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University formalizes institute, center change

University officials on March 17 formally opened the Institute for Social Inclusion and approved a new name for another center to reflect its expanded role in the region.

The changes were announced during a meeting to sign documents recognizing the changes, including renaming the Center for Land Use to the Center for Land Use and Sustainability.

The Institute for Social Inclusion (INSINC) is dedicated to advancing and supporting activities that promote the social inclusion of vulnerable populations such as people with disabilities, people of color, LGBT populations, the elderly, children and youth, women, migrant populations and people in poverty.

In keeping with its primary goal, INSINC develops and supports programs that cultivate and support social inclusion. It provides an interdisciplinary support environment to assist and promote the work of faculty members from various departments who conduct research or are engaged in policy and program development related to social inclusion. INSINC will also provide opportunities for student research as well as training for both students and the broader local community.

Its co-directors are Dr. Marita Flagler, associate professor of social work and gerontology, and Dr. Jennifer Clements, professor of social work and gerontology. More information is available at its website at <http://www.ship.edu/insinc>.

The Center for Land Use and Sustainability (CLUS) was renamed to reflect its mission to support science-based solutions to interdisciplinary sustainability challenges. The center leverages the expertise of Shippensburg faculty, staff, and students to promote sustainable land use, economic development, and communities at local, regional, and global scales.

Current projects include research related to the Delaware River Basin, the I-81 Corridor Coalition Committee and Integrate, a new initiative to cultivate sustainability through general education coursework, professional development, and high-impact co-curricular programming and career development at the university.

The center was established in 2003 to promote sound land use and community planning to enhance the quality of life throughout South Central Pennsylvania. Its programs have included sponsored workshops, conferences, technical assistance, community education programs, faculty research efforts and the placement of interns.

Its goals are to promote applied interdisciplinary research on issues related to land use and sustainability, to support affordable, sustainable solutions in our local, regional, and global communities, and to create professional development opportunities for faculty and staff, and high-impact learning experiences for students.

Its director is Dr. Claire Jantz, professor of geography/earth science. More information is available at its website at <http://centerforlanduse.org>.

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Dr. **Wendy S. Becker**, professor of management, and senior Colleen Hanson presented their research “Use of an Immersive Exercise to Increase Student Awareness of Risky Decision-Making” at the Eastern Psychological Association Conference March 5 in New York City.

Dr. **Gwendolyn Durham**, assistant professor of teacher education, accompanied the Martin Luther King Academic Retention Program and Shippensburg University-Pennsylvania State Education Association student groups to Ben Chambers Elementary School for a service project during which the students helped assemble and stuff 300 bags for kindergarten students in the Chambersburg Area School District. She also accompanied MLK students to the Black History Month Hope Station Community Outreach Program in Carlisle and presented at the 46th Annual Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education “Examining Institutional Barriers Towards Inclusion and Success in Higher Education: Where we are Now and Where Are We Going?” Her presentation was “Reading Self-Efficacy Levels and Minority Students.”

Dr. **Jerry Fowler**, associate professor of educational leadership and special education, completed approximately 42 hours of professional development workshops over a three-month period for the middle school and secondary faculties of the Harrisburg School District. The workshops focused on word acquisition and academic vocabulary development with at-risk and marginalized student populations. He also conducted four hours of training with teacher aides on school law for the Shippensburg Area School District. In March he will be an invited participant in a statewide panel convened by the Pennsylvania Secretary of Education to discuss administrator effectiveness to create a culture and organizational structures that ensure the quality of PreK-3rd grade learning.

Dr. **Robert L. Hale**, professor of behavioral neuroscience, in February completed an invited review for Oxford University Press of a proposed undergraduate statistics textbook.

Dr. **Robert Lesman**, associate professor of Spanish, published the article “‘Al mapa le digo no’: la imagen de la isla como resistencia al neocolonialismo en la obra poética de Manuel del Cabral” in *Revista de Crítica Literaria Latinoamericana*, as well as two poems in the Spanish online literary magazine *Ariadna*. He also joined the editorial board of *CubanaBooks*, which publishes the work of contemporary Cuban women writers.

Dr. **Luis Melara**, associate professor of mathematics, was an invited participant in the roundtable discussion on “Best Practices for Effective Teaching on a South and Central Asian Campus” during the South and Central Asian Fulbright Conference in Jaipur, India Feb. 29 to March 2. He also gave the presentation “On the role of optimization in computational and applied mathematics” in the School of Basic Sciences at the Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar March 16. He is a Fulbright-Nehru Scholar at the Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar.

Dr. **Matthew R. Shupp**, NCC, DCC, assistant professor in counseling and college student personnel, was recently a co-recipient of the ACPA-College Student Educators International’s Commission for Professional Preparation faculty research award during the association’s annual convention in Montreal for his work investigating the development and validation of an inclusive supervision inventory for student affairs professionals. Shupp was a member of the 2016 Next Gen Conference Committee which provides an opportunity for undergraduate, full-time master’s students and new student affairs practitioners to meet and learn from current graduate preparation program faculty. He was the faculty moderator for the panel presentation “Transition To and Making the Most Out of Graduate School.” While in Montreal, Shupp was a featured faculty panelist for the program “Practitioner to Faculty: An Exploration of Narratives” which unpacked the narratives of several current faculty who served as student affairs practitioners before transitioning to their faculty roles. He also co-presented the research paper “Multicultural Competence: Barriers to Demonstrating Inclusive Supervision Practices.” Shupp recently contributed the book chapter

“Creating healthy college climates through intentionality of practice” in *Invitational Education and Practice in Higher Education*.

Dr. **Cheryl A. Slattery**, associate professor of teacher education, presented at the 60th Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society “Six Decades of Comparative and International Education—Taking Stock and Looking Forward” in Vancouver March 6 to 10. She presented “The Big Bang theory of literacy: Best practices for teaching literacy in international settings.”

Justice lecture

Dr. George Lipsitz will present “Justice for Freddie Gray: Why the Humanities Matter Now” at 7:30 p.m. in Old Main Chapel. The event is free and open to the public.

Lipsitz’s talk will focus on the significance of the humanities in the fight for social justice.

Lipsitz teaches in the Department of Black Studies and the Department of Sociology at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He received his Ph.D. in history from the University of Wisconsin and has taught and studied about social inequity and the struggle for justice for nearly four decades. He is chair of the board of directors of the African American Policy Forum and is a member of the board of directors of the National Fair Housing Alliance.

The event is sponsored by the Department of History and Philosophy and the Black Heritage Committee.

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Grads rank high in 2015 CPA exam passage rate

John L. Grove College of Business ranked in the top 40 nationally for the third consecutive year among mid-sized programs in the success rate of its graduates taking the certified public accountant exam, according to a recent report.

The report by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) showed that SU ranked 32nd out of 266 schools whose graduates passed the national CPA exam on their first try last year.

NASBA includes Shippensburg in its medium-sized schools category, which encompasses programs that have between 21 and 60 graduates taking all or some of the four-part exam.

Shippensburg graduates had a passing rate of 64.8 percent for 2015. The overall passing rate nationally for AACSB accredited schools was 54 percent, for schools in the Middle States region it was 50.8 percent, and for programs in Pennsylvania the first time passing rate was 55.4 percent.

According to Dr. John Kooti, dean of Grove College, “This is another example of the impact of Grove College on its students and the accounting profession. Our accounting students are academically prepared and professionally ready by the time they graduate. Academically and professionally qualified faculty and caring staff along with a rigorous curriculum accommodated by impactful internship program prepare our graduates to excel.”

Grove College has about 300 students enrolled in the BSBA degree in accounting, Kooti said.

In addition to the BSBA degree in accounting, the university also offers a five-year BSBA/MBA program in accounting. An accelerated BSBA/MBA program is designed for students who are qualified on the basis of scholastic aptitude, academic performance, and accounting, work-related experience.

Grove College continues to be one of the top business colleges in the nation. AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, recently reaccredited the college. Less than five percent of the world’s 13,000 business programs have earned AACSB accreditation.

In 1981, Grove College became the first school in Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education and the ninth college overall in Pennsylvania to become internationally accredited by AACSB International. The college was established in 1971 and has earned a reputation as one of the premier business schools in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Film screening set for March 22

“Lady Valor: The Kristin Beck Story” will be shown March 22. The screening of the documentary film will begin at 4 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

Beck served for 20 years in the U.S. Navy SEALs before her transition, and took part in 13 deployments, including seven combat deployments. She was a member of the United States Naval Special Warfare Development Group, a special counter-terrorism unit popularly called SEAL Team Six, and received multiple military awards and decorations, including a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart.

In 2013 she published her memoir *Warrior Princess: A U.S. Navy SEAL’s Journey to Coming Out Transgender*.

A civil rights activist, Beck is a key voice in the fight to end discrimination toward the LGBT community. She is running for Congress in Maryland’s 5th Congressional District.

The event is sponsored by the university’s LGBTQ+ Concerns Committee, Women’s and Gender Studies Program, the departments of social work and gerontology, and counseling and college student personnel, the Office of Social Equity, and Statewide PASSHE Women’s Consortium

For more information, contact Dr. Jayleen Galarza at jgalarza@ship.edu or Dr. Matthew Shupp at mrshupp@ship.edu.

Faculty reading

Dr. Cathy Dibello will read selections from her latest textbook March 24. The reading, free and open to the public, is at 3:30 p.m. in Dauphin Humanities Center 051.

Connecting Through Writing is a bilingual composition textbook written for students in Taiwan. Many textbooks used to teach English in Taiwan are designed for use by students learning English in the United States or in England. *Connecting Through Writing* integrates elements of Taiwan’s popular culture like food, shopping and music into the text offering Taiwanese students a more relevant learning approach.

Dibello, professor of English, has taught at Shippensburg since 1983. This co-written book is her fourth textbook.

The event is sponsored by the English Department Professional Development Committee.

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Committee name change

The GLBT Concerns Committee recently voted to change its campus committee name to the LGBTQ+ Concerns Committee.

Drs. Matthew R. Shupp and Jayleen Galarza, co-chairs of the committee, said “The committee felt that, in order to stay as up-to-date with the most recent terminology and be as inclusive as we possibly can to our campus constituents, our committee name needed to reflect such a commitment.”

LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer) as an initialism is an attempt at recognizing myriad of complex and intersecting identities within this population. Yet, it is not an entirely-inclusive term. For example, individuals with a spectrum of additional identities often go unnamed and may feel further marginalized with the singular, overarching usage of LGBTQ+. The committee recently added a “Definitions” link on its website.

For more information, go to <https://www.ship.edu/LGBTQ>.

Coming soon . . .

- March 22** Screening of documentary “Lady Valor: The Kristin Beck Story,”
4 p.m., Memorial Auditorium.
- 24** Reading by Dr. Cathy Dibello, professor of English, 3:30 p.m.,
Dauphin Humanities Center 051.
Chapel Series featuring pianist Dr. Nanette Solomon, 7:30 p.m.,
Old Main Chapel.
- 25** Baseball hosts Lock Haven, 1, 3 p.m.
- 28** Dr. George Lipsitz will present “Justice for Freddie Gray: Why the
Humanities Matter Now,” 7:30 p.m., Old Main Chapel.
- 29** Baseball hosts Shepherd, 3 p.m.
Lacrosse hosts Millersville, 4 p.m.
- 30** Tennis hosts Bloomsburg, 4 p.m.
- April 1** Baseball hosts Mansfield, 1, 3 p.m.
Lacrosse hosts Gannon, 3 p.m.
- 2** Women’s Chorale and String Ensemble concert, 2 p.m., OM Chapel.
Tennis hosts Cheyney, 2 p.m.
Lacrosse hosts Mercyhurst, 3 p.m.
Million Dollar Quartet, 7:30 p.m., H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts
Center. For tickets and information, call 477-SHOW or go to
luhrscenter.com.
- 3** SU Woodwind Ensemble concert, 3 p.m., Old Main Chapel.

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