off campus

At the Convocation that launches every academic year, members of the College community share news of their recent publications and presentations. The resulting list speaks to the rich intellectual life of the College by highlighting the “off campus” interests and pursuits of the faculty, staff and trustees.

Khaled Abukhidejeh
Assistant Professor, Mathematics Department
Co-recipient: Citation for Outstanding Performance, Developmental Mathematics Working Group, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Donna Akerley-Procopio
Professor, Computer Information Technology Department
Honor: Selected by Cisco Systems, Inc., to work with the Learning Management Development Team to build “The World’s Largest Classroom”
Presentation: “New Features of Cisco Net Space,” Connecting for Success Conference, Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators, Upton, Massachusetts
Panel Presentation: “Partnerships Local and Worldwide: Curriculum, Gender Initiatives, Internships,” Russian Delegation visit sponsored by the Massachusetts Campus Compact, Bunker Hill Community College, Boston, Massachusetts

Karen E. Akukwe
Transfer Counselor, Enrollment Systems

Mizuho Arai, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Behavioral Science Department
Honor: Bunker Hill Community College sabbatical to research and develop activities related to BHCC’s LifeMap initiative, including integrating Undergraduate Psychology Learning Goals and Outcomes into students’ academic and career goals and ways to assist students with developing insight into their own and others’ behavior and mental processes, and in turn applying effective strategies for self-management and self-improvement.

Susan Atlas, J.D.
Assistant Professor and Coordinator for Paralegal Studies, Legal Studies and Public Safety Department
Honor: Appointed Alumnae Advisor to the 2013 reception for the National Women’s Law Student Association, Suffolk University Law School, Boston, Massachusetts
Presentations: “Trials and Tribulations of Estate Administration under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code,” Suffolk University Law School Advanced Legal Studies, Boston, Massachusetts; “The Paralegal Profession and the Use of Paralegals in Estate Planning and Administration,” 2012 Joint Fall Meeting of Real Property and Trusts & Estate Law Section, American Bar Association, Boston, Massachusetts

Robert A. Barrows
Director and Chief of Police, Office of Public Safety and Campus Police
Degree: M.S., Criminal Justice-Criminology, Salem State University

Mary Beth W. Barton
Professor and Chair, Hospitality Department
Honor: Citation for Outstanding Performance, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Aurora B. Bautista, Ph.D.
Professor, Behavioral Science Department
Presentations: “Forging Identities through Place-Based Curriculum: Utilizing Metro Boston Resources, Festivals and Communities,” Eastern Division Conference, Community College Humanities Association, Cambridge, Massachusetts; “Integrating Service Learning and Field Study in Cluster Courses,” Curriculum Planning Retreat, Atlantic Center for Learning Communities, West Hartford, Connecticut
Lynn Byall Benson, Ph.D.
Adjunct Faculty, Learning Communities and English Department
Honor: National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Award, Austin, Texas
Presentations: “Siblinghood is Powerful: Learning Communities and College Women’s Success,” National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Conference, Austin, Texas; “Why Leaders Need to Read”

Thomas P. Bogart
Adjunct Faculty, Fire Science and Safety Program
Honor: Appointed to the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center at the University of Hawaii, U.S.
Department of Homeland Security training partner
Co-presenters: “A Faculty-Driven Approach to Reforming Developmental Mathematics Education,” Achieving the Dream Conference, Anaheim, California

Jeanne-Marie Boylan
Treasurer, BHCC Foundation Board of Directors
Presentation: “IPEDS to the Voluntary Framework of Accountability,” Association of Community College Trustees Leadership Congress, Boston, Massachusetts
Co-presenters: “Help is at Hand: New Ways to Put $$$ in Students’ Pockets,” Association of Community College Trustees Leadership Congress, Boston, Massachusetts
Panel Presentation: “The Completion Arch: Measuring Community College Student Progress and Success,” Association of Community College Trustees Leadership Congress, Boston, Massachusetts

Patricia J. Brady
Director of Public Relations and Editorial Services, Integrated Marketing and Communications Division

Meghan R. Callaghan
Coordinator, Community Engagement and Student Volunteerism
Honor: Named Community Service Learning Regional Fellow, New England Campus Compact
James F. Canniff, Ed.D.
Vice President, Academic Affairs and Student Services
Honor: Named Professor Emeritus, Suffolk County Community College, Selden, New York

Anne Bell Carter
Assistant Professor, Visual & Media Arts Department
Degree: M.Ed, University of Massachusetts Boston
Angela R. Case
Special Programs Coordinator (E-portfolio Training and Support Specialist), Teaching, Learning and Instructional Technology Center
Co-recipient: Gold Paragon for Student Handbook, National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCPMR)

Shirley Cassara, Ph.D.
Adjunct Faculty, Behavioral Science Department

Lori A. Catalozzi
Dean of Humanities and Learning Communities
Honor: Distinguished Service Award, Community College Humanities Association, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Presentations: “Capturing Big Ideas and Learning Outcomes at Disciplinary Intersections,” Atlantic Center for Learning Communities, West Hartford, Connecticut
Co-presenter: “Storytelling in the New Millennium: Using Web 2.0 Tools to Integrate Student Experiences into the Classroom,” General Education and Assessment Conference, American Association of Colleges and Universities, Boston, Massachusetts; “Learning Communities for Change and Empowerment: Fostering Success Among Diverse Student Populations,” Fall 2012 Retreat, Atlantic Center for Learning Communities, West Hartford, Connecticut

Thomas J. Chuda
Professor, Legal Studies and Public Safety Department
Honor: Certificate of Appreciation, Australian Department of Homeland Defense, Melbourne, Australia; Certificate of Appreciation, Sydney Opera House, Sydney, Australia; Certificate of Appreciation, National Football League (NFL), New York City, New York
Cajou Clark
Campus Police Office I, Office of Public Safety and Campus Police
Degree: B.S., Criminal Justice, University of Massachusetts Lowell
Jennifer A. Cohn
Associate Professor, English Department
Honor: Faculty Commencement Speaker, 2013 Commencement Exercises, Bunker Hill Community College, National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Award, Austin, Texas
Panel Presentations: “One College, One Book: Engaging a Community of Readers,” Community College Humanities Association Conference, Boston, Massachusetts; “One College, One Book: Engaging a Community of Readers,” Massachusetts Community College Teaching, Learning and Student Development Conference, Lowell, Massachusetts

Patti-An Collins, D.N.P.
Interim Dean, Nurse Education, Medical Imaging & Respiratory Therapy
Presentation: “Development of a Regional Model for RN to BSN Articulation Agreements,” Community College Leadership Academy, Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Michael Combs
Assistant Professor, Mathematics Department
Co-recipient: Citation for Outstanding Performance, Developmental Mathematics Working Group, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bryan D. Craven
Assistant Professor and Chair, Computer Media Technology Department

Patrick Crozier, Ed.D.
Perkins Coordinator, Professional Studies Division
Presentation: “Enhancing Secondary-Postsecondary Linkages,” Massachusetts Association for Vocational Administrators Annual Conference, Upton, Massachusetts

Susan T. Dole, Ed.D.
Senior Academic Counselor, Advising/Counseling and Assessment Center

Liya N. Escalera
Director, Learning Communities
Co-presenter: “The ACE Mentor Program: Achievement, Cultural Competency and Engagement,” Massachusetts Community College Teaching, Learning and Student Development Conference, Lowell, Massachusetts

Gregory T. Field
Adjunct Faculty, Science and Engineering Department
Panel Presentation: “Diversity Strand: The Leaky STEM,” Massachusetts STEM Summit 2012, Foxborough, Massachusetts

Elizabeth Fields
Coordinator of Library Services, Library and Learning Commons
Co-presenter: “To Tweet or Not to Tweet? To Say or Not to Say,” Massachusetts Community College Teaching, Learning and Student Development Conference, Lowell, Massachusetts

Anthony D. Fontes
Assistant Professor and Chair, Business Administration Department
Honor: Faculty Impact Award, National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship; Delegate, The Future of Entrepreneurship Education, EMPACT Summit, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D.C.; appointed Member Ambassador, National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship
Andres R. Reyes
Professor, Early Childhood Education and Human Services Department

Degree: Ed.D., Higher Education Administration, University of Massachusetts Boston


Yazdan S. Rodd
Coordinator, Instructional Technology for Distance Education

Presentation: “Best Practices in Distance Learning Administration,” Massachusetts Colleges Online Conference, Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Debra Rowe
Accountant III, Business Office

Degree: A.A., Business Administration, Bunker Hill Community College

Vanessa Whaley Rowley
Director of Admissions and Enrollment Services


Lorraine C. Sacco
Clerk V, Health Services

Certificate: Group Exercise Instructor

Thomas L. Saltonstall
Director of Diversity and Inclusion

Presentation: “Diversity and Inclusion: What Does Communications Have to Do With It?” The International Association of Business Communicators, Boston and Global Novations Seminar, Waltham, Massachusetts

Jennifer S. Sanchez
Assistant Professor, Mathematics Department

Co-recipient: Citation for Outstanding Performance, Developmental Mathematics Working Group, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William T. Sakamoto
Associate Vice President, Academic Affairs and Enrollment Services

Honor: National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Award

Irene A. Sancineto
Professor, Mathematics Department

Co-recipient: Citation for Outstanding Performance, Developmental Mathematics Working Group, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Pamela B. Schmidt
Professor, Early Childhood Education and Human Services Department

Honors: Member, National Leadership Council for the Mental Health and Aging Leadership Council Committee for the American Society on Aging, San Francisco, California; Member, Mental Health and Aging Editorial Board, American Society on Aging, San Francisco, California; Peer Reviewer for Conference Abstract Proposals, American Society on Aging, San Francisco, California


Stephanie Schorow
Assistant Director, Public Relations and Editorial Services


Sonia Sharma
Administrative Assistant II, Community Education

Honor: Citation for Outstanding Performance, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Malakia C. Silcott
Academic Counselor, Professional Studies


Valerie T. Smith, Ph.D.
Dean, Mathematics, Behavioral and Social Sciences Division


Publication: “Practitioner Responses to DSM Categorization of Hoarding,” Modern Psychological Studies, Fall 2012

Faculty Advisor: “Rate and Frequency of Demands on Children with Autism,” Modern Psychological Studies, Fall 2012

Justin Snow
Advising Intern, Advising/Counseling and Assessment Center

Co-presenter: “Graduate Assistant Perspectives: Building Connections When Advising Students,” MCCADA, North Shore Community College, Danvers, Massachusetts

Jac-Lynn Stark
Associate Professor, English Department


Yvette M. Straughter
Professor, Mathematics Department

Co-recipient: Citation for Outstanding Performance, Developmental Mathematics Working Group, Commonwealth of Massachusetts


Enzo Silvon Surin
Professor, English Department

Honors: Appointed to the Lynn Local Cultural Council by Mayor Judith Flanagan Kennedy, Lynn, Massachusetts; Judge: Louder Than a Bomb, Massachusetts Youth Slam Competition, Boston, Massachusetts

Presentation: “What I Wish I Had Known in Grad School about the Two-Year College,” Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference, Boston, Massachusetts

Featured Reader: Cervena Barva Press Readings Series, Somerville, Massachusetts; “Speak UP!” Spoken Word Open Mike, Walnut Street Cafe, Lynn, Massachusetts

Workshop Instructor: “It’s a Hard-Knocked Life: Crafting Poems out of Difficult Experiences,” Massachusetts Student Day of Poetry, Salem, Massachusetts

Elizabeth G. Szymczak
Associate Professor, Medical Laboratory Technician Program

Served as Facilitator: Central New York Regional FBI/CDC Joint Criminal and Epidemiologic Investigations Workshop, New Hartford, New York

Presentation: “The Clinical Microbiology Laboratory – What Every Infection Preventionist Should Know,” Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, New England, Springfield, Massachusetts

Vilma M. Tafawa
Executive Director, International Center

Honors: Served on the Board of the College Consortium for International Studies (CCIS), 2012-2013; served on the Board of the Midwest Institute of International Education, 2012-2013

Thomas J. Tassinari
Adjunct Faculty, Behavioral Science Department
**Honors:** Appointed Chief Probation Officer, Boston Municipal Court, East Boston Division; elected Member of the Board, First Priority Credit Union; elected Vice-President, Board of Directors, East Boston Social Center

Gerard Teichman
Adjunct Faculty, English Department
**Presentation:** “Textbook Matters: How Does Your Teaching Align with Your Textbook Designs?” Massachusetts Community College Teaching, Learning and Student Development Conference, Lowell, Massachusetts

Paul A. Vitagliano
Director, Distance Education and Weekend College
**Certificate:** Quality Matters National Online Week-Long Summer Camp, Quality Matters Online
**Presentation:** “Moodle Administration: Best Practices Roundtable,” Mass. Colleges Online (MCO) Conference, Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Richard Walker, III
Trustee, Board of Trustees
**Co-presenter:** “Help is at Hand: New Ways to Put $$$ in Students’ Pockets,” Association of Community College Trustees Leadership Congress, Boston, Massachusetts

Les E. Warren
Executive Director, Workforce Development Center
**Honors:** Member, Blue Ribbon Committee of the Community College Consortium for Immigrant Education, Westchester Community College, Valhalla, New York; appointed to the Massachusetts Rapid Response Team, Massachusetts Department of Higher Education, Economic & Workforce Development & STEM, Boston, Massachusetts

Mark Wigfall
Special Programs Coordinator, Workforce Development Center
**Presentation:** “Creating a New Revenue Stream for BHCC Workforce Development Center,” Community College Leadership Academy, Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Bogusia Wojciechowska, Ph.D.
Dean, Professional Studies
**Honor:** Certificate of Recognition, Phenomenal Woman Committee, Massachusetts Women in Higher Education

Anita Wolf
Coordinator of College Graphics, Publications and Creative Services Department
**Co-recipient:** Gold Paragon Award for BHCC Magazine, National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR); Gold Paragon for Black History Month Art Gallery exhibit poster, National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) District One; Silver Paragon for College Catalog, National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR); Bronze Award for Black History Month Art Gallery exhibit poster, Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District One; Honorable Mention/Magazine Overall for BHCC Magazine, Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District One