

SABBATICAL LEAVE AWARDS
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Professor Della Calcagni

In order to prepare students to make meaningful contributions in an increasingly complex, multi-cultural society, Professor Calcagni will conduct research in the foreign cultures represented at PBCC, network with community organizations to establish student scholarship funding, and infuse a global perspective into the instructional content of SLS 1501 (Strategies for College Success). To accomplish this she will visit and participate in home-stays in Central and South America and the Caribbean Islands, where many of her students are from. She also plans to strengthen the partnership between PBCC and the community by collaborating with local civic and cultural organizations. Additionally, she will enroll in classes to learn conversational Spanish and French.

Professor Stephen Gibson

Professor Gibson plans to engage in Creative Writing for one semester. He expects this to not only assist his work, but that of his creative writing students. His activities will involve 1) completion of two manuscripts, one in poetry and the other in fictions; 2) travel in connection with these activities; 3) researching current publishing markets in both fiction and poetry.

Dr. Roger Ramsammy

Dr. Ramsammy will expand the use of animations to aid his students in understanding the material that he is teaching, which is sometimes very complex for students. His animations break even the most complex information into digestible pieces and allow students to better understand the material and to apply the information to their studies. The use of his animations has significantly improved student performance and retention of information. In addition, he plans to place his animations on a website to be available for use by all instructors and students.

Professor Tom Reid

Professor Reid will use his sabbatical to complete Board examinations for Asthma Education and develop a review course for the Boards in partnership with the American Lung Association. He will complete the registry National Boards in Pulmonary Function. He will attend the Society for Critical Care Medicine's Fundamental Critical Care Support program and develop a multidisciplinary team to offer this program to all Palm Beach County Critical Care Units as well as nationally. He also plans to attend the PBCC Echocardiography program and sit for the National Board in Echocardiography. In addition, he will explore international educational opportunities.

Dr. Alyse Schoenfeldt

Dr. Schoenfeldt plans to work on interrelated activities with regard to the teaching of foreign languages and global education. She plans to keep current in teaching methodology by taking a course to enhance her professional effectiveness as an instructor. She is particularly interested in being able to further her research on PBCC offering programs to both Cuba and Latin America with Argentina and Chile as possibilities. She will also investigate Fullbright opportunities.

Professor Karin St. Pierre

Professor St. Pierre plans to pursue a doctorate degree in Curriculum and Instructional Design at FAU to enhance her teaching skills. This will give her the opportunity to explore the art and science of teaching. Since much of the coursework is web-based, she will also gain valuable experience in distance learning which will assist her in adding computer components to the courses she teaches.

Professor Jeffrey Sundquist

Professor Sundquist plans to participate in workshops in the disciplines of Physics, Earth Science, and Astronomy. He will develop detailed notes with reference links in his online astronomy course in the subjects of 1) recent spacecraft missions to the planets, 2) extrasolar planet discoveries, and 3) near earth passing asteroids.