



## SOE Research and Creative Showcase: May 2018

### Blumin Wins Tolley Award

Faculty emerita **Marlene Blumin** (Reading & Language Arts) was honored with the Tolley Medal during the One University ceremony on April 20. Named for William Pearson Tolley, SU's Chancellor from 1942 to 1968, the award honors leadership and scholarship in lifelong learning. Blumin established a university-wide study skills program that had CLS 105, College Learning Strategies, at its center. The textbook she authored for this course, It's All About Choices, is in its seventh edition.

### Bey Mounts Solo Show

The Pittsburgh Glass Center featured a solo exhibition, "Dialogues in Clay + Glass," by **Sharif Bey** (Teaching & Leadership, dual with Visual & Performing Arts) from March 2 to May 6. Bey credits a youth pottery apprenticeship with The Manchester Craftsmen's Guild (MCG) as a formative influence on his practice as a ceramicist. He also worked in the youth development program at MCG, as the ceramics studio coordinator, prior to pursuing his doctorate in art education at Penn State. The exhibition was profiled by Visit Pittsburgh, and Urban Glass with many pictures of Bey's striking, West African-inspired pieces.

### Wang an Investigator on Two CUSE Grants

**Qui Wang** (Higher Education) is an investigator on two awards in the inaugural CUSE (Collaboration for Unprecedented Success and Excellence) grant competition. On one proposal, "Project ACCESS: Analysis of Critical Policies and Funding Formulas Related to Education Outcomes for Students with Significant Disabilities," he will work with frequent collaborator **Julia White** (T&L). On the other, "Mechanisms of Change Associated with Mindfulness Training for People with Posttraumatic Stress: Triangulating Neural Networks, Biomarkers, Cognition and Behaviors," he will be part of a team that includes Dessa Bergen-Cico and Rachel Razza from Falk, Mark Costa from the iSchool, and Leanne Hirshfield from Newhouse.

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### **Kuusisto Featured on PBS Newshour**

On April 20, Have Dog, Will Travel: A Poet's Journey, a memoir by **Stephen Kuusisto** (Cultural Foundations of Education), was featured on the PBS Newshour Bookshelf. In the interview with Jeffrey Brown, Kuusisto talked about his collaborations with four different guide dogs, his writing, and his advocacy and activism around disability rights.

### **Knapp Launches New American All-Stars**

April 25 saw the debut concert of the New American All-Stars, a rock band comprised of 12 teens from the Catholic Youth Organization's Refugee Youth Program and 12 music education students enrolled in a general music education course. The band represents one prong of Music in the Community, an ambitious agenda of engaged scholarship led by **David Knapp** (T&L) and supported by the John L. and Dona Lynn Kreischer Scholars Initiative in the School of Education.

### **Fonger Disseminates Her Scholarship**

**Nicole Fonger** (T&L) was the first author for an article, "Developing a Learning Progression for Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Learning: An Example from Mathematics Education," that appeared in *Cognition & Instruction*. Fonger has also been experimenting with visual representations of her teaching and research, available on her blog.

### **Wilkinson's New Book Released**

**Louise C. Wilkinson** (RLA) has a new book, *Language, Literacy, and Learning in the STEM Disciplines: How Language Counts for English Learners* (Routledge), co-edited with Alison L. Bailey and Carolyn A. Maher. Wilkinson serves as an associate editor of the *Journal of Mathematical Behavior* for which Maher is editor.

### **First School-wide Research Lesson Hosted in CNY**

On April 10, two years of lesson study with the New Generation Science Standards by a team of elementary teachers collaborating with **Sharon Dotger** (T&L) culminated in the first school-wide research lesson in central New York. Funded by a grant from the 100Kin10 network, the work at Burton Street Elementary in the Cazenovia School District is an extension of the It's Go Time conference Dotger has co-directed for two years now with partners from OCM-BOCES and the Smithsonian Science Education Center. The research lesson was covered by NewsChannel 9.

## Recipients Selected for Burstyn Collaborative Award

Faculty **Charlotte Sharpe** (T&L) and **Qiu Wang** (HE) will collaborate with PhD student Kevin Davis (also T&L) on a project entitled “Operationalizing Mathematics Identity for Measurement in Elementary Students: An Instrument Development Study” that was recently selected as the 2018 winner of the Joan N. Burstyn Award for Collaborative Research. Joan Burstyn is professor emerita in CFE and a former dean of the School of Education.

## USE D&I Grants Funded

SOE faculty and staff led three of eight proposals receiving support from the inaugural Unsurpassed Student Experience Diversity and Inclusion Grant Program sponsored by the Office of the Provost. USE (D&I) grants are intended to “support diversity programs and practices that help deepen understanding and engagement across multiple areas of difference.” Projects include “Fostering Resiliency in Undergraduate Women of Color in STEM,” proposed by Dawn Johnson (HE); “Disability, Aging, Trauma, and Veterans Issues in Healthcare,” proposed by Stephen Kuusisto (CFE); and “Project Transition: Engagement and Education for Families of First Generation Students,” proposed by Robert Wilson (Student Supportive Services). Projects were capped at \$5000 and will be carried out during the 2018-2019 academic year.

## Luke to Begin Tenure as ADR

As of July 1, 2018, Melissa Luke (Counseling & Human Services) will assume the role of associate dean for research in the School of Education. Kelly Chandler-Olcott (RLA), SOE’s ADR since 2015, is grateful for support in producing this quarterly newsletter from Jennifer Russo and Allison Devoe in Marketing, Communication, & Events and humbled by the varied accomplishments of her colleagues that she has been able to profile.

If you or another faculty colleague have reached a research- or creative-related milestone, please email **Melissa Luke**, Associate Dean for Research, at [mmluke@syr.edu](mailto:mmluke@syr.edu) and submit at <http://blogs.soe.syr.edu/news-submission> for highlighting in future issues.