

Professional Advancement

Rosemary Martinelli, a part-time professor in the School of Communication, recently authored the chapter “The Final Page of the Small Business Plan: Five Tools to Make Goodwill a Good Strategy,” in *Recalculating: 97 Experts on Driving Small Business Growth*. Martinelli says: “It is all about how small businesses can be engaged in the community. In addition to my broadcast and communication background, I spent many years as the director of strategic corporate philanthropy and community engagement programs.”

Kristin DeLuca has joined the Office of Development and Alumni Relations as director of development and institutional partnerships. With more than 14 years of experience in the political, nonprofit and higher education sectors, DeLuca is dedicated to sharing student narratives and

connecting donors with high impact giving opportunities. A graduate of Chatham University (B.A., political science) and the University of Pittsburgh (M.Ed. in higher education management), she is working to complete a Ph.D. in social and comparative analysis in education.

Jeffrey Besong, assistant vice president of public safety and chief of police, has been named as a finalist for Campus Safety Director of the Year. According to Campus Safety magazine, Besong’s notable achievements include: leadership of the creation of Point Park’s Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Confront and Evacuate (ALICE) training institute; supervision of the upgrade of a University-wide security camera system; and the establishment of SafeZone, which provides training to faculty, staff and students on becoming allies of the LGBTQ community.

Susan Stowe, professor of dance, served as a judge for the Classical Ballet Competition conducted by the National Society of Arts and Letters, Pittsburgh Chapter, hosted by Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre last March. Twelve dancers between the ages of 16 and 21 performed classical ballet variations, which were adjudicated for artistry, style, technical skill, and musicality. The first place chapter finalist will compete in the National Competition for a First Prize award of \$12,000. Stowe was joined by fellow judges Nola Nolen, assistant professor of dance, Slippery Rock University; Rene Polanco, Dance Department coordinator, CAPA High School; and Lindsay LaFrankie, director, Ballet Academy of Pittsburgh.

Tatyana Dumova, Ph.D., professor of multimedia in the School of Communication, has been accepted to join the

Fulbright Specialist roster for a three-year tenure. Fulbright Specialists conduct seminars at higher education institutions and serve as expert consultants on issues such as curriculum development, assessment, faculty training and instruction in more than 150 countries. Dumova also served as an international grant review expert for the Netherlands Organization for Health Research and Development (ZonMw) on issues of quality and integrity in scientific research.

Brent Dean Robbins, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology and chair of the Department of Humanities and Human Sciences, served as co-author and guest editor of the March 2017 special issue of the *Journal of Humanistic Psychology*, which focused on alternatives to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) approach to psychiatric diagnosis. For the past six years, Robbins has taken a leading role in the organization of public commentary on criticisms of the DSM-5 through his work with the Society of Humanistic Psychology.

Angela Isaac, Ph.D., professor of economics and finance, and **Nelson Chipman**, M.F.A., executive director of Point Park Online, have created a course called *The Money Thing*, which educates and encourages students to make smart financial decisions during and after college. The course, which fulfills the “Succeed in Business” requirement in the University’s core curriculum, is offered both on campus and online. Isaac teaches the business management course, along with School of Business Instructors **Joseph DeFazio**, CRPC, Ph.D., associate financial planner for Pittsburgh Financial Planners, and **David Diehl**, M.B.A., vice president and corporate and institutional banking risk manager for PNC.

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