

Professional Advancement

Sarah Perrier, Ph.D., assistant professor, was a featured poet on *PBS News-Hour's* Art Beat blog. The national public broadcasting's weekly poetry segment presents Perrier reading "Poem in Which I Fail to Appear" in a videotaped at the Association of Writers & Writing Programs conference in Washington, D.C. The poem is from Perrier's book *Nothing Fatal* (2010, University of Akron Press). She is also the author of the chapbook *Just One of Those Things* (2003, Kent State University Press). Perrier's poems have appeared in *The Cincinnati Review*, *Cimarron Review*, *Hotel Amerika*, the *Journal*, *Pleiades* and *Mid-American Review*. Her work has also been featured on *Verse Daily*. Perrier attended the AWP conference with assistant professor

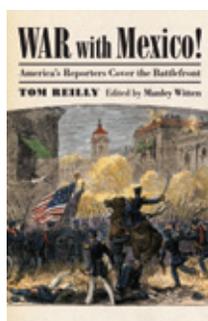
Karen Dwyer, who also teaches in the University's creative writing program. To hear Perrier read her poem, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/4ql3hvz>

Sam Kosanovich, women's basketball head coach at Point Park, will step down as head coach of the Pioneers at the end of the 2010-11 season. Kosanovich, who has taken the team to its most consistent success as the head coach the last five seasons, will take on his role as the University's Student Center director full time. He has served a dual-role at Point Park. In addition to coaching he served as Recreation Center director and then director of the Student Center, which opened last fall in the building that was formerly the YMCA (see page 8).

Patrick Millard, assistant professor in the School of Communication, has established a new lecture series on the photographic arts. The *Speaking Light* series features emerging and established artists. Millard's work in photography, new media and sound addresses ideas

about media, digital culture, technology and the interactions that human beings have within the synthetic environment. The lecture series brought three photographic artists to campus to speak this spring: **Nate Abramowski** on Jan. 28, **Christine Holtz** on Feb. 25 and **Heather Pinson** on March 25.

Ed Traversari, professional in residence with the sport, arts and entertainment management (SAEM) program, conceived of a *Bob Marley Live Forever* concert about five years ago and worked with the Marley family to bring the idea to fruition. The one-night-only tribute to Bob Marley, held on the 30th anniversary of his final performance, was lauded by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette as the best concert of 2010. Many SAEM students assisted in production of the concert.



Manley Witten, adjunct professor in the School of Communication, edited *War with Mexico! America's Reporters Cover the Battlefield*, written by Tom Reilly and published by the University of Kansas Press.

The Mexican War was the first foreign war to be comprehensively reported in the American press. The book tells the history of the war through the eyes of reporters and reflects how that effort signaled the emergence of newspapers as an important force in American life.

Tatyana Dumova, Ph.D., associate professor in the School of Communication, has joined a group of assessment experts in the field of communication to develop a comprehensive guide for measuring discipline-specific outcomes of student learning. Dumova is the lead author of a chapter on online assessment resources

in *A Communication Assessment Primer* recently published by the National Communication Association, Washington, DC.

Rochelle Klein, assistant professor and coordinator of Music Education/Core Arts at the Conservatory of Performing Arts, presented highlights from her DVD *There's a Place for Us: Musical Theatre Resources in the Pittsburgh Area* at Point Park's Convocation last fall. Klein created the DVD, with the help of a faculty development grant, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Music Educators' Association.

M. H. Sidky, Ph.D., professor in the School of Business, presented a paper on "Sovereign Debt Crisis and the Socio-Political Impacts of Austerity: The Case of Greece and the European Union" at the Northeastern Association of Business, Economics and Technology (NABET) in State College, Pa., last November. Sidky and business professors **Archish Maharaja**, Ph.D., and **Dimitris Kraniou**, Ph.D., co-authored and presented a paper on "Sustainability for Multinational Corporations through Knowledge Creation and Management." Maharaja also presented a paper on "Economics of Operating an Independent Physician Practice" with co-author **Gita Maharaja**, Ph.D., at NABET.

Tim Hudson, Ph.D., dean of the School of Communication, traveled to Belgrade, Serbia, last fall to address the faculty of Singidunum University's School of Media and Communication on the subject of "new technology in journalism education." Hudson also presented guest lectures in several classes at the University of Belgrade, the University of Novi Sad and the Belgrade Academy of Arts.

Jim Thomas, Ph.D., associate dean in the School of Arts and Sciences, began