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UC PEOPLE

John Johnsen, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

Q. Let's get to know you a bit. What are some of your favorite things?

A. My favorite food is lobster, but my favorite local restaurant is Symeon's. I have eclectic taste in music, but my favorite is probably classical – baroque, romantic, etc. The last book

A. I never imagined I'd be in this office. I joined UC in 1977, and shortly after earning tenure, I was asked by then-dean Thom Brown to take over some administrative duties. My initial reaction was "under no circumstances," but I reluctantly agreed to help out until my planned sabbatical. While I truly love to teach, I ended up liking academic administration. I like to be able to help the faculty plan for and execute new and interesting ideas. Later on, when I became his dean, Thom often reminded me of that initial conversation.

Q. What is your favorite thing about UC?

A. There are so many things about UC that I love, but I think the best thing is the real focus we place on student success, giving them what they need, and effectively and

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I read was a science fiction novel titled "Roadside Picnic," by Russian authors Arkady and Boris Strugatsky.

Q. Tell us a little about your career path. Did you ever imagine you'd be provost?

"We have a true dedication to students as members of our community, whose needs and abilities are very important to us."

- John Johnsen



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BACK COVER
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Students beat the heat with water slides on the residential quad during a campus-wide power shutdown. **09/02**

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HR NOTES

Welcome

John Verra, *Site Assistant-Middle School, Young Scholars*

James Teliha, *Director of the Library and Learning Commons*

Wayne Gentile, *Part-Time Campus Safety Officer*

Brett Orzechowski, *Assistant Professor of Journalism, School of Business & Justice Studies*

Mehmet Sencicek, *Associate Professor of Economics*

Lynsie Ferguson, *Part-Time Writing Center Tutor*

New Titles

James Brown, *Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice*

Kim Lambert, *Senior Executive Associate to the President and Vice President for Planning and Facilities Oversight*

Retirees

Mary Tulip, *Administrative Assistant III, Office of the Provost*

CONGRATULATIONS!



The Kudos Card program monthly drawing winner is...

Jeffrey M. Percacciante
Area Coordinator

Congratulations, Jeffrey, and enjoy your \$50 gift certificate to Symeon's Restaurant!

You can access the link below at any time to recognize a colleague for his/her great work:

utica.edu/kudos



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Work continues on the new Welcome Center and the Todd and Jen Hutton Sports and Recreation Center. Final construction is being completed on the Welcome Center with plans to open this new addition to campus in the coming weeks. The sports and recreation center was inflated for the first time over the weekend of Sept. 4-6. Interior construction will now begin. Work on the dome will continue throughout the fall in preparation for the Jen and Todd Hutton Track and Field Invitational in December.



CONVOCATION 2015



A. Faculty welcome the class of 2019 during the annual convocation ceremonies to mark the start of the new academic year. **08/28**

B - C. UC welcomes the largest freshman class ever to campus during annual convocation ceremonies. **08/28**

D. UC alumnus Dr. Brian D. Agnew '03 speaks to students during annual convocation ceremonies. Agnew is senior vice president and corporate chief development officer for the Robert Wood Johnson Health System. **08/28**

Hossein Behforooz, professor of mathematics, presented a talk at the National Museum of Mathematics, New York City, titled "On the Celebration of the 500th Birthday of Melancholia I from Albrecht Durer (German mathematician and artist)." He also led a practical workshop on magic squares during the Math Fair events. 8/15

Thomas Diana, associate professor of science education, recently published an article, "Strategies to limit misconceptions in science teaching." It was published in the summer issue of the journal *New Teacher Advocate* 22(4): 18-19. The journal serves as a professional development resource for new teachers.

In June, **Denise Nepveux**, assistant professor of occupational therapy, gave a presentation at the Society for Disability Studies, in Atlanta. This was part of a roundtable of authors contributing to *Keywords for Disability Studies*, published this summer by New York University Press. **Nepveux's** chapter is titled "Activism."

- **Nepveux** also presented a poster and talk at the 3rd Annual Occupational Science Europe Conference in Bournemouth, England on Sept. 2 and 3. Her presentation was titled "Questioning Terms: Implications of "Occupation" and "Productive Aging" to a Political Practice of Occupational Therapy."

Adam Pack, professor of biology, participated in the U.S. Masters Swimming National Open Water Championship in Lake George in August. He "medalled," taking third place overall in the Men's 5k Swim.

Sara Scanga, associate professor of biology, was invited to present at the Ecological Society of America meeting in mid-August on work-family balance to early career ecologists. **Scanga** also contributed an oral presentation titled "Long-term changes in ecosystem nitrogen availability and nitrate export in two neighboring watersheds in the Adirondack Mountains." This contributed presentation had two student coauthors, **Gabriel Zabala '15** and **Alexandria Alinea '16**.



research publications. Most recently, she has been subcontracted by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to work on lakes in the Adirondacks and on Cayuga Lake. Known for her down-to-earth teaching style, she makes students feel welcome and encourages them to think.

Steven Specht, professor of psychology, has had a busy summer. He will have an article titled "Minimalist Collage" published in a forthcoming issue of "Kolaj," a Canadian magazine published out of Montreal about contemporary collage. He also had artwork on display at the Point of Contact Gallery and at The Tech Garden, both in Syracuse, and at the Southern Utah Museum of Art at Southern Utah University in Cedar City. In addition, his work was showcased locally as part of a two-person show at The Dev in Downtown Utica.

Patricia Swann, professor of public relations and journalism, earned the professional distinction of being accredited in public relations by successfully completing a comprehensive examination process governed by the Universal Accreditation Board. The Accreditation in Public Relations program is administered by the Public Relations Society of America. Professionals using this designation have several years of professional experience and demonstrate their commitment to the strategic and ethical practices of public relations.

Juan Thomas, associate professor of Spanish, received a Harold T. Clark Summer Research Grant for his project "Language Contact: Spanish in Utica and Arabic in Spain." The grant supported presentations of "Queísmo in the Spanish of a small US city: pluricentric variant or common parameter?" at the World Conference on pluricentric languages and their non-dominant varieties held

Dr. Sharon Kanfoush, professor of geology, was presented with the esteemed Harold Clark Award during the annual convocation ceremonies for her distinguished record of scholarship and professional achievement. Kanfoush is an incredibly active researcher, having published 11 articles in peer review journals since 1999, one of which was cited at least 155 times by other

at the Karl-Franzens-Universität, Graz, Austria and of "Arabismos en galego?" (Arabisms in Galician?) at "Gallaecia-III Congresso Internacional de Linguística Histórica" (Gallaecia-III International Conference on Historical Linguistics) held in Santiago de Compostela, Spain. His article, "In search of a standard: Spanish in a small, upstate NY community," also appeared this summer in the recently published volume, *Pluricentric Languages: New perspectives in theory and description*.

Jennifer Yanowitz, associate professor of psychology, presented a poster, "Age of stalker influences perception of behaviors" at the Association for Psychological Science Conference in New York this past May. 5/21

Linda Zee, professor of Spanish, presented a paper at the Popular Culture Association National Conference in April, in New Orleans, "Davids and Goliaths: Attacks and Counterattacks in the Mexican Beer Industry." She also had accepted for publication "El cine de las momias aztecas: una versión revisionista de la historia revisionista" by www.revistacronopio.com in Medellín, Colombia; the publication is expected to go live this fall.

Please send information, and photos, for KUDOS to source@utica.edu.

WELCOME NEW FACULTY 2015



Ronny L. Bull joins UC as assistant professor of computer science. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from SUNY IT and is pursuing a Ph.D. from Clarkson University. His research interests include cybersecurity, virtualization, networking, voice over IP and virtual network society. In his free time he enjoys visiting aquariums and playing the guitar and drums.



Candace Grant joins UC as associate professor of management and the associate dean of academics in the School of Business and Justice Studies. She earned her bachelor's degree from Queens University and her master's degree from Royal Roads University; both universities in Canada. She is in the final stages of earning her Ph.D. from De Montfort University in Leicester, England, expecting to officially receive her degree in January 2016.



Kyungseok Choo returns to UC as an associate professor of criminal justice and economic crime, having served as the department chair for criminal justice from 2007 to 2008. He earned his bachelor's degree in shipping management from the Korea Maritime University. He earned his master's degree in criminal justice from Northeastern University and his Ph.D. in criminal justice from Rutgers University. For the past few years, he served as an assistant professor in the school of criminology and justice studies at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.



Kyle Green joins UC as assistant professor of sociology. He earned his bachelor's degree from SUNY Geneseo and his master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. His research interests include sports, gender, media and mixed martial arts. In his spare time, he enjoys working on his "Give Methods a Chance" podcast, hiking and playing basketball and tennis.



Harry R. Cooper joins UC as professor of practice in cybersecurity. He earned his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Pittsburgh and his master's degree in cybersecurity intelligence and forensics from Utica College. Cooper is currently pursuing his doctorate in cybersecurity from Capitol Technology University. His research interests include cybersecurity, intelligence, freedom of information and mosaic theory. In his free time he enjoys reading and technology development.



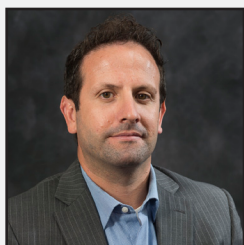
Donna Gregory returns to UC as assistant professor of nursing. Gregory earned her bachelor's degree in biology from Ithaca College, her bachelor's degree in nursing from SUNY Binghamton and her master's degree in nursing from Old Dominion University. She is a member of the National Association for Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health. She enjoys outdoor activities such as hiking, canoeing and camping.



Jesse Crandall joins UC as assistant professor of chemistry. He earned his bachelor's degree from Macalester College and his Ph.D. from SUNY-ESF. Crandall is a member of the American Chemical Society. His research interests include coral reefs, undergraduate education development and communication of science to the community. His hobbies include cross-country skiing, trail running, cooking and classical violin.



Gabriele Moriello joins UC as associate professor of physical therapy. She earned her bachelor's degree from Ithaca College, her master's degree from the University of Connecticut and her doctorate from Virginia Commonwealth University. Her research interests include the attitudes of older adults on the aging process and leisure sports and recreational activities in those with neurological diagnoses. Her hobbies include biking, hiking, running, yoga and quilting.



Brett Orzechowski joins UC as assistant professor of journalism. He earned his bachelor's degree from Quinnipiac University where he later taught and co-created the Media Innovation Collaborative (MIC), a program designed to equip students in the school of Business and Communications with multimedia and entrepreneurial skills. Orzechowski served as CEO and publisher of The Connecticut Mirror and The Connecticut New Project, Inc. from 2013 to 2015.



Mehmet Sencicek joins UC as associate professor of economics. He earned his international baccalaureate degree from United World College of the Atlantic in S. Glamorgan, U.K., his bachelor's degree from the University of Nevada-Reno and his doctorate from City University of New York. His research interests include the effects of devaluation on trade balance, the relationship between "inverting the classroom" and learning outcomes and financial economics.



Herbert Rau returns to UC as associate professor of marketing. He earned his bachelor's degree from SUNY Oneonta, his master's degree from Nassau College and his doctorate from Union Institute. His research interests include business and marketing. In his spare time he enjoys cross-country skiing and gardening.



David Smith joins UC as a professor of practice of cyber policy. He earned his bachelor's degree in government from the University of Arizona. He went on to earn a master's degree in politics from the London School of Economics and another in government from Harvard University. He earned his Ph.D. in international relations from Ilia State University in Tbilisi, Georgia. An ambassador of the United States, Smith served as chief negotiator for defense and space and is an expert in U.S. strategic missile defense, arms control, European security policy, and security relationships with China, Russia and Korea. He is currently a senior fellow at the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, D.C., and the director for the Georgian Security Analysis Center in Tbilisi, Georgia.

ACADEMIC STAFF



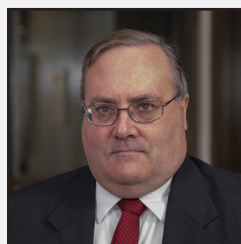
DeAnna Bay joins UC as the internship coordinator for the department of psychology child-life. She earned her bachelor's degree in psychology with a dual major in biology and a minor in Spanish from Wagner College. She went on to earn her master's degree in child life and therapeutic recreation management from Springfield College.



Christopher Johnson joins UC as Dean of International Education. He earned a bachelor's degree in economics and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Montana. He is a doctoral candidate at the University of Florida. As the child of a Foreign Service officer and having attended 9 schools in 5 countries on three continents, before completing high school, Johnson's career path into International Education was perhaps inevitable. He began working in field of International Education 1990, and has worked in study abroad, international student services and international admissions. Johnson has been actively involved with Rotary International and is a member of the Sauquoit Rotary Club. In his free time he power-watches British comedies and tries to get back to his home in Bitterroot mountains of Western Montana as often as he can.



Sara Manning joins UC as the nursing lab simulation coordinator. She earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and went on to earn a master's degree in nursing education from Robert Wesleyan College. Having last served as a simulation coordinator and nursing education at Robert Wesleyan, Manning comes to UC ready to oversee and further develop UC's top-notch nursing labs.



James K. Teliha joins UC as director of the Library and Learning Commons. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Colorado and later went on to earn another master's degree in library and information studies from the University of Oklahoma. Some of his academic interests include history of cinema, central Asia and history of the American West. He loves traveling and has visited all seven continents and 45 countries around the world.



President Todd S. Hutton spoke with Eyewitness News Reporter Ana Rivera about UC welcoming its largest freshman class of history. 08/28

- WUTR's Marc Barraco interviewed **Wayne Sullivan**, director of Campus Safety, about student parking. 7/25
- **Pamela Matt**, executive director of the Young Scholars LPP, was a guest on the *WIBX First News in the Morning* with Bill Keeler. 7/29
- **Laura Bedford**, executive director of Student Financial Services, and **Jeffery Gates**, vice president of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, explained the college application process and financial aid to *WUTR Eyewitness News* reporter Marc Barraco. 7/29
- Korea's Number One foreign language station, *eFM101.3*, interviewed **Austen Givens**, assistant professor of cybersecurity, about the rise of white-hat hackers and the growing emphasis on cybersecurity. 8/19
- **Dr. Jeffrey Gates**, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management, spoke to *Utica OD* reporter Alissa Scott about Utica College's plans to help educate the influx of new residents through Nano-Utica. 8/20
- **Dr. James Norrie**, dean of the school of business and justice studies, spoke with *Utica OD* reporter Alissa Scott about UC's plans to move business programs to Clark City Center in the heart of downtown Utica. 8/27
- **Norrie** also spoke with *WKTV News Channel 2's* Keith Hunt about the first day of classes at the Clark City Center. 8/31
- **Blaise Faggiano**, head football coach, was interviewed by *Utica OD* reporter John Pitaressi about the Pioneer's outlook on the 2015 season. Faggiano also spoke with Pitaressi about senior football defenseman Nick Woodman's rising success over the last two seasons. 8/26 & 8/27
- *1105's* Nathan Abse interviewed **Austen Givens**, assistant professor of cybersecurity, on the Ashley Madison hack. 1105 publishes a number of trade publications for the federal government. 8/27
- **President Todd S. Hutton** and **Dr. Jeffrey Gates**, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management, spoke with *OD* reporter Alissa Scott and *Eyewitness News Reporter Ana Rivera* about UC welcoming its largest freshman class of history. Hutton also spoke with *WKTV News Channel 2's* Gary Liberatore about the exciting atmosphere, as new students become a part of the Utica College community. *WIBX's* Jim Rondenelli also covered freshman move in day. 8/28

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profoundly educating them. We have a true dedication to students as members of our community, whose needs and abilities are very important to us.

Q. Have students changed over the course of your years here?

A. One of the greatest challenges that we face is the range that our students exhibit in terms of their preparation for college, both in terms of technical skills and emotional readiness. This range has not diminished over the years, although it can vary enormously from section to section.

Q. What is the greatest challenge facing UC?

A. Well the first is money, particularly for tuition-driven schools like ours. There has been some national discussion recently of whether or not high school graduates need a college education, and if an education is worth the money. But I think that in general parents are not only concerned about job prospects for their children, but also about an education that can help their sons and daughters grow into the kind of people the parents hope they will be.

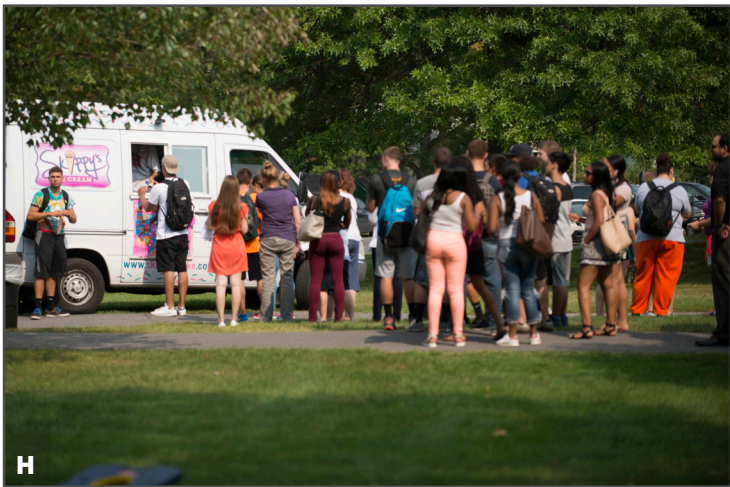
Another challenge is the perennial problem of sorting out truly meritorious ideas and innovations from those that are merely flashy and shallow. The inability to do that - particularly by the emerging for-profit institutions - has led to reputational risks and increased regulation.

Q. What advice would you give the new president?

A. The greatest opportunities for UC lie in our academic programs and in our co-curricular activities. We have an enormously dynamic and creative faculty - including our full-time professors, professors of practice and adjuncts - and the same goes for our staff. I hope that the new president will do whatever he or she can to harness, finance, and channel that dynamism. UC has always been very vibrant and forward-looking. I hope the new president embraces that, and has a clear sense of how to inspire and embolden our greatest assets, our people.

AROUND CAMPUS

A - D. Faculty and staff enjoy the annual Ice Cream Social, sponsored by The Office of Advancement. 8/19



E - I. Students enjoy ice cream, water slides and laser tag during a campus-wide power shut down needed for emergency repairs. The Office of Residence Life coordinated an afternoon full of activities to occupy students. 09/02

UPCOMING EVENTS/TRAINING

Please visit utica.edu/hr/training for updates and to register.

For Health and Wellness events, visit utica.edu/hr/wellness

August

- 09/11/15** How to Backup your Computer. 3:00 p.m., L121
- 09/16/15** Google Calendar, You and Your Office. (30 min)
10:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m., L121
- 09/16/15** Accidental Death & Personal Protection Ins. Luncheon
12:30 - 1:30 p.m., Bull Family Board Room
- 09/18/15** Adding Media To Power Point (15 minutes).
3:00 p.m., Online
- 09/21/15** **H&W Opening Event.** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., ECJS
- 09/23/15** Google Document (Word Processor) (1 Hour) 10:00
a.m., 3:00 p.m., L121
- 09/25/15** Online Surveys (30-45 Minutes) 3:00 p.m., Webinar
- 09/30/15** Microaggressions: A Campus Climate Conversation
with Maura Cullen. 2:00 - 3:30 p.m., Webinar
- 09/30/15** Integrating Multimedia into the Classroom (40 Min).
10:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m., L125

October

- 10/02/15** How to Encrypt a Document for Safe Internet Travel
(15 Minutes). 3:00 p.m., Webinar
- 10/07/15** Excel Level II (1 hour). 10:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m., TBA
- 10/02/-** HOMECOMING, Alumni and Family Weekend
- 10/04/15** utica.edu/homecoming
- 10/07/15** **H&W - Topsy Palette** 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Bull Family
Board Room - Bell Hall. *Registration required*
- 10/09/15** **H&W - Lunch & Learn with Valerie Lopata, Bodywise
Pure Pilates** 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., *Registration required*

**Monthly Chair Massages Begin again on Friday, October 16,
by appointment, and are scheduled for the third Friday of
every month-reserve your favorite time!**

Check out HR's new page for training and development:
utica.edu/hr/trainingopp.cfm



HEALTH & WELLNESS

2015-16 OPENING EVENT

Monday, September 21

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.;

Economic Crime, Justice Studies, and Cyber Security Building

Kick off the new academic year right!

(Maybe even win a FITBIT!)

Join the UC Health & Wellness committee for a fun-filled opening event on Monday, Sept 21 10am to 2pm. Enjoy healthy snacks from Sodexo, register for your Healthy Rewards, have a chair massage or blood pressure screening, and learn about some of the exciting programming coming this year.

*Flu Shots *Chair Massages* Raffles *Register as an Organ Donor *Sign up for the Young Families Group*Check your Blood Pressure* Sign up for Healthy Rewards*Coloring Table- check it out!

Some activities require pre-registration, please see utica.edu/hr/wellness for more information.

2015 Vendors

- Rite Aid
- Quit For Life
- Hospice and Palliative Care
- Excellus-Nutrition & Medicare Rep
- Utica Fire Department
- Miracle Aid Hearing Center
- Human Resources Directions-EAP
- Hannaford Supermarket
- Hear USA
- Alzheimer's Association of CNY
- Safe and Sound at Home With Amaya
- Daughters For Hire
- Dr. Tim DelMedico, Chiropractor
- Diabetes Education of FSL
- UNUM Life Insurance
- Studio 8
- Diane Schnier-Real Food Tastes Good
- A Personal Touch Spa
- A Time For Me Spa
- CNY Obsessive Compulsive Foundation
- Joe Giordano - Cyber Security Information

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