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## Faculty Achievements, February 2021 Report

### OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

**KATHRYN M. PLANK**, Associate Provost for Curriculum, Teaching & Learning, and Mission/Associate Professor, Department of Education

#### *Community Outreach and Service*

Member of Franklin County Public Health Equity Advisory Council.

Organized 13 community-based Rx Racial Healing Circles for our Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation Campus Center.

#### *Invited Presentations*

Panelist for Franklin County Public Health 2020 CHAT Summit: Equity in Action: Moving from Theory to Practice.

#### *Peer-Reviewed Presentations and Posters*

Wendel, P. J., Esson, J. M., Frey, M. C., McCargar, J. W., Plank, K. M., and Young, A. M. (2020, October 25). Which instrument should we use? Demystifying classroom observation protocols. Workshop at the 2020 Assessment Institute, Indianapolis, IN, Online.

#### *Peer-Reviewed Publications (Books, Book Chapters, Journal Articles, or Book Reviews)*

Esson, J.M., Wendel, P.J., Young, A.M., Frey, M.C., and Plank, K.M. (in press). Recent developments in classroom observation protocols for undergraduate STEM: An overview and practical guide. *Journal of College Science Teaching*.

**BARBARA H. SCHAFFNER**, Associate Provost for Graduate Studies/Professor, Department of Nursing

#### *Community Outreach and Service*

Elected to the Executive Board of the Ohio Association of Advanced Practice Nurses (OAAPN) as Central Region Director.

Appointed to the Finance Committee for the National League for Nursing (NLN).

**WENDY R. SHERMAN HECKLER**, Provost and Sr. Vice President/Professor, Department of Education

#### *Invited Presentations*

Kinzu, C., Parker, J., Parkinson, T., and Sherman Heckler, W. (2020, November). *Closing and Re-Opening: What Worked and What Didn't?* Invited panel presentation given at the Council of Independent Colleges' Institute for Chief Academic Officers, Online.

Bell, V., Brown McNair, T., Goosby Smith, J., McGee, L., Sherman Heckler, W., Stroye, S., and Wilson, K. (2021, January). *Advancing Racial Equity Through Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation (TRHT) Campus Centers*. Invited panel presentation given at the Association of American Colleges and Universities' (AAC&U) Annual Meeting/Pre-Meeting Symposium on Higher Education's Response to This Moment of Racial Reckoning, Online.

Brown McNair, T., Goosby Smith, J., McGee, L., Sherman Heckler, W., Stroye, S., Banks, A., Barcia, A., Rolon, T., and Sharper, O. (2021, January). *The Student Experience: How Truth Telling and Racial Healing Are Affecting the Next Generation of Change Leaders*. Invited panel presentation given at the Association of American Colleges and Universities' (AAC&U) Annual Meeting, Online.

### DEPARTMENT OF ART & ART HISTORY

**JONATHAN D. JOHNSON**, Associate Professor

#### *Artistic Exhibits and Performances*

Ohio Art League Fall Juried Exhibition (Columbus, OH), juried by Angela Green-curator, Garrett Museum of Art, Garrett, IN.

ROY G BIV Gallery for Emerging Artists (Columbus, OH): Peace Out 2020.

Sphere Arts Festival, with catalog (Kolkata, India).

Royal Scottish Academy (Edinburgh, Scotland):

CutLog: Moving Image Art.

Ohio Art League (Columbus, OH): Homeworks.

Vinilonga-Int. Short Film & Music Video Festival (Buenos Aires, Argentina).

Walthamstow International Film Festival (London, UK).

CODEC International Experimental Film and Video Festival (Caracas, Venezuela).  
 Life Screenings International One Minute Film Festival (Clermont, FL).  
 Austral International Film Festival (Cordoba, Argentina).  
 Saigon Experimental Film Festival (Saigon, Vietnam).  
 Cortomontagna-Premio Leggimontagna-Mountain Film Festival (Udine, Italy).

## DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCE

**SARAH S. BOUCHARD**, Professor

*Peer-Reviewed Publications (Books, Book Chapters, Journal Articles, or Book Reviews)*  
 Bonifas, S.M., Bouchard, S.S. Competition induces silver spoon effects in developing anuran larvae. *Hydrobiologia* (2021).  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10750-020-04492-8>

**ALICIA M. RICH**, Assistant Professor

*Grants and Fellowships (PI, Co-PI, or other)*  
 International Primatological Society Small Research Grant: "Variation in Hormone Receptor Expression Between Two Primate Environments."  
*Peer-Reviewed Publications (Books, Book Chapters, Journal Articles, or Book Reviews)*  
 Schmitt, C. A.\* , Rich, A. M.\* , Parke, S. R., Blaszczyk, M. B., Cramer, J. D., Lorenz, J., Freimer, J. P., Turner, T. R. (Submitted, preprint published). Anthropogenic Food Enhancement Alters the Timing of Maturational Landmarks Among Wild Savanna Monkeys (*Chlorocebus pygerythrus*). Bioryx. doi: 10.1101/2020.04.18.048314 (\*co-first authors)  
 Rich, A. M., Wasserman, M. D., Hunt, K. D., Kaestle, F. A. (2020). Chimpanzee Population Spans Multiple Protected Areas in Uganda. *Folia Primatologica*. 91:595-609. doi: 10.1159/000508073  
 Rich, A.M., Poindexter, S. A., Lai, A., Steiniche, T. B., Mutegeki, R., Wasserman, M. D. (2020) A Camera Trap Survey in a Protected Forest with Potential for Landscape Connectivity across Western Uganda. *African Journal of Ecology*. 58:529-533. doi:10.1111/aje.12722.

**ANNA M. YOUNG**, Associate Professor

*Community Outreach and Service*  
 Association of Zoos and Aquariums Social Science Research Agenda for 2020-2030 subcommittee.  
 Association of Zoos and Aquariums Saving Animals From Extinction, People Advancing Conservation Together subcommittee.  
*Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications (Books, Book Chapters, Journal Articles, or Book Reviews)*  
 Selemani, C. and Young, A. M. 2020. Beyond Performative Allyship: How to be an Anti-racist Academic. *Times Higher Education*. November 23. [www.timeshighereducation.com](http://www.timeshighereducation.com).  
 Leaver, J., Carstens, K., Wimberger, K., Padfield, C., Martin, R., Downs, C., Davies-Mostert, H., Morrison, K., Young, A. M., Howes-Whitecross, M., and Wilkinson, S. 2020. A new action plan developed for the Cape Parrot and its habitat. *Oryx Conservation News*, 54(6), 759–762. doi:10.1017/S0030605320000885.  
*Peer-Reviewed Presentations and Posters*  
 Plank, K. M., Esson, J. M., Wendel, P. J., Frey, M. C., Young, A. M., and McCargar, J. W. 2020. Which Instrument Should We Use? Demystifying Classroom Observation Protocols. IUPUI Assessment Institute, Pre-institute Workshop. Virtual, October 25.  
 Jerger, A., Gibson, S., Acker, M., and Young, A. M. 2020. Impact of Animal Programming on Human Attitudes of Local Wildlife. Poster. Annual Association of Zoos and Aquarium Conference, virtual, September 14-18.  
*Peer-Reviewed Publications (Books, Book Chapters, Journal Articles, or Book Reviews)*  
 Long, R. B., Krumlauf, K., and Young, A. M. 2020. Characterizing trends in human-wildlife conflicts in the American Midwest using wildlife rehabilitation records. *PLoS ONE*. 15(9): e0238805.  
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0238805>.  
 Hughes, M., Bertram, S. M., Young, A. M.,\* Merry, J. W.,\* Kolluru, G. R.,\* Dunlap, A. S.,\* Danielson-Francois, A.,\* and Weiss, S.\* (\*equal co-authors, order decided randomly). 2020. Teaching Animal Behavior in the Midst of a Pandemic: A Primer. *Ethology*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/eth.13096>

## DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ACCOUNTING AND ECONOMICS

**HYUK KIM**, Associate Professor

*Peer-Reviewed Publications (Books, Book*

*Chapters, Journal Articles, or Book Reviews)*

Kim, H. (2021), "Internationalization of Emerging Market Multinationals: A Review of the Literature." *Journal of Research in Business and Management*, Vol. 9 (1), 20-27. January 7, 2021.

**MICHAEL A. LEVIN**, Professor

*Community Outreach and Service*

Served as conference program chair for the Society for Marketing Advances and converted physical conference to virtual conference.

Helped stave off Society for Marketing Advances' possible defunctness.

Completed term as conference program chair for the Society for Marketing Advances.

Elected to term as president for the Society for Marketing Advances.

## DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

**JOAN M. ESSON**, Professor

*Invited Presentations*

Esson, J. M. Interdisciplinary scientific inquiry: At the interface of chemistry and art. Featured speaker of the St. Albert the Great celebration at Ohio Dominican University. November 11, 2020.

*Peer-Reviewed Publications (Books, Book*

*Chapters, Journal Articles, or Book Reviews)*

Smith, G. D., Esson, J. M., Chen, V. J., Hanson, R. M. (2021). Forensic dye analysis in cultural heritage: unraveling the authenticity of the earliest Persian knotted-pile silk carpet. *Forensic Sciences International*, 3, 100130. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.fs SYN.2020.11.004>.

**DEAN H. JOHNSTON**, Professor

*Peer-Reviewed Publications (Books, Book*

*Chapters, Journal Articles, or Book Reviews)*

Kim, S., Bucholtz, E. C., Briney, K., Cornell, A. P., Cuadros, J., Fulfer, K. D., Gupta, T., Hepler-Smith, E., Johnston, D. H., Lang, A. S. I. D., Larsen, D., Li, Y., McEwen, L. R., Morsch, L. A., Muzyka, J. L., and Belford, R. E. Teaching

Cheminformatics through a Collaborative Intercollegiate Online Chemistry Course (OLCC). *J. Chem. Educ.* 2020, acs.jchemed.0c01035. <https://doi.org/10/ghqjbq>.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

**SUSAN P. MILLSAP**, Professor

*Invited Presentations*

Millsap, S. (Fall, 2019). Small programs attempt to adjust to a pandemic world. *The Forensic of Pi Kappa Delta*, 104, 11-12. An invited reflective article on how the COVID 19 pandemic is influencing collegiate speech and debate competition and how small liberal arts colleges are adapting.

## COURTRIGHT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

**ALLEN REICHERT**, Professor and Electronic Access Librarian

*Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications (Books, Book Chapters, Journal Articles, or Book Reviews)*

Film review of Stop Filming Us, Educational Media Review Online, October 2020.

<https://emro.libraries.psu.edu/record/index.php?id=7108>

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**PAUL J. WENDEL**, Associate Professor

*Peer-Reviewed Presentations and Posters*

Wendel, P. J., Esson, J. M., Frey, M. C., McCargar, J. W., Plank, K. M., and Young, A. M. (2020, October 25). Which instrument should we use? Demystifying classroom observation protocols. Workshop at the 2020 Assessment Institute, Indianapolis, IN, Online.

## DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING

**MICHAEL W. HUDOBA**, Assistant Professor

*Peer-Reviewed Presentations and Posters*

Hudoba, M.W., Castro, C.E., Beshay, P.E., Patel, R. (2020, June 17-20). Development of DNA Education Modules for Middle School, High School, and Undergraduate Students and Educators [Conference presentation]. SB3C, Virtual.

## DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

**SHANNON K. LAKANEN**, Professor

*Honors and Awards*

2020 Essay Review Prize for "In Defense of Whimsy: A. A. Milne's Personal Essays." *The Essay Review*. Fall 2020. [theessayreview.org](http://theessayreview.org)

*Peer-Reviewed Publications (Books, Book Chapters, Journal Articles, or Book Reviews)*

"In Defense of Whimsy: A. A. Milne's Personal Essays." *The Essay Review*. Fall 2020. [theessayreview.org](http://theessayreview.org). This essay has been accepted, and was awarded the journal's annual award for outstanding scholarship, but the release has been delayed due to COVID. The website will be updated to include this issue in the coming months.

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SPORT SCIENCES

**KRISTY L. MCCRAY**, Associate Professor

*Community Outreach and Service*

Guest reviewer, *Journal of Intercollegiate Sport*.

Guest reviewer, *Violence Against Women*.

*Sport Management Education Journal*, Editorial

Board Member, January 2020-present.

City of Columbus Police Department's Chief's

Advisory Panel, June 2020-present.

*Invited Presentations*

Guest lecturer, November 2020. Sexual Violence in College Athletics. KNSISM 5614: Sport and Sexuality, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.

Guest lecturer, October 2020. Pedagogical Strategies: Active Learning. KNPE 7863: Teaching Health & Fitness Classes at the College Level, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.

*Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications (Books, Book Chapters, Journal Articles, or Book Reviews)*

Cintron, A., Levine, J., and McCray, K. (2020). Preventing sexual violence on campus: Conducting background checks on student-athletes. *Athletic Director U*. Available at <https://athleticdirector.u.com/articles/preventing-sexual-violence-on-campus/>.

## DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND ACTUARIAL SCIENCE

**RYAN M. BERNDT**, Professor

*Community Outreach and Service*

Appeared on WSYX in (ABC6) interview with reporter Tom Bosco in a segment entitled, "Spike in OH COVID-19 cases due to lab catching up with testing backlog." December 8, 2020.

**RAY (RACHEL) D. KARPMAN**, Assistant Professor

*Peer-Reviewed Publications (Books, Book Chapters, Journal Articles, or Book Reviews)*

Rachel Karpman. The Purity Conjecture in type C. *Algebraic Combinatorics, Volume 3* (2020) no. 6, pp. 1401-1416. doi: 10.5802/alco.145.

Rachel Karpman, Yuji Kodama. Triangulations and soliton graphs for totally positive Grassmannian. *Advances in Mathematics, Volume 376* (2021) p. 107439, ISSN 0001-8708, doi: 10.1016/j.aim.2020.107439.

## DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

**JENNIFER B. MERKOWITZ**, Associate Professor

*Peer-Reviewed Presentations and Posters*

"Designing Custom Musical Instruments: A

Collaboration between Music and Engineering Students," presented with Drs. Elena Caruthers and Michael Hudoba at the Association for Technology in Music Instruction National Conference, online, October 2020.

## DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

**AMY L. SMITH**, Assistant Professor

*Peer-Reviewed Publications (Books, Book Chapters, Journal Articles, or Book Reviews)*

Smith, A. and Meyer L. (2021). A quality initiative for comprehensive integration of a standardized assessment product in nursing education. *Teaching and Learning in Nursing*. 16(1), 68-73.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.teln.2020.05.006>.

## DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

**MEREDITH C. FREY**, Professor

### *Invited Presentations*

Frey, M.C. and Klement, B.J. (2020, December). Unique challenges of being an IRB chairperson at medium to small institutions. Workshop presented at the 2020 Advancing Ethical Research Conference, Online.

### *Peer-Reviewed Presentations and Posters*

Wendel, P.J., Esson, J.M., Frey, M.C., Plank, K.M., Young, A.M., and McCarger, J.W. (2020, October). Which instrument should we use? Demystifying classroom observation protocols. Preconference workshop presented at the 2020 Assessment Institute, Online.

### *Peer-Reviewed Publications (Books, Book Chapters, Journal Articles, or Book Reviews)*

Esson, J.M., Wendel, P.J., Young, A.M., Frey, M.C., and Plank, K.M. (in press). Recent developments in classroom observation protocols for undergraduate STEM: An overview and practical guide. *Journal of College Science Teaching*.

## DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

**STEPHANIE L. PATRIDGE**, Professor

### *Peer-Reviewed Presentations and Posters*

Patridge, S. (2020, October 24). "Digital Fictions, Interactivity, and Somaesthetics." Presentation at the Workshop on the Philosophy of Games, American Society for Aesthetics, Online.

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, CRIMINOLOGY AND JUSTICE STUDIES

**CARLA R. CORROTO**, Professor

### *Peer-Reviewed Publications (Books, Book Chapters, Journal Articles, or Book Reviews)*

Corroto, Carla 2021. "The Architecture of Fear: Women and Urban Design" in *On Inequality and Freedom*. (edited by) Lawrence Eppard and Mark Richard Rank. London: Oxford University Press.

## DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DANCE

**T.J. GERCKENS**, Associate Professor

### *Artistic Exhibits and Performances*

Co-Lighting Designer of Dance Concert 2020: *The Wild Within*, Conceived and Choreographed by Stella Kane, Otterbein University Theatre, November 2020.

### *Community Outreach and Service*

Interviewed for a Design Inspiration story about his Lighting Design for *The Steadfast Tin Soldier* at the Lookingglass Theatre. Interview published in *Stage Directions Magazine* and their online site January 2021.

**REBECCA C. WHITE**, Associate Professor

### *Invited Presentations*

Invited panelist at the National Collaborator's Conference: "Sparking Design Creativity in a Pandemic," hosted by The Stage Managers Association and the United States Institute for Theatre Technology-Ohio Valley Section. October 9-11, 2020.

**EXTERNAL GRANT AWARDS - OFFICE OF GRANTS AND SPONSORED PROGRAMS (OGSP)**  
**Submitted by Diane Nance, Director and Bridgette Cahalin, Development Associate**

External grants for Otterbein University range widely from research to academic studies to community education. Faculty and administrators pursue grants to support the mission of Otterbein, enhance faculty achievement and student learning, and strengthen social justice in the central Ohio community. Otterbein faculty and administrators have received 2 grants totaling \$6,000 since our last update in October 2020. New CARES Act funding brought an additional \$693,230. We await word on the funding status for eight proposals we have submitted to funders, totaling \$1,633,488.

**CARES Act grant activity**

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**ANNE KRIEGER**, Controller

**BRIDGETTE CAHALIN**, Development Associate  
CARES Act - Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)

support was received from the Ohio Department of Higher Education in the amount of \$661,652. This award made possible the purchase of COVID-19 tests, personal protective equipment, sanitation, unemployment benefits for those laid off due to COVID-19, expenses to facilitate distance learning such as loaner laptops, student software licenses, take home lab kits, data plans for faculty working from home, and housing reimbursements to students sent home due to shelter in place order.

**ANNE KRIEGER**, Controller

**KATHY RYAN**, Director, Counseling Center  
**KRISTY DROBNEY**, Director, Academic Support Center

With support from OGSP, Otterbein received an award from the U.S. Department of **CARES Act - CRF Mental Health Supplement** \$31,578. A multi-disciplinary team has agreed to work toward improving awareness of CARES support options, including Wendy Sherman Heckler, Dawn Stewart, James Prysock, Suzanne Ashworth, and Tracy Benner. This portion is used for telehealth options for the Counseling Center.

The State of Ohio expects to release a second portion of the Mental Health supplement early in 2021. Otterbein's portion will be \$53,682 and will be directed to expenses incurred by the Academic Support Center in responding to the pandemic.

**McAllister & Quinn Grants Applied and Recognition**

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Otterbein applied for two grants requesting a total of \$1,590,280 with support from the Washington, D.C. grants consulting firm, McAllister & Quinn.

**JEFFERSON BLACKBURN-SMITH**, Vice President, Enrollment Management, provided leadership to request \$1,541,280 from the **Ohio Department of Higher Education, Choose Ohio First STEMM Scholarship grants, Cardinal STEM Scholars: Building Ohio's STEM Pipeline**. Team members include faculty members Joan Esson, David Robertson, Sarah Bouchard, Jerald Brevick, Kevin Svitana, and Michael Hoggarth.

**KATHLEEN BONTE**, Executive Director of Development

Under the direction of Kathleen Bonte, McAllister & Quinn staff are guiding the development of a master advancement document to be useful in forming external requests to private funding opportunities.

**TIFFANY LIPSTREU**, Library Director

**STEPHEN GRINCH**, Archivist

With support from OGSP, the Library is requesting \$49,000 from the **National Endowment for the Humanities, Sustaining Cultural Heritage Program**. Funding is requested to improve the outdated Courtright Memorial Library archives facility and better preserve the university's current and future collections by developing a detailed plan to improve the archives facility, install compact shelving, and rehouse the collection.

**JOHN TANSEY**, Professor

**KATHRYN PLANK**, Associate Provost for Curriculum, Teaching & Learning, and Mission

Otterbein has been chosen as one of 108 institutions for the second phase of the Hubert Humphrey Medical Institute (HHMI)'s Science Education Inclusive Excellence 3 (IE3) Program. As originally designed, Otterbein would be eligible for a full application for \$1,000,000 toward our science education programs. However, HHMI has chosen to postpone the funding portion of IE3 and, instead, invite the 108 recipient institutions to participate in reimagining their programs post-pandemic. Dr. Tansey and Dr. Plank are participating in the program's online meetings.

#### Foundation Grants Awarded

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**MELISSA GILBERT**, Associate Dean, Center for Community Engagement

**National Association of College Auxiliary Services (NACAS) Foundation**, *The Promise House: Choice Market and Resource Bank*, \$5,000

With the NACAS Foundation grant, The Promise House will establish an innovative new virtual house market to ensure the health and safety of low-income, under-resourced students who present as food insecure. To meet their basic needs, the following will be implemented: 1) Resource Distribution: develop a new resource for sharing virtual platform and outdoor distribution center; 2) Virtual Shopping: integrate virtual shopping trips with personal student shoppers; 3) Package Station: build an outdoor package pick-up location that can be used for both donations and pre-package pick-up; and 4) Education: host a new series of education webinars to share info about food access, self-care, food cultivation and preparation.

**MELISSA GILBERT**, Associate Dean, Center for Community Engagement

**Campus Vote Project** #OtterbeinVOTES  
*Campaign: A Campus Project to Increase Student Voter Engagement*, \$1,000

Student group Raise Your Voice, in collaboration with the CCE, worked with a campus team of faculty/students/staff to implement Otterbein's Voter Friendly Campus Plan. To increase student voter registration, awareness, and participation in electoral politics, cohorts of student leaders were mobilized. Events included: classroom visits, candidate nights with the League of Women Voters, virtual debate watching parties, and more.



## Applied, Pending Review

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**ROBIN GROTE**, Associate Professor, Chemistry

The publication Organic Synthesis accepts grant proposals through its program PUI Grants. Dr. Grote's request for \$16,000 is titled "Synthesis of 1,3,4-Oxadiazoles by a Two-Step, One-Pot Cyclodehydration Reaction."

**JANICE GLOWSKI**, Director of Museum and Galleries, Department of Art

Intermuseum Conservation Association, ICA Subsidized Survey, *The Frank Museum of Art: Conservation Survey of African Art of the Rilling Donation* / The David & Karina Rilling Collection of African Art (2019 Donation). If selected, the fee for a conservation specialist will be waived.

**KRISTIN COLE**, Associate Professor, Library

**The State Library of Ohio** accepts grant proposals through the **Library and Services Technology Act (LSTA) grant program**. The Celebrating Ohio Book Awards & Authors (COBAA) grant would allow the Courtright Memorial Library to: 1) Increase the diversity of the main circulating collection in the areas of African American experience and culture, international stories, mental and emotional health, and women's and LGBTQIA+ stories; 2) Increase the juvenile and young adult collections; and 3) Increase the campus community's awareness of these topic areas and materials through marketing and programming.

**Dennis Davenport**, Director, Music

**The Johnstone Fund for New Music** accepts proposals on a rolling basis throughout the year through The Columbus Foundation. The proposal titled "Premiere of POLAR BEAR at Otterbein University" seeks funding of \$2,208 to support the commission Polar Bear, a ten-minute collaborative chamber work for baritone voice and trombone. The work explores the nexus of music and activism, depicting a polar bear searching the Arctic for food as the ice slowly melts away.

**Melissa Gilbert**, Associate Dean, Center for Community Engagement

Administered by The Columbus Foundation, **The Urban Garden Grant** program accepts proposals yearly. \$3,000 is requested to support the Otterbein Community Gardens to: 1) increase access to local and nutritious produce for Westerville and Otterbein community members; 2) provide youth programming to raise awareness; and 3) create a new social enterprise to provide a sustainable framework for the garden to extend the growing season.

**Melissa Gilbert**, Associate Dean, Center for Community Engagement

**The Women's Fund of Central Ohio** accepts grant proposals yearly. \$20,000 is requested to support the Otterbein Women's Leadership Network ("The Net"). The Net provides a stream of education, networking, and transformational leadership opportunities for girls, university students, and community leaders.