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Abstract

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PUBLICATIONS

Matthew H. Amster, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, published an article entitled "The 'Many Mouths' of Community: Gossip and Social Interaction among the Kelabit of Borneo" in *Asian Anthropology*, Vol. 3 (2004): 97-127. This article examines gossip and sociocultural change among the Kelabit, a small indigenous group in Sarawak, Malaysia. The paper unravels some of the nuances and complexities of changing social relationships within the Kelabit community and offers a theoretical contribution to the anthropological study of gossip.

Martha E. Arterberry, Professor of Psychology and Assistant Provost, published an article entitled "Long-Term Memory of an Emotional Interpersonal Interaction Occurring at 5 Months of Age" in *Infancy*, Vol. 6 (2004): 407-416. This paper, co-authored with Marc Bornstein and Clay Mash of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, documents 20-month-olds' memory for a person they saw once at 5 months, a finding that shows impressive memory in young children.

Emelio R. Betances, Associate Professor of Sociology and Latin American Studies, published an article entitled "The Catholic Church and Political Mediation in the Dominican Republic: A Comparative Perspective" in the *Journal of Church and State*, Vol. 46 (2004): 341-361. This article makes the case that transition to democracy provided the framework for church participation in political mediation and argues that church mediation tends to occur in countries with weak political institutions or where political instability threatens the status quo.

Robert E. Bohrer II, Associate Professor of Political Science, and **Glen S. Krutz** of the University of Oklahoma published an article entitled "Duverger and Devolution: A Note on the Effects of New Electoral Rules in the UK" in *Electoral Studies*, Vol. 23 (2004): 315-327. This article examines the effects of proportional representation electoral laws on the party systems and governments in the devolved assemblies of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and it found evidence of both psychological and mechanical effects of proportional representation in comparison to UK-wide elections held under plurality electoral laws.

Robert F. Bornstein, Professor of Psychology, published an article entitled "Integrating Cognitive and Existential Treatment Strategies in Psychotherapy with Dependent Patients" in the *Journal of Contemporary Psychotherapy*, Vol. 34 (2004): 293-309. In it he argues that effecting long-term change in the "helpless" self-concept that underlies problematic dependency requires a multimodal treatment model combining elements of several existing frameworks.

Bornstein also published a chapter entitled "Adolescent Personality Disorders," in *Behavioral and Emotional Disorders in Children and Adolescents: Nature, Assessment, and Treatment* edited by D. A. Wolfe & E. Mash (Guilford Press, 2004). The chapter reviews research on personality disorder symptom patterns in adolescents, and how these patterns differ from those exhibited by adults.

Judith A. Brough, Professor of Education, and Jonelle E. Pool, Associate Professor of Education, recently co-authored a book chapter entitled "Integrating Learning and Assessment: The Development of an Assessment Culture," that appeared in *Curriculum Integration K-12: Theory and Practice* (University Press of America, 2004) edited by James Etim. The chapter describes the theory and practice of establishing effective learning assessments that not only monitor student learning, but also inform a teacher's planning and instruction.

Eric S. Egge, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, recently published two articles. The first article, which was joint work with Toufik Mansour of Haifa University, is entitled "132-Avoiding Two-Stack Sortable Permutations, Fibonacci Numbers, and Pell Numbers" and appeared in *Discrete Applied Mathematics*, Vol. 143 (2004): 72-83. The second article is entitled "Restricted 3412-Avoiding Involutions, Continued Fractions, and Chebyshev Polynomials" and appeared in *Advances in Applied Mathematics*, Vol. 33 (2004): 451-475.

Christopher R. Fee, Associate Professor of English, published a paperback edition of his monograph, *Gods, Heroes, and Kings: The Battle for Mythic Britain* (Oxford University Press, 2004). This work was originally published in 2001 and was coauthored with David A. Leeming of the University of Connecticut.

Darren K. MacFarland, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, published an article entitled "Synthesis and Competency of a Tartrate-Derived Dicationic Solid-Liquid Phase-Transfer Catalyst" in *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry*, Vol. 15 (2004): 3297-3300. This article describes two new phase-transfer catalysts and the results of preliminary testing on amino acid alkylations and Michael additions. **Michelle E. Rueffer, '04,** and **Linda K. Fort, '06,** are co-authors.

Rutherford V. Platt, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies, published an article entitled "A Comparison of AVIRIS and Landsat for Land Use Classification at the Urban Fringe" in *Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing*, Vol. 70 (2004): 813-819. Co-authored with Alexander Goetz of the University of Colorado, this manuscript describes a study that tested whether a cutting-edge sensor (AVIRIS) allows for improved land use classification over a commonly used sensor (Landsat ETM+).

Platt published a second article entitled "Global and Local Analysis of Fragmentation in a Mountain Region of Colorado" in *Agriculture, Ecosystems, and Environment*, Vol. 101 (2004): 207-218. This manuscript describes a GIS model developed by Platt to explore the interrelationships between fragmentation of regulatory boundaries, ownership boundaries, and land cover boundaries. The model has been of interest to forest scientists, land use planners, landscape ecologists, geographers and others.

Jonelle E. Pool, Associate Professor of Education, published an article entitled "An Analysis of SAT and PRAXIS I Performance of Teacher Education Candidates at Three Different Types of Institutions" in *Action in Teacher Education*, Vol. 26 (2004): 60-68. This paper is co-authored with **Charles Dittrich '99, Assistant Director of Annual Giving,** **Eric Longwell** and **Kenneth Pool** of McDaniel

College, and Sam Hausfather of East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania. The authors at three different types of institutions (highly selective, selective, and regional state university) investigated correlations between the SAT and PRAXIS I tests required for teacher certification. At all three institutions, moderately strong correlations were found between these measures raising the issue of unintended consequences for the use of PRAXIS I to screen teacher education candidates.

Janet M. Powers, Professor Emerita of Women's Studies and Interdisciplinary Studies, published two articles in *South Asian Literature in English*. The first article entitled "Macaulay's Minute on Education," (2004): 194-95, addresses David Macaulay's famous Minute on Education (1834) which designated an English language educational system for India. The second article entitled "Partition Literature," (2004): 244-248, presents significant fiction concerning the 1947 Partition of India into two countries.

Michael Ritterson, Associate Professor of German, recently published the English translation of two chapters from the book *In Deutschland leben* by Iranian-German writer Saïd (Munich: C. H. Beck, 2004). The excerpts, in German, English, and Arabic, appear in the non-fiction section of the Goethe-Institut Website, *Litrix.de German Literature Online*. Saïd, who uses only his first name, left Iran as a political refugee in 1965. In these excerpts from *Living in Germany: A Conversation with Wieland Freund*, he describes the Tehran of his childhood and the immigrant experience in West Germany, and he assesses the interplay of culture and politics over the last 40 years in his adopted country.

Stephen M. Sivi, Associate Professor of Psychology, Nicole J. Love, '01, Brian M. DeCicco, '01, Sara B. Giordano, '01, and Tara L. Seifert, '01, published an article entitled "The Relative Playfulness of Juvenile Lewis and Fischer-344 Rats" in *Physiology and Behavior*, Vol. 80 (2003): 385-394. This report describes a series of experiments that systematically evaluated differences in the play of two inbred strains of rats. In addition to characterizing the strain differences in playfulness, these results also point towards a genetic source for these differences.

Elizabeth Richardson Viti, Professor of French, published an article entitled "Annie Ernaux's *Passion simple* and *Se Perdre*: Proust's 'Amour-maladie' Revisited and Revised" in *Nottingham French Studies* (Great Britain), Vol. 43 (2004): 35-45. The article examines a surprising resemblance between two writers whose work ostensibly seems quite dissimilar.

John R. Winkelmann, Professor of Biology, published a paper entitled "Preferences of Fig Wasps and Fruit Bats for Figs of Functionally Dioecious *Ficus pungens*" in the *Journal of Tropical Ecology*, Vol. 20 (2004): 233-238. The paper describes mechanisms by which tropical rainforest fig species maximize pollination and seed dispersal.

BOOK REVIEWS

Matthew H. Amster, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, published a review of *Indigenous Architecture in Borneo: Traditional Patterns and New Developments*, edited by Robert L. Winzeler (Borneo Research Council), in *Anthropological Forum*, Vol. 14 (2004): 53-55.

Amster also published a review of "*Never Stand Alone*": A Study of Borneo Sociality by Christine Helliwell (Borneo Research Council) in *The Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol. 63 (2004): 551-553.

Nathalie Lebon, Assistant Professor of Women's Studies, reviewed *Feminismo en Méico: Revision Historico- Critica del Siglo que Termina/Las Fissures del Patriarcado/ Uma História do Feminismo no Brasil* in her publication entitled "New Readings of Feminisms in Neoliberal Latin America: Spanish and Portuguese Language Texts" in *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, Vol. 6 (2004): 535-544.

Jack Ryan, Associate Professor of English, published a review of *A History of Australian Baseball: Time and Game* by Joe Clark (University of Nebraska Press, 2003) for *Aethlon: The Journal of Sport Literature*, Vol. XXI (2004): 123.

Isabel Valiela, Visiting Assistant Professor of Spanish, published "Two Steps Forward, One Step Back: Women in Contemporary Mexican Politics," a review of the book *Women in Contemporary Mexican Politics*, by Victoria E. Rodríguez, (University of Texas Press, 2003). The book review was published in the *Pakistan Journal of Women's Studies: Alam-e-Niswan*, Karachi, Pakistan. Vol. 11 (2004): 109-114.

PROFESSIONAL PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Tahera Aftab, Distinguished Visiting Professor of Religion, presented a paper entitled "Women in Pakistan: A Feminist Perspective of Women and Development in Pakistan" at the Middle Atlantic Region, Association for Asian Studies Meeting at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA on October 23, 2004.

Emelio R. Betances, Associate Professor of Sociology and Latin American Studies, presented a paper entitled "Causes and Consequences of Dominican Migration in the United States," at the Lecture Series of the Ethnic Studies Program at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH on October 27, 2004. This paper examined the internal and external factors that caused the Dominican migration to the United States, including the political crises in the Dominican Republic and American foreign policy, and how the migration is part of a larger phenomenon in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Betances also presented a paper entitled "The Mediation of the Catholic Church in Bolivia and Central America" at the XXV International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association held in Las Vegas, NV, October 7-9, 2004. This paper examines the role played by a group of bishops who mediated political conflicts in Bolivia and Central America. At this meeting, Betances also served as a discussant on two panels: "The Revolution Bicentennial in Hispaniola" and "The 1804 Haitian Revolution and Politics in the Hemisphere Since."

Michael J. Birkner, Professor of History and Benjamin Franklin Chair of the Liberal Arts, presented a paper entitled "Still the Keystone in the Democratic Arch? Pennsylvania and the Presidential Election of 2004" at the Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Association in Bethlehem, PA on October 22, 2004. The paper analyzed the presidential contest in historical perspective, pointing out parallels and contrasts with the political environment in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It also discussed how Pennsylvania has traditionally voted and pressure points in election 2004. Birkner predicted that Pennsylvania would vote for Kerry, Florida for Bush, and that the election would turn to a great degree on Ohio's vote.

Robert E. Bohrer II, Associate Professor of Political Science, presented a paper entitled "Moving beyond Consensus versus Majoritarian: The Impact of Democratic Forms on Women's Representation" at the Midwest Political Science Association on April 16, 2004 in Chicago, IL. Bohrer and co-author Stephanie A. Slocum-Schaffer, of Shepard College, move beyond previous findings that consensus democracies offer higher levels of women's representation in parliament in advanced industrial democracies.

Dan W. Butin, Assistant Professor of Education, participated in a debate with David Steiner that was hosted by the Progressive Policy Institute's 21st Century Schools Project on September 10, 2004, in Washington D.C. The debate involved competing studies that examined the ideological and intellectual positions of education schools in the United States.

Butin also presented a paper entitled "What Do We Teach: A Content Analysis of Social Foundations Syllabi" at the American Educational Studies Association Conference in Kansas City, MO, November 4-7, 2004. At this conference Butin was also part of a panel presentation entitled "What Is/Should Be Foundational about Foundations of Education Textbooks" and chaired a panel entitled "Am I Just Hearing Things: Examining the 'Underside' of Service-Learning."

Finally, **Butin** gave a paper, "Service-Learning and the Postmodern Condition" at the 4th Annual International Service-Learning Research Conference, October 10-12, 2004, Greenville, SC. This paper used Stanley Fish's work to clarify an alternative conceptualization of service-learning.

Gitte Wernaas Butin, Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, presented "I'll Be Back: Repetition as Terminator of Religious Rhetoric?" at the Humanities and Technology Association Conference in York, PA on October 15, 2004. The paper used Paul de Man's work and the Terminator's rhetoric to show how machine-like repetition undermines the meta-narrative of religious redemption.

Laurel A. Cohen-Pfister, Visiting Assistant Professor of German, presented a paper entitled "Perpetrators and Victims: Defining German Self- and National Identity in the Literature of Post-Unification" at the 8th Annual Conference of The New Europe at the Crossroads in Munich, Germany on July 28, 2005. Using three recently published German novels (*Die Unvollendeten*, Reinhard Jirgl; *Schlesisches Wetter*, Olaf Müller; and *Die Reise nach Samosch*, Michael Zeller), the paper explores identity issues among German expellees of the postwar era and their descendents.

Bret E. Crawford, Assistant Professor of Physics, gave a paper entitled "Direct nn-Scattering at the YAGUAR Reactor" at the 18th International Conference on the Application of Accelerators in Research and Industry, October 10-15, 2004, in Fort Worth, TX. The talk described progress on an ongoing experiment by a collaboration of Russian and US researchers to measure the strength of attraction between two neutrons. The experiment takes advantage of a very intense reactor in Snezhinsk, Russia to directly scatter neutrons from other neutrons.

Kay Etheridge, Associate Professor of Biology, presented a paper entitled "Loathsome Beasts: Images of Reptiles and Amphibians in Art and Science" at the interdisciplinary conference on Science, Literature, and the Arts in the Medieval and Early Modern World held at Binghamton University (SUNY) on October 21, 2004. The paper was an examination of the seminal role played by these images in the 17th and 18th centuries in disseminating information about the natural world.

Joseph J. Grzybowski, Professor of Chemistry, and Tina L. Tao, '05, presented a poster entitled "Molecular Squares with Clathrochelate Complexes as Edge Pieces," in the Inorganic Division of the 228th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society, Philadelphia, PA on August 24, 2004. C. Adam Samuelson, '02, was also a co-author. At the meeting, Grzybowski also presided over a section of talks entitled "From the Template Effect to Spontaneous Intermolecular Organization."

John (Buzz) Jones, Professor and Chair of Music, was invited to present a paper at Lebanon Valley College's Mary E. Hoffman Symposium on Music Education from July 29-31, 2004. "Composers as Partners" explored the commissioning of new music for ensembles and how successful collaborations between a composer and the commissioning body will have a significant impact on the community of listeners, musicians, and conductor.

Sunghee Kim, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, presented a paper entitled "Conveying Three-Dimensional Shape with Texture" at the first ACM SIGGRAPH Symposium on Applied Perception in Graphics and Visualization held in Los Angeles, CA on August 8, 2004. The paper empirically examined the effect of anisotropic textures on 3D shape perception when the surface texture was represented as variations in luminance versus as variations in surface relief.

Nathalie Lebon, Assistant Professor of Women's Studies, presented a paper entitled "Brazilian Women's Movements, the *Partido dos Trabalhadores* and the Issue of Autonomy" as part of a panel she organized on "Women's Movements, Neoliberalism and the Swing to the Left" at the International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, October 7-9, 2004, in Las Vegas, NV.

Jing Li, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Chinese, presented a paper entitled "'I Don't Want to Bathe in the River': Crafting Ethno-Social Ethnic Landscapes and the Politics of Positioning on China's Southwest Periphery" at the American Folklore Society in Salt Lake City, UT on October 16, 2004. This paper analyzes the feminization and eroticization of the Dai river bathing custom by metropolitan mass media and tourism in a contemporary Chinese minority region. It explores new mechanisms of configuring displaced ethnic landscapes in the context of China's modernization, nation building, and commodity economy.

Kenneth H. Lokensgard, Assistant Professor of Religion, presented a paper entitled "Reciprocity and Personhood in Blackfoot Encounters with European Americans" at the American Society for Ethnohistory in Chicago, IL, on October 28, 2004. Lokensgard also chaired the session "Citizenship, Kinship, and Belonging in Native America," which focused on issues of identity and kinship among Native North American Peoples.

Darren K. MacFarland, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Michelle E. Rueffer, '04, and Linda K. Fort, '06, presented a poster entitled "Synthesis and Competency of a Novel Dicationic Phase-Transfer Catalyst" at the 228th national American Chemical Society meeting, in Philadelphia, PA on August 24, 2004.

Laurence A. Marschall, W.K.T. Sahm Professor and Chair of Physics, was the Harlow Shapley Visiting Lecturer at Clarion University, Clarion, PA on October 26, 2004. He gave a colloquium to the Physics Department entitled "The Discovery of Extrasolar Planets," and he gave a public lecture entitled "Hunting for Killer Asteroids."

Midori Yonezawa Morris, Luce Junior Professor of Japanese Language and Culture and Assistant Professor of Asian Studies, presented a paper entitled "Movements toward Preserving Dialects in Japan" at the Middle Atlantic Region, Association for Asian Studies held at The University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA on October 23, 2004. Dialects have been stigmatized in Japan since the Meiji Restoration, but gradually people use them more, create new forms, teach them, and employ them in other ways. The movement grows slowly without central direction, coming from individuals and necessities in local daily lives, but points to the direction of preserving them.

VoonChin Phua, Assistant Professor of Sociology, presented two papers at the 99th Annual Conference of the American Sociological Society in San Francisco, CA on August 14, 2004. The first paper, co-authored with James W. McNally of the University of Michigan, was entitled "Men Planning for Retirement: A Life Course Perspective," and it examined how men's financial habits change over the life-course. The second paper, co-authored with James W. McNally and Keong-Suk Park of Dong-A University in Korea, was entitled "Immigration and Poverty among Elderly Asian Americans in the 21st Century," and it addressed the risks of being in poverty among elderly Asians using the U.S. 2000 census data. Phua also served as the chair of a session entitled "New Dimensions of Asian American Communities."

Janet M. Powers, Professor Emerita of Women's Studies and Interdisciplinary Studies, presented two papers at the International Peace Research Association meeting in Sopron, Hungary on July 5-9, 2004. The first, presented under the aegis of the Conflict Resolution and Peace Building Commission, was entitled "Palestinian Women and Civil Society Peace Building." The paper dealt with Powers' ongoing research with Palestinian women in Jerusalem and Ramallah. The second paper, presented in a special session on Gender and Political Economy, dealt with "Women and Structural Adjustment Programs." This paper, which grew out of her "Feminism in Global Context" course, reviewed the latest attempts by the World Bank to launch a new Gender Strategy that would repair the damaging effects on women of earlier economic reforms.

Powers also chaired a panel entitled "Journeys in Asian Literatures" at the Middle Atlantic Region, Association for Asian Studies Meeting at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA on October 23, 2004. As part of that panel, she also delivered a paper entitled "Secularism in Indian Fiction: Desai, Mehta, and Chandra." The paper dealt with India's unique definition of secularism, which embraces a multi-cultural world view, and animates two novels by Anita Desai, "In Custody" and "Clear Light of Day;" Gita Mehta's "A River Sutra;" and Vikram Chandra's "Love and Longing in Bombay."

Sarah M. Principato, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies, presented a paper entitled "Holocene Fluctuations of the Vestfirðir Icecap, NW Iceland" at the meetings of the Geological Society of America in Denver, CO on November 10, 2004. The purpose of this study is to understand changes in the icecap on Vestfirðir, NW Iceland, over the last 10,000 years. Using geochronological constraints, such as ³⁶Cl cosmogenic isotope exposure dating, radiocarbon dating, and tephrochronology, it is shown that the size of the icecap fluctuates over this time period.

Rajmohan Ramanathapillai, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, gave an invited presentation entitled "A Global Perspective on Terrorism and Its Impact on Civil Society" at McDaniel College, Westminster, MD on September 10, 2004.

Ramanathapillai also gave a paper entitled "Rehabilitation and Healing of Child Soldiers in Sri Lanka" at the Middle Atlantic Region, Association for Asian Studies Meeting at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA on October 23, 2004. The paper was part of a session on Social Movements in Asian Studies chaired by Ramanathapillai.

Timothy J. Shannon, Associate Professor of History, gave an invited paper entitled "Empires Asunder: The Seven Years' War and the Iroquois Confederacy" at Cultures in Conflict: The Seven Years' War in North America at Shenandoah University, in Winchester, VA on October 23, 2004. The conference, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Seven Years' War, brought together scholars in European, French Canadian, Native American, and Colonial American history to discuss cultural perspectives on warfare and empire in eighteenth-century North America. Shannon's paper addressed the impact the war had on Iroquois military and material culture.

Shannon gave a second invited paper entitled "Montesquieu with a Wampum Belt: Reflections on the Iroquois Influence Thesis" at SUNY, Geneseo in Geneseo, NY on September 30, 2004. In this presentation, Shannon discussed the flawed historical evidence and reasoning behind the notion that the Founding Fathers borrowed from the Iroquois League when they drafted the U.S. Constitution. The topic has been controversial on the Geneseo campus because of a Humanities requirement that incorporates readings on the Iroquois and U.S. constitutions.

Stephen M. Sivi, Associate Professor of Psychology, presented a paper at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in San Diego, CA on October 24, 2004. The paper was entitled "Fear, Risk Assessment, and Playfulness in Juvenile Rats" and was co-authored by Iain McGregor of the University of Sydney, Australia. This work was conducted while Sivi was on a sabbatical leave at the University of Sydney, and it characterizes the extent to which play behavior can be affected by brief exposure to predatory odors.

Carolyn S. Snively, Professor of Classics, presented a paper entitled "Excavations at Konjuh, 2002-2003" at the 18th meeting of the Macedonian Archaeological Scientific Society in Gevgelija, Republic of Macedonia, May 26-29, 2004. The paper was a report on recent archaeological research by the Gettysburg College-Museum of Macedonia project at the site of Golemo Gradište. During the meeting, Snively was elected as an honorary foreign member of the society.

Snively also presented a paper entitled "Dacia Mediterranea and Macedonia Secunda in the Sixth Century" at the third annual Niš and Byzantium Conference, held in Niš, Serbia, June 3-5, 2004. The paper discussed possible architectural influence from the province of Dacia Mediterranea on that of Macedonia Secunda.

Barbara A. Sommer, Assistant Professor of History, presented a paper entitled "Kinship and Alliance in the Eighteenth-Century Slave Trade in Northwestern Amazonia" at the annual meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory in Chicago, IL, October 27-31, 2004. This paper de-centers the study of colonial Amazonia by focusing on the alliance between mixed-race brokers and their Arawakan affines, analyzing their active role in the regional economy and society.

Sommer also presented a paper entitled "Extending Authority to the Portuguese Empire's Edge, ca. 1750" at the annual meeting of the Washington Area Symposium on the History of Latin America held at the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., November 12-13, 2004. The paper describes

the coordinated effort by Portuguese policymakers and the Inquisition to integrate the Amazon more tightly into the colonial web by curbing the power of independent traders in the Amazonian interior.

Eileen M. Stillwaggon, Associate Professor of Economics, gave a presentation entitled "Devising Multi-sectoral Strategies for HIV Prevention," at Abt Associates on October 14, 2004. The talk was given at the Bethesda headquarters of the economic consulting group and was telecast to its offices in Washington, D.C., Chicago, IL, and Cambridge, MA.

Alison A. Stine, Emerging Writer and Lecturer in English, presented a paper entitled "Confronting Your Demons: Writing the Unsayable" at the Association of Writing Programs 2004 Conference in Chicago, IL on March 25, 2004.

Kevin D. Wilson, Assistant Professor of Psychology, presented a poster entitled "Psychophysical Evidence for Distinct Object-Based Effects During Top-Down and Bottom-Up Shifts of Visual Attention" at the Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA on October 24, 2004. The findings showed that paying attention to individual objects in a visual scene had different effects on the ability to make voluntary and involuntary shifts of attention.

John R. Winkelmann, Professor of Biology, presented two papers at the North American Symposium for Bat Research in Salt Lake City, UT, October 27-31, 2004. The first paper was entitled "Roost Selection and Foraging Movements of Epauletted Fruit Bats in Kruger National Park, South Africa," and the second paper was entitled "The Distribution of *Ficus sycomorus* and Movements of *Epomophorus* Fruit Bats in Kruger National Park, South Africa."

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Matthew H. Amster, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, received a \$2,500 mini-grant on behalf of the college to fund the "Gett Real" Common Hour held on October 28, 2004. The grant came from the Bringing Theory to Practice program of the Association of American Colleges and Universities and funded three student speakers, each of whom addressed issues of student mental health on campus. Planning for the Common Hour was done in collaboration with a group of administrators, staff, faculty, and students, including **Jim Wiltgen, Director of Residence Life**, and **Harriet Marritz, Counseling Services**.

Martha E. Arterberry, Professor of Psychology and Assistant Provost, served as an external reviewer of the department of psychology at Colby College, Waterville, ME on November 15-16, 2004.

Michael J. Birkner, Professor of History and Benjamin Franklin Chair of the Liberal Arts, has been named Book Review Editor of *New Jersey History*.

Birkner also served as chair of the program committee of the Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Association in Bethlehem, PA held October 21-23, 2004.

Deborah Larsen Cowan (publishing as "Deborah Larsen"), Professor of English and Merle S. Boyer Chair in Poetry, participated in events surrounding the choice of her novel, *The White* (Alfred A. Knopf, 2002, and Vintage Books, 2003), for the first year "common reading experience" at

the State University of New York, Geneseo. She visited the advanced fiction writing class at SUNY and gave a public lecture on October 21, 2004. Some 1200 students read and discussed *The White*. Cowan also gave an invited public lecture in Chambersburg, PA, on September 9, 2004. *The White* was selected for the "Chambersburg Reads One Book" program for 2004.

Sharon Davis Gratto, Associate Professor of Music and Music Education Coordinator, presided over the annual research symposium and research luncheon at the annual conference of the International NETWORK of Schools for the Advancement of Arts Education held on October 13-17, 2004 in Milwaukee, WI. At the conference, Gratto also led breakfast discussion groups on higher education "Job-A-Likes," and she continues to serve as Research Chair on the NETWORK board of directors.

John (Buzz) Jones, Professor and Chair of Music, was elected to a two-year term as President of the International Association for Jazz Education - Pennsylvania Chapter. Founded in 1968, IAJE initiates programs which nurture and promote the understanding and appreciation of jazz and its heritage, provides leadership to educators regarding curricula and performance, assists teachers and practitioners with information and resources, and takes an active part in organizing clinics, festivals and symposia at local, regional, national and international levels.

Sunghee Kim, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, co-organized the first ACM SIGGRAPH Symposium on Applied Perception in Graphics and Visualization held August 7-8, 2004 in Los Angeles, CA. She also served as a paper reviewer of the highly selective IEEE Visualization Conference held October 10-15, 2004 in Austin, TX.

Nathalie Lebon, Assistant Professor of Women's Studies, served as co-organizer and facilitator of the workshop "Latin American Feminisms, Women's Movements, Gender Agendas and the Challenge of Achieving Equity through Public Policy." The workshop brought together 25 scholars and activists working on these issues for the Latin American Studies Association Gender and Feminist Studies Section Pre-conference entitled "30 years of Feminisms, Women's Movements and Public Policy in Latin America" held on October 6, 2004, in Las Vegas, NV.

Michael Ritterson, Associate Professor of German, took part in a literary translation workshop with the German author Felicitas Hoppe and American translator Philip Boehm at the Chicago Goethe-Institut on October 25-26, 2004. Hoppe is an award-winning novelist and short-fiction writer whose work, now spanning a decade, is still scarcely known in the English-speaking world.

Kevin D. Wilson, Assistant Professor of Psychology, was asked to serve on the Review Committee for the 2005 Cognitive Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting, to be held in New York, NY in April 2005.

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Janet M. Powers, Professor Emerita of Women's Studies and Interdisciplinary Studies, was awarded the 2004 Distinguished Asianist Award by the Middle Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies, at the Middle Atlantic Region, Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting at the University of Pennsylvania, October 23, 2004. The award was given "in recognition of and appreciation for lifelong dedication and outstanding contributions to the field of South Asian Studies." Following acceptance of the award, Powers delivered the banquet speech entitled "The Cat, the Rope-Serpent, and the Toddy Booth," based on the novels of Raja Rao and the four-decade struggle to embed South Asian Studies at Gettysburg College.

CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

John (Buzz) Jones, Professor and Chair of Music, Bret E. Crawford, Assistant Professor of Physics, and Thomas Hamm, Adjunct Instructor of Music, traveled to Germany July 9-20, 2004 as part of a jazz sextet. They performed five concerts in northern Germany and offered three days of jazz workshops for students at the Enger Musikschule near Hannover.

John (Buzz) Jones, Professor and Chair of Music, composed "Axiom Asunder," a 70-minute composition for jazz orchestra, dance company, chorus, and narrator. The music is comprised of four episodes tracing the history of jazz from its rhythmic roots in West Africa through the Caribbean and its development in New Orleans, Chicago, Kansas City, and New York. The composition was premiered on April 30, 2004 as part of a program titled "Jazz Tributaries" at Kline Theater with subsequent performances at Franklin and Marshall and Dickinson Colleges. Mwangi wa Githinji, Associate Professor of Economics and Coordinator of the African-American Studies Program, collaborated as narrator of numerous Langston Hughes poems. Sharon Davis Gratto, Associate Professor of Music and Music Education Coordinator, prepared the Gettysburg College World Music Ensemble on the finale. The project was largely supported by grants from the Central Pennsylvania Consortium, Pennsylvania Council for the Arts, and the Adams County Arts Council.

Susan F. Russell, Associate Professor of Theatre Arts, performed the role of Molly in the Open Stage production of *The Threepenny Opera* in fifteen performances during September and October, 2004. Open Stage is a professional theatre in Harrisburg, PA.

Alison A. Stine, Emerging Writer and Lecturer in English, published poems entitled "Kabul Lion" and "The Swimmers" in *Willow Springs* (Summer/Fall 2004): 7-9; "Perfect" in *The Antioch Review*, Vol. 62 (2004): 518; "The Curfew" in *Gulf Coast*, Vol. 16 (2004): 150; "Homer, Ohio" in *Hayden's Ferry Review* (Fall/Winter 2003-2004): 16; "Shut-In" in *Fugue*, Vol. 27 (2004): 164; "Morphology" in *Mid-American Review*, Vol. XXIV (2004); "White Asparagus" and "Impetus" in *Phoebe*, Vol. 33 (2004); and "In The Limbo of Lost Toys," "White Shirt Poem," and "Catalogue" in *Swink*, Vol. 1 (2004). Her story "The Short History of Girl" was nominated for inclusion in *Best American Non-Required Reading 2004*, edited by Dave Eggers.

Andy Shaw, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Visual Arts, has had his ceramics work featured in four holiday shows: Guilford Handcraft Center, Guilford, CT; The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA; Baltimore Clayworks, Baltimore, MD; and Creative Arts Workshop, New Haven, CT. In addition, Shaw's sugar jars won "Third Prize" and "America's Arts Purchase Award" at the Adams County Fine Art Show, October 1-3, 2004.



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