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Meet Daniel Barr, Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Q. Tell us a little about yourself.

A. I live with my wife Priscilla, our four cats, and dog. Our cats are named Tigger, Shadow, Leonard, and Sheldon (from the Big Bang Theory), and our dog is named Charlie. I have played the piano since first grade, I read voraciously, and enjoy playing video games.

of chemistry, and I like to use that information in my classes. So often we teach facts and dates that need to be memorized and repeated on a test. What I try to get students to see is the process in which the discoveries happened and the characters involved in that process. I use this to help students see that there is a place for them. You don't have to be a perfect stereotypical scientist. Whoever they are, they can make a contribution to the field and shape the discipline.

Q. What do you enjoy most about teaching?

A. I enjoy interacting with students and seeing the joy of learning once they finally understand something. The students always keep me learning and always ask new questions; it is never the same old class. I try to convey my enthusiasm about chemistry to my students as well.

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Q. What is your favorite thing about chemistry?

A. My favorite thing about chemistry is the incredible diversity of people who have contributed and continue to contribute to the field. One of my interests is studying the history

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-Barr



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These proud veterans wore their uniforms to UC's Veterans Day Tribute Concert on Nov. 10, the concert included performances by the UC Choir, the UC Concert Band, and the Utica Community Chorus.

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HR NOTES

Welcome

Bryan Koscinski, *Assistant Diving Coach*

Dottie Lewis, *Interim Dean of International Education*

Sylvia Pertzborn, *Director of New York City Engagement*

Camille Sorbello, *Staff Accountant - General Accounting*

New Titles

Gary Carrock, *Staff Accountant - Academic and General Financial Analyst*

Elizabeth Caraco, *Coordinator of Circulation*

Lynn Cope, *Assistant Director of Graduate Admissions*

Jan Malcheski, *Reference Librarian:
Coordinator of Electronic Resources and Web Services*

Lisa Rogers, *Reference Librarian II:
Coordinator of Learning Commons Services and Instruction*

Janis VanCourt, *Reference Librarian III:
Coordinator of Reference Services and Collection Development*

Nancy Virgil-Call, *Assistant Director of Library,
Reference Librarian III: Coordinator of Access Services*



'TIS THE SEASON... OF GIVING

Working on that holiday list?

By making a gift to Utica College's Annual Fund, you are not only making a difference in the lives of individual students, but also to the success of the College and the community it serves. Your gift will provide resources and opportunities for new and exciting programs, while enhancing the academic success of our students – the heart of Utica College.

If you make your gift before Dec. 31, you will be entered into a drawing for several prizes. Please contact the Office of Advancement or the Office of Human Resources for more information.

In addition, there is still time to donate to the United Way campaign. New donors of \$52 or more, or those increasing their gift by that amount, will be eligible for a number of prize drawings. Contact HR for more information.

Special thanks to UC's UW "team": Tracy Balduzzi, Rob Cross, Craig Dewan, Anne Flynn, Lisa Green, Joanne Hathaway, Kara Heck, Karen Kaleta, Halina Lotyewski, Erin Massoud, Kristin Phelps, and Charleen Sangiacomo.

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Q. What projects or research are you currently working on?

A. I am working on two projects. The first is the study of DNA binding proteins and the physical and chemical interactions between the DNA and proteins. The second project, with my collaborators at the Masonic Medical Research Center, identified two new mutants that are influential when it comes to cardiac arrest and heart disease. My students and I have performed calculations and experiments to explain what the mutations do to the protein and why it causes the disease.

Q. How has the UC Community made an impact on your life?

A. The UC Community has impacted my life in three ways. The first is the faculty and colleagues here whom I emulate. They are incredible and make me want to be a better teacher, researcher and human being. The second is the impact the students have made. I love their enthusiasm and energy. You can tell that they are motivated, dedicated, and want to work hard. Some of the best research and papers I have ever seen have come from the students at this institution. The third impact is the support from the community. In late June, my wife and I had just moved into our new house. Exactly one week later, our basement was flooded with four feet of water; all of our things got destroyed. Many from UC brought us dehumidifiers, sump pumps, a new hot water heater and helped us clean up the mess. We have been so overwhelmed with the generosity and support from the community during that situation. It was really incredible.

KUDOS



Thomas Crist, professor of physical therapy, was named a Top Forensic Science Professor by ForensicsCollege.com. Crist was among 10

professors nationwide to receive this honor. The honor was presented to professors who not only changed the future of forensic science with their past works and contributions, but also continue to produce new research and programs.

Doris Wester Miga, trustee emerita and professor emerita of sociology emerita, received the Mohawk Valley Institute for Learning in Retirement's (MVILR) Outstanding Facilitator Award. Miga has taught courses at MCILR on the Oneida Community, old order Amish, shakers and hutterites.

Paul MacArthur, associate professor and chair of public relations and journalism, received the Top Paper Award, along with his co-authors, for the paper, "Fanfare for the American: NBC's Primetime Telecast of the 2012 London Olympiad." The award was presented by the Entertainment Studies Interest Group at the 96th Annual Conference of the Association for Education in

Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC).

Luke Perry, associate professor and chair of government and politics, will present his paper, "Comparing Two Great Mormon Senators: Orrin Hatch and Harry Reid," this December at the European Mormon Studies Conference in London. As part of his research, Perry interviewed Hatch last month.

Ray Philo, director of research operations in economic crime and justice studies and director of the Economic Crime Institute, testified at the New York State Senate committee hearing, "Cybersecurity: Defending New York from cyber attacks." The hearing took place in mid-November at the Griffiss Institute in Rome, NY.

Christopher Riddle, assistant professor and chair of philosophy, presented his paper titled "Technical Issues on Disability & Capability" at the 8th International Conference on Applied Ethics at Hokkaido University. The conference was held in early November in Sapporo, Japan.

Dave Roberts, adjunct professor of psychology, participated in a two-day symposium called "Living with

Loss" sponsored by the Tony Brown Foundation. Roberts conducted two workshops, "Men and Grief" and "Constructing a New Reality." Roberts also hosted a four-session workshop for men at Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., in New Hartford during the month of October.

Steven Specht, professor of psychology, had his collage, "Two Birds with One Stoned," featured in the Small Works 5 show at the Kirkland Art Center in Clinton, NY. His works, along with those by four other notable artists, will be on display at the Art Center until Dec. 30.



Shanna Van Slyke, assistant professor of criminal justice, was awarded this year's Young Career Award by the American Society of Criminology. She earned this honor for her "excellent set of contributions and scholarly editorial efforts." Van Slyke will present in Atlanta at the annual conference later this month, at which time she will receive her award. Van Slyke was nominated for the award by Professor Don Rebovich.

Please send information for KUDOS to source@utica.edu.

IN THE NEWS...



- **Don Rebovich** was interviewed by Consumers Digest about paper shredding services companies use and the importance of safe guarding customer's personal information.
- **Luke Perry** was interviewed by WUTR on the recent government shutdown and its affects on the economy and jobs.
- The Utica College Veterans Day Concert and Utica College's "heavy" donation to the Feed our Vets program were covered by WKTV.
- **Several international students** were interviewed by the O-D about International Students Day and the presentation of the new national flags to the College. (AT RIGHT)
- **Anthony Martino** was featured on WKTV's special report on how police agencies use social media to help find criminals.

UPCOMING EVENTS/TRAINING

December

12/05/13- Annual Holiday Dinner 4:30 PM

12/08/13- 38th Annual Holiday Brunch. 11:00 a.m.; Radisson Hotel- Utica Centre. First-come, first-served basis, call 792.3053 for more info or to register.

12/11/13- Implementing "Clickers" for Windows (40 minutes) 9:30 a.m.; IITS Training Room L121

12/11/13- Implementing "Clickers" for Mac (40 minutes) 3:30 p.m.; IITS Training Room L121

12/18/13- Holiday Party 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.; Library Concourse

12/24/13- 12/25/13- Winter Recess

12/31/13- 01/01/14- New Year's Recess

HOLIDAY PARTY

Wednesday, Dec. 18

3-5 p.m.; Library Concourse

Committee: Mariann Munson, Andrea Lawrence, Joanne Hathaway, Dan O'Toole, Liz Zylka

Donations will be accepted for the Stevens-Swan Humane Society. Look for the wish list on the invitation.

Proceeds from the 50/50 drawing will be combined with proceeds from the Student Holiday Dinner and donated to the family of Matt Dunn, the UC student who passed away unexpectedly in June 2013.



Mark your Calendars!

Thursday, Jan. 9 UC Health & Wellness will be sponsoring a game night in the Library Concourse after work. Come be sociable on a dreary winter evening. More information to follow. Invite your significant other to join the fun!

• Board Games

• Wii

• Food

• Cha Cha, Zumba, & more!

AROUND CAMPUS

RIGHT (A): Theta Phi Alpha Bake Sale/Craft Sale to benefit YSLLP **11/21**

RIGHT (B): The Education Club is holding a fundraiser and school supply drive to benefit Utica City Schools. Donations can be made outside the Education Office (131 Library Concourse) through 12/16 **11/21**

BELOW: UC hosted its second annual Justice Studies Career Day for college-bound high school students interested in criminal justice or economic crime careers. **11/13**



ABOVE (R): The Professor Harry F. and Mary Ruth Jackson Lunch Hour Series welcomed Poet Philip Fried to UC **11/13**

BELOW: Making some space: Parking Lot B Expansion

