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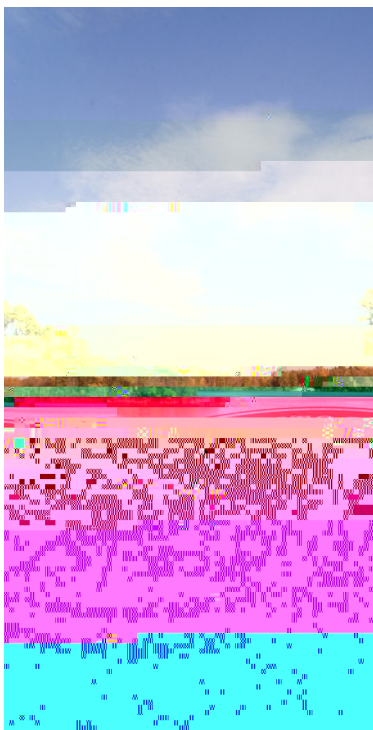
Introducing New Faculty: School
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Dr. Kesselman on NJ Higher Edu-
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of PARCC

Dr. Wei, Student Present Paper at
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Dr. Eisele Receives School of
Health Sciences Leadership Award



Dr. Diane Falk, professor of Social Work, and Dr. Robert Barney, assistant professor of Social Work, brought two seniors, Johanna Ryden and Cathrine Petty, to Uganda for a volunteer trip to work with children and teachers at the Mustard Seed Academy this summer.

"In the past, Dr. Falk has gone to Uganda, and she had a desire to take students over to volunteer," said Dr. Barney.

A highlight of their two-and-a-half week trip was a safari through Lake Mburo National Park with 45 sixth graders from the Mustard Seed Academy. "Three hours away, African animals are wandering, but the students have never seen these animals before," said Falk.

The safari ride through the national park was an opportunity to "expose them to their own country." Before the adventure, Ryden and Petty, both social work students enrolled in Stockton's Baccalaureate Child Welfare Education Program,

taught a class introducing the students to the wildlife they would see, which included zebras, antelope and some of the more than 1,000 bird species found in Uganda.

"The kids were so excited," said Falk, who also arranged a boat tour for the students to see crocodiles and hippopotami.

Substance abuse and the HIV virus leave many Ugandan children mistreated or orphaned. "The average woman in Uganda has seven children, and often she is too poor to feed her own children," said O R d

Melanie McLeod joins the Philosophy program as a visiting instructor. Ms. McLeod co

earned her M.A. in Philosophy from Michigan State University and her B.S.N. in Nursing from California State University at Sacramento. She has taught a variety of courses in philosophy and logic at Stockton since coming to South Jersey in 1997. She is also co-author, with Stockton Professor Dr. Rodger Jackson, of a logic text to be published by Broadview Press.

Dr. Amy Papalexandrou joins the Visual Arts program as an assistant professor of Visual Arts. Dr. Papalexandrou received her Ph.D. in Art and Archaeology from Princeton University and both her B.A. and M.A. in Art History from The University of Illinois. She has taught architecture, art history, and classics at a wide range of universities. Her research interests include, particularly Byzantine, art and architecture to Stockton. Her experience with archaeological excavations in Greece and Cyprus should offer exciting travel opportunities for Stockton students.

Dr. John Theibault joins the Historical Studies program as a visiting assistant professor. Dr. Theibault earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in History from Johns Hopkins University, his M.B.A. from The University of Delaware, and his B.S. from the University of California, Santa Cruz – Stevenson College. A familiar face at Stockton for his teaching and recent stewardship of the Digital Humanities Center, he will offer courses in his specialties in Greek and Roman History and in Digital Humanities.

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Dr. Duo (Helen) Wei, assistant professor of Computer Science and Information Systems, School of Business, and Tiara Campbell, Dr. Wei's former student from Environmental Science, presented a poster at the IEEE conference in Philadelphia, held Sept. 9 - Sept. 11.

Dr. Wei and Campbell presented a paper titled, "Improving Clinical Trial Online Search Efficiency Using Natural Language Processing and Biomedical Ontology Mapping Approach" in the IEEE International Conference on Healthcare Informatics ([ICHI2013](#)).

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