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## High Emerson Visibility at the New England Theatre Conference

At the 2012 New England Theatre Conference (NETC) held in Natick this October, Emersonians were everywhere.

Hank Zappala (Professional Studies and Special Programs) served as 2012 NETC Convention Chair and provided vision and leadership to the Emerson contingent of alumni, faculty, and students, including Trent Bagley, Jim Ferguson, Leo Nickole, Scott Gagnon, Bethany Nelson, and Christina Marín.

During the conference, Marín directed stage readings of *Don and Wally* and *The Truth Quotient* with student actors Danny Hoffman, Daniel Mahler, Sharon Hart, Sarah Beth Weinberg, Zohar Fuller, Dovshe Spunt, Ricardo Chilaca, Jeremy Austin, and Bonnie Abramsky.

Recent graduate Corrine Esme Glanville directed a stage reading of her play, *What We Lost Along the Way*, featuring the following Emerson students and alumni: Kristen DiMercurio, Zak Stevens, James Kennedy, Matt Tolf, Jeremy Austin, Anna Correa, and Victoria Portsmouth. Workshop presenters included Chelsea Cipolla, Katie McNamara, Brittany Daley, Kelly Prestel, Diana Puccio-Young, and Melissa Berstrom.

Honored guests hailing from Emerson were keynote speaker Russell Granet, executive director of the Lincoln Center Institute, and regional award winners Jared Bowen (Greater Boston) and Theatre



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NETC  
Re-invigorating the Art:  
Adapting Our Theatre for  
a Changing World  
October 25-28, 2012

Dan Butler  
Richard Waterhouse  
Lost Nation Theater  
Jared Bowen

Barrington Stage  
Company  
The Colonial Theatre  
Curtain Call Theatre

Theatre Expresso  
Urban Improv  
Nancy M. Lemoine

Stuart J. Hecht  
New Bedford  
Festival Theatre:  
Hairspray

Espresso (Wendy Lement). I was honored to lead a workshop and moderate an all-convention conversation with actors Dan Butler and Richard Waterhouse.

Congratulations, Emerson colleagues, for making such vital contributions to NETC's 61st annual convention.

*By Linda Sutherland, MA '98,  
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Programs*

## Staff Profile



### Anna Umbreit

Anna Umbreit is a true Emersonian. On and off the job, she is an artistic, well-rounded dynamo. As an assistant director in Career Services, she serves as a role model to the students in Visual and Media Arts and Performing Arts whom she counsels about career-related topics. "I like being able to work with the next generation of artists," she said.

One way Anna does this is by tweeting career articles and advice for creative types (she tweets as @ACreativeLife). She advises undergraduate students on career issues ranging from résumé writing to networking to job searching. Anna helps students figure out who they are, what they want to do with their lives, and how to accomplish those goals. She remarked, "The key aspects of my job are listening closely, asking key questions, and educating students." She loves helping them. "I like demystifying topics that baffle students, like résumé writing and using LinkedIn," she added.

Anna has worked in Career Services for five years. She moved to Boston in 2007 to join Emerson as the assistant director and internship coordinator. She enjoys career counseling and was able to focus on this skill when she switched into the assistant director for the School of the Arts position in 2011. Before coming to Emerson, Anna was an academic and career advisor at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. She attended Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania, where she earned an MS in counseling and a BA in communications and journalism.

Anna's passions include film, fashion and sewing, and creative writing. She is enrolled in Emerson's MFA program in creative writing, and has completed 19 credits of fashion/costume design classes at Emerson and the Massachusetts College of Art and Design. She also runs a sewing blog (Retro by Design). Anna works as a volunteer captain at the Independent Film Festival of Boston and attended the 2012 Sundance Film Festival. She has also read 31 books for the

*Goodreads.com* 2012 Great Reading Challenge and is a member of the Grub Street creative writing group.

No matter how busy she is, she always makes time for her dog, Darcy, named after Mr. Darcy from *Pride and Prejudice*. Darcy helps her maintain balance and a sense of humor.

Anna's extracurricular activities include a wide variety of artistic events on and off campus. On campus, she can often be seen at film screenings and ArtsEmerson performances. She loves the Boston arts scene: theater, museums, music, film, and readings. As she attends and participates in these events, she becomes even more passionate about advising Emerson students to follow their creative dreams.

*By Jill Davidson, Office of Academic Affairs*

# Staff Notes

## Awards and Accomplishments

- MarcyKate Connolly (Office of the Arts) has sold her debut novel, *Monstrous*, to HarperCollins Children's Books in a two-book deal. The projected publication date is summer 2014.
- Michael Duggan (Institutional Research) presented a session titled "What's New in IPEDS" at the annual NEACRAO conference in New Hampshire.
- Kim McLarin (Assistant Professor, WLP) received a gold medal for best novel-in-progress in the William Faulkner–William Wisdom Creative Writing Competition, sponsored by the Pirate's Alley Faulkner Society in New Orleans.
- Lissa Warren (WLP adjunct; vice president and senior director of publicity at Da Capo Press) has sold her memoir, *The Good Luck Cat*, to Lyons Press.

## Share Your Holiday Traditions

What's your favorite way to celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, or New Year's? Send your answers to Katie at [katherine\\_gibson@emerson.edu](mailto:katherine_gibson@emerson.edu), and we'll feature a sampling in the January issue of [people@Emerson](mailto:people@Emerson).

## News

### Mark Your Calendars:

#### Staff Appreciation Event

January 17, 2013 4:00–5:30 pm

Ritz-Carlton Boston Common  
10 Avery Street

#### 2012–13 Staff Forums

March 19, 2013 2:00–4:00 pm

May 2, 2013 2:00–4:00 pm

All forums will be held in the Bill Borden Theater at 216 Tremont Street.

## Births

- Siena Rose Zamon was born September 4, 2012, to Christina Zamon (Library) and her husband Andrew.

## Marriages

- Marissa Capineri (Career Services) married Derrick Shallcross on September 15, 2012.

## New Faces

- Joellyn Craig, Gift and Data Entry Specialist, Advancement
- Dana Hempel, Assistant Director of Web Marketing, Enrollment

## News

### Emerson Action Day Report

On November 12 (Veteran's Day), 55 Emersonians participated in Emerson Action Day, an annual community service event. A group of 48 students, 6 staff members, and 1 faculty member came together to lend a helping hand to people in the city of Boston. They provided a wide range of services, feeding meals to the homeless, organizing items for an after-school program, playing Family Feud with the elderly, and more. The Office of Off-Campus Student Services sponsored Emerson Action Day.

Participating staff members were:

- Claude Bartholomew, Service Learning and Community Action
- Rhea Becker, Communications and Marketing
- Beth MacEachin, Housing and Residence Life
- Steven Martin, Off-Campus Student Services
- Kira Novak, Off-Campus Student Services
- Chris Serwacki, Alumni Relations
- Jan Roberts-Breslin, Visual and Media Arts Department

*By Jill Davidson,  
Office of Academic Affairs*

## Wear It Everywhere

Send us your photos of Emerson gear—T-shirts, caps, water bottles—in an exotic location (read: not Boston!). We'll feature photos in each upcoming issue of the staff newsletter.



# Staff Notes



## Community garden in our Windows



Barbara Rutberg brought in several cuttings of this Angel Wing Begonia to the Development and Alumni Relations office. To date, nine team members have the plants in their office windows and three members have them at home. Come see how their begonias have flourished since the summer (when these photos were taken)!

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### NEASC Self-Study Feedback

Don't forget to take a look at the latest draft of Emerson's Self-Study, produced in preparation for the NEASC reaccreditation visit in April. This snapshot of the College addresses 11 standards developed by NEASC to measure various aspects of campus life. The current document is not final, but contains much of the information that will go into the final version.

To access the Self Study, go to [pages.emerson.edu/NEASC/NEASC-self-study-report-draft-1-12102012.pdf](http://pages.emerson.edu/NEASC/NEASC-self-study-report-draft-1-12102012.pdf) and log in with your Emerson ID. Since it is a large

document, it may take a moment to load. If it does not open correctly, refresh your browser or clear your cache.

To provide feedback, go to [surveymonkey.com/s/8GWTVJ6](http://surveymonkey.com/s/8GWTVJ6). Please provide your feedback by January 15, 2013.

For more information about NEASC, the standards, and other details of the reaccreditation process, visit [press.emerson.edu/neasc/](http://press.emerson.edu/neasc/).



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