UNH Research 2012
A digest of the year’s research news from the University of New Hampshire

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Humanities & the Arts

Amy Boylan – Languages, Literatures, and Cultures – Italy
http://unh.edu/cie/amy-boylan

In summer 2012, Amy Boylan, assistant professor, participated in the *Italian Food: Fact and Fiction* conference at the Umbra Institute in Perugia, Italy. The conference highlighted the exciting potential of inter- and multi-disciplinary approaches to Italian food as it relates to Italian national identity.

Cord Whitaker Awarded Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation/Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Career Enhancement Fellowship
http://unh.edu/news/campusjournal/2012/Feb/29kudo01.cfm

Cord Whitaker, assistant professor of English, has been awarded a fellowship for junior faculty that supports promising research from young scholars who "are committed to eradicating racial disparities in core fields in the arts and sciences."

Cory McKenzie – Refuge from Communism: A Monastery in New York Preserves Russian Orthodoxy

Undergraduate Cory McKenzie ’14 describes how he “stumbled into Russia in the middle of New York State” while visiting Holy Trinity Monastery as part of his Research Experience and Apprenticeship Program (REAP) project on Russian Orthodoxy during the twentieth century.

Dear Sister: Letters from the Civil War on Display in Special Collections
http://www.unh.edu/unhtoday/2012/02/dear-sister-letters-civil-war-display-special-collections
http://unh.edu/news/campusjournal/2012/Feb/22civilwar.cfm

The essence of “the bloodiest of all wars” is captured in a Special Collections exhibit that displays letters written between husbands and wives, between brothers and sisters, and men and their mothers.

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Credit: Special Collections, Civil War Exhibit, Confronting the South: New Hampshire People During the Civil War, Dimond Library, UNH
Gregory McMahon – History – Turkey
http://unh.edu/cie/gregory-mcmahon

Since 1993, Gregory McMahon, associate professor, has travelled to central Turkey to conduct research each summer at the Çadır Höyük Excavation site. To integrate teaching and research, he takes UNH students with him.

Jenni Cook – Music – Brazil
http://unh.edu/cie/jenni-cook

Jenni Cook, associate professor, traveled to Ribeirão-Preto, Brazil, to finalize plans for a student exchange between the University of São-Paulo and UNH, to teach, and to give a recital, *Brazilian Art Song and Songs by Women Composers*.

Julia Rodriguez Awarded Best Article Prize by N.E. Council on Latin American Studies

Julia Rodriguez, associate professor of history, has been awarded the 2012 Best Article Prize by the New England Council on Latin American Studies. Her article, “A Complex Fabric: Intersecting Histories of Race, Gender, and Science in Latin America,” appeared in *Hispanic American Historical Review*.

http://www.unh.edu/unhtoday/2012/07/1754-excise-spirituous-liquors

Lowell Mower, a senior history major at the University of New Hampshire at Manchester (UNHM), spent ten weeks meticulously sorting through colonial American imprints at the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester, Massachusetts, as well as other historical repositories throughout New England to study how the 1754 excise tax on liquors helped shape political ideology in the Colonies. He was mentored by John Resch, professor of history at UNHM.

Lu Yan – History – England
http://unh.edu/cie/lu-yan

Lu Yan, associate professor, traveled to London and Oxford to continue her research plan for her book on social activism during late colonial rule in British Hong Kong. Having visited Hong Kong the previous summer, Yan was thrilled to “be able to get both sides of the story and to have a feel of the places where the many individuals in my story had once lived and worked.”

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On the Bookshelf: “Nation and Nurture in Seventeenth-Century English Literature”


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http://www.unh.edu/campusjournal/2012/09/bookshelf-%E2%80%9Ctransatlantic-women-nineteenth-century-american-women-writers-great-britain%E2%80%9D

Brigitte Bailey, associate professor of English, has co-edited *Transatlantic Women: Nineteenth Century American Women Writers & Great Britain*, published by the University Press of New England. In this volume, 15 scholars from diverse backgrounds analyze American women writers' transatlantic exchanges in the nineteenth century, showing how women writers (and often their publications) traveled to create or reinforce professional networks and identities, to escape strictures on women and African Americans, to promote reform, to improve their health, to understand the workings of other nations, and to pursue cultural and aesthetic education.

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Professor Elected American Folklore Society Fellow

http://www.unh.edu/news/releases/2012/nov/lw05feintuch.cfm

Burt Feintuch, professor of English and director of the University of New Hampshire Center for the Humanities, has been elected to the Fellows of the American Folklore Society. Founded in 1888 in Cambridge, Mass., the society is an association of people who study and communicate knowledge about folklore throughout the world.

Professor Named Prestigious Fulbright Scholar for Work in Croatia

http://www.unh.edu/news/releases/2012/aug/lw08fulbright.cfm

Deborah Kinghorn, associate professor of theatre and dance, has received a prestigious Fulbright Award to teach and help launch a new post-doctoral program at the University of Rijeka, Croatia, during the 2012-13 academic year.
Professor's Book Provides New Understanding of the American Revolution

http://www.unh.edu/news/cj_nr/2012/mar/lw29revolution.cfm
http://unh.edu/news/campusjournal/2012/Apr/04revolution.cfm
http://www.unh.edu/unhtoday/2012/03/unh-professors-book-provides-new-understanding-american-revolution

In his new book *Among the Powers of the Earth: The American Revolution and the Making of a New World Empire*, Eliga Gould shows how the American Revolution was an international transformation of the first importance.

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Professors Receive National Endowment for the Humanities Awards

http://unh.edu/news/campusjournal/2012/Apr/25awards.cfm

Two UNH English professors received prestigious National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) awards to support their humanities projects. Assistant Professor Cord Whitaker [*pictured left*] received a $25,000 Enduring Questions Pilot Course Grant to support his development of an undergraduate course based on the question “What is racial difference?” Associate Professor Martin McKinsey [*pictured right*] received a $6,000 Summer Stipend to do a new translation of *C.P. Cavafy: The Major Prose*.

Szu-Feng Chen – Theatre & Dance – Korea

http://unh.edu/cie/szu-feng-chen

Szu-Feng Chen, assistant professor, was invited by The Theatre Practice (TTP) in Singapore to create set and costume design for *Lao Jiu: The Musical*, the feature musical production for the Singapore Kuo Pao Kun Festival. The festival honors the contributions of Kuo Pao Kun, pioneer and art educator, to the Singapore performing arts.

The Spirit of the Sankofa Bird

http://www.unh.edu/unhtoday/2012/09/spirit-sankofa-bird

Brett Gallo ’12, a music major, returned from his UNH International Research Opportunities Program-supported trip to Ghana to study and decipher the language of traditional West African music with a new talent – and a new direction in life. After studying with the Nyame Tsease drumming and dance ensemble founded by Antoinette Kudoto, the country’s first woman master drummer, he has joined in the ensemble’s efforts to revive the music of their native land, much of which was squelched during colonial rule.
Two Books Released by History Professor
http://www.unh.edu/campusjournal/2012/12/two-books-release-history-professor

David Bachrach, associate professor of history, recently had two books published. *Warfare in Tenth-Century Germany* shows how Henry I and Otto I, the first two kings of the Saxon dynasty, recreated the empire of Charlemagne. *Warfare and Politics in Medieval Germany, ca. 1000 On the Variety of Our Times* by Alpert of Metz, which Bachrach translated, is an indispensable contemporary account of the history of the Low Countries at the turn of the first millennium.

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UNH British Historian Explains Appeal of Downton Abbey
http://www.unh.edu/news/releases/2012/dec/lw13downton.cfm

What was it really like to live in 20th century Edwardian England, especially for women – and why does it intrigue so many of us? Nicoletta Gullace, associate professor of history, has some insights.

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UNH Named Host of Fulbright Program, Expands Arabic Courses
http://www.unh.edu/news/releases/2012/nov/lw28arabic.cfm

Becoming a host institution with the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program has allowed UNH to expand its Arabic language program. The FLTA Program, which is sponsored by the United States Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, enables young international educators to refine their teaching skills, increase their English language proficiency, and extend their knowledge of the cultures and customs of the United States while engaging in non-degree studies at accredited post-secondary U.S. educational institutions.

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UNH Researcher: Gulf, Balkan Wars Add New Dimensions to War Trauma
http://www.unh.edu/unhtoday/2012/03/unh-researcher-gulf-balkan-wars-add-new-dimensions-war-trauma
http://unh.edu/news/campusjournal/2012/Mar/21trauma.cfm

A new book by Laurence French, senior research associate at UNH Justiceworks and Vietnam-era disabled veteran, and co-author Lidiya Nikolic-Novakovic, a Balkan War survivor, sheds light on the long-term psychological trauma experienced by the coalition force in recent wars in the Persian Gulf and Balkans that, when left untreated, can have deadly consequences.

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University Poets Share Their Works
http://www.unh.edu/liberal-arts/thecollegeletter/2012/april/tier1.html
http://www.unh.edu/unhtoday/2012/04/university-poets-share-their-works

UNH Poetry Professors Mekeel McBride [pictured left] and David Rivard [pictured right] share their poems “Your Words” and “Forehead,” respectively, with audio clips provided.