A MESSAGE FROM DR. ELIZABETH A. TROOP, COLLEGE OF LAE DEAN

As I write this during our spring break, I am watching snowflakes drift down. Winter has hung on ferociously; I think I speak for the entire campus when I say that we are ready for some relief. Even a crocus or two would be welcome. Despite the cold and gloomy weather, the college is in good shape, continuing to enhance our faculty with talented teacher-scholars eager to join us and help to shape the lives of our remarkable students. We also are engaged in the process of mentoring junior faculty to be the best instructors and researchers that they can be. When students return from their break, they will be in the home stretch of the academic year, with papers, exams, projects, and performances coming in fast and furious. We all will be doubling down and working hard so that every day is a great day to be a Pioneer.

POSTERS IN THE ROTUNDA

On March 12, several students presented their research at the 11th annual Posters in the Rotunda event held at the State Capitol in Madison, Wis. The annual event celebrates student research and showcases current educational studies to state legislators. The students were among nearly 150 participants chosen from across the UW System. Paola Martinez, left, presented her original graphic novel, El Lobo de Los Coyotes, or The Wolf of the Coyotes. Written in Spanish, the graphic novel is about the struggles that individuals face trying to cross the Mexican border into the United States.

Students worked in the Tree-Ring, Earth, and Environmental Sciences Laboratory, focusing on reconstruction of past environments to better understand current and future environmental change. Student presenters were Gabriel Brownell, Cassie Jorgenson, Steven La Barge, Giselle Varrientos, and Jaime Teutschmann.

STUDENTS RECEIVEawARDS

Two students received awards for the Non-Heritage University Beginner level at the Wisconsin 2014 annual Chinese Language Speech Contest held at UW-Milwaukee on Feb. 22. Andrew Hayes, a senior chemistry major from Kenosha, Wis., and a student worker for the UW-Platteville Confucius Institute, received a bronze medal from the Wisconsin Association of Chinese Language Teachers. Brittany Ambers, a senior business administration major from Milwaukee, Wis., received an Honorable Mention award. Both Hayes and Ambers are enrolled in Chinese language courses offered through the university’s foreign languages program.

FACULTY FORUMS

Shakespeare, Spies, and Vampires

At the “Shakespeare, Spies, and Vampires: The Ethics of Historical Fiction and Costume Drama” faculty forum on March 6, Dr. Terry Burns, English Professor and Chair of the department of humanities, explored what is meant by “historical fiction” and looked at several recent works that would be considered historical fiction if not for the central role played by vampires, witches, time-travelers, and other supernatural beings.

Dr. Amanda Tucker, Assistant Professor of English, discussed the ethics of reading historical fiction, including what is involved in ethical reading strategies.

Profiling Hackers

In the “Profiling Hackers: Who are the Cyber-Criminals?” faculty forum on Thursday, April 3, Dr. Sabina Burton, Associate Professor in the department of criminal justice, will discuss the relationship between technology and crime and how to apply the behavioral science of criminal profiling to the world of Internet predators. She will also address questions regarding hackers and the motives behind viruses, worms, phishing, and pharming.

Todd Carothers, M.B.A., C.P.A., Assistant Professor in the School of Business, will explore the business impacts of hacking and cybercrime, examining the costs of hacking on businesses and more.
FORUM ‘CRISIS IN UKRAINE’

Dr. David Rowley, Professor of history and advisor to Students for Peace and Justice, spoke about the crisis in Ukraine in a live, in-studio interview for WKOW Channel 27 in Madison’s 5 p.m. newscast recently. To watch the interview, go to www.wkow.com/story/24936626/2014/03/10/crisis-in-ukraine-forum-to-be-held-on-uw-platteville-campus-tuesday.

In addition, the department of social sciences, Social and Environmental Justice Program and Students for Peace and Justice hosted a panel discussion and forum entitled “Crisis in Ukraine” on March 11. Rowley, Dr. Dan Leitch, Assistant Professor in the School of Education, Dr. David Krugler, Professor of history, and Dr. Travis Nelson, Associate Professor of political science, presented.

GOBLIN SECRETS

Internationally known, award-winning author William Alexander did a public reading from his first novel, “Goblin Secrets,” on March 24 in the Nohr Gallery. His novel is a fast-paced, fantastical adventure that explores themes of love, loss and the importance of family.

In addition to the public reading, Alexander spoke with English students who are studying world building as well as biology and geography students who are studying the development of evolution to explore how science informs literature and how literature informs science by expanding what is considered possible.

PETER BREWER PRESENTATION

On Feb. 26, internationally known researcher Peter Brewer, a Research Associate at the University of Arizona’s Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research in Tucson, Ariz., presented some of the findings of an archaeological project in the Mediterranean region that is using tree rings to date historical objects and explain what they can reveal about human history. The dating and study of tree rings (dendrochronology) is an interdisciplinary science that gives historical context to the present, explains current environmental processes and conditions, and improves understanding of future environmental issues.

PRE-LAW MEET-UP

The Pre-Law Society hosted a Pre-Law Meet-Up for pre-law students from UW-Platteville, Loras College, and the University of Dubuque and Clarke University, in Dubuque, Iowa, on March 3. At the event, students had the opportunity to learn about the changing environment of legal education and the legal profession from three representatives from the University of Iowa College of Law in Iowa City, Iowa. “This was a high-impact experience for the students as they learned from professionals who have worked extensively in the field,” said Rink. “They learned about the law school experience, careers in the legal field and the job outlook for the field.” Dr. John Rink is the pre-law advisor at UW-Platteville.

CERAMICS DISPLAY PART OF STATEWIDE EXHIBIT

A UW-Platteville ceramics exhibit, “Perceptions of the Material World,” was on display at the Harry and Laura Nohr Gallery through March 22. The display included unique ceramic sculptures created by UW-Platteville faculty members Peter Flanary, Bruce Howdle, Richard Moninski, Gregory Nelson, Carole Spelic’, and Barbara Westfall. The display was one of more than 80 exhibits featured throughout the state, leading up to the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts conference held March 19–22 in Milwaukee, Wis.
ALUMNA RECOGNIZED AS ‘FUTURE HEADLINER’

Joelle Doye, a UW-Platteville alumna and Editor of The Democrat Tribune in Mineral Point, Wis., was one of five people working in the Wisconsin newspaper industry named “Future Headliners” by the Wisconsin Newspaper Association Foundation. The award recognizes emerging new leaders age 30 and under who are working in the news media industry. The award was presented at the annual state convention of the Wisconsin Newspaper Association on Feb. 28 in Waukesha, Wis. Wisconsin Newspaper Association president Kent Eymann, publisher of the Beloit Daily News, presented the awards. Doye, a Dodgeville, Wis., native, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education, social science comprehensive, with emphases in history, economics and geography from UW-Platteville in 2006.

CHINESE SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS VISIT CAMPUS

Six graduate students and two visiting scholars from South-Central University for Nationalities in Wuhan, China, are visiting UW-Platteville for the spring 2014 semester. The six graduate students include Ming (Michael) Kong, Shanji (Jenny) Song, Fang (Maggie) Xiao, Dandi (Katherine) Yang, Yangxiudazhen (Alice), and Wenbo (Becky) Zhao. They are finishing their Master of Science in Education/English Education at UW-Platteville and immersing themselves in the English language and American culture. The visiting scholars include Lanfang Chen and Wei Liu, both lecturers of English in the College of Foreign Languages at South-Central University for Nationalities in Wuhan, China.

PATTY LOEW TO PRESENT KEYNOTE

Patty Loew, former co-host of In Wisconsin on WHA-TV (PBS) and author of Indian Nations of Wisconsin, will present the keynote address “Dances with History: An Indigenous Approach to Recounting the Past” at the Wisconsin History Symposium at UW-Platteville on Friday, April 4. Loew’s talk is one of several sessions devoted to Wisconsin’s Native American tribes. At the April 3–5 symposium, professional historians and local history researchers will give papers and presentations about Wisconsin’s history as it relates to the theme “Wisconsin: People and the Land.” Participants will be able to choose from more than 35 topics, including the early years of the Lead Mine District; the history of land use in Wisconsin; prehistoric and historic archaeology; the struggle of minorities and women in Wisconsin history; and more. In conjunction with the symposium, there will also be a folk concert by Lee Murdock, an art exhibit of works related to the theme, etc. For more information, go to www.uwplatt.edu/history-symposium.

JAZZ FESTIVAL BIG BAND

The Center for the Arts presented Jazz Festival Big Band on Feb. 7 in the Richard and Helen Brodbeck Concert Hall. The Jazz Festival Big Band is a jazz band of UW-Platteville students, faculty, alumni, and friends. This year’s special guest was jazz singer Bryan Anthony.

‘NIGHT MOTHER

The Department of Performing and Visual Arts’ Theatre program and Pioneer Players presented Marsha Norman’s dramatic play, ‘night Mother on Feb. 19–22. The play won the Pulitzer Prize for drama in 1983.

SYBARITE5

The Center for the Arts presented Sybarite5, a string quartet, on March 4 in the Richard and Helen Brodbeck Concert Hall. From Mozart to Radiohead, Sybarite5’s eclectic repertoire and dynamic performance style has attracted attention throughout the music world.

TRI-STATE HONORS BAND FESTIVAL

The eighth annual Tri-State Honors Band Festival concerts took place on Feb. 14–15 in the Center for the Arts with guest composer Dr. David Holsinger. Ninety-five high school students were selected to perform. On Friday evening, there was a Montage concert featuring UW-Platteville’s music faculty and Jazz I Ensemble. The Saturday concert featured UW-Platteville’s Symphonic Wind Ensemble and the High School Festival Honors Band. The guest soloist with the Symphonic Wind Ensemble was Dr. Jacqueline Wilson.
INTERIM CHAIR
Dr. Michael Dalecki, Professor of sociology, was appointed Interim Chair of the department of criminal justice. It is a two-year appointment through the 2014–15 academic year.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROJECT
On March 8, Dr. Sabina Burton, left, and senior criminal justice student Ashley Henry, right, attended Freedom Weekend in the Twin Cities of Minnesota, a conference on human trafficking hosted by Trafficking Justice.

Henry presented her poster with facts on human trafficking and Burton presented on efforts in Wisconsin to prosecute human traffickers.

Burton said, “Every year, human traffickers generate billions of dollars in profits by enslaving people for the purpose of sexual slavery, forced labor, or commercial sexual exploitation around the world and in the United States. Human trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal industries in the world and second only to drug trafficking, but only about 1 percent of cases are prosecuted in the United States. Ashley and I want to do our part to change this.”

CHANGES TO WISCONSIN LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY
Changes to the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Academy are pending in 2015; the 520-hour academy will grow to 700 plus hours, which will seriously impact students who wish to pursue a career in Wisconsin law enforcement. No longer will students be able to finish the academy in a summer; greater costs in money and time are the result.

Faculty members at UW-Platteville are working on an alternative that would embed the academy training within the four-year degree, without diminishing the 120-credit requirement for graduation. The program curriculum development is being led by Dr. Patrick Solar, who noted “An embedded academy will give our students an advantage in the officer selection process that reflects their education, maturity, and obvious commitment to the profession.”

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CONFERENCE
A Currents of Restorative Justice conference was held in November. The conference was hosted by the Ridge and Valley Restorative Justice Program, which works with victims, offenders, and communities to provide support and facilitate services that promote healing and reconciliation. The department is looking forward to the conference becoming an annual event.

CJ WELCOMES NEW FACULTY
The department of criminal justice will welcome two new faculty members in fall 2014:

Dr. Amy Nemmetz, left, who received her Ph.D. from Capella University in Minneapolis, Minn., in 2010, specializes in victimology and child advocacy. Nemmetz is a licensed social worker and has taught in both the undergraduate and graduate online programs at UW-Platteville. She will teach in areas such as theory, victimology, and restorative justice.

Dr. Valerie Stackman, right, who graduated with her Ph.D. from Howard University in Washington, D.C., in 2011, specializes in research methodology and criminological theory as well as race, class, and crime. Stackman is from the University of Pikeville in Pikeville, Ky. This fall, she will teach Research Methods in Criminal Justice as well as Ethnicity, Race, and Crime.

CJ CAREER FAIR
Nearly 60 agencies and other employers from the tri-state area attended the 41st annual Criminal Justice Career Day on March 11. Organized by the UW-Platteville Department of Criminal Justice and the Criminal Justice Association, the event provided students with the opportunity to speak with representatives from professional law enforcement agencies. Several hundred students from UW-Platteville as well as area high schools attended. Agency representatives and employers were unanimous in their praise for the Criminal Justice Association and the organization of career day. Dr. Rex Reed is the Advisor for the Criminal Justice Association.

CATCHING UP WITH …
Dr. Patrick Solar
Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice
“In teaching interviewing, police-community relations, and police administration, I enjoy bringing real-life examples, stories, and applications to the classroom. All of my students have been well prepared for the university’s learning environment. They are interested, energetic, and want to learn. I try to hold my students accountable for productive output just like any competent employer would do. I don’t ‘give’ grades; I offer opportunities for students to ‘earn’ them. In life, it’s not enough to sit and watch, expecting the employer to keep us interested. The best employees and students are actively engaged, and this is something we need to learn as early as possible.”