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## FROM THE DEAN'S DESK



SCOTT VANDERSTOEP

Dear Faculty, Alumni and Students:

I am pleased to provide you with updates on the programs and people of the Social Sciences Division. The first half of the academic year was filled with high enrollments, terrific new faculty and athletic accomplishments. Although the newsletter is distributed on campus, our main goal is to reach alumni who majored in one of our programs. We hope you enjoy this connection with your school. Please stay in touch with the college through the Alumni Relations Office--[hope.edu/alumni](http://hope.edu/alumni). I offer my special thanks to senior Studio Art major, Amy Van Dommelen (Grand Rapids). Amy has composed this newsletter since its inception. She will graduate in May and I will miss her editing, formatting and layout skills.

## NEW FACULTY PROFILES

The Social Sciences Division welcomed eight new full-time faculty for the 2014-15 school year. They are all outstanding teacher-scholars as well as able and caring mentors who are committed to Hope's mission. We look forward to many years together. For those who read these biographies carefully, you might also note that three of the eight obtained their graduate degrees in Texas. It's unlikely that this percentage has ever been larger. You will also notice affection for outdoor activities among several in this group. They certainly moved to the right place!

CHAD CARLSON joins the Hope faculty as an Assistant Professor of Kinesiology and JV Men's Basketball Coach. Chad is a 2003 Hope graduate with a master's from Western Michigan University and a PhD from Pennsylvania State University. Chad is teaching a large array of courses, including Measurement and Evaluation in Health Education, First Year Seminar, Health Dynamics and Sports in Society. Chad previously taught at Penn State-Altoona and Eastern Illinois University. He has published widely in the area of sports history and sports ethics. He and his wife Kathi (another 2003 Hope graduate) are happy to be back in West Michigan with their five-year-old daughter and three-year-old son.



CHAD CARLSON

## NEW FACULTY PROFILES (CONT.)



MARISSA DOSHI

MARISSA DOSHI joins the faculty as an Assistant Professor of Communication. Her undergraduate degree is in Life Sciences and Biochemistry from St. Xavier's College in Mumbai, India. Her two master's degrees are in Biotechnology and in Science and Technology Journalism from the University of Abertay (Scotland) and Texas A&M University, respectively. Her PhD in Communication is also from Texas A&M. She teaches Introduction to Mass Communication, Writing for Media and (recently renamed) Advanced Writing for Media. Her research draws on feminist perspectives to examine the creative and cultural dimensions of media practices of marginal communities. She recently has conducted an ethnographic study of mobile phone use and media viewing practices of Catholic women in India. She lives in Holland with her husband Shane Pinto, who spends part of each year as a First Officer aboard merchant ships that sail the world's oceans.

AARON FRANZEN joins the faculty as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and Social Work. Aaron completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, a master's degree from Concordia Seminary (MO) in Historical Theology and master's and PhD degrees from Baylor University. Aaron is teaching Sociology of Medicine, Theoretical Perspectives in Sociology and our criminology courses. Aaron's research explores how beliefs, values and identity impact religion, politics, physician-patient relationships and other complex social behaviors. When Aaron is not thinking about sociological theory, he enjoys outdoor activities and photography. His wife Sara is a physician in Allegan County and their son is 18 months old.



AARON FRANZEN



MELINDA LARSON

MELINDA LARSON joins the faculty as Associate Professor of Kinesiology and Co-Director of Athletics. Melinda is a Whitworth University graduate and alumnae of its women's basketball team. She also holds a master's degree in Health Education from Florida International University. In addition to her duties co-leading Hope Athletics, Melinda is teaching several courses in Kinesiology. She most recently worked at Whitworth, where she served as Interim Athletics Director. She also served Whitworth previously as Associate Professor and Head Athletic Trainer. Prior to Whitworth, Melinda worked as an athletic trainer at Florida International while completing her graduate degree. Melinda spends her free time in outdoor activities. She is currently in the process of attempting the 1200-mile Idaho Centennial Trail and has completed about half of the journey during the last few summers.

STEVE MCMULLEN is the newest economist to join the Department of Economics & Business as an Assistant Professor. Steve's undergraduate degree is from Bethel University (MN) and his PhD is from the University of North Carolina. He is teaching Principles of Macroeconomics and History of Economic Thought. His research interests are in economics and theology, economics of education and economics ethics. In 2014 he published an article entitled "Radical Orthodox Economics" in the distinguished journal *Christian Scholars Review*. Most recently Steve taught for six years at Calvin College before moving to Holland with wife Laura and three children. Other than enjoying cooking, Steve reports having few hobbies at the moment, but is committed to finding some when his children get older!



STEVE MCMULLEN

## NEW FACULTY PROFILES (CONT.)



GREG MITCHELL

GREG MITCHELL joins the Hope faculty as Assistant Professor of Kinesiology and Head Men's Basketball Coach. He is a 1989 Hope graduate with a master's degree from Michigan State University. In addition to his responsibilities running the men's basketball program, he is teaching Health Dynamics as well as Strength and Conditioning. Prior to his arrival at Hope, he taught English and physical education in Okemos and Laingsburg schools. He also coached varsity basketball at Laingsburg High School for 25 years, amassing 362 wins, six conference championships, six district championships, three regional championships and a state runner-up finish in 2012-13. He has been named Coach of the Year seven different times by three different organizations. Greg's wife, Dina Zurchauer, is a 1988 Hope graduate. They have four children, one of whom is a current Hope student.

STEPHEN SCOGIN joins the faculty as an Assistant Professor with appointments in the Departments of Education and Biology. Stephen has bachelor's and master's degrees from Stephen F. Austin State University, a specialist degree (EdS) in Educational Administration from Pensacola Christian College and a PhD in Science Education from Texas A&M University. Stephen's main teaching responsibility is Biology 104 (Organisms and Environments), the course that most elementary education students take as part of their teacher education program. His research interests are in student motivation, innovative science education programs, interdisciplinary education, scientist-student partnerships and online learning. Prior to going back to get his PhD, Stephen worked as a secondary teacher and administrator. He also supervised pre-service student teachers at Texas A&M. Stephen enjoys outdoor activities and watching and playing various sports. He lives in Hamilton with his wife Holly and two children.



STEPHEN SCOGIN



TEMPLE SMITH

TEMPLE SMITH joins the faculty as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and Social Work. She is teaching Sociology and Social Problems, Medical Sociology and Senior Seminar. Her research interests are in the areas of social stratification, structural inequality and mental health. Her dissertation was a mixed-methods study of the impact of credit card debt on college students' mental health and academic achievement. Temple is a lifelong Michigander and a Spartan, obtaining both her undergraduate and PhD degrees from Michigan State University. Prior to joining Hope's faculty she taught part-time at Michigan State, Alma College and the University of Michigan-Flint. Temple likes reading and is a connoisseur of fine coffee and tea. She always has a fresh pot of one of them available to students who stop by her office. Temple is also an archer. Her bow's name is Snow the Bow!

## FALL SPORTS REVIEW

Hope concluded another successful fall sports season with MIAA championships in men's and women's golf, women's soccer and volleyball. Hope also captured the MIAA tournament championship in women's soccer. We received an NCAA Regional invitation in women's soccer and qualified for the NCAA National Championship in women's cross country and volleyball. Hope is currently in 12th place in the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup standings for all Division III schools. The Learfield Cup ranks teams based on performance in NCAA postseason play.



And most of the Hope community is aware by now that our women's volleyball team, under leadership of Coach Becky Schmidt, won its first national championship on November 24, 2014. Jenna Grasmeyer and Lauren Hazekamp were named Division III All-Americans. At the Regional tournament in Springfield, Ohio Hope defeated Franklin & Marshall, Juniata and Wittenberg. Senior Jillian Sommerville (Plymouth) and junior Lauren Hazekamp (Fruitport) were named to the All-Tournament team and Senior Jenna Grasmeyer (Jenison) was named the Most Valuable Player. At the national tournament Hope defeated Clarkson, Calvin and Emory. Hazekamp and senior Amy VanderStoep (Holland) were named to the All-Tournament team and Grasmeyer was again named tournament MVP. This is Hope's third national championship, following women's basketball championships in 1990 and 2006.



BECKY SCHMIDT



JENNA GRASMEYER

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS ON SOUTH DAKOTA'S ROSEBUD RESERVATION

Vienna, India and London. Mention of these places will activate thoughts of long-standing and successful summer programs for the Hope community. Perhaps a less well-known program, but just as successful and long-standing, is the May Term on the Rosebud Lakota Sioux Reservation in South Dakota. Created twenty-five years ago, Professor Susan Cherup (Education) has led the May Term since its inception. Professor Jim Piers (Sociology and Social Work) has co-lead the program with her for the last nine years. The program has brought students from education, social work and nursing to a high-needs area to live and learn. The goals of the program are to learn the history and culture of the Lakota Sioux and to implement professional skills in the elementary, middle and high schools, or in a hospital setting. According to the Department of Interior (Bureau of Indian Affairs), Rosebud has a trust land base of 884,874 acres and a population of 24,217. When students are not working in the school or hospital, they explore the area and experience life on the reservation. Students live in a former boarding school during the three-week May Term.



This course has obvious and immediate impacts on Hope students. Professor Cherup reflects on the importance of the program for her and her students, “The month of May, for the last 24 years, has been a time for Hope students and me to learn and experience life in one of the poorest counties in the United States. We have been welcomed, learned from respected school and tribal members, been challenged to grow and always invited to return.”

The impact of the trip is also not lost on Professor Piers, who has found the experience professionally and personally meaningful. “The last nine years have taught me that this program conceptually and behaviorally embraces diversity, expands and clarifies cultural perspectives, and changes and potentially redirects lives of students and leaders. I believe this program is a significant program for our division.”

Gratitude goes to Susan Cherup and Jim Piers for their tireless commitment to this May Term, which is one of the important ways that the Social Sciences Division participates in Hope’s global mission.



SUE CHERUP

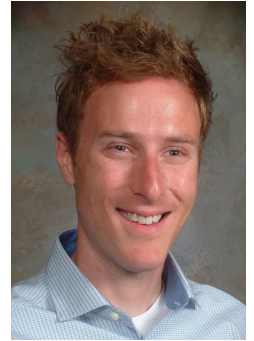


JIM PIERS

## PSYCHOLOGY'S VAN TONGEREN WINS TWO INTERNAL AWARDS

Daryl Van Tongeren, assistant professor of psychology, received the 2014 Social Sciences Young Investigator Award. One of his projects that was presented at Hope's annual Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creative Performance, entitled "Examining the Interactive Effects of Group Status and Perceived Morality on Personality Judgments," was selected by a group of divisional faculty as the best poster of students supervised by pre-tenured faculty. Daryl was assisted on this project by psychology majors Abigail Bohler, Paige Garwood, Sabrina Hakim and Joshua Stafford.

Daryl was also selected as one of two winners (along with Jared Ortiz of the Religion Department) of the prestigious Towsley Research Fellowship. His proposal, entitled "The Role of Virtues in the Social Motivation for Meaning," was selected among a group of exceedingly strong proposals. Through empirical and theoretical work, Daryl will investigate the impact of virtuous living on people's sense of meaning. For example, will inducing people to act virtuously create a greater self-reported sense of meaning? The fellowship provides for a pre-tenure sabbatical and four summers of grant support. During the fellowship period, Daryl hopes to conduct eight empirical studies, submit five empirical manuscripts and one theoretical paper for publication to refereed journals, present several conference papers with Hope students and submit a large grant proposal. This is the second year in a row that a member of our division has earned this distinction; Professor Deb VanDuinen (Education) was last year's Towsley recipient.



DARYL  
VAN TONGEREN

## COMMUNICATION'S JOHNSTON SELECTED AS DEAN'S GLOBAL EDUCATION GRANT WINNER



DEIRDRE JOHNSTON

Professor Deirdre (Dede) Johnston has been selected as the 2014-15 recipient of the Dean's Global Education Grant. This grant is given to one faculty member in the division each year to promote the global mission of Hope. Her specific proposal for this grant competition will allow her to connect with colleagues from Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts (BISLA) in Slovakia and the American University of Beirut (AUB). Her plan is to engage Hope students with faculty and students from these other institutions. In so doing, Hope students will study and gain understanding in, among other things, the causes of conflict and violence, the processes of peace building, effective intergroup dialog, and the religious and philosophical perspectives that impact human relations.

The grant will also allow Hope to develop a conjoined course entitled "Narratives of Peace, Conflict and Reconciliation" that will be taught with Hope, BISLA and AUB students. The students will connect via Skype during the Spring semester 2016. The students from all three institutions will then meet together in South Africa for a two-week study and tour in May 2016, applying what they have learned in the Spring semester.

Dede is an exceptional teacher and has experience teaching Hope students in international settings. She is also the co-creator of the Shalom Fellows Program on campus, which has trained many from the Hope community in facilitating positive interpersonal communication. This Dean's Global Education Grant project will provide more students in the division with valuable global experiences. This grant program is made possible by generous donations from Kristin and Mike Pagenkopf of Northbrook, Illinois.