

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

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Strategic Planning Process



High Impact Practices

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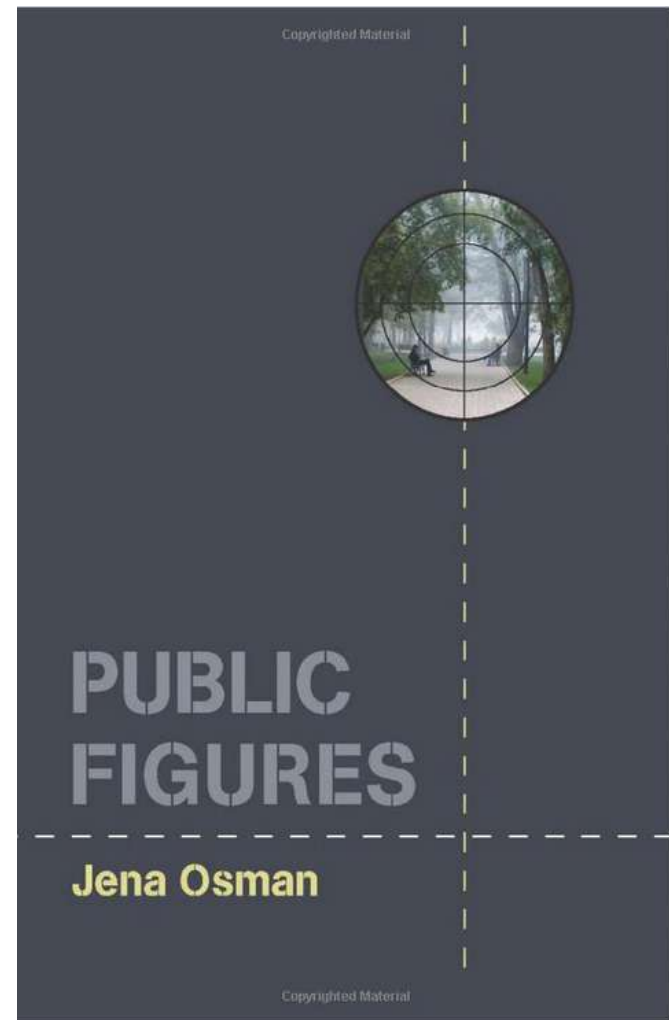
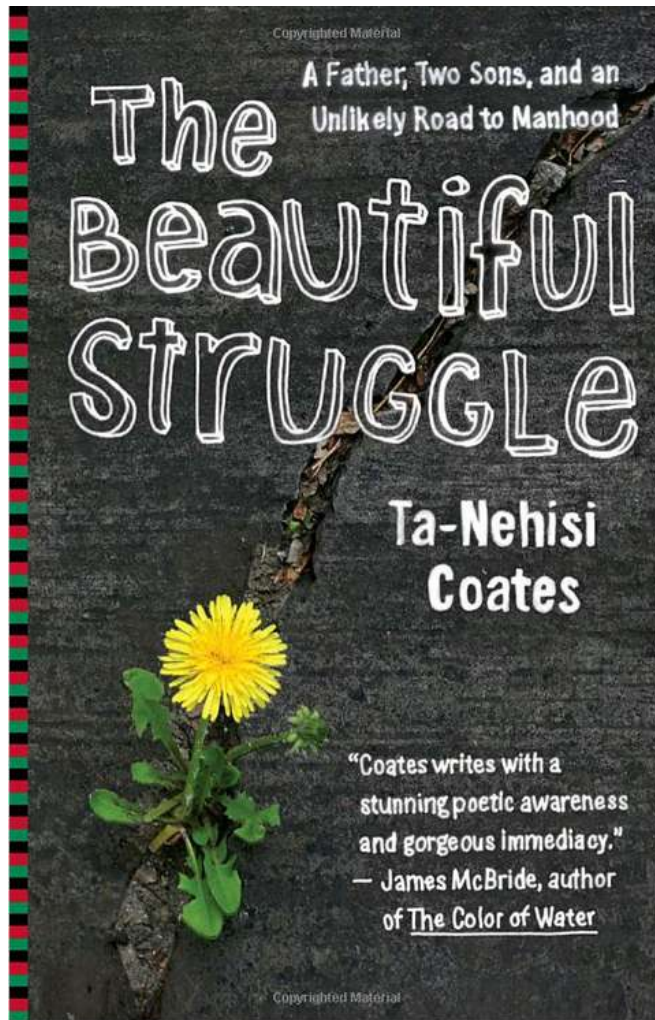
High-Impact Educational Practices

- ☐ First-Year Seminars and Experiences
- ☐ Common Intellectual Experiences
- ☐ Learning Communities
- ☐ Writing-Intensive Courses
- ☐ Collaborative Assignments and Projects
- ☐ Undergraduate Research
- ☐ Diversity/Global Learning
- ☐ Service Learning, Community-Based Learning
- ☐ Internships
- ☐ Capstone Courses and Projects

First-Year Seminars: Freshman Seminar

- Started 1990's
- Improved Retention
- Expanding Program
 - ▣ 20 sections
 - ▣ 35+ sections

Common Intellectual Experience: English 101



Learning Community:

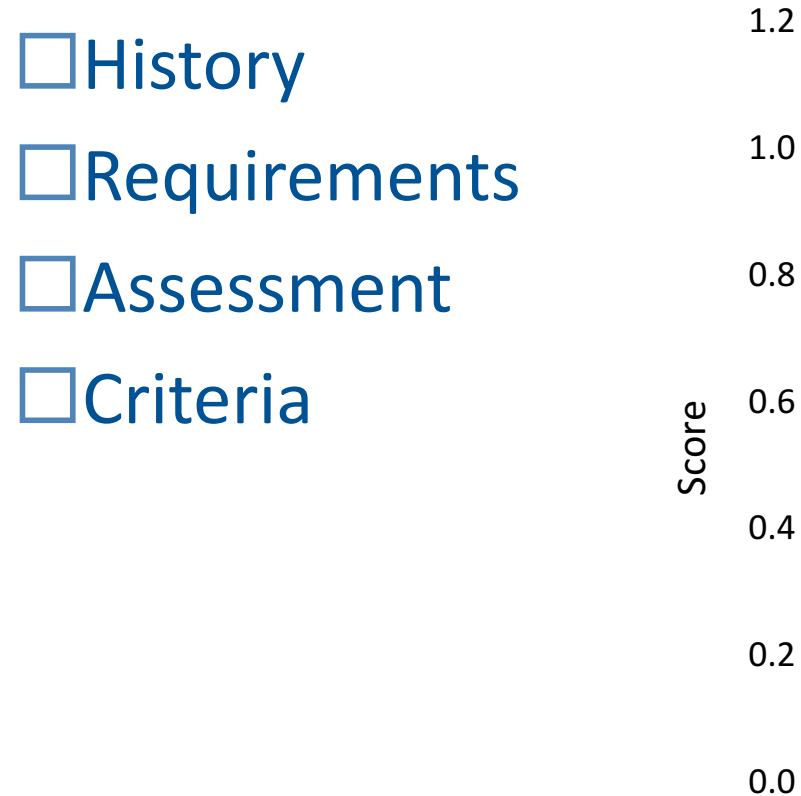
- ☐ Nursing
- ☐ Engineering
- ☐ Honors

- ☐ Science
- ☐ Criminal Justice

- ☐ 90% retention rate



Writing Intensive Courses:



Revision

Collaborative Projects: Cost of Higher Education/Lobby Day

Education:
Tim Sullivan

Business:
Rick Goeke

Political Science:
Wes Leckrone

COMS:
Angie Corbo



Undergraduate Research: Student Projects Day

- ☐ Science
- ☐ Engineering
- ☐ Social Science
- ☐ Humanities
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Social Work
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Nursing



Diversity

- ☐ Programming
 - ☐ Pride Mentors
 - ☐ Cultural Immersion Trips
- ☐ Majors
 - ☐ Anthropology
 - ☐ Sociology
 - ☐ Modern Languages
 - ☐ Gender and Womens Studies
 - ☐ Social Work
 - ☐ International Relations
 - ☐ Nursing
- ☐ Diversity Assessment Pilot



Global Learning

Faculty/Student Trips

- ☐ Spain (6)
- ☐ Trinidad (9)
- ☐ Netherlands (6)
- ☐ China (9)
- ☐ Honduras (10)
- ☐ Costa Rica (10)
- ☐ Germany (2)



Service Learning: Sustainability Science in Costa Rica

ENVR:

Stephen Madigosky

Chad Freed

Itzick Vatnick

COMS:

Tim Scepansky



Community Based Learning: Trinidad and Tobago

Anthropology:
Brett Alvaré

Education:
Nadine McHenry



Internships:

Hospitality Management Co-op

Hospitality Management:

Joy Dickerson

Courtney Baron

Claire Maddocks



Capstone Courses and Projects

☐ Capstone Experiences

- ☐ A&S – Values Seminar, Senior thesis, senior seminars
- ☐ SBA – MGT 452
- ☐ Education - INTASC portfolio
- ☐ Engineering – Senior Projects
- ☐ Social Work – Senior Capstone
- ☐ Nursing – clinical intensive

☐ Capstone Assessment Project

Bridgeweek

- ☐ High-Impact Practices: Sharing What Works
- ☐ Sharing Undergraduate Research Models
- ☐ Nursing Freshman Seminars
- ☐ Internships: Lessons Learned
- ☐ Clinical/Field Work Experience
- ☐ Student Writing x2
- ☐ Scholarship of Diversity
- ☐ Service-Learning at Widener x2
- ☐ Challenges of Teaching Diversity



Graduate Programs

Center for Social Work Education: East Gateway Triangle Neighborhood

Dr. Marina Barnett, social work

East Gateway Triangle
Neighborhood Association

Chester Community
Improvement Project

Chester Police Department

Widener Social Work Graduate
Students



Graduate Student Collaboration: Clinical Psychology & Adoption

Co-edited by:

Dr. Virginia Brabender

Chapters by Widener faculty members:

Dr. Hal Shorey

Dr. Sanjay Nath

Dr. Bret Boyer

Dr. Phil Rutter

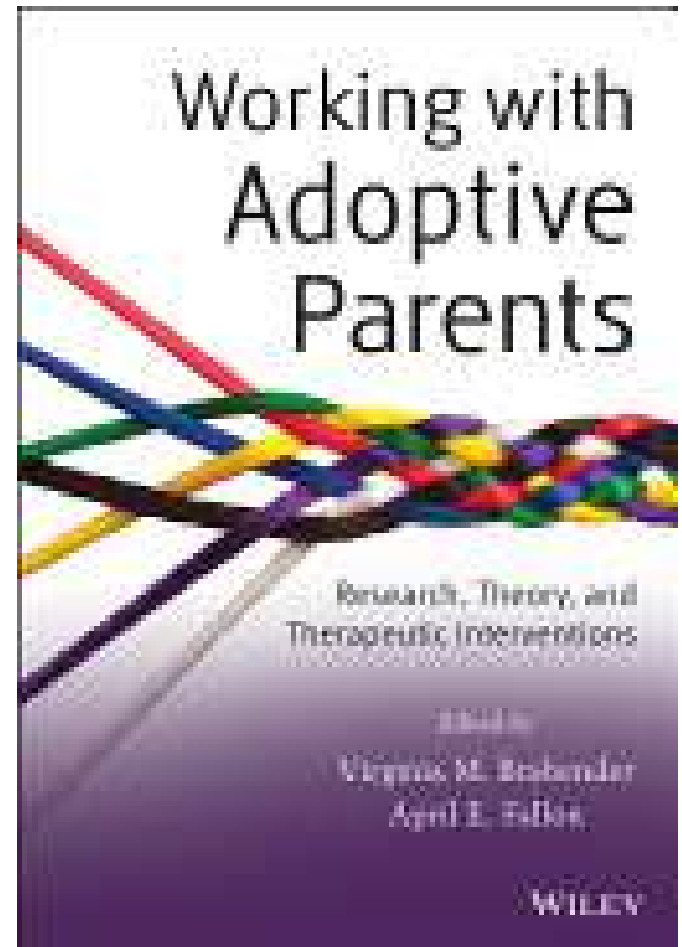
Dr. Barbara Goldsmith

Research by Widener students:

Dr. Alicia Padovano '12

Dr. Amanda Swartz '11

Meridith Carter '14





School of Law

Youth Courts

Faculty:

Francis Catania

Jim May

Sydney Howe-Barksdale

Kathleen Turezyn

10+ law students



Environmental Law Center: Marcellus Shale

Faculty:

John Dernbach

Jim May

Ken Kristl

David Hodas

Jill Family

Jean Eggen

Student:

Timothy Bishop, author of
the 2012-2013
Widener Law Journal
Best Student Article





More Stories

Global Learning: Marketing in Spain

Business:
Mary Shoemaker

Principles of
Marketing Honors
Course



Global Learning: Honduras

- Pat Dyer
- Bruce Grant
- 10 students



Community Learning: Prison Writing Anthology



Faculty:
Jayne Thompson

Student:
Emily DeFreitas

Co-edited **Letters to My Younger Self**
anthology of letters by incarcerated men at Graterford Prison.

Distribution to juvenile offenders as a deterrent to crime

Community Learning: Nursing: Family Center

Dr. Pamela Williams,

Students in maternity
nursing class



Collaborative Assignments: Live from the Newsroom

Communications Studies: Tim Scepansky

Political Science: Wesley Leckrone



Service Learning: Geographical Information Systems

ENVR:
Chad Freed



Environmental Science: Chester Shade Tree Inventory

Faculty

Dr. Chad Freed ENVR

Students in Advanced
GIS course



Undergraduate Research:

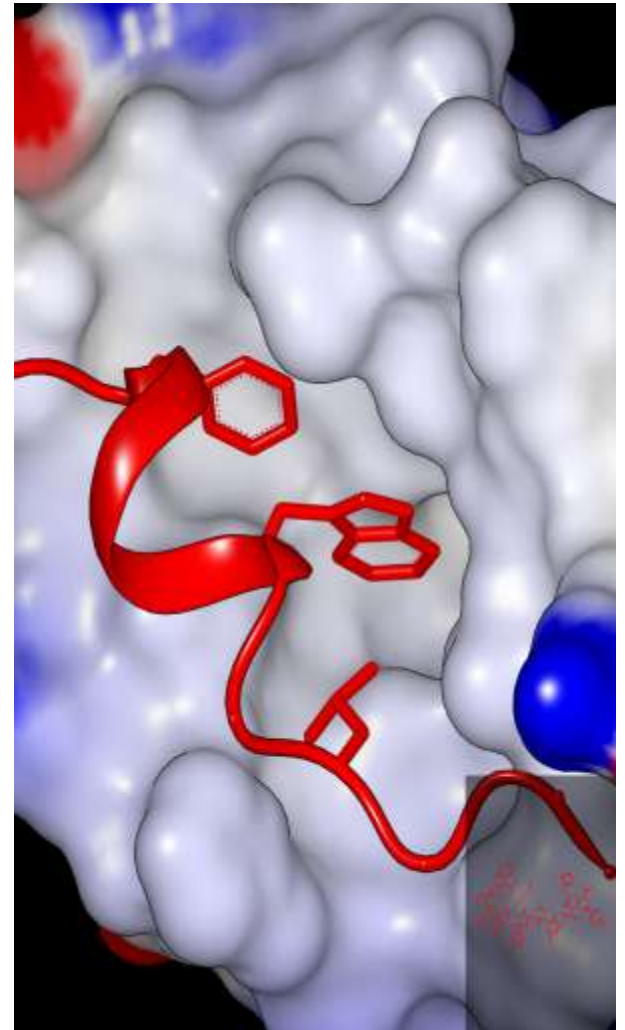


Undergraduate Research: Cancer Research

Chemical Engineering:
Sachin Patil

Computer Science
Jeff Rufinus

Biomedical engineering
student:
Cassidy Kerezsi



Clinton Global Initiative



- ☐ Dr. Itzick Vatnick, biology, and Nicole Gilette, '16, the effects of herbicides on aquatic ecosystems.
- ☐ Dr. Krishna Bhat, chemistry, and Margaret Karmeris, '15, green, inexpensive synthesis of derivatives of Resveratrol.
- ☐ Dr. Steve Madigosky, environmental science, and Ben MacLuckie, '16, effects between global warming and the cultivation of coffee.
- ☐ Dr. Chad Freed , environmental science, and Elisabeth Powell, '14, spatial and temporal landscape changes from Marcellus Shale gas mining.
- ☐ Megan Pifer, education, and Karley Riffe, doctoral student in Higher Education Leadership, analysis of scholarly literature on the experiences of female faculty in higher education.

Lone Brick Theater Company

- ☐ Renaissance Festival
- ☐ Distracted
- ☐ The Legend of Sleepy Hollow
- ☐ Robin Hood



FreshBaked Theater

- ☐ Started in 2001
- ☐ Lisa Cocchiarale
- ☐ \$1000 for food pantry



Chem Wars



Faculty Awards for Commitment to Students

Dr. Alexis Nagengast, chemistry and biochemistry

Braude Award from the Maryland chapter of the American Chemical Society for undergraduate research.



Dr. Stephen R. Madigosky, environmental science

Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching



Dr. Ross B. Steinman, psychology

College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching



Dr. Andrea Martin, chemistry

Ronald T. Pflaum Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award

for work with Widener chapter of the Alpha Chi Sigma National Chemistry Fraternity.



Undergraduate Research:

Assessment of Camp Programs for Chester Eastside Ministries

Psychology:

Lori Simon

Sociology:

Stuart Eimer



Leadership Certificates

- ☐ • We offered 158 leadership workshops in 2013- 2014
- ☐ • 69 workshops were reserved; 89 open
- ☐ • 595 students participated in at least one workshop
- ☐ • 1,340 Post-Workshop Reflections were written
- ☐ • 20 different workshop themes were offered
- ☐ • 11 different facilitators
- ☐ • 9 students received their Leadership Certificate

