Dr. Christal Hensley received a Ph.D. in Art History from Florida State University in August 2011. Her concentration area is modern European and American Art History with a minor in Asian Art History. She received the Penelope E. Mason Dissertation Writing Award from the Florida State University Art History Department for her dissertation topic, “The Cult of Personality: Gertrude Stein and the Development of the Object Portrait in American Visual Art.”

Teressa Dobbs received her Ed.S. from East Tennessee State University on December 17, 2011.

In 2011, Fred Lewis received his Ed.S. in Educational Leadership from Liberty University. He also served as an Examiner for the Tennessee Center for Performance Excellence, as the Chairman of the TBR Information Technology Sub-Council, and as a Planning Committee member with Educause for the 2012 Southeast Conference.

Katherine Hall received her recertification from ANCC as a board certified Medical-Surgical Nurse. She also completed a small research study last fall semester as part of her work on her doctoral degree.

In June 2011, Robin L. Byrne gave a workshop at the Southeastern Planetarium Association (SEPA) Conference in Young Harris, GA. The title of the workshop was “Modeling Hubble’s Law with a Ballooniverse.” The attendees worked through an activity using balloons to model the expansion of the universe. By measuring distances between pieces of paper taped to the balloon, they were able to calculate the speed at which they move apart. A graph of speed vs. distance shows that the farther apart objects are, the faster they move away from each other, which is what Hubble's Law states.

Dale P. Ledford presented a paper called “Patterns of Emigration Distance in the Spotted Salamander Ambystoma maculatum, During the Non-breeding Season” at the Tennessee Herpetological Society Meeting on Thursday September 29, 2011 at Cumberland University.

In May 2011, Kathy Coleman presented at NACADA’s Region 3 Conference in Knoxville, TN. The title of the presentation was Striving to Make Academic Advising a Part of Every Employee’s, “Other Duties as Assigned”. The presentation shared information regarding how faculty and staff at Northeast State work together to provide one-on-one advising at new student orientation by cross-training faculty across academic disciplines, administrators, and staff from throughout the campus as new student advisors. Information was also shared regarding the individualized follow-ups, which take place during the first semester utilizing information obtained via the new student intake survey. NACADA is the National Academic Advising Association and Region 3 encompasses TN, NC, SC, WV, and KY.

Gary Gau presented at the 2011 NISOD International Conference in May the following workshop: How to Survive the Adult Learner. In October 2011, He was selected to be a National Evaluator and chaired a site visit to Northern Maine Community College to assess its accreditation reaffirmation from the Accreditation Council of Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). In February 2012, he was selected to be a National Evaluator on a site visit to Manchester Community College for its accreditation reaffirmation from ACBSP.

Dr. Linda Wyatt, Adjunct Faculty, Technical Education Division, Office Administration Technology, had an article, "Nontraditional Student Engagement: Increasing Adult Student Success," published in The Journal of Continuing Higher Education, January-April 2011 edition, Taylor & Francis, publishers. The article focuses on research findings regarding the importance of nontraditional student engagement on college campuses and includes a selection of suggested "best practices" for colleges and institutions, which, if implemented, could lead to increased nontraditional student success and retention.

Dr. Wyatt co-presented a workshop on Surviving the Thesis/Dissertation Process and Getting Published at the Kappa Delta Pi International Education 48th Convocation held in Indiana, Indianapolis in November 2011. Additionally, she won the 2011 Distinguished Officer Award at the conference. She continues to work on her book project about adult learners and how to succeed in college.

Maggie Flint is currently serving as president for the Tennessee Mathematics Association for Two Year Colleges and will be in that office for two years. The national conference for the parent organization will meet in NASHVILLE in 2014.

Florence C. Godat conducted a review of the 7th edition of Integrated Accounting for Windows by Klooster and Allen. She is also serving as the Director of Academic Relations and Student Affairs of the Mountain Empire Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants.

Linda W. Calvert was selected to present at the Tennessee College Access and Success Network Conference held at Vanderbilt University, October 31 –November 1, 2011. The title of her presentation was “Beyond Course Redesign, Transfer Paths, and Common Course Numbering: Promising Strategies and Practices that Promote Community College Student Success.” Driven by the mission to increase the number of Tennesseans completing postsecondary opportunities, the Tennessee College Access and Success Network aims to establish a college-going culture in communities across the state.

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Jamie Cyphers was awarded the Professional Equity Project (PEP) Grant from the Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC) to attend the conference held in Atlanta, GA in April 2011.

Rickey Ray, Professor of Philosophy, served as President of the Tennessee Philosophical Association for the year 2011. The annual meeting for the TPA was held in November at Vanderbilt University. In February 2012, Rickey participated in the annual meeting of the Society for the Philosophy of Religion that was held in Hilton Head, South Carolina.

Florence Godat and adjunct instructor Jim Thornton, were "Official Auditors" for the Miss Mountain Empire Pageant in 2011 in Abingdon, Va.

Michele Glass had her thesis research published in The Journal of the Torrey Botanical Society 138(4), 2011, pp.341-352 titled “Correspondence of morphology, phylogeny and reproductive barriers in Phacelia subgenus cosmanthus (Hydrophyllaceae)”

Math Department faculty members collaborated to create a book for the newly redesigned Learning Support Math courses. The Learning Support Math Student Organizer for use with Developmental Mathematics, Second Edition by Elayn Martin-Gay and published by Pearson Education was written and compiled by Dawn Dabney, Susan Fitzpatrick, Nancy Forrester, David Haga, Cindy McNabb, Kim Nunn, and Malissa Trent. After months of planning, writing, and editing, the team delivered a finished product to Pearson last summer. Northeast State students began using the Student Organizer during the fall semester of 2011 and an updated Second Edition became available for use in January.

Dr. C. Keith Young’s research on Public/Private Partnerships between the private sector and community colleges was referenced in the newsletter under the title “Community College and Business Partnerships Take Root” in the February 2012 Community College Advancement News newsletter. He also presented a roundtable discussion at the 21st annual Chair Academy conference in Atlanta, GA, March 26-29th. My topic is “Now…Build a Great Institution – An Entrepreneurial Approach to Higher Education Leadership.”

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Dr. Sandy Hiortdahl presented a paper entitled "Mickelsson's Ghosts and Gardner's Revenge" at the Twelfth Annual John Gardner Conference in Batavia, New York, in April 2011, where Dr. Hiortdahl also served as Master of Ceremonies. In addition, Sandy had a short story, “Spectrum,” accepted for publication in Catharsis Magazine.

Katherine Hall has submitted an abstract for poster presentation at an upcoming research conference from the results of this study entitled “Exploring Student Comfort on a Dedicated Education Unit”. Further, She is working on drafting a manuscript for submission with her chair and the nursing theorist whose theory she used, Dr. Kathy Kolcaba.

Adjunct Faculty member Dr. Wyatt, just received notification that a co-authored paper has been accepted for publication in Honors in Practice, a publication by the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC), Saint George Island, FL. Levy, F.; Pyles, R.; Szarejko, C., & Wyatt, L. (2012). Developing an Electronic Repository for Undergraduate Theses. Honors in Practice, National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC). St. George Island, Fl. The publication discusses the current state of electronic repositories for undergraduate theses and provides suggestions for implementing an electronic undergraduate thesis system at institutions with Honors programs or colleges using a model development at East Tennessee State University (ETSU).

Dr. Heather Cook, Director of the Northeast State Foundation, was the Recipient of the Kingsport Chamber’s Big Dawg Award during their annual Membership Event. She is also a Board member of the Kingsport Rotary International Club and Chair of the Rotary New Generations Task Force Committee. Dr. Cook received her Certificate in Principles & Techniques of Fundraising at Indiana University’s Fund Raising School. Her first official campaign here at Northeast State was a tremendous success. The Because of You Campaign increased faculty/staff participation by 86% (goal was 20%), raised nearly $54,000 (up from $22,800 in 2010), and added 14 new scholarships in 3 weeks.