Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the article on Point Park’s “new" pre-medical and dental curriculum that appeared in the Spring 2012 issue of The Point.

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Paintings by Artist and Alumna Lynn Fero in Upcoming Exhibition on Campus

Lynn Fero (COPA 1981, HON’07) has always had a creative streak. A longtime executive in the entertainment industry, including her current position as senior vice president of business affairs administration and product rights management at CBS Television Distribution, she is also a nationally exhibited fine artist known in particular for her striking and colorful landscapes.

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Professional Advancement

Lorelei Stein, Ph.D., professor of criminal justice and intelligence studies, has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of Family Services of Western Pennsylvania.

Tatyana Dumova, Ph.D., associate professor in the School of Communication, served as a respondent at the Virtual Conference of the International Communication Association, part of the annual convention in Phoenix, Ariz. last May. Her role included providing commentary on research papers and engaging in asynchronous discussions with virtual presenters and attendees. She also published a conference report reviewing the state of virtual conference technology.

Dumova joined two graduate students for presentation of their research papers at the annual Eastern Communication Association Convention last April in Cambridge, Mass. Heather Hanner, MA/MBA student, and Ivan Moore, a graduate student in journalism and mass communication, became interested in research after taking Dumova’s course in applied mass communication research methods. “Both wrote full-length papers and received positive feedback for sound research methods, good papers and excellent presentations,” according to the artist.

The Lawrence Hall Gallery is on the corner of the Blvd. of the Allies and Wood St. across from the Village Park. The exhibition opens on Oct. 19 and is free and open to the public.

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Christopher Rollinson, associate professor of photography and photography, captures the stories and images of area veterans in his role on the multimedia team for Veteran Voices of Pittsburgh, a nonprofit education organization preserving the experiences of local veterans from all wars. The nonprofit partnered with Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum to film and archive veterans’ stories using a variety of media platforms including video, photographs and blogs.

Robert Skertich, Ph.D., assistant professor and program director of public administration and the undergraduate organizational leadership programs, co-authored “A Bad Time for Disaster: Economic Stress and Disaster Resilience* which was published in the scholarly journal, Administration & Society.

Darlene Marnich, Ph.D., chair and professor in the Department of Education, and Richard Gutkind, Ph.D., professor and director of graduate education programs, developed a partnership with the Imagine Charter School in Verona, Pa. to provide professional development for classroom teachers. Marnich also presented Point Park at the spring 2012 conference of the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators (PACTE) at Penn State University last April.

Steve Hallock, director of the School of Communication, published an essay in the fall 2012 issue of Gateway Journalism Review. In the piece, he details editorial evidence that elite newspapers have helped to construct a war agenda that has supported, rather than questioned, U.S. military action in the post-World War II era. The issue is at the heart of Hallock’s latest book, The Press March to War: My research of major newspaper editorial pages from the Truman administration through President Barack Obama’s drone warfare in Libya found that rather than serving in its traditional role of government watchdog, the press vigorously endorsed a thread of presidential foreign policy doctrines and ensuing military endeavors abroad,” according to Hallock. Peter Lang Publishing released The Press March to War this spring as part of its “Mediating American History” series. The book was also featured at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication’s annual conference August 9-12 in Chicago.

Bill Moushey, professor of journalism, embarked on a national media tour for his newest book, Game Over Moushey is co-author with former Pittsburgh Post-Gazette writer Robert Dvorchak of the book about former Penn State University assistant coach Jerry Sandusky. Harper Collins Publishers released the title on April 17, which is the first hardcover to be published on the topic. Moushey is a Pulitzer Prize-nominated investigative journalist who specializes in documenting abuses of the criminal justice system. He worked with the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette for 23 years and won the National Press Club’s Freedom of Information Award in 1997 for his exposé of an out-of-control witness protection program.