2016-2017 FACULTY AND STAFF RECOGNITION

Each year, Clarke faculty and staff members achieve great things and contribute significantly to Clarke, their profession and their community. Congratulations to the faculty and staff members who submitted accomplishments and activities from throughout this academic year.

Gina Burkart, Learning Specialist and Adjunct Professor in Language and Literature

- Publications
  - Burkart, G. (2017). Integrating college strategy curriculum into high stakes programs to increase retention and program completion, Iowa TRIO Conference, Dubuque, IA.
  - Burkart, G. (2016). Integrating college strategy curriculum into high stakes programs, CRLA, Louisville, KY.

Callie Clark, Director of Engagement and Intercultural Programs

- Received the Outstanding Advisor award for the Northern Plains region for the National Association for Campus Activities at the regional conference at the beginning of April

Rachel Daack, Professor of Sociology

- Program Evaluator for Dubuque’s AmeriCorps Partners in Learning
- Member of the Education Sector Group and of the Peer Learning Council for Inclusive Dubuque
- Final submission of "Core and Peripheries: Spatial Organization and Workings in Early BVM Schools" (Chapter 7) of _Restored Jesuits, Women Religious, American Experience, 1814-2014: Crossings and Dwellings_ to be published by Brill this summer.

Michael Dempewolf, Assistant Professor of Computer Science

- Dr. George Towfic, Josh Moris, and myself have received a $10,000 Dubuque Racing Association grant to upgrade our computer lab.

Deb Fordice, Associate Professor of Education and Director of Graduate Education Studies

- Training:
  - Iowa Reading Research Council, Iowa City, IA, October 2016: Dyslexia Training Certification
- Presentations:
  - University of Northern Iowa Literacy Conference, Dubuque, IA, Apr. 6, 2017: Using Music to Support Early Literacy Development
  - Dubuque Holy Family Schools Literacy Workshop, Dubuque, IA, Feb. 10, 2017: Targeted Reading Interventions
  - Dubuque Holy Family Schools Literacy Workshop, Dubuque, IA, Aug. 15, 2016: The W-O-N-D-E-R of Reading
- Publication:
Norm Freund, Chair and Professor of Philosophy

- "Hands-On Learning in Philosophy" proposal was accepted for presentation at the Twenty-First Biennial American Association of Philosophy Teachers Workshop-Conference on Teaching Philosophy.
  - Conducted at Saginaw Valley State University on July 30th, 2016.

Mary Gatua, Assistant Professor of Social Work

- Presentations
  - Guest lecture on “The civil rights movement and a reflection on contemporary challenges” Professional Development Schools (PDSs) Class, Fulton Elementary School, Dubuque, IA, January 23, 2017.
  - Conference Presenter, Empowering Rural Primary School Teachers through Professional Workshops: A Focus on Teachers Teaching English Language in Nyeri County, Kenya. Paper presented at the Kenyan Scholars and Studies Association 2016 Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia. September 10, 2016
  - Workshop presenter (students), Strengthening Critical Thinking Skills, Mount Kenya University, Thika, Kenya, June 29, 2016.
  - Keynote Address Speaker, University of Dubuque 2016 Faculty Day, on a topic “Benefits Campus Diversity and Internationalization: Understanding International Students’ Culture” May 17, 2016
  - Guest lecture on “the role of competitive sports in higher education” at the Global Exchange Course between Clarke University and Mount Kenya University, March 8, 2016.
  - Facilitator of the Dialogue, Bridging the Gap: A Conversation on the Black Diaspora in America (Sponsored by University of Dubuque Multicultural Student Engagement Office & Black Student Union (BSU) & February 3rd, 2016

- Publications

- Other Professional Accomplishments

- Volunteer Positions
  - Board of Directors, Multicultural Family Center
  - Co-Chair, Rev. Martin Luther King Annual Tribute 2017 Contest
  - African Community Representative, Dubuque Police Chief Forum
Bradley Kruse, Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy

- Certification in Dry Needling from the Dry Needling Institute
- Presentation to St. Luke's - Cedar Rapids Physical Therapy Staff on Lower Extremity Functional Assessment
- Presentation at the Iowa Physical Therapy Association Student Conclave on Dry Needling

Jan Lee, Chair and Professor of Nursing

- American Association of Colleges of Nursing
- Preferred Vision of the Professoriate in Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs Task Force

Courtney Leonard, Executive Director of Development

- Elected to the executive board of the Association for Fundraising Professionals Greater Tri-State Chapter
- Serves as chair of the education programming committee

Jennifer Mai, Associate Professor of Physical Therapy

- Professional Accomplishments (Peer Reviewed Presentations):
  - Poster Presentation at Academy of Geriatrics' Exercise and Physical Activity in Aging Conference. (ExPAAC II). Indianapolis, IN. July 28-30, 2016 -Vaassen M, Mai J, O'Dell B, Matson J. The Correlation of the Modified Falls Efficacy Scale and the Mini-BESTest in Older Adults

- Professional Accomplishments (Volunteer Positions Held):
  - American Physical Therapy Association Education Section - Delegate 2016, Alternate Delegate 2017, Academic Faculty Special Interest Group Chair (Nationally Elected Position), Education Leadership Partnership Representative
  - Specialization Academy of Content Experts (SACE) -Item Writer for Neurologic Certified Specialist Examination

- Community Volunteer Positions Held:
  - Brownie Girl Scout Troop 7314 Co-Leader; Boy Scout Troop 91 Secretary, Merit Badge Counselor, and Committee Member; Capable Volunteer Co Board Member, Secretary, and Organizational Committee Chair
Marketing and Communication Office

- Received 2 Gold ADDY awards and a Silver ADDY award for the “One Team. One Dream.” brochure and the Clarke videos, which were produced in partnership with DreamCatcher Productions.

Bill O’Dell, Chair and Professor of Physical Therapy

- Certification in Dry Needling. Dry Needling Institute, American Academy of Manipulative Therapy. Certified August 21, 2016.
- Poster Presentations
  - Bill O’Dell PT, DHS, OCS, MBA. Brad Kruse, PT, DPT, SCS, ATC, CSCS, Cert. DN. “Lower Extremity Functional Analysis.” Continuing education offering to 25 physical therapy staff of St. Luke’s Hospital, Cedar Rapids, IA. February 25, 2017. 8 hours.
- Volunteer Positions Held:
  - Vice President Take Away Hunger-Dubuque
  - Board member All Iowa Wheels for the World
  - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Call Committee member, Constitution Task Force Member, Mutual Ministry Member, Disaster Response Chair, Space Design Task Force
- Conferences/Continuing Education
  - Combined Section Meeting of the American Physical Therapy AssociationSan Antonio, TX. February 15-18, 2017. 18 hours.
  - Clarke University Doctor of Physical Therapy Graduate Student Scholarly Presentations. November 28, 2016. 2 hours.
  - ACAPT Educational Leadership Conference. Phoenix, AZ. October 7-9, 2016. 15 hours.

Ellen Spencer, Assistant Professor of Education

- Independently lead faculty in-service day at Sacred Heart Elementary School in Monticello, IA; 9/2/2016
- With education department, lead in-service activities for Holy Family Catholic School system, Dubuque, Iowa; February 10, 2017

Danielle Stowell, Event and Technology Services Support Manager

- Completed Masters of Business Administration program at Clarke, Dec. 2016
Megan Stull, Assistant to the President

- Member of the University of Northern Iowa Alumni Association Board of Directors, Vice-Chair, 2016-2018
- Member of Nominations & Membership and Finance sub-committees of UNI Alumni Association Board, 2016-2018
- State of Iowa Board of Regents appointed search committee member for UNI Presidential search, fall 2016

Alecia Thiele, Associate Professor of Physical Therapy and Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education

- Professional Presentations:
  - APTA Basic Clinical Instructor Education and Credentialing Program, University of Wisconsin La Crosse, La Crosse, WI, April 2017
  - APTA Basic Clinical Instructor Education and Credentialing Program, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA, January 2017
  - APTA Advanced Clinical Instructor Education and Credentialing Program, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA, January 2017
  - Thiele, A, Mai J. An Introduction to Post-Intensive Care Syndrome: PICS, Finley Hospital, Dubuque, IA, August 10, 2016
  - APTA Advanced Clinical Instructor Education and Credentialing Program, Des Moines University, Des Moines, IA, July 2016

- Editorial Peer Reviews:
  - Journal of Physical Therapy Education, APTA Combined Sections Meeting, Programming Committee Proposal Peer Reviewer Education Section, APTA Combined Sections Meeting (CSM), San Antonio, TX, February 2017
  - APTA Combined Sections Meeting, Programming Committee Moderator Education Section, APTA Combined Sections Meeting (CSM), San Antonio, TX, February 2017

- Books/Papers Published /Journal Manuscript and/or Platform Presentation:
  - Post-Intensive Care Syndrome (PICS) Clinical Practice Guidelines development group contributor.
  - Ries, E, Extending Adherence, PT in Motion, December, 2016, Thiele, A., featured and quoted in article as expert on patient education, generational influences, and patient adherence concepts.

- Election/Appointment to Office/Committee (off campus):
  - American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)
  - Education Section Treasurer term 2015-2017
  - Education Section Delegate; APTA House of Delegates 2014, 2015, alternate 2016, 2017
  - Education Section Federal Affairs Liaison

- Conferences Attended:
  - Physical Therapy Educational Leadership Conference, APTA Combined Sections Meeting, Mayo Sports Medicine Conference, Clarke Student Research Conference
Mimi Vaassen, Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy

- Secured, developed and customized new EMR Insync system: worked all summer 2016 for “go live” Fall practicum 2016
- Member of the APTA Education Section Programming committee: Reviewing abstracts for the ELC conference in Phoenix, AZ

Carolyn Wiezorek, Assistant Professor of Education

- Presentations
  - Workshop presenter, Using flexible grouping, Holy Family Schools Reading Workshop, Dubuque, IA, February 10, 2017
  - Conference presenter, Empowering rural primary school teachers through professional workshops, The 9th Kenyan Scholars & Studies Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, September 10, 2016
  - Workshop presenter (faculty), Using Bloom’s Taxonomy to Deepen Students’ Thinking, Mount Kenya University, Thika, Kenya, June 30, 2016
  - Workshop presenter (students), Using Reader’s Theater in the Content Areas, Mount Kenya University, Thika, Kenya, June 30, 2016
  - Conference presenter, 4th Achieving Educational Excellence Conference: Raising the Bar on the Teaching of English with an Emphasis on Writing Across the Curriculum, for the following sessions: Using Community Builders to Develop Language Skills; Using Bloom’s Taxonomy to Deepen Students’ Thinking; Writing Across the Curriculum; Using Reader’s Theater in the Content Areas, Karatina, Kenya, June 27-28, 2016
- Publications
    http://kessa.org/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/2016-kessa-proceedings_1_Gatua.1102008.pdf
- Other Professional Accomplishments
- Volunteer Positions
  - Archdiocese of Dubuque School Board, member
  - Fulton Elementary School Site Council, member
  - Pay it Forward Connolly, Vice President
  - 100+ Women Who Care, member
- Grants and Awards
  - Clarke University Faculty Development Summer grant, Engaging Teachers in Developing Intervention Strategies to Support Low-Achieving Students in Rural Schools in Kenya, Summer 2016
  - Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Volunteer/Immersion Grant, June 2016

Laura Wolter, Housekeeping
- Received the Support Staff Service Award
  - Nominated through the Upper Midwest Region- Association of College and University Housing Officers. Only 3 people were selected from colleges and universities for this award.