



### Dean's Message

Dear members and friends of the LIU/CEIT community,  
We have much to celebrate as this new school year begins. As you will read below, your fellow alums have distinguished themselves in many ways, from winning awards and publishing papers to securing prestigious appointments. Our faculty has also been very productive and active, both in terms of scholarship and important service to the field and community. I thank all of you for making us proud!

These are exciting times for LIU. Dr. Kimberly R. Cline became the university's 10th president in July. Dr. Cline is committed to raising the university's profile and making it a national leader. She has already infused the institution with new ideas and an energy that is infectious. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Cline to the LIU community.

Cordially,  
Bob Hannafin

### CEIT Faculty Awards, Publications and Presentations

The Palmer School of Library and Information Science has received a prestigious grant award from the Institute of Museum and Library Studies (IMLS). The IMLS award is a Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program grant of \$353,760, with a cost share of \$200,000. This is a collaborative program jointly developed since last year with three other educational institutions: Old Dominion University, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and Longwood University.



Joseph Piro

Professor Joseph Piro, of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, has received a Fulbright award to spend the spring 2014 semester in the European Union to conduct research on the effects of the Bologna Process on teacher education curricula. He will also be looking at issues on the role of technology in teacher training in the EU.

Dr. Kathy Keefe-Cooperman's (counseling and development) research on preschooler sleep patterns is being published this fall in the Journal of Early Childhood & Infant Psychology. Additionally, the Journal of Creativity in Mental Health has recently published her article focusing on breaking bad news in the counseling field.



Dr. Kathy Keefe-Cooperman

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## CEIT Alumni Awards and Accomplishments

### Speech-Language Pathology

**Dana Battaglia '98** recently completed her doctorate in speech-language pathology from the CUNY Graduate Center, and has joined the faculty as assistant professor at Adelphi University.

**Gina Moravcik '98** is employed by the Fay J. Lindner Center for Autism in Brookville and the Aspire Center for Learning in Melville, and is co-author of "Girls Growing Up on the Autism Spectrum: What Parents and Professionals Need to Know."

**Jodi Cahill MA '99** is department head for speech and hearing services for the Brentwood Union Free School District, where she provides supervision and professional development training to a staff of 25 speech-language pathology and audiology professionals with a specific focus on response to intervention and Common Core state standards. Her department is recognized for providing services to culturally and linguistically diverse students under Jodi's capable mentoring.

### Palmer School of Library and Information Science

**Paige Jaeger '97**, director of the Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex School Library System, is the recipient of the 2013 Distinguished Service Award from the School Library Systems Association of New York State. Among her accomplishments, Paige was published in *Library Media Connection*, *School Library Monthly*, and *School Library Journal* and has a book accepted for print by *Libraries Unlimited*. Paige will also be heading up SSL/NYLA, the state school library affiliate of AASL, Leadership Institute at Cornell University this summer.

**Jaime McCurry** was offered a spot in the prestigious Library of Congress National Digital Stewardship Residency program, beginning in September 2013. Jaime wrote us: "I'm so excited for this opportunity; the time I spent learning at Palmer and the guidance I received from the Palmer faculty will be absolutely critical to my success in the coming year."



Doctoral degree candidate **Mike Nizich** attended the 2013 Computer World Honors ceremony in Washington, D.C., where his nonprofit group, *ConnectoTech.org*, was nominated as a laureate along with nominees from 28 countries. The entry for the competition was a system design called the *STEM Search Engine*, which connects students, parents, and teachers with industry professionals to help foster growth and interest in careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields.

### Health, Physical Education and Movement Science

**Christie Cardinale '12**, a dual degree (health and physical education) graduate, has gone on to do important work at the Grove School in Madison, Conn. Grove is a therapeutic boarding school for adolescents with social/emotional difficulties. In May, Christie was awarded Teacher/Staff of the Month for her work as both a health educator and physical educator. In fact, she has been so successful at Grove that the school just hired its second health and physical educator, **Stephen DiPaolo '11**, another graduate of the department, who will begin teaching in September.



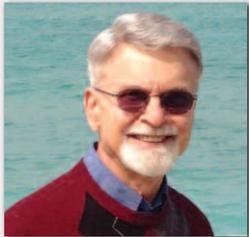
**Dr. Paul Forestell, Chancellor Mullarkey, and Dr. Roberta Levitt** pictured above.

## Chancellor Mullarkey Honored for a Lifetime of Service

Chancellor Theresa Mall Mullarkey, though not a teacher by training, has devoted much of her life to education and helping others. Inspired by her parents, who were both educators, Mrs. Mullarkey is a tireless advocate for higher education. She has helped countless students attain a quality education, as well as improved the local community in which we live. As chancellor of LIU Post for the past 20 years, and a trustee of Long Island University, Mrs. Mullarkey has devoted much of her time to raising funds for scholarships for commendable students and for the construction and restoration of buildings on our historic campus. She has created the Theresa Mullarkey Endowed Scholarship at LIU Post, the Thomas F.X. Mullarkey Professorship at Fordham University, and the Laura K. Mall Scholarship fund at her alma mater, Wellesley College, where she is a trustee emerita. For her works and dedication, Chancellor Mullarkey was honored as the recipient of the Lifetime Service Award at the 2013 Annual Induction and Awards Ceremony of Phi Delta Kappa Chapter 1524 at LIU Post. This professional association of education has been a beacon of the LIU Post community for over 27 years. The LIU chapter is presided by **professor Roberta Levitt**, of CEIT's Department of Special Education and Literacy.



## CEIT Faculty Awards, Publications and Presentations (cont.from cover story)



Dr. Joseph Sanacore

Dr. Joseph Sanacore (special education and literacy) recently published his hundredth article, "Showing Children That We Care About Their Literacy Learning," in Preventing School Failure. It highlights the importance of teachers and administrators consistently demonstrating a caring attitude toward children's literacy learning.

Dr. Louisa Kramer-Vida (special education and literacy chair) presented on "Common Core for the Uncommon Learner" in October, at conferences of the New York State English Council and the Council for Exceptional Children. This month, Dr. Kramer-Vida presents at the national National Council of Teachers of English convention in Boston, with Roberta Levitt on using writing workshops to accomplish Common Core writing standards.

Professor Kathleen Feeley co-authored an article titled "Teaching Responses to Questions to Young Children with Down Syndrome," which was accepted by Behavioral Interventions. Dr. Feeley also co-authored a book chapter titled "Enhancing Learning for Children with Down Syndrome" in the book, "Educating Learners with Down Syndrome."

Professor Lynn Cohen is making two presentations at the National Association for the Education of Young Children's annual conference in November, including one with Ruth Guirguis, doctoral candidate in our Ed.D. program. Dr. Cohen received a university-school partnership grant from the New York State Department of Education for the LIU Post Universal Pre-Kindergarten program, working with the Wyandanch Union Free School District.

Joyce A. Rubenstein, Ph.D., director of the Ladge Speech and Hearing Center of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, presented a workshop on "Counseling Skills for Speech Language Pathologists" for the Long Island Speech and Hearing Association on Aug. 7 at the Camp Salisbury Center in Westbury, N.Y.



Joyce A. Rubenstein

Professor Stephanie White has been nominated and approved as editor in-chief of the IEEE Thesaurus Editorial Board and is thus a voting member of the IEEE Publication Services and Products Board.



Nassima Abdelli-Beruh



Dianne Slavin

Professor Nassima Abdelli-Beruh, of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, has been granted tenure. In addition, Dr. Abdelli-Beruh, Communication Sciences and Disorder Chair Dianne Slavin and Associate Professor Leslie Wolk will soon publish a follow-up to their widely reported May 2012 study of vocal "fry" in young women. The forthcoming study in the Journal of Voice will examine vocal fry in the speech patterns of young men.

## OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Health, Physical Education, and Movement Science Announces a New Minor

The Department of Health, Physical Education, and Movement Science, chaired by Professor Nana Koch, has launched a new sports management minor. Sports management emphasizes providing the skills needed to organize, administer and facilitate sports programs in public, private, community, educational, and commercial venues. The 18-credit minor includes courses in managing facilities, marketing, law and the business of sports, as well as an internship. It is open to students from all majors.

### Center for Gifted Youth Introduces New Activities

This summer at CEIT's Center for Gifted Youth, directed by Dr. Lynne Manouvrier, students were involved in a potpourri of multicultural art projects which emphasized critical and creative thinking skills. Some of the projects included Hindu and Chinese watercolors, Korean paper dolls, paintings from the Pop Art movement, and "Zen tangle" drawings. Student work was on display on July 24, 2013, at the Student Art Gallery in Hillwood Commons.

### Department of Educational Leadership and Administration's Courageous Conversations Project

The Courageous Conversations Project involving educators and students in South Africa and the U.S. attempts to elicit frank discourse on the subject of race, poverty, and schooling, understanding that present day educational matters reside within the larger context of historical narratives. Working with the imprimatur of The University of Stellenbosch in South Africa and LIU Post, professors from both universities have been meeting virtually and in person for the last four years to share ideas and perspectives and have written a chapter in the "International Handbook of Educational Leadership and Social (In)Justice" (Springer, 2013), which develops the rationale and research context for the project. Principals from schools in South Africa and the U.S. have created an iPad community. In the fall of 2013, the project will expand to three schools and additional iPads will be delivered to the new schools joining the project—a donation from LIU Post. DELA is chaired by professor Arnold Dodge (pictured with students).



### Department of Curriculum and Instruction: New Program Approved by N.Y. State

As a step toward transforming higher education in the 21st century, the College of Education, Information, and Technology is offering a Master of Science degree in Early Childhood and Childhood Education for pre-service and in-service teachers who aspire to teach children from birth through sixth grade. The dual master's program in early childhood education/childhood education is CEIT's strategic response to LIU Post's mission of providing highly individualized educational experiences to address the diverse needs of pre-service and in-service teachers. The program extends our candidates' range of expertise, providing field-based, clinical experiences that strengthen their competence in providing quality care and education for children in diverse settings. The Curriculum and Instruction Department is chaired by Dr. Karleen Goubeaud.