

TO: The University Community

FROM: Sharon K. Hahs, President  
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RE: Sabbatical Leaves 2012-2013

We are pleased to announce the following awards of sabbatical leaves for academic year 2012-2013.

- Elaine Chakonas Associate Professor Teacher Education  
Finalize research to complete manuscript *My Name is Evangelia: Chicago to North Dakota during the Great Depression* and write a prospectus and first three chapters for the textbook *Elementary School Teaching*. Spring 2013
- Veronica Curtis-Palmer Associate Professor Chemistry  
Write textbook on three forms of spectroscopy: mass, infrared and nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy. Fall 2012
- Charletta Gutierrez Associate Professor ABLF  
Expand and update research to investigate management's view of Information Technology spending after the major setbacks in the economic strength of the US. Fall 2012
- Tracy Luedke Associate Professor Anthropology  
Prepare a book manuscript addressing the intersection of illness, healing, and politics through an examination of the practices of the "prophets" of central Mozambique. Fall 2012 and Spring 2013
- Job Elom Ngwe Associate Professor Social Work  
Expand on academic background in education and public health by pursuing a Master's Degree in Social Work (MSW). Fall 2012

- Nanette Potee Associate Professor CMT  
Study the effects of service learning on students' affective and behavioral states; and write an essay incorporating the study of Teacher Immediacy Behaviors into pre and in-service teacher education. Fall 2012
- Santiago Vaca Assistant Professor Art  
Explore the use of mixed media and collage in two dimensions and expand investigation into the sculptural possibilities of mixed media by incorporating found and discarded materials from the urban environment. Fall 2012 and Spring 2013
- Shencheng Xu Associate Professor Art  
Work on and complete a group of sculptures and update technical skills required for working with bronze sculptures and patina finishing; prepare for a new solo exhibition and have a book ready for publishing. Fall 2012

Please join us in congratulating our colleagues and in wishing them a productive sabbatical leave. We appreciate the work of the members of the Advisory Committee on Faculty Awards.