

FANTASTIC FACULTY NEWSLETTER



LAUREN SMITH, *Professor of English*

On Tuesday, November 8th, English faculty member Lauren Smith welcomed acclaimed reporter Dani McClain via Zoom to the Saginaw Academy of Excellence. McClain's writing has appeared in outlets including The New York Times, TIME, The Atlantic, Slate, Colorlines, EBONY.com and The Rumpus, and her work has been recognized by the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association, the National Association of Black Journalists, and Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

During her visit, McClain discussed with the dual-enrolled students from the Saginaw Public Schools the challenges and rewards of the writer's life, and she encouraged them to view obstacles like writer's block as a myth. McClain's visit was in partial fulfillment of the "Star Writers, Star Students: Experiential Learning for Greater Success" Endowed Teaching Chair that Lauren and her colleagues Amee Schmidt and Donald Winter are pursuing this academic year. The Endowed Teaching Chair team is exploring how connecting students with professional writers in a virtual classroom setting can deepen and enhance learning.



CHRIS HAUSBECK, *Associate Professor of Physical Therapy Assistant*

Associate Professor, Physical Therapy Assistant, Chris Hausbeck, was elected to a 3-year term as Director of Communications for APTA-MI (American Physical Therapy Association – Michigan chapter). He also attended the 17th annual Physical Therapy Education Leadership Conference in Milwaukee, WI in October 2022.



The ringette world championships took place last week in Finland. I had the most amazing time. Our team got to train at a Finnish Olympic Training Center for a week before heading to Worlds. I was able to meet several amazing athletes, coaches, and staff from all over the world. It was personal and professional development as I was able to bring my expertise of strength and conditioning to the sport. I participated as an athlete, but also lead the team in warm-up, cool-downs, and recovery sessions.

Even better, after 9 years of playing Sweden in the finals.... Team USA finally took home the gold and I was voted as a leader (team captain) for Team USA. Once in a lifetime for sure. Check World Championship off the bucket list. LOL.

When I was a student at Delta College I came here to play softball and both years we went to nationals and I thought that was the top for me. Who would have thought 20 years later I would bring home a gold medal in a world championship competing with athletes 16 years and older. I sure wouldn't have.

Although personally this was such a life changing experience, I grew professionally as well. As I mentioned, the first week in Finland our team trained at a Finnish Olympic Training Center. While there I was able to connect with several coaches across multi-sports and discuss many aspects of training. I took every opportunity to meet someone new and learn from them.

The Finnish culture has strong tradition and beliefs in recovery that are different from ours in the states. We participated in Lake Saunas at night. This is where you jump in a freezing cold lake following by a piping hot sauna. You would repeat this several times during a recovery session. I immediately integrated this information into my classes at Delta. I was able to have discussion board conversations from across seas about cultural differences in training and why they think there are still significant differences between countries.

One morning I took a picture of the traditional Finnish breakfast we were served and had my students compare that to a typical American breakfast. What one was healthier? How does this fuel the body for performance? Would this type of diet decrease the significance of chronic disease in the states? I also brought home several food labels and food items for my students to see and experience.

Although I was able to grow personally and athletically from this opportunity, being in Health and Wellness I am able to take much of this experience and relate it to my work in the field and as a certified strength and conditioning specialist. Although wellness, conditioning, and athletics were experienced at an international level, I also experienced global awareness, sustainability, citizenship, equity, and belonging in a whole different way. I will be integrating many of these experiences into the classroom.



LISA WALL, Associate Professor of Radiography

Radiography Associate Professor, Lisa Wall, presented at the 67th Annual Meeting of the Michigan Society of Radiologic Technologists that took place October 5-7, 2022 at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West.

Wall's lecture was titled "Principles of Radiation Physics." Lisa also was in charge of organizing and judging the Student Poster Display Competition. Lisa Wall was named Michigan Society of Radiologic Technologists Educator of the Year for 2022.

Radiography Professor, Cindy Kramer, was the Annual Meeting Coordinator for the 67th Annual Meeting of the Michigan Society of Radiologic Technologists. Cindy also presented a lecture titled, "Preparing for a Certification Examination" to attendees.

Delta College was well represented at that meeting with the Delta Students taking the following awards/scholarships (all 2nd year Radiography Students):

1st place Student Bee Competition: Sarah Trantham
2nd place Student Bee Competition: Konnar Warren
1st place Student Display: Sage Krzywosinski
2nd place Student Display: Faith Sneller and Konnar Warren
3rd place Student Display: Amanda Kramer and Sarah Brooks
4th place Student Display: Cassidy Hash and Hallie Briggs
MSRT Scholarship Recipients: Cassidy Hash and Hallie Briggs



ANGELA GUY-LEE, Assistant Professor of Sociology
CHRISTINA MILLER-BELLOR, Assistant Professor of Sociology

Angela Guy-Lee, Assistant Professor, Sociology, and Christina Miller-Bellor, Assistant Professor, Sociology, had a very successful presentation at the American Anthropological Association's annual conference. They talked about teaching race in their Delta courses from their positionalities as a Black woman and a white woman. They had several participants stay after the presentation to talk and were able to connect with colleagues at Grand Valley and SVSU.

RYAN PETERSEN, Associate Professor of Political Science

Ryan Petersen, Associate Professor, Political Science, attended the annual conference of the Michigan Political Science Association and was elected to a 3-year term on the MIPSAs Executive Council.



MAUREEN DONEGAN, Associate Professor of Psychology

Associate Professor of Psychology, Maureen Donegan, co-presented with Professor of Lifelong Wellness, Carla Murphy and Associate Professor of Mathematics, Eric Wiessenauer, at the IUPUI Assessment Institute in Indianapolis, IN on October 11, 2022. Their presentation, titled "Assessment of General Education Learning Outcomes at a Community College" was well received. Attendees at the session were impressed by their college-wide assessment model. They appreciated the list of best practices for Gen Ed assessment, and the standard rubric shared, as well as the emphasis on course-embedded assessment.

The conference had multiple tracks including Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), Faculty Development, General Education, and Learning Improvement. Some of the most influential sessions that Professor Donegan attended were "Reframing Assessment to Center Equity: Examples and Practice" and "Inclusive Teaching: How Are We Measuring Impact?". She looks forward to sharing what she learned with the GECAC committee at our next meeting.



DR. MICHAEL EVANS, Assistant Professor of History

Assistant Professor of History, Dr. Michael Evans, presented a paper remotely to the International Conference for the Study of Medievalism, hosted by Appalachian State University. His paper, 'Medievalism in the 1969 Investiture of Charles, Prince of Wales' looked at the use of medieval imagery and rhetoric by both promoters and opponents of the investiture, and proved to be timely following so soon after Charles's accession to the British throne as King Charles III.



DR. JEFF DYKHUIZEN, Professor of Psychology

Professor of Psychology, Dr. Jeff Dykhuizen, attended the annual conference of the Midwest Institute for International and Intercultural Education (MIIE) October 21-22 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia MI. In addition to MIIE board and coordinator meetings and responsibilities, Dykhuizen also presented, updating the consortium on Delta's progress on the 4-year grant we received, particularly on the Japan study-experience trips planned for 2024 and 2025 and the HBCU pipeline project. Following his presentation, a Syrian man who had just returned to the US several months earlier, commented on Jeff's presentation: searching for the right words in his rusty English, the man said, "You.., don't allow people to get bored." It was among the best teaching complements Dykhuizen has yet received.

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