological survey. (a) Sustainability and Greening in Companies and Supply Chains - to examine practices of several global firms and supply chains in an attempt to answer many questions as they pertain to sustainability and greening. (b) The impact of Mass Customization on Supply Chain Operations - to build upon his earlier work in the respect for a two-stage supply chain in the automotive sector (Aigbedo 2007) to carry out such study and analysis. (c) Case Research Methodology – plan to carry out a detailed study of research methodology, by examining several articles where it has been used.

Bhatt, Bhushan L., Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, will do research in the area of transient response characteristics of two-phase flows. Professor Bhatt will use Matlab/Simulink tools to study the unstable flow phenomena in two-phase flows, especially in the area of condensing flows. Also, to devote a part of that time to writing a monograph on the portion on Heat Transfer that is covered in EGR 250.

Clark, Daniel J., Associate Professor, Department of History, will work on his book manuscript concerning Detroit-area autoworkers in the 1950s.

Winter 2013 Sabbatical Leaves (with full pay) (effective January 3, 2013 through April 27, 2013) (cont'd)

Deng, Xiaodong, Associate Professor, Department of Decision and Information Sciences, will focus on three projects relating to his current research areas or the extensions of the key concepts to different contexts. (a) The Impacts of the Cognitive Nature of the Task and Psychological Empowerment of an Individual's Knowledge Creation, Sharing, and Application – this project explores the motivational issues of individual knowledge management practices. (b) Process Modularity, Trust, Supplier Empowerment and Supplier Performance: the Mediating Effects of Supplier Empowerment – This project extends the concepts of psychological empowerment in management and user empowerment in information systems to the context of supplier chain management. (c) The Impact of Faculty Perceived Reconfigurability of Learning Management Systems on Effective Teaching Practices.

Edwards, Kyle, Associate Professor, Department of English, will conduct archival research and complete revisions that will enable Professor Edwards to complete a full draft of his manuscript-in-progress, *Brand-Name Literature: Film Adaptation, Authorship, and Corporate Strategy in the Hollywood Studio System*, a book-length study of the strategies deployed by Hollywood film studios in the transformation of literary works into motion pictures in the 1930s and 1940s. Archival research will be conducted in Texas, New Hampshire and California, which in turn will allow him to complete existing chapters on Selznick International Pictures and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. Minor revisions on additional manuscript chapters—i.e., introduction and conclusion sections, along with chapters on Universal Pictures and Warner Bros. Pictures—will be completed in Michigan throughout the winter 2013 term. Professor Edwards intends to submit a book proposal for his manuscript in the summer of 2012 and to deliver the full manuscript to a publisher in the summer of 2013.

Gu, Edward Y. L., Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, will work primarily with the Virtual Assembly Group of Chrysler Corporation to improve and enhance their simulation study on digital human modeling, job analysis, manufacturing process design verification and ergonomic evaluation and to spend time collaborating with General Dynamics on the project entitled, "*Multi-Axis Crash Dummy for Medical Response to IED's*".

Hawley, Lisa D., Associate Professor, Department of Counseling, will focus on three areas: (a) furthering research in the area of Socio-economic status and clinical outcomes. (b) applying for research grants to support specific socio-economic status research initiatives in the SEHS Counseling Center. (c) reviewing the literature in higher education and pedagogical practices.

Winter 2013 Sabbatical Leaves (with full pay) (effective January 3, 2013 through April 27, 2013) (cont'd)

Henke, John W. Jr., Professor, Department of Management and Marketing, will engage in significant longitudinal analyses of data on buyer-seller relationships he had conceived and collected over the past decade or more.

Herold, Niels, Associate Professor, Department of English, will work on three different projects: (a) Finish and submit for publication a fourth and final essay on American Prison Theater. (b) Work on a manuscript at the second stage of revision, an anthology of Elizaethan and Jacobean plays about religious deviance and conversion entitled *Christianity under Fire*. (c) Obligations toward the New Variorum Shakespeare *Coriolanus* will necessitate periodic visits to Urbana University in Ohio, where the manuscript for this volume, to be published by the Modern Language Association, is being readied for completion by the chief editor, Professor David George (Professor Herold is the MLA approved Assistant Editor of this important volume).

Isken, Mark W., Associate Professor, Department of Decision and Information Sciences, will work on three areas of research and scholarly activities: (a) Improved healthcare staff scheduling models. (b) simulation analysis of pharmacy automation systems. (c) decision support tools for outpatient clinic capacity planning.

Kidger, David M., Associate Professor, Department of Music, Theater and Dance, will work on a new project, "Robert Mayer and Children's Symphony Concerts in London from ca. 1930 to ca. 1980." The main archive materials for this project are held in the Sir Robery Mayer Archive at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario.

Klemanski, John S., Professor, Department of Political Science, will work on two primary research projects and some other projects. (a) to be a single-authored study that will examine state judicial elections. (b) to investigate the effects of state Voter ID laws on voter turnout. (c) Other projects: writing a book chapter on the 2012 presidential election with Professor David Dulio. Working with Professor David Kasdan on related projects that center on the Emergency Financial Manager law in Michigan (Public Act 4).

Winter 2013 Sabbatical Leaves (with full pay) (effective January 3, 2013 through April 27, 2013) (cont'd)

Maher, Sara F., Associate Professor, Department of Physical Therapy, will complete four goals: (a) Finalize and submit two manuscripts for publication into wound care journals. (b) Compile data and complete manuscripts about Anodyne Therapy and peripheral neuropathy. (c) Explore grant options and develop a grant application for a study involving stem cells and chronic wounds. (d) Improve her ability to conduct statistical analysis for research projects.

Miree-Coppin, Cynthia E., Associate Professor, Department of Management and Marketing, will develop a more comprehensive understanding of how “not-for-profit” organizations operate within the context of strategic management. Professor Miree-Coppin will work on four key areas: (a) Engage in a thorough review of the management literature on “not-for-profit” organizations while also developing an understanding of the public administration literature on “not-for-profit” organizations. (b) Expand on an exploratory pilot study that she completed this past Winter. In particular, this project examined the strategic planning processes within the context of one national “not-for-profit” organization. (c) Compile a database of “not-for-profit” organizations in Oakland, Wayne, Macomb and Washtenaw Counties (to be used in the project described above). (d) Complete a working paper (already in the pipeline) on “not-for-profit” firm performance.

Oakley, Barbara, Associate Professor, Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, will work on several projects but the two main activities are (a) and (b). (a) Narcissism neuroimaging study with Beaumont Hospital. (b) The development of the ISE 495/595 Interpersonal Neuroscience course. (c) Preparation of invited paper for the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. (d) Preparation and delivery of invited speech on the application of engineering principles to the study of pathologies of altruism to be given to the National Academy of Sciences. (e) Serving as the Conference Chair for the first international Conference on Pathological Altruism, sponsored by the International Neuroethics Society and the Evolution Institute. (f) *The Neuroscience of Narcissism* (Oxford University Press).

Sheridan, Karen F., Professor, Department of Music, Theater and Dance, will start teacher training with the teachers at Shakespeare & Company, nationally acclaimed training program from the study of Shakespeare and voice. Part of the expectation of a teacher trainee is to assist with the training at their annual Month-Long Intensive program held in January in Lenox, Massachusetts.

Winter 2013 Sabbatical Leaves (with full pay) (effective January 3, 2013 through April 27, 2013) (cont'd)

Spagnuolo, Anna M., Professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, will plan on enhancing her research in mathematical biology, mathematical modeling, and computational simulation science. Focusing on two major areas of mathematical biology research: 1. the spread of Chagas disease among individuals in villages and 2. the dynamics of *Vibrio cholera* in the human small intestine as well as the study of other intestinal diseases.

Wells, Caryn M., Associate Professor, Department of Educational Leadership, will center on three areas of scholarship – conducting research studies, writing from publication and presenting research, and continuing with training to develop a site at Oakland University in the areas of mindfulness, stress reduction, and contemplative leadership.

White, John P., Professor, Department Music, Theatre and Dance, will research and write on vocal techniques for college level introductory voice classes.

Youngquist II, Jeffrey D., Associate Professor, Department of Communication and Journalism, will work on two projects: (a) To continue work on the relationship between language, context, and perception - to explore the relationship between likability, respect, and interruptions as they occur in the higher education classroom. (b) Concerns the relationship between trait dominance, interactional dominance, perceived dominance, and domineeringness.

Yu, Shuishan, Associate Professor, Department of Art and Art History, will work on a book entitled *Art of Asia*. This book adopts a new perspective in the study and analysis of Asian art and will treat Asia as a whole and emphasize cultural exchanges among different regions and cultures.

Zhu, Yun, Assistant Professor, Department of Accounting and Finance, will work on a project in the area of debt covenants – Loan Covenants of Foreign Firms Cross – listed on US Markets. The study will analyze the debt characteristics of these cross-listed firms, how they compare with the loan covenants of US domestic firms, the impact of their country of origins and the changes over time especially the passage of the Sarbanes – Oxley Act (SOX) in July of 2002. The experience with such a study will have a positive impact on her research agenda and the knowledge gained will certainly influence her teaching.

NEW APPOINTMENTS
(August 15, 2012)

Asmussen, Nicole S.

Assistant Professor of Political Science
Department of Political Science
College of Arts and Sciences

Nicole joins the Department of Political Science after completing a post-doctoral fellowship at the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions at Vanderbilt University. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Rochester in 2011. Her research focuses on the causes and consequences of party polarization in Congress. She also enjoys cooking, video editing, doing crossword puzzles, and following college football.

Balijepally, Venugopal

Assistant Professor of Management Information Systems
Department of Decision and Information Sciences
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