

## Digital media master serves as DLS speaker

The University hosted John Paul Caponigro, a world renowned master of digital printing and photography, as the second speaker in its 2014-2015 Distinguished Lecturer Series on Oct. 21. Presented by Canon USA's Explorer of Light program, Caponigro delivered his talk titled *Antarctica*.

During his visit, Caponigro served a unique dual role as UMPI's DLS speaker and the artist exhibited at the Reed Fine Art Gallery. His exhibit, also entitled *Antarctica*, will be on display in the gallery through Nov. 29. There was a special reception, book signing, and gallery talk by the artist in the Reed Gallery on Oct. 21—just prior to his DLS presentation.

During his talk, Caponigro discussed his voyages to Antarctica—he's been on

five such trips, most recently in Feb. 2013—and the very unique opportunities he's had to sail past the Arctic Circle and see and photograph sights and passages that few people have ever seen. Caponigro has conducted three photographic workshops in Antarctica (2005, 2007, 2009). He uses his photography there to raise awareness about the region, climate change, and the work of the real experts—scientists.

Caponigro is one of the most creative visual artists working today. Dedicated to fostering the growth of creativity in others, he exhibits, writes, lectures, and teaches seminars and digital photography workshops. Inspiring conscientious cre-



ative interaction, his life's work is a call to connection with our natural world, with each other, and with ourselves.

He is respected internationally as one of the most prominent artists working with digital media processes. Exhibited internationally, his work has been purchased for numerous private and public collections including Princeton University, the Estée Lauder collection, and the Smithsonian.

His work has been published widely. Reviews have appeared in numerous peri-

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## UMPI makes student-focused campus improvements

As part of the University's strategic planning work and its efforts to provide students with a personalized learning experience, officials are making lots of changes on campus—including changes that will provide students with more efficient service and a better learning environment.

Several spaces on campus have undergone, or are in the process of undergoing, renovations. One of the most visible



*Movable dry erase boards and new furniture have helped to transform the building once known as the UMPI Library into the Center for Innovative Learning.*

changes is the work that has been done at the building formerly known as the Library. The changes there are so significant that the building has been given a new name—the Center for Innovative Learning. When visitors walk in the front doors of the CIL, they are greeted by a newly refurbished open space buzzing with activity.

This space, the Learning Commons, is being utilized for single and group study sessions, tutoring, Writing Center

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# Student leads Take Back the Night event

In partnership with Hope and Justice Project, the University hosted a Take Back the Night event, which included a survivor speak-out and candlelight vigil, on Oct. 8 in the Campus Center.

Take Back the Night events have been held across the country and around the world since as far back as the 1970s, but this is one of the first times such an event has been held in Presque Isle. The Take Back the Night event at UMPI was organized by UMPI student Ghazaleh Sailors.

“This event is about bearing witness to the stories of survivors so that, as we go about our lives as community members, students, and workers, we’re using those stories to help shape the way that we support victims, hold abusers accountable for their actions, and change attitudes,” Casey Faulkingham, prevention coordinator for Hope and Justice Project, said.

Faulkingham joined UMPI President Linda Schott and Sailors in providing keynotes at the start of the event. President Schott delivered a welcome and talked about the new sexual assault policy for the University. Faulkingham discussed the resources available in the region to survivors and provided an introduction about the purpose of Take Back the Night. Sailors

kicked off the survivor speak-out by sharing her personal story and then asking others to do the same.

Sailors, a senior Physical Education non-teaching major from Santa Barbara, Calif., has attended UMPI for her entire college experience and has been featured by the likes of *Newsweek* and the Associated Press because she is the only woman playing baseball in the NCAA right now.

Her refusal to give up her dream—and the sexism, prejudice and abuse she experienced at the high school level because of it—have shaped who she is. Learning about her story is what prompted Hope and Justice Project to ask Sailors if she would consider leading a Take Back the Night event for Aroostook County.

The event culminated with a candlelight vigil in remembrance of the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and in support of the survivors. ★



**Book discussions at NMCC** The E. Perrin Edmunds Library at Northern Maine Community College will hold book discussions this semester. Books are available in the Library. For more information, please call Gail Roy at 768.2734.

Friday, Oct. 31, 12 p.m.

*Salem's Lot*

by Stephen King

Thursday, Nov. 13, 4 p.m.

*A Maine Hamlet*

by Lura Beam

Monday, Dec. 8, 1 p.m.

*12 Journeys in Maine*

by Wesley McNair

Thursday, Dec. 11, 12 p.m

*Empire Falls*

by Richard Russo

## Digital media master

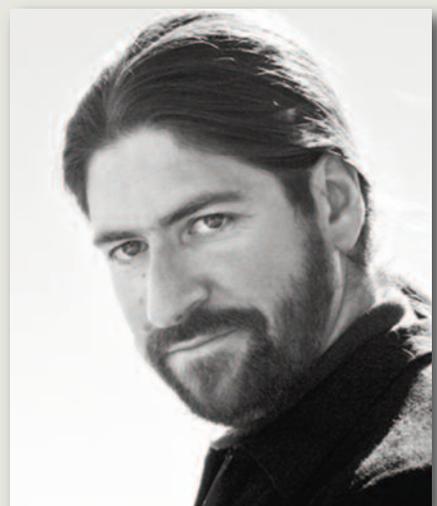
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odicals and books including *Art News* and *The Ansel Adams Guide*. Author of *Adobe Photoshop Master Class* (Adobe Press), and the DVD series *R/Evolution*, he is a contributing editor for *Digital Photo Pro* and *Camera Arts* and a columnist for *Photoshop User*, *After Capture*, and *apple.com*.

Caponigro is a member of the Photoshop Hall of Fame, one of Canon's Explorers of Light, and an Epson Stylus Pro. His clients include Adobe, Apple, Canon, Colorbyte, Epson, X-Rite, Kodak, and Sony. You

can learn more about the artist by visiting [www.johnpaulcaponigro.com](http://www.johnpaulcaponigro.com).

The University's Distinguished Lecture Series was established in 1999. Each year, the UDLS Committee sponsors four to six speakers who come from Maine and beyond, representing a range of disciplines and viewpoints. While the emphasis tends to be on featuring visiting academics, it is not exclusively so. The speakers typically spend two days at the University meeting with classes and presenting a community lecture. ★



John Paul Caponigro

# Rotary clubs and UMPI present 3<sup>rd</sup> World Polio Day

UMPI and the Presque Isle Rotary Club joined forces to host their Third Annual World Polio Day and Purple Pinkie Project celebration and this year, with the help of the Rotary Clubs in Caribou, Fort Fairfield, Limestone and Washburn, the celebration spread throughout central Aroostook County. All activities raised awareness of Rotary International's efforts to eradicate polio worldwide and to raise money — \$1 at a time — to go toward that global effort.

During World Polio Day on Oct. 24, and several other times, organizers and volunteers "painted" the region purple when they presented the Purple Pinkie Project. For \$1, volunteers colored people's pinkie purple to help raise money for Rotary International's End Polio Now efforts. A purple pinkie serves as a symbol for one polio immunization.

Purple Pinkie tables were set up on Oct. 18 during the Fort Fairfield Rotary Club's 2014 Cash Draw event; on Oct. 20 and 22 during the Presque Isle and

Caribou Rotary Club's respective weekly meetings; on Oct. 23 at Presque Isle High School, Presque Isle Middle School, and MMG Insurance; on Oct 24 at UMPI, NMCC, TAMC, and UMPI's Houlton Higher Education Center; and on Oct. 25-26 when the Caribou Rotary Club hosted a table at the Caribou Craft Fair. The club was able to display an iron lung on loan from Eastern Maine Medical Center during the event.

In addition, during the Limestone Rotary Club's 64th Annual Auction, Limestone Rotarians wore their purple polo polio shirts and spread awareness about Rotary's polio eradication efforts.

The Washburn Rotary Club already held a "Skip-A-Meal" activity, with proceeds going to the Purple Pinkie Project. The club plans to host Rodney and Barbara Leach to talk about their connection with the disease—Barbara Leach is a polio survivor. Rodney Leach shared the couple's story during last year's 2nd annual World Polio Day celebration. ★



Purple Pinkie stations, including this one in UMPI's Center for Innovative Learning, were set up in several locations to celebrate World Polio Day (Oct. 24).

## UMPI, NMCC host 1st Food Fight

Students, faculty and staff at UMPI and Northern Maine Community College participated in a "food fight" like no other in honor of Hunger Action Month. The institutions challenged each other to their 1st Food Fight—a food drive held between Sept. 19 and Oct. 3—to help stock the shelves at local food pantries.

All food donated from this competition benefited Catholic Charities Maine.

UMPI's Houlton Higher Education Center also participating in the competition from Sept. 29 through Oct. 9. All food donated from this competition benefited St. Mary's food pantry in Houlton.

The idea for this unique food drive was hatched after UMPI's Registrar Kathy Davis learned about the efforts underway in Maine to celebrate Hunger Action Month, a nationwide campaign—held during the month of September and organized by the Feeding America nationwide network of food banks—that mobilizes the public to take action on the issue of hunger.

At the end of the Food Fight, a truck from Catholic Charities Maine pick up all the food donated by both campuses and officially weighed it to determine the winner. In total, the institutions collected 1,536 and UMPI was declared the winner. ★



Helping to load food donations onto the Catholic Charities truck at UMPI on Oct. 3 were, from left to right, John Moist, Ray Rice, Tricia Pelkey, Kathy Davis, Denise Trombley, Danette Madore, Patti Hale, Shara Gardner, Jessica Winslow, and Barb Blackstone.

## Raising Ms. President screens at UMPI

An UMPI student shone a spotlight on efforts to 'raise the next generation of female political leaders' by organizing a live stream screening of a film aimed at getting more women involved in politics. The screening of the film *Raising Ms. President*, part of a nationwide event, was held on Oct. 11 in Folsom Hall, Room 105.

Melanie Maynard—a senior in UMPI's Bachelor of Social Work program whose ultimate career goal is to get into international work, possibly with the United Nations—began work to organize the event this summer. This screening, and more than

100 like it around the country, was held to celebrate the United Nations International "Day of the Girl" on Oct. 11.

"My goal in hosting this event is to empower women and girls in our community," Maynard said. "I hope to give women the courage that they do belong in politics and the reassurance that their voices matter just as much as anyone else's."

In May, Maynard attended the week-long Maine National

Education for Women [NEW] Leadership Summer Institute in Orono, sponsored by the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center. A

rigorous week of educational training and workshops, the institute focused on empowering and encouraging undergraduate college women to become politically active and take on leadership roles. A large portion of the event was spent talking about politics, policies and ways of effecting change.

After attending the insti-

tute, Maynard stumbled upon the raisingmspresident.com website. She signed up to be a team leader and committed to hosting a screening of the film. *Raising Ms. President*, a film by Kiley Lane Parker, explores some of the reasons women don't run for office and uncovers where political ambition begins. According to the film's website, studies have shown that when women are at the political decision making table, their presence does make a difference. The film looks at how to get more women to run in order to create a stronger country and world. ★



## Campus improvements

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help, meetings with faculty and advisors, and many other learning-focused activities. To accommodate these different activities, several different groupings of furniture have been installed, from high tables and chairs to comfy couch modules to roly poly stools and glass tables that you can write on with dry erase markers. Moveable dry erase boards are scattered throughout the floor in case inspiration strikes.

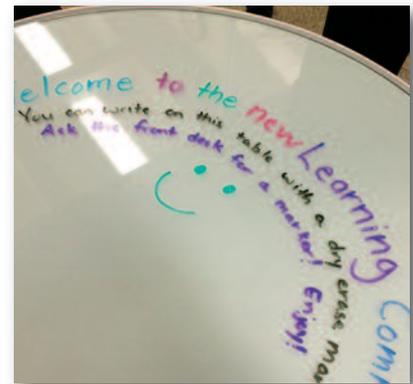
On this first floor of the CIL, the Library circulation desk has been relocated to the spot that used to hold the Library Conference Room. The space where the circulation desk previously was located is expected to house the IT Help Desk on one side, and a café on the other side.

In addition, renovations are underway on the second floor. A space on the eastern side has been walled off with glass partitions to serve as the new

home for the Reed Fine Art Gallery. On the western side of the floor is a quiet area for small group meetings and study areas.

Another building that has seen major change is Preble Hall, where a Student One-Stop area has been created on the second floor. This space allows students to get much of their "university business" done in one spot. On one side of the hall is Student Financial Services (which combines the two offices formerly known as the Business Office and the Financial Aid Office), where students can get their Financial Aid questions answered, pay their bills, and pick up their workstudy checks, among other things. On the other side of the hall is the Registrar's Office, formerly known as Student Records, where students can get help with transcripts, transfers, and registering for classes.

"This was a huge step in the right direction for us to consolidate these offices into adjacent spaces on one floor



so that our students could get all—or at least most—of their questions answered when they come to our administrative offices to take care of their non-learning needs," Marty Parsons, UMPI Vice President for Administration and Finance, said. "We found that relocating these spaces across the hall saved a lot of time for students during the first week of class when they have quite a bit of university business to take care of, and having these offices in such close proximity only helps us to better serve our students." ★

## Shapiro offers Winter Weather Safety Workshop

The University hosted a Winter Weather Sky Clue & Safety Workshop with WAGM Chief Meteorologist Ted Shapiro on Oct. 25 in Folsom Hall Room 105.

Shapiro covered everything from “snow storms to ice storms to blizzards... oh my!” and helped participants make sense of the watches, warnings, and advisories that are frequently issued. He also showed you how to recognize easy-to-spot sky clues that tell you a winter storm may be on the way.

Shapiro was born and raised near Washington, D.C. He has served as Chief Meteorologist at WAGM-TV in Presque Isle since 2006. He also teaches a field course in weather observation at UMPI. Shapiro is a Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador.

The Weather-Ready Nation

Ambassador™ initiative is the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) effort to formally recognize NOAA partners who are improving the nation’s readiness, respon-

siveness, and overall resilience against extreme weather, water, and climate events, according to NOAA’s website.

This workshop is part of UMPI’s StormReady efforts. In 2007, UMPI received a federal designation as a

National Weather Service StormReady University. Established in 1999, StormReady helps arm communities with the planning, communication and safety skills need-

ed to save lives and property before and during storm events. Program “communities” can include cities, towns, universities, Indian Nations, and government and private entities. Among the requirements that must be met to maintain a StormReady designation is promoting the importance of public readiness through community seminars.

For more information, please contact UMPI’s Community and Media Relations Office at 768.9452. ★



## Students present 20<sup>th</sup> Fit and Fun Day

Local kids were invited to join UMPI’s Physical Education majors for the 20th semi-annual Fit and Fun Day on Oct. 18 at UMPI’s Gentile Hall.

Fit and Fun Day is designed to promote physical activity and healthy lifestyles for local children. The event is designed for kids from kindergarten to fifth grade.

Although the majority of the Physical Education majors at UMPI participate in Fit and Fun Day, it is traditionally hosted by Dr. Chris Standefer’s class PHE 485: Organization and Administration of Physical Education as a service-learning

project. Standefer said these students are the backbone behind the event, which serves as a great way for them to get the community active while at the same time practicing their teaching skills.

Team games, tag, parachute fun, and cup stacking

were just a few of the activities on the agenda for the day. As in past years, the pool and rock wall were open from Noon to 1 p.m. And aspiring Athletic Trainers were on hand for “Boo Boo Patrol” as well as to ensure everyone was both safe and well hydrated throughout the activities. ★



When the Community and Media Relations Office sent out a campus email to let people know that WAGM-TV had featured a story about UMPI alum Alison Kieffer (see Note, page 11)—who had just completed her hike of the entire Appalachian Trail—we had no idea that there were similar stories. Turns out that Priscilla Potter (2003) deferred her admission to UMPI so she could walk the trail. And Kati Christoffel (2013) and Philip Boody (2014), pictured, are on the trail right now heading south. So what do we have to say to that? Go Owls! We’re so proud of where your wings have taken you! ☆



The Houlton Higher Education Center served as one of the Purple Pinkie stations available on Oct. 24 during World Polio Day. Stations were also set up at UMPI, NMCC, and TAMC; other stations were available between Oct. 18 and 26 throughout central Aroostook County.

## McCartney goes around the world for science

**U**MPI Geology Professor Kevin McCartney is in the middle of his “Silicoflagellates Around the World” trip this fall—an adventure that includes stops in Japan, China and Poland. McCartney was awarded a University of Maine System Trustees Professorship for the Fall Semester to conduct this research trip.

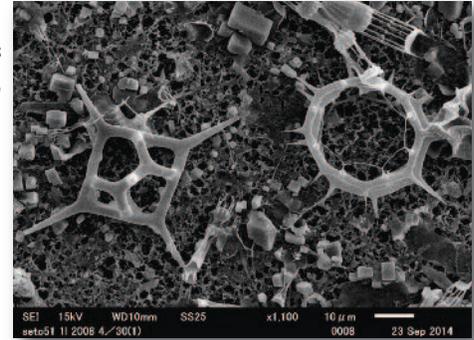
McCartney departed on Sept. 2 for Japan, spent the second week of September at the International Diatom Symposium in Nanjing, China, returned to Japan for about three and a half weeks, and then, on Oct. 9, traveled to Poland. He will continue his research there until just before New Year’s Day, when he returns to northern Maine.

McCartney’s research specialty is the silicoflagellates, a group of single-celled algae that live in the oceans and build

geometric skeletons made of quartz. McCartney is one of very few scientists in the world who gives serious study to the group.

Over the last six years, McCartney has put together a group of scientists that has made a number of significant discoveries. This scientific group includes paleontologists, biologists and oceanographers whose specialties are in other microorganism groups but encounter silicoflagellates in their own research. Together these scientists have published a series of papers that covers aspects of silicoflagellates from their early evolution more than 100 million years ago to the present.

For the Trustees Professorship, McCartney will be continuing research on sediment and water samples from the Cretaceous, Eocene and modern oceans.



*Pictured are two silicoflagellates from the Seto Inland Sea of southern Japan; on the left is a common Dictyochoa messanensis, and to the right is an unusual Octactis pulchra double skeleton (the “mother” is below, the “daughter” is on top).*

The Trustee Professorship program is designed to assist UMS institutions in recognizing, rewarding, and retaining exceptional scholars and, in so doing, promoting excellence in teaching, scholarship, and research throughout the University of Maine System. ★

## UMPI marks extinction of passenger pigeon

**S**ept. 1, 2014 marked the 100th anniversary of Martha, the last remaining passenger pigeon, dying in captivity in the Cincinnati Zoo. To commemorate this important anniversary, the University is hosting a display in Folsom Hall in an effort to bring awareness for endangered animals and how quickly they can become extinct.

The display, shown on the second floor of Folsom Hall, features a specimen of a male passenger pigeon from the collection of the Northern Maine Museum of Science, a copy of the book *Feathered River Across the Sky* by Joel Greenberg (which provides much of the information for the display), and a timeline of

the extinction during the second half of the 19th century. Passenger pigeons once



numbered in the billions and, at their peak, made up roughly 40 percent of the birds in North America. Due to displacement and overhunting, however, their population decreased over the decades to the point of extinction.

Dr. Judith Roe, UMPI Assistant Professor of Biology,

explained that she hoped the display would help people learn about the history of this bird

species, how prominent a role it played in the development of the East Coast, and how it came to be lost. Prior to learning about the 100th anniversary, Roe was aware that UMPI was in possession of a passenger pigeon specimen and had been thinking about making a display for

the Northern Maine Bird Festival that the Aroostook Birders host. The Aroostook Birders, of which Roe is a member, is a volunteer organization whose members share a passion for bird-watching and an appreciation of Northern Maine’s natural environment through field trips and educational programs. Roe’s idea for the display, which was moved to UMPI this fall after the Northern Maine Bird Festival, turned out to be quite timely.

“The story of the passenger pigeon extinction and the conservation efforts that followed illustrates the need for continued vigilance to safeguard our natural environment for the future,” Roe said. ★

## Art students create tape graffiti projects

The University of Maine at Presque Isle's ART 101 Basic Design class is participating in a campus-wide project to make their (temporary) statement on the University. The students were tasked with creating "tape graffiti" installations, using painter's tape and a whole lot of imagination.

The projects are being displayed throughout campus—in Folsom/Pullen Hall, Gentile Hall, Park Hall, Emerson Annex, Preble Hall, and the Campus Center. Using painter's tape, students are creating artwork that includes everything from larger-than-life images of Star Wars characters Darth Vader and Anakin Skywalker to a 12-foot-tall pointed compass.

Community members are encouraged to visit campus and view the numerous creations dreamt up by the Basic Design students. While some of the installations won't be available for viewing due to their locations in campus dormitories, all others are avail-

able for public viewing.

The project itself is about design fundamentals and using shape quality to create a public piece of artwork. Students were permitted to use only blue painter's tape and to create a piece that interacted with an "opening" on campus. This could have been a door, window, vent, or crack in the pavement. Students first scouted their locations and took photos, and then designed their installations from the resource photos they took. Proposed areas were approved by campus officials.

"In a Basic Design class, I often get students who have never made a piece of art before in their lives. I do this project as a different way to learn fundamentals but also enforce that art does not have to be confined to a canvas or page," Heather Sincavage, class instructor and UMPI Assistant Professor of Fine Art, said. "I appreciate the campus community who were willing to 'be the canvas' for this class project. I hope we can do it

again in the future."

Sincavage also hopes that community members will take the opportunity to visit campus and view the student projects.

The Tape Graffiti installations are only on display for a limited time—all of them will be taken down by Oct. 20.

For more information about



this project, please contact Sincavage at 207.768.9441 or email her at heather.sincavage@umpi.edu. ★

### THE TAPE CREATIONS:

#### DARTH VADER AND ANAKIN

SKYWALKER, located on the ground floor of Folsom Hall at the infinity mirrors, by Paige Garrison and Dylan Michaud

A LARGE COMPASS ROSE, located on the windows next to the south-facing entrance of Pullen/Folsom Hall (facing the Campus Center), by Madison Michaud

A RENDITION OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM, located next to the C3 Store on the ground floor of Folsom Hall, by Andrew Mullane

A FISH AND OCEAN SCENE, on the stairwell leading to the second floor opposite the Solar System tape graffiti installation, by Samantha Hans

A CITY LANDSCAPE, located on the wall and lockers next to Pullen Hall Room 111, by Oz Sailors

AN OWL, located on floor 1A of Preble Hall between the elevator and the HR office, by Markus Marte

A FIRE PLACE COMPLETE WITH BLUE FLAMES AND VASES OF FLOWERS, located in the entryway to Gentile Hall, by Brittany Mcphail and Naomi

French (pictured above)

THE FOUR DIFFERENT SEASONS, located in the Campus Center near the mail room, by Elissa McNeil and Renee Larson

AN OCEAN SCENE, located in the Campus Center in the hallway leading to the cafeteria, by Ron Lund

A HALLOWEEN OWL AND A SPIDER WEB, located on the west façade of Emerson Annex, by Matt Williams

A RIFF ON TETRIS, in the Park Hall dormitory lounge, by Hailey Hamilton and Amanda Bubar

## DaPonte String Quartet performs evening concert

The DaPonte String Quartet—which has appeared on stages in France, Scotland, Canada, and extensively throughout the U.S., and has been featured on *CBS Sunday Morning*—performed an evening concert at UMPI on Oct. 2 in the Wieden Hall auditorium.

Based in mid-coast Maine, the members of the DaPonte String Quartet [DSQ] include Ferdinand "Dino" Liva and Lydia Forbes on violin, Myles Jordan on cello, and Kirsten Monke on viola. Not long after forming in Philadelphia 21 years ago, the DSQ surprised the musical world by moving from a cosmopolitan urban area to rural Maine. Nonetheless, the DSQ continues to be sought after to perform and teach all over the U.S. and around the world. Their performances have been broadcast over nationwide radio and television programs in the U.S. and Canada. They have received awards from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Philadelphia Musical Fund Society, the



Music Teachers National Association, and Chamber Music America.

When *CBS Sunday Morning* nationally televised a profile of the group, the idea of living outside a major urban center suddenly appeared to be an appealing alternative lifestyle few musicians had considered. The

people of Maine warmly embraced the DSQ, which has become an integral part of the state's musical life. When the Quartet debuted at Carnegie Hall, a large contingent of their fans traveled to New York to hear and cheer them there. *The New York Times* wrote in amazement: "Let it not be said that the DaPonte String Quartet enters New York musical life without friends. Weill Hall was packed!"

The Quartet's repertoire spans the entire history of music, from seventeenth-century works on original instruments to cutting-edge contemporary quartets, like the one written for them by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer David Del Tredici. ★

## UMPI welcomes new employees to campus

**T**he University of Maine at Presque Isle is welcoming 18 new employees in the first part of the 2014-2015 academic year, including new professors and professional staffers.

**The University welcomes four new faculty members to its College of Arts and Sciences and College of Professional Programs.**

**Dr. Lea Allen** joins the College of Arts and Sciences as a one-year English instructor. She has served as an adjunct instructor for UMPI's English Program for several years. In



addition to several conference presentations,

Allen has a number of publications, including a chapter in the book *English Long Distance Trade, 1550-1700: Discourses and Practices* and serving as co-editor of the book *Rethinking the Informal City: Critical Perspectives from Latin America*. She earned her Bachelor's degree in English from UMPI in 2000, and her Master's degree in 2002 and Ph.D. in 2008, both in English, from Brown University.

**Dr. Larry Feinstein** joins the College of Arts and Sciences as an Assistant Professor of Biology. He comes to the University with a wealth of teacher and

training experience, having served as course instructor, laboratory



coordinator, and adjunct faculty member. He has

several publications and maintains affiliations with the American Society for Microbiology, the Ecological Society of America, the International Association of Landscape Ecology and the Soil Science Society of America. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Biology from Wright State University in 1999 and his Ph.D. in Ecology from Kent State University in 2012.

**Aaron Marston** joins the College of Professional Programs as a one-year Athletic Training instructor. He previously has served as the Executive Director of the High Intensity Training Center in Jacksonville, Fla. and Director of the Health and Wellness Center at County Physical Therapy in Presque Isle. A member of the National Athletic Trainers Association and the National Strength and

Conditioning Association, he earned his Bachelor's degree in Athletic Training from UMPI in 1997 and his Master's degree in Health and Physical Education with a concentration in Athletic Training and Exercise Physiology from Marshall University in 2003.

**Ann Osgood** joins the College of Professional Programs as a one-year



Business instructor. She most recently served

as a Business Education teacher at Northern Maine Community College. A member of the Maine Education Association, the National Education Association and the National Business Education Association, she earned her Associate's degree in Applied Science from Northern Maine Vocational Technical Institute in 1972, her Bachelor's degree in Business Education with a minor in Social Science from the University of Maine at Machias in 1976, and her Master's degree in

Business from Husson College in 1993.

**The University also is welcoming 14 new employees to its professional staff.**

**Lucas Bartlett** joins the University as Assistant Athletic Trainer. He earned his Bachelor's degree in



Athletic Training from UMPI in 2014. He served

as President of the UMPI Athletic Training Club and is a recipient of the 2014 Athletic Training Student of the Year academic award.

**Kevin Blood** joins the University as a Media Services Technician. He most recently served as a Media Services Tech 1 for the University. He previously worked at WAGM-TV as a news videographer and as a technical support specialist for ATX in Caribou.

**John Harding** joins the University as Facilities Maintenance Supervisor. He most recently served as lead market researcher for HMD Quest in Mapleton. He previously worked as a quality assurance audi-

tor and shift leader at Teleflex Fluid Systems in Suffield, Conn. and a facilities maintenance supervisor and warehouse supervisor for American Olean Tile Company in Lansdale, Penn.



**Mike Holmes** joins the University as Assistant Athletic Director and Men's Basketball Coach. He most recently served as Head Men's Basketball Coach at Southwestern Community College in Creston, Iowa, for six seasons. During his time there, he has twice had teams nationally ranked in the NJCAA top 20. He previously worked for two decades coach-



ing high school basketball, twice winning regional statewide coach of the year honors. Holmes earned his Bachelor's degree in communication from Simpson College in Iowa in 1989 and his Master's degree in sport management from Iowa

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State University in 2000.

**Rick Johnson** joins the University as the Men's Basketball Assistant Coach. He most recently served as a volunteer assistant women's coach at Angelo State University, an NCAA Division II institution in San Angelo, Texas. Previously, he was an assistant basketball coach at Robert Morris University-Springfield and a student manager with South Dakota State University. He was a site director for Big Shots AAU Tournaments in Washington, D.C. and has worked at St. Anthony's Basketball with Hall of Famer Bob Hurley.

**Dennis Koch** joins the University as Director of Residence Life. Koch has a Bachelor's degree in Theatre and Interpretive Arts from Lyndon State College in Lyndonville, Vt., and a Master's of Educational Administration from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas.



His experience includes working as the Director

of Residential Living and Learning, Director of Student Activities, Assistant Director Retention/Orientation/Leadership, Student

Development Specialist II, and Adjunct Professor at Texas A&M University. Other work experience includes working as the Student Activities Coordinator at Tarleton State University and as the Director of Student Activities at Lyndon State College. He is a member of the National Association for Campus Activities and the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities.

**Bethany Lord** joins the University as an Admissions Counselor. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from UMPI



in 2014. She most recently served as a behav-

iorial health professional at Central Aroostook ARC and as a student ambassador for UMPI.

**Josh MacKinnon** joins the University as an Admissions Counselor. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Physical Education



from UMPI in 2014. He served as the

UMPI Senior Class president for the Class of 2014 and as a student ambassador for UMPI.

**Jon Ouellette** joins the University as Admissions Counselor. He earned

his Bachelor's degree in Communication and Journalism from the University of Maine. He is the recipient of UMaine's 2014 Brooks Hamilton Spirit of Excellence and Top Senior Journalism



Student awards. He most recently served as a sports

intern and freelance journalist for the *Bangor Daily News*. He also completed a three-month internship with U.S. Senator Susan Collins' office in Washington, D.C. in 2013.

**Deborah Parks** joins the University as a TRiO College Access Services, Educational Talent Search Advisor. She most recently worked for SAU 16 in New Hampshire as a substitute teacher and has previous experience as a one-on-one teacher at Circle of Learning and as a freelance writer. She earned her Bachelor's degree in English from UMPI in 2006 and her Master's in English Language Learners in 2013 from Ashford University.

**Danielle Pelkey** joins the University as Assistant Director of Financial Aid. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from UMPI in 2012 and is the recipient of the Outstanding

Elementary Education Major Award for 2012.



She most recently worked as a long-term

substitute for MSAD #1 at Pine Street Elementary School and as a 5th and 6th grade teacher at Washburn District Elementary School. She also worked for four years as a student employee-administrative aide in UMPI's Financial Aid Office while working to attain her UMPI degree.

**Nancy Pierce** joins the University as Financial Analyst. She most recently served as accountant at MMC Physician-Hospital Organization in Portland, Maine. She



previously worked as a book-keeper, and

office manager in southern Maine. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Accounting from the University of Southern Maine in 1989.

**Tracy Rockwell** joins the University as Interim Director of the Houlton Higher Education Center. She brings to the position her experiences serving as the Career Pathways coordinator for Houlton/Hodgdon Adult Education at the Center

and as a part-time instructor for UMPI and Northern Maine Community College. She earned her bachelor's degree in Communication from the University of Southern Maine in



1993. She went on to earn her master's

degree in Public Administration in 1995 and her master's in Human Resources Management in 1999, both from Troy State University.

**In addition to these new hires, several familiar faces have taken on new titles or accepted new positions.**

**Chris Bell** has been named the Director of Student Financial Services. He was formerly the Director of Financial Aid.

**Greg Doak** has been named the Coordinator of Campus Center Services. He was formerly the Campus Store Manager.

**Lynelle Lawway** has been named the Assistant Bursar in the Student Financial Services Office. She was formerly an Administrative Assistant in the Business Office.

**Vanessa Pearson** has been named the Director for Student Success and the Learning Commons. She was formerly the Coordinator of Student

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**Dr. Kimberly Sebold**, Associate Professor of History, is also serving as the acting Director of Library Services.

**Fred Thomas** has been named Manager of Safety, Security and Regulatory Compliance. He was formerly the Coordinator of Safety and Security.

**Jessica Winslow** has been named a professional advisor for the College of Professional Programs. She previously served as Assistant Director of Admissions. ★

## Best Wishes, Keith!

As many of you already know, Keith Madore is leaving UMPI after 19 years to become Director of Institutional Advancement & Community Engagement at Asnuntuck Community College in Enfield, CT. You will be missed and we wish you and Miss Maggie Mae a safe trip! Keep in touch! ★

## We want to hear about your news & events!

If you would like to submit an item for the November 2014 issue, the deadline for submissions is Wednesday, Oct. 29, 4:30 p.m.

Submissions received after that date may not be included.

Email news or event information to [gshaw@umpi.edu](mailto:gshaw@umpi.edu)



## notes

### UMPI and TAMC host Breast Cancer Awareness event

UMPI and The Aroostook Medical Center hosted the 3rd Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Women's Expo on Oct. 1 in Gentile Hall. The entire gymnasium was utilized to exhibit four different main attractions. One area of the gym had vendor tables for



TAMC and other local businesses to display health information, organization or business information, and business and product advertising and some vendors had products for sale. There was an area for 30-minute workshops on breast cancer early detection, plant-based cancer preventing foods, "Sugar Blues," and a Reiki demonstration. There were 30-minute fitness sessions, plus chances to win free chair massages, manicures or glitter tattoos. Participants ended the night with a mini luminary ceremony and candlelight vigil walk through campus.

### Lunchtime Science Seminar Series held

The Environmental Science and Sustainability and Biology programs will offer an open forum to present research conducted by students, faculty and other local and regional scientists. This forum will be in Room 201 in Folsom Hall at 12:15 p.m. with presentations from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

**Nov. 6:** *Weather Patterns and Trends in Maine*, by Corey Bogel, forecaster and meteorologist at the National Oceanic and



Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service Forecast Office in Caribou.

### Professor participates in seminar at the Aspen Institute

Associate Professor of Social Studies, Tomasz Herzog, Ph.D., participated in a seminar at the Aspen Institute in July. Herzog participated in the interdisciplinary "Wye Faculty Citizenship in the American and Global Polity" seminar. The purpose of this



intellectual undertaking, in picturesque Queenstown, Maryland, is to engage professors from colleges across the U.S. into very rigorous dialogue with fellow academics on ideas and values that underpin civil society, and the role university plays in educating civically minded men and women. During roundtable discussion, professors representing a wide variety of academic disciplines, from the classics, languages, history, drama, and philosophy, to economics, political science, biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics, explored great literature stretching from ancient to contemporary times for the power of ideas on fundamental issues in democracy, and examined ways of translating them into action. Herzog's participation in the seminar came at a time when UMPI is in the process of significant curricular changes aimed at teaching people 21st century skills. Inspired by many readings and conversations, Dr. Herzog has already implemented a number of new ideas into his own teaching and campus activities.

### UMPI hosts Public Water Source Protection Workshop

The Environmental Science and Sustainability Program will co-sponsor a water resource protection workshop with the Maine CDC and Maine DEP on Thursday, Oct. 30, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Allagash Room of the Campus Center. Some of the topics covered will be an overview of Maine source water protection, guidebook for source water protection, case studies, oil and hazardous material spill response, and source water protection for mobile home parks and small systems. Presenters will include Mike Abbott, Erika Bonenfant, John Peckenham, Susan Breau, Chi Ho Sham, LaMarr Clannon, and Helena



Swiatek. Attendees at the workshop will receive six Technical Contact Hours. This event is free and open to the public; however, pre-registration is required and space is limited. Lunch will not be provided, but lunch is available for purchase at the cafeteria in the Campus Center. To reserve your space, please email Kira Jacobs, EPA-New England, at [jacobs.kira@epa.gov](mailto:jacobs.kira@epa.gov) or 617 918.0817.

### Christoforos to speak at Dress for Career Success Workshop

The Office of Career Preparation and Employer Relations will hold a Dress for Career Success Workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 5 from Noon – 1 p.m. in the Allagash Room.

## notes

The workshop is presented by Angela Christoforos, Anchor/Reporter for WAGM-TV. Not sure what to wear to a job interview? Wondering if something is appropriate to wear to work? On a budget and in need of an appropriate interview outfit? Attend the Dress for Career Success workshop where attendees will learn what qualifies as professional attire, dos and don'ts of professional dress, tips for mixing and matching what you already own to create appropriate career attire, shopping on a budget, and why a polished appearance is so important. Door Prizes: One male and one female attendee will win a free shopping trip with Angela to JCPenney to pick out an interview outfit (valued up to \$150 each). Additionally, one male and one female attendee will each win a \$50 gift card to JCPenney. \*All attendees will take home something to add to their professional wardrobe. Sponsored by the Office of Career Preparation & Employer Relations, UMPI Student Activities Office, and University Credit Union. FMI, contact Nicole Fournier at 768.9589 or nicole.l.fournier@umpi.edu.



### UMPI student participates in County Scholarship Pageant

Beth Parent, UMPI student, participated in the 2014 Aroostook County Scholarship Pageant in August. Parent competed against 29 contestants and was crowned Miss

Hospitality, which she won for raising the most money to go towards scholarships for young women in Aroostook County. She will also compete in the Miss Maine Scholarship Pageant in August 2015 in Portland, ME. She also won The Spirit Award, which goes to the contestant who was the most friendly, helpful, and happy (spirited), towards the directors, staff, and fellow contestants; 2nd runner-up for Miss Photogenic; and 2nd runner-up for Mrs. Aroostook County. Parent would like to thank UMPI for supporting her. She started school here in 2000-2002, took 12 years off and then returned to finish her degree at, in her opinion, "the best university in the country!" She says that UMPI really stands for Understanding; Maturing; Persevering; Intelligence. Congratulations, Beth!



### UMPI hosts successful Make-A-Wish Walk

The University hosted a Make-A-Wish Walk in September in



the Campus Center. This event had 35 walkers and raised \$1,300. Make-A-Wish grants the wishes of Maine children with life-threatening medical conditions and has granted more than 1,100 wishes to Maine children since 1992. On average, each wish granted costs \$6,000 and one occurs every five days.

### UMPI graduate hikes Appalachian Trail

Alison Kieffer, an UMPI graduate from Caribou, recently completed her hike of the entire Appalachian Trail in September! She started in April and finished in September, traveling 2,185.3 miles. She did most of the trip on her own, averaging about 13 miles a day. As she got closer to the end and the temperatures got colder, she moved quicker and did about 20 miles a day. She traveled with a backpack with about 30 pounds of food and camping equipment. Congratulations, Alison - you were one determined UMPI owl!



### Outing Club events

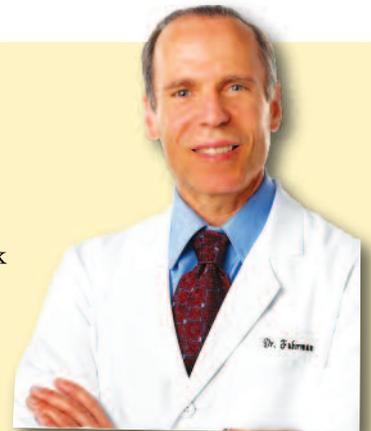
**Tower of Terror - Halloween Party at the Rock Climbing Wall,** Friday, Oct. 31 from 4 – 8 p.m.; Free Admission, Costumes Required!



**Hiking and overnight camping trip to Deboullie public lands** Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 1 & 2; register by Wednesday, Oct. 29. Cost is \$40 for UMPI students, \$75 all others. Includes transportation, food and overnight camping equipment. For more information on these events, contact Amanda Baker at amanda.g.baker@umpi.edu or 768.9401. ★



**Dr. Joel Fuhrman** will speak about *Preventing and Reversing Disease through Nutritional & Natural Methods*, on Thursday, Nov. 6 at 7 P.M. in the Campus Center, cosponsored by Cary Medical Center and the Siruno Stroke Education Center.



Student Distinguished Lecturer Series speaker **Ghazaleh "Oz" Sailors**, will talk about *Breaking Barriers and Chasing Dreams* on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 7 P.M. in the Campus Center.



Both events are free and open to the public. For more information: Gayla Shaw, 768.9452, info@umpi.edu

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**OCT 29**

**SGA** 5pm, South Hall Room 211 ■  
**100% Society** Movie, "Rocky Horror Picture Show," 7pm, Owl's Nest

**OCT 30**

**SEAM** 12:30pm, Alumni Room ■  
**SOSW** 12:30pm, CC118 ■ **Games Club** 6:30pm, Owl's Nest

**OCT 31**

**International Students Club** 1pm, Alumni Room ■  
**Warmachine** 6:30pm, CC118  
**NOV 3**  
**Last Day to Withdraw** from a Class or the University **or request an LOA** with "W" grade ■ **Advisement & Registration** for Spring/Summer 2015 begins ■

**Dinner with the Dean** 5pm, Alumni Room ■ **100% Society** 5pm, CC118 ■ **CRU Leadership** 6pm, Owl's Nest ■

**CRU Fellowship** 6:45pm, Alumni Room ■ **Bible Study** 8:30pm, Allagash Room ■

**NOV 4**  
**Election Day** VOTE!

**NOV 5**  
**Dress for Career Success Workshop** 12pm, Allagash Room ■ **SGA** 5pm, South Hall Room 211

**NOV 6**  
**SEAM** 12:30pm, Alumni Room ■ **SOSW** 12:30pm, CC118 ■ **Business Club** 12:30pm, Owl's Nest ■ **Games Club** 6:30pm, Owl's Nest ■ **DLS speaker Joel Fuhrman** 7pm, MPR

**NOV 7**

**International Students Club** 1pm, Owl's Nest ■ **Warmachine** 6:30pm, CC118

**NOV 8**

**Live Action Role Playing** 6:30pm, Pull 112, 113, & Fols105

**NOV 10**

**100% Society** 5pm, Alumni Room ■ **CRU Leadership** 6pm, Owl's Nest ■ **CRU Fellowship** 6:45pm, Alumni Room ■ **Bible Study** 8:30pm, Allagash Room ★

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**UMPI's Relay for Life team gets award**

The UMPI Owls – We Give a Whoot – Relay For Life team took the Top Non-Profit Team for Aroostook County for the 3rd year in a row. With the help of faculty, staff, and students, over the last 5 years the UMPI Relay Team has raised over \$45,000 for the American Cancer Society. Great job and thank you for everyone who has helped with the team and/or donated to the cause! We are hoping for another successful year ahead!

**Who doesn't like chocolate?**

... and who doesn't want to start their Holiday Shopping early?

Bring a friend or two and join the fun at a FUNDRAISER for the UMPI Owl Relay For Life Team:

a night of Dove Chocolate with Kimberly McAdam Hall

**Thurs. Nov. 6 at 4:45/5 pm**

**Normal Hall Faculty Lounge**

A percentage of the sales will benefit our team for the American Cancer Society. Pass the word along to all friends, family, and co-workers!! *Let's get our chocolate on :))!*

If you cannot attend and would like to place an order, please contact Laurie for a catalog, 768.0512 or laurie.boucher@umpi.edu.

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