Our Vision

Western Connecticut State University will be widely recognized as a premier public university with outstanding teachers and scholars who prepare students to contribute to the world in a meaningful way.
2020 Provost’s Award for Teaching

Congratulations to Stephanie Kuhn, Assistant Professor, Education and Educational Psychology.

Stephanie received her BS in psychology from Virginia Tech and her MA and PhD in School Psychology from Louisiana State University. She is a licensed psychologist, a board certified behavior analyst, and a licensed behavior analyst. She spent her early career in clinical practice as a psychologist, behavior analyst, and clinical researcher working with individuals with developmental disabilities and severe behavior disorders. Her clinical and research experience is extensive. After completing her pre-doctoral training, Stephanie was on faculty at the Kennedy Krieger Institute and Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She then expanded her clinical work directing an outpatient treatment program at Westchester Institute for Human Development while on faculty at the NY Medical College. Throughout her years at Johns Hopkins and NY Medical College Dr. Kuhn also served as an adjunct professor at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell in the Behavioral Interventions in Autism program. The field of behavior analysis experienced a huge increase in interest following the establishment of the Behavior Analysis Certification Board and the establishment of state licensing laws for behavior analysts. These factors led to a large increase in the number of training programs across the country and an influx of new clinicians. As this shift in the field took place, she became more and more interested in the training experiences for students. As a result, she decided to make the shift to teaching at the university level as her primary focus to contribute to the development of a high-quality training program. She joined the WCSU Education and Educational Psychology Department faculty in 2016 in the Applied Behavior Analysis Program. She is the program coordinator and teaches in the MS in Applied Behavior Analysis program. Her scholarly work has primarily focused on the assessment and treatment of severe behavior and has recently involved addressing enhancements of online teaching and socialization/communication deficits among adolescents and young adults diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.
Dear Colleagues,

In developing the 2020 issue of Creative Activity, I chose to re-organized by simply grouping all work produced by each member of your community, without differentiating between publications, presentations, workshops and so on. This decision, I believe, better represents the values of WCSU. We encourage everyone to contribute to their communities and professional organizations, produce scholarship and creative works in their disciplines, and experiment with new pedagogies. It is an impressive array and I am proud to present it here.

As always, the approach to style is as eclectic as the many disciplines represented here. It conforms to no single manual because it is impossible to achieve such uniformity. What is consistent is that wherever faculty have collaborated with their students a * is next to the student’s name. COVID-19 meant that many conferences were cancelled or postponed. I did not want to neglect the effort the accepted paper, panel or presentation represented, so I have simply added a ** to indicate COVID-19’s impact.

Well done, everyone.

Missy Alexander, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Western Connecticut State University
Accounting

**XIAOWEN JIANG**


**YOUNGBIN KIM**


**GUY ROTONDO**


Finance

**CAROL HUANG**


**LAI VAN VO**


Management

**PAULINE ASSENZA**


**KEVIN BURNARD**

(2020)." Understanding Crisis through Social Media." Production and Operations Management Society Conference. **


Mohinder Dugal


Alexandra Galli-Debicella


Brosh Teucher

(2019). Chronicle of a Stagflation Foretold: The Case of the US. 42nd Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Association of Business, Economy and Technology (NABET), State College, PA.

(2020). The Currency from Another World: Sovereign Cryptocurrency. Midwest Association for International Business (Midwest-AIB) meetings at the 55th Annual Midwest Business Administration Association (MBAA) International Conference, Chicago IL. **

Dan Weltmann


Management Information Systems

**Emilio Collar**


**Jennifer Flynn**


**Paul Nugent**


**Tom Yoon**


Marketing

**Emad AbouElgheit**


**A. Ben Oumlil**


**Ron Drozenko**


**Xiaqi Han**


**Division of Justice and Law Administration**

**Mohsen Alizadeh**


HASAN ARSLAN


TERRENCE DWYER


CASEY JORDAN


(2019-2020). Talk Show Panel / Dr. Oz: On seven (7) different talk show episodes in the past year, conducted extensive research to present live-broadcast analysis and discussion on various breaking news and crime stories, including violence among feuding neighbors, video voyeurism, prosecution of stalkers, missing mom Kelsey Berreth, etc.

- https://www.doctoroz.com/article/patient-resources-you-should-know-about


(2019). Research analysis for *Inside Edition* including the Lori Vallow case and several missing persons cases.

**GEORGE KAIN**


**RAINER KROLL**


**DIVYA SHARMA**

(2020). Invited Lecture. *Penology: An Overview of the Key Sentencing Goals.* Invited for a Guest Lecture the School of Law, Maharaja Agrasen University, Baddi, HP, India.

(2020). Policing in the Age of Social Media. Technical Session on 'Emerging Trends and Challenges in Indian Police' at a national seminar, March 17-18, 2020. Centre for Police Administration, Panjab University, Chandigarh in collaboration with the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), North-Western Regional Centre, Panjab University, Chandigarh, India.**

SHARON YAMEN

(2020). "Helping Students to Take Ownership of Their Education." Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, Western Connecticut State University.

Library

XIAOMEI GONG

Career Success Center

KATHLEEN LINDENMAYER

DEBRA MANENTE
Macricostas School of Arts and Sciences
Biological and Environmental Sciences

**Neeta Connally**


(2020). “How being a researcher can inform teaching.” WCSU Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT), Western Connecticut State University.


(2019). “Thinking outside-the-box: The Support that Helps me Conduct Research at a Primarily Undergraduate Institution.” Women & Allies in Entomology Breakfast, the Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO.


**Joshua Cordeira**


with Monahan D* (2019). “Running Reduces Weight Gain in Mice by Decreasing High-fat Food Intake and Improving Meal Patterns.” The Obesity Society (TOS) Obesity Week Conference. Las Vegas, NV.

**Kristin Giamanco**

RAYDA KRELL


(2019). “Sunday at the Sanctuary: Bees, Beetles, Butterflies, and Blossoms – A Day of Pollination.” Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary, Newtown, CT.


MICHELLE MONETTE

(2020). “Salt and Water Balance in Euryhaline Fishes: From Molecule to Whole Organism.” Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT.

THEODORA PINOU


C. THOMAS PHILBRICK


S. MITCH WAGENER


- Beekley Community Library. New Hartford, CT.
- Democracy for CT. Norwalk, CT.
- Jane Goodall Center STEAM Camp. WCSU.
- Litchfield Community Center, Litchfield, CT.
- McEnroe Organic Farm. Millerton, NY.
- New Pond Farm. Redding, CT. No
- Podcast with James Naddeo. Climate Change. Milford, CT.
- Union Carbide retirees. Newtown, CT.

EDWIN WONG


Chemistry and Biochemistry

DANIEL BALUHA


HELENA PRIETO


BRIAN STANKUS


Communication and Media Arts

J.C. BARONE


- Official Selection at Honor Film Festival, Lakeland, FL.
- Official Selection at NHdocs: The New Haven Documentary Film Festival, New Haven, CT.
- Official Selection at San Francisco Veterans Film Festival, San Francisco, CA. September,

**JAY BROWER**


**PAUL ECHEVERRIA**

(2019). Exhibitions at

- UFVA at MCAD, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, MN.
- University Film and Video Association Conference, Experimental Film Screening, Augsburg University, Minneapolis, MN.
- University Film and Video Association Conference, New Media Exhibition, Augsburg University, Minneapolis, MN.
- Dallas Medianale, 2019, The Latino Cultural Center, Dallas, TX.
- Festival Ecrã, Cinemateca Do Mam & SESC, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- Fracto Film Encounter,” ACUD Kunsthaus, Berlin, Germany.


**JESSICA ECKSTEIN**


with Sabovik, E.* (2019). “‘The worst things boys/girls can think about me’: Gendered Ideologies of Students in High-school violence primary prevention programs.” *Power, Gender, and Relationships*. National Council on Family Relations, Fort Worth, TX.

**JACQUELINE GUZDA**


- Colorado Activist Film Festival. Official Selection.
- Oaxaca International Film Festival, Top Ten of Well-Crafted Scripts.
- Polish International Film Festival. Official Selection.


WILLIAM PETKANAS


CAROLINE WALDBUESSER


English

ANAM GOVARDHAN

(2019). “Intro to American Short Stories” and “Writing about Short Stories.” Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, India.


(2019). “Rhetoric and Composition” and “Discourse Analysis.” Vellore Institute of Technological University (VITU), India.

HEATHER LEVY


SHOUHA QI


History and Non-Western Cultures

Katherine Allocco


Wynn Gadkar-Wilcox


Kevin Gutzman


Leslie Lindenauer

JOSHUA ROSENTHAL
(2020). *La Sal y el Estado Colombiano Sociedad Local y Monopolio Regional en Boyacá (1821-1900)*, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. (Translation).

(2019). Lecture series on Latin American politics, Founder’s Hall, Ridgefield, CT.

Mathematics

STAVROS CHRISTOFI

MICHAEL SHOUSHANI

XIAODI WANG
with Kottou, R*. and Christofi, V.P.* (2019). “Wavelet-Based Machine Learning Algorithms to Enhance Cardiovascular Disease Diagnosis.” Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Computer Society (CS) proceedings of the 2019 International Conference on Computational Science & Computational Intelligence (CSCI ’19) by the American Council on Science and Education.


TODD TRIMBLE


Philosophy and Humanistic Studies

STUART DALTON


ANNA MALAVISI


D. L. STEPHENSON


Psychology

MAYA ALONI


TARA KUTHER


SHANE MURPHY


LINDSEY OBERLEITNER


Social Sciences

Carina Bandhauer


Manoj Misra


Rotua Lumbantobing


Oluwole Owoye


**ZuoHong Pan**


**H. Howell Williams**


**World Languages and Cultures**

**Stacey Alba Hawkins**


**Galina Bakhtiarova**


**Writing, Linguistics and Creative Processes**

**Brian Clements**


KELLI CUSTER


ANTHONY D’ARIES


(2020). Featured Reader. Stonecoast MFA’s WISE (Writing for Inclusivity and Social Equity) reception at AWP.


SARAH DARER


OSCAR DE LOS SANTOS


**EDWARD HAGAN**


**MICHAEL LEWIS**


**JOHN ROCHE**


(2019). “Researchers at Danbury Hospital are Developing an Early Detection and Screening Tool for Gynecological Cancers.” *Connecticut Magazine*. 
EDUCATION

ADAM BREWER


THERESA CANADA


MARSHA DARIA


MARCIA DELCOURT


(2020). “Problem solvers as Leaders: It’s all about teamwork!” Future Problem Solving Program International (FPSPI), University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA.


NICOLE G. DERONCK


STEPHANIE KUHN

(2020). Panelist: *Demystifying the digital pedagogy of teaching online*. Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, CT.


GABRIEL LOMAS


CATHERINE O’CALLAGHAN


**Jody Piro**


**Davide Mariotti**


**Lori Monte**


(2019). “Social Emotional Wellness 101.” Connecticut Association for the Gifted CreativityCon, Bridgeport, CT.

**Katherine Roe**


Trisha Stewart


with *Baningoso, K., & Evans, L. (2020). “Anxiety and Accommodations: A Case Study of a Hidden Disability with a Focus on School-Based Supports.” Ethnographic and Qualitative Research Conference (EQR), Las Vegas, Nevada.


Health Promotion Studies

Ethan Balk


Denise Colaianni


Robyn Housemann


Pat McDairmid


**JULIE PERRELLI**


**JEFF SCHLICHT**

(2020). “Exercise as Medicine.” Scholars in Action. Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, CT.**


(2019). "Why We Say Exercise is Medicine." University of Sydney Martin Thompson Seminar Series, Sydney, Australia.

**EMILY STEVENS**


**NURSING**

**KIMBERLY BRIDGES**


**EILEEN CAMPBELL**


(2020). “Demystifying the Digital Pedagogy of Teaching Online.” Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, WCSU, Danbury, CT.


(2019). "The Role of the Clinical Nurse Specialist in the Hospital Setting: A Blended Role." Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, CT.

(2019). "Nursing Faculty Perspectives about Teaching Pain Management." Sixth Annual Instructional Leadership Conference, Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, CT.**
MARY ELLEN DOHERTY


MARY NIELSON


(2019). “Sexual Assault Nurse Overview.” University of New Haven, CT.

BOZENA PADYKULA

(2019). “Introduction to Compassion Fatigue.” WCSU University, Danbury, CT.

(2020). “Acupressure for Prevention of Compassion Fatigue.” WCSU, Danbury, CT.

(2019). “EFT for Prevention of Compassion Fatigue.” WCSU, Danbury, CT.

(2019). “Aromatherapy for Prevention of Compassion Fatigue,” WCSU, Danbury, CT.


(2019). “Dorothea Tears.” WCSU, Danbury, CT.

MONICA SOUSA


CATHERINE RICE


SOCIAL WORK

DENEEN HARRIS


Karen McLean


April Moreira


Lorraine Moya Salas


(2019). “Trauma-Informed Care and Assessment with Latinx Immigrant Families.” National Association of Social Workers-CT, Danbury, CT.

(2019). Trauma-Informed Community Building and Healing with Latinx Immigrant Families. Presentation at the National Association of Social Workers - CT Annual Conference, Cromwell, CT.

Sharon Young


School of Visual and Performing Arts
Art

CATHERINE VANARIA

(2019). “2019 Art Faculty Exhibition.” Gallery at School of Visual and Performing Arts, Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, CT.


SABRINA MARQUES


JACK TOM

(2020). Newspaper props. The Plot Against America: HBO.


KEN SCAGLIA

(2019). Featured Artist. Ridgefield Pride Art Center Exhibition, Ridgefield, CT


- The Morris Museum of Art, Augusta, GA, February 29–May 10, 2020
- Haggin Museum, Stockton, CA, November 7, 2019–February 2, 2020
- Sangre de Cristo Arts & Conference Center, Pueblo, CO, June 7–September 30, 2019
- Saginaw Art Museum, Saginaw, MI, March 1–May 19, 2019
- The Evelyn Burrow Museum, Hanceville, AL, January 12–February 10, 2019
- WCSU Faculty Exhibition, VPA Art Gallery, October 24–December 8, 2019 Danbury, CT
- Silas Bronson Library, Waterbury, CT, October 1–31.
- 14th International Guild of Realism Juried Exhibition, September 29–October 29. Principle Gallery, Alexandria, VA
- Weston Arts, Lachat Farm Friendraiser, Weston, CT, September 14.

MELISSA RALSTON-JONES


DAVID SKORA


(2020). “Spirit of Place.” The Crane Estate/Sculture Show, Ipswich, MA.

(2020). 6th Annual Meredith Sculpture Walk, Meredith, NH.
(2020). Franconia ArtWalk 2020, Franconia, NH.
(2020). Sculpture Walk Downtown Sioux Falls, Sioux Falls, SD.
(2020). University of Sioux Falls, Sioux Falls, SD.
(2020). Mason City Sculpture Walk, Mason City, IA.
(2020). 1st place Award for Life Water Bottle Design Competition. AIGA Conference, Pasadena, CA.

Music

MARGARET ASTRUP
(2019). Summer Faculty. University of Miami Frost School of Music Summer Program, Salzburg, Austria.

JAMIE BEGAN
(2020). Original Composition. Oops! Performed by Ridgefield High School Jazz at the Wilton Jazz Symposium; served as clinician for Ridgefield High School Jazz.

MARJORIE CALLAGHAN
(2019-2020). Performances with
  - Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra
  - Bridgeport Symphony Orchestra
  - New Britain Symphony Orchestra
  - Madera Winds

MATTHEW DOIRON
(2020). Scheduled to conduct the 2020 Connecticut Elementary Honor Band at the CMEA Festival. **
(canceled due to coronavirus)
(2020). Scheduled to conduct the WCSU Symphonic Band in Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center. **

JAMES GREENE
(2020). While Looking Up (Lead Artist), Mack Avenue Records.
(2020). Jazz (Support) with Casey Abrams, Chesky Records.
(2019-2020). Performer. Numerous national and international venues, including NYC (Birdland, Columbia University), Katowice, Poland, Milan, Italy, Basel and Zurich, Switzerland, Munich, Germany, Barcelona, Madrid, and Palencia, Spain, Washington, D.C., Salt Lake City, Utah, Detroit, Michigan, Bordeaux and Sete, France, and Pori Finland.
**GREG HAYNES**


https://soundcloud.com/speaking-primal/sets/anatolian-trail-demo/s-dCwRs


**RUSSELL HIRSHFIELD**

(2020). Solo recital and Masterclasses at Royal Conservatory Antwerp, Belgium.**

(2020). Concerto performance and masterclass at Music Academy of Krakow, Poland. **

**KEVIN ISAACS**


- WCSU, November 2019 (US premier)
- University of Iowa, December 2019
- Recital Hall of the National Performing Arts Center in Taipei, Taiwan (world premier) **

**FERNANDO JIMENEZ**

(2019-2020). Visiting clinician for Orchestra and Wind Ensemble:

- Ridgefield High School
- Bethel High School
- Kennedy High School (Waterbury),
- Darien High School
- Hamden High School
- Farmington High School


**LAUREL LARSEN**


(2019-2020). Music Director. St. John’s Episcopal Church, New Milford, CT.

(2019-2020). Director of the St. John’s Concert Series, a fundraiser for the New Milford Refugee Resettlement New Milford, CT.

(2019-2020). Chamber music and solo performances with

- St. John’s Concert Series
- Hudson Chorale
DOUGLAS O'GRADY

with Larsen, L. (2019). “Toward a More Unified Curriculum: Conversations to have with your Group Piano Faculty.” Pedagogy into Practice Conference, Santa Barbara, CA.

KERRY WALKER

JEREMY WIGGINS


(2019-2020). Conductor. For
  - Charis Chamber Voices (Bedford, NY)
  - Choirs of America Exchange Program (Boston, MA)
  - Wilton High School

Theatre

JUSTIN COWAN


DON GAGNON

  - The Brothers Size, ECSU.

with Ryan Rappaport (2019-2020). “And the Land We Belong To is Grand: The Democratic Ideal of Oscar Hammerstein II.” Founders Hall, Ridgefield, CT.


TIM HOWARD

**JONI LERNER**
(ongoing). Textile Artist. *The Lion King.*

**ELIZABETH POPIEL**
(2020). Designed and Executed Exhibit/Installation “Visiting NYC.” Haas Library.
(ongoing). Art Director. *Good Morning America Weekend.* ABC TV.

**SAL TRAPANI**
University Mission

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