Faculty Development Activities
2016-2017

Ms. Suzanne Agan
- Red Wolf SSP (Species Survival Plan) Meeting – Yulee, FL
- Mexican Wolf Reintroduction Program – 5 week predation study in Apache National Forest, Arizona

Dr. Brent Baskin

Ms. Melissa Baskin
- Attended the 2017 Dalton State Teaching and Learning Conference
- Attended all of the Lunch and Learn conferences at Shorter
- Served as the Public Relations Director (volunteer) for Fish4Him Entertainment, a local Christian film company

Dr. Marcia Bost

Dr. Charles Carter
- Published the textbook: The World Transformed: Modern Civilization since 1648 (San Diego: Cognella, 2017), co-author with Terry Morris
• Taught the course “Apologetics: Defending the Truth Claims of Christianity” at West Rome Baptist Church, April-May 2017
• Attended Lunch and Learn Workshops in November 2016 & March 2017

Dr. Daniel Clayton
• Lunch and Learn: Round Table Discussion: Aiding Students with Resources and Active Engagement - March 24, 2017

Mr. Rick Crawford
• “How to do politics better,” article published in The Christian Index, October 14, 2016.

Dr. Michael Crosby
• Presentations:
• Publications (student co-authors underlined):

Dr. Tony Daniel
• Attended two GSBA Conferences: June (Savannah) and December (Atlanta)
- Sat for the SHRM-SCP Exam in July and passed. Received the Senior Certification in Human Resource Management from The Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM).
- Submitted a draft of an article: Managing Correctional Facilities in a Graying Population: The New Dilemma for Hospice and End of Life.
- Worked with McGraw/Hill to review four chapters for a new text: Principles of Management.
- Worked with SAGE to review three chapters for a new text: Human Resource Management.

Dr. Robert Darville
- Guest Speaker for Abide Ministry, Calvary Baptist Church, November 2016.
- Dissertation Committee member, University of Alabama, Qualitative study regarding students choosing to attend a small, private, religiously affiliated Liberal Arts College, Emily Messer, Proposal defense February 25, 2016.

Ms. Christine Donadio
- Delegation & Prioritization: Classroom to clinical teaching Strategies – August 2016
- Engaging Students in Critical Thinking: Teaching with technology – December 2016
- Georgia Association for Nursing Education (GANE) Conference – February 2017
- Active Shooter Preparedness for Healthcare & Community Settings – April 2017
- Test Blueprints: A Formula for Success – May 2017
- Test Item Writing: From Knowledge to Analysis – May 2017
- Item Analysis Made Easy – May 2017

Dr. Bert Exsted
- Attended Shorter University’s offered Lunch & Learn Seminars, e.g., “How to Teach with a Christian Worldview”, etc. to best broaden my own pedagogical methodology and to also support our Shorter University Mission Statement & Goals.

Dr. Enoch Jacobus
- Attended Lunch and Learn through the Spring 2017 semester.

Dr. Mark Hamilton
- Postgraduate Study
  - Eight Graduate Classes in Latin since 2014 (nearing completion of M.L. from the University of Florida).
- Essays
  - "Why the English Major is Dying." *Foundation for Economic Education.* February 27, 2017.

Dr. Norma Harper
- Elected GAICTE treasurer for 2017-2018 (GAICTE- statewide Georgia Association of Independent Colleges of Teacher Education)

**Dr. Clint Helms**
- Attended two “Lunch & Learns” at Shorter University entitled Critical Thinking across the Disciplines and Understanding How Today’s Students Learn in the Digital World.

**Dr. Alan Hix**
- Presentation on the Life and Teachings of the Apostle Paul, West Hall Baptist Church, Oakwood, GA. Oct. 30, 2016.
- Batchelder Conference for Archaeology and Biblical Studies, University of Nebraska at Omaha. Presented a paper entitled, “THE INFLUENCE OF ISRAEL’S NORTHERN NEIGHBORS ON RELIGIOUS FORMS, PRACTICES, AND ARCHITECTURE DURING THE IRON AGE.” Nov. 10-12, 2016.
- Spoke at the Refuge meeting for the Shorter University Baptist Collegiate Ministries on the meeting of the first statement in the Apostle’s Creed: God as Creator. March 20, 2017.

**Dr. Heath Hooper**
- Presentations:
  - Map for Success: Learning Improvement for Traditional College Students – Rome, GA 2016 – Shorter University
- Publications:

**Dr. Larue Huckaby**
- Finished the MSP Grant involving teaching Floyd Co. Elementary School teachers how to better incorporate Mathematics into their classroom. This has been a joint project between Floyd County Schools (FCS) and the Mathematics Departments of Shorter University, Berry College and GA Northwestern. It has involved joint meetings, teaching classes to FCS teachers and observing those teachers in their classrooms. Shorter's role has focused on the K-8 level of teachers. The 2-year grant was completed at the end of September, 2016.

**Ms. Faith Im**
• Conferences
  o “Wholistic Dance Education:” The Dance Professional’s Summit, Tennessee Association of Dance, Murfreesboro, TN. 12 hours (2017)
• Continued Education
  o Dance Workshops
    ▪ Staibdance: Workshop Atlanta (Contemporary Ballet and Modern technique and repertoire), Staibdance, Atlanta, GA. 9 hours (2017)
    ▪ Contemporary Dance Workshop, T. Lang Dance, Atlanta, GA. 7.5 hours (2017)
    ▪ “Movement and Mindfulness,” Eddie Oroyan of Black Label Movement, Honolulu, HI. 8 hours (2016)
  o Dance Technique Classes
    ▪ “Contemporary Cross Training Series:” Modern and Ballet Technique, Nashville, TN. 3 hours (2017)
    ▪ Ballet Technique classes, Atlanta Ballet Center, Atlanta, GA (2017)
  o Other Professional Development
    ▪ “Understanding How Today’s Students Learn in the Digital World,” professional development lecture and discussion, Shorter University, Rome, GA (2016)
    ▪ “Round Table Discussion: Aiding Students with Resources and Active Engagement,” Shorter University, Rome, GA (2017)
  o Webinar/Online Professional Development Activities
    ▪ “Introduction to NCAS Dance Standards” Webinar, National Dance Education Organization, 2 hours.
  o TED talks of note
    ▪ “Creative and Active Teaching and Learning: Dr. John Zubizarreta”
    ▪ “Teaching Methods for Inspiring the Students of the Future: Joe Ruhl”
    ▪ “How to Escape Education’s Death Valley: Ken Robinson”

Ms. Rachel Johnson
• Attended various CEUs on Medscape – December 2016

Mr. Yuman Lee
• Performed a Special Music for worship service at KAPC (Korean American Presbyterian Church) during the Southeastern regional presbytery meeting, Duluth, GA, January 2017.
• Private voice lesson with students of a seminary (Jos ECWA Theological Seminary) in Jos, Nigeria, through Facebook Video Chat, March 2017
• Performed a Special Music for a Service of Baptismal Covenant at Second Avenue United Methodist Church, Rome, GA, April 2017

Dr. Jared Linebach
• Attended several online webinars
  o Brief Interventions for Suicidal Military Personnel
  o Addressing Suicide in Military and Veterans
  o Caring for Caregivers
  o The Deployment Life Cycle of the Military Family
  o Best Practices to Develop Critical Thinking in Criminal Justice
  o Winning Strategies to Improve Criminal Justice Research and Writing Skills
• Authored text “Justice in the Legal System”
• Developed and taught the approved course “Forensic Psychology” in the Spring of 2017
• Began developing the approved course “Public Safety and Security” to be taught in Fall 2017
• Attended both Lunch-n-Learn seminars
• Wrote a chapter for “Theories in Criminal Justice” on the psychological theories of crime
• Wrote a chapter for “Theories in Criminal Justice” on the sin nature and its foundation as the source of criminality
• Published a poem in The Chimes entitled “Hidden in a Cleft”
• Consulted with doctoral candidates regarding their statistical and methodological procedures

Dr. Qiang Lu
• Attended two Lunch and Learns at Shorter University from June 1 2016 to June 1 2017

Dr. John McCluskey
• *Layout Editor*, Society for American Music’s *Bulletin (ongoing)*
  o Volume XLIII, No. 1 (Winter 2017)
  o Volume XLII, No. 3 (Fall 2016)
• “This is Ghetto Row”: Musical Segregation in American College Football, Lee University, Cleveland, TN. March 2017
• Music History: 1700 – 1850 (MUHL 212) – “From Lee to Musicology,” Lee University, Cleveland, TN. March 2017
• “‘Snatchin’ Your People Up’: Networking Cultural (Re)Appropriation in the ‘Bed Intruder Song,’” American Musicological Society South-Central Chapter Annual Meeting, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY. March 2017
• “‘Snatchin’ Your People Up’: Networking Cultural (Re)Appropriation in the ‘Bed Intruder Song,’” Society for American Music Annual Meeting, Montreal, Québec, CA. March 2017

Dr. Ben McFry
• Served as a member of the summer recreation staff a Murphy-Harpst Children’s Centers in Cedartown, GA.
• Co-led the Music Club at Murphy-Harpst Children’s Centers for the fall semester of 2016, including ensemble and private instruction.
• Became a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for the Floyd County Juvenile Court.
• Completed PSY 4721 Learning Behavior and Modification and PSY 3080 Health Psychology at Shorter in the 2016-17 academic year.
• Served as a co-leader for Girl Scout Troop 7164 in Rome, GA.
• Served as a reviewer for an article to be published in *Aletheia*, the journal for Alpha Chi.
• Served as interviewer and adjudicator for the Governor’s Honor’s Program.

Dr. Terry Morris
• Researching question why we have so much strife in the world today. Hope to finish that paper this fall but worked on it last year.
• Finished and published The World Transformed with Dr. Carter which is now being used in our 1020 classes.
• Completed a 5-movement string quartet.
• Presented a lecture to the Huguenot Society on Huguenot Music.
Dr. Bill Mullen

- Attended the 8th Annual Teaching and Learning Conference at Dalton State College, Dalton, GA. My wife and I presented a workshop entitled, “Service Learning 360: A Comparison of Two High Impact Service Learning Projects.”
- Attended and helped plan all of the CET and QEP Lunch and Learn events.

Mr. Matthew Myers

- Conferences/Webinars
  - Innovation in Teaching Conference, University of Georgia, October 21, 2016
  - “Identifying and Supporting At-Risk Students in Online Courses,” April 20, 2017 (The Learning House)
- Research
- Educational Materials
  - Updated CAPP modules for History 1020, November 2016
  - Updated CAPP modules for History 2030, November 2016.

Dr. Patty Nelson

- Round Table Conference, Chorister’s Guild, September 2016, attended.
- Northwest Georgia Choral Festival, Shorter University, Clinician Treble Choir, October 2016
- Georgia Music Educators In-Service Conference, Georgia Music Educators Association, January 2017, attended
- Federated Music Teacher, Festival, Judge, February 2017
- International Symposium for Assessment in Music Education, Florida State University, April 2017, attended

Dr. Angie O’Neal

- “Redemption” and “Jacob” from The Chimes (April 2017)
- “Paradise Lost” from River Teeth: A Journal of Non-Fiction Narrative’s Beautiful Things (March 2017)
- Appointed Director of the Honors Academy (January 2017)
- Pushcart Prize nomination for “Deus Ex Machina” Kindred (October 2016)

Dr. Barsha Pickell
- Attended the Lunch and Learn at Shorter University entitled, “Understanding How Today’s Students Learn in the Digital World” (Nov 2016)
- Completed a workshop on online teaching best practices on “Efficient Effective Feedback” through Grand Canyon University (February 2017).
- Attended the Alpha Chi Honor Society National Convention in Louisville Kentucky (April 2017). I served as a judge on four political science student presentation panels. I also attended a workshop on improving Alpha Chi induction ceremonies.

Dr. Denel Pierre
- Attended the following webinars:
  - “Strategies for Assisting Students with Reading Academic Materials” – September 2016
  - “How to Make a Welcome Video” – September 2016
  - “How faculty Influence Financial Aid” – October 2016
  - “Using Technology to Add a Human Element to Your Online Course” – October 2016
  - “Lecturing Skills” – December 2016
  - “Engaging Students the Right way Part 2” – February 2017

Mr. Linn Pitts
- Conferences:
  - I attended a Research Symposium hosted by the Georgia Tech on topic of Islamic Radical Extremism in September of 2016.
  - I participated in the following interactive webinar’s via the Brookings Institution.
    - The future of school based social and emotional learning programs (May 31, 2017)
- Papers/Research
  - I submitted paper for publication entitled Teaching the Radicalization Process: Lessons learned when there is no two processes alike
- Courses Developed:
  - Criminal Justice Administration taught in Maymester of 2017

Dr. Gregory Poore
- Peer-reviewed journal publication: “The Role of Similar Vulnerability in Aristotle’s Account of Compassion,” Ancient Philosophy, forthcoming.

Dr. Fabrice Poussin
- Photography: 445 photographs published, including:

Poetry: 72 poems published, including:
- “Beyond the Horizon,” “Things In black and white,” The Chimes, 102nd Issue, Spring 2017.
- “And the Dances,” “Marble in the Blood,” Borfski Press. upcoming.

Dr. John Reams
- Performance with Sugar Creek Opera Orchestra, Clifton, Illinois
  - July 16th—“Grapes of Wrath”
- Performances with Rome Symphony Orchestra, Principle Clarinet
  - September 15th—Collaborative Performance with Rome International Film Festival
  - October 23rd—Performance in Falany Hall at Reinhardt University
  - October 24th—City Auditorium, Rome, GA
  - April 1st & 2nd—Performance of Mozart Requiem, Rome, GA
  - April 29th—Performance, Rome, GA
- Performances of “Nutcracker” with Gwinnett Ballet
  - December 9th-11th, 16th-18th—Gwinnet Performing Arts Center
- Performance with International Conductors Workshop & Competition
  - January 16th—Atlanta, GA
- **Guest Conductor**
  - December 24th & 25th—Grace Presbyterian Church, Douglassville, GA
  - February 14th—Directed woodwind sectional at Armuchee High School
  - March 18th—“Bandtastic”-Homeschool band clinic and performance
  - March 24th & 26th—Grace Presbyterian Church, Douglassville, GA

**Dr. Aaron Rice**
- Georgia Music Educators Association (Athens, GA) – January 2017
- Baptist Church Music Conference National Conference (Douglasville, GA) – March 2017
  - *How I Look Matters? A Conducting Masterclass*

**Dr. Greg Richardson**
- Attended the Hillsdale College Free Market Forum in October, 2016

**Dr. Hally Shaffer**
- Participated in several Lunch & Learns setup by the QEP and Center for Excellence in Teaching committees during the 2016-2017 AY. The use of technology in the classroom was discussed during the November meeting. The program Kahoot was explained. As a follow-up to learning about Kahoot, I attended a webinar about a similar program called TopHat. The TopHat program, however, is not free. I utilized the Kahoot game for exam reviews for Pre-nursing Chemistry (CHE1020) during spring 2017.
- The discussion concerned aiding students in active learning. I am currently working on a different Biochemistry homework platform using MasteringChemistry for the 2017-2017 AY. In addition to regular homework problems, detailed tutorials can be included that I would like to use in the classroom next year.

**Ms. Andrea Stiles**
- Completed online Learning House Training for teaching online classes, and following completion of training taught PSY1010 online fall and spring semesters.
- Attended seminar on Ethics training as it relates to Mental Health issues hosted by Floyd Medical Center for counselors, teachers, social workers, and medical professionals.

**Dr. Robert Stinchcomb**
- Represented Shorter University at the Lake Point Expo to open their new indoor facility – June 2016
- Reviewed and developed four national issues for the journal, *Interscholastic Athletic Administrator*, published by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. Dr. Stinchcomb serves as vice-chair of this committee – July 2016
- Designed and wrote a new course, SPM 3700, Athletic Administration for Shorter University – August 2016
- Attended leadership-training workshop in Indianapolis for my position as Leadership Training Coordinator for Georgia athletic directors – September 2016
- NCAA Recruiting speaker at Mount Pisgah School, Johns Creek – November 2016
- NIAAAA National Conference – December 2016
  - Speaker – “Evaluation and Assessment of Coaching Personnel”
  - Presenter – “Communication with Stakeholders”
  - Moderator – Blue Ribbon Panel
  - Committee Meeting - Vice-Chair of Publications Committee
• Speaker – “Coaching Coaches” Alabama Parks and Recreation State Conference – January 2017
• COSMA presenter –presented on Student Learning Outcomes – February 2017
• Published Article – “Financial Sustainability of an Athletic Program” *IAA*, in two parts – Spring and Summer
• Speaker to Heritage School Board of Trustees about athletic program implantation for GHSA membership – March 2017
• Georgia Athletic Directors Association (GADA) State Conference presenter – “Maintaining Professional Boundaries.” – March 2017

**Dr. Diana Swanagan**

• Completed work with Floyd County Schools on the two-year Mathematics and Science Partnership Grant, increasing K-8 teachers' mathematical understanding of the new curriculum and helping them to gain a broader perspective of how concepts progress through the grade levels. This has been a joint project between Floyd County Schools (FCS) and the Mathematics Departments of Shorter University, Berry College and GA Northwestern. The project involved joint meetings, leading FCS teachers through hands-on workshops and classroom observations.
• Participated in the AP Calculus Grading in Kansas City, June 2-June 8. I helped grade AP Calculus AB and BC exams while meeting with AP Calculus high school teachers and college mathematics professors from around the country

**Dr. Christine Szostak**

• Helped with National Serve Day 2016, a Christian-based service project where churches provide various needed services (e.g., community clean-up, maintenance, educational supply providing for students who are in foster care...) in Rome and across the nation
• Served as an editorial reviewer on research projects for multiple scientific journals in my field
• Worked toward publication of research associated with my dissertation in a professional academic journal
• Provided professional research-based consulting
• Accepted a leadership role in a small group at church, joined the production/media leadership team, and edited audio podcasts
• Conducted a series of mini workshops for juniors in psychology to help enhance their chances of successfully entering graduate school
• Assisted with the Shorter Lunch-n-Learn events, events aimed at helping faculty at Shorter to enhance the quality of teaching at Shorter
• Served on the National Braille Press (NBP) Members of the Corporation (NBP is a company that provides braille materials such as textbooks to students with vision loss at no additional cost and promotes literacy for the blind)

**Dr. Jerico Vasquez**

• Conferences:
  • “Would Bach Teach Taylor Swift to his Students?” by Dr. Mason Conklin, Rome Music Teachers Association: January 2017
  • Georgia Music Teachers Association Conference, Macon, GA: November 2016
• Adjudications:
  • Alabama Music Teachers Associations Piano Auditions: May 2017
  • Georgia Music Teachers Association, Concerto Competition: April 2017
  • Georgia Music Teachers Association, Region V Auditions: March 2017
o Southeast Young Artist Piano Competition, Georgia State University, Atlanta: March 2017
o Cherokee Music Teachers Association, local GMTA auditions: March 2017

**Dr. Kathi Vosevich**
- Elected as At-Large Member of Executive Committee for Alpha Chi, 2017-21.
- Served as Alpha Chi VP for Region III, 2016-17.
- Served as Manuscript Editor for *Aletheia, The Alpha Chi Journal of Undergraduate Scholarship*, 2017-18.
- Helped Alpha Chi earn STAR CHAPTER status for seventh year in a row.
- Presented at New Hire and Faculty Meetings.
- Attended SACSCOC Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA, 2016.
- Attended SACSCOC Summer Workshop, Dallas, TX, 2016.

**Dr. Duane Warfield**
- Facilitating a commissioned work by Andrew Boysen, Jr. for the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools (MAIS) Bandmasters Division.
- Valley Point Middle School (Dalton) – March 2017
  - Judged pre-LGPE for middle school
- Joyful Noise Canton (Canton) – March 2017
  - Worked with bands
- Trion High School - April 19, April 27, May 3, 2017
  - Worked with band for spring concert
- Ridgeland HS – April 2017
  - Worked with Ridgeland band for upcoming contest
- University of Wisconsin in Stevens Point – November 2016
  - Guest lecturer on classroom management over FaceTime for the Introduction to Music Education class

**Dr. Tara Warfield**
- National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) State Conference at KSU in Kennesaw, GA. November 2016
  - Adjudicated singers from High Schools, Colleges, and Universities from across the state in classical and musical theatre divisions.
- Georgia Independent Christian Arts and Academics State Competition. January 2017
  - Judged Middle School and High School choirs and small ensembles from throughout the state
- Was elected as the Student NATS/SNATS coordinator for the National Outreach Committee of National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS). January 2017
- National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) Regional Conference in Atlanta, GA. March 2017
  - Adjudicated singers from High Schools, Colleges, and Universities from Alabama, Georgia, and Florida in classical and musical theatre divisions

**Dr. Alan Wingard**
- Served as evaluator for NASM
- Attended the NASM National Convention in Dallas, TX. November 2016