

H. Major Research and Public Service Activities

- Dr. Margaret M. McMenamain, President, serves on the following Boards: Trinitas Hospital, the Salvation Army Advisory Board, the Union County Workforce Investment Board, the Union County Economic Development Corporation, Temple University College of Health Professions Board of Visitors, Union County Performing Arts Center Board, Elizabeth Development Corporation Board, the International Commission for the Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities (HACU), and the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Board. She is a member of the NJ Council of County College Presidents and a member of the NJ Presidents' Council.
- Dr. Maris Lown, Vice President Academic Affairs, serves on the following: Board Member Meridian Home Care Services, Member Meridian Hospitals Professional Care Committee, Member Meridian Health System Strategic Planning Committee, Co-Chair Robert Wood Johnson Foundation NJ Nursing Initiative Work Group, and Member Robert Wood Johnson Regional Action Committee.
- Dr. Barbara Gaba, Provost of the Elizabeth Campus and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, serves on the following: Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce Board, United Way of Greater Union County Board, City of Elizabeth Task Force on Economic Development, Rotary Club of Elizabeth, Chair, Academy International Practitioners Board, Dean and Provost National Newsletter Advisory Board, 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 Board (NCBAA) of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC).
- Dr. Negar Farakish, Provost of the Plainfield Campus and Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, is a member of the Rotary Club of Plainfield, Plainfield Chamber of Commerce, and Plainfield Salvation Army Advisory Board. Dr. Farakish also serves on the National Association for Developmental Education Professional Development Committee, Editorial Review Board of Journal of College Reading and Learning, and New Jersey Department of Education External Review Team for ELA Model Curriculum.
- 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.

- Ms. Marianne Schubert, Coordinator of the Nursing Skill and Simulation Laboratory for the Practical Nursing Program, was noted in a two-page article by the National League for Nursing's July/August 2011 issue of *Nursing Education Perspectives*. The section "Faculty MATTERS" highlights her role as one of today's prominent nursing simulation leaders.
- Professor John McDermott, of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, was volunteer workshop leader and reader at the Richard Hall Community Health Center in Bridgewater, NJ in August 2011.
- Dr. Susannah M. Chewning, of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, presented a paper at the International Anchoritic Society Conference in September 2011 at the University of North Dakota-Grand Forks in Grand Forks, ND. Dr. Chewning's topic was the sources of English anchoritic literature, with an emphasis on early English alliterative romance.
- Dr. Mark Singer, Senior Professor and Coordinator of the Criminal Justice Program, participated in a number of events on September 11, 2011 in Morris County, NJ which included running a support group meeting for first responders.
- Professor John McDermott, of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, was featured reader at the Somerset Poetry Group reading held at Bridgewater Library in Bridgewater, NJ in September 2011.
- Professor Wendy Barnes-Thomassen, of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, had her poems "Epiphany Sees Her Own Demise Foreshadowed" and "Stock Film, Sometime Mississippi Delta" published in the October 2011 issue of *Painted Bride Quarterly*.
- Ms. Joanna M. Wezyk, Adjunct Instructor of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, had her exhibition, "In Wonderland" on display in France in October/November 2011. The exhibition was solo which featured new paintings and works on paper by Ms. Wezyk and was sponsored by the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD).
- Dr. Denise Lagos, Senior Professor of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, published a textbook entitled *The Career Research Project*. The five chapter text titles are "Overview", "The Ethnographic Interview: Participant Observation", "The Research Paper", "The Oral Presentation" and "Outcomes". The textbook provides students with valuable information in the successful execution and completion of this career project as well as to educators who engage students in the career research project.

- Ms. Carmen Rogers, Site Coordinator for the Northern New Jersey Health Professions Consortium Grant at Union County College, presented at the Northern NJ Health Professions Consortium Grant Summit in October 2011. Ms. Rogers presented with Rick Smiley, Special Projects Manager for Union County One Stop on “Working Together – Forming a Partnership for Success”. Union County College’s relationship with Union County One-Stop was presented as a best practice for consortium members.
- Professor Joseph S. Pizzo, of the English/Modern Language/Fine Arts Department, was special guest at MSNBC’s broadcast of *Education Nation*, hosted by Brian Williams in September 2011. Professor Pizzo was quoted as saying: “Teachers are charged with the task of finding ways to help their students believe that they can succeed. The results are synergistic.”
- Professor William Dunscombe, Chair of the Biology and Allied Health Department, presented a paper entitled “Anatomical and Physiological Sexual Dimorphism in Human Beings” at the 35th Annual New Jersey Science Convention held in Somerset, NJ in October 2011. The event was sponsored by the New Jersey Science Teachers Association and the New Jersey Science Education Leadership Association. Professor Dunscombe’s paper discussed anatomical and physiological differences in males and females aside from those of the reproductive system.
- Dr. Phillip Papas, Chair of the Economics/Government/History Department, contributed a chapter on Dutch history on Staten Island for the recently published guide book *Exploring Historic Dutch New York: New York City, Hudson Valley, New Jersey, and Delaware*, published for the Museum of the City of New York by Dover Publications, Inc., June 2011.
- Professor John McDermott, of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, was featured reader at the ‘River Read’ series held in Red Bank, NJ in November 2011.
- Dr. Phillip Papas, Chair of the Economics/Government/History Department, contributed a chapter on the military history of Staten Island for the book *Discovering Staten Island*, by History Press, 2011. The book is a travel guide to historic sites on Staten Island.
- Professor Michael Z. Murphy, of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Language Department, had his poem “Sonnet: A Diet Coke Found After a Million Years” published in *Nebo: A Literary Journal Fall 2011, Vol. 30, No. 1* issue, a publication of the Department of English at Arkansas Tech University.
- Professor John McDermott, of the English/Modern Languages/Fine Arts Department, presented a workshop called “Presenting Poems Out Loud” at St. Mary’s High School in Elizabeth, NJ in January 2012. Professor McDermott also volunteered his time reading poetry and as a judge in the preliminary round of competition.

- Adjunct Professor Debra Scheibe, of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Language Department, recently published a novella entitled *Avilon* published by LULU Press, March 2012. This eBook is a story about an autistic man in his 40's who lives at home with his parents and the various joys and tension encountered.
- Professor John McDermott, of the English/Modern Languages/Fine Arts Department, was a workshop leader for the annual Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation "Giving Voice" session in Summit, NJ in March 2012. 'Giving Voice' is a program where "Dodge Poets" lead workshops, in different locations, to help high school teachers reconnect to their love of poetry.
- Adjunct Professor Joseph S. Pizzo, of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, has his poem entitled "Cultural Disconnect" published in the annual *New Jersey English Journal*. The poem addresses the theme of "The Effect of Classics-only Classes on YA (Young Adult Fiction) Readers."
- Adjunct Professor Ivan Rubin, of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, conducted interviews at the NY International Auto Show, National Automotive Technology Competition (NATC) held at the Jacob Javits Center, New York, NY in April 2012.
- Dr. Susannah Chewning, Senior Professor of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, gave a presentation at the 35th Annual New Jersey College English Association Conference held at Seton Hall University, in South Orange, NJ in April 2012. Dr. Chewning's paper was entitled, "The Romance of Anchoritism: The Development of the AB Language in Early English Devotional Texts."
- Assistant Professor Michael Z. Murphy of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, delivered the keynote address at the New Jersey Counseling Association Annual Conference held at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, NJ in April 2012. Professor Murphy's topic was "The Ten Worst Listening Habits."
- Dr. Susannah Chewning, Senior Professor of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, presented her paper, *Pearl and the Critics* and hosted two roundtables at the International Congress on Medieval Studies, held at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI in May 2012. The roundtables topics were "Queer Pedagogy" and "Anchoritic Guidance Texts in the Modern Classroom."
- Associate Professor June Pomann, of the Institute for Intensive English Department, presented "Travel With Me: Enhancing Self-Motivation" at the National 'On Course' Conference held in Long Beach, CA in April 2012.

- Dr. Susannah Chewning, Senior Professor of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, presented “From Generation Y to Generation Z: Reaching Today’s Students” at the National ‘On Course’ Conference held in Long Beach, CA, in April 2012.
- Ms. Beata Mourad, MA, of the Chemistry Department, received the President’s Volunteer Service Award for 2011 for volunteering at the So Shim Sa Zen group which provides services to people seeking to advance their personal growth, spirituality, and overall well-being. Ms. Mourad volunteered over 200 hours in 2011.
- Professor John McDermott, of the English/Modern Languages/Fine Arts Department, gave workshops and critiques at the annual Somerset County Teen Arts Festival held at Raritan Valley Community College in Somerville, NJ in May 2012.
- Professor Robert Yoskowitz, of the English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages Department, had three of his photographic images on display at the ‘hpgrp Gallery’ in a group exhibition entitled, “Beyond One Lens-Over a Hundred Eyes” in New York, NY in May/June 2012.
- Professor John McDermott, of the English/Modern Languages/Fine Arts Department, was workshop leader for the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation event “Common Gathering” a Saturday of workshops for teachers from all locations of ‘Giving Voice’ (an annual Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation program) were invited to attend and there were readings by a nationally known poet, in Princeton, NJ in May 2012.
- Dr. Lawrence Hogan, of the Economics/Government/History Department, was selected as an NEH Summer Scholar from a national applicant pool to attend one of six NEH Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshops. The National Endowment for the Humanities is a federal agency that each year supports summer study opportunities so that faculty can work in collaboration with experts in humanities disciplines. Dr. Hogan will participate in a workshop entitled, “ALONG THE SHORE: Changing and Preserving the Continuity of Brooklyn’s Industrial Waterfront.”
- Dr. Jack Patuto, of the Biology and Allied Health Department, has been an active member of Doctors Without Borders for many years. He has spent time in Haiti with the Hope for Haiti Teach that was established by the Greater Shiloh church in June 2011. The team is composed of medical staff and clergy from several churches and organizations in Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey. They all have one thing in common, “the love of the people.” They all wanted to lend a helping hand to the people of Haiti and show their support and love during the restoration process of the nation. Dr. Patuto will be heading back to Haiti in June to continue his work.