David Dirlam gave two talks at the 2013 AAHLE (Association for the Assessment of Learning in Higher Education) conference, in Lexington, KY, June 2-5. Their titles were: ‘The Intricate Unfolding of Assessment Systems’ and ‘Developmental Interviews for Rubrics in Design, Text, and STEM fields’.

Vivian Teter completed a Richard S. Reynolds Foundation residency at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts in June. She also gave a poetry reading at the Maier Museum in Lynchburg, on June 4th.

Terry Lindvall gave a paper "'Dear 8 Pound, 6 ounce newborn infant': A Century of Exemplary and Revelatory Prayers in Hollywood Films" and ran a workshop "This Course is a Joke: Using Frames of Reference for Teaching Film Comedy" at the International Conference on Humor, July 2-4 at the College of William and Mary.

Ben Haller was in Warsaw, Poland at the International Popular Culture Association conference, July 22-26 and gave a paper entitled "Myths of Architecture and the Self: Chris Nolan's Inception (2010) and Iphigeneia". He was also made chair of the ‘Popular Representations in Popular Culture’ section of the annual meeting of Southwest Popular/American Culture Association.

Tanya Arney was recognized as "Outstanding Rotarian of the Year" at the annual Cape Henry Installation Banquet. She also became Vice President of the Club.

Sharon Payne has been named to the Hampton Roads Mission Advancement Council for Virginia Supportive Housing (VSH). VSH’s goal is to end homelessness in Hampton Roads.

Kathy Merlock Jackson, Lisa Lyon Payne and Kathy Shepherd Stolley’s article “Celebrity Treatment: The Intersection of Medical Tourism and Star Culture in American Society” was published in The Journal of American Culture in June.

Sue Erickson has been appointed Information Officer for the Virginia Independent College and University Library Association (VICULA). The term runs through Spring 2014. VICULA provides a forum for library directors of the Virginia independent colleges and universities to discuss issues of common concern and pursue projects of mutual benefit, such as resource sharing and cost negotiation.