

**TO:** The Faculty Senate

**FROM:** Harold W. Baillie, Ph.D.  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

**DATE:** April 10, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Provost's Report for April 2013

**I. FACULTY SEARCHES:**

We have currently filled nine positions, two offers are out, and interviews continue.

Robert Giambatista	Associate Professor	Management/Marketing
Michael Jenkins	Assistant Professor	Sociology/Criminal Justice
Michael Azar	Instructor	Theology/Religious Studies
Yibai Li	Assistant Professor	Operations & Information Management
Dawei Zhang	Assistant Professor	Operations & Information Management
Arthur Catino	Assistant Professor	Chemistry
Benjamin Willis	Assistant Professor	Counseling & Human Services
Jessica Bachman	Assistant Professor	Exercise Science & Sport
Lori Magnuson	Assistant Professor	Counseling & Human Services

**II. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT:**

Provost Enhancement Awards

The winners of the Provost Enhancement Awards will be announced at the Faculty Appreciation Day dinner on April 17<sup>th</sup>. (Note: usually we hold the Faculty Appreciation Night on a Friday, when at least by the class schedule everyone can attend. This year we were not able to do so because of scheduling conflicts. My apologies to those who cannot make it to this year's dinner. We will make every effort to return to Friday next year.)

Summer Grants

The Faculty Development Board recommended funding for the following grant proposals:

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Clavius Grants

The Faculty Development Board recommended funding for three Clavius Program proposals:

- > Patrick Tully (Philosophy), Daniel Haggerty (Philosophy),  
John Deak (Chemistry), Steven Dougherty (Mathematics)
- > *A Native American Experience: A Conversation with a Navajo Medicine Man.* John P. Sanko (Physical Therapy)
- > Jean Harris (Political Science) and  
Mary Ann Foley (Theology/Religious Studies)

**III. FACULTY RESEARCH COMMITTEE:**

Grants

The Faculty Research Committee recommended funding for the following grant proposals:

- > *Bedside Nursing as a Work Setting: Influences of Practice environment, Education, Experience, and Expertise,* Mary Jane K. DiMattio (Nursing)
- > *Examining Links Between Migration behavior and Song in Field Sparrows: A Test of the Reliable Signaling Hypothesis,* Michael Carey and Robert Smith (Biology) with Vincent Marshal (Adjunct Faculty, Biology)
- > *Immunocytochemical Characterization of Merkel Cells in Skin Sensory Structures,* Gary Kwiecinski (Biology)
- > *India Shining: A Test of How the Top 500 Companies in India Use the Web and Social Media to Assist Media Relations and Public Relation,* Sufyan Mohammed (Communication)
- > *Exploring Difference in Consumer Purchase Intentions Based on Exposure to Internet Advertising and Mobile Advertising,* Sufyan Mohammed and John Strain (Communication)
- > *Murals and Art Spaces: Gentrification in an Arts and Entertainment District in Baltimore,* Meghan Ashlin Rich (Sociology/Criminal Justice)
- > *Multimodal Learning in Ants: Olfactory, Visual and Tactile Learning in Ants,* Marc Seid (Biology)
- > *Cross Cultural Collaboration in Literature and Film: The Case of Cerlos Cerda,* Jamie H. Trnka (World Languages and Cult

Scranton faculty, Dr. Jordan Petsas and Dr. Aram Balagyozyan from the Economics/Finance Department are in the midst of teaching an 8 week course in economics to students in Malawi.

**V. JESUIT HERITAGE/IGNATIAN WEEK**

Jesuit Heritage/Ignatian Week is April 21 – 27, 2013. For detailed information on the events that are planned throughout the week visit



**XIII. THE COLLEGES:**

Thursday, April 18, in the McIlhenny Ballroom of the DeNaples Center. Following a reception and dinner, Dennis J. Kain, president of Tyler & Company, will deliver the keynote address describing how real-life organizations can team up to improve our nation's health. A leader in healthcare operations and national consulting for more than 30 years, Kain has conducted searches for large health networks, academic med