Chapter H

Major Research and Public Service Activities

- Dr. Margaret M. McMenamin, President serves on the following: member of the NJ Council of County College Presidents; member of the New Jersey Presidents’ Council; and member of the Board of Trustees of CentraState Medical Center, NJ.

- Dr. John R. Farrell, Vice President for Administrative Services and Executive Assistant to the President serves on the following: NJEDge.Net Board of Trustees and Advisory Board; member of the Union County Professional Development Board; member of the Union County Re-Entry Task Force Steering Committee; member of the Union County Workforce Investment Board; and member New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce & Economic Development.

- Dr. Wallace Smith, Vice President for Academic Affairs serves on the following: Vice President and Treasurer for the Academic Officers Association; National Association of Academic Affairs Administrators; member of the National Association of Institutional Administrators; National Guild of Psychotherapy and Hypnotherapy; and National Association of Psychotherapists.

- Dr. Barbara Gaba, Provost of the Elizabeth Campus and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs serves on the following: Board Member Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce; City of Elizabeth Task Force on Economic Development; member Rotary Club of Elizabeth; Board Member Chair Academy International Practitioners Board; Advisory Board Member, Dean and Provost National Newsletter; Co-Chair NJ ACE Network Board (State affiliate of the American Council on Education[ACE]/Office of Women in Higher Education [OWHE]); and Board Member of the National Council on Black American Affairs (NCBAA) of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC).

- Ms. Shirley Hollie-Davis, Assistant Dean, Center for Economic and Workforce Development serves on NJALL and is an active member of Union County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Literacy Committee.

- Marianne Schubert, BSN, RN, CEN, MICP, Coordinator of the Practical Nursing Programs Skill and Simulation Laboratory on the Plainfield Campus, was elected to the Board of Directors of the International Nursing Association of Clinical Simulation and Learning, (INACSL) at the 8th Annual INACSL Conference in St. Louis, Missouri July 2009.

- Associate Professor Carol Healey DNP, APN, C, of the Practical Nursing Program was awarded first place at the National Association of Hispanic Nurses annual convention in San Antonio, Texas July 2009. Dr. Healey’s presentation was a poster of her doctoral research which focused on the development of a plan for improved recruitment and retention of Hispanic Practical Nursing students.

- Associate Dean Roseminda Santee, MA, RN, NEA-BC, CNE, of Trinitas School of Nursing was honored by the Philippine Nurses Association of America with the National Excellence Award as the Nurse Educator of the Year, at a ceremony held in Baltimore, MD July 2009. Associate Dean Santee has thirty years of experience in nursing education, both as a faculty member and as an educational administrator.
Dr. Patricia Castaldi, DNP, RN, Director of the Practical Nursing Program, along with Professor Rosemary Byrne, MS, RN and Professor Virginia Villanueva, MEd, RN, of Trinitas School of Nursing, presented at a conference session at the National League for Nursing (NLN) Education Summit in Philadelphia, PA September 2009. The presentation, ‘Development of an Evidence-Based Retention Model,’ was a combined effort of work done by Dr. Castaldi in the Practical Nursing program and the duplication of her student assessment by Professors Byrne and Villanueva at Trinitas.

Dr. Patricia Biddar, Executive Director of Assessment, Planning and Research, was presented the 2009 Community College Spirit Award by the New Jersey Council for County Colleges (NJCC) for efforts to enhance NJCC’s Vocational Education Data System (VEDS).

Professor Cyndi Roemer, of the Mathematics Department, presented at a session on “Professional Guidelines, Pedagogy and Alternative Assessment for Community College Mathematics”, at the Fall Conference of the Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges of New Jersey (MATYCNJ) October 2009. Also attending were Professors Stanley Cohen, Yanzheng Duan, James Magliano, Arlene Rogoff, Celeste Schaffer, Donna Weir, and Sam Zhang.

Professor Susan McLoughlin, of the Mathematics Department and President of MATYCNJ, planned the Fall Conference of the Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges of New Jersey (MATYCNJ) held at Raritan Valley Community College October 2009. The full day conference featured a keynote speaker and six breakout sessions.

Professor Jean Lane of the Mathematics Department and President Elect of MATYCNJ arranged publisher exhibits at the Fall Conference of the Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges of New Jersey (MATYCNJ) held at Raritan Valley Community College October 2009.


Dean David Sheridan of Enrollment Management was a panelist at the Annual College Board Forum in New York City October 2009. Dean Sheridan’s session entitled “Enrollment and Financial Aid in a Receding Economy” was covered by The New York Times.

Ms. Christine Macchia, Laboratory Technician in the Biology Department, models were used in a presentation that dealt with independent laboratory access for the blind. Ms. Macchia’s models are tactile representations of the microscope slides viewed in biology laboratories and another model representing results from a blood-typing lab experiment in Braille. Ms. Macchia’s models were presented by Ms. Marilyn Winograd, an Education Consultant for the NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired and a high school teacher for the blind, at the First Annual Multi-Sensory Science Education Conference at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, WI, October 2009.

Oluyomi Adewale, Adjunct Professor of the Mathematics Department, recently published a new book titled “The Journey So Far: An Adventure in the Doing the Will of God” in 2009.
• Professor Michael Z. Murphy’s play, “A Gibson Girl” was presented at The Theater Project’s Kaleidoscope Kabaret November 2009. It was held in the Roy Smith Theater, Cranford, NJ. Professor Murphy is a faculty member in the English/Fine Arts/Modern Language Department.

• Professor Jennifer McCarthy, Paramedic Program Director, gave two presentations at the Fifth Annual Statewide Conference on EMS November 2009. Professor McCarthy presented, “Putting the Spark Back into EMS” an interactive session designed to help recharge and refocus EMS providers. The second presentation was “Aging Gracefully – A New Approach to the Geriatric Patient”. Professor McCarthy discussed aging baby boomers and interacting with older more complex medical patients.

• Professor Arlene Rogoff of the Mathematics Department, and Elizabeth Ramos of the Institute for the First Year, presented at the 35th Annual American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC) Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada November 2009. Their presentation was entitled "Success with Developmental Mathematics in a Small Learning Community."

• Professor Susan McLoughlin of the Mathematics Department and current President of Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges of New Jersey (MATYCNJ) served as a delegate for New Jersey at the Delegate Assembly’s 35th Annual American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC) Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada November 2009.

• Dr. Mark Singer, Senior Professor of the Criminal Justice Program participated in a panel discussion entitled “Examination and Cross Examination of the Expert Witness in Court” November 2009. The discussion, hosted by St. Benedict’s Preparatory School, Newark, NJ focused on examining strategies used to handle expert testimony in the justice system.

• Professor Phillip Papas, of the Economics/Government/History Department, co-authored a new book entitled, Port Richmond, released in Fall of 2009. It’s a photo history and is part of Arcadia Publishing’s Image of America series. Port Richmond is a community on Staten Island’s north shore that is linked to Bayonne, NJ by the Bayonne Bridge. The book is both historical in content and civic-minded in its purpose.

• Dr. Cindy Singer, of the Business Department, was keynote speaker at the organizational meeting of the newly established campus chapter of ACE/OWHE: American Council on Education/Office of Women in Higher Education, at Bergen Community College September 2009. Dr. Singer’s speech was on mentoring.

• Dr. Denise Lagos of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department was guest lecturer for New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey, a graduate program for alternate route teachers seeking a career change, at New Jersey City University, in Jersey City, NJ January 2010. Dr. Lagos’ Presentation, “Cultural Differences in Non-Verbal and Verbal Communication,” supported course curriculum regarding diversity in the classroom.

• Professor Jennifer McCarthy, Associate Professor and Director of the Paramedic Program, held a simulation session for the Emergency Physician Residents from Saint Joseph’s Medical Center, at the Plainfield Campus in Plainfield, NJ January 2010. The session was developed to offer teams of medical residents the opportunity to handle difficult patient cases. It was jointly taught by Union County College Paramedic Faculty and the Emergency Medicine Physicians from Saint Joseph’s Medical Center.
• Dr. Denise Lagos, Senior Professor of English (ESL) and Advisor to The Foreign Student Voice literary publication was the recipient of the 2009 MarCom Creative Awards, an international awards competition that recognizes outstanding achievement by marketing and communication practitioners February 2010.

• Adjunct Professor Bill Lipkin of the Economics/Government/History Department was elected Treasurer of the recently formed national organization ‘New Faculty Majority’ (NFM) February 2010. The purpose of NFM is to promote the work and efforts of over 900,000 contingent faculty in the United States.

• Professor Robert Yoskowitz of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, exhibited drawings called, “Making Marks: Drawings from the Yoskowitz Family Collection” at Kean University’s Karl and Helen Burger Art Gallery March 2010.

• Maureen Bekheet, Student Development Specialist on the Plainfield Campus, recently co-authored an article in the Journal of Family Issues entitled, A Critical Analysis of Western Perspectives on Families of Arab Descent’ (Vol. 31, No. 2, 211-233, (2010)).

• Dr. Stephen Schoeman, Adjunct Professor of the Economics/Government/History Department, gave a lecture on the ‘United States Constitution’ to the Westfield Historical Society March 2010.

• Dr. Wallace Smith, Vice President for Academic Affairs, received the ‘Administrator Award of Distinction’ by Phi Theta Kappa. College Administrators (Vice Presidents, Deans, etc.), are nominated by Phi Theta Kappa chapters, and selected based on support provided Phi Theta Kappa.

• Dr. Andrea Green, of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, original play, “For Tiger Lilies Out of Season” was in production at California State University’s Fullerton Campus March 2010.

• Professor Michael Z. Murphy, of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, presented at the International Listening Association Convention, in Albuquerque, NM March 2010. Professor Murphy’s presentation was entitled, “Better Listening Through Better Engagement.” He demonstrated methods on how to instruct students of all ages to communicate in three high risk events: perception checks, praise, and constructive criticism.

• Professor Phillip Papas, of the Economics/Government/History Department, appeared on NY 1 News’ special feature segment entitled, “Roads Run Where Farms, Taverns Once Stood” in April 2010. This segment was part of NY 1’s newscast series entitled “Once Upon a Time on Staten Island” on the history of Staten Island.

• Professor John McDermott, of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, participated in a “Night of Poetry” in celebration of National Poetry Month April 2010. The event was hosted by the Hanson Park Conservancy, a non-profit organization dedicated to developing and maintaining Hanson Park in Cranford, NJ.
Professor Robert Yoskowitz, of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, participated in a Benefit for George Segal at the Monmouth Museum, Lincroft, NJ April 2010. Professor Yoskowitz spoke on his experience as a model for Segal’s cast-sculptures.

Dr. Stephen Schoeman, Adjunct Professor of the Economics/Government/History Department gave a lecture on ‘Freedom of Speech’ at the South Orange Public Library, South Orange, NJ April 2010.

Professor Phillip Papas of the Economics/Government/History Department, gave a lecture at St. John's University, Queens Campus entitled “The Tories around Here are Damn'd Mad: General Charles Lee and the Suppression of the Loyalists in New York” in April 2010. The lecture was sponsored by the St. John's University Libraries and the Honors Program.

Adjunct Professor Bill Lipkin of the Economics/Government/History Department, was reelected President of AFT New Jersey State Federation for a second two-year term in April 2010. The newly structured State Federation has a Higher Ed Division and a Pre K - 12 Division.

Adjunct Professor David McClure, of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, was elected one of 12 vice presidents in the Higher Education division of the State Federation of AFT New Jersey in April 2010.

Dr. Stephen Schoeman, Adjunct Professor of the Economics/Government/History Department gave a three part lecture series on the “Bill of Rights”, “How Congress Works” and “The Changing Presidency from President Washington to President Obama” to the Brandeis University National Women's Committee of Essex County at Millburn’s Public Library, Milburn, NJ during the months of April and May 2010.

Professors Antony Nicoli and Robert Yoskowitz of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department exhibited their artworks at the New Jersey State Museum’s “Reality + Artifice” in May 2010 in Trenton, NJ. In the exhibition is Professor Nicoli’s pigmented ink print, ‘Abduction of the Innocents’, and Professor Yoskowitz’s two gelatin silver prints, ‘Five’ and ‘Club’.

Dr. Stephen Schuman, Adjunct Professor of the Economics/Government/History Department gave a lecture on the United States Vice-Presidents to the Westfield Historical Society at the Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield, NJ in June 2010.