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As we continue our transformation to integrated clusters, we continue to build out a timeline to aid in our planning and progress. Additional steps were explored during a recent planning forum with chairs, guides, and other campus leaders, which is discussed in more detail below. We will continue developing and adjusting the timeline, adding detail to the next few years and scoping out three additional years, to paint a fuller picture of our transformation. [The most up-to-date timeline lives here on the Integrated Clusters website.](#)

Faculty, this year's Work Plan form [can be found here](#) with instructions.

A campus forum on March 15th explored the concerns faculty and staff were having about the transition to integrated clusters. Through a survey more than 160 concerns were raised. During the forum, the *10 concerns* receiving the most votes were discussed by 75 faculty and staff. Three of the concerns were about making progress. [Goal setting, timelines, and specific plans](#) were strong recommendations coming out of that session. On March 29th, there was a follow up forum with more than 50 department chairs, staff directors, program coordinators, PAT/OS/Faculty speakers, and Cabinet members that participated in a forum to explore progress made to date and identify activities to be completed over the next 6-9 months. Areas of activity related to curriculum development; instructional delivery and logistics; general education; facility development; external partnerships; and recruitment and retention. With a foundation of progress and collective understanding of where we are, the group moved into identifying next steps related to these areas as well as where in the institution these steps could be addressed or carried out. Photos and reports of this information can be found on the [Integrated Clusters website](#).

The next Campus Forum will address topics related to curriculum and will leverage information from the Curriculum Committee's ongoing work and insights from recent forums. The committee is holding this forum on Tuesday, April 18th from 2:00-4:00pm in Heritage Commons, all are encouraged to attend.

We hope you'll join as many of these conversations as you are able. They aid us in building community and a shared vision for our future. Please hold the following dates on your calendar to actively participate in Campus Forums:

- Tuesday, April 18, 2:00-4:00pm on Curriculum
- Friday, April 28, 9:30-11:30am on Proposed Structure(s)
- Friday, May 12, 2:00-4:00pm on Finances

We continue to make forward progress in launching integrated cluster projects. There are more than 3,600 students participating in dozens of projects submitted by over 40 faculty members, many of which have an open lab component. As a reminder, project funding continues into next year as an investment to get projects started. We encourage you to submit project proposals now; the next two project proposal submittal deadlines are April 14th and May 15th. [Ross Humer](#) is a resource for the proposal process and [Stephanie Oleson](#) can answer questions related to budgets. [Click here](#) for project proposal and completion forms.

Dates have been identified for New Faculty Orientation, University Days, and events leading up to the fall term. Please review and save the following event dates:

- August 21-22, New Faculty Orientation
- August 23-25, University Days
- August 28-30, Campus Cluster Events
- August 31, Department Retreats
- September 1-4, Panther Days
- September 5, First Day of Classes

There are some exciting and productive accomplishments that have been made by faculty, staff, and students. Please take a moment to look at what all of your colleagues have been doing.

Atmospheric Science & Chemistry

- **Jessica Morgan** has a new publication: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11224-016-0871-1>
- **Brendon Hoch** was interviewed by Adam Sexton for a story on NHDOT road weather sensors which aired on WMUR. The story also included footage of the Plymouth State Weather Center electronic mapwall.
Link: <http://www.wmur.com/article/sensors-monitor-slippery-roads-during-winter-storms/8973010>
- **Anil Waghe and Aparna Waghe** from Atmospheric Science and Chemistry department served as judges for New Hampshire Technology Student Association (NH-TSA) state conference held at Attitash Grand Resort, Bartlett, NH on March 23-24, 2017. About two hundred middle and high school students from New Hampshire competed in STEM related events and participated in leadership activities.
- During spring break, **Dennis Machnik** spent three days at Park View Middle School in Cranston RI, doing 19 planetarium programs for over 600 students. He is scheduled to be at Danbury Elementary in NH on Thursday 3/30/17.

Biological Sciences

- **Heather Doherty** was awarded a RAC grant for her project: "*Discovery and association of naturally occurring CTGF genetic variants to cardiovascular disease phenotypes in an ethnically diverse Framingham Heart Study cohort*"

Center for Business and Community Partnerships

- **By the numbers:** So far this year, a total of **286 students** have been prepared and placed with **over 100 industry partners** in high impact learning experiences (internships, service learning, co-op, community service). The Center is currently working with faculty to facilitate **three externally-funded projects** with various partners and organize **four industry-driven MOUs**, the details of which will emerge as they become finalized. Stay tuned!
- The CBCP often receives **requests from industry partners** who are looking for help from clusters/students/faculty. Right now, we've been asked to conduct an economic impact study and a manufacturing facility (real estate) assessment. If you are interested in learning more about either of these projects, please contact **Ben Amsden**.
- Please mark your calendars for the annual Student Showcase of Excellence, which will be held on April 20 in the HUB. This is PSU's premier event for student scholarship, and we're pleased to have received over 100 abstracts for posters and presentations – a new showcase record!
- **Rachelle Lyons** was named an FYS fellow for the 2017-2018 academic year.
- **Paige Schoppmann**, one of the CBCP's student leaders coordinating a service trip to Peru, was selected into the Newman Civic Fellows class for 2017 (made up of 273 community-committed students representing Campus Compact member colleges and universities from 39 states and Washington, DC.)
- **Jess Dutille** and **Casey Krafton** attended the Eastern Region Campus Compact Conference at NYU.
- **Ben Amsden** attended the spring meeting of the Food Solutions New England Network Design Team. This group, led by the UNH Sustainability Institute, is exploring opportunities to develop food system partnerships in the areas of sustainable agriculture and food justice.
- **Jess Dutille** and students, **Taylor Fournier, Olivia Kelly, Kyle Kosiorek, Nicole Lund, Emily McLaughlin, and Ashlyn Szabo**, presented to classes at Plymouth Elementary school in March and April about their experience on the International Service Trip to Jamaica this past January.

- **Ben Amsden** was invited to the March meeting of the New Hampshire – Canada Trade Council to discuss PSU's role in an upcoming economic development conference that is part of **Katharine Harrington's** Bienvene New Hampshire program. The CBCP and the Bienvenue project also welcomed **Vicki Cimino**, Director of NH's Division of Travel and Tourism Development, to campus to discuss a partnership in support of area tourism.
- **Casey Krafton** will be advising the 2018 International Service Trip to Trinidad and Tobago. **Emily McLaughlin** will be the Student Coordinator, and the applications for this trip will be due in early April. For more information, contact Casey.
- Student coordinators **Jared Sharpe** and **Abby Huston** planned and implemented a successful blood drive in late February. **Casey Krafton** is planning for another blood drive for April 24-25th.
- **Casey Krafton**, along with three student leaders, **Alexis Bolduc**, **Maria Nacopoulos**, and **Abby Huston**, facilitated three Alternative Spring Break trips this past month. Student Coordinator, Alexis Bolduc, led the trip to the Manatee Observation and Education Center in Florida. Casey Krafton was the adviser on this trip. Student Coordinator, Maria Nacopoulos, led the Habitat for Humanity trip in Alabama, which was advised by **Nicole Cartier**. Student Coordinator, Abby Huston, led a trip working with Break a Difference in Maryland, which was advised by **Mark Casale**.
- **Jess Dutille** and **Casey Krafton** are helping organize the third annual Community Conversation Share Fair. The event will take place on April 20th, and provides an opportunity for the representatives of our region's many community-based organizations to come together in a sociable atmosphere to enjoy a health pot-luck meal, exchange information, share successes or challenges and identify opportunities to work together.

Center for the Environment

- The 10th annual **New Hampshire Water and Watershed Conference (NHWWC)** held on March 24 at PSU was a big success. We thank the Conference Committee, chaired by **June Hammond Rowan (ESP)** and aided by **Carrie Greenough* (ESP)**, for developing a program of 30 oral presentations, 13 posters, and a demonstration of a watershed planning tool. The well-attended program (185 people) included representatives from academia, government, consulting firms, and non-profit organizations. A total of 19 sponsors and vendors contributed to the occasion. The amazing plenary talk by Tom Burack, former Commissioner of NHDES, was well worth the registration price alone. CFE would like to thank the HUB staff, Sodexo, and Facility Services for all their help with the event.
- **CFE** participated as sponsor of the Wild & Scenic Film Festival put on by OES at the Flying Monkey. Thanks to grad students **Klancey Burford* (ESP)** and **Carrie Greenough*** for attending the tables.
- **Mark Green (ESP)** presented a guest lecture on forest hydrology to the Ecosystem Ecology graduate course at the University of Maine.
- **Jason Cordeira (ASC)** presented "Hydrometeorology of the California Oroville Dam Spillway Incident in February 2017" at the 42nd Northeastern Storms Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY on 10-12 March 2017.
- **Jason Cordeira** was a co-author on two presentations at the 42nd Northeastern Storms Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY on 10-12 March 2017 by **Joe Cebulko (16G ASC)**, now at the National Weather Service in Albany, NY) on "A Climatology of Inverted Troughs over the Gulf of Maine" and by Nicholas Metz (Hobart and William Smith Colleges) on "Multiscale Upstream Precursors to the Elevated Mixed Layer and High-Impact Weather over the Midwest U.S."
- **Jason Cordeira** gave an invited seminar on "The Emergence of Atmospheric Rivers in Global Hydrometeorology" at the University of Manchester in Manchester, England, United Kingdom on 23 March 2017.
- **Donovan King (16G BIO)**, **Kerry Yurewicz (BIO)**, & **Mark Green**. A Time Series Observation of Two Stream Communities – oral presentation to the New England Association of Environmental Biologists (NEAEB) in Hartford, CT, March 14-16, 2017.
- **June Hammond Rowan**, **Carolyn Greenough***, **Rebecca Hanson* (ESP)**, & **Matthew Mazzone* (ESP)**. Outcomes from Stakeholder Interviews for the Squam Lakes Watershed Plan – poster presentation to the NHWWC at PSU, March 24 2017.
- **Larry Spencer (BIO, emeritus)**. The View from Mt. Prospect: An analysis of the role that Mt. Prospect plays in the Pemigewasset Watershed – poster presentation to the NHWWC at PSU, March 24 2017.
- **Joe Boyer (ESP)** chaired the session on Pollutants at the NHWWC at PSU, March 24 2017.
- **Amy Villamagna (ESP) & Allison Young* (MET)** presented final results on the "Water Quality and Transportation in Winnepesaukee Watershed" project sponsored by Lakes Region Planning Commission to the NH DOT Technical Advisory Committee.

- **Laura Getts* (ESP) & Amy Villamagna** led a workshop to further the development and validation of a statewide bikeability model as part of the NH DOT funded project, entitled "Active Transportation Accounting".
- **Roy Fruit* (ESP), Brigid O'Donnell, Amy Villamagna.** Quantification of HSP70 Expression in Mayflies: A Novel Bioindicator of Road Salt Pollution – oral presentation to the NEAEB in Hartford, CT, March 14-16, 2017.
- **Anju Shrestha* (ESP), Mark Green, & Joe Boyer.** Phosphorus Transport to Squam Lake During Storm Events – poster presentation to the NEAEB in Hartford, CT, March 14-16, 2017.
- **Thomas Lafortune (ESP)** & Amy Villamagna.** Air and Stream Temperature Relationship and Influence on Thermally Sensitive Macroinvertebrates in New Hampshire streams – poster presentation to the NEAEB in Hartford, CT, March 14-16, 2017.
- **Carrie Greenough*** chaired the NHWWC poster session at PSU, March 24, 2017.
- **Anju Shrestha*, Mark Green, & Joe Boyer.** Phosphorus Transport to Squam Lake During Storm Events – oral presentation to NHWWC at PSU, March 24, 2017.
- **Klancey Burford* & Shannon Rogers (ESP).** Examining Methods of Ecosystem Services Valuation to Better Inform Watershed Policy – poster presentation to NHWWC at PSU, March 24, 2017.
- **Noah El-Naboulsi* (ESP) & Shannon Rogers.** Characteristics that Influence Level of Concern in the Great Bay Estuary Watershed – poster presentation to NHWWC at PSU, March 24, 2017.
- **Rebecca Hanson*.** Modeling Phosphorus Fluxes in the Squam Watershed – poster presentation to NHWWC at PSU, March 24, 2017.
- **Roy Fruit*, Matthew Mazzone*, Ryan Duquette**, Thomas Lafortune**, Amy Villamagna, & Brigid O'Donnell.** Examining the Effects of Climate Change and Road Salt Usage on NH's Benthic Macroinvertebrates – poster presentation to NHWWC at PSU, March 24, 2017.
- **Tyson Morrill* (BIO), Amy Villamagna & Brigid O'Donnell.** Restoring flow in the Beebe River: Implications for Eastern Brook Trout – poster presentation to NHWWC @ PSU, March 24, 2017.
- **Mark Green** received \$62,500 as modification to the USFS JVA to measure moisture in surface soils and dead wood in the context of forest fire prediction and prevention.
- The PSU Research Advisory Council awarded **Jason Cordeira** \$6,503 to engage students in observing atmospheric river events (and their extreme precipitation) over New Hampshire during 2017-2018.
- **Tyler Simonds* (ESP)** received the 2017 Graduate Summer Fellowship from the Kezar Lake Watershed Association. The \$3,000 award is for service to the Climate Change Observatory run by KLWA in Maine.
- **Eric Kelsey (ASC)** received funding from the National Science Foundation LTER: Long-Term Ecological Research at the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest project. \$133,000 Project Period 3/1/2017 – 2/28/2023. He and **Dan Evans (CFE)** will process and manage data from the HBEF eddy covariance tower on CO₂ flux and also maintain and repair the equipment.
- **Burge, D.O., T.R. Stoughton (BIO) and D.D. Jolles (BIO).** 2017. Soil Chemistry Patterns in an Edaphic Endemism Hotspot: the Pebble Plains of the San Bernardino Mountains, California. *Madroño* 64(1): 9-21.

Center for School Partnerships and Educator Preparation

- **Megan Birch and Cheryl Baker**, with the support of many faculty members and staff, submitted a self-study of all initial teacher preparation programs to the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation.

College of Business Administration

- **Dr. Chen Wu** presented his paper (with Dr. Li Su), *Entry/Exit Behavior and Employment by Foreign Firms in China: The Role of Provincial Investment-Promotion Policies*, at the 43rd annual meetings of Eastern Economic Association (EEA) in New York City in February 2017. EEA is an organization of active scholars/researchers in all subfields of economics from universities/institutions all over the country. The annual conference of EEA has national impacts and is the biggest comprehensive scholarly event in economics in our region.
- **Dr. Chen Wu's** recent research study, "Competing for Foreign Direct Investment: The Case of Local Governments in China" (with Dr. Gregory Burge), was published at *Public Finance Review* (PFR) in March 2017. PFR is a highly reputable and widely indexed peer-reviewed academic journal with high impact factors. It presents rigorous empirical and theoretical papers on public economic policies, as well as examining and critiquing their impacts and consequences, for economists, policy makers and political scientists. The published article explores the effects of locally adopted economic development zones and government spending promoting foreign affairs on foreign direct

investment (FDI)–related employment in Chinese provinces. The findings highlight the importance of crowd-out effects and agglomeration spillovers, and that coordinating FDI promotion policy across regions may compare favorably to the current approach, which mainly encourages local competition over a largely fixed pool of aggregate FDI (<http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1091142117698015>).

- **Professor Chantalle Forgues** presented her paper “Traps for the Unwary Commercial Drone User” at the annual North American Business Law Association conference at Babson College.
- **Professor Chantalle Forgues** published, "Supreme Court At-a-Glance" in the *New Hampshire Bar News* on March 22, 2017, reviewing recent decisions of the New Hampshire Supreme Court.
- On March 16th, MAPS students participated in the AMA SABRE Business Simulation competing against 36 other colleges and universities for over a full day of intense competition. MAPS students earned first place, making them national champions for the SABRE business simulation. In addition to this win, MAPS student **Matt Puleo** was ranked third place in the National Sales Competition. Overall MAPS was able to earn a top 25 finish out of 384 participating colleges and universities, and is considered a Chapter of Excellence across all 6 key competitive areas including membership, fundraising, professional development, community and social impact, communications, and chapter operations.
- MAPS has been selected as this year’s recipient of the Campus Compact for New Hampshire PSU President’s Student Leadership Award. “This award is given to a student or student organization who has made service an integral part of the college experience as evidenced through contribution to the community.” It is no surprise that this group was selected. They continue to strive to serve our community both here on campus and off. This is a great honor for MAPS, and well deserved.
- This month has been hugely successful for our Enactus student organization as well. Plymouth State Enactus placed as one of the four winning teams at the Enactus Regional Competition in Chicago. Enactus will go on to the National competition in Kansas City next month. Congratulations to Enactus for their continued success in their entrepreneurial spirit to make a difference in our community.
- Congratulations to **Jake Becker** and **Lea Thompson** for competing in the University of Toledo Collegiate Sales Competition. Both Jake and Lea made it all the way to the quarter finals. This was the first time PSU has competed in this competition, so this was a huge accomplishment for both students.

Communication & Media Studies

- Two of **Scott Coykendall’s** poems have been accepted for publication. COG, a literary magazine, will publish his poems "Rough Night" and "Moth and Wren" in their Spring issue.
- **Mary Beth Ray** is presenting a paper titled “Artists & Accomplices in Fair Trade Music Culture” at the Popular Culture Association & American Culture Association (PCA/ACA) Conference in the Internet Culture Area's session “Community Work & Non Work: Media Co-Production”. The conference takes place in San Diego, CA, April 12-15, 2017.

Counselor Education and School Psychology Department

- **Robin Hausheer**, presented research at the National Evidence-Based School Counseling Conference in San Diego, CA. The presentation was titled *Evaluation of School Counselor Facilitated Individual and Combined Alcohol Intervention Programs for Ninth Grade Students*. Participants included school counselors, social workers, and clinical mental health providers throughout the country.
- **Christina Flanders** presented a mini-skills workshop with two other school psychologists on February 24th at the National Association of School Psychologists' national convention in San Antonio, Texas. The workshop was titled, "Track and Graph Your Behavioral Data with Ease and Efficiency."
- **Christina Flanders** and doctoral student Michael Whaland presented a full-day workshop on March 10th titled, "Improving Grit and Growth Mindset in Children and Youth." This was the first of three workshops to be offered through the ED&S cluster project, PSU's Workshop Series: Topics, Techniques, and Tools for Teachers and School Professionals.
- **Cynthia Waltman** was a guest on Education Talk Radio hosted by Larry Jacobs. The title of the show was How Social Emotional Learning Affects Academics.
- **Cynthia Waltman, Christina Flanders**, and school psychology graduate student Esther Wakefield led a discussion about NH Work-Study Practices at the March 28 Annual Summit of the Rural Educational Leaders Network on March 29. The summit included a tour of the New England Wire Technologies facility in Lisbon, NH.

- **Cynthia Waltman, Christina Flanders, and Jonas Taub** attended the annual conference of the National Association of School Psychologists in San Antonio, TX. Their HRSA grant provided funding for four school psychology students who attended the conference. The students are Megan Athanasiou, Corrie-Nicole Charland, Katie Misiaszek, and Teneil Torino.
- **Cynthia Waltman and Christina Flanders** presented workshops titled "New Hampshire Work-Study Practices and Social Emotional Learning: Senate Bill 48: An Act Relative to School Performance and Accountability" at the Lakes Region School Superintendents Meeting in Laconia, NH and to Plymouth School Counselors in SAU 48.
- The school psychology program earned full accreditation from the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) in February. Cynthia Waltman reports that the program has been approved by ISPA to pursue accreditation from the International School Psychology Association (ISPA).
- **Dr. Mike Mariska** and Clinical Mental Health Counseling graduate student Desmond Stern were awarded a research grant at the American Counseling Association national conference on March 18th. This grant, awarded by the Association for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues in Counseling, was given to assist in their ongoing research study titled: "Reactive Shielding in Transgender Clients".
- Fifteen graduate counseling students attended the annual American Counseling Association Conference in San Francisco. Support was provided by the department's HRSA Grants.
- **Gary Goodnough** presented a workshop titled: *Changes in the 2016 ASCA Code of Ethics* to the New Hampshire Directors of School Counseling.
- **Jonas Taub**, lecturer in school psychology, has been invited to serve as the NH Credentialing Liaison to the NASP Credentialing committee.

Department of Physical Therapy

- The Doctor of Physical Therapy program will welcome its first cohort of students this upcoming June, we anticipate a full class of 30 after a successful admission cycle (187 completed applications were reviewed).
- **Kelly Legacy** is the Project Manager of a recently funded Cluster project titled "Staging a Clinical Performance" working collaboratively with the Nursing and Counselor Ed/Psych Programs within the Health & Human Enrichment Cluster, and with the Music, Theater, and Dance Programs within the Arts & Technology Cluster.
- **Sean Collins** was named Editor-in-Chief of the Cardiopulmonary Physical Therapy Journal, the official journal of the cardiovascular and pulmonary section of the American Physical Therapy Association.
- **Sean Collins** published three papers with colleagues:
 - Daley D, Miller M, Collins SM. Vital Signs Prior to Pre-Employment and Functional Testing: An observational study. *Cardiopulm Phys Ther J.* 2017:63-71.
 - Zaidi SN, Collins SM. Orthostatic stress and area under the curve of photoplethysmography waveform. *Biomedical Physics and Engineering Express.* 2016/2 045006
 - Zaidi S, Collins SM. Orthostatic Stress Induced Changes in Heart Rate Variability , Pulse Transit Time and QRS Duration. *Journal of Bioengineering & Biomedical Science,* 2016:6(3).
- **Sean Collins** had abstracts presented at the APTA Combined Sections Meeting:
 - Dias K, Collins SM, Mooney B, Hogan B, Grado B; Regenold E, Boeckmann R. An Investigation of Energy Expenditure for Six Routine Physical Therapy Activities in Healthy College Aged Individuals. APTA Combined Sections Meeting, San Antonio, Texas. February 2017.
 - Dias K, Collins SM. Discoveries in Frontloading Home Physical Therapy Visits for Patients with Heart Failure. APTA Combined Sections Meeting, San Antonio, Texas. February 2017.
- **Sean Collins** was named the 2018 Linda Crane Lecture Awardee by the Cardiopulmonary Section and Education Section of the American Physical Therapy Association, a national award given to acknowledge an individual who has made outstanding and enduring contributions to the practice of physical therapy.
- **Sean Collins and Kelly Legacy** presented a workshop to physical therapists affiliated with the New Hampshire Association of Rehabilitation Administrators titled:
 - Advanced Differential Diagnosis: Cause, models and inference when screening for referral

Elementary Education & Childhood Studies

- **Brian Walker** wrote the grant, and accepted the award for the the North Country Teacher Certification Program. The Neil and Louise Tillotson Foundation awarded the North Country Teacher Certification Program a \$66,000 grant for the Spring 2018 semester. This grant will provide student support stipends to each teacher candidate during their

Internship in Student Teaching. Students enrolled in the North Country Teacher Certification Program will be awarded up to \$5,000 to help defray the additional costs associated with student teaching.

- **Dr. Alison Wenhart** presented a Civics and Government session entitled, "The Problem Won't Solve Itself: Let Students Do It!" at the 96th annual National Council for the Social Studies Conference in Washington, DC.
- **Dr. Alison Wenhart** and her students, Jocelyn Myrdek and Kate-Lynn Fritz, attended the Association of Curriculum and Development in Anaheim, California. They had the opportunity to present the leadership work they have been doing at PSU to the attendees at this national conference.

English

- **Abby Goode** presented the paper, "Sustaining Jefferson" at the Society of Early Americanists' 10th Biennial Conference in Tulsa, OK. This presentation focused on the presence of Thomas Jefferson and nostalgia for early American life in contemporary local foods and organic farming discourses. It formed part of an interdisciplinary roundtable of historians, literary scholars, and public humanists interested in early American scholarship for a popular audience.
- **Abby Goode** was recently awarded the first university-wide Graduate Teaching Award at Rice University, for her work in 2015 and 2016 as instructor and developer of the interdisciplinary, first-year writing intensive seminar, "Sustainability in America." Abby will be honored at the Rice University Teaching Awards Ceremony on April 25.
- **Ann McClellan** published a book chapter titled in the edited collection, *Sherlock Holmes in Context* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2017) entitled "'All that Matters is the Work': Text and Adaptation in *Sherlock*." She also had an article come out in the March issue of *Transformative Works and Cultures* on "Tit-Bits, New Journalism, and early Sherlock Holmes fandom," available at: <http://journal.transformativeworks.org/index.php/twc/article/view/816/769>. Lastly, Ann was an invited speaker at the Hazel Dick Leonard Interdisciplinary Symposium on Sex, Gender, and Society at Simmons College on March 31 where she talked about her research on "Sherlock's Women: Gender, Adaptation, and Holmesian Women.
- **Joseph Monninger's** tenth young adult novel, *Game Change*, will be published by Houghton Mifflin in September.
- **Paul Rogalus's** story, "Grateful Black Denim," was published in the "Flash Fiction Magazine" annual anthology. Available at: https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B06XJW1XF5/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&linkCode=sl1&tag=ffmbookpageissue2-20&linkId=9695338e26b74f9aa1ac329ecea0baf.

Environmental Science & Policy

- Ryan Duquette and Thomas Lafortune (ESP BS Students), co-advised by **Amy Villamagna** (ESP) and **Brigid O'Donnell** (BIO), presented a synthesis of the Hot, Salty Bug Lab research, entitled "Examining the Effects of Climate Change and Road Salt Usage on NH's Benthic Macroinvertebrates", at the New Hampshire Water and Watersheds annual meeting in Plymouth, New Hampshire.

Global Education Office

- GEO Coordinator, **Tom Janis**, organized a recent site visit (4/3/17) of PSU for Dr. Tasawar Nawaz, a faculty member from the Faculty of Business at Plymouth University in the UK (a long standing PSU exchange partner university). Tom also co-presented with Bishop's College (Canada) on Study Away at Destination College hosted at PSU on 3/18/17.
- Global Ambassador Jas Scalli (senior) attended and shared her experience of studying in Australia with the packed room of 11th graders in attendance. 10 PSU students were recently placed into domestic exchange universities for 17-18 at the National Student Exchange conference in Spokane, WA.
- PSU was also represented by **Tom Janis** at The Forum on Education Abroad in Seattle, WA where partnership meetings and scholar practitioner sessions on education abroad were attended.
- GEO student leaders Janet Currier and Dan Spearman (senior) were selected to attend the USL conference in Bangkok, Thailand in August 2017 with strong support from Dean Cynthia Vascak. Formerly, Janet and Dan participated in the First Year Limerick, Ireland program and Dan has travelled extensively with the Model UN. Dan, Janet along with Frank Pattiasina (senior), our third GEO student leader who also studied in South Korea, have been leading the programming efforts of GEO and are re-developing our Global Ambassador and Global Orientation Leader programs to help welcome and engage our current and incoming Fall 2017 international and exchange students as well as provide an avenue for global programs at PSU at large. Student leader interviews for 17-18 are currently underway.

Health & Human Performance

- **Lynn Johnson** presented a session with 2 teachers from Pinkerton Academy: *Competency-Based High School Physical Education: One High School's Story*
- Students Molly McGilvray ('18), Adrianna Kippenburger ('18), Alexandra Littlefield ('17), Lindsay Poulin ('17), Cecilia Shewell ('17), Abigail Cerone ('17), Nick MacGregor ('17), Tyler Mahoney ('17), Brett Matthews ('17), Dan Nilsson ('17) presented the following session: *Plickers and Tech: Enhancing Learning and Assessing in K-12 Physical Education*. This was a combined session and the PSU students' session focus was: *"Teaching" it Up in Secondary Physical Education*. They were assisted by Ross St. Onge ('17).
- **Darla Castelli '89** shared the following comment about our students. "I found the students I met to be engaged and genuinely excited about entering the profession. You should be proud of the commitment and stewardship of your students. Keep up the great work.
- All of the students who presented (listed above), plus 14 other HHP students attended the SHAPE America National Convention. 24 of those students volunteered 10 hours at the convention helping with set-ups; registration; room monitoring, etc. The following students (in addition to the 11 listed above) attended and volunteered at the convention: Felicia Berube ('18); Eve Bagley ('20); David Carlson ('20); Kyle Morris ('20); Trevor Wassell ('18); Krystina Heywood ('19); Jessica Toomey ('19); Julia Frias ('20); Jaida Henry ('20); Abigail Hughes ('20); Brian Jones ('17)
- **Lynn Johnson** became Chair of the North American Society of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport and Dance Professionals. Established in 1999, the North American Society (NAS) is made up of outstanding professionals from within the allied professions of health education, physical education, recreation, sport and dance in North America who are recognized as NAS Fellows. NAS is aligned with SHAPE America and Physical Education Health Education Canada (PHE Canada).
- **Cheryl Coker** presented a paper entitled *Functional Movement Intervention Effects in Middle School Physical Education Students* at the SHAPE America national convention.
- **Irene Cucina** presented a half day workshop on *Preparing the Health Education SPA Report* and a full day workshop to train new HETE SPA Reviewers. She was also the Mistress of Ceremonies at the Teacher of the Year Dinner.

History, Philosophy & Social Studies Education

- **Rebecca Noel** gave a paper, "Teaching the White Body: Race in United States Hygiene Textbooks," at the Interdisciplinary Nineteenth-Century Studies conference on the theme of Odd Bodies. The conference was in Philadelphia on March 16-19. She also gave a public talk, "Beware the Chair: The Medieval Roots of School Exercise (and Your Standing Desk)," at the Plymouth Historical Society on February 22.

Interdisciplinary Studies

- **Robin DeRosa** spent spring break in British Columbia working with faculty and administrators at three universities (Kwantlen Polytechnic, Langara, and Douglas) on innovative pedagogies for connected learning. She also gave the joint keynote (with Rajiv Jhangiani) for the Open Education Ontario Summit in Toronto. Robin co-authored a chapter (with Scott Robison) on Open Pedagogy for a new book, *Open: The Philosophy and Practices that are Revolutionizing Education and Science* (Ubiquity Press). Robin was also a featured speaker for the Keene State Spring Open Pedagogy Speakers' Series.

Lamson Library

- *Informed Librarian Online* published a Featured Library column by **Michael Davidson** describing the new developments in Lamson: Open Labs, Technology Depots, and Integrated Cluster-related changes.
- **Anne Jung-Mathews** published a review of *The Whydah: A Pirate Ship Feared, Wrecked, and Found* by Martin W. Sandler in the February 2017 issue of *School Library Journal*.
- **Anne Jung-Mathews** published a review of *Willows vs. Wolverines* by Alison Cherry in the March 2017 issue of *School Library Journal*.
- Elaine Allard, Anne Jung-Mathews, Robert Fitzpatrick (Library), Katie Martell (ITS) and Josh Perks, Center for Transformation, attended the Academic Library Planning and Revitalization Institute in Denver, CO, March 6-8, 2017.

Museum of the White Mountains

- The **Museum of the White Mountains** held our first NH Educators Conference Day, with a focus on S.T.E.A.M., related to the current exhibit: *Forecasting; Climate Change and Water Impact* for 38 teachers and future teachers. Presenters included **Kimberly Ritchie, Eric Kelsey, Abby Goode, Gerry Buteau, and Shandra McLane**.
- The exhibit has been inspiring class work both on and off campus, and their efforts are installed in the Museum's Open Lab space. Environmental Science and Policy Field Studies students, led by **Mary Ann McGarry**, created group visual explorations of climate change's effect on Acadia National Park, and their written comments are on view. **Kimberly Ritchie's** printmaking students created art works in response to the exhibit's concepts. Holderness Central School's 8th grade teacher, Emily Kelley developed a climate change unit that combines science work and an artist residency project with **Shandra McLane**. All of these projects are on view in the collaboration space downstairs at MWM.
- Recently appointed the new Interim Director of the Museum (and currently Director of the Karl Drerup Art Gallery), **Cynthia Robinson** is enrolled in the Enterprise Center's APEX Accelerator program, a highly successful program that brings small business entrepreneurs together on a weekly basis from March into May. Her work is grounding the combined Museum and Gallery in the aspects of business needed to run a successful multidisciplinary center.
- Two climate-change presentations remain for this exhibit: April 4, 3:30-4:30: John Cleveland, Director of the Boston Green Ribbon Commission will speak on Boston's experience with climate change. On April 12, 5-6:30, PSU professors **Adam Keul, Len Reitsma, Lisa Doner, and Shandra McLane**, will speak on climate change's impact on local water and tourism. Both presentations are free to all.

Music, Theatre & Dance

- **Constance Chesebrough** (Music) and colleague **Carleen Graff** (Music) hosted the nineteenth Contemporary Piano Festival on Saturday, March 4, at Plymouth State's Silver Center for the Arts. The day began with a competition for 7th – 12th grade pianists. Dr. Graff gave a lecture/performance titled the "Solo Piano Music of Ken Benshoof" and a master class working with solo pianists. Ms. Chesebrough's lecture, "Considering the Harpsichord," featured harpsichord performances by five Plymouth State students. The event culminated with a performance by Plymouth State piano students and the winners of the performance competition.
- **Beth Daily** (Theatre) and the cast of *Oedipus the King* hosted dinner and performances of UNH's *Oedipus at Colonus* and Keene State's *Antigone*. All three Greek productions were performed at each of the USNH institutions. Daily directed *Oedipus the King*. She is also currently doing dialect coaching for two upcoming April productions: for theatre's musical, *Cowboys!* (April 6-9) and for the University Chorale's concert version of the musical, *Ragtime* (April 22-23).
- **Aubrie Dionne** (Music) conducted the Honors Flute Choir at the NHBDA Middle Level Honors Festival at UNH in March. She will be performing a double flute concerto by Franz Doppler (Concerto in D minor) with the NH Philharmonic on May 21st and May 22nd. Two of her PSU students, **Michael Truong**, flute and **Becca Tarling**, flute, were selected for the Intercollegiate Band
- **Carleen Graff** (Music) adjudicated the Vermont Spring Festival in late March, hearing four recitals of pre-college age students perform. Ten Plymouth area 6th-11th grade students also performed in the Festival and received comments from adjudicators.
- Dr. Graff recently attended the Music Teachers National Association National Conference in Baltimore and represented NHMTA at the Eastern Division meeting. Dr. Graff's former piano major, **Christine Kissack** (BA Music '85) was presented an MTNA Fellow Award at the National Conference. Recipients are chosen by their fellow colleagues for their outstanding teaching and distinguished service within MTNA. She is also a graduate of Southern Methodist University, '87, and owns her own piano studio, The Piano Learning Center, in Falmouth, ME. Christine has been a staff member of the PSU Piano Monster Festivals for the past 25 years.
- **Matt Kizer** (Theatre) is working with **Paul Mroczka** (Theatre), Guest Artist **John R. Briggs**, and about forty PSU students and staff on a full-scale original musical production called *Cowboys!*. Kizer has coordinated all of the student assignments for building and running the show. He has designed the scenery for the production using 3D modeling and rendering tools. He has also designed and created interactive projection media that is integrated into the show, and surrounds the audience. All of this has been implemented in collaboration with the Silver Center for the Arts staff. *Cowboys!* will have its New England premiere at PSU with the run starting on Thursday, April 6 and ending on Sunday, April 9.
- As a Cluster Guide, Kizer has been working with two task groups. One is exploring architectural possibilities on campus for creating new creation spaces. Another is developing technology tools for communication and sharing of cluster activities.

- **Holly Oliver** (Music), along with a team of educator preparation colleagues, attended the National Association for Professional Development Schools Annual Conference in Washington, DC. The PSU team brought home many ideas to support the future growth of the university's professional partnerships with area schools. Holly also escorted twelve music education majors to represent PSU at the NH Music Educators Spring Conference in Concord, NH.
- Holly, accompanied by students **Zachary Doyle** and **Chris Heffernan**, has been working with the Mountain View Charter School (MVCS) in Plymouth to provide general music once a week to students in grades 3-5 as part of the Link Up program sponsored by Carnegie Hall. This collaboration will culminate with MVCS students (along with 575 other area school children!) attending a live performance on campus by Symphony NH in May. The NH Music Festival is sponsoring curricular materials and the Silver Center performance.
- Finally, music education majors have chosen sophomore **Serena Gorham** to represent them at the Annual National Association for Music Educators Collegiate Advocacy Summit to be held in Washington, DC in June!
- **Paul Mroczka** (Theatre) and Guest Artist **John R. Briggs** have been busy rehearsing their musical comedy *Cowboys! A Musical Vaudeville and Medicine Show* with a cast of 15 PSU students and a production group of approximately 15 more students. Guest Artist **Kyle Trumble** (BA Theatre '13) designed the lights for the production. The musical will have its New England premiere at PSU with the run starting on Thursday, April 6 and ending on Sunday, April 9.
- Mroczka is currently collaborating on a new musical with PSU alum and composer **Andrew Morrissey** (BA Music '09). In addition, Mroczka has begun a collaboration with Advice to the Players and **Andrew Codispoti** (Artistic Director) and **Jessie Chapman** (Managing Director). Codispoti (BA Theatre '09) will play Hamlet in the production and Chapman (BA Theatre '09), who is currently also a Teaching Lecturer in Theatre at PSU, will produce the show.
- On February 10 and 11, **Dr. Eva Nagorka** (Music) lead a vibrant cast in a reading of Terrence McNally's Tony award winning play *Master Class*, about the 1971-72 Juilliard master classes by Maria Callas. The performance was directed by **Fran Page** (Theatre), and included **Dr. Dan Perkins** (Music), **Emily Jaworski** (Music), **Brenden Buckley** (Music), **Emily Thorner** (BA Music '10), and Carly Usherwood (BA Theatre '17).
- **Kaycee Sawyer** (Music '17) presented a Senior Recital on April 2 in Smith Recital Hall at the Silver Center. Kaycee is a student of **Dr. Eva Nagorka** (Music). **Constance Chesebrough** (Music) served as the collaborative pianist.
- **Dan Perkins** (Music) is in rehearsals for next month's concert performances of the musical *Ragtime* with the PSU Chorale and a guest orchestra. It will be performed at PSU's Hanaway Theatre on April 22 and 23.
- He is also in rehearsal for next month's concert performances of the operetta *Candide* with the PSU Chamber Singers in collaboration with the Manchester Choral Society and Orchestra. Soloists include PSU alumnus **Emily Thorner** (BA Music '10), **Michael Dodge** (BA Music '14), **Krystal Morin** (BS Music Ed '13), and PSU faculty members **Emily Jaworski** and **Brendan Buckley**.
- Perkins traveled to Baltimore, MD to rehearse with alumnus **Michael Dodge** (BA Music '14) and **Rob McGinness** for next month's performance (in Peterborough, NH) of the opera Mozart and Salieri by Rimsky-Korsakov.
- Four PSU music majors represented the state of New Hampshire in the Collegiate Honor Choir at the American Choral Directors Association National Convention in Minneapolis. Dan Perkins accompanied the students and also helped manage an exhibit booth promoting his New England Choral Institute (at the New England Music Festival) which takes place at PSU in July.
- **Bradford Dumont** (PSU BA Music '13) was recently accepted into the graduate choral conducting program at Boston University on a full tuition scholarship.
- **Rik Pfenninger** (Music) composed and arranged music for a Jaguar commercial for Jaguar China. Rik also composed and arranged 12 Broadway style instrumentals, and two Latin instrumental tracks for Prolific Arts in Dallas, Texas.
- **Mark Stickney** (Music) conducted the Seacoast Wind Ensemble in a concert at the Star Theater in Kittery, ME. He is in his second year as Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the ensemble. He also worked on the Rhode Island Department of Education accrediting team for the Music Education program at the University of Rhode Island. While in Rhode Island Stickney gave clinics with bands at North Smithfield High School, Tiverton High School, and Salve Regina University.
- Five PSU Instrumental Music Education majors participated in the New England Intercollegiate Band at Rhode Island College. Those students were **Michael Truong**, flute; **Becca Tarling**, flute; **Emily Lombardo**, alto saxophone; **Sacha Bays**, tuba; and **Scottie Childs**, percussion.
- **Amanda Whitworth** (Dance) and **C. Robin Marcotte** (Theatre) performed at ArtFront in Manchester, NH as featured interdisciplinary artists. This "pop-up" event included notable New England Artists in painting, sculpture, photography and dance. Whitworth and Marcotte performed excerpts of their physical theatre work titled *Shadows*, created in collaboration with the late David Berona (scholar) and Ben Kutner (composer)

- **Jacqueline Young (Dance)** accompanied a group of PSU dancers to the American College Dance Association festival at SUNY Potsdam where she delivered master classes in dance technique as well as presenting a forum on Dance and Criminology.

Nursing

- The Nursing Students Association (SNA) donated to CHaD in the form of a play kitchen fully equipped with toy pots and pans for their family playroom.
- Six senior nursing students were inducted into the Eta Iota Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Honor Society of Nursing during an induction ceremony at University of New Hampshire (UNH) on March 25, 2017. This is the first year Plymouth State University nursing students were invited to join STTI through the UNH chapter.
- **Donna Driscoll** earned the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) from Chamberlain College of Nursing in October 2016, and accepted her diploma during their commencement on March 3, 2017.
- **Kathleen Patenaude and Sandra Gamble** attended the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) Invitational Workshop on Writing Self-Studies on March 17, 2017. This workshop is in preparation for the Department of Nursing's accreditation visit scheduled for March 2018.
- Cluster Projects:
 - Healthcare Career Fair at Plymouth State University is being held April 29, 2017. The fair is an opportunity to connect students, alumni, and graduates with community healthcare partners of New Hampshire, with a special commitment to the North Country and Lakes Region.
 - Community Health Advocacy Project (CHAP): The Nursing and Health and Human Performance Departments, in collaboration with the Center for Active Living and Healthy Communities, have kicked off a cluster project focused around community outreach and health awareness. For the kick-off of this cluster project students (under the supervision of faculty) will be completing biometric screenings and teaching to the PSU community and beyond. In the first week of the project, 27 screenings were completed at the ALLWell Center and the HUB. These activities are part of the clinical requirements for junior level nursing students this spring. Future project endeavors will be geared toward various types of health screening on and off campus.

Social Science

- **Laura M. Tilghman (Anthropology)** presented a paper at the Northeastern Anthropological Association's annual meeting in Bridgewater State University on March 4. Her paper, entitled "Mandehandeha Mahita Raha: Malagasy New Immigrant Destinations in a Globalized World" is based on her research with migrants from Madagascar in China, Canada, and the USA.
- **David Starbuck (Anthropology)** just edited and published Volume 56 of *The New Hampshire Archeologist* (the journal of the New Hampshire Archeological Society), with the lead article on PSU's excavations at the Enfield Shaker Museum. David also was interviewed by LOOK TV (Channel 8) in Saratoga Springs on March 3, discussing his excavation plans for the coming summer.

Social Work

- **Annemarie Conlon** read and scored more than 70 essays from New Hampshire high school and college students for the Mensa Foundation annual scholarships.
- **Kristina Lind** facilitated a roundtable on "Professional Writing for Social Workers" at the 34th Annual Conference of the Association of Baccalaureate SW Program Directors in New Orleans, LA.