# Faculty Center Happy Holidays! A newsletter for faculty and librarians

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**HOOP** dreams and tree skapes

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# **Campus Newsmakers**

Lisa Donovan, Arts Management, has been awarded a \$15,000 grant in the category of Arts Education by the National Endowment for the Arts to "support a collective impact project to increase access to arts education in rural communities." Per provided information, MCLA, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Vermont Arts Council, and the Berkshire Readiness Center will add to the emerging body of literature on rural arts education initiatives by examining and compiling best practices in rural areas of the U.S. that have been successful in increasing access to arts education, and will assess these practices through state, regional, and local lenses.



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#### Newsmakers cont.

This fall **Zack Finch**, English & communications, had an essay review appear in the poetry journal Jacket2 called "Through and Never Through: Peter Cole and the Poetics of Kabbalah." He also had poems appear in the literary journals Brilliant Corners and Kadar Koli, as well as two poems in Berryman's Fate, an anthology of poems celebrating the centenary of the poet John Berryman, edited by Philip Coleman, and published in Ireland and USA by Arlen House Press. His poem "Sweet and Lovely" was recently published in the 37th anniversary issue of The Mind's Eye.

Sarah Herrick, Biology, attended the New England American College of Sports Medicine (NEACSM) annual region conference in Providence Rhode Island on November 13th and 14th. Her dissertation abstract, "The acute effect of yoga on inflammation and stress in healthy women," was accepted for a poster presentation of which she presented at the conference.

**Timothy Jay, Psychology, and MCLA Faculty Athletics** Representative attended and presented a paper, "Student versus Student Athlete" at the 25th annual National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) Faculty Athletics Representative Association Meeting and Symposium in New Orleans, November 12-16.

## **Accomplishments** wanted

Do you have a recent publication or have attended or will be attending a conference or involved with another scholarly or other legal activity? Please send info. to P.lesage@MCLA.edu. Deadline is January 5 for the next FCNL edition. Thank you kindly.

## **MCLA Series Presents Cheryl Jacques**

**GLBT Civil Rights Leader &** Former Mass. Senator

Tues., March 3, 2015, 7 p.m. Murdock 218

Digital librarian Pamela Contakos attended the Association of College & Research Libraries New England- Access Services Group Fall Meeting - "What's \*App\*ening Now?" where she presented on the app, Tellagami.

## Union Station: Pay's on the Way

Per MCLA Association President Sumi Colligan, recently negotiated faculty pay increases will be paid in December or January. In addition, retro money will probably be paid out late in Spring 2015. Governor Patrick has called for budget cuts, but these cuts should not, per Colligan, impact the across-the-board increases. Colligan also announced that a multipronged process is being developed to alert faculty, staff, and students to a problem using sirens, office and classroom phones, and intercom systems as well as cell phones and campus email. The current outdated communication system is being replaced by a system called Rave.

#### **Union Station:**

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