



David Dirlam gave two talks at the 2013 [AAHLE](#) (Association for the Assessment of Learning in Higher Education) conference, in Lexington, KY, June 2-5. Their titles were: 'The Intricate Unfolding of Assessment Systems' and 'Developmental Interviews for Rubrics in Design, Text, and STEM fields'.

Vivian Teter completed a Richard S. Reynolds Foundation residency at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts in June. She also gave [a poetry reading at the Maier Museum in Lynchburg](#), on June 4th.



**Terry Lindvall** gave a paper "'Dear 8 Pound, 6 ounce newborn infant': A Century of Exemplary and Revelatory Prayers in Hollywood Films" and ran a workshop "This Course is a Joke: Using Frames of Reference for Teaching Film Comedy" at the International Conference on Humor, July 2-4 at the College of William and Mary.

**Ben Haller** was in Warsaw, Poland at the International Popular Culture Association conference, July 22-26 and gave a paper entitled "Myths of Architecture and the Self: Chris Nolan's *Inception* (2010) and Iphigeneia". He was also made chair of the 'Popular Representations in Popular Culture' section of the annual meeting of Southwest Popular/American Culture Association.

Tanya Arney was recognized as "*Outstanding Rotarian of the Year*" at the annual Cape Henry Installation Banquet. She also became Vice President of the Club.



Sharon Payne has been named to the Hampton Roads Mission Advancement Council for [Virginia Supportive Housing](#) (VSH). VSH's goal is to end homelessness in Hampton Roads.

**Kathy Merlock Jackson, Lisa Lyon Payne and Kathy Shepherd Stolley's article "Celebrity Treatment: The Intersection of Medical Tourism and Star Culture in American Society" was published in *The Journal of American Culture* in June.**

*Sue Erickson* has been appointed Information Officer for the Virginia Independent College and University Library Association ([VICULA](#)). The term runs through Spring 2014. VICULA provides a forum for library directors of the Virginia independent colleges and universities to discuss issues of common concern and pursue projects of mutual benefit, such as resource sharing and cost negotiation.

