

Alison Marganski presented a paper at the 2014 American Society of Criminology conference in San Francisco, titled "Intimate Partner Cyber-Aggression: An Old Problem in a New Guise?" in a session on *Women's Victimization*. She also received the 2014 award for the ASC's Division of Victimology Faculty Teacher of the year.



Taryn Myers' article 'Reaction times to appearance-related or nonappearance-related word choice among women with and without eating psychopathology' came out in *Cognitive Therapy and Research*. She also presented two posters at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies: 'Which feminist beliefs are protective? Deconstructing feminist beliefs as a protective factor against risk factors for eating pathology in a non-undergraduate population' and 'Assessing the validity of the Physical Appearance Comparison Scale in three distinct populations'.

David Dirlam was keynote speaker for the Fall Forum of the New England Educational Assessment Network. His talk was entitled [Tools for Turning Course Design and Learning Data into Educational Action](#).

On November 10, *Ben Dobrin* gave a talk on Ebola at the Chesapeake Police Department's Command Staff meeting. In December, he was made President of the non-profit organization *Virginia Beach Water Rescue*.



Stephen Hock's essay "Maybe He'd Have to Just Keep Driving, or Pynchon on the Freeway" was published in the anthology *Pynchon's California*, and his article "'A Need to Mourn Abandonment in Advance' in Nathaniel Mackey's *From a Broken Bottle Traces of Perfume Still Emanate*" came out in *Contemporary Literature*.

Virginia Wesleyan College hosted the *VA Engage* fall meeting on October 24th. The meeting was organized by Diane Hotaling, Kathy Stolley, LaShay Wyatt, and Ben Haller. Laynee Timlin and Kathy Stolley presented on the role of community engagement in a strategic plan. VWC's newly released documentary about our winter homeless shelter, directed by Stu Minnis and Diane Hotaling, was shared with attendees.



For the fall 2014 "Readings With Wesleyan" series, **Dr. Murrell Brooks** led three sessions on "Community Transformations." The series, held at Heritage United Methodist Church, examined the music and philosophy of Tupac Shakur as it relates to contemporary movements such as Ferguson, the Arab Spring, and the civil rights movement. The program is sponsored by INTEL and organized by LaShay Wyatt and Diane Hotaling.

The 4th edition of Karen Bosch's *The First Year Teacher: Be Prepared for your Classroom* has been published by Corwin, with daughter Morghan joining her as co-author.

Walt Disney, From Reader to Storyteller: Essays on the Literary Inspirations edited by **Kathy Merlock Jackson** and Mark I. West has been published by McFarland & Company. The collection includes "The Sentimental Novel: Community, Power and Femininity" by **Sue Larkin** and Kathy's own "Walt Disney as Reader and Storyteller: The Books in His Library and What They Mean".



Kathy Ames served as the coach for Tyler Chang ('16), Corey Gray ('15), and Thomas Simmons ('16) at the Mid-Atlantic Regional ACM International Collegiate Programming Competition. The team finished in first place at the CNU site, one of nine competitions sites for the region.

Stephen Leist has been elected Vice-chair of the Collection Development Committee of the Virginia Tidewater Consortium, for a 2-year term.

Wayne Pollock was elected to the board of directors for the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification for a three year term.

Got December-January news? Send it to dayone@vwc.edu. **Links and photos are greatly appreciated.**