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Abstract
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Matthew H. Amster, Associate Professor of Anthropology, contributed a chapter to *Reflecting on America: Anthropological Views of U.S. Culture*, edited by Clare L. Boulanger (Allyn & Bacon, 2008). Amster’s chapter (pp. 15-27), titled “A Pilgrimage to the Past: Civil War Reenactors at Gettysburg,” explores the motivations of Civil War reenactors and some of the implications of the hobby in terms of memory, politics, and other anthropological dimensions of this highly ritualized practice.

Bela Bajnok, Professor and Chair of Mathematics, published “Orbits of the Hyperoctahedral Group as Euclidean Designs” in *Journal of Algebraic Combinatorics*, Vol. 25 (2007): 375-397. In this paper Bajnok developed and used new algebraic techniques to study optimally balanced points in space.

Bajnok also contributed an article, “Research Classes at Gettysburg College,” to *Promoting Undergraduate Research in Mathematics*, edited by J. Gallian (American Mathematical Society, 2007, pp. 223-226). This invited contribution discusses Gettysburg College’s unique – and, hopefully, nationally recognized – program in which students from a variety of majors work jointly on research projects in their fields of interest.

Emelio Betances, Professor of Sociology and Latin American Studies, published a book entitled *The Catholic Church and Power Politics in Latin America: The Dominican Case in Comparative Perspective* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2007). This book examines the Catholic Church’s political mediation in the Dominican Republic and draws parallels and contrasts with the experience of political mediation in Bolivia, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and El Salvador. It finds that the Dominican case was especially notable because the Church’s role as mediator was eventually institutionalized. Betances analyzes the particular circumstances that allowed the Church in the Dominican Republic to accommodate the political and social establishment there.

Gabor S. Boritt, Robert C. Fluhrer Professor of Civil War Studies and Director of the Civil War Institute, and Scott Hancock, Associate Professor of History and Africana Studies, published an edited collection of essays entitled *Slavery, Resistance, Freedom* (Oxford University Press, 2007). The book tells the stories of the difference freedom made to African Americans, and to the United States as a whole, during the Civil War era. It explores how the struggle to realize the ideal of freedom shaped the lives of Americans, black and white, then and now.

John J. Cadigan, Assistant Professor of Economics, published “Two-Stage Team Rent-Seeking: Experimental Analysis” in *Southern Economic Journal*, Vol. 74 (2007): 85-103. Using an experimental methodology, the article examines the impact of team membership and
productivity on the effort choices of individuals in a sequenced setting. The results show that subjects were not likely to “free-ride” on their teammates, even though doing so would maximize their individual payoffs.

Gary Ciocco, Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, contributed a chapter titled “How Dead Beats Became Deadheads: From Emerson and James to Kerouac and Garcia” to The Grateful Dead and Philosophy: Getting High-Minded About Love and Haight, edited by Steven Gimbel, Associate Professor of Philosophy (Open Court Press, 2007, pp. 63-74).

Elizabeth Marie Duquette, Assistant Professor of English, published an article entitled “Accounting for Value in ‘The Business Man’” in Studies in American Fiction, Vol. 35 (2007): 3-20. Focusing on one of Edgar Allan Poe’s more obscure tales, the article explores how numbers are manipulated throughout “The Business Man” to satirize accepted standards for the creation of cultural value in nineteenth-century America.


Steven Gimbel, Associate Professor of Philosophy, published The Grateful Dead and Philosophy: Getting High-Minded About Love and Haight (Open Court Press, 2007). The book is Volume 28 in Open Court’s Popular Culture and Philosophy series. Included in the volume is an article by Gimbel and Brendan Cushing-Daniels, Assistant Professor of Economics, entitled “Keep Your Day Job: Tie Dyes, Veggie Burritos, and Adam Smith in the Parking Lot” (pp. 3-11). The article examines the historical and cultural context of capitalism in the Deadhead community.

Nathalie Goubet, Assistant Professor of Psychology, with co-authors Kathleen D. Strasbaugh, class of 2005, and Jennifer L. Chesney, class of 2007, published “Familiarity Breeds Content? Soothing Effect of a Familiar Odor in Full-Term Newborns” in Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, Vol. 28 (2007): 1-6. In this paper the authors test the hypothesis that a familiar odor can provide pain relief. They found that newborns showed less distress when exposed to a familiar odor than when exposed to no odor or to an unfamiliar one.
Goubet, with co-authors V. Pierrat, K. Peifer, and J. Sizun, also published “How can we evaluate developmental care practices prior to their implementation in a neonatal intensive care unit?” in Early Human Development, Vol. 83 (2007): 415-418. This paper argues for multiple approaches to care for premature infants, emphasizing the usefulness of individualized care.


Caroline A. Hartzell, Associate Professor of Political Science and Coordinator of Globalization Studies, with co-author Matthew Hoddie, published Crafting Peace: Power-Sharing Institutions and the Negotiated Settlement of Civil Wars (Pennsylvania State University Press, 2007). The book focuses on the importance of having former civil war adversaries construct a diversity of power-sharing and power-dividing arrangements if civil war settlements are to prove stable.

Barbara Schmitter Heisler, Professor Emerita of Sociology, published “The ‘Other Braceros’; Temporary Labor and German Prisoners of War in the United States, 1943-1946” in Social Science History, Vol. 11 (2007): 239-271. Using archival sources and interviews with former German prisoners of war, the article explores the contradictions between the bracero program for Mexican laborers and the temporary program using German prisoner of war laborers in the United States during World War II.


Sherman S. Hendrix, Professor of Biology, with co-author Rodney Bray of the British Museum of Natural History, published “A New Genus and Species of Macrododeroididae, and Other Digeneans from Fishes of Lake Malawi, Africa” in Journal of Parasitology, Vol. 93 (2007): 860-865. As a part of Hendrix’s ongoing research on fish parasites, the article describes a new and unusual genus that is parasitic in the large catfishes of Lake Malawi. The article also provides new host records for several other previously described parasites found in cichlid fishes in this lake.

Donald W. Hinrichs, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, has published A Lesbigay Guide to Selecting the Best-Fit College or University and Enjoying the College Years (iUniverse, 2007). The book describes the problems lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) students might encounter in college and provides advice on how LGBT students can select the best-fit college or university for them.

Florence Ramond Jurney, Assistant Professor of French, published “Représentations de la violence et sexualité féminine dans la littérature francophone antillaise” in Nouvelles Etudes
Francophones, Vol. 22 (2007): 170-184. The article describes how several Caribbean authors talk about sexuality in their writings and points to the use of violence perpetrated against women in Raphaël Confiant’s novels specifically.


Kaiser and Burnett also wrote “Economic Impacts of the Coqui Frog in Hawaii” in Interdisciplinary Environmental Review, Vol. 8 (2006): 1-11. Eleutherodactylus coqui, a small frog native to Puerto Rico, was introduced to Hawaii in the late 1980s. The authors measure the loss of value of Hawaiian property resulting from the coqui’s loud mating songs.

Bruce A. Larson, Assistant Professor of Political Science, contributed a chapter to The Sixth-Year Itch: The Rise and Fall of the George W. Bush Presidency, edited by Larry J. Sabato (Longman, 2007): 261-286. Titled “In with the Tide, Out with the Tide: Casey Defeats Santorum in Pennsylvania,” the chapter places the 2006 Pennsylvania U.S. Senate race between Republican Rick Santorum and Democrat Bob Casey, Jr., within the context of Pennsylvania politics and the political forces buffeting the nation in 2006.


Brian P. Meier, Assistant Professor of Psychology, with M. D. Robinson, L. E. Crawford, and W. J. Ahlvers, published “When ‘light’ and ‘dark’ thoughts become light and dark responses: Affect biases brightness judgments” in Emotion, Vol. 7 (2007): 366-376. In four studies, the authors found that affective thought led individuals to violate input from visual perception when making brightness judgments.

Meier, with co-authors M. D. Robinson and B. M. Wilkowski, also published “Title Aggressive Primes Activate Hostile Information in Memory: Who is most Susceptible?” in Basic and Applied Social Psychology, Vol. 29 (2007): 23-34. In three studies, the authors found that
aggressive primes activate hostile information in memory, particularly for individuals low (rather than high) in trait aggression.

**Meier**, with co-authors M. Sellbom and D. B. Wygant, published “Failing to take the moral high ground: Psychopathy and the vertical representation of morality” in *Personality and Individual Differences*, Vol. 43 (2007): 757-767. In two studies, the authors found that participants low in psychopathy used vertical position to encode moral and immoral concepts, but participants high in psychopathy did not. These results indicate that morality is partially represented by the vertical dimension, but not for individuals with little concern for moral behavior.

**Meier**, with co-authors M. C. Robinson, B. M. Wilkowski, and S. Ode, published “Introversion, inhibition, and displayed anxiety: The role of error reactivity processes” in *Journal of Research in Personality*, Vol. 41 (2007): 558-578. In three studies, the authors examined the personality-related correlates of tendencies to slow down following errors in choice reaction time tasks. The results showed that such tendencies were related to phobic-like fear and displayed anxiety, but only among individuals low in extraversion.

**Meier**, with co-authors U. W. Weger, M. D. Robinson, and A. W. Inhoff, published “Things are sounding up: Affective influences on auditory tone perception” in *Psychonomic Bulletin and Review*, Vol. 14 (2007): 517-521. In two studies examining the link between affect and vertical space with reference to potential cross-modal effects, the authors found that word evaluations biased subsequent judgments of low- and high-pitch tones in a metaphor-consistent manner. Participants were faster to identify high-pitch tones following positive as opposed to negative evaluations.

**Matthew D. Norman**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Civil War Era Studies and Africana Studies, contributed four entries to *Encyclopedia of Emancipation and Abolition in the Transatlantic World*, edited by Junius P. Rodriguez (M.E. Sharpe, 2007). The entries were for Edward Coles (pp. 132-134), Morris Birkbeck (pp. 73-74), Roberts Vaux (pp. 549-550), and Hiram H. Kellogg (p. 324).


**Stephanie A. Sellers**, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Women’s Studies and English, published *Native American Autobiography Redefined: A Handbook* (Peter Lang Publishing, 2007). The work addresses both the literary and cultural problems present in the ethnographic “as-told-to” story genre given by Native Americans (for example, *Black Elk Speaks*), notes the history and purposes of written and oral literature of indigenous peoples, and particularly focuses on issues of gender.
Timothy J. Shannon, Associate Professor of History, published “War, Diplomacy, and Culture: The Iroquois Experience in the Seven Years’ War” in Cultures in Conflict: The Seven Years’ War in North America, edited by Warren Hofstra (Rowman and Littlefield, 2007): 79-103. The book is a collection of essays examining the Seven Years’ War (also known as the French and Indian War) from the different perspectives of its Native American, colonial American and European participants. Shannon’s essay measures the impact the war had on the material and military culture of the Iroquois peoples.

Shannon also published the second edition of his two-volume United States history textbook Going to the Source: The Bedford Reader in American History, co-authored with Victoria Bissell Brown (Bedford/St. Martin’s Press, 2008). The textbook introduces students to the sources and methodologies used by American historians.

Carolyn S. Snively, Professor of Classics, published “Old Rome and New Constantinople. The Development of Late Antique Cemeteries” in Acta Congressus Internationalis XIV Archaeologiae Christianae, Vatican City and Vienna (2006): 711-716. Constantinople, refounded in the 4th century as Constantine’s capital city, sheltered the mausoleum of the Eastern Roman emperors located inside the line of its Constantinian fortification wall. The presence of the imperial mausoleum, together with two phases of enlargement of the urban space into areas previously used for burial, resulted in a pattern of intramural burial alien to Rome and other cities of the Roman empire.

Snively also published “Thessaloniki versus Justiniana Prima: A Rare Mention of the Conflict in the Life of Osios David of Thessaloniki” in Niš & Byzantium Symposium V, Niš (2007): 55-61. This life of a 6th-century holy man was probably written several centuries after his death and is full of historical inaccuracies that include confusion between the cities of Justiniana Prima and Sirium. Yet it provides the only known reference to the intended or actual transfer of the seat of the Prefect of Eastern Illyricum from Thessaloniki to the emperor Justinian’s new city further north in the Balkan Peninsula.

Snively published a third article, “Late Antique Nicopolis: An Essay on City Walls and their Implications for Urbanism,” in Nicopolis B: Proceedings of the Second International Nicopolis Symposium, Preveza, Greece, Vol. 1 (2007): 739-749. Nikopolis, in northwest Greece, is one of numerous cities whose urban intramural space shrank dramatically as a result of the construction of new fortification walls in Late Antiquity. The article emphasizes the importance of accurate dating of the new city wall for the history not only of Nikopolis itself but also of the surrounding region.

Deborah A. Sommer, Associate Professor and Chair of Religion, contributed a chapter to a 2-volume book edited by Yongyi Song titled 文 化大 革 命: 歷 史真 相 和 集 體 記 憶 (The Cultural Revolution: Historical Truth & Collective Memories), in Chinese, translated by Henry Yan (Tianyuan shuwu, 2007). The articles in these two volumes are the proceedings of the bilingual conference titled Historical Truth and Collective Memory: International Conference for the 40th Anniversary of the Cultural Revolution. The conference was held at the College of Staten Island and the City University of New York in May 2006. Sommer’s chapter (pp. 822-840) is titled “文 革 中 的 批 孔 運 動 和 孔 子 形 像 的 演 變” (“Images for Iconoclasts: Depictions of Confucius in the Cultural Revolution”).
Ralph A. Sorensen, Professor of Biology, published “2-Methoxyestradiol Induces Spindle Aberrations, Chromosome Congestion Failure, and Nondisjunction in Mouse Oocytes” in Biology of Reproduction, Vol. 76 (2007): 784–793. Written with colleagues from the University of Bielefeld in Germany, the article demonstrates that 2-methoxyestradiol, a naturally occurring metabolite of the female hormone estradiol, causes meiotic errors in mouse oocytes by interacting destructively with the microtubules of the first meiotic spindle. Oocytes with an abnormal number of chromosomes are a frequent cause of fetal wastage and serious congenital abnormalities, including Down syndrome, in humans.

Divonna M. Stebick, Lecturer in Education; Jonelle E. Pool, Associate Professor of Education; and Diana Pool, teacher from Winters Mill High School (Westminster, MD), published “A Reading Apprenticeship Model for Improving Literacy: A Pre-service Teacher Case Study” in Pennsylvania Reads, Vol. VII (2007): 41-52. The article explores the design and application of parallel reading apprenticeship models at the college and secondary school levels.


Charles L. Weise, Associate Professor and Chair of Economics, published “A Simple Wicksellian Macroeconomic Model” in The B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics, Vol. 7 (2007). The article, which can be accessed online at http://www.bepress.com/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1459&context=bejm, proposes an alternative macroeconomic model that has several advantages to those that appear in standard undergraduate textbooks. The model that Weise proposes is consistent with the analysis of macroeconomic policy that students might read in the financial press, and it also captures the most important features of state-of-the-art macroeconomic theory.

Isabel Valiela, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Spanish, published “Constructing Memory Through Technology: Brand New Memory by Elías Miguel Muñoz” in MACLAS Latin American Essays, Vol. XX (2007): 110-122. The analysis centers on the role of technological devices such as the computer, the video camera, and the recorder as thematic and narrative tools. Gina Domingo, the young Cuban-American protagonist of Brand New Memory, uses these devices to construct her own identity in response to her parents’ silence about Cuba and her Cuban family. The Mid-Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies (MACLAS) awarded this article the James Street Prize for scholarly excellence in 2006.

Elizabeth Richardson Viti, Professor of French and Coordinator of Women’s Studies, published “Ernaux’s Ce qu’ils disent ou rien: Anne Makes a Spectacle(s) of Herself” in Dalhousie French Studies, Vol. 78 (2007): 75-82. The article examines the way in which eyeglasses, worn or abandoned by the fifteen-year-old protagonist, schematize the ups and downs that the teenager experiences in her effort to be noticed and found attractive by boys. Anne quickly learns that she must take off her spectacles in order to make a spectacle of herself.

demonstrates how the celebrated feminist, so essential to the women’s studies classroom, can be appropriately inserted into a French literature classroom as well, most notably one devoted to women writers.

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**REVIEWS**


**Sharon Davis Gratto, Professor of Music in the Sunderman Conservatory of Music and Music Education Coordinator,** reviewed the repertoire selected for and performed by the National Multicultural Honor Choir in her choral review column of *PMEA News*, Vol. 71 (2007): 58-59. The National Multicultural Honor Choir is an auditioned group with which Gratto sang at the March 2007 National Convention of the American Choral Directors Association in Miami, Florida.


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**PROFESSIONAL PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Yasemin Akbaba, Assistant Professor of Political Science,** presented a paper, “Religious Discrimination: Introduction of a New Dataset,” at the American Political Science Association
conference in Chicago, IL, August 30 - September 2, 2007. This paper introduces a collection of data on religious discrimination against ethnic groups.

**Bela Bajnok, Professor and Chair of Mathematics**, gave a presentation entitled “The Spanning Number and the Independence Number of a Subset of an Abelian Group” at CANT2007: Combinatorial and Additive Number Theory, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY, on May 23, 2007.


**Emelio Betances, Professor of Sociology and Latin American Studies**, presented a paper titled “The Contradictory Role of the Catholic Church as a Factor of Cohesion and Challenge to Joaquin Balaguer in the Dominican Republic” at the 14th Annual Congress of the Asociación Mexicana de Estudios del Caribe, April 24-27, 2007, in Campeche, Mexico. The paper examines how the Catholic Church sought to resolve difficult political issues for the government while the popular church, a movement within the larger Church, denounced and protested political oppression.

Betances also delivered a lecture at the Archivo General de la Nación in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on July 12, 2007. The title of the lecture was “El Nuevo Giro de la Izquierda en America Latina” (The Left New Turn in Latin America). The lecture examined the emergence of a democratic and pragmatic wave of leaders in Latin America that are no longer willing to acquiesce to the impositions of international lending agencies, which in the past demanded the implementation of neoliberal economic policies.

**Philip Bobko, Professor of Management and Psychology**, gave an invited talk at the Crossroads Seminars series, George Washington University, March 6, 2007. The talk was entitled “Some fundamental issues surrounding the 80% (4/5ths) rule in the Uniform Guidelines.”

On March 14, 2007, Bobko gave an invited talk at the Personnel Testing Council, DC Metro Area, Washington, DC, entitled “What is known and what is thought to be known in personnel selection: Levels of validity and adverse impact potential for various selection devices.”

In April, Bobko served as an invited discussant for a forum on top-rated practice at the annual meeting of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, New York, NY, April 28-29, 2007. The symposium, entitled “Advanced approaches to basic qualifications: Methods and implications for organizations,” was based on an earlier publication by Dr. Bobko and colleagues. At the same conference, Bobko served as an invited expert for a roundtable discussion on programmatic adverse impact research.

Bobko presented three papers at the annual meeting of the Academy of Management, Philadelphia, PA, August 5-7, 2007. The first, with co-authors P. Roth, L. McFarland, and M. Buster, was entitled “Work sample ethnic group differences in personnel selection: A
meta-analysis.” Bobko’s second paper, written with co-authors C. Lee and S. Ashford, was entitled “Cross-cultural development of an abridged job insecurity measure.” The third paper, presented with co-authors P. Roth, M. Buster, and J. Barnes-Farrell, was entitled “Gender differences in work samples: Implications for social skills research and adverse impact.” At the same conference in Philadelphia, Bobko also served as an invited expert for a roundtable discussion on regression and correlation.

Judith Allen Brough, Professor and Chair of Education, gave an invited presentation at the annual Urban Regional Conference for Catholic Schools sponsored by the Diocese of Cleveland, Office of Catholic Education, on June 11, 2007, in Cleveland, OH. Brough’s presentation, titled “Teach Me: I Dare You!” was based on the content of her book of the same title and focused on helping teachers to re-engage urban youth who lack motivation or interest in school.

Brough also delivered an invited presentation on this topic at the 3rd Annual Delaware Valley Minority Student Achievement Consortium Summer Conference on Monday, June 25, 2007, in Philadelphia, PA. The conference, sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania and Philadelphia-area school districts, supports teachers in their professional development efforts to better meet the academic needs of minority youth.

Kathleen M. Cain, Associate Professor of Psychology and Associate Provost for Faculty Development, gave an invited colloquium entitled “Family Contributions to Children’s Social Understanding: Developing a Richer Model” at Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA, on April 18, 2007. The presentation reported a series of studies conducted in collaboration with Nathalie Goubet, Assistant Professor of Psychology, and Sharon Birch, Instructional Designer. These studies indicate that family emotional climate, including maternal expressiveness and various forms of stress, contributes to preschoolers’ ability to take the perspective of others.

Laurel A. Cohen-Pfister, Assistant Professor of German, presented a paper entitled “Wartime Trauma and the German Family: Literary Constructions of Identity” at the Family and Identity conference held at the University of Oxford on May 12, 2007. The paper examines the popularity of the family novel in the contemporary literary landscape of the Federal Republic. As a vehicle for exploring and reconstructing family histories of wartime trauma, the contemporary German family novel offers literary space for later-born Germans to question their own identity in respect to German history.

Cohen-Pfister, with Takeshi Sengiku, Lecturer and Director of the Language Resource Center, gave a presentation entitled “Video Projects in the Language Curriculum” at the Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages in New York, NY, on April 14, 2007. The presentation discussed pedagogical and technical aspects of using Windows MovieMaker for video projects in the language curriculum. The video projects are used as a means for students and instructors to assess language proficiency and progress in the language.

John A. Commoto, Professor of Environmental Studies and Biology, gave a talk entitled “Substrate-specific attachment in soft-bottom mussel beds: an explanation for spatial persistence?” at the Annual Benthic Ecology Meeting held at Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA, on March 22, 2007. In studies of three mussel beds in Maine, nearly two-thirds of all mussels were
attached to mussel-generated structure, and for mussels attached to one type of substrate, this figure rose to 90 percent. The results indicate that physical and chemical recruitment cues may provide positive feedback for self-organization in populations of seafloor species, explaining their spatial persistence.

Commito presented an invited seminar entitled “Hierarchical spatial complexity in soft-bottom mussel beds: evidence for self-organization in the New England intertidal zone” at the Academy of Natural Sciences conference in Philadelphia, PA, on April 13, 2007. The presentation focused on the results of research conducted with former Environmental Studies students Ann Borowik, class of 2003; Wendy Dow, class of 2003; and Ben Grupe, class of 2003; Rud Platt, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies; and colleagues Ann Commito and Tom Crawford. Commito also presented the designs of new laboratory and field experiments with Environmental Studies students Ali Vissichelli, class of 2008; Kyle Reeves, class of 2008; and Natasha Gownaris, class of 2009.

Daniel G. Drury, Associate Professor and Co-Chair of Health Sciences, presented a paper entitled “Exercise Intensity and Duration as Factors Contributing to Hypoalgesia Among Nociceptive C-fibers” at the American College of Sport Medicine conference held in New Orleans, LA, on June 1, 2007. The paper focused on the factors that augment pain perception both during and after a controlled bout of physical exertion.

Elizabeth Marie Duquette, Assistant Professor of English, presented a paper titled “Bunyan’s Progress” at the American Literature Association meeting in Boston, MA, May 24-27, 2007. The paper explores the role of Bunyan’s Pilgrim’s Progress in nineteenth-century American literature, asking how its formal features impacted the development of literary sentimentalism.

Duquette also delivered an invited lecture, “Crowds and Crimes: The Urban Detective in Poe and Baudelaire,” at Loyola College in Baltimore, MD, on April 16, 2007. This lecture, one in a series exploring the topic “Urban Spaces/Urban Voices,” considered the transatlantic evolution of the detective narrative, particularly the thematic and structural importance of translation in the genre’s development.

Kristen M. Eyssell, Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology, gave a paper entitled “Mortality Salience and the Attractiveness of a Worldview Denigrator” at the Association for Psychological Science conference in Washington, DC, on May 26, 2007. Eyssell presented findings that, under neutral conditions, individuals report liking an attractive person who challenges their worldview more than an unattractive person. After pondering their own deaths, however, individuals increase their liking for the less attractive worldview denigrator.

Christopher Richard Fee, Associate Professor of English, delivered a paper to the 42nd Medieval Congress held May 10-14, 2007, at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI. Entitled “Raiding Borders, Reading Better: Comparative Archetypes of Conflict and Confluence in Heroic Epics of Holy War,” the paper shows that medieval epic accounts of Holy War and their heroes are at times more nuanced in their treatment of their religious enemies than one might expect.

Ann Harper Fender, Professor of Economics, presented a paper as part of a conference co-sponsored by the Canadian Historical Association and the Canadian Indigenous and Native Studies Association. The conference, held May 27-28, 2007, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan,
was titled “Diversity in Indigenous/Native Studies Scholarship and Research: Same Journey, Different Canoes, or Same Canoes, Different Directions?” Fender’s paper, “Crossroads of Competition: Isle a la Crosse, 1805-1823,” reports on descriptions of the native population in Isle a la Crosse in fur trade journals and also describes a 1823-1824 census of fur trader families.

**Suzanne J. Flynn, Associate Professor of English,** presented a paper at the Hardy at Yale conference at Yale University, New Haven, CT, June 14-17, 2007. The paper, entitled “Feeling His Way to a Method: Hardy in Transition,” explores the middle years of Hardy’s career, when he was shifting away from the writing of realistic novels and moving towards his first love, poetry.

**Barbara B. Fritze, Vice President of Enrollment and Educational Services,** with co-authors **Steve Lewis, Director of Data Systems,** and **Paul Redfern, Director of Web Communications and Electronic Media,** presented a paper titled “Web Redesign and Implementing an open source CMS – a collaborative approach” at the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) 2007 Technology Conference in Minneapolis, MN, on July 16, 2007. The paper documents Gettysburg College’s 2004 website redesign and implementation of a content management system (CMS) for the site.

**Sharon Davis Gratto, Professor of Music in the Sunderman Conservatory of Music and Music Education Coordinator,** presented a juried paper and poster titled “Mentoring the Mentor: Field Experiences with Recent Music Education Graduates” at the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Conference held in Hershey, PA, on April 20, 2007. The paper and poster presented information from a sabbatical project that included school visits with twelve recent Gettysburg College Bachelor of Science in Music Education graduates.

**Sherman S. Hendrix, Professor of Biology,** and **James Gates, class of 2007,** presented “Analysis of drying methods for scanning electron microscopy of selected platyhelminths” at the First North American Parasitology Congress, June 24, 2007, held in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico. The paper compared the results of two techniques for drying flatworm specimens: the standard technique, using the critical point dryer, and a purely chemical method, using hexamethyldisilazane.

**Eleanor Hogan, Associate Professor and Co-Chair of Asian Studies,** participated in a panel titled “New Perspectives on Japanese Popular Culture,” part of the 41st Annual Conference of Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast held at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu, HI, on June 16, 2007. Hogan’s paper, “What if Rice Refused to Be Harvested?” examines Arai Motoko’s novella “Green Requiem” in terms of us/them, human/alien, plant/animal, male/female, and subject/object dichotomies and employs feminist theories on difference in combination with ecofeminist ideas that link the exploitation of women and nature.

**Buzz Jones, Professor of Music and Director of the Sunderman Conservatory of Music,** presented a paper at the Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities in Honolulu, HI, on January 12, 2007. His paper, “The Circuitous Path of Jazz in the Twentieth Century: Fusing Music, Dance and African-American Poetry,” traces the genesis of his composition *Axiom Asunder* for jazz orchestra, dance company, chorus, and narrator.

**Florence Ramond Jurney, Assistant Professor of French,** presented a paper at the Conference of the Society for Caribbean Studies held in London, England, on July 4-6, 2007. The paper
describes the particularities of women’s “diasporic literature,” focusing especially on images of the island and their diasporic representation. Jurney argues that the notion of “home” in Caribbean women’s literature cannot be dichotomized, and that the notion of diaspora needs to include the reality of a home, not simply a mythical one.

Brooks A. Kaiser, Associate Professor of Economics, delivered a paper to the Brown Treesnake Working Group Technical Meeting in Tumon Bay, Guam, April 17-19, 2007. Co-authored with Kimberly Burnett, the paper considers the effect of spatial differences on early detection and rapid response (EDRR) policies for the brown treesnake (Boiga irregularis) in Oahu, Hawaii. The authors find that optimally applied EDRR, which integrates the costs, damages, and biological parameters of the snakes’ potential presence, can save the island $270 million in present value losses to social welfare over 30 years.

The same month, Kaiser presented a paper at a conference entitled Valuation for Environmental Policy: Ecological Benefits. Held in Arlington, VA, on April 23-24, 2007, the conference was sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National Center for Environmental Economics, and the National Center for Environmental Research. The title of the paper, co-authored with Kimberly Burnett, was “Models of Spatial and Intertemporal Invasive Species Management.”

Kaiser also presented “A Potential Explosive Invader: An Economic Analysis of the Threat of the Red Imported Fire Ant (RIFA) to Hawaii” at the 2007 International Pacific Invasive Ant Conference in Keahou, HI, May 22-25, 2007. The Red Imported Fire Ant (RIFA), Solenopsis invicta, is an imminent threat to Hawaii’s agriculture, ecosystems, and human health. In her paper, Kaiser calculates the expected damages from a RIFA invasion and investigates the optimal level of prevention that Hawaii should develop.


J. Matthew Kittelberger, Assistant Professor of Biology, with co-author Andrew H. Hess, presented a poster entitled “Auditory and Vocal Connectivity of the Midbrain Periaqueductal Gray of a Vocal Fish” at the 8th Congress of the International Society for Neuroethology, held in Vancouver, British Columbia, on July 22-27, 2007. The poster presented a study providing anatomical support for the hypothesis that the periaqueductal gray of the midbrain is a crucial site across vertebrates for the integration of sensory (auditory) and motor (vocal) information during vocal communication.

Bruce A. Larson, Assistant Professor of Political Science, with co-author Eric Heberlig, presented “The Misunderstood and Much Maligned Leadership PAC: Serving the Party’s Collective Interest” at the 2007 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 13, 2007. This paper examines the effect of political context (specifically partisan margins) on how U.S. House members redistribute campaign contributions from various types of political committees they oversee.

Daniel D. McCall, Associate Professor of Psychology, presented a poster at the Society for Research in Child Development Conference held in Boston, MA, on March 29, 2007, with co-authors Marcy Adler, class of 2006, and Lauren DeBrouse, class of 2009. Entitled “Sub-
goaling disrupts representation in infants’ means-end problem solving,” the authors describe one reason young infants have difficulty planning and executing goal-oriented sequences of behaviors: until 18 months of age, merely executing an action is enough to disrupt infants’ memories of a hidden object.

Laurence A. Marschall, W. K. T. Sahm Professor of Physics, participated in the 11th Curso Centroamericano de Astronomia y Astrofísica at the Universidad Nacional Autónomo de Nicaragua in Managua, Nicaragua, June 25-29, 2007, as a representative of the Internacional Astronomical Union (IAU) program for Teaching Astronomy for Development (TAD). Marschall presented a lecture titled “IAU Resolutions and Programs Supporting Astronomy Education” and workshops titled “Project CLEA as a Resource for Teaching Astronomy in Universities and Secondary Schools.”

Jacquelynne Milingo, Assistant Professor of Physics, presented a poster titled “V-Band Photometry of BY Draconis-Type Variables; Probing Long-Term Activity Cycles in Three Pleiades Members” at the joint meeting of the American Astronomical Society (AAS) and the Solar Physics Division of the AAS, held May 27-31, 2007, in Honolulu, HI. The poster presents eight years of brightness data for three solar-type stars in the Pleiades compiled through the collaborative efforts of undergraduates and faculty at Gettysburg College, Franklin & Marshall, and the Maria Mitchell Observatory. Milingo’s co-authors were A.D. Thomson, P.N. Truong, Laurence A. Marschall, and D.E. Backman.

Matthew D. Norman, Visiting Assistant Professor of Civil War Era Studies and Africana Studies, delivered an invited lecture at Eureka College, Eureka, IL, on April 2, 2007. Entitled “The Interest of One is the Interest of All: The Anti-Slavery Movement in Illinois,” the talk was given in conjunction with the traveling exhibit “Free at Last: A History of the Abolition of Slavery in America,” shown at Eureka College last spring. The exhibit and lecture were sponsored by the Gilder-Lehrman Institute for American History.

Voon Chin Phua, Assistant Professor of Sociology, presented a paper titled “Clients, Sugar Daddies, Or Mentors: Relationships between Kept-Boys and Their Male Sponsors” at the International Conference on Sociology at the Athens Institute for Education and Research, in Athens, Greece, May 14-15, 2007. Using data from in-depth interviews and participant observation, this paper examines the strategies used to maintain long-term relationships between kept-boys and their sponsors.

Sarah M. Principato, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies, gave a paper at the International Arctic Workshop held in Skaftafell, Iceland, May 2-5, 2007. Entitled “Sedimentology and Humification of Peat Deposits on Northwest Iceland: Implications for Holocene Climate Variability,” the paper presents evidence for climatic fluctuations over the last 10,000 years. The results illustrate that at least two cool and/or wet events are regional and correlate with other marine and ice core records from the North Atlantic region.

Rajmohan Ramanathapillai, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, participated in the 16th Global Awareness Society International Annual Conference, “Globalization: Promoting Equality or Perpetuating Inequality?” on May 26, 2007, in Seoul, South Korea. Ramanathapillai’s paper, entitled “Modern Warfare and the Spiritual Disconnection from Land?” explores the environmental alienation that occurs in Asian societies enduring warfare, which transforms land from a sacred entity into a lethal enemy.
Deborah L. Rapuano, Assistant Professor of Sociology, presented a paper at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in New York, NY, August 10–14, 2007. The paper, titled “Strong and Dangerous Women: Power and Resistance in Irish Traditional Music Communities,” explores the rise of Irish women as pub session musicians and the importance of their presence as a vehicle for resisting, transcending, and maintaining gender inequality.

Stephen M. Siviy, Professor of Psychology, presented a paper at a satellite symposium associated with the Annual Meeting of the International Behavioral Neuroscience Society in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on June 12, 2007. The paper, entitled “Effects of pre-pubertal social experiences on the responsiveness of juvenile rats to predator odors,” described recent work from Siviy’s lab showing how positive social experiences prior to puberty, such as maternal care and play, can have a buffering effect on various aspects of fear and anxiety in young rats.

Carolyn S. Snively, Professor of Classics, presented a paper at the sixth Niš & Byzantium Symposium, in Niš, Serbia, June 3-5, 2007. Entitled “Transepts and Screen Bases in the Ecclesiastical Architecture of Macedonia,” the paper focused on two architectural elements in the Episcopal Basilica at Stobi and the distribution of similar elements within the province of Macedonia. Snively also gave the opening address for the symposium. Reflecting the theme of this year’s conference—Constantine the Great on the 1670th anniversary of his death—Snively’s speech discussed Constantine as a figure of controversy both during his lifetime and later.

Deborah A. Sommer, Associate Professor and Chair of Religion, delivered two lectures for the Department of Philosophy at Capital Normal University in Beijing on July 2 and 3, 2007. The lectures were titled “Xifang wenhuazhong de Kongzi huaxiang/Depictions of Confucius in the West from the 1800s to the Present” and “Wenhua geming pi-Lin pi-Kong yundongzhong de Kongzi huaxiang/Depictions of Confucius during the Campaigns against Lin Biao and Confucius,” and they were given in both English and Chinese.

Randall K. Wilson, Associate Professor and Chair of Environmental Studies, presented a paper titled “The progressive potential of collaborative resource management” at the 6th Quadrennial Conference of British Canadian and American Rural Geographers in Spokane, WA, July 15-22, 2007. This work is a response to recent critical theoretical treatments of community-based collaborative resource management as a neoliberal form of environmental governance. Referencing empirical data from two case studies, the paper illustrates how collaboration can also serve as a means of local resistance to neoliberalism.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Emelio Betances, Professor of Sociology and Latin American Studies, directed a research workshop at the Graduate Center of the Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla on April 23, 2007, in Puebla, Mexico. The workshop focused on the Catholic Church as a political mediator in Central America and in the Mexican state of Chiapas. The participants were mostly comprised of faculty and graduate students of sociology and anthropology.

Michael J. Birkner, Professor of History and Benjamin Franklin Chair in the Liberal Arts, received a $4,000 grant from the Eisenhower Society for research and other expenses related to editing a volume on Dwight D. Eisenhower and the news media.
Kathi Crow, Assistant Professor of Mathematics; Brendan Cushing-Daniels, Assistant Professor of Economics; Sharon Davis Gratto, Professor of Music in the Sunderman Conservatory of Music and Music Education Coordinator; and Charles J. Zabrowski, Professor of Classics, traveled to Egypt from May 14 to May 23, 2007, on a faculty development trip to supplement understanding of the Arab world in both teaching and research. The trip was part of a faculty development seminar funded by a U.S. Department of Education Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Languages grant. Robert E. Bohrer, Associate Professor and Chair of Political Science, organized the trip and led the seminar.

Ann Harper Fender, Professor of Economics, used a short term IREX (International Research Exchange) grant in March and April, 2007, to travel to and do research in Bulgaria on developments in that country’s telecommunications industry from 1989 to the present. The $3,200 grant covered her round trip flight and provided for living expenses and travel within Bulgaria.

Sharon Davis Gratto, Professor of Music in the Sunderman Conservatory of Music and Music Education Coordinator, spent a week volunteering at the Standing Rock Lakota Sioux Reservation, Little Eagle and Eagle Butte, South Dakota, as a teacher of music to children ages 5 through 15 and to an adult community choir. The choir sang in Lakota from a Dakota hymnal and shared music planned for use at Gettysburg College with the World Music Ensemble.

Caroline A. Hartzell, Associate Professor of Political Science and Coordinator of Globalization Studies, and Matthew Hoddie, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Texas A&M University, received a $9,000 grant from the University of California’s Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation to host a conference at the University of California-Davis on the role non-state actors play in enforcing the peace following the end of civil wars.

Brooks A. Kaiser, Associate Professor of Economics, received a Central Pennsylvania Consortium Mellon grant to defray travel and other costs related to her work on the economics of invasive species in Hawaii. The funds will support her research into policy options regarding the prevention, detection, and control of several species either present or likely to arrive in Hawaii. Species currently under investigation include the coqui frog (Eleutherodactylus coqui), the red imported fire ant (Solenopsis invicta), Miconia calvescens, and the brown treesnake (Boiga irregularis).

Alan R. Perry, Associate Professor of Italian, received a $4,700 grant from the Central Pennsylvania Consortium’s Mellon Fellowship. The grant was awarded for research to be conducted at the Giovannino Guareschi Archives in Roncole Verdi, Italy, over the 2007-2008 academic year. With the funding, Perry will research, compile and write both critical articles and a proposed biography on Guareschi.

Voon Chin Phua, Assistant Professor of Sociology, served as an invited scholar for a project on aging and sexuality led by researchers from the National Archive of Computerized Data on Aging at the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan, July 7-13, 2007.

Phua, with Jason Loh, class of 2008, submitted more than 70 photographs to the IDEAS (Image Database to Enhance Asian Studies) project. The photographs were taken by Phua and Loh, as well as by LiFong Chen, class of 2008, and Douglas Kaufman, class of 2009, on a summer 2006 trip to Singapore funded by the ASIANetwork Freeman Student-Faculty Fellowship.
Grant. The aim of the IDEAS project is to unify digitizing efforts already in progress at various campuses into a shared, searchable, online database. Loh received a stipend from the IDEAS project for organizing the photographs for submission.

Kathleen Sasnett, Assistant Professor of Voice and Opera in the Sunderman Conservatory of Music, served as adjudicator for the Regional A Cappella Collegiate Competition sponsored by the National Championship of High School A Capella (NCHSA) on Saturday, February 17, 2007. Sasnett was also the vocal judge for the Kuhlman Competition at Messiah College on Monday, February 19, 2007.

Divonna M. Stebick, Lecturer in Education, was invited to facilitate a discussion of her paper “Responses to Effective Instruction” at the Council for Exceptional Children’s Annual Conference, Louisville, KY, April 20, 2007. The discussion focused on developing an assessment-intervention model that allows schools to deliver evidence-based instructional methods to students who might fall through the cracks.

In addition, Stebick was invited to facilitate a discussion of her work “Making the Invisible, Visible” at the Spring Festival of Children’s Literature, Frostburg, MD, April 27-28, 2007. Participants learned specific instructional strategies for teaching readers to be strategic thinkers.

Donald G. Tannenbaum, Associate Professor of Political Science, was a participant on two panels at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Chicago, August 29-September 2, 2007. He served as a discussant on the panel “Political Science and Beyond: the Role of Biology,” and as the chair for a second panel, titled “Roundtable on Biopolicy.”

Charles J. Zabrowski, Professor of Classics, with the aid of a Gettysburg College Research and Professional Development grant, participated in the Vergilian Society of America’s archaeological study tour entitled “MARE SUPERUM: An Inspection of the Greco-Roman Archaeological Sites in the Venezia-Julia of North East Italy and along the Dalmatian Coast of Croatia on the ‘upper’ or Illyrian Sea (the Adriatic).” The trip took place from June 25 to July 7, 2007.

AWARDS

Joel Berg, Adjunct Instructor of Interdisciplinary Studies, received the Keystone Press Award, 2nd place, Division I, for a business or consumer story, for his contributions to a series of stories in the Harrisburg Patriot-News titled “Destination: Second Street.” The series examined the rebirth of downtown Harrisburg. The prize was awarded on May 19, 2007, by the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association.

Philip Bobko, Professor of Management and Psychology, was given the Best Reviewer of the Year (2006) award from the journal Organizational Research Methods.

Dustin Beall Smith, Adjunct Instructor of English and Peer Learning Coordinator, won the Katharine Bakeless Nason Nonfiction Book Prize, sponsored by the Breadloaf Writers Conference at Middlebury College. His manuscript, titled Key Grip, A Memoir of Endless Consequences, will be published by Houghton Mifflin in the spring of 2008.
CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Buzz Jones, Professor of Music and Director of the Sunderman Conservatory of Music and Bret E. Crawford, Associate Professor of Physics, traveled to Germany as part of a jazz sextet, June 14-23, 2007. They performed several concerts in the Westfalia region and offered two afternoons of jazz workshops for students at the Enger and Bad Oeynhausen Musikschules.

Jones also had repeat performances of four original compositions – Red Dawn Blues (Gettysburg College Jazz Ensemble with guest vocalist George Rabbai) on February 16, Mount Gretna (Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District VII Elementary Honors Orchestra and the Lincoln Elementary School Band) on March 3 and April 17, Bel Air Blue and White (Gettysburg College Symphony Band) on April 14, and Penn Street Green (Carlisle High School Concert Band) on May 3, 2007.

Kathleen Sasnett, Assistant Professor of Voice and Opera in the Sunderman Conservatory of Music, performed the leading role of Lady Billows in Benjamin Britten’s comic opera Albert Herring for the American Opera Studio in a European Performance Tour in July, 2007. Accompanying Sasnett were three voice students from the Sunderman Conservatory of Music: Elizabeth Patterson, Rebecca Brandow, and Emily Orofino, all from the class of 2010. Patterson performed the role of Nancy in the opera, when the contracted mezzo-soprano was unable to perform. Patterson, Brandow, and Orofino performed Sacred Concerts in St. Stephen’s Basilica in Budapest, Hungary, and in Melk Abbey in the Vienna Woods, Austria. The students also performed a Broadway concert in the Orangerie at the Esterhazy Castle in Austria. In addition, the students performed a fully staged, costumed opera in the City Hall of Szentendre, Hungary, and in Hlahol Hall in Prague, Czech Republic.

Sasnett also performed the role of Aldonza in the musical Man of La Mancha for the Eichelberger Performing Arts Center with full orchestra conducted by Stuart Weiser in March 2007. The production was directed by Chad-Alan Carr and starred Wayne Hill as Don Quixote.
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