

PH.D. SEMESTER NEWS

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Congratulations to our Ph.D. Graduates!



Graduates Left to Right: Dr. Michael DeAntonio, Dr. Stephen Ohnsman, Dr. Marion McGowan, Dr. Tracey Brown, Dr. Sibel Ahi, Dr. Sharon McLendon, Dr. John Chopka, Dr. Erin White-Mincarelli, Dr. Bari Dzomba.

Faculty Left to Right: Dr. Donna Yarri, Dr. Gerald Vigna, Dr. Spencer Stober, Dr. Tufan Tiglioglu, Dr. Caroline Fitzpatrick, Dr. Margaret Anne Dougherty, Dr. Samuel Bradley.

In December 2015 Alvernia University's Doctor of Philosophy in Leadership Program celebrated its largest graduating class since its inception in 2006. A total of 10 graduates received their doctoral hood. Congratulations to all!

- "Leading Quality Improvement in Higher Education" by **Dr. Sibel Ahi** with chair, **Dr. Spencer Stober**.
- "The Impact of Administrative Leadership Style on Job Satisfaction" by **Dr. Tracey Lynn Brown** with chair, **Dr. Spencer Stober**.
- "Leadership Through Institutional Name Change: A Case Study of Three Ohio Christian Colleges" by **Dr. John Chopka** with chair, **Dr. Margaret Anne Dougherty**.
- "A Comparative Study of Restorative Practices in Public Schools" by **Dr. Michael G. DeAntonio** with chair, **Dr. Donna Yarri**.
- "Dimensions of Leadership in Online Health and Wellness Communities" by **Dr. Bari Dzomba** with chair, **Dr. Samuel Bradley**.
- "The Healthcare Leader's Written Expression of Mission and Vision: A Content Analysis" by **Dr. Marion A. McGowan** with chair, **Dr. Spencer Stober**.
- "Predictive Variables For Multicultural Leadership in Education" by **Dr. Sharon M. McLendon** with chair, **Dr. Caroline Fitzpatrick**.
- "Ordination in Christian Ministry: The Nature of the Call Across Denominations" by **Dr. Stephen Ohnsman** with chair, **Dr. Gerald Vigna**.
- "A Comparative Analysis of Surgical Technology Academic Preparation and the Leadership Style of the Professional Organizations in Promoting Minimum Educational Requirements and Credentialing for Professional Practice" by **Dr. Erin White-Mincarelli** with chair, **Dr. Margaret Anne Dougherty**.
- "The Role the Executive Leader's Experience has on the success of a US Franchisor" by **Dr. Matthew C. Wright** with chair, **Dr. Scott Ballantyne**.

Additionally, the Ph.D. community wishes to congratulate those that have completed the program requirements and will be hooded in the May 2016 commencement!

- "Ethical Decision Making and Professor-Student Communications on Facebook.com" by **Diane Conrad** with chair, **Dr. Caroline Fitzpatrick**.
- "Narrative Discourse in Teaching Practice: Uncovering Multiple Layers of Story in The Art Classroom and Implications for Narrative Leadership" by **Nicole M. Romanski** with chair, **Dr. Caroline Fitzpatrick**.

International Leadership Association's 17th Annual Global Conference

Nine members of the Alvernia University Ph.D. community presented at the International Leadership Association's 17th annual global conference, "Leading Across Borders and Generations." The conference was held on October 14 – 17, 2015 in Barcelona, Spain. Presentations included:

- **Dr. Spencer Stober**, Professor of Biology and Educational Leadership, moderated a panel titled "Community Engagement Model for Thoughtful Leadership Education" with Ph.D. Program Director **Dr. Tufan Tiglioglu**, **Dr. Peggy Bowen-Hartung**, Associate Professor of Psychology and Counseling, **Dr. Alicia Sprow '11**, Sustainability Initiatives Coordinator, and **Dr. Tracey Brown '15**.
- **Dr. Tim Blessing**, Professor of History and Political Science, and **Dr. Kathleen Ellis '14** presented "Challenges Facing Contemporary Democratic Leaders: Leverage, Warrants, Thickening, Diversity."
- **Professor Travis Berger**, Assistant Professor of Business, Masters in Organizational Leadership Program Coordinator, and Dr. John A. Anderson, Professor of Sociology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, presented "Strategy's Contribution to the Leadership/Strategy (L/S) Conceptual Framework: Focus, Context, and Criteria" and "Presenting a Taxonomy of Leadership: the Foundation of the Leadership/Strategy (L/S) Conceptual Framework."
- **Patricia Brenner**, Ph.D. student, presented "Emotional Intelligence, Leadership & School Counselors in Training."

Congratulations to the 2015 International Leadership Association's Graduate Student Case Competition Winners

Ph.D. students **Patti Brenner**, **Tracey Brown '15**, and **Brian Petersen** won the prestigious Student Case Competition Award (Graduate Division) at the International Leadership Association 17th Annual Global Conference.



Left to Right: Patti Brenner, Tracey Brown '15, and Brian Petersen

The case competition topic was the recent corruption scandal involving International Federation of Association Football (FIFA). Teams were responsible for analyzing FIFA as an organization including its purpose, values, and leadership. Responses were to demonstrate a solid grasp of the ethical issues involved as well as an advanced understanding of leadership theory and practice, and a realistic mechanism for improving accountability and transparency within the organization.

Through a rigorous selection process, selected teams proceeded on to subsequent rounds of the competition including a written paper, a poster showcase, and an oral presentation and defense of their recommendations. The winning team received a complementary annual membership and a \$1,000 cash prize.

Professional Awards and Service

- **Dr. Patrick Hughes '13** has accepted the position of Chair and Assistant Professor in the Organizational Studies Program in the School for Professional Studies at Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO.
- **Dr. Bongrae Seok**, Associate Professor of Philosophy, has been elected as Vice President of the ACPA (Association of Chinese Philosophers in North America), December 2015.
- **Dr. Christine E. Poteau**, Assistant Professor of Spanish, received the Henderson Plenary Award and Honorarium at Harvard University, International Association for Language Learning Technology (IALLT) Foreign Language Education and Technology (FLEAT) VI Conference: Identities, Communities, and Technologies in Global Environments Honorarium in August 2015. In addition, she received an honorarium from McGraw-Hill Higher Education as a CONNECT Consultant.
- **Dr. Caroline Fitzpatrick**, Associate Professor of Communication, completed the English as a second language (ESL) seminars of the Literacy Coalition and received a Certificate in English Forward (ESL) Instructor Training, April 2015.

Selected Publications

- **Dr. Tufan Tiglioglu**, Associate Professor of Business, co-authored a paper titled “Volatility of Volatility in Emerging Markets” which is accepted for publication in the Journal of Money, Investment and Banking (in press).
- **Dr. Tim Blessing** published “The Logic of History and Leadership: Anselm's Analogs” in the Journal of Leadership Studies, September 2015.
- **Dr. Caroline Fitzpatrick**, published “Rater Perceptions of Bias Using the Multiple Mini-Interview Format: A Qualitative Study” with medical doctors Richard Alweis and Anthony Donato of The Reading Hospital and Medical Center, in the September/October issue of the International Journal of Education and Training Studies (2015).
- **Dr. John Rochowicz**, Professor of Mathematics and Physics, published “Harmonic Numbers: Insights, Approximations and Applications” in the Spreadsheets in Education journal in July 20, 2015.
- **Dr. Bongrae Seok** published the following:
 - Review of “Edward Slingerland’s Trying Not to Try: The Art and Science of Spontaneity” in Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, November 2015.
 - “Philosophy and Psychology of Pain.” in Human Beings, Environment, and their Future, Fall 2015, Vol. 15, 3-36, published by the Institute of Human, Environment, and Future, Inje University, South Korea.
 - “Mencius’s Ceynzhixin and Nociceptive Mirror Emotion: Embodied Moral Psychology of Confucian Philosophy” in The Philosophical Challenge from China (edited by Brian Bruya) (pp. 59-97) MIT press.
 - “Moral Psychology of Shame in Early Confucian Philosophy” in Frontiers of Philosophy in China. 10(1): 21-57, March 2015.
- **Dr. Christine Poteau** published “Pirahã and Banawá Minorities and Pedagogies” in the Approaches to Language (2015) edition of the Academic Exchange Quarterly, 19(3), 112-117. The article was subsequently selected for reprint in T. M. Mulvihill (Ed.), Diversity in Teaching and Learning: Sound Instruction Books (Vol. 8, pp. 108-112). Stuyvesant Falls, NY: Rapid Intellect Group. Additionally, in 2015, she published “Classroom Without Walls: Inquiry-Based Pedagogies and Intercultural Competence Development via Service-Learning” in Innovations in Higher Education Teaching and Learning (Vol. 3): Inquiry-Based Learning for Multidisciplinary Programs: A Conceptual and Practical Resource for Educators (pp. 377-394).
- **Dr. Patrick Hughes ’13** published co-authored paper titled “Leading Change and Innovation through Organizational Laundering” in the Journal of Leadership Studies in November 2015. Additionally, he co-authored a paper titled “Leadership in Police Regionalization: Why Mission Matters?” which is accepted for publication in the Journal of Law Enforcement Leadership and Ethics.

Selected Presentations and Professional Activities

- Ph.D. Student **Robin Carter** presented “Beyond Vertical and Horizontal Leadership: Spatializing Interdisciplinary Intersections, Boundaries, and Connections” at the Connections: The Threads, Roots, and Pathways That Bind Us Conference held at Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, February 4 - 6, 2016. Additionally, she will present “Sense of Place: Individual and Collective Mean-making within Interconnected, Shared, Mobile Experience” at the “You Are Here”: An Interdisciplinary Conference on Place, Space, and Embodiment Conference held at Creighton University, Omaha, NE, March 11 - 13, 2016.
- **Dr. Alicia Sprow ’11** and **Dr. Spencer Stober** presented “Nature Play as a Formative Experience in the Development of Nature-Centered Leaders” at the International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability held at Portland State University, January 21 - 23, 2016.
- **Dr. Michael DeAntonio ’15** led a presentation “Supporting Expelled Students with Academics and Restorative Practices” at the 19th World Conference of the International Institute for Restorative Practices in Bethlehem, PA on October 26, 2015.
- **Dr. Tufan Tiglioglu** and **Dr. Woosoon Kim**, Assistant Professor of Business, presented “Community Residents’ Psychological Benefits from Hosting Drag Racing Events: The Initial Stage of Scale Development” at the Pennsylvania Economic Association Conference at Penn State University at Berks, May 28 - 30, 2015 in Reading, PA. Additionally, **Dr. Tufan Tiglioglu** presented “Economy’s Impact on Your Business – Where Does Your Business “Grow” From Here?” at the 5th Annual Seminar Series by Herbein + Company, Inc., Reading, PA.
- **Dr. Tufan Tiglioglu**, **Dr. Spencer Stober**, **Dr. Patrick Hughes ’13**, and **Dr. Tracey Brown ’15** co-presented “How We Are Different as a Result of Doctoral Education” to the President’s Advisory Council (PAC) at Alvernia University.
- **Dr. Spencer Stober** presented “Climate Change: Humanity’s Predicament,” World Affairs Council, Reading, PA on January 13, 2016.

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- **Dr. Donna Yarri**, Associate Professor of Theology, presented at the American Academy of Religion meeting in Atlanta, GA, November 20 – 23, 2015. She was a member of a conference panel titled, “Self-Care in the Academy.” Additionally, she presented “Double-dipping, or Maximizing Your Time” as well as “Service Learning: The Ethical Treatment of Animal Course.”
- **Dr. Bongrae Seok** presented at numerous events including:
 - “Literary Festival: Alvernia Faculty Book Authors” at Alvernia University on November 4, 2015.
 - “Heaven and Moral Efficacy: Stoic Way and Confucian Way” at the 33rd annual Society of Ancient Philosophy Conference held at Fordham University, Bronx, NY, on October 25, 2015.
 - “Constructive Moral Emotion: Xunzi and Prinz” at the Symposium on Chinese Philosophy: New Directions in Chinese Philosophy held at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, on October 24, 2015.
 - “Computer Menus and Restaurant Menus: Embodied Spatial Metaphors” at The Third Annual Lehigh University Conference in Philosophy: Metaphors in Use held at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA, October 8 - 9, 2015.
 - “Musical Festivity and Confucian Virtuoso” at the Eighth Annual Geo-aesthetics Conference, International Association for the Study of Environment, Space, and Place held at Towson University, Baltimore, MD, September 25 - 26, 2015.
 - “Zombies, Psychopaths, and Confucian Village Worthies: Internalist Interpretation of Confucian Moral Psychology” at ISCP (International Society for Chinese Philosophy) Conference at Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong on July 24, 2015.
 - “Is Wu-wei Hot or Cold? Slingerland’s Trying not to Try” at the APA (American Philosophical Association) annual conference, Pacific Division, Philadelphia, PA on April 1, 2015.
 - “Moral Heteronomy and Confucian Philosophy” presented at the International Conference on Asian Studies, Scranton University, Scranton, PA, March 2015.
- **Dr. Caroline Fitzpatrick** led an interactive workshop on developing elevator speeches and community symposium statements for the staff at the Council on Chemical Abuse (COCA), Reading, PA, August 2015.
- **Dr. Caroline Fitzpatrick** and **Dr. Adam Heinze**, Assistant Professor of Biology, co-led Alvernia students in short-term study abroad experiences in Los Tres Brazos - a poverty stricken area of Santo Domingo, DR, May – June 2015. The team conducted ESL adult instruction, completed science experimentation and educational crafts with first through fifth grades, created a rainwater catchment pilot project, and documented experiences through journals and photography.
- **Dr. Christine Poteau** presented “From Local to Global: Virtual Pedagogies for Intercultural Competence Development” at the International Association for Language Learning Technology’s 2015 Foreign Language Education and Technology (FLEAT) VI: Identities, Communities, and Technologies in Global Environments at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. Additionally, she presented “Promoting Justice for the Linguistic Minority: Pedagogical Approaches to Language and Cultures” at the Spanish Contact, Expansion, and Transformation: 25th Conference on Spanish in the United States and 10th Conference on Spanish in Contact with Other Languages at The City College of New York, New York, NY.
- **Dr. Thomas Porrazzo**, Associate Professor of Healthcare Science, and **Dr. Dolores Bertoti**, Professor of Physical Therapy and Allied Health, presented a paper for “The Clute Institute 2015 International Education Conference,” in London, UK entitled: “One Size DOES NOT Fit All: A Student-Centered Emphasis on Curriculum Scaffolding.”

Leadership Events and Dates

International Leadership Association

Call for Chapter Proposals Deadline:
Gender, Communication, and the Leadership Gap.

March 15, 2016
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International Leadership Association

Topical Conference
August 10 - 12, 2016
Universidad del Pacific, Lima, Peru
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18th Annual Global Conference
November 2 - 5, 2016
Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A.
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