

PTFC NEWS

News from the KSU Part-Time Faculty Council

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The Kennesaw State University Part-Time Faculty Council (PTFC) was formed in 2013 by a resolution from the Faculty Senate. It was created to provide part-time faculty (PTF) with a vehicle to share information and explore issues or concerns relevant to all PTF.

From the President's Desk



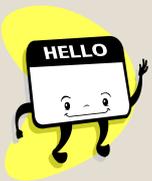
Welcome to Fall 2014 at Kennesaw State! The first semester of the new academic year is always an incredibly exciting time to me. During these first few weeks, I have been amazed at the dramatic increase in the number of students and faculty as well as the overall energy and activity on our campus. KSU's student population has grown yet again even as other institutions throughout the state have not. This speaks highly of our university's reputation across Georgia. As we begin this new academic year filled with excitement and anticipation, let us keep that momentum going for our energy and optimism transfers to our students and our co-workers. As a council, we are very optimistic that many of the projects and initiatives we began last year will reach fruition in the coming months. Meanwhile, if you have anything that you consider important to part-time faculty as a whole or to you as an individual, please reach out to your departmental representative or to me personally. We are here to serve YOU!

Warm regards,

Yvonne Wichman

Hail & Farewell

We begin the 2015 academic year with our Hail and Farewell section. We want to welcome all of the new representatives to the PTFC. We also must bid a fond farewell to representatives leaving us and thank them for their role as "founding members" of the council and their many contributions to our achievements last year.



A warm welcome to the following new PTFC representatives:

Tobias Mendelson – Accountancy
Dennis Loubiere – Management & Entrepreneurship
Linda Sutton – Nursing
Dennis Brown – Sociology & Criminal Justice
Charles Marvil – Culinary Sustainability & Hospitality
Jeff Berman – Mathematics
Mandy McGrew – Interdisciplinary Studies
Hilma Orman – Biology & Physics
Kathy Lebener - Secondary & Middle Grades Education
Elizabeth Rasmusson—Theatre & Performance Studies



A fond farewell to the following "founding members" of the PTFC:

Jan Rose – Accountancy
Sandra Chandler – Mathematics & Statistics
Shari Clark – Nursing
Lisa Lepard - Sociology & Criminal Justice
Neeley Gossett – Theatre & Performance Studies

We especially wish to thank **Joanne Lee** who served as our first secretary and would be serving still had she not been asked to take a full time position at KSU. Congratulations on your new position, Joanne, but we will miss you!

Highlights from Our First Year



The Kennesaw State University Part-Time Faculty Council (PTFC) has come a long way in one year. To begin with, you should know that KSU is the first university in Georgia to have part-time faculty represented in this way. That in itself is a major accomplishment. With that being said, we thought you might like to see some of the accomplishments and milestones to date.

- ◆ Elected Officers & Created Bylaws
- ◆ Developed a website linked on the KSU site for all PTF
- ◆ Created Research Committee and Public Relations Committee to address areas of concern to PTF
- ◆ Conducted two surveys for areas of concern to 700+ PTF at KSU
- ◆ Worked with American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and Dr. Papp to facilitate a Meet & Greet for all PTF in March
- ◆ Published first newsletter and posted it on the KSU PTFC site
- ◆ All KSU PTF granted a 2% raise by the Board of Regents

On the Docket



Here are some of the issues the PTFC will be working on this year. Look forward to hearing more about these items as the year progresses. If you feel there is something that should be addressed by the PTFC, please contact your department representative and they will let us know.

- ⇒ Parking Fees
- ⇒ Honors and Recognition
- ⇒ Course Loads

If you would like to join us in our work, please read about our committees in the next section and consider joining one of them to help out. It doesn't take a great deal of time but the more folks helping, the faster we get issues addressed or resolved. We hope you'll join us!

PTFC Committees



Committees are where much of the work of an organization gets done and the PTFC is no exception. There are currently two committees and both are recruiting help from PTFC representatives or general part-time faculty. You do not need to be a PTFC representative to serve on a committee; you just must possess a desire to help.

Please look over the descriptions for each of the current committees. If you would be interested in serving, please email our secretary, Mary Migliaro, (mmigliar@kennesaw.edu) or the chair of the committee you are interested in joining. Get involved...We'd love to have you!

Research

Chair: TBD

Members: Kimberly Davis, Ed Delafuente, and Bryce McGowan

The Research Committee is responsible for assisting the PTFC in gathering the necessary data surrounding issues of concern for the PTFC. This may include developing surveys or questionnaires for PTFC members, other colleges and universities, etc., and disseminating that information to the PTFC. This committee may also conduct research around issues concerning part-time faculty at KSU, at other universities in Georgia, and universities across the US to determine trends, best practices, etc.

Public Relations

Chair: Mary Migliaro (mmigliar@kennesaw.edu)

Members: Allen Robinson, Mary Migliaro

The Public Relations Committee is responsible for the PTFC newsletters and promotional materials sent out to PTF as well as other marketing or informational materials as requested by the PTFC. They also coordinate with the executive committee on information and updates necessary for the PTFC website.

Notable News



In this section of our newsletter, we will be highlighting honors, achievements, and other "notable news" from our part-time faculty community. It is important to recognize these achievements because they bring value to our community here at KSU.

Please take time to congratulate your colleagues and also tell us about your own honors and achievements. Send in your news via your department representative or email your news directly to one of our editors: Mary Migliaro or Allen Robinson. We look forward to sharing your news in the future!

Dave Conyers, an instructor with the **Health Promotion & Physical Education Department**, has just commenced teaching a rugby class at KSU. Dave is an Australian who recently graduated from KSU with a degree in Sports Management and a minor in Coaching. For the last three years, he has been the head coach of the American south rugby team that represents America in the North American Caribbean Rugby Association competition. Last year the team became the first provincial team to win an international title by going through the season with victories over all of the major Caribbean nations to win the N.A.C.R.A. title.

Ann Rich, Part-time Faculty Council Representative for the **Elementary and Early Childhood Education Department**, had an article published recently. "*Promoting Group Interaction in an Online Instructional Model*," that can be found in Talon Tips--Volume 5, Issue 2. , August 2014.

Kevin Goldberg in the **Department of History & Philosophy** has served as a translator for the Wine Atlas of Germany, University of California Press, 2014. He is also the author of an essay in an edited volume: "*Wie der Wein in Mitteleuropa juedisch wurde*," in *Wein und Judentum*, Neofelis Verlag, 2014.

Marc Brotherton with the **Art & Design Department** will be showing his work at a variety of galleries over the next few weeks. Here are highlights of those events:

- * A group exhibit entitled "The Shape of a Pocket" at the Sandler Hudson Gallery in Atlanta
- * A Solo exhibit of his newer experimental paintings entitled "Defragment" at the 9 Ace Gallery in Atlanta
- * His work will be included at the (e)merge art fair in Washington D.C.
- * He has two paintings in a group show called "Photography +" at The Arts Exchange Gallery in Atlanta
- * Please visit www.marcbrotherton.com for more info.

Mary Migliaro, Secretary and PTFC Representative for the **Social Work and Human Services Department**, served as a reviewer and ancillary materials creator for the third edition of *Nonprofit Management: Principles and Practice* by Michael J. Worth and published by Sage.

Richard Mannion, Ph.D., Part-Time Professor of History in the **Department of History and Philosophy**, was quoted for several paragraphs in "Grant and Lee at Cold Harbor," published in the Washington Post on June 3, 2014. It can be read at: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/achenblog/wp/2014/06/03/grant-and-lee-at-cold-harbor/> He also submitted the following publications:

- * "A Thousand Kisses From the Front: The Distorted Memory of Ulysses S. Grant in the American Civil War" was published earlier this year in *Memory and Mythology*.
- * *Modern Warfare and the Construction of Historical Memory, 1775-2000*, edited by Natalia Starostina and published by Academica Press, Palo Alto, 2014.

Yvonne Wichman, President and PTFC Representative for the **Department of English**, recently appeared in an AIB-TV special presentation titled *Feminine Representations of the Divine*, discussing Hebrew mythology. Her publications include a chapter titled "Teaching with Technology: A Shared Learning Experience," in the text, *Teachers as Avatars*, and a chapter in an anthology being published by Goddess Ink in 2016. Her conference presentations have included the following papers:

- * "Mythology Through the Back Door" at The Study of Myth Symposium in Santa Barbara, California;
- * "Digital Storytelling: A New Approach to Boost Information Literacy in First-Year Courses" at the Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy hosted by Georgia South University in Savannah, Georgia;
- * "Lilith: Quintessential Bad Girl or Simply Misunderstood" at the Association for the Study of Women and Mythology in San Antonio, Texas.

Al Stomovitz, President-Elect of the PTFC and representative for the **History and Philosophy Department**, is the author of *America's Other Clan: The United States Supreme Court*, published by Cognella Academic Publishing.

Greg Brooking, Ph.D., Part-Time Assistant Professor of History in the **Department of History and Philosophy**, submitted the following publications:

- * "The cause of the discontent with us has ever been the limits of our country": Elijah Clarke and Westward Expansion in the Early Republic, in *The Making of the Trans-Appalachian West: Society, Culture, and Peoples, 1754-1832*, ed. by Darren Reid (McFarland & Company, forthcoming).
- * "a Very unexpected alarming and serious scene": James Wright, the Southern Strategy, and the Siege of Savannah. *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, forthcoming.)
- * "Fury of their resentment": the Arrest of Georgia's Royal Governor Sir James Wright. *Journal of the American Revolution* (online), May 9, 2014. www.allthingsliberty.com.
- * Review of *Bunker Hill: A City, a Siege, a Revolution* by Nathaniel Philbrick (New York: Viking Press, 2013). Reviewed for *H-War* (forthcoming).
- * Review of *Creating and Contesting Carolina: Proprietary Era Histories* (Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2013). Reviewed for *The William and Mary Quarterly* (forthcoming).

Coming Attractions



If you have ideas or suggestions for the PTFC newsletters, please let us know! Send one of our editors an email. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Read More About the PTFC



Read more about the PTFC at our KSU website:

<http://www.kennesaw.edu/faculty/ptfc/>
