

2009-2010 STAR Speakers

Architecture/Construction

Career examples: Architectural Cad Technician, Materials Testing, Appraiser, Construction Estimator, Building Code Inspector, Civil Engineer Technician

Craig Priskorn, an instructor in the Architecture/Construction program at HFCC, has a bachelor of science degree in architecture and the professional bachelor of architecture from Lawrence Technical University.

Mr. Priskorn is a licensed architect in the state of Michigan, with 10 years of professional experience at Rogvoy Associates before he began teaching. Mr. Priskorn still works in the field along with his teaching duties. He has been an instructor at HFCC for 26 years.

Chad Richert is a licensed architect and full-time instructor at HFCC. Richert received his bachelor's in environmental design from the University of Colorado, and completed his masters with distinction at the University of Michigan. Prior to joining HFCC's architecture/ construction he practiced architecture with T.M.P. Associates in Bloomfield Hills. His primary focus was the design of sports and recreation facilities.

Biology/Biotechnology

Career examples: Genetic Counseling, Marine Biology, Natural Resources and Conservation, Forensic Biology, Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Jolie Stepaniak is a biology instructor at HFCC. She earned a bachelor's degree in microbiology from Michigan State University, a master's of public health degree in hospital and molecular epidemiology from the University of Michigan, and a doctorate in immunology and microbiology from Wayne State University. Dr. Stepaniak teaches a number of biology courses at HFCC, including *Microbiology for the Allied Health Sciences* and *Cells and Molecular Biology*. She is involved in the development and implementation of a biotechnology program at HFCC.

Business

Career example: Manager, Accountant, Customer Service Specialist, Entrepreneur, Economist

Corinne Asher is the lead faculty for the management programs at HFCC. Corinne started her career as an auditor with Coopers and Lybrand and has experience with many businesses and industries. She also has spent part of her career as an internal auditor with the Handleman Company and has managed a computer end-user support department for Manufacturers Hanover Mortgage Co. where she was an assistant vice president. In addition to being a certified public accountant, Asher has a bachelor's in accounting from Michigan State University, and a master's in business administration from the University of Michigan.

Roy Field has over 20 years of adjunct teaching experience and has been with HFCC since 2002. He received his bachelor of arts in mathematics and computer science and his master's in business administration with concentrations in both marketing and finance from Wayne State University. He also completed the Michigan certified public accounting exam and completed all of the doctorate requirements except his dissertation in psychology, cognitive processes.

Field has worked in advertising for over 25 years. He served over 20 years as the chief financial officer at J. Walter Thompson, a global ad agency. He also was the youngest Financial Vice President of the Detroit office and their first Senior Vice President.

Field worked for eight years in the medical field at Henry Ford Hospital, Providence Hospital and Midwest Health in medical billing, accounting and customer service. He installed Providence's first automated outpatient billing system. Besides teaching at HFCC he is the CFO for Traxx, Inc., a start-up medical

manufacturer of lifts for paralyzed patients and an independent contractor who assists entrepreneurs in preparing business and marketing plans.

Douglas Langs is a business and economics instructor at HFCC. Mr. Langs worked for the General Motors Corp. for 22 years, all in financial areas including international trade and finance, treasury administration, budgeting, risk management, economic forecasting and benefit analysis. In 1996 Langs began working in the educational field while still working full time at GM. He began with volunteer work through Junior Achievement and started teaching economics at the college level in 2003.

He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Albion College, a master's in management supervision from Central Michigan University, a master's in economics from the University of Detroit and a master's in economics (completed all courses as a Ph.D. candidate) from Wayne State University.

George W. Strugs, Jr., Esq. is a practicing attorney in the State of MI.; and, has taught Accounting and Business at HFCC since the Fall of 2007. Mr. Strugs received his BBA degree in Accounting from U of D, a JD (Labor Relations and Business) from the U of D School of Law and an MBA in Accounting from the University of Atlanta, Barrington.

Previous to joining the HFCC faculty Mr. Strugs taught various Accounting and Business courses at Edison College, Naples, FL; Davenport University, Dearborn; Lane College, Jackson, TN; Wayne State U.; Baker College, Auburn Hills; and Highland Park Community College.

Computer Information Systems

Career example: Network Administration, Programming, Web Developer, Computer Support, Software Installation and Repair

Brian Stewart holds a master's in information security from Walsh College. A graduate of HFCC and Davenport University, Stewart is an instructor in the CIS department. Stewart started his career working as a network administrator for a mid-size company in Michigan. He has worked in several areas of computing and has been a guest speaker at many conferences. Stewart has worked with several local organizations to secure co-op opportunities for HFCC students and graduates of the CIS program. Recently he has worked with the HFCC assisted learning services office to develop viable solutions for students with disabilities who need to use computers in everyday life.

Cisco-Computer Networking Academy

Career Examples: LAN/WAN Technician, Cabling Installation Technician, Computer Network Support Specialist, Network Administrator, Network Engineer

Todd Browning has a bachelor's degree in business education from Eastern Michigan University and a master's degree in education from Wayne State University. He has been a computer (Cisco) networking academy instructor at HFCC for eight years and holds a Cisco certified networking associate certification along with a Cisco certified academy instructor certification. Before coming to HFCC, he taught business and computer applications and started the Cisco networking academy program in the Wyandotte Public Schools. He is also a Wyandotte city councilman elected to office in 2000.

Criminal Justice

Career Examples: Prison Corrections Officer, Probation/Parole Officer, Social Work, Federal Law Enforcement, Police Officer, Law School, Border Patrol

Greg Osowski is the director of HFCC's Criminal Justice program. He earned bachelor's degrees at Wayne State University in criminology and psychology and a master of science degree in law enforcement from

the University of Detroit. He has 27 years of experience with the Detroit Police Department and was an instructor at the Detroit Police Academy.

Daniel Lemisch, Esq. has an undergraduate degree from Temple University and a law degree from the U of D School of Law. He has been a civil attorney, a state prosecutor in Oakland County, MI and is currently a federal prosecutor at the US Attorneys Office in Detroit, MI. Mr. Lemisch has lectured on various criminal law issues to judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys and legislators in Indonesia, Russia, Nigeria and Serbia.

Culinary Arts

Career Examples: Chef, Restaurant Owner, Management, Resort and Tourist Operations, Recreational Centers, Catering Business

Chef Eric Gackebach provides leadership and direction to the Hospitality Studies and Culinary Arts department at HFCC. He values formal education and industry experience and brings both to his role at the college. Chef Gackebach received an associate in applied science degree in culinary arts from Schoolcraft College, a bachelor of science in Hospitality Services Administration from Central Michigan University and a Masters in business administration from Wayne State University. After traveling for ten years as a Regional Manager for a global food service company, Chef Gackebach chose to balance corporate training, business development and financial planning & accounting with his love for professional cooking and outstanding service. He learned about wine and food from a number of local chefs and restaurants as well as through his experience with Hyatt Hotels as a Chef de Cuisine of Palladio, a white tablecloth Northern Italian restaurant in Rochester, NY. Currently Chef Gackebach teaches the advanced cooking class that serves diners every Wednesday evening at the 5101, the student run restaurant at HFCC.

Chef Richard Teeple is a full time chef instructor at HFCC. He also holds certification as an executive chef and culinary educator from the American Culinary Federation. He earned his associate's in culinary arts from Schoolcraft Community College, his bachelor of science in vocational teaching from Madonna University and his master's in education and leadership from Eastern Michigan University. He has taught culinary arts in the Livonia Public Schools and also owned a family-operated restaurant in Canada for 11 years. Chef Teeple is also the instructor/advisor for the ice carving club at HFCC. He has owned and operated his own ice carving business for the past 30 years. He is a world class ice carver, has been lead judge for the National Ice Carving Association and has participated in many ice carving festivals.

Dance

Career Examples: Performers, Teachers

Diane Mancinelli directs the Henry Ford Community College dance program and Full Circle Dance Company. She holds a bachelor of science and master of education degrees both are from Wayne State University in Detroit. Mancinelli has created and produced three dance concerts for children; *d is for DANCE*, *Food for Thought*, and *T'was the Night Before Christmas*, for which she has received the Distinguished Service to the Arts award from the State of Michigan and the City of Farmington Hills. She has produced and directed 18 annual spring dance concerts at HFCC. She has also received the Dearborn Mayor's Arts Educator Award in 2000.

Mancinelli directs programs off campus in schools and other venues and brought the college dance company to Italy to perform for the country's biggest summer festival in 2001. Aside from a particular interest in children's dance, theatre, and full time college class teaching, she has choreographed numerous musicals at HFCC including; *The Wiz*, *Music Man*, *Pippin*, *Cabaret*, *Oklahoma!*, *Damn Yankees*, *South Pacific*, *Finian's Rainbow*, and *Little Mary Sunshine*.

English

Careers Include: Teacher/College Professor, Writer, Law School, Manager, Editor

Jennifer L. Roderique has been employed as a full-time English faculty member since January of 2006. She teaches the full range of composition courses, from developmental through advanced, and literature as well. She is also a lead instructor for the Honors Program, currently teaching the Great Works course and serving as a directed study advisor. Roderique is a Ph.D. candidate, completing her dissertation at Wayne State University on 1880s American labor novels and the teaching economic theory to the general public. She also serves as an advance placement grader for the English language exam and has served as a certified advanced placement course auditor for the College Board.

English Language Institute (ELI)

This office provides services to help expedite the learning and language development of foreign students by offering them sessions of intensive language study. The program helps students who speak English as a second language to achieve their goals as well as efficiently increase their English Language Proficiency for academic and professional purposes.

Dr. Mary Assel holds a bachelor's in teaching English from the University of the State of New York, a master's in teaching English methods from Wayne State University, and a doctorate from Wayne State in curriculum design. She is co-director of the English Language Institute at HFCC and was a key-player in establishing the institute in the fall of 2001. Her marketing and public relations efforts have helped to expand the program and attract students from 70 different countries. She also helped revise the English division's ESL classes to reflect the needs of a non-native speaking audience. Dr. Assel is the recipient of the 2007-2008 lectureship award at HFCC. She is an active member in various campus and off-campus committees that embrace all areas in the teaching of English as a second language. She has taught English as a Second language in Africa, the Middle East, and the US for over 30 years. She is Vice-Chairman of the Muslim American Youth Academy Board of Trustees in Dearborn, Michigan and was one of the co-organizers in the construction of the Academy's middle school.

Henry Ford II Honors Program

Program graduates have earned admission and full scholarships to many top universities across the country including UM-AA, MSU, WSU, UNY and NYU. Qualified students will take courses in English composition, science and the humanities and develop advanced skills in independent research and critical thinking.

Dr. Nabeel Abraham is the Director of the Henry Ford II Honors Program at HFCC and also an anthropology instructor. Dr. Abraham received his bachelor degrees in sociology and anthropology at Wayne State University. He completed his graduate studies and received his Ph.D. in anthropology at the University of Michigan. Dr. Abraham writes and lectures about U.S.-Arab relations and has published several books. He has been an instructor at HFCC since 1985.

Industrial Distribution

Career examples: Business Managers, Buyers, Customer Service Representatives, Inventory/Warehouse Managers, Technical Product Line Specialist

John Masek is Vice President of Bearing Service, Inc., an independent distributor of bearings and power transmission products servicing industrial, automotive and manufacturing industries throughout Michigan. With 26 years experience in the industry, Masek's current responsibilities include human resources, marketing and strategic planning. He formerly served in various sales management capacities with Bearing Service. Mr. Masek graduated from the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of science in human resource management. He has been active in several industry associations, currently serving on the board of

directors of the Great Lakes chapter of the Electrical Apparatus Service Association, and is President of the Power Transmission Distributors Association. Mr. Masek was one of the original members of the industrial distribution advisory committee at HFCC.

Industrial Technology

Roger Weekes has a Bachelor's of Science degree in Industrial Technology with concentration in Design and Drafting from Jackson State University and a Master's degree in Industrial Technology with concentration in CAD/CAM from Eastern Michigan University.

Weekes has been instructing in the Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Division since 1994 and has recently added instructing duties in the Industrial Technology Div. in the subjects of CAD, Design and Drafting.

Prior to teaching at HFCC, Weekes taught at Eastern Michigan Univ. and Kent State Univ. He was also employed at Haden Inc., as a CAD designer.

Mathematics

Career Examples: Teachers, Actuarial Science, Operations Research, Finance, Engineering

Dr. Rama Chidambaram has a Doctorate in Mathematics from Arizona State University while her Undergraduate and Master's work was completed in India. Dr. Chidambaram has been a mathematics instructor at HFCC since Fall, 2008 and greatly enjoys teaching mathematics. She became a teacher to help students overcome the fear of mathematics and to help them succeed in the subject. As a teacher she strives for her students to develop a life long passion for learning and knowledge. She believes that given time and encouragement, any student who is willing to learn can understand mathematics. Previous to joining the HFCC faculty, Dr. Chidambaram taught for five years at UM Dearborn.

Music

Career Examples: Performers, Teachers, Producers, Composers, Music Therapy

Richard L. Goward has been teaching since 1975. He received his Bachelor's degree in music from Central Michigan University and a Master's in music from U of M with additional course work at MSU. His memorable professional performances include appearances with Aretha Franklin, the Rich Little Show and Marie Osmond along with the Plural Circle Big Band, Vanguard Brass and many area orchestras.

Goward has been director of bands at HFCC for 26 years. HFCC band members have had the opportunity to perform at music festivals throughout the USA and Europe. Prestigious performances include Carnegie Hall, the Edinburgh Jazz Festival, North Seas Festival, Montroux, Switzerland Jazz Festival, Euro Disney, New Orleans Mardi Gras and the Presidential Inaugural Balls in Washington D.C. in 2001, '06 & '09. He and the HFCC Big Band recently received the Wayne County Executive's Award for outstanding cultural contributions in SE MI.

Nursing

Career Examples: Licensed RN's can work in hospitals, clinics, home care environments, factories, military, schools, public health, etc.

Sophia Beydoun graduated with Associate degrees in art and science with a concentration in nursing from HFCC. Beydoun also has a Bachelor's and Master's degree in nursing from Madonna University. Prior to becoming a full-time faculty member at HFCC, Beydoun worked as a staff nurse at Henry Ford Hospital. She also reads new materials for text companies to ensure they are accurate and up to date for clinical practice. Her interest is in adult medical- surgical nursing, concentrating in all areas.

Kim Lindquist holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from EMU and a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Toledo. She is in her third year of teaching in the Nursing Program at HFCC and specializes in medical/surgical nursing and nursing leadership and management. Before coming to HFCC,

Ms. Lindquist spent most of her nursing career working in the emergency room. She also has experience in administrative nursing and staff development.

Pre -Education (Pre-Elementary, Pre-Secondary, and Pre-Special Education)

Career Example: Teacher Elementary, Secondary, Special Education (Upon Completion of Bachelor's Degree, Child Development Centers)

Deborah Zopf completed her bachelor's degree in mathematic education from Purdue University in 1974. She has taught for one year at Divine Child High School in Dearborn, Michigan. For 13 years she was a full-time mother and homemaker. She earned a master's degree in mathematics at Eastern Michigan University in 1988 and re-entered teaching that year as an adjunct instructor at HFCC and the University of Detroit Mercy. In 1991 Zopf accepted a full-time position as a mathematics instructor at HFCC, teaching mathematics at all levels.

Ms. Zopf's work has included curriculum development for technical and health career professionals, as well as teachers. She chaired the committee that designed the nationally recognized pre-education program and the three credit course in mathematics for elementary teachers. She has received the Michigan Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges' Teaching Excellence award in recognition of her dedication to teaching mathematics and mathematics teacher education. Pursuing her passion for quality mathematics teacher education, Zopf is a doctoral candidate at the University of Michigan in mathematics education.

Psychology

Careers Example: Psychologist, Counselors, Teacher, Research

Patricia Lanzon received a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Eastern Michigan University and a master's in educational foundations and educational psychology from Florida State University. She is currently pursuing her Ph.D. at Wayne State University in educational psychology. Lanzon was a middle school teacher, union representative, middle school assistant principal and middle school principal prior to teaching at HFCC. She teaches introduction to psychology, educational psychology and coordinates a 50-hour pre-student teaching practicum for students majoring in education.

Sam Olive earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Toledo, a master's degree from the University of Detroit and has completed the necessary hours for a specialist's degree. He was a school psychologist for 33 years in the Romulus School District. For 10 years he served as regional director for the Michigan Association of School Psychologists and has served on many county and state committees. He served on the committee to develop the guidelines for learning disabled and emotionally impaired students in Wayne County and the MI-ACCESS committee for developing tests for special education students in Michigan. He presents annually to parent groups on discipline and motivation. He has taught at HFCC for 34 years.

Religious Studies

William Secrest is the lead instructor in religious studies at HFCC. He received his bachelor's degree in multi-disciplinary social sciences at Michigan State University and master's degree at the University of Detroit. He is active in environmental causes and is the faculty advisor for the HFCC student environmental association. Secrest is also involved in local interfaith organizations and activities. He has been a faculty member at HFCC since 1980.

Security

Career Example: Security, Administration, Investigator

Johnny May is the author of “Johnny May's guide to Preventing Identity Theft.” He is a campus safety specialist at HFCC. Mr. May is a graduate of the University of Detroit-Mercy where he earned his bachelor of science in criminal justice and his master of science in security administration. He is an adjunct professor at HFCC and Madonna University.

Theater

Career Example: Actor/Actress, Stage Production, Stage Design

Alexander L. Carr has a B.A. in English from the University of Michigan, graduating with honors. As part of his major he studied the Arthurian Legends at St. Peter's College at the University of Oxford, Oxford, UK. Mr. Carr is an HFCC Alumnus with two Associate's Degrees, one in Pre-Secondary Education, the other in Theatre/Drama, graduating Summa Cum Laude with honors for both degrees.

In addition, Mr. Carr is a carpenter and certified draftsman with over 15 years of experience in building and design. He has been affiliated with the HFCC theater department for more than 7 years and is currently an Adjunct Faculty member in the HFCC theater department and teaches first year theater courses, as well as coordinating the Technical Theater Lab for theater production. He is one of the department's resident Technical Theater Artists, building, designing, and painting several of the department's scenic and properties units. Mr. Carr is also an aspiring Model & Actor and has several amateur and professional credits in this arena.

E. Alan Contino completed his first animated short film when he was 12 years old. At that time, he had already begun studying electrical engineering, specializing in digital audio technology. By the age of 15 he was a featured cable television producer and director for local origination programming on several different systems around the metro Detroit area. Contino began regularly producing and directing live broadcasts when he was 19 years old, making him the youngest broadcast engineer and director in America.

He has more than 55 screen credits in motion picture and television productions, including the 11 time Emmy nominated film "Stranded at the Corner" and the new feature film drama "You Are Here." With more than 20 years of professional experience, he has become the chief executive officer/producer and senior partner of Delirium Films. He is contracted part-time as chief research engineer for the Virtual Theatricality Laboratory of the HFCC Theater.

Gerry Dzublinski, a Detroit native, studied engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology before transferring to Antioch College to obtain his bachelor of arts in communications and growth environments. He received his master of arts in directing from Antioch University in 1992, where he studied with Marcel Marceau. Returning to Detroit, he has taught theatre and mathematics at an alternative high school for two years before forming his own non-profit production company, the Experimental Performing Arts Association, of which he is still the Artistic Director. He began teaching at HFCC in 1989.

World Languages

Career Examples: Linguist, Translator, Teacher

Robert Cascardo teaches Italian at HFCC. He studied in Florence and Rome, has worked in Turin and traveled extensively throughout Italy. Cascardo says that, “many people rate Italian as the most beautiful language spoken in the world.” He enjoys teaching the Italian culture as much as the Italian language. As part of the culture, students usually partake in an authentic Italian meal and use the internet to listen to contemporary Italian music and watch video and films.