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## **Abstract**

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## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

**Gabor S. Boritt, Robert C. Fluher Professor of Civil War Studies**, is on research leave this spring working on a narrative history of the Battle of Gettysburg with a fellowship from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

**Timothy J. Shannon, Assistant Professor of History**, has received a research fellowship from the John Carter Brown Library in Providence, Rhode Island. Tim will be in residence at the library for two months in the fall of 1999, using its rare maps and prints collection to continue his research on the material culture of European-Indian diplomacy in North America.

## PUBLICATIONS

**Martha E. Arterberry, Associate Professor of Psychology**, along with co-author Albert Yonas of the University of Minnesota, has a paper about to be published in *Perception and Psychophysics* entitled "Perception of Three-Dimensional Shape Specified by Optic Flow by Eight-Week-Old Infants." Research for the paper was supported by a grant from the National Institute of Health and by the Grants Advisory Commission at Gettysburg College.

**Marc Becker, Visiting Assistant Professor of Global Studies**, had an article entitled "Comunas and Indigenous Protest in Cayambe, Ecuador" published in *The Americas*. The article examines how indigenous and peasant pressure led the Ecuadorian legislature to pass the *Ley de Organización y Régimen de Comunas* (or Law of Communes) in 1937. The law was intended to extend legal protection to rural communities in order to protect them from attacks and exploitation from outside forces. Only one community in the northern canton of Cayambe, however, chose this form of political organization. The article examines why.

**Gabor S. Boritt** has published a revised, paperback edition of *The Gettysburg Nobody Knows* with Oxford Press. The book has received positive notices in a variety of journals and magazines from *Civil War History* to *The New Yorker*. Based on lectures delivered at the 1996 Civil War Institute, the book contains a chapter by **J. Matthew Gallman, Henry R. Luce Professor of Civil War Era Studies** at Gettysburg College.

**Robert S. Fredrickson, Professor of English**, has recently published two travel memoirs, "Where Stoned Men Talk God in the Early Sun" in the autumn 1998 issue of *The Massachusetts Review* and "Heart of Darkness in Gabon" in the spring 1999 issue of the *Journal of African Travel Writing*. A review by Bob of *Tourists with Typewriters: Critical Reflections on Contemporary Travel Writing* by Patrick Holland and Graham Huggan will also appear soon in



*Ariel: A Review of International English Literature*. In addition, *Papers on Language and Literature*, has accepted an essay on "Robert Stone's Opium of the People: Religious Ambivalence in *Damascus Gate*."

**Robert R. Garnett, Associate Professor of English**, published an article entitled "The Good and the Unruly in *Great Expectations*—and Estella" in the March issue of *Dickens Quarterly*. The article explores the ambiguous nature of Dickens's imagination as he wrote *Great Expectations*, a novel divided between admiration for the social and domestic virtues he had long celebrated, and disruptive passions he strongly disapproved of—but was well acquainted with. The article examines the problematic heroine Estella, in particular, who led Dickens into a moral labyrinth far from his usual moral certitudes and comic resolutions.

**Cecil C. Gray, Assistant Professor of Religion, Coordinator of African American Studies**, has placed his dissertation with Africa World Press. Entitled *From Incipient Afrocentric Thought and Praxis to Afrocentric Thought and Praxis*, the book examines the development of Afrocentric thought in the twentieth century, tracing its development from the work of Aime Cesaire in the late thirties to that of Molefi Asante and others in the 1990's.

**Julia Hendon, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology**, has recently had an article published as part of a book. "Multiple Sources of Prestige and the Social Evaluation of Women in Prehispanic Mesoamerica" appeared in *Material Symbols: Culture and Economy in Prehistory*, edited by John E. Robb and released by the Center for Archaeological Investigations at Southern Illinois University. In the article, Julie explores the existence of multiple prestige structures, underwritten by different forms of social evaluation. She looks at the significance of women's actions in four societies: the Mendi in Papua New Guinea, the Pawnee in North America, the Maya in Mexico and Central America, and the Aztec in Mexico.

**Robert M. Knight, Adjunct Instructor of English**, has published a compilation of excerpts from the first chapter of his recent book on the craft of writing in the 1999 *Writer's Yearbook*. The title of Bob's book—which was published in 1998 by the Iowa State University Press—is *A Journalistic Approach to Good Writing: The Craft of Clarity*.

**Elizabeth Lambert, Associate Professor of English**, has been asked by the editors of the *New Dictionary of National Biography* to write the entry for French Laurence, a member of parliament and a protege of Edmund Burke.

**Fred G. Leebron, Assistant Professor of English**, will publish *Welcome to Arcadia*, a novella set on a commune in central Copenhagen, in *Open City*, a literary magazine described by *Library Journal* as "one of the ten best." Fred's review of David Guterson's new novel, *East of the Mountains*, just appeared in the *Chicago Tribune*.

**Margaret M. Nicholson, Associate Professor of Management**, was co-editor of a special issue of *Systems Practice and Action Research* forthcoming in August 1999. The issue recognizes the contributions of Russell L. Ackoff, professor emeritus at the University of Pennsylvania's



Wharton School, on the occasion of his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Dr. Ackoff's work is internationally known in the field of operations research and in the planning and design of social systems.

**Jonelle E. Pool, Assistant Professor of Education**, published an article in the *Middle Grades Network Newsletter* for Spring/Summer 1999 entitled "Middle Grades-College Collaborative Field Experience." She collaborated on the article with Charles Dittrich, a former student associate for her educational psychology class (spring 1998) and currently a senior history major and secondary education minor, student teaching at Littlestown High School. This article describes their collaborative field experience project with Project Connections at Hannah Penn Middle School in York, Pennsylvania. As a result of this collaborative exchange, Gettysburg students served as student aides in classes at Hannah Penn Middle School and Hannah Penn Middle School students came to campus to give a middle-level student perspective on what it means to be an effective teacher.

**Kathryn Rhett, Assistant Professor of English**, has a poem entitled "Night" forthcoming this summer in *The Bellingham Review*. A book review by Kathryn, of Charles L. Mee's memoir *A Nearly Normal Life*, appeared in the *Chicago Tribune* in January. Another review, of Bobbie Ann Mason's memoir *Clear Springs*, will be published soon.

**Elizabeth Richardson Viti, Professor of French**, has had an article accepted for publication, in *Studies in Twentieth Century Literature* entitled "*Passion simple* and *Madame, c'est à vous que j'écris*: That's My Desire." The essay examines Annie Ernaux's *Passion Simple*, a 1991 account of her affair with a foreign businessman living temporarily in France, as well as Alain Gérard's *Madame, c'est à vous que j'écris*, published four years later. Dissatisfied with Ernaux's description of desire, Gérard assumes the lover's identity and chronicles events from a male perspective, making the two texts an ideal example of the feminist notion that gender informs both reading and writing.

**Carolyn S. Snively, Associate Professor of Classics**, published an article, "Intramural Burial in the Cities of the Late Antique Diocese of Macedonia," in the *Acta XIII Congressus Internationalis Archaeologiae Christianae* (Proceedings of the 13<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Christian Archaeology). In the article she discusses reasons for the gradual move from the Roman custom of burial outside the fortification walls to burial inside cities in the southern Balkan peninsula.

**Sharon L. Stephenson, Assistant Professor of Physics**, and colleague **Bret A. Crawford, Assistant Professor of Physics**, have had three papers published in the February and March issues of *Physical Review*, the largest and best known physics journal for most fields in physics, especially nuclear physics. February's issue included "Parity violation in neutron resonances in 107, 109Ag" and "Search for parity violation in 93Nb neutron resonances." In March, "Parity nonconservation in neutron resonances in 113Cs" appeared.

**Charles D. Thompson, Assistant Professor of Religion**, has several publications scheduled to appear this summer. An article entitled "Bloodletting: Reexamining Native Identities where



Borders Bleed” will appear in *Ayaangwaamizin: International Journal of Indigenous Philosophy*, published at Oklahoma City University. This article examines how many Jakalteko Maya of Guatemala maintained their distinctive conceptions of identity despite their exile in Mexico, the U.S., and Canada during the 1980's and early 90's. Charlie will also have a book chapter in *Indigenous Religions: A Companion*, edited by Graham Harvey and published by Cassell's in London. The chapter is entitled “The Unwieldy Promise of Ceremonies: The Case of the Jakalteko Maya's Dance of the Conquest” and examines the Maya's interpretation of the Conquest, showing how dance and other ceremonies can contribute to the resurgence of the Maya and others who have been described as history's victims. In addition, an article entitled “Masked Identities: Dance of the Conquest and Layered Histories of the Maya” will appear in *Journal of Latin American Lore* (published at UCLA). This piece explores the various histories woven into The Dance of the Conquest, a religious performance in the Mayan highlands.

**Toni Wein, Assistant Professor of English**, had a paper accepted for publication in *Women's Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal*. Entitled “Dear Prudence: The Art of Management and the Management of Art in Edgeworth's *Belinda*,” the paper examines changing definitions of prudence during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, in order to show how Edgeworth refuses to characterize prudence as either materialistic or moralistic, or male or female. Since Edgeworth's narrative practice also divorces prudence from propriety, this revaluation of Edgeworth serves not only her literary reputation but also our appreciation of subtleties in women's writing, many of which have been flattened out by theorists of desire, masquerade, and the novel.

## PROFESSIONAL PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

**Martha E. Arterberry** presented two papers along with former and current Gettysburg students at the biennial meetings of the Society for Research in Child Development in Albuquerque, New Mexico in April. These included “Joint Problem Solving in Five-Year-Olds: The Effects of Evaluation and Task Difficulty” with Stephanie Chopko (now a second year graduate student at the University of Alabama) and “Preschoolers' Understanding of the Inheritance of Biological vs. Social Traits” with seniors David Hudspeth and Eric Barrett.

**Marc Becker** presented “Protest and Ethnicity in Rural Ecuador, 1925-1944” to the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University on April 12, 1999. Marc discussed the emergence of conflicts between class consciousness and ethnic identities in early peasant movements in northern Ecuador.

**Gabor S. Boritt** delivered three keynote addresses this spring. Gabor was keynote speaker for the 1999 meeting of the New York State Council on Social Studies and spoke on the intersection of anti-black and anti-Lincoln images in the caricature of the Civil War era. He also spoke at the Union County College Civil War Conference, sponsored by the New Jersey Historical Commission and the New Jersey Council on Historical Education. In addition, he addressed Lincoln's relations with the military at a conference sponsored by the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies.



**Judith Brough, Professor of Education**, co-presented a session at the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development annual meeting on easing the transition from middle school to high school. Judy is a co-facilitator for ASCD's Middle Grades Network, which seeks to improve educational opportunities for young adolescents. In addition, Judy and her daughter Kasey, who is thirteen, keynoted a state level education conference in Kutztown last semester. They presented their research on effective teaching at the middle level from two perspectives—adult and young adolescent. Judy's "honorarium" for the presentation was negotiated as free registration and lunch for Gettysburg College education students who chose to attend the conference.

**John A. Commito, Coordinator of the Environmental Studies Program and Professor of Environmental Studies and Biology, and Koren Holland, Associate Professor of Chemistry**, recently presented results of their project, "Genetic Structure of *Gemma gemma* Across Spatial Scales Revealed by *mtDNA* Sequencing," with Biology major Christopher Wahlers at the 1999 Benthic Ecology Meetings in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The work documents that differences in mitochondrial DNA in this common marine bivalve can be detected in seven populations from Maine, Massachusetts, and Virginia, and that variation is proportional to the distance between locations. Characterizing these subtle differences will make it possible to trace the migration patterns of natural populations and those that were accidentally introduced to the West Coast as long as one hundred years ago.

**Roy A. Dawes, Associate Professor of Political Science**, along with his colleague, A. Hunter Bacot from the University of North Carolina, presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association in San Antonio in March. The paper, entitled "Comparative State Environmental Effort: Measuring Institutional Capability and Environmental Commitment," explores the factors involved in intergovernmental environmental management.

**Kathleen T. Doherty, Assistant Professor of Psychology**, presented a poster at the Eastern Psychological Association conference in April in Providence, Rhode Island. The title of the poster was: "Judgements of Straight vs. Gay Perpetrators of Child Sexual Abuse"; it was co-authored by a Gettysburg student, Kelly Smolen. Kelly and Kathy examined how observers judge the same action in different ways, depending on stereotypes they have about the individual who engages in the behavior.

**J. Mathew Gallman** was keynote speaker at President Lincoln Comes to Philadelphia: the Politics of Public Ritual, a symposium sponsored by The Abraham Lincoln Foundation of the Union League of Philadelphia.

**Sharon Davis Gratto, Associate Professor of Music**, was one of two featured presenters at the first annual Robert Pattengale Saturday Symposium in Music Education held at Moorhead State University in Moorhead, Minnesota. The theme for the symposium was "Music of Many Cultures: Integrating Lessons of Many Disciplines."



**Charles Hannon, Instructional Technologist, and Deborah Sommer, Assistant Professor of Religion**, participated in a panel discussion, "Curriculum and IT—Can They Speak the Same Language?" at The Blackboard Summit on Internet Technologies and Today's Academic Computing Imperative in Washington, D.C. Their presentation focused on instructional technology support at liberal arts colleges, from the perspective of an IR administrator and a member of the Gettysburg faculty.

**Julia Hendon** attended the 64th annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology in March and presented a paper, "Having and Holding: Storage and Social Relations in Mesoamerica." The paper considers the social role of storage in the creation and reinforcement of social and political relations between household and state in Mesoamerica.

**Donald W. Hinrichs and Pamela J. Rosenberg, Professor and Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology**, attended the 69th annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society in Boston in March and presented a paper, "Correlates of Negative Attitudes Toward Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Persons Among Heterosexual Male and Female Students on Six Liberal Arts College Campuses." The paper is based on data collected during Don's sabbatical leave in 1995.

**Helenmarie Hofman, Associate Professor of Education**, made two presentations at the Satellite Educators' Annual Conference. The first, "Action on the Web for Grades Five through Twelve," included the use of satellite data in a variety of science topics, evaluation of web site quality, and teaching strategies such as *filamentality* and *Webquests*. The second presentation, "Environmental Education Activities Related to National and State Standards," discussed a variety of proposed academic standards for teaching on the environment and ecology.

**Catherine V. Howard, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology**, participated in the Annual Meeting of the American Ethnological Society, held March 25-27 in Portland, Oregon. She presented a paper entitled, "A Naturalist's Guide to Indigenous Peoples: Three Ways of Being Non-Western," and was part of a panel on "The Native and the Natural." The paper analyzed the cultural symbolism and political implications of popular stereotypes of native peoples that are circulated in public campaigns by major environmentalist and conservationist organizations.

**Steven W. James, Associate Professor of Biology**, presented a paper at the 20th Fungal Genetics Conference in Asilomar, California in March. The paper, entitled "Molecular and genetic analyses of the *nimO* initiator of DNA synthesis in *Aspergillus nidulans*," described recent advances by investigators at Gettysburg College in understanding how the *nimO* gene acts as a regulator of cell proliferation. In particular, three new genes have been identified which partner with *nimO* in controlling when and how cells multiply. This project was carried out by six students over a period of two and a half years: Birgit Nilsson ('98), Donna Orzell ('98), Ken Adams ('99), Karen Messner ('99), Maureen Miller ('99), and Katie Burns ('00). Karen and Maureen were included as co-authors in this paper.



These two students presented a second paper with Steve at NCUR-13, the thirteenth annual meeting of the National Council of Undergraduate Research in Rochester, New York in April. The paper, "Identification and characterization of genes that interact with the *nimO* initiator of DNA synthesis in *Aspergillus nidulans*," describes genetic, molecular, and cell biological experiments by Karen and Maureen which led to the identification of three new genes involved in controlling cell division. These new genes will form the basis of much future work in the Gettysburg College laboratory. The long-term goal of this research is to understand how these genes cooperate to control DNA synthesis, and how deficiencies in this regulatory machinery produce the kinds of derangement that lead to cell death or cancer.

Also at NCUR-13, Gettysburg students Ken Adams ('99) and David Staneck ('99) presented (along with Steve) a paper entitled "Molecular and genetic analyses of the *Aspergillus nidulans* DNA Polymerase Epsilon." The paper describes a series of unusual genetic and cellular properties of a key enzyme needed for the synthesis and repair of DNA. Ken and Dave discovered that certain mutations in the gene cause cells to become genetically unstable, i.e. to accumulate mutations and other errors in DNA at an elevated frequency. These defects in DNA repair parallel certain heritable defects in humans that decrease the fidelity of DNA synthesis and consequently lead to elevated incidence of cancer. Thus, their work may serve as a model for understanding basic mechanisms of DNA repair and the development of cancer in higher organisms such as humans.

**Elizabeth Lambert** presented a paper entitled "Desperate Venturers: Edmund Burke and His Brother Richard" at the annual meeting of American Society of Eighteenth-Century Studies in Milwaukee in March.

**Laurence A. Marschall, Professor of Physics**, presented two papers at the local Central Pennsylvania American Association of Physics Teachers meeting held this year at Gettysburg High School. "New Astronomy Exercises from Project CLEA" was co-presented with Glen Snyder. "The Properties of Cool Algol Binaries: Observations from Gettysburg College" was co-authored with Akbar Rizvi, a Gettysburg student. Gettysburg students presenting papers at the conference included Jeff Brindle, Andrew Danner, Alaine Duffy, Jay Henniger, Julia Lynch, and Akbar Rizvi.

**Kristen C. Nelson, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies**, did a presentation on "Autonomy and Natural Resource Management" for the Department of Biology and the School of Natural Resources and Environment at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor in April. Kristen's work in this area involves a comparative analysis of indigenous autonomy movements in Chiapas, Mexico and the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua and their impact on natural resource management.

In March Kristen spoke on "The Social Context of Carbon Mitigation by Agro/Forestry Projects in Mayan Communities" for the Department of Biology at Hood College in Maryland. She analyzed social factors that will impact carbon mitigation projects designed for agro/forestry systems in Mayan communities. The work is based on an initial feasibility study and two years



of project monitoring to (1) identify farmer-preferred and ecologically viable agro/forestry systems and their carbon mitigation potential; (2) assess the economic potential of carbon offsets, and (3) analyze sociopolitical factors related to such projects.

**Margaret M. Nicholson** presented a paper in February at the Southeast Decision Sciences Institute (SEDSI) annual conference titled, "The Role of Participation in Decision Making." The paper discussed the importance of structuring participation into a management system along with the role participation plays in the decision-making processes of an organization. Margaret also served as a discussant at the same meeting.

**Thane S. Pittman, Professor of Psychology**, chaired a session entitled "Beyond Pleasure and Pain: The Psychology of Promotion and Prevention" at the 1999 meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association in Providence, Rhode Island in April.

**Jonelle E. Pool** along with colleague **Judith A. Brough** presented a session at the meeting of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development in San Francisco in March. Their session focused on practical intelligence for school and the importance of reflection for developing meaning for teachers and students. At the Georgia Association of Teacher Educators' Conference at Pine Mountain, Georgia, Jonelle also presented a research paper on intervention strategies for improving the effectiveness of the student teaching experience.

**Coral Roelas-Vega, Instructor in Spanish**, presented a paper last February in New Orleans at La Chispa, a conference sponsored by the University of Tulane. The paper was entitled "Discurso filmico y postmodernidad en Corazón tan blanco (1992) de Javier Marías."

**Allison C. Singley, Adjunct Instructor in English**, presented "In the Footsteps of Faulkner: Russell Banks' Haiti and the Struggle with White Masculinity" to the Northeast Modern Language Association in Pittsburgh in April. In this paper, Allison compares Faulkner's treatment of Haiti in *Absalom, Absalom!* with that of Russell Banks in *Continental Drift*.

**Stephen M. Sivi, Associate Professor of Psychology**, presented a paper at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience last November in Los Angeles: "Serotonergic Involvement in the Rough and Tumble Play of Juvenile Rats." Listed as co-authors on the paper were former Gettysburg students Marie Boustani, Jim Birkholz and Michelle Pineault. By evaluating the behavioral effects of various compounds that act on brain serotonin systems, the investigators were able to report that serotonin most likely modulates levels of play behavior in juvenile rats by influencing how an animal will respond to playful overtures being made by a partner. Work on this general area of research is continuing in Steve's lab.

**Eileen M. Stillwaggon, Assistant Professor of Economics**, gave a paper entitled "Asking the Wrong Questions, Getting the Wrong Answers: A Critique of HIV/AIDS Research in Africa" at the African American Studies Conference of the Central Pennsylvania Consortium. Eileen's paper argues that AIDS policymakers—with little empirical support—are increasingly emphasizing behavioral factors as the cause of the high prevalence of HIV/AIDS in Africa. She



demonstrates that a standard epidemiological approach is supported in statistical tests. Higher rates of HIV correlate with uneven income distribution and lower calorie and protein consumption, as is the case for other infectious diseases.

**Donald Tannenbaum, Associate Professor of Political Science**, served as chair and discussant for a panel on political theory at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Political Science Association at Villanova University. The panel included papers on Machiavelli, Montesquieu, biopolitics, and conservatism.

**Charles Thompson** organized and chaired a session for the Appalachian Studies Association Annual Conference entitled: "Stereotypes, Storms, and Stories." The session presented recent findings by various scholars of Appalachian culture, history, and folklore regarding stereotypes of Appalachian people and ways that literature has been used to misrepresent the region. Charlie, who is from the Central Appalachian region, has recently published in *Appalachian Journal* a review of Bill Bryson's *A Walk in the Woods*, one of the books he and others targeted in the session.

Charlie also recently co-authored with Lu Ann Jones, Assistant Professor of History at East Carolina University, a paper entitled "Cultural Grieving: Tobacco and Memory in Rural North Carolina" which Jones presented at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the University of North Carolina's Southern Oral History Program in April. Thanks to a grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Charlie and Lu Ann will be continuing their research of church and community issues in rural North Carolina throughout the summer of 1999. Their primary task will be to collect oral histories from farmers, farm workers, ministers, schoolteachers, and other rural North Carolina residents.

**Janelle Wertzberger, Reference/Instructional Librarian**, presented a poster session at the Association of College and Research Libraries national conference in Detroit in April 1999. The title of her presentation was "Quantitative Assessment of Students' Library Skills and Attitudes." The research Janelle presented was based on a project she carried out last fall with students in bibliographic instruction classes and individual research paper consultations at Musselman Library.

**Robin Wagner, Director of Library Services**, presented a paper at the Association of College and Research Libraries Ninth National Conference in Detroit in April. The paper was entitled "Effective Communication in the Changing Library."

**Toni Wein** gave a presentation, which was missed in earlier *Notebooks*, at the 1998 MLA Conference in San Francisco. Her talk was entitled "Modest Immodesty: The Bible as Woman's Weapon in the Poetry of Katherine Phillips and Anne Killigrew." Toni was also part of a panel on "Morality and Immorality in Restoration and Eighteenth-Century Poetry."



## PROFESSIONAL DISTINCTIONS

**Robert F. Bornstein, Professor of Psychology**, has been selected to receive this year's Walter Klopfer Award for Distinguished Contribution to the Literature on Personality Assessment, given by the Society for Personality Assessment. He also received this award in 1995, making him the only person ever to receive the award more than once. The article on which this honor is based is titled "Implicit and Self-attributed Dependency Needs in Dependent and Histrionic Personality Disorders" and was published in the *Journal of Personality Assessment* in 1998.

**Judith Brough** was awarded the William Alexander Outstanding Educator Award for Exemplary Service to Middle Grades' Education. The honor, given by the Pennsylvania Middle School Association, recognized Judy for her dedication and professional contributions to providing excellence in education for Pennsylvania's Middle School youth.

**Robert R. Garnett** was elected last fall as a trustee of the Dickens Society, the international society of Dickens scholars, critics, teachers and general readers.

**Donald G. Tannenbaum** will be listed in the forthcoming 27<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Dictionary of International Biography* published in Cambridge, England. The listing will mention, among other items, his co-authored book, *Inventors of Ideas*, St. Martin's, 1998, and his service as Founding Editor of *Commonwealth: A Journal of Political Science*.

**Elizabeth Richardson Viti** was recently named to the Edwin T. Johnson and Cynthia Shearer Johnson Distinguished Teaching Chair in the Humanities. This Chair honors a faculty member who, without neglecting scholarship, has made an exceptional contribution as a classroom teacher.

## CREATIVE ACTIVITIES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND PERFORMANCES

**Sharon Davis Gratto** was a guest conductor for three recent public school choral festivals held in Wilmington, North Carolina; Cumberland, Maryland; and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

**Peter Stitt, Professor of English and Editor of *The Gettysburg Review***, reports several recent items of good news. The O'Henry Awards has chosen "A Nurse's Story" by Peter Baida as winner of their top prize for their next volume; they also chose "Nixon Under the Bodhi Tree" by Gerald Reilly as a regular prize winner. Both stories appeared in the Autumn 1998 issue of *The Gettysburg Review* and will be reprinted by O'Henry.

Secondly, Amy Tan, Editor of *The Best American Short Stories, 1999*, has chosen "The Robbers of Karnataka" by James Spencer for inclusion in their forthcoming volume (1999). The story originally appeared in the Summer 1998 issue. In addition, the *Anchor Essay Annual*, published by Doubleday, will include "Bad Eyes," an essay by Erin McGraw that appeared in the Spring 1998 issue.



## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

**Michael P. Cantele, Assistant Athletic Trainer**, has been selected by the United States Olympic Committee to serve as an Athletic Trainer for the 13<sup>th</sup> Pan American Games, which will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. The games run from July 24 through August 8, 1999. Michael will provide medical coverage for the United States Men's Soccer team. He was selected from a group of athletic trainers who have worked with the USOC in the past. He will be evaluated at these games and hopes next year to work at the Olympics in Australia. The Pan American Games are the second largest sporting event in the world, behind the Olympics.

**Suzanne Johnson Flynn, Associate Professor of English**, served as Conference Program Director for the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Nineteenth Century Studies Association conference in Philadelphia, March 18-20, 1999. The NCSA, on the board of which Suzanne serves, is an interdisciplinary association for the study of nineteenth century cultures—British, American, and continental. This year's conference featured papers from 112 presenters whose disciplinary focus ranged from art, architecture, and literature to religious, scientific and legal writing, to social, political, and economic debate.

**Sharon Davis Gratto** was a guest lecturer in Music Education at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina.

**Fred G. Leebron** just finished a stint at Western Michigan University where he served as Writer in Residence and taught a graduate fiction workshop and a graduate seminar on Postmodern American Fiction. He was also a featured reader at the Third Coast Writer's Conference.

**Laurence A. Marschall** invited faculty from other schools to the observatory on a Friday night in April. The weather was good enough to take CCD images of the M3 globular cluster and to make visual observations of double stars. Some of the participants returned to the college the following Saturday afternoon for a workshop on Project CLEA software. In addition, Larry and four students (Chris Henrichson, Alaine Duffy, Julia Lynch, and Akbar Rizvi) discovered another asteroid (their second) during a March observing trip to the National Undergraduate Research Observatory. The asteroid, in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter, has the provisional designation J99E05M. Alaine and Julia presented a paper at the AAPT meeting on this discovery: "Discovering Asteroids at the National Undergraduate Research Observatory."

**Thane S. Pittman** met with colleagues in Baltimore in December as a member of the program committee for the 1999 meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association. The group chose the papers, posters, symposia, and invited addresses that would make up the content of the meeting. Members also discussed plans for the upcoming meeting in 2000. This was Thane's 5<sup>th</sup> and last year on the program committee. In February Thane served as a panel member for the Social and Group Processes Panel for the National Institute of Mental Health. The panel considered grant proposals in psychology, sociology, anthropology, and mathematical modeling related to social and group processes, as well as pre-doctoral and postdoctoral fellowship applications.



**Janet M. Powers, Associate Professor of Women's Studies and Interdepartmental Studies**, is serving as local arrangements chair for the Middle Atlantic Regional Association of Asian Studies conference to be held next October at Gettysburg College. **Fritz Gaenslen, Associate Professor of Political Science**, and members of the IR staff are assisting with the program. More than 250 scholars, graduate students, and K—12 teachers are expected to attend.

**Susan Russell, Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts**, is serving this semester as a judge for the Jane Chambers Playwriting Award. This contest is one of only two in the U.S. that is open to women playwrights only. It was founded to honor the playwright Jane Chambers who died of cancer. The winner receives a cash prize and a staged reading of her play at the annual conference of ATHE (the Association for Theatre in Higher Education). This is the fifth year that Susan has served as a judge for this competition.

**Peter Stitt** will be a faculty member this summer at Writers at Work, a writing workshop sponsored by the University of Utah and held in Salt Lake City from July 11 to July 17.

**Rodney S. Tosten, Associate Professor of Computer Science**, along with the members of his Senior Computer Seminar, has been awarded the 1999 Community Builder Award by the United Way of Adams County. The award is presented to an individual or group who makes an outstanding contribution toward forwarding the work of social services in Adams County. Rod and his associates developed a computer network for county services similar in many ways to the CNAV system at Gettysburg College.



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