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Temma Berg, Associate Professor of English, published “READER, Readers, Reading.” In Reader: Essays in Reader-Oriented Theory, Criticism, and Pedagogy 43 (2000): 25-30. Her essay is a contribution to a special issue of the journal in celebration of its move from Michigan Technological University to University of Pittsburgh.

Neil W. Beach, Emeritus Professor of Biology, published “Gay Rights and Human Rights” in The Torch 74.1 (2000): 8-9, 35. The Torch is a publication of the International Association of Torch Clubs, Inc. The article had the by-line, “A serious discussion of a sensitive subject.”


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.htm. 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.

Philip Bobko, Professor of Management, published two articles: “Correcting the Effect Size of d for Range Restriction and Unreliability,” appeared in Organizational Research Methods, 4 (2000): 46-61. It was co-authored with P. Roth (Clemson) and C. Bobko (Princeton, ’03); his “Liberal arts and management education: Re-emphasizing the link for the 21st century,” co-authored by Manuel Tejeda, Assistant Professor of Management, was published in the Journal of Business Education 1 (2000): 1-10.
Robert F. Bornstein, Professor of Psychology, recently published two journal articles: "The Impending Death of Psychoanalysis" in Psychoanalytic Psychology, 18 (2001): 3-20; and, “Interpersonal Dependency Among Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse” in the Journal of Child Sexual Abuse 9 (2000): 71-86. Erica Hill ('94) was primary author on the latter paper, which was based on her doctoral dissertation.

John Commoto, Professor of Environmental Studies and Biology and recent Environmental Studies graduate Brian Rusignuolo ('00) have published “Structural Complexity in Mussel Beds: The Fractal Geometry of Surface Topography” in the Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology 225 (2000): 133-52. The authors used the branch of chaos theory called fractal geometry to characterize non-Euclidean seafloor topography in Maine where dense populations of commercially valuable mussels are found. Professor Commoto is continuing this work on sabbatical at the University of Pisa and the Marine Laboratory of the French National Museum. He is testing the applicability of self-organizing criticality power laws to fractal distributions of marine organisms along the coasts of Tuscany and Brittany.


Caroline A. Hartzell, Associate Professor of Political Science, “Stabilizing the Peace After Civil War: An Investigation of Some Key Variables,” International Organization 55.1 (2001): 183-208. The article is co-authored with Matthew Hoddie and Donald Rothchild of the University of California at Davis.


Fred G. Leebron, Associate Professor of English, has had published a paperback edition of his novel Six Figures (New York: Harvest, 2001). Six Figures has been named a New York Times Notable Book of the Year.

Laurence A. Marschall, Professor of Physics, published a review essay, “The Story of P: Phosphorus is the protagonist in an elemental drama of fire and destruction,” in the January/February 2001 issue of The Sciences (44). The essay reviews The 13th Element by John Emsley (London: John Wiley and Sons, 2000), which details the fascinating history of Phosphorus.


Kathryn Rhett, Assistant Professor of English, published two essays in Real Simple, a magazine about “life/home/body/soul”: one on Friendship (May 2000, 16, 62, 64) an evocative piece about her relationship to her sister; and another entitled “Seat of the Soul,” a meditation on the perfect chair (September 2000, 91, 94-6).


Eileen Stillwaggon published an article entitled “HIV transmission in Latin America: comparisons with Africa and policy implications” in the December issue of The South African Journal of Economics (Special Edition on The Economics of HIV/AIDS), 68.5 (2000): 985-1111. She was also invited to contribute an article, “HIV/AIDS and Hunger in Sub-Saharan Africa,” on the interaction of malnutrition and infectious diseases, including HIV/AIDS, which appears in Hunger 2001 (91), the Annual Report of the Bread For The World Institute, a foundation that works to combat hunger in the United States and in the developing world.


PROFESSIONAL PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Temma Berg made two conference presentations: “Susannah Dobson: Learned Lady Lost,” at the EC/ASECS (East Central regional meeting of American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies), held in Norfolk, Virginia (October 5-8, 2000); and “‘The Circle of Her Acquaintance’: Writing about Letters from the Dead,” at the ASECS (American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies) meeting in Philadelphia (April 12-16, 2000).

Phil Bobko presented a paper, "Ethnic group differences in cognitive ability in employment and educational settings: A meta-analysis," at the annual meeting of the Academy of Management, Toronto, Canada (August, 2000). P. Roth, C. BeVier, F. Switzer, and P. Tyler, of Clemson University were co-authors.

Leslie Cahoon, Associate Professor of Classics, read a paper entitled "Dea sum auxiliaries: Miraculous Interventions of Kindly Goddesses in Ovid’s Metamorphoses 9 & 10" at the annual meeting of the Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association at UCLA (November 12, 2000).


Ann Harper Fender, Professor of Economics, presented "Using the Great Depression to Teach Economics and Quantitative Thinking," at the Southern Economic Association Meetings in Arlington, Virginia (November 2000).

Dan Gilbert co-authored, with Kathryn S. Rogers of Pitzer College, two papers that were presented at the Eleventh Annual International Association for Business and Society Conference held in Essex Junction, Vermont (March 16-19, 2000); the papers were subsequently in the Conference Proceedings. The first paper is titled, "Entrepreneurship and Ethics," and the second, "Imagining Business Organizations through Photography: Place, Space, and Pattern."


Professor Hartzell also read "The Influence of Power-sharing Arrangements on Elections and Post-Civil War Stability," a paper she co-authored with Matt Hoddie and Donald Rothchild of the University of California at Davis, at the Power Sharing and Peacemaking Conference, sponsored by the University of California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York, in La Jolla, California (December 7-9, 2000).
Thane S. Pittman, Professor of Psychology, presented “Inaction Inertia: Avoiding Regret Through the Avoidance of Action,” co-authored by Orit E. Tykocinski, Ben Gurion University, at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Judgment and Decision Making in New Orleans (November 18-20, 2000).

Marta Robertson participated, last Fall, in the centenary celebrations of Aaron Copland’s birth. She presented a paper, “‘Dear Aaron... Love Martha’: Issues of Collaboration and Context in Appalachian Spring,” at the opening session of the University of Maryland, College Park’s month-long Copland Centenary Festival and Conference, and at the Library of Congress Music Division’s Copland Centennial Celebration, for a Symposium entitled “Copland at the Millennium.”


Carolyn S. Snively, Associate Professor of Classics, read a paper entitled “The Integration of Christianity and Death: Burials at Churches and Churches in Cemeteries,” at the 26th annual Byzantine Studies Conference, held at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts (October 27-29, 2000).

Eileen Stillwaggon gave a paper at the annual meetings of the Allied Social Sciences Association in New Orleans (January 5-7, 2001). The paper was entitled “International Labor Migration and HIV/AIDS in Ecuador.”

PROFESSIONAL DISTINCTIONS

A resoundingly positive review of Andrea Barbarino and the Language of Chivalry (Gainesville, FL: U of Florida P, 1997) by Gloria Allaire, Assistant Professor of Italian, appeared in the “Italian Bookshelf” section of Annali d’italianistica 18 (2000): 486-87. The review praises Professor Allaire’s scholarly thoroughness and methodological rigor, and calls the book a “pioneering work” (486) which will be able to “clarify confusion, dispel ignorance, and point the way to a deeper [understanding]” of the subject.

Michael Birkner participated in Liberty Fund sponsored colloquium on “Madison, Jefferson, and the Constitution,” Lexington, Kentucky (September 22, 2000). He also delivered the keynote address, “Woodrow Wilson and the 21st Century,” at the 75th annual meeting of the Woodrow Wilson Society in Carlisle, Pennsylvania (December 28, 2000). Professor Birkner was elected to the Pennsylvania Humanities Council and began service with the Council’s November 30-December 1, 2000 meeting.
Robert Bornstein was recently elected to Fellow status in the American Psychological Association.

Thomas W. Crawford, Assistant Professor of Geography and Environmental Studies, received an NSF grant for his proposed study, “Integrating Spatial Information Technologies in the Environmental Studies Curriculum,” for a duration of thirty-six months. The award is offset by cost-sharing from a substantial Arthur Vining Davis grant.


Professor Leebron also received a Pennsylvania Council on the Arts Literature Fellowship, 2001.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Michael Birkner moderated a panel discussion on “Eisenhower and the Media,” for the National Park Service’s 2000 Eisenhower Seminar (October 28, 2000). He also participated in panel discussions on Campaign 2000, featuring leading journalists and political consultants (October 19, 2000; January 22, 2001).

Dan Gilbert has begun serving a two-year term as Co-Chair of the Doctoral Consortium for the Social Issues in Management Division of the Academy of Management. He co-chairs the 2001 Doctoral Consortium (to be held on August 3-4, 2001 in Washington, DC) with Jennifer Griffin of George Washington University. The doctoral consortium brings together, from around the world, doctoral candidates working in such areas as corporate social performance, business ethics, and business and public policy.

Professor John W. Jones, Associate Professor of Music, chaired a session entitled “Solving the Problems of the Small College Band” at the 31st National Conference of the College Band Director’s National Association (February 20-24, 2001).
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