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FEATURED

Two lawyers on the YSU faculty have recently been appointed to statewide leadership positions.

Atty. Ron Slipski, lecturer in the departments of Politics and International Relations and Criminal Justice and Forensic Science, was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Governors of the Ohio State Bar Association, which represents more than 26,000 members of the bench and the bar of Ohio. Slipski has served on the OSBA's Council of Delegates and is the recipient of OSBA's Weir Award for Ethics and Professionalism. Slipski earned bachelor's and master's degrees in History from YSU and a Juris Doctor from the University of Akron.



And, the Supreme Court of Ohio has appointed **Atty. Patricia Wagner**, associate professor of Criminal Justice and Forensic Science, to the Commission on Continuing Legal Education. She serves as an Ohio attorney representing the Seventh Court of Appeals (Mahoning, Columbiana, Carroll, Jefferson, Harrison, Belmont, Noble and Monroe counties) through 2022. Wagner holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Texas at Austin and a

Juris Doctor from Northwestern University.

PRESENTATIONS

Nicole Pettitt, assistant professor of English,

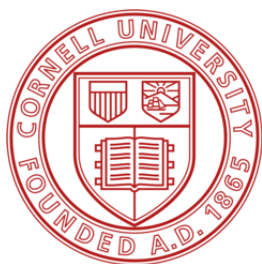
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Feng "George" Yu, associate professor, Computer Science

presented "Representing belonging: Refugee-background women's personal photography" at the "Imagining America 20th National Gathering: Mighty Dreams - Designing and Fostering Belonging in 'America'". The annual gathering of public scholars, artists, students, designers and cultural organizers who are addressing the nation's most critical issues was held in Albuquerque, N.M. Pettitt presented findings from publicly-engaged research with refugee women: comparing photographs the women took of themselves and their experiences with photos of refugees in journalistic outlets. She said the work aimed to incite attendees to reflect on the ways they and their communities imagine (and thus represent) those who have experienced migration—and how those representations construct or interrupt newcomers' efforts to belong in the United States.



and Information Systems, is one of the authors of a research paper that won the best paper award at the peer-reviewed 28th International Conference on Software Engineering and Data Engineering in San Diego. Yu, who presented the paper at the conference, authored the paper with **David S. Wilson**, one of Yu's master students who graduated from YSU in fall 2018, and Wen-Chi Hou, professor of Computer Science at Southern Illinois University. The paper, "**Scalable Correlated Sampling for Join Query Estimations on Big Data**," focuses on a new big data technique that processes complex queries instantly and produces accurate estimations. The research is supported by the Cushwa Shearing Graduate Fellowship, University Research Council Grant, Research Professorship Award at YSU and an Amazon Research and Education Grant.



Michael Jerryson, professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies, presented the Ronald and Janette Gatty Endowed Invited

Lecture at Cornell University titled "What Turns Us Violent: Sacred Emergencies." He was also featured in the Gatty Lecture Rewind Podcast at Cornell. He also presented the keynote address at the Humanistic Buddhist Conference in

Lori Greenawalt, senior academic coach, and **Tara D. Sydney**, academic coach, in the YSU Center for Student Progress, were



awarded Level 2 Certification as part of the National College Learning Center Association's Learning Center Leadership Certification Program. They now hold the designation of "Certified Learning Center Professional - Level 2." The purpose of the certification is to give learning assistance

Singapore and a lecture at Goethe University in Frankfurt, Germany. Other activities include workshops on violence, race and religion at Ball State University, co-editor of *Buddhist-Muslim Relations in a Theravada World*, and editor of *Religious Violence Today*, an 870-page volume about religious violence, hate crime and persecution around the world.

Salvatore Sanders, dean of the YSU Graduate School; **Nancy Landgraff**, professor and chair of Physical Therapy; and **Weiqing Ge**, professor of Physical Therapy, traveled to China to establish a Rehabilitation Training Center with Handan Central Hospital in Hebei Province. The center is part of a rehabilitation alliance between YSU's Physical Therapy department and the hospital to educate and train the therapy staff on aspects of rehabilitation. YSU representatives also presented the following talks: Sanders, "Trails to Wellness," a study conducted on the utilization of the fitness trail in Mill Creek Park; Ge, "The Use of Assistive Devices for Ambulation"; and Landgraff, "Community Based Exercise Program for Persons with Movement Challenges."

Howard Mettee, retired professor of Chemistry, presented "Citizen Bridges Between Russia and America" at the Boardman Historical Society. In the 1990s,

professionals standards by which to foster growth and development in the field of learning assistance.

The Maturation of Advanced Manufacturing for Low-Cost Sustainment program received the **2019 Defense Manufacturing Technology Achievement Award** under the project category of Readiness Improvement. Among the YSU STEM faculty involved in the project are **Brett Conner, Darrell Wallace, Eric MacDonald, Jason Walker, Jeremy Knight, Brian Vuksanovich** and **Cory Brozina**. MAMLS was selected through a competitive process by the Joint Defense Manufacturing Technology Principals.



Lucas Hardy, associate professor of English and director of English graduate studies, was the Society of Early Americanists Scholar of the Month for October 2019. A **Q&A interview** was published on the Society's website. The Society promotes the exchange of ideas among scholars who study American literature and culture to 1830 and is comprised of more than 500 members worldwide. Hardy has presented his research at numerous SEA conferences and has published essays with several SEA affiliate journals. He joined the YSU English faculty in 2012, after receiving a Ph.D. from

Mettee organized an exchange delegation from YSU to four universities in Russia. More recently, he served as president of the Russia-United States Intercountry Committee of Rotary International. Through his connections, the Boardman Rotary has hosted more than a dozen delegations from Russia.

the University at Albany, SUNY.



Nancy Landgraff, right, chair and professor of Physical Therapy, receives the Great Rivers Affiliate Legacy Leadership Award 2019 from Tracy Behnke, executive director of the American Heart Association. The award recognizes individual leadership in the AHA. Landgraff has been a volunteer and leader for the AHA since 2001, serving on the board of directors (2007-2016 and currently), including chair, 2011-2013.

Irish Poetry Therapy Network

Mari Alschuler, associate professor of Social Work, presented "Creating a Breathing Space: Writing and Collage for Self-Care" at the Irish Poetry Therapy Network in Belfast,

Northern Ireland.

Mollie Hartup, Communications coordinator and Y magazine editor, presented a research paper at the 2019 Association for Business Communication international conference in Detroit. The paper, "Down the Rabbit Hole and Back: Toward Casual Conversation Theory," explores the potential outcomes of casual conversation in organizations and will be published in conference proceedings. In addition, **Hartup** and **Amy Cossentino**, dean of the Honors College, co-authored the article, "Maximizing Communication Methods to Promote Student Development and Success," for the *Western ABC Bulletin*, a publication of the Association for Business Communication.

Patricia Veisz, director of the YSU Ohio Small Business Development Center, and **Jennifer Behney**, associate professor, World Languages and Cultures, made presentations during

the YSU Board of Trustees meeting in December. Veisz talked about the Center's services and successes, while Behney talked about her two research areas in Applied Linguistics: second language acquisition via eye tracking, and foreign language education.



FEATURED

Jake Protivnak, left, professor and chair, Counseling, with the department's full-time faculty at the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference in Seattle, from the left, Amy Williams, Kristin Bruns, Victoria Kress, Don Martin and Matthew Paylo. Six faculty from the program presented at the conference:

- Protivnak, professor, and Kress, professor, presented "Archiving for Advocacy: Using Your Counseling Program's History to Demonstrate Community Impact and Support Sustainability."
- Williams, assistant professor, and Bruns, assistant professor, presented "Integrating Cultural Competence and Social Justice Across the Counselor Training Curriculum."
- Staci Tessmer, part-time instructor, co-presented "Supervision of Group Work: A Conceptual Framework for Site Supervisors."
- Alicia Hall, part-time instructor, co-presented "Infusing Culturally Responsive

Counseling Interventions Through Collaborative and Interdisciplinary Approaches Into Counselor Education Coursework for Deaf/Hard of Hearing Clients.”

- Kress also co-presented “The Elephant In The Room: Inviting and Promoting Vulnerability in Clinical Supervision.”

PUBLICATIONS



“Counseling termination and new beginnings” is the title of an article co-authored by **Victoria Kress**, professor of Counseling, and published in *Counseling Today*. Kress has published a number of journal articles on counseling termination and further addresses the topic in her textbooks, *Counseling Children and Adolescents* and *Treating Those With Mental Disorders*.

Isam Amin and **Alan Jacobs**, professors of Geological and Environmental Sciences, and graduate student **Nana Acheampong**, published a peer-reviewed article in the *International Journal of Ecological Economics and Statistics*. The article is titled “Correlation between the Rates and Mortality of Ischemic Heart Disease and Magnesium Concentrations in Ohio Drinking Water.” They compiled the data on drinking water quality and the incidence of heart disease from Acheampong’s master’s thesis research.

IN THE MEDIA



Business Journal

“Procurement offers opportunities”

Dave McCracken, director, YSU Procurement Services

WYTV 33

“Keeping Kids Safe: Navigating the conversation about mass shootings”
Jake Protivnak, professor and chair, Counseling

The Business Journal

“Fostering Women in STEM Starts Early”

Diana Fagan, professor, Biological Science

Tribune Chronicle

"Group presents environmental ramifications of Enterprise Park"

Lauren Schroeder, professor emeritus, and Felicia Armstrong, associate professor

WFMJ

"How to handle politics at the holiday dinner table"

Ying (Joy) Tang, assistant professor, Psychology



WKBN TV

"YSU analyst reviews crime report: See how local communities fared"

Richard Rogers, associate professor, Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences

CNN.com

"Can Democrats avoid a brokered convention"

Paul Sracic, professor and chair, Politics and International Relations

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