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Abstract
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PUBLICATIONS

Matthew H. Amster, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, published two chapters in edited volumes. The first is entitled "New Sacred Lands: The Making of a Christian Prayer Mountain in Highland Borneo," and it appeared in Sacred Places and "Modern" Landscapes: Sacred Geography and Social-Religious Transformations In South and Southeast Asia, edited by R. Lukens-Bull (Southeast Asian Studies Monograph Series, Arizona State University, 2003). This paper examines a Christian prayer mountain in interior Borneo and contestations of power and issues of 'sacred' space.

Amster's second chapter entitled "Gender Complementarity and Death among the Kelabit," was published in Journeys of the Soul: Anthropological Studies of Death, Burial, and Reburial Practices in Borneo edited by W.D. Wilder (Borneo Research Council Monograph Series, 2003). This chapter offers a detailed ethnohistorical account exploring the intersection of death and gender among the Kelabit, focusing on the problem of 'bad death' and the existence of gendered ritual domains in pre-conversion Kelabit society.


Sally Mayall Brasher, Visiting Assistant Professor of History, published Women of the Humiliati: A Lay Religious Order in Medieval Civic Life (Routledge, 2003). This book is one in a series of studies on medieval history and culture edited by Francis Gentry. It is the culmination of several years of original research in the state archive system of northern Italy into women's participation in the Humiliati, a lay religious order active in the urban economy and urban society in the thirteenth through fifteenth centuries.

David L. Crowner, Professor Emeritus of German, and Gerald Christianson, Professor of Church History at Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary, have authored the book, *The Spirituality of the German Awakening* (Paulist Press, 2003). The book appears in the series *Classics of Western Spirituality*, and the authors provide a historical introduction to the German Awakening followed by key writings by the central figures of the 19th century movement: August Tholuck, Theodor Fliedner, Johann Hinrich Wichern, and Friedrich von Bodelschwingh. Most of these writings appear in English for the first time. Historical note for Gettysburgians: Well-known to the four figures was Samuel Simon Schmucker, founder of Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary and Gettysburg College, who was called "the eloquent advocate" of Awakening in the United States.

Pastor Joseph A. Donnella II, Chaplain, published an article entitled "Reflections on the Renewal of Worship," in *Lutheran Partners Magazine*, May/June 2003. This article focuses on the central symbols of the Word, the Bath and the Meal as anchors for the revitalization of worship in the contemporary church.

Charles F. Emmons, Professor of Sociology, published two chapters entitled "The Spiritualist Movement: Bringing the Dead Back" and "Ghosts: The Dead Among Us" in *Handbook of Death and Dying*, edited by Clifton D. Bryant (Sage Publications, 2003). "The Spiritualist Movement" examines the radical roots and functions of Spiritualism as seen by scientific debunkers, social scientists, parapsychologists, and spiritualists. "Ghosts: The Dead Among Us" frames ghosts in terms of normal science, parapsychology, a comparative cultural perspective, folklore and collective behavior, mass media and popular culture, and as literary device.

Kristen M. Eyssell, Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology, published an article entitled " 'I Couldn't Have Seen it Coming': The Impact of Negative Self-Relevant Outcomes on Retrospections about Foreseeability" in the journal *Memory*, Vol. 11 (2003): 443-454. She and her collaborators from The Pennsylvania State University found that negative, self-relevant outcomes (e.g., a decline in the stock market) were judged as less foreseeable than were positive or non-self-relevant outcomes.

Jennifer L. Hansen, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, published *Continental Feminism Reader* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2003). This is an anthology of recent Continental Feminist work. Hansen and her co-editor Ann Cahill wrote an extensive introduction and summaries of each author's work.
Hansen also published an article entitled "Listening to People or Listening to Prozac? Another Consideration of Causal Classifications" in the journal Philosophy, Psychiatry, & Psychology, Vol. 10 (2003): 57-62. This article is a commentary on Jennifer Radden's piece "Is This Dame Melancholy? Equating Today's Depression and Past Melancholia." In this piece, Hansen argues that we ought to reconsider finding underlying causes to psychiatric disorders (even if those causes are not necessarily biological in nature). Causal classifications allow us to find patterns and similarities cross-culturally, and may lead us to ask important questions about the socio-political context in which we find illnesses such as depression.


Julia A. Hendon, Associate Professor of Anthropology, published a chapter entitled "El papel de los enterramientos en la construcción y negociación de la identidad social en los mayas prehispanícos" in Antropología de la eternidad: la muerte en la cultura maya (Sociedad Española de Estudios Mayas and Centro de Estudios Mayas, Instituto de Investigaciones Filológicas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, 2003). In this chapter, Hendon considers the meaning of Maya burial practices as reflective of decisions and beliefs of the living. In this sense, she reverses the usual archaeological preoccupation with burials as indicators of the status and significance of the person buried, suggesting that the living used burials as a way to create a social landscape informed by knowledge of past and present.

Hendon also published a chapter entitled "Feasting at Home: Community and House Solidarity among the Maya of Southeastern Mesoamerica" in The Archaeology and Politics of Food and Feasting in Early States and Empires edited by Tamara L. Bray (Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publishers, 2003). The chapter discusses the role that important social events revolving around the consumption of food and drink (feasts) played among the Maya elite of Mexico and Central America during the 6th-9th centuries A.D. Drawing on archaeological evidence from Copan, Honduras, Hendon argues that these events were a form of competitive generosity through which social identity and status were negotiated and reaffirmed.

Finally, Hendon edited Mesoamerican Archaeology: Theory and Practice, in collaboration with Rosemary A. Joyce (Blackwell, 2003) in which appears a chapter she wrote entitled "Postclassic and Colonial Period Sources of Maya Society and History." Intended as an alternative to traditional textbooks or readers containing reprinted articles, this work contains specially commissioned essays by leading archaeologists working in Mexico and
Central America. The chapters focus on key time periods, sites, and the issues these times and places require us to confront, placing the reader in the middle of contemporary debates.

**Kurt A. Mills, Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science,** published a chapter entitled “Refugee Return from Zaire to Rwanda: The Role of UNHCR,” in Howard Adelman and Govind C. Rao, eds., *War and Peace in Zaire/Congo: Analyzing and Evaluating Intervention* (Africa World Press/The Red Sea Press, 2003). The chapter looks at the role of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees during the refugee crisis in Eastern Zaire after the Rwandan genocide, and examines how international organizations can play a significant role in complex humanitarian crises in the midst of conflict while also being marginalized and manipulated by a variety of state and non-state actors.


**Janet M. Powers, Associate Professor of Interdisciplinary and Women's Studies and Coordinator of Global Studies,** published “Polyphonic Voices in Nayantara Sahgal’s *Rich Like Us,*” in *South Asia Review,* Vol. 24 (2003): 106-119. Her article applies M. M. Bakhtin's critical theory of dialogic use of language to this highly political novel by a niece of Jawaharlal Nehru.

**Michael L. Ritterson, Associate Professor of German,** published a historical overview and outline of current scholarly activities of “The Lessing Society and Lessing Yearbook” in *The East-Central Intelligencer,* Vol. 17 (2003): 25-27. Named for the Enlightenment thinker, poet, and critic Gotthold Ephraim Lessing, the Society has for three decades been regarded as the “German wing” of the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies.


Deborah A. Sommer, Associate Professor of Religion, wrote over eighty entries for the two-volume *Encyclopedia of Confucianism* edited by Xinzhong Yao (New York: Routledge Curzon, 2003). This is the first encyclopedia of Confucianism published in English. She wrote a significant proportion of the articles on philosophical and religious concepts but also contributed entries on historical figures and texts.

John A. Volkmar, Assistant Professor of Management, published an article entitled "Context and Control in Foreign Subsidiaries: Making a Case for the Host Country National Manager" in *Journal of Leadership & Organizational Studies*, Vol. 10 (2003): 93-105. The paper challenges the conventional wisdom that expatriate managers provide greater control over foreign operations by considering the need to balance control of strategy formulation with control of strategy implementation.

Randall K. Wilson, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies, published an article entitled “Community-Based Management and National Forests in the Western United States: Five Challenges” in the journal *Policy Matters*, Vol. 12 (2003): 216-224. The article reviews the major challenges facing community-based collaborative resource management efforts in the American West, and illustrates how these challenges are exacerbated by the 19th century institutionalization of public lands that continues to frame community-forest relations in the region.

John R. Winkelmann, Professor of Biology, published an article entitled “Home Range and Territoriality in the Least Blossom Bat, *Macroglossus minimus*, in Papua New Guinea” in the *Journal of Mammalogy*, Vol. 84 (2003): 561-570. This article, coauthored with Frank Bonaccuro of the University of Florida, Elizabeth Goedeke, '01 and Laura Ballock, '98, is the third publication resulting from a long-term study that documented foraging behavior and the roles of frugivorous and nectarivorous bats in pollination and seed dispersal in tropical rainforests in New Guinea.

**BOOK REVIEWS**

Jennifer Hansen, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, contributed a lengthy review of Jonathan Michel Metzl's *Prozac on the Couch: Prescribing Gender in the Era of Wonder Drugs*, published online at Metapsychology, Mental Health Net's Bookstore (http://mentalhelp.net/books/books.php?type=de&id=1942).


Michael L. Ritterson, Associate Professor of German, published a review of Karin Kluger's "Der letzte Augenblick der hübischen Idylle": Die Problematisierung der Idylle bei Wilhelm Raabe (Peter Lang, 2001) in *German Studies Review*, Vol. 26 (2003): 643-44. Kluger employs genre and thematic history, stylistic analysis, social and reception history, and reader-response criticism to re-examine novelist Wilhelm Raabe's complex use of the literary idyll, especially in his later works from the period 1870-1902.


**PROFESSIONAL PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Matthew H. Amster, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, presented a paper entitled "The Many Mouths of Community: Ethnic Affiliation and Representation in Borneo," at the annual meeting of the Oral History Association, Bethesda, MD, Oct. 8-12, 2003. This paper explores the issue of gossip, modernity and social change among the Kelabit of Borneo.

Amster also presented a paper entitled "Cross-border Marriages in the Political Economy of the Kelabit Highlands," as part of the panel "Agency and Narrative in the Southeast Asian Borderlands" at the Third International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS3) in Singapore,
August 19-22, 2003. This paper considers local perspectives on the border and included the screening of a short video illustrating issues relating to cross border marriage.

**Martha E. Arterberry, Professor of Psychology and Assistant Provost**, presented a paper entitled "Superordinate, Basic, and Subordinate Categorization in Young Children: Age, Domain, and Attribute" at the meetings of the Cognitive Development Society in Park City, UT on October 25, 2003. This paper, coauthored with Marc H. Bornstein of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, explored categorization abilities in 12-, 18-, 24-, and 30-month-olds and found that categorization emerges for living things (such as animals and fruit) before nonliving things (such as vehicles and furniture) and that the age of onset depends on the level of categorization.


**Jennifer Collins Bloomquist, Visiting Scholar in African American Studies**, presented a paper entitled “Are There Class-Linked Differences in Semantic Acquisition? Evidence from Working- and Middle-Class Children’s Responses on a Picture Labeling Task” at the New Ways of Analyzing Variation conference held at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA on October 9, 2003. Based on her dissertation, this presentation focused on the development of category membership and the linguistic strategies used to identify novel referents by children aged two through six. Although there were no class-linked cognitive disparities to report, the data did reveal significant differences in terms of linguistic sophistication among the children according to socio-economic class.

**William D. Bowman, Associate Professor and Chair of History**, delivered a lecture on "The History of Vienna" at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD, on October 2, 2003. The lecture was the first in a series sponsored by Hopkins on the central role of Vienna in the creation of modernist culture in the period 1860 to 1914.

**Judith Allen Brough, Professor of Education**, presented three sessions at the National Middle School Conference in Atlanta, GA, November 6-8, 2003. The presentations were "Who are the Young Adolescents of Today and What do They Really Need to Learn," which addressed the physical, socio-emotional, moral, and cognitive characteristics of 10- to 15-year-olds and means of effectively meeting their educational needs; "Teach Me, I Dare You," which provided research and theory about teaching defiant and reluctant middle school
students; and "Motivation Theory," as part of round-table discussions around the theme of "How to Begin, Revise, and Continue to Develop an Excellent Middle Grades Program."

**Dan W. Butin, Assistant Professor of Education**, chaired a panel entitled, "Is There a Social Foundations Canon?" at the American Educational Studies Association (AESA) Conference on November 1, 2003, in Mexico City, Mexico. Dan’s presentation and the panel discussion examined both the pragmatic and political implications of definitional boundaries on what constitutes the Social Foundations of Education field.

**Laurel A. Cohen-Pfister, Visiting Assistant Professor of German**, presented a paper entitled “BeFreier und Befreite and Calling the Ghosts: Feminist Perspectives on Mass Rape in Wartime” at the Thirteenth Annual Women’s Studies Conference held October 18, 2003 in New Haven, CT. The paper summarizes the interrelationship between gender and ethnicity in key feminist positions on the cause and function of wartime rape. Using the documentaries Befreier und BeFreite and Calling the Ghosts, which chronicle the rape of German women in 1945 and the rape of Bosnian women in 1992, respectively, the paper explored different methodological approaches to examining mass rape in wartime.

**John A. Commito, Professor of Environmental Studies and Biology**, was co-author on a paper entitled "Analisi della diversità genetica in Gemma gemma (Eulamellibranchia: Veneridae) del Maine e della Virginia (U.S.A.) mediante marcatori ISSR (Inter-Simple Sequence Repeat)" that was presented at the annual national conference of the Società Italiana di Ecologia in Como, Italy, on September 8, 2003. Committo and his co-authors, P. Cossu, M. Casu, T. Lai, F. Maltagliata, and A. Castelli from the University of Pisa and the University of Sassari, demonstrated significant effects of spatial scale on population genetic structure in the common gem clam, with higher levels of genetic diversity within than between study sites in Maine and Virginia.

**Elizabeth M. Duquette, Assistant Professor of English**, presented a paper entitled “Heartfelt Substitution: Responsibility and Citizenship in Dred” at the meetings of the Society for the Study of African American Women Writers, in Fort Worth, TX on September 25, 2003. The paper examines Stowe’s second anti-slavery novel, arguing that in it the author forwards a thorough revision to the moral agenda presented in Uncle Tom’s Cabin.

**Eric S. Egge, Assistant Professor of Mathematics**, delivered a paper entitled “The Generalized Terwilliger Algebra of a Finite Group” in a special session on character theory of finite groups and algebraic combinatorics at the 990th Sectional Meeting of the American Mathematical Society, which took place in Binghamton, New York on October 11-12, 2003.
Kristen M. Eyssell, Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology, presented a paper entitled "Interpersonal Rejection and Its Impact on Affiliation with a Stigmatized Other" coauthored with Brain Connelly, '03 at the annual meeting of the Society for Experimental Social Psychology on October 3, 2003 in Boston, MA. Their study found that individuals who were ostracized in a bogus computer ball-toss simulation were more likely to sit next to a stranger, whose backpack was embellished with gay-friendly paraphernalia, suggesting that the experience of rejection is so toxic that it reduces the typical desire to put distance between the self and a stigmatized stranger.

Diego Fasolini, Lecturer in Italian, presented a paper entitled "The Sin of the Runners in Inferno XV-XVI: Dante's Vision of the Natural Order" at the Italian Graduate Society Conference at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ, on October 18th, 2003. The Sin of the Runners, and especially Brunetto Latini's Sin, is analyzed according to Dante's own "Monarchia." The paper goes beyond the common sense reading and interprets the sin punished in "Inferno" XV-XVI as a sin "contra naturam" in a social and political way, not sexual.

Peter P. Fong, Associate Professor of Biology, presented a seminar entitled "Introduced Species, Zebra Mussels, and Bioterrorism" to the Department of Science at Mount Saint Mary's College, Emmitsburg, MD, on October 20, 2003. The talk focused on recent biological invasions and how intentional introductions as a form of bioterrorism could result in ecological and economic disasters if made to especially sensitive areas.

Christina Ericson Hansen, Lecturer in History, presented a paper entitled "Documenting Women's Experience during the Civil War" at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference panel in Gettysburg, PA, on November 1, 2003. This paper is a continuation of Hansen's work on women's experience during the Civil War, comparing across racial and economic lines.

Jennifer L. Hansen, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, gave an invited presentation entitled "Detours and Delays" at the Teresa Brennan Memorial Symposium on October 3, 2003 at Stony Brook Manhattan, in New York, NY. This presentation celebrated the insights of Teresa Brennan, a continental feminist who mentored Hansen and recently died in a tragic hit and run accident. In this paper, Hansen highlights some of her insights, namely, that the understanding of subjectivity as self-contained thwarts us from appreciating how our identity is pushed and pulled by others, and that affect is shared and not a product of individuals.

Caroline A. Hartzell, Associate Professor of Political Science, presented a paper entitled "Sticking with the Peace: Bargains, Institutions, and the Duration of Civil War Settlements"
at the annual American Political Science Association conference in Philadelphia, PA, August 28-31, 2003. The paper focuses on the role political institutions play in stabilizing the peace following the end of civil wars.

Hartzell also was invited to present a paper at a conference on "Sustaining the Peace: Post Civil War Reconstruction and Democratization" at the University of North Texas, Denton, TX, November 7-8, 2003. The paper, entitled "Structuring a Durable Peace Following Civil War: What Difference Does the Way a War Ends Make?", analyzes the duration of periods of peace following civil wars that end in military victory and those that end via negotiated settlements.

Barbara Schmitter Heisler, Professor of Sociology, presented a paper entitled "German Prisoners of War and the American Experiences: From Captive Soldier to Immigrant" at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology in Boston, MA, July 6-9, 2003. This paper explores the relationships between the experiences of twenty former German prisoners of war in the United States with their decision to immigrate after having returned to Germany. The data are drawn from twenty in-depth interviews collected during Heisler's recent sabbatical.

Sherman S. Hendrix, Professor of Biology, presented a keynote address "Some Aspects of the Biology of the Monogenean, Bothitrema bothi from Gills of the Flounder, Scophthalmus aquosus, from New Jersey, USA" at the Sixth International Symposium on Fish Parasites at the University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa, on September 23, 2003. This paper examines unique features of adult anatomy at the light and electron microscope levels, means of attachment to host gills, eggs, larval stage and microecology of this worm species. This information will aid in better understanding the phylogenetic relationship of this species to other Monogonea.

Kathleen P. Iannello, Associate Professor of Political Science, presented a paper entitled "Women's Caucuses in State Legislatures: The Role of Partisanship and Political Culture in Three States" at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, in Philadelphia, PA, on November 6, 2003. The paper demonstrates a developmental model of women's caucus formation and non-formation in the Maryland, Vermont and Pennsylvania state legislatures.

Yoshimitsu Khan, Assistant Professor of Asian Studies, discussed a paper entitled "The Imperial Rescript on Education as a Source of Cultural Authority in Meiji Japan" in an online conference "Cultures of Authority in Asian Practice" sponsored by the East-West Center and the University of Hawaii on September 2-6, 2003. In this paper, Khan addresses the legitimacy of cultural authority in Japan by tracing conceptual evolution in the discursive dialogues of "ultimate cultural authority."
Elizabeth R. Lambert, Professor of English, presented a paper entitled "Edmund Burke’s Outlaw Relative" at the meetings of the East-Central American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies in Greensburg, PA, October 2-5, 2003. Edmund Burke's outlaw cousin was a nun by the name of Nano Nagle. What made her an outlaw were several aspects of the Penal Code making it illegal for a Catholic to teach and subject to exile and/or imprisonment for being a member of a religious order. At the same time Nano Nagle was involved in clandestine activities, her cousin Edmund Burke was becoming a figure in the House of Commons, and enemies were digging into his background to find ways to discredit him. The paper gave a brief review of Penal Laws relating to the case, detailed Nano Nagle's activities, and discussed the ways Burke was affected by his outlaw cousin's situation.

Kenneth H. Lokensgard, Assistant Professor of Religion, presented a paper entitled "Bringing Home the Importance of Repatriation: The Repatriation Movement and Cultural Revitalization" at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, on October 7, 2003 in Riverside, CA. This paper reveals ongoing Native American efforts to repatriate ceremonial materials as a movement of cultural revitalization. A case study of such revitalization is offered by focusing upon the repatriation efforts of the Blackfoot peoples.

Kurt A. Mills, Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, presented a paper entitled "Humanitarianism and Contemporary Conflict," to the panel Nation-Building Lessons at a joint conference sponsored by the International Security Studies Section of the International Studies Association and the International Security and Arms Control of the American Political Science Association held at the US Army War College, Carlisle, PA on November 1, 2003.


Todd W. Neller, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, presented a paper entitled "Java Resources for Teaching Reinforcement Learning" at the International Conference on Parallel and Distributed Processing Techniques and Applications (PDPTA '03) in Las Vegas, NV, June 23-26, 2003. Neller and his coauthors, Amy J. Kerr ’03, Christopher J. La Pilla ‘04, and Michael D. Schompert ’03, presented an open-source software library used at Gettysburg College for teaching artificial intelligence machine learning techniques at the undergraduate level.
Neller also presented a paper entitled "Learning Annealing Schedules for Channel Routing" at the International Conference on VLSI (VLSI '03), Las Vegas, NV, June 23-26, 2003, with coauthor David C. Hettlinger '04. The paper discusses the challenges of tuning an optimization process for VLSI circuit design, and demonstrates that a reinforcement learning algorithm is capable of learning to exceed human tuning expertise through experience.

Finally, Neller presented a paper entitled "Implementing the Intelligent Systems Knowledge Units of Computing Curricula 2001" at the Frontiers in Education Conference (FIE '03) in Boulder, CO, November 5-8, 2003. Along with coauthor Ingrid Russell of the University of Hartford, Neller suggested ways to incorporate core topics of AI into other standard courses of model curricula. Additionally, example course modules published at http://cs.gettysburg.edu/~tneller/resources/ai-search/ were presented.

Jonelle E. Pool, Associate Professor and Chair of Education and Jennifer Wessner, '04 delivered a paper entitled “The Transition from Student to Teacher: Developing a Self-Assessment Culture for Professionalism in Teacher Preparation Programs” at the 32nd annual Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators, Grantville, PA, on October 30, 2003. In this session they described the use of some original assessment tools developed by the Education Department. Wessner, who served as a Student Associate, shared personal reflections on her experiences in the Education program that contributed to her professional development.

Janet M. Powers, Associate Professor of Interdisciplinary and Women's Studies and Coordinator of Global Studies, presented a paper entitled “Non-Violence: The Promise and the Reality” at the Middle Atlantic Region/Association for Asian Studies 32nd annual conference at Georgetown University on October 24, 2003. In this presentation, which was part of a panel on "Violence and Non-Violence in South Asia: Another Look," she re-examined Gandhi's convertible means and ends in light of the Khalifat Movement, fictional treatment of Congress reconstruction work, and psychological studies of communal violence.

Sarah M. Principato, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies, presented a paper entitled “The Deglacial History of Eastern Vestfirdir, NW Iceland” at the national Geological Society of America conference in Seattle, WA, November 1 -5, 2003. She and her coauthors, Aslaug Geirsdottir and Gudrun Johannsdottir of the University of Iceland and John T. Andrews of the University of Colorado, argue that eastern Vestfirdir was covered by an independent ice sheet, separate from the mainland ice sheet.

Timothy J. Shannon, Associate Professor of History, presented a paper entitled "Reconsidering the Colonial Indian Treaty as a Literary Genre" at the annual Iroquois
Research Conference in Rensselaerville, NY, October 3-5, 2003. The paper examines the place that the fifty Indian treaties published between 1677 and 1777 should have in the early American literary canon.

Sabine Siekmann, Director of the Language Resource Center and Lecturer in Languages, presented a paper entitled “Mediational Tool Use in Collaborative Online Reading” at the 10th Annual Sociocultural Theory and Second Language Learning Working Group in Tampa, FL, October 31 - November 2, 2003. In this work, she illustrates how novice language learners can work collaboratively with text that is beyond their level of language skill and make sense of it.

Siekmann also presented two papers at the 8th E-Learn Conference of the Association for the Advancement of Technology in Education in Phoenix, AZ, held November 7 - 11, 2003. The first paper entitled "Improvements in Blackboard 6 Win Over WebCT Users – Or Do They" describes differences between the two major courseware management systems from a pedagogical perspective. The second paper entitled "Synchronous Learning Tools - Choosing the Right Solution" outlines sound evaluation criteria for synchronous distance learning products.


Donald G. Tannenbaum, Associate Professor of Political Science, presented a paper entitled “Machiavelli’s Menagerie: Comparing Lions and Foxes, Ideology and Myth,” with co-author Steven A. Peterson of the Pennsylvania State University – Harrisburg, at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences, in Philadelphia, PA on August 28, 2003. The paper takes what scholars have identified as the "most famous passage in that most famous chapter" of perhaps the best known work on politics in the west, The Prince. It seeks to deepen our understanding of Machiavelli’s comments about lions and foxes in that passage by applying insights based on biobehavioral perspectives.

Currie K. Thompson, Professor of Spanish, presented a paper entitled "The Actress Who Slapped Evita: Women in Film Under Perón" at the annual meeting of the South Central Modern Languages Association in Hot Springs, AK, October 30-November 1, 2003. The
paper deals with the blacklisting of female performers and the shifting image of women in film during Perón's government.

Rodney S. Tosten, Associate Professor and Chair of Computer Science, presented two papers and served as a session chair at the International Conference on Parallel and Distributed Processing: Theory and Applications, held in Las Vegas, NV, June 23-27, 2003. The first paper entitled “Caching Techniques for Dynamic Personalized Content in an Enterprise Knowledge Portal” was co-authored with David E. Athey, '96 and Jeannie R. Albrecht, '01. The second paper entitled “Using Java 3D™ Graphics as an Element of a Computer Graphics Course” was co-authored with L. Carl Leinbach, Professor of Computer Science.

McGee W. Young, Visiting Instructor of Political Science, presented a paper entitled “Advocacy Innovation and Political Opportunity: Assessing the Rise of the NFIB” at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, on August 30, 2003, in Philadelphia, PA. This paper examines the political development of the National Federation of Independent Business, which is considered the most powerful business lobby in Washington, D.C. It documents how the organization took advantage of certain political opportunities in the 1970s to develop an effective lobbying operation.

Young also organized a conference on campaign finance reform at the Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, on September 30, 2003. The conference brought together academics and professionals in a setting that fostered dialogue and circumspection regarding recent changes in the law governing campaign activities. At the conference Young presented a paper entitled "Parties, Constitutionalism and Reform: The Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act in Historical Perspective" co-authored with Sidney Milkis of the University of Virginia.

Mark A. Weitz, Visiting Assistant Professor of History and Director of Civil War Era Studies, presented a paper entitled “The Road to Gettysburg” at the United States Office of Personnel Management three-day leadership retreat at Gettysburg on October 7, 2003. The paper detailed the political and military events and leadership decisions that led the two great armies to Gettysburg in July 1863.

Weitz also presented a paper entitled “If Properly Led: When Command Loses Control,” at the 6th Annual Civil War Command Conference held at Middleburg, Virginia. Sponsored by the Mosby Heritage Association, the Conference focused on issues of command and control at Gettysburg, and Weitz’s paper emphasized the degree to which the outcome of the battle centered on the performance of lower level command and leadership as opposed to the traditional notion that the actions of Generals Lee, Longstreet, Meade and Hancock dictated the outcome.
Randall K. Wilson, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies, presented a research paper entitled, "Communities, Forests, and Community-Based Forestry in the Four Corners," at the 99th Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers held March 4-8, 2003 in New Orleans. During the conference, Wilson served as co-organizer and chair of a three-session panel with Susanne Seymour of the University of Nottingham, United Kingdom entitled, "Community, Collaboration and the Environment: Assessing the New Spaces and Scales of Environmental Decision-Making." The session was co-sponsored by the Rural Geography Research Group of the Royal Geographic Society and Institute of British Geographers.

Wilson also presented a paper entitled, "Rural/Urban Transformation, Public Lands, and the Promise of Collaborative Conservation: A Contextual Assessment," at the 5th British-American-Canadian Conference on Rural Geography held at the University of Exeter and the University of Plymouth, United Kingdom, July 14-19, 2003. Wilson was one of fifteen representatives selected to participate from the United States.

Finally, Wilson presented a paper entitled "A Longitudinal and Spatial Analysis of Community-Based Collaboration on the San Juan National Forest" at a conference sponsored by the Community-Based Collaborative Research Consortium (CBCRC) on "Evaluating Methods and Environmental Outcomes of Community-Based Collaborative Processes" in Salt Lake City, UT, on September 14, 2003.

John R. Winkelmann, Professor of Biology, presented a paper entitled "Home Range and Feeding Behavior of Carollia castanea and C. perspicillata (Phyllostomatidae) in Amazonia Rainforest: Exploitative Competition" at the North American Symposium for Bat Research at the University of Nebraska on October 11, 2003. This presentation resulted from work done with Dr. Frank Bonaccorso of the University of Florida during Dr. Winkelmann's sabbatical research leave in Ecuador in Fall 2002.

Charles J. Zabrowski, Professor and Chair of Classics, was an invited participant in a panel on Teachers of Greek and Latin of Italian-American Descent held at the Fall Meeting of the Classical Association of the Atlantic States, October 10-11, 2003, in Wilmington, DE. Zabrowski made a presentation on his first teacher of Latin, entitled "'Half-Sheet, Lads': The Late Mr. Joseph T. Quintavalle, Latin Master at (and the Italian-American 'Mr. Chips' of) Regis High School in New York, 1936-1975."

Zabrowski also presented a paper entitled "The Text of Aeschylus's 'Persae' in the Codices Vaticanus Barberinianus Graecus 135 (Se), Vaticanus Graecus 1360 (Sg), and Vaticanus Graecus 912 (Sn)" at the Twenty-Ninth Annual Byzantine Studies Conference, held at Bates College, Lewiston, ME, on October 16-19, 2003.
PROFESSIONAL DISTINCTIONS AND AWARDS

Nancy Cushing-Daniels, Associate Professor of Spanish and Chair of Interdisciplinary Studies, was selected as a participant in a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) summer seminar. The seminar entitled “The ‘Libro de buen amor’ in Cultural Context” was held at the University of Virginia and directed by E. Michael Gerli, Commonwealth Professor of Hispanic Studies.

Michael L. Ritterson, Associate Professor of German, spent two weeks in October as one of the “writers-in-house” at the Literarisches Colloquium Berlin, a haven for authors and translators and a focal point of German literary life. His travel to and from Berlin and residence in the LCB were provided with German government funding by the Goethe-Institut of Chicago as second prize in the 2002 Helen and Kurt Wolff Translator’s Prize competition.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Robert F. Bornstein, Professor of Psychology, recently joined the editorial board of Psychological Assessment, the American Psychological Association’s flagship assessment journal.

Dan W. Butin, Assistant Professor of Education, was a member of the American Educational Studies Association’s (AESA) “Critic’s Choice” Book Awards Committee.

David E. Flesner, Associate Professor and Chair of Mathematics, served as the local coordinator for the 7th biennial Careers in Mathematics conference of the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware section of the Mathematical Association of America hosted by the Mathematics Department on October 18, 2003. Students from Gettysburg and many other colleges in the section learned about mathematics career opportunities through a panel discussion and several breakout sessions with representatives from government, industry, finance, consulting, actuarial work, career services, teaching, and graduate schools.

Sharon Davis Gratto, Associate Professor of Music and Music Education Coordinator, is presently serving on the Board of the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association as Chair for Multicultural Concerns. She is also the Repertoire and Standards Chair for Multicultural and Ethnic Concerns on the Pennsylvania and Eastern Division Boards of the American Choral Directors Association. With both organizations Sharon organizes multicultural choral reading sessions and roundtable panels at annual conferences.
Gratto also served as Research Chair for the International NETWORK of Performing and Visual Arts Schools. In this role, she organized and presided over the Research Symposium and Research Awards Luncheon at the group’s annual fall conference in Costa Mesa, CA in October, 2003. The featured speaker, who was from the M.I.N.D. Institute where brain research led to the discovery of the Mozart Effect, introduced the Institute’s current project in which non-verbal computer software and piano keyboard instruction are used to teach math concepts to elementary school children in 35 California schools. At the conference Sharon had an opportunity to visit an urban elementary school where this unique way to teach math is being used successfully.

Michael L. Ritterson, Associate Professor of German, took part in a translation workshop with the German novelist Peter Schneider and his American translator, Philip Boehm, at the Chicago Goethe-Institut on March 20–21, 2003. Schneider’s books (best known is The Wall Jumper) have chronicled life in Berlin over the past thirty years. His most recent work, the story of a Jewish musician who survived the Holocaust underground in Germany, was one of the texts studied and discussed with the author.

Isabel Valiela, Visiting Assistant Professor of Spanish, served as one of the coordinators for the Central Pennsylvania Consortium Conference "The Hispanic Caribbean: Islands in Transition," at Dickinson College, October 15-17, 2003. She was also co-moderator, with Katherine Greenwood, '04, for the panel "Social Transformations in the Hispanic Caribbean."

Randall K. Wilson, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies, was invited to become a member of the Community Management Working Group, which is part of the Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy (CEESP) of the World Conservation Union (IUCN). Headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, Working Group members support collaborative resource management projects around the world by providing technical assistance; developing new methods and tools; facilitating the formulation of legislation, policies and management guidelines; and promoting the inclusion of the principles and practices of collaborative management in the policies, programs and structures of the IUCN and other conservation and development organizations.

The Chemistry Department hosted the 37th Annual Meeting of the Middle Atlantic Association of Liberal Arts Chemistry Teachers (MAALACT) on October 3-4, 2003. A near record 100 faculty members from six states attended. All of the members of the department played a role in organizing workshops and/or participating on panels, and William J. Shoemaker, Chemical Hygiene Officer, offered a session on his activities and responsibilities.
CREATIVE ACTIVITIES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND PERFORMANCES

Matthew H. Amster, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, conducted ethnographic research during July and August in Borneo, with the support of a Faculty Development Grant. This new fieldwork included collecting digital video (with filmmaker Jake Boritt) on the introduction of the Internet in the Kelabit Highlands. While in Borneo, Amster and Boritt were invited to put together a short film about the Internet among the Kelabit, called "eBario," which was screened at the Orang Ulu Cultural Seminar, Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia, Aug. 5, 2003, and presented to the cinematography program at University of Malaysia Sarawak.

Cyndy M. Phillips, Adjunct Instructor of English, exhibited her multi-media artwork inspired from travels in China and Japan at the Gettysburg Campus of Harrisburg Area Community College, October 27-November 15, 2003.

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