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Abstract
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Professor Birkner also co-wrote an opinion-editorial essay, “The United States Senate? Consequences of a 50-50 Division” with the Director of the Millersville University Center for Politics and Public Policy, distributed through the Center’s website (November 2000) http://www.millersv.edu/~politics/senate1.html. In addition, his piece on “It’s Not Just a Popular Vote,” appeared in the “Viewpoints” section of *The Sunday Monitor* (Concord, NH), November 5, 2000.

Most recently, Professor Birkner’s profile of Sherman Adams, a Chief of Staff in President Eisenhower’s administration, was published in *The New Hampshire Century: Concord Monitor Profiles of One Hundred People Who Shaped It*, edited by Felice Belman and Mike Pride (UP of New England: Hanover and London, 2001) 104-11.

Peter P. Fong, Associate Professor of Biology, published “Effects of the Serotonin Receptor Ligand Methiothepin on Reproductive Behavior of Biomphalaria glabrata: Reduction of Egg Laying and Induction of Penile Erection” in Journal of Experimental Zoology 289.3 (2001): 202-07. The research is important because Biomphalaria is a snail host for a lethal human parasite in the tropics. The application of drugs that interfere with snail reproduction could lead to environmentally benign ways of reducing both snail populations and the transmission of the parasite to humans. His coauthor and the first author of the paper is John Muschamp ('01).

Christina Ericson Hansen, Adjunct Instructor, Department of History and Program Assistant, Office of Civil War Era Studies, wrote chapter 4, “‘The World Will Little Note Nor Long Remember’: Gender Analysis of Civilian Responses to the Battle of Gettysburg,” in Making and Remaking Pennsylvania’s Civil War, ed. William Blair and William Pencak (Penn State University Press, 2001), 81-101. This essay is a revised version of her master’s thesis, which was written at the University of Maryland. It is published under her maiden name, Christina Ericson.


Professor Gratto also published, in the same issue, reviews of Antonio de la Campo’s arrangement of the favorite Mexican folk song, Cielito Lindo (83); David Eddleman’s arrangement of the Mexican folk song, La Cucaracha (83); and Bradley Nelson’s Spring Rain, “a whimsical, up-tempo secular piece for children’s choir” (84).


Michael Ritterson, Associate Professor of German’s The Odin Field: A Story, a translation of Das Odfeld by Wilhelm Raabe, was published in January 2001 (Rochester, NY: Camden House), and was received enthusiastically by German literature scholars.

John E. (Jack) Ryan, Assistant Professor of English, wrote a piece, "John Sayles and Me," which appeared in "The Final Exam," the personal essay page of CWRU Magazine 13.2 (2001). The essay details how he came to appreciate Sayles’s writing, films, and politics, and how he turned that passion into a book.

Miguel Viñuela, Associate Professor of Spanish, published an article, La ambigüedad del género en Luna de miel, luna de hiel, y Los Trabajos de Urbano y Simona de Perez de Ayala," in Romance Notes 41.1 (2000): 113-20.

PROFESSIONAL PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Gloria Allaire, read "To Hell and Back Again: A Carolingian Epic Knight in Pluto’s Court" in the session that she organized entitled "Classical Material in the Medieval Epic" at the Annual Meeting of the Medieval Academy of America held in Tempe, Arizona (March 15-17, 2001). This is an extremely selective conference and all sessions are carefully screened before acceptance. At the conclusion of the session, the managing editor of Viator invited Professor Allaire to submit this paper for automatic inclusion in the forthcoming volume.
Roy A. Dawes, Associate Professor of Political Science, delivered a paper, "A Preliminary Examination of State Progress in Environmental Management," at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, Fort Worth, Texas (March 16, 2001).

Charles F. Emmons, Professor of Sociology, attended the Southern Sociological Society Meetings in Atlanta (April 4-7, 2001), where he presented "Gendered Spirituality: Spiritualist Mediums in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries," a paper which analyzes "the extent to which the radical feminist context of Spiritualism actually liberated women mediums from traditional gender restrictions and whether this liberation has increased over time."

James P. Fink, Professor of Computer Science, presented "Differential Equations and Java" at the 2000 International Conference on Parallel and Distributed Processing Techniques and Applications (PDPTA'2000), Las Vegas (June 26-29, 2000). The paper was published in the proceedings of the conference.


Professor Hendon also attended the 66th annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology (April 19-22, 2000). At the meetings she presented a paper co-authored with Rosemary Joyce entitled, "A Flexible Corporation: Classic Period House Societies in Eastern Mesoamerica." She and two co-authors, Holly Bachand and Rosemary Joyce, presented a second paper, "Bodies Moving in Space: Ancient Mesoamerican Human Sculpture and Embodiment." She also served as the discussant for the session, "Reconsidering the Mesoamerican Postclassic."

Catherine V. Howard, Assistant Professor of Sociology, contributed a paper to the panel on "The Future of Indigenous Identity" at the 122nd Annual Meeting of the American Ethnological Society in Tampa, Florida (March 25, 2000). The paper, entitled "Voting Through the Back Door: The Emergence of Indigenous Suffrage in Brazil," traces how "certain unresolved ambiguities in recent federal legislation have allowed indigenous suffrage to emerge" over the past decade.

Reiko Itoh, Assistant Professor of Japanese Studies, and Charles Hannon, Instructional Technologist, presented "Online Assessments: Sharing Resources (and Workload)" at the 2001 conference of the Northeast Regional Computing Program in Worcester, Massachusetts (March 18-20).
Jonelle Pool presented a paper, "Entering the Complex World of Assessment--Preservice teachers' reflections on practice," at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, Dallas, Texas (March 2, 2001). She also organized a collaborative session entitled "University-School Collaboratives: Preparing Teachers for Designing, Interpreting, and Reflecting on Classroom Practice through Action Research" with colleagues Sharon Craig, Oching K'Olewe, Ken Pool, all of Western Maryland College, and Russ Fazio of Montgomery County (Maryland) Schools.

Professor Pool also presented "Using Web-based Technology to Construct Meaning" at the Middle States Council for the Social Studies, Atlantic City, New Jersey, with Charles Dittrich, New Hope Solebury School District ('99) (February 14, 2001).

Jean L. Potuchek, Associate Professor of Sociology, presented a paper entitled "'What's Wrong With You?': Single Women and the Management of Stigma" at the annual meetings of the Eastern Sociological Association, Philadelphia (March 1-4, 2001).

Janet Morgan Riggs, Professor of Psychology, with the assistance of Robert Bornstein, Professor of Psychology, presented "Who's Going to Care for the Children? College Students' Expectations for Future Employment and Family Roles" at the meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Washington, D.C. (April 21, 2001).


Randall K. Wilson, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies, presented a paper entitled "Public Lands, Collaboration, and the Question of Scale: Notes on the Re-spatialization of Resource Management in the United States" at the Association of American Geographers 97th Annual Meeting in New York City (February 27 - March 3, 2001). The paper analyzes the dual epistemological and socio-political implications of shifting public land use decision making to local community-based forums in the western United States.
John R. Winkelmann, Associate Professor of Biology, attended the annual North American Symposium for Bat Research, hosted by the University of Miami in September, 2000. His oral presentation at the Symposium, “Observations of tongue function and feeding behavior of captive Macroglossus minimus and Syconycteris australis (Pteropodidae),” was coauthored by Elizabeth Goedeke (‘01). Professor Winkelmann also chaired a session on Population Biology, and served on the Student Honorarium Committee.

PROFESSIONAL DISTINCTIONS AND AWARDS

John A. Commito, Professor of Environmental Studies and Biology, gave an invited lecture at the Center for the Study of Biological Complexity, University of Pisa, Italy. His topic was “Power Laws and Self-Organized Criticality: A Marine Bivalve Example” (9 March, 2001). He was one of six biologists, chemists, and physicists from Italian universities and government research institutes who spoke on the theme of “complexity in Biological Systems.” The seminar was sponsored by Domus Galilaeana, the museum housing the papers of Galileo, who was a student and faculty member at the University of Pisa.

Professor Commito gave a related seminar on “Complexity and Power Laws in Marine Systems: A Mussel Bed Example from Maine, USA” in the Department of Environmental Science, University of Pisa (March 20, 2001). He also gave a series of lectures on his research to faculty and Ph.D. students as this year’s Master Course instructor in the Department of Zoology at the University of Palermo, Italy (April 3-6, 2001), in which he spoke about his recent work.

Kay Etheridge, Associate Professor of Biology, received in March of this year, a $20,000 grant from AMP Foundation/Tyco Electronics to buy an additional van for the Advancing Science Program.

Barbara Schmitter Heisler, Professor of Sociology, gave an invited public lecture on April 18, 2001 at the University of Delaware (Newark). The lecture, entitled “The Limits and Opportunities of Citizenship in the Global Age,” was part of Colloquium on Global Governance and Society held by the University of Delaware Department of Political Science and International Relations.

Laurence A. Marschall, Professor of Physics, was recently notified by the National Science Foundation that Gettysburg College was awarded a $499,643 grant for support of “OLEO: The On-Line Educational Observatory,” effective September 1, 2001 and
expiring August 31, 2004. The proposal was developed by Professor Marschall and his colleagues, Glenn A. Snyder, Helenmarie H. Hofman, and P. Richard Cooper, and is a development of their world renowned Project CLEA.

Alan H. Paulson, Professor of Visual Arts, was featured in the Sunday Arts and Leisure section of Patriot News (Harrisburg), April 8, 2001, as a prominent part of a piece on Harrisburg Art Association’s Five-Artist Exhibition. He is described as conveying, in his twenty pieces in wood, a sense of “motion, such as enveloping, caressing, sliding,” and of “forces” which, according to Professor Paulson, are to be found in all materials.

Timothy J. Shannon, Assistant Professor of History, has received the 2001 Distinguished Book Award from the Society of Colonial Wars for Indians and Colonists at the Crossroads of Empire: The Albany Congress of 1754 (Cornell University Press, 2000). The Society of Colonial Wars is a genealogical society that promotes lay and scholarly interest in early American history. Professor Shannon received the award and gave a brief talk at the group’s annual meeting in New York City in April.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Christine M. Amadure, Reference and Processing Archivist, Musselman Library, attended “Archival Cataloging as a Component of Description: A Workshop in the Practical Application of Archives, Personal Papers, and Manuscripts,” sponsored by the Society of American Archivists (SAA), Washington, D.C. (April 16-17, 2001). The workshop was an introduction to archival cataloging and creating archivally sound USMARC records.

John Commito was a University of Pisa Delegate to OMC-2001, the biennial Offshore Mediterranean Conference dealing with environmental problems associated with oil exploration, drilling, and transport in the Mediterranean Sea (March 29, 2001).

James Fink was on sabbatical leave during the 1999-2000 academic year. From January to March 2000, he was a visiting scholar in the Department of Mathematics at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Julia Hendon was appointed to the Society for American Archaeology’s Committee on the Americas advisory group (2000-2001). She also carried out excavations and laboratory analysis at the site of Cerro Palenque, Cortes, Honduras (May-July, 2000).
Randall Wilson was elected to a two-year term as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Contemporary Agriculture and Rural Land Use Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers during the recent annual meetings of the AAG in New York City.

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