

dynamic presentations on a wide range of topics.

Tatyana Dumova, associate professor in the School of Communication, made two peer-reviewed research presentations at the annual National Communication Association (NCA) convention in New Orleans held Nov. 17–20. Her presentations were: “Utilizing Online Surveys and Self-Assessments for Motivating and Engaging e-Learners” and “A Study of the Relationship Between Student Proficiency, Satisfaction, and Perceived Usability of Online Search.” Dumova also published an edited book (with Richard Fiordo, University of North Dakota), *Blogging in the Global Society: Cultural, Political and Geographical Aspects* (Information Science Reference, 2012). The book presents a cross-disciplinary

analysis of the diverse factors affecting blogging practices, traces the diffusion of blogging as a global communication innovation, and sheds light on the current trends in the global blogosphere.

Shirley Barasch, professor emerita in the Conservatory of Performing Arts, composed “Fanfare,” a work for brass quartet, performed on Nov. 14 at St. Andrew’s Church in Highland Park as part of a series sponsored by the Tuesday Musical Club. Barasch also signed copies of her book, *For Professional Purposes, An Artistic Journey*, on Dec. 1 at the Pleasant Hills Library, and on Dec. 7 at the Barnes and Noble bookstore at Duquesne University. The book traces her experiences as a composer and musician.

Angela Meiers is the new employee relations coordinator in the Career Development Center. Meiers, who received her master’s degree in organizational leadership from Point Park in 2010, previously spent several years coordinating events for the Center. With the creation of this new position, the Career Development Center aims to boost the number of internship opportunities and employers recruiting.

New Board Members

Point Park announced the election of two candidates for membership on the Board of Trustees:

Julie A. Lyda is currently Black Box Corporation’s vice president of technical product solutions, North America and



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