



WPSC-FM Wins National Marconi Award for 'Noncommercial Station of the Year'

The University's student-run radio station, WPSC-FM (88.7), won the 2018 Marconi Award for "Noncommercial Station of the Year." The Marconi Awards honor radio stations and on-air personalities for excellence in broadcasting

and the University's WPSC-FM was one of five finalists in the nation and the only station in the Northeast nominated for the award. The station has won a stream of awards, including being named Best Radio Station in the Nation (among institutions

with more than 10,000 students) by the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System (IBS) four times since 2012. The station was previously nominated for the Marconi Award in 2015 and 2017.

SANDRA DEYOUNG NAMED ACTING PROVOST



Sandra DeYoung, who previously served as dean of the College of Science and Health prior to her retirement in 2012, rejoined the University on

July 1 as acting provost and senior vice president for academic affairs. DeYoung returned to the University on an interim basis following the retirement of Warren Sandmann, who served in the position from 2013 to 2018. A nationwide search for a new provost was launched in September.

"Sandy has meant so much to this University through the years and I am grateful that she is back again," says President Richard Helldobler. "I have found her to be a great thinker and an astute historian. She has been very helpful to me as the new president."

DeYoung originally joined William Paterson in 1985 as a nursing professor. She served as chair of the Department of Nursing for 12 years, during which she was instrumental in founding the *Iota Alpha* Chapter of *Sigma Theta Tau*, the International Honor Society of Nursing. She later served as associate dean and dean of the University's College of Science and Health. She also served as chair of the Faculty Senate from 1996 to 1998.

English Professor Awarded Woodrow Wilson Foundation Career Enhancement Fellowship

Marquita Smith, assistant professor of English, has been awarded a Woodrow Wilson Foundation Career Enhancement Fellowship. She is one of 30 junior faculty members across the country selected for the prestigious honor.

The program provides fellows with a six-month or one-year sabbatical stipend of up to \$30,000, as well as a research, travel, or publication stipend, mentoring, and participation in a professional development retreat.

Smith, who joined William Paterson in 2015, is a specialist in African American literature and culture, hip hop studies, gender and sexuality, feminism, and cultural studies. The Woodrow Wilson Fellowship will support the completion of her book, *Through the Glass: Intimacy, Care, and Incarceration in African American Narratives*. Her articles have appeared in the journals *The Black Scholar* and *Popular Music and Society*, and her book chapter, "BEYONCÉ: Hip Hop Feminism and the Embodiment of Black Femininity," is included in *The Routledge Research Companion to Popular Music and Gender*.