Bob Atkins was appointed National Program Director for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s New Jersey Health Initiative ([www.NJHI.org](http://www.NJHI.org)). The focus of this statewide grant-making initiative is to advance the Foundation’s mission to improve the health and healthcare of New Jersey residents. Bob will continue as a faculty member in both Nursing and Childhood Studies at Rutgers–Camden while directing this new initiative.

Dan Cook was Visiting Professor at the Université Paris Nord (Paris 13) in May 2012 where he worked with colleagues on the BIENFAN project—a multidisciplinary study of children’s rooms—and gave a presentation titled, “What is a Child’s Object?” While in France, he also spoke at the Sorbonne University R. Descartes (Paris V) on sacrament and sentiment in children’s commercial life, and at the European Center for Children’s Products at the University of Poitiers in Angoulême on children’s material culture. Dan organized and chaired a conference, “Global Consumption: Politics, Culture, Practice,” at the University of Denver in August 2012. He also participated in an invited panel on “Age as a Moral Project” at the American Sociological Association meeting in Denver, CO, where the interest group, “The Sociology of Consumers and Consumption,” gained official Section status, an effort he spearheaded for several years. In December, He also delivered a keynote talk at the fifth Child and Teen Conference in Milan, Italy, in December 2012, and gave a keynote for the “Children’s Room as Cultural Microcosm” conference in Rouen, France, in April 2013. Dan also published his work on the history and historiography of children as consumers and on Zelizer’s *Pricing the Priceless Child*.

Dan is guest editor of a July 2013 special issue of the *Journal of Consumer Culture* on “Producing Motherhoods In/Through Consumption” and co-editor with J. Michael Ryan of the Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Consumption and Consumer Studies (2014). He has a contract with New York University Press for *The Moral Project of the Child Consumer*, a book seeking to re-imagine the place of children and childhood in the creation of various forms of value (economic, sentimental, culture) in the context of consumer capitalism. Dan also serves as an Editor of the journal *Childhood*.

Dan Hart, Director of the Institute for Effective Education, continues his work on topics related to public schooling. The Institute received funding from the Woodrow Wilson Foundation to start a new Master’s program for math and science teachers, and organized a conference on teacher evaluation for New Jersey public school principals and superintendents. Dan’s articles, chapters, and book reviews on a variety of topics include: “The Social Construction of

**Susan Miller** held a 2012-2013 Regional Faculty Fellowship in the Penn Humanities Forum and presented her work at the Women and Gender Historians of the Midwest conference in Grand Rapids, MI, as well as at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Center for the History of Emotions, in Berlin, Germany.

**Lauren Silver** won a National Science Foundation RU FAIR ADVANCE Travel Award to attend the July 2012 meeting of the South African Sociological Association in Cape Town, South Africa, where she presented a paper, “Possibilities and Pragmatics of Translation Across Urban Youth Sites.” Lauren chaired a panel on “Children as Agents of Change” at the Mid-Atlantic Popular American Culture Association conference in Pittsburgh, PA, in November 2012 and presented her paper, “Moving into Contact: Comparative Ethnography and Digital Youth Spaces of Encounter” at the meeting of the Anthropology of Children and Youth Interest Group in San Diego, CA, in April 2013. She was also the invited 2012 commencement speaker at the MetEast High School graduation in Camden, NJ.

**Robin Stevens**, in conjunction with the Walter Rand Institute, won a multi-million dollar grant from the Pascale Sykes Foundation to evaluate their *Strengthening Families* initiative. She also won a grant from the National Institutes of Health to develop and test a mobile phone-based HIV prevention intervention for young African American MSM in concert with University of Pennsylvania’s School of Medicine. Robin presented her research on news coverage of HIV/AIDS at the International Association Media and Communication Researchers in Durban, South Africa.

**Lynne Vallone**, Professor of Childhood Studies, was a Visiting Professor at the Department of Child Studies at the University of Linköping, Sweden, in September 2012; her co-edited anthology, *The Oxford Handbook of Children’s Literature*, was issued in paperback. Lynne gave papers on the practices of childhood studies, children’s literature, and her on-going research on size and scale in western culture in Qingdao, China; Linköping, Sweden; Austin, TX; and, Boston, MA. She continues to work as an Associate Editor of the *Children’s Literature Association Quarterly* and as series co-editor of the *Classics of Children’s Literature* series (Palgrave).

**John Wall**, Professor and Chair of Philosophy and Religion, and jointly appointed in Childhood Studies, published three articles:
“Childism: The Challenge of Childhood to Ethics and the Humanities,” “All the World’s a Stage: Childhood and the Play of Being,” and “Imagining Childism: How Childhood Should Transform Religious Ethics.” He presented the keynote address, “Play and Being Human,” at the International Conference on Children’s Play (ICCP) at the University of Tallin, Estonia, in June 2012, and gave further talks at Washington University in Saint Louis, Sheffield University, UK, and Texas A&M University. John chaired the Childhood Studies and Religion Group at the American Academy of Religion and joined the editorial board of The Journal of Playwork Practice.

Charles Watters, Chair of the Childhood Studies department and Director of the Center for Global Childhoods, continued to develop international partnerships—inviting Professor Jo Boyden, Director of Young Lives at Oxford University, to present the department’s inaugural Childhood Studies Lecture in September 2012. In October 2012, after meetings with senior colleagues at both the Catholic University of Brazil and the University of Brazil, he won the Rutgers Centers for Global Advancement and International Affairs (GAIA) Grant for Faculty and Graduate Students Interdisciplinary Working Groups in Global and International Research, which will fund network building between the Rutgers GAIA Centers and the Catholic University of Brazil. The department’s partnership with the New School in New York continued to develop and Charles was the guest speaker at a roundtable on “Equity and Action to Enhance Child Well-Being” with colleagues from UNICEF and the New School. He continued his role as international advisor to the Nordic Research Group on Refugee Children and, in November 2012, he and former UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health Paul Hunt lectured at the Swedish Cultural Museum in Gothenburg on the plight of asylum-seeking children in Europe. Charles contributed to the International Handbook of Migration Studies (Routledge), the Handbook of Child Well-Being (Springer), and Mental Health and Human Rights (Oxford). His work appeared in translation in both Norwegian and Portuguese and he served as external reviewer for a range of publications including a forthcoming book from the Young Lives project. Charles has been instrumental in developing the International Journal of Migration, Health and Social Care (Emerald) and he helped to change the focus of the Center for Children and Childhood Studies, giving it an international mission as the new Center for Global Childhoods.