

From the Editor's Desk

Dear Reader,

This is the February 2020 issue of e-Achieve, the e-Newsletter highlighting faculty research and creative work at RMU. In this issue we present research and creative work accomplishments submitted by our faculty members for the period October 2019 to January 2020. This newsletter does not list grant awards. For additional details, please contact faculty members directly. We are hopeful this newsletter will open avenues for dialogs and research collaborations. In this issue we also feature Dr. Stuart Allen, recipient of our Distinguished Faculty Award for Scholarship. Your feedback is important to us. Please provide us comments and suggestions for improvement. The next issue will be published in May 2020.

Please join R&GA in Congratulating all our outstanding researchers!

e-ACHIEVE Highlights

- 14 journal papers involving 15 RMU researchers.
- 6 research/creative work presentations.
- 2 authors of a book or book chapter.
- 1 awards for research/creative works.
- 5 research collaborations with other universities/organizations.
- 4 research collaborations with an international university/researcher or creative work presented in an event abroad.
- 6 research/creative work recognitions

Dr. Stuart Allen

Recipient-Distinguished Faculty Award for Scholarship

Stuart Allen (Ph.D., Organizational Leadership) is a Professor in the Department of Organizational Leadership at Robert Morris University. He also teaches research design on the Doctor of Science in Information Systems and Communications program. He is an active researcher, dissertation advisor, author, and editor in leadership, leadership and management education, workplace pluralism and diversity, teaching with technology, organizational design and development, and sustainability. Stuart is originally from South Africa, where he worked as an industrial psychologist, CEO, executive coach, consultant, and entrepreneur. One of his consistent areas of publishing examines the role of religion and spirituality in the lives of leaders. Stuart recently completed work as lead editor on a new book called *The Handbook of Teaching with Technology in Management, Leadership, and Business* which will be published by Edward Elgar in the Fall of 2020.



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Publications

Research Published or Accepted for Publication in a Journal

Heather Pinson (English and the Humanities, SIHSS) had her research titled "*A synthesis of animation and jazz in Begone Dull Care*" published in *Intersections: Canadian Journal of Music*.

Jacob Peng (Accounting & Taxation, SBUS) and **Gregory Krivacek** (Accounting & Taxation, SBUS) had their research accepted into the ISACA Journal titled "*The Growing Role of Cybersecurity Disclosures*".

Jameela Al-Jaroodi (Engineering, SEMS) and **Nader Mohamed** (Department of Mathematics, Computer Science and Information Systems, California University of Pennsylvania, PA) had their paper titled "*Blockchain in industries: A survey*" published in *IEEE Access*.

Jameela Al-Jaroodi (Engineering, SEMS), Nader Mohamed (Department of Mathematics, Computer Science and Information Systems, California University of Pennsylvania, PA), Imad Jawhar (Faculty of Engineering, Al Maaref University, Beirut, Lebanon), Ahmed Idries (Department of Computer Science, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway) and Farhan Mohamed (Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology, University of Technology Sydney, Sydney, Australia) had their research titled *“Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Applications in Future Smart Cities”* accepted for publication in Technological Forecasting & Social Change, Elsevier.

Jameela Al-Jaroodi (Engineering, SEMS), Sanja Lazarova-Molnar (Faculty of Engineering, University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark) and Nader Mohamed (Department of Mathematics, Computer Science and Information Systems, California University of Pennsylvania, PA) had their paper titled *“Data analytics framework for Industry 4.0: enabling collaboration for added benefits”* published in IET Collaborative Intelligent Manufacturing.

Jameela Al-Jaroodi (Engineering, SEMS), Nader Mohamed (Department of Mathematics, Computer Science and Information Systems, California University of Pennsylvania, PA) and Sanja Lazarova-Molnar (Faculty of Engineering, University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark) had their research titled *“Leveraging the capabilities of industry 4.0 for improving energy efficiency in smart factories”* published in IEEE Access.

Jessica Kamerer (Nursing, SNEHS) and **Donna McDermott** (Nursing, SNEHS) had their research titled *“Cybersecurity: Nurses on the front line of prevention and education”* accepted for publication in the Journal of Nursing Regulation.

Sangho Shim (Engineering, SEMS) and Sunil Chopra (Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University) had their research accepted for publication in Networks titled *“A strong formulation for the graph partition problem.”*

Steven Hodasz (Accounting & Taxation, SBUS) was invited by the Practicing Law Institute (PLI) to republish his article titled *“The Curious Case of Section 461(l): Why This Unclear and Unwise New Rule Should Be Construed as Narrowly as Possible”* in the 2020 edition of its multi volume reference set entitled *“Tax Planning for Domestic and Foreign Partnerships, LLCs, Joint Ventures and Other Strategic Alliances.”*

Stuart Allen (Organizational Leadership, SIHSS) and **Ryan McCann** (graduated DSc student, RMU) had their research titled *“A case study of strategic human resource management: Implementation levels and communication”* accepted for publication in the International Journal of Human Resource Development and Management.

Sushma Mishra (Computer Information Systems, SIHSS), **Jamie Pinchot** (Computer Information Systems, SIHSS,), **Donna Celante** (Computer Information Systems, SIHSS) and **Karen Poullet** (Computer Information Systems, SIHSS) had their research accepted for publication in Issues in Information Systems titled *“Student perceptions of skills and competencies needed for cybersecurity programs and careers. Issues in Information Systems.”*

Tim Schlak (Dean, Library) had his research accepted for publication in the Journal of Library Administration titled *“Complexity & our adaptable minds: Collaborative inquiry & presence-based leadership.”*

Tim Schlak (Dean, Library) had his research accepted for publication in the Journal of Library Administration titled *“Dependency and autonomy: Strategies for a leader’s first 90 days.”*

William Beaver (Social Science, SIHSS) had his article titled *“College athletes and sexual assault”* published in Society.

Presentations

Conference Presentations - Research/Creative

Ben Campbell (Engineering, SEMS) presented his paper on a course that was designed for the RMU Mechatronics minor using the Flipped Classroom approach and project based learning at the Annual CCSC Eastern Conference on Oct 26th, 2019 at RMU.

Connie Ruzich (English and Humanities, SIHSS) introduced the film *“1917”* on its premier showing at the Tull Family Theatre in Sewickley and provided a brief lecture to provide the audience with history and context for the film.

Connie Ruzich (English and Humanities, SIHSS) was invited to present the paper *“Blog to Book”* at the University of Cambridge Digital Humanities Learning Programme and participate in a question-and-answer session for invited undergraduates, graduates, and faculty.

Heather Pinson (English and the Humanities, SIHSS) presented at the 2nd annual Documenting Jazz Conference in Birmingham, England Jan 15-18, 2020

Sylvia Pamboukian, (English and HUMA, SIHSS) was invited by Reyholds Medical History Society to speak at the University of Pittsburgh medical school on her paper *“Agatha Christie and the Poison Garden.”*

Tim Schlak (Dean, Library) and Cathryn F. Miller (Social Sciences Librarian, Gumberg Library, Duquesne University) presented their research titled "*Innovation in the research and scholarly communication ecosystem panel*" at the LYRASIS Leaders Forum, Pittsburgh, PA.

Awards

Research/Creative Work Award

Stuart Allen (Organizational Leadership, SIHSS) was awarded the Robert Morris University "Distinguished Faculty Award for Scholarship" at the Spring 2020 Full-Time Faculty Convocation.

Authorships

Author or Co-Author of a Book or a Book Chapter

Edward Karshner (English and Humanities, SIHSS) authored a short tale titled "The Salt Creek Valley Monkey Dog" in the book *Haints and Hollers: New Ghost Tales from Appalachia*.

Justin DePlato (Social Sciences, SIHSS) authored the book *The United States Supreme Court and Politics: Judicial Retirements, the Docket, the Nomination Process*.

Editorships

Editor or Co-Editor of a Journal

Tim Schlak (Dean, Library) agreed to be an Associate Editor for North America of a premier international journal, *New Review of Academic Librarianship*.

Tim Schlak (Dean, Library) agreed to be a Column Editor for *Leadership Reflections* in the *Journal of Library Administration* for library leaders looking to expand and hone their leadership and management skills.

Recognitions

Recognition of Research/Creative Work

Christine Holtz (Media Arts, SIHSS) had creative work in photography selected for juried exhibition in "Photography Practices in The MidAtlantic Region" at Demuth Museum, Lancaster, PA, October 4- 12, 2019.

Christine Holtz (Media Arts, SIHSS) had her artistic works in photography selected by curator Brett Yasko for exhibition in "_____." at SPACE, in Pittsburgh, PA, May 31- August 4, 2019.

Christine Holtz (Media Arts, SIHSS) had her photography selected by curator Hannah Turpin for "Counterpressures" the 83rd installment of Carnegie Museum of Art's Forum series.

Christine Holtz (Media Arts, SIHSS) will have her photography exhibited as part of the 14th Julia Margaret Cameron Exhibition at FotoNostrum Gallery, Barcelona, Spain - March 4-28, 2020.

Connie Ruzich (English and Humanities, SIHSS) was invited by Poetry by Heart and First World War Centenary Battlefield Tours Programme as a poetry consultant and lecturer and to serve as on-site consultant for a bus tour of British students and teachers on a tour of battlefields of the First World War in Belgium and France.

Zhou Yang (Social Sciences, SIHSS) was recognized by the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) as a Distinguished Fellow for her recent research focusing on the economic impacts of land value taxation as well as new approaches to estimating land values. She has been recently appointed as a NAIOP Distinguished Fellow based on her research on public policy related to real estate and urban economics.

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accomplishments by April 30, 2020!**