Ph.D. Nursing

**Loretta “Lynn” Bilder** was selected for inclusion in the NLN Jonas Scholars Program celebrating the professional accomplishments of five doctoral nursing students from across the country. Read the full story at: [www.nln.org](http://www.nln.org)

**Nicole Custer** completed a poster presentation of her work “Concept Analysis: Remediation in Nursing Education” at the Eastern Nursing Research Society in Boston, MA.

**Taylor Edwards** and Dr. Kristy Chunta’s article, “Multiple-Patient Simulation to Transition Students to Clinical Practice,” was published by *Clinical Simulation in Nursing* in their June 2013 issue and is available at [http://www.nursingsimulation.org/](http://www.nursingsimulation.org/)

**Taylor Edwards**, Dr. Edie West, Dr. Janice Holmes, and Dr. Cindy Zidek’s article, “Intraprofessional Collaboration through an NLN Unfolding Case and Just Culture Model,” was published by the *Journal of Nursing Education* for their August 2013 issue and is available at [http://www.healio.com/nursing/journals/jne](http://www.healio.com/nursing/journals/jne)

**Taylor Edwards** presented her work “Using a Multiple Patient Simulation to Transition Seniors to Practice” with Dr. Kristy Chunta at the National League for Nursing Education Summit 2013 in Washington, DC.

**Carolyn Griffin** completed a poster presentation of her work “Examining the Teaching Effectiveness of Staff Nurses who serve as Preceptors for Senior Level Baccalaureate Nursing Students” at the Eastern Nursing Research Society in Boston, MA.

**Nina Kaktins**, Ruth McDermott-Levy, and Barbara Satler’s article, “Fracking, the environment and health,” was published by the *American Journal of Nursing* for their June 2013 issue and is available at [http://journals.lww.com/ajnonline/pages/default.aspx](http://journals.lww.com/ajnonline/pages/default.aspx)

**Elaine Little** completed a poster presentation of her work “Most Predictive Factors of Nursing Student Attitude and Knowledge of Aging” at the National League for Nursing Education Summit 2013 in Washington, DC.

**Elaine Little** co-presented her work “Use of simulation to enhance delegation ad prioritization across the curriculum” with Dr. Theresa Gropelli and Dr. Joyce Shanty at the Drexel University Nursing Education Institute in New Orleans, LA.

**Donna McDerмott** presented her work “Cash in with student workers” at the International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning in Las Vegas, NV.
Meigan Robb and Dr. Michele Gerwick’s article, “Team teaching: A resource guide for nurse educators,” was published by Teaching and Learning in Nursing for their July 2013 issue and is available at http://www.jtln.org/

Meigan Robb presented her work “Perceptions of Effective Teaching Methods: A Critical Incident Technique” at the National League for Nursing Education Summit 2013 in Washington, DC.

Meigan Robb and Dr. Teresa Shellenbarger’s article, “Pinstructive Ideas: Using a Social Networking Bulletin Board for Nursing Education,” was published in Nurse Educator in the September/October 2013 issue and is available at http://journals.lww.com/nurseeducatoronline/pages/default.aspx

Meigan Robb co-presented a poster “Promoting ehealth Literacy: Advancing College Students’ Health” with Dr. Teresa Shellenbarger at the National League for Nursing Education Summit 2013 in Washington, DC.

Chris Silva completed a poster presentation of her work “Use of an Upside Down Classroom in Maternal Neonatal Health Clinical” at the Drexel University Nursing Education Institute in New Orleans, LA.

Colleen Sunday, J. M. Gibson, A. F. Pasierb, and D. Cavlovich’s article, “If we listen, they will come,” was published by Nursing2013 in the September issue and is available at http://journals.lww.com/nursing/Pages/default.aspx

Anna Vioral published a chapter on Online Testing in Oermann and Gaberson’s Fourth Edition of Evaluation and Testing in Nursing Education.

Ph.D. Administration and Leadership Studies

Terrence Mitchell, co-presented (with ALS student Elizabeth Eckley) “Incorporating Appreciative Inquiry to Enhance Coalition Evaluation Results” at the Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America’s 23rd annual Leadership Forum in National Harbor, MD. In April, Terrence presented “The CREED College Readiness Program: Practical College Planning for African American High School” at the University of Akron Black Male Summit in Akron, Ohio. In May, he presented “Leadership Theory Application in an Increasingly Diverse Society; Can Knowledge of Leadership Theory be a Useful Tool for African Americans in their Quest for Administration Roles in Higher Education?” at the 26th annual National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education in New Orleans, La.

Amy Wilson, was appointed as chief clerk/director of Administration at the Butler County Board of Commissioners.

Christina Yoder, was given the Woman to Watch award by the Central Penn Business Journal’s Women of Influence. Christina received this award for her work as F&M
Trust's training and development officer, service to various community organizations, and academic accomplishments.

**Oghenebruphiyo Gloria Onosu**, presented her work entitled “A Qualitative Analysis of Challenges Facing Expatriate Worker Coming to the United States” at the IUP 2013 Graduate Scholars Forum.

**Amy Diehl**, has been charged with writing a chapter in the first volume of a book series to be published by the International Leadership Association (ILA). The series is entitled “Women and Leadership: Research, Theory and Practice.” The volume Diehl is contributing to is called *Women and Leadership in Higher Education*.

**Laura Moran**, presented her session entitled “Implementing a Multi-Tiered System of Support within Career and Technical Education Centers (CTCs)” at the 2013 RTII Implementers Forum in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

**Jacob Dembosky**, co-authored an article entitled: "Does Naming the Focal Plan in a CAHPS Survey of Health Care Quality Affect Response Rates and Beneficiary Evaluations?" in a recent issue of Public Opinion Quarterly located online by clicking this link <http://poq.oxfordjournals.org/content/77/2/455>.

**Ph.D. Speech-Language Pathology**

**Kathryn Young** co-presented her work “Distance Ed in Reverse? Sharing Faculty in Areas of Critical Shortage” with Dr. David Stein and Mr. Craig Coleman at IUP’s semi-annual College of Education Technology Day.

**Lauren Azeles** co-presented “Characteristics of laryngeal diadochokinetic rates in the normal aging population” and **Maggie Bodenlos** co-presented “Characteristics of laryngeal diadochokinesis in the early adult population, both with Dr. Lori Lombard at the 2013 Pennsylvania Speech Language Hearing Association meeting in Harrisburg, PA.

**Ph.D. Literature and Criticism**

**Eliza Albert** presented a paper at Oxford for the 2nd Annual International Graphic Novel Conference held by inter-disciplinary.net on 9/24/13 called “Traveling Through Space and Time: Identity and Travel in Graphic Novel”.

**Angela Aliff** presented a paper called “The Senses Subvert: Kingsolver’s Avoidance of the Gaze in Prodigal Summer” at the conference Subject to Change: Nature, Text, and the Limits of the Human in University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, on March 24, 2013.

**Kathryn Leigh Allen** led a week-long Study Abroad course to London, England, for sixteen students (March 8-16). She presented a paper entitled “Joseph Campbell’s Monomythic Hero in Orson Scott Card’s Science Fiction” at Popular Culture Association’s annual conference, March 27-30, 2013, in Washington, DC. She will also present a paper entitled “Teaching Star Trek in
the English Composition Classroom” at English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities’ annual conference, October 17-18, 2013, in West Chester, PA.

Ali Almajnooni is finalizing his fourth novel (in Arabic), which is expected to be out in early 2014. The novel is set in the 1940s Saudi Arabia’s barren desert of Hejaz. It tells the story of Mastura, a young, recently widowed Bedouin woman whose father, struck by the rampant epidemic smallpox, gives her away to another man in exchange for the latter’s healing him. Fed up with the harsh circumstances of her life, Mastura thrives to, and does, make her own destiny, to live long afterwards in the memory of her tribe.

Francis X. Altomare appeared on the Gameshow Jeopardy airing on Thursday, September 26, 2013.

Jennifer Matos Ayala, Literature and Criticism Ph.D. candidate, chaired a panel and presented at the 26th MELUS National Conference in Pittsburgh, PA, on March 14-17, 2013. Jennifer’s conference presentation titled “Possessed Bodies: The Colonized Female Body and Sexuality” discussed the colonized female bodies and sexualities in Bharati Mukherjee’s Jasmine and Tsitsi Dangarembga’s Nervous Conditions and how these influence the female characters’ identities and relationships from a feminist, post-colonial and racial perspective. On April 3, 2013, Jennifer presented on a panel for Issues of Diversity: Voices from the Field, A Working Paper Series of The Frederick Douglass Institute for Intercultural Research. Her presentation titled “‘Frothing with Delight’: Sexual Freedom and Oppression in Three Twentieth-Century Novels” explored how the female characters in these novels are concurrently empowered and oppressed by their sexuality and desirability because of the sexual politics of the time. Along with Rachael Warmington, Kittiphong Praphan, Carolyn Marcille, and Ibrahim Azizi, Jennifer was awarded the Outstanding Service & Citizenship Award for their outstanding, dedicated, and exemplary professional services as the IUP graduate student team and Conference Committee members for MELUS 2013 National Conference in March 2013.


Gregory Luke Chwala, doctoral candidate in the English Literature and Criticism program, presented a paper in Buffalo, New York, at the 3rd biannual international Queering Ireland conference, “Queer Irish Diasporas,” sponsored through the Humanities Institute, SUNY Buffalo, 9-10 August. His paper was entitled “Community and Crisis: Queer Irish Diasporas in Albert Nobbs.” This past year he also published two articles through Inter-disciplinary Press: “Distorted and Displaced Heteronormativity: Hypermasculinity, Violence and Sexuality in Chris Abani’s GraceLand”, and “In a ‘hall of mirrors’: A Phenomenology of Heteronormative White Double Consciousness in James Baldwin’s Giovanni’s Room”. The article on GraceLand has been developed as a larger chapter for a special edition anthology on Queer Sexualities to be published in 2014.
Jaron Fox moderated the six O’clock series on September 23, 2013. On September 25, 2013, he was one of the MCs for the Banned Books event.

Tracy Lassiter, who earned her PhD from IUP’s English department in 2013 and currently works as a temporary English faculty member, presented a paper entitled “While My Gorilla Gently Weeps” at the International Comparative Literature Congress held at the Sorbonne in Paris in July 2013. In support of this presentation, separately she won her second Love of Learning Award from the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, one of 147 recipients nationwide out of a pool of more than 1000 applicants. She also has a chapter appearing in a forthcoming anthology entitled Energy in Literature; her submission is called “The First Nations’ Way: Indigenous People’s Literary and Political Resistance to Big Oil”.


A. J. Schmitz presented a paper, "'I thought you were goats': Barbara Kingsolver’s Prodigal Summer and the Destabilization of the Urban/Rural Hierarchy” at the Mid-Atlantic Popular & American Culture Association Conference, November, 2013. He also presented his paper, "Cultural Identity and the Politics of Female Genital Mutilation in Alice Walker's Possessing the Secret of Joy," at the Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States Conference, March, 2013.

Jessica Showalter is, this semester, the Lillian Gary Taylor Visiting Fellow in American Literature at the University of Virginia’s Harrison Institute for American History, Literature, and Culture. Last semester, she received an IUP Graduate Research Grant that funded her archival research at the University of Pennsylvania, the Library Company of Philadelphia, and the
Historical Society of Pennsylvania. She chaired a panel and presented a paper at the 2013 Pennsylvania College English Association Conference. She also published book reviews in *Studies in the Humanities* and *Teacher-Scholar*.

**Mark Dawson Thomas** was panel participant in “Creative Writers in Cyberspace: Teaching Students to Collaborate Online” and “Creative Writing Assignments for the Composition Classroom” at Gulf Coast Association of Creative Writing Teacher Conference on April 5, 2013. He will also be panel chair in “Writing from Distance: Facilitating Student Collaboration in the Online Classroom” at Florida College English Association Conference on October 17, 2013.

**Samantha Vertosick** presented a paper at this year’s PASSHE Graduate Research and Creative Projects Symposium and has been accepted to present at PAMLA’s 111th annual conference at the end of October in San Diego, where she’ll also be moderating a panel on Autobiographies for Dr. Tanya Heflin. Both presentations were/will be a reading of her paper entitled “And They Lived Happily Ever After: A Glance at Traditional and Contemporary Fairy Tale Endings”.

**Jennifer Mary Woolston** presented a paper entitled “Analyzing Archie Comics: Feminism, Gay Rights, and More!” at the Popular Culture Association of the South (PCAS), in Savannah, GA, October 2013. She also chaired and moderated the panel at which it was presented, entitled “Engendered Comics”. Jennifer also recently completed book reviews of *Sing Us a Song, Piano Woman: Female Fans and the Music of Tori Amos* by Adrienne Trier-Bieniek, and *Graphic Novels and Comics in the Classroom* edited by Carrye Kay Syma and Robert G. Weiner for a forthcoming issue of *The Journal of American Culture*.

**M. Ed School Counseling**

S. Stahl’s article, “The use of therapeutic letters in addressing parent-child attachment problems,” has been published in The Family Journal for their Spring 2013 issue and is available at [http://tfj.sagepub.com/content/21/1/74](http://tfj.sagepub.com/content/21/1/74)

Albin, L. co-presented her work “Building school and community partnerships” with Dr. Kimberly J. Desmond at the Pennsylvania School Counselors Association Conference in Lancaster, PA. (2012)

**M.A. Public Affairs**

Matthew Corran is a recipient of the Humanities, Arts, Science and Technology Alliance and Collaboratory (HASTAC) fellowship for graduate students who are interested in networking with students from other institutions in the pursuit of pedagogical and technological innovation.

**M.A. Criminology**
Iman Abubaker presented her work entitled “Adapting to Stress in Alexandria, Egypt: Case Studies of Women During the Islamic Spring” at the IUP Graduate Scholars Forum in April 2013.

Sydney Ann Bender presented her work entitled "The U.S. Supreme Court and Juvenile Sentencing: An 'Evolving Standard of Decency'" at the IUP Graduate Scholars Forum in April 2013.

Sydney Ann Bender presented her work entitled "Sport Deviance and the Rodeo" at the Graduate Research and Creative Projects Symposium (PASSHE) in April 2013.

Sydney Ann Bender is author of a poster entitled “Juvenile Life without Parole Sentences: In the Wake of Miller v. Alabama” that was accepted for presentation at the American Society of Criminology conference in November, 2013 in Atlanta, GA.

Sydney Ann Bender is co-author of a roundtable presentation with EmmaLeigh Kirschner, Brooke Mathna, Janet Hassey, Paul Lucas, and Stacie Merken entitled "The Ethical Dilemmas of Imprisonment: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back" that was accepted for presentation at the American Society of Criminology conference in November, 2013 in Atlanta, GA.

Sydney Ann Bender, Linda Herrera and Iman Abubaker are co-authors of a roundtable presentation with Dr. Austin, Dr. Victoria Time entitled "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Qualitative Masters Theses" that was accepted for presentation at the American Society of Criminology conference in November, 2013 in Atlanta, GA.

Andrew Gaus is author of a poster entitled “Shoplifting Prevention Using Situational Crime Prevention Techniques” that was accepted for presentation at the American Society of Criminology conference in November, 2013 in Atlanta, GA.

Samantha Gavin is co-author of a paper with Drs. Jonathon Cooper and Kathleen Hanrahan entitled “Who’s Looking for Whom” that was accepted for presentation at the American Society of Criminology conference in November, 2013 in Atlanta, GA.

Matthew Hassett is co-author of a paper with Drs. Jonathon Cooper and Shannon Phaneuf entitled “Prior Victimization and Gun Ownership” that was accepted for presentation at the American Society of Criminology conference in November, 2013 in Atlanta, GA.

Linda Herrera presented her work entitled “Strain Theory and Transnational Labor Migration” at the IUP Graduate Scholars Forum in April 2013.

Linda Herrera is author of a poster entitled “Mexican Women and the Other Side of Immigration” that was accepted for presentation at the American Society of Criminology conference in November, 2013 in Atlanta, GA.

Kyle Novak is assisting in the organization of a presentation that is co-sponsored by the Department of Criminology and Safe Zone Project entitled “Hate Crime: Critical Issues” which
will feature guest speakers from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Persad Center’s Community Safe Zone Project in October 2013.

Kyle Novak is author of a poster entitled “Sex Trafficking: ‘Out of Sight Out of Mind’ for IUP Students” that was accepted for presentation at the American Society of Criminology conference in November, 2013 in Atlanta, GA.

**M.A. Employment and Labor Relations**

Ryan Phillis, Leah Agnott, Katie Zibert, and Joseph Wasik contributed to the paper "Understanding the Next Generation of Employees’ Emotional Intelligence" which is being presented at the Applied Business and Entrepreneurship Association International Conference in November by Dr. David Piper, Nicole Buse (now IUP hospitality instructor) and Dr. Lisa Dupnock.

Tracy VanHorn-Juart, William Brayn, Kayla Yoder, Vanessa Valentino, Jordan Kelly and Dr. Dave Piper contributed to “The Next Generation of Workers and their Work-Life Balance: How will the United States Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act affect the balance? (2013),” which was presented by Drs. Lisa Dupnock and Scott Decker at the Canadian Industrial Relations Association's 50th anniversary conference in Toronto in May. It is currently being reviewed for the Industrial Relations Journal.