



**Tripp York's** *The End of Captivity? A Primate's Reflections on Zoos, Conservation, and Christian Ethics* was published by Cascade books.

**Randi Sachs**, who teaches Writing 001 and tutors for the Writing Center, had a new novel published by Koehler books entitled *Indivisible*.



Kevin Kittredge published one paper in the *American Journal of Organic Chemistry* entitled "[The Microwave-Assisted Solventless Reduction of Aldehydes and Ketones Using Silica Supported Sodium Borohydride](#)" and another in the *International Journal of Advanced Research in Chemical Science* on "[The Evaluation of Microwave-Assisted and Conventional Heating in the Acid-Catalyzed Synthesis of Biodiesel from Vegetable Oil](#)". Along with student Keane Dye, he presented two posters at the 250th American Chemical Society National Meeting on "Morphological studies on polymer electrolyte membranes (PEMs) used in fuel cells: The effects of environmental conditions on structural changes as determined by FTIR spectroscopy".

Larry Hultgren was interviewed and quoted in an on-line article on Dr. Howard Jones in [Medscape Medical News](#).

**Diana Risk** participated as a speaker for the World Languages session of the Tidewater Community College Faculty Development Day, presenting on the topic 'the articulation of foreign language programs among our schools'.

**Taryn Myers** contributed a chapter on feminist theories of eating disorders to the 2015 edition of Levine & Smolak's *Wiley Handbook of Eating Disorders*. She also contributed 11 case studies to the on-line supplement for *Comer's Abnormal Psychology*, on topics such as Generalized Anxiety Disorder, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, Somatic Symptom Disorder, Anorexia Nervosa, Alcohol Use Disorder, Gender Dysphoria, Schizophrenia, Borderline Personality Disorder, and Delirium.

**Lisa Lyon Payne's** work on incorporating Twitter into communication courses to cultivate media literacy was selected by a panel of judges as one of the top 20 entries in the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication's Great Ideas for Teachers (GIFT) program.

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**Terry Lindvall** is a member of the [advisory committee](#) for the Attucks Theatre's "BOAA: Birth of an Answer" celebration of 100 years of African American creative response to D W Griffith's *Birth of a Nation*. He published a blog post on "[The Racial Film Fight before Birth of a Nation](#)" and contributed to the web site's entries on "[Hampton Roads Response](#)" and "[The Attucks Theatre](#)".

**Kelli Holzer** organized a panel for the British Women Writers Conference 2015 entitled "Desperate, Disastrous, Denied: Victorian Discourses of Pregnancy and Maternity". Her own paper on the panel was entitled "Victims, Villains, and Survivors: Infanticidal Mothers in Mid-Victorian Fiction and News." She also moderated a panel entitled "The Nature of Nurture".

**Clay Drees** has been elected vice-president of Phi Alpha Theta, the national honor society in history. His two-year term will commence in January 2016.

*Travis Malone* gave a presentation on "Benchmarking in Theatre Assessment" as part of a panel on 'Assessing the Three C's in Theatre' at the Association for Theatre in Higher Education's annual conference. He also served as a Mentor at the Annual Meeting of the Leadership Institute for Theatre in Higher Education and is currently serving as the Book Review co-editor (and editorial board member) of the new peer-reviewed section of the [Stage Directors and Choreographers' Journal](#).



## Welcome, 2015 Faculty!

**Dr. M. Annette Clayton, Assistant Professor of Social Work and Internship Director**  
Ph.D., Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University

**Dr. William J. McConnell, Assistant Professor of Education**  
Ph.D., Curriculum and Instruction, Old Dominion University

**Dr. Bryson Mortensen, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Choral Music**  
D.M.A., Choral Conducting, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Dr. William R. Pruitt, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice**  
J.D., Syracuse University College of Law  
Ph.D., Criminology and Public Policy, Northeastern University

**Ms. Sophie Rondeau, Technical Services Librarian**  
Master of Library and Information Science, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

**Dr. Antje Verena Schwennicke, Assistant Professor of Political Science**  
Ph.D., Political Science, Indiana University

**Dr. Jason Squinobal, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Instrumental Music**  
Ph.D., Ethnomusicology, University of Pittsburgh

**Dr. Jill Sturts, Assistant Professor of Recreation & Leisure Studies**  
Ph.D., Leisure Behavior, Indiana University

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