



# Excellence at Work

An e-newsletter for faculty and staff scholarly achievements

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## FEATURED

Female sportscasters are still increasingly pressured into wearing revealing clothing on air, according to a new study by **Guy Harrison**, assistant professor of Telecommunication Studies.

The article titled "We Want to See You Sex It Up and Be Slutty: Post-Feminism and Sports Media's Appearance Double Standard," appears in *Critical Studies in Media Communication*. Harrison interviewed 10 women sportscasters, from radio anchors in their early 20s to Hall of Fame broadcasters in their 60s, and found that the gendered double standard for looks is still very much alive in sportscasting. "Women in the industry are increasingly pressured into wearing revealing clothing - a

trend I refer to as the 'nightclubification' of woman sportscaster dress," said Harrison, who earned a PhD in Journalism and Mass Communication from Arizona State University.

The study stems from Harrison's larger project examining several longstanding assumptions and notions the general public holds about women sportscasters, including the assumption that good looks are a larger priority for being hired as a woman in the industry than it is for a man.

## HONORS

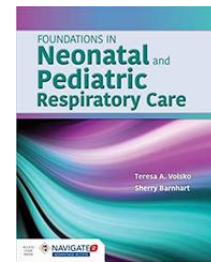
**Jennifer Behney**, assistant professor of World Languages and Cultures, received the Ed Allen Award for Outstanding College World Language Instructor at the Ohio Foreign Language Association Conference in Columbus. The award is given for innovative contributions to world language teaching, outstanding service to the profession and success in expanding/maintaining enrollment in world language. The award is named for the late Edward D. Allen, emeritus professor at Ohio State University.



**Betty Jo Licata**, dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration, was appointed chair of the International Continuous Improvement Review Committee of the American Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. CIRC oversees processes for continuation of business accreditation. As chair, Licata also serves on the Business Accreditation Policy Committee, which oversees policy related to

## PUBLICATIONS

**Amanda L. Roby**, associate professor of Respiratory Care and Polysomnography, recently published a chapter on surfactant replacement therapy in the newly released textbook, *Foundations in Neonatal and Pediatric Respiratory Care*. In addition, Roby has passed the Sleep Disorders Specialist exam of the National Board of Respiratory Care, one of only 724 practitioners nationwide to earn the credential. Beyond her respiratory therapy credentials, this makes the third credential (RPSGT, RST and RRT-SDS) that she has acquired specific to sleep medicine.



**Nicole Pettitt**, assistant professor of Linguistics/TESOL in the Department of English, is the author of "Weaving Reciprocity in Research With(in) Immigrant and Refugee Communities," a chapter in the new book *Critical Reflections on Research Methods: Power and Equity in Complex Multilingual Contexts*. Drawing on insights from a three-year ethnography of refugee-background

AACSB business accreditation and quality assurance services. Licata joined YSU as dean of the Williamson College of Business Administration in 1995. Also, Licata recently received the Parker McHenry Board Excellence Award from the United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley. She was presented the award at the United Way's annual meeting in April.



**Alicia Prieto Langarica**, associate professor of Mathematics, is the new associate director of the Mathematical Association of America's **Project NExT**, New Experiences in Teaching. The project is a professional development program for new or recent PhDs in the mathematical sciences. Since 1994, Project NExT has named more 1,700 Fellows, including Prieto.

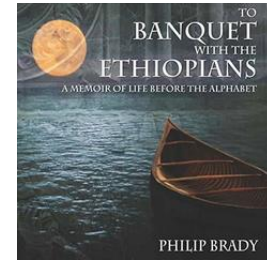
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**Victoria Kress**, professor of Counseling and coordinator of Clinical Mental Health Counseling and Addiction Counseling programs,

women and their experiences learning English, the chapter reflects on the possibilities and limits of reciprocity as Pettitt attempts to disrupt power imbalances inherent in research with minoritized communities.

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*To Banquet with the Ethiopians: A Memoir of Life Before the Alphabet*,



written and narrated by English Professor **Philip Brady**, is now available as an audiobook. In addition, Brady is featured in the latest issue of the **Kenyon Review**. Brady, director of the YSU Poetry Center and Etruscan Press, is the recipient of several honors throughout his career, including the Ohioana Poetry Award, the Governor's Award and six individual Artists Awards from the Ohio Arts Council. His most recent book is a collection of essays, *Phantom Signs: The Muse in Universe City*.

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**Monica Merrill**, assistant professor of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, is

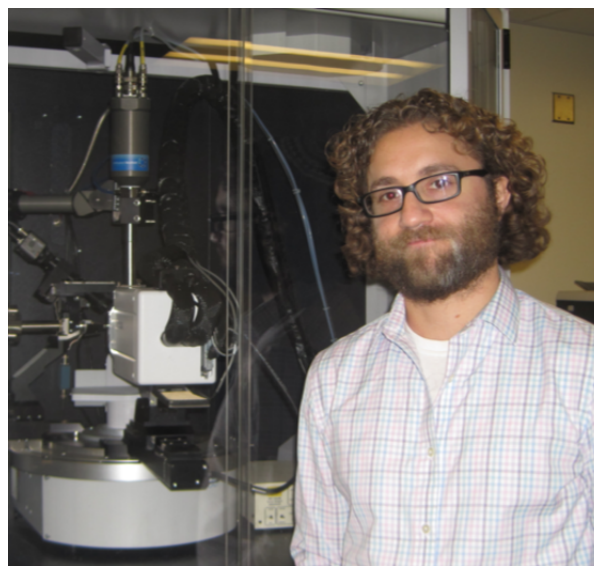
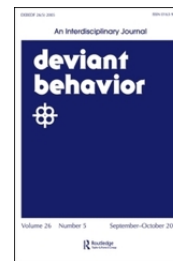
has been named one of the 2019 American Counseling Association Fellows, the highest honor from the ACA. The award was presented at the 2019 ACA Conference in New Orleans. Kress also was elected president of the Association for Humanistic Counseling, a division of ACA. Kress will serve on the AHC Executive Board in the following capacities: 2019-20 president-elect, 2020-21 president and 2021-22 past-president.

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*Crystal Growth & Design* journal has identified **Doug Genna**, right, assistant professor of Organic Chemistry, as one of the nation's **25 Emerging Investigators**. Genna is featured in a special virtual issue of the journal. "Our emerging authors are clearly the next line of excellent science and application," said Robin D. Rogers, editor of CGD. Appearing in the special issue is an article co-authored by Genna and titled, "Ion-Directed Synthesis of Indium-Derived 2,5-Thiophenedicarboxylate Metal-Organic Frameworks: Tuning Framework Dimensionality." Genna studied at Haverford College, Johns Hopkins University and the University of Michigan before joining the YSU faculty in 2014.

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the co-author of **"Unraveling the Intersecting Meanings of Interpersonal Violence: The Embodiment of Gender and Race in Attributions and Characterizations of Violence"** in the journal *Deviant Behavior*. She also recently presented "Domestic Violence Deaths: An Examination of Recording Practices by State" at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences conference in Baltimore.



## PRESENTATIONS





The Dana Piano Trio, consisting of three faculty members in the Dana School of Music, performed at Carnegie Hall in March as part of the year-long celebration of Dana's 150th anniversary. The trio includes pianist **Cicilia Yudha**, associate professor; cellist **Kivie Cahn-Lipman**, assistant professor; and violinist **Joseph Kromholz**, assistant professor.

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**Jim Benedict**, assistant professor of Physical Therapy, presented a peer-reviewed educational session titled "How Physical Therapists Can Support Pro Bono Global Health for Local Vulnerable Populations" at the American Physical Therapy Association's Combined Sections Meeting in Washington D.C. The session was sponsored by the Section on Health Policy and Administration. Benedict is executive director of the Centofanti Comprehensive Health Center in Youngstown, a collaboration with the YSU Bitonte College of Health and Human Services and the Midlothian Free Health Clinic.



## FEATURED

**Stephen Chalmers**, associate professor of Photography, has received the Individual Excellence Award from the Ohio Arts Council for his project, "**Pearl Bryan**". The statewide award recognizes artists for exceptional work that advances the discipline and the larger artistic community.

"Pearl Bryan" is a group of Chalmers' photographs that focuses on a brutal 19th century murder in northern Kentucky that at the time was called "the crime of the century." The photos have been featured in a magazine published by Stern in Germany and was one of 25 semifinalists, from a field of 456 international artists, in the Print Center's Annual International Competition in Philadelphia, one of the oldest and most prestigious art competitions in the United States. It also was part of a group exhibition in the Bolivar Art Gallery at the University of Kentucky.

Chalmers, an award-winning photographer whose work has been exhibited from San Diego and Chicago to The Netherlands and China, created "Pearl Bryan" with the support of a YSU University Research Council Grant and a Summer Faculty Innovation Grant from the YSU Cliffe College of Creative Arts and Communication.

*(Pictured is a photo of the site of the former house of Pearl Bryan.)*

## STAFF

**Crystal Bannon**, senior career and academic advisor in the YSU Career and Academic Advising Office, presented a poster at the National Academic Advising Conference in Phoenix. The poster was titled "Collaborative Career Advising: An Innovative way for students to EXPLORE their future."

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**Anthony Spano**, purchasing coordinator, was named the Ohio Education Association Support Professional of the Year and was among 36 nominees nationally for the National Education Association Education Support Professional of the Year. Spano, a member of YSU Association of Classified Employees and a YSU graduate, had led the YSU-ACE scholarship committee and is the founder of the Hope Foundation of the Mahoning Valley benefiting chronically-terminally ill children and their families.

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**Tara D. Sydney**, an academic coach in the Center for Student Progress, presented “The Magic of Relationship-Building with Minority Students in Academic Coaching” at the Association for the Coaching and Tutoring Profession 15th Annual Conference in Orlando, Fla. The presentation showed how academic coaches can build positive and meaningful relationships with minority students to support academic success and improve retention.

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The YSU Board of Trustees received the **John W. Nason Award for Board Leadership** at the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges national meeting in Orlando. Attending the meeting and accepting the award were Trustees **Dave Deibel**, **Molly Seals** and **Ted Roberts**. The award is one of the nation’s top honors given to governing boards demonstrating exceptional leadership and initiative. The board was selected for its successes in wading through a variety of challenges that faced the university over the past five years, including financial uncertainty, falling enrollment and frequent changes in presidential leadership.

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## IN THE MEDIA

### **Tax Talk**

*WalletHub*

### **Is Betomania Real or Phony?**

*New York Times*

## Can Social Retail Therapy Save the World's Brick-and-Mortar Marketplaces?

Forbes

## Far-flung job offers pose tough choices for GM Ohio workers

Reuters



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