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# Welcome Back!

*A warm welcome back to A&S faculty after a productive yet restful summer!*

## BEGINNING-OF-THE-YEAR

**REMINDERS:** Full-time faculty, please submit your Faculty Development Request Forms by September 15. Preliminary decisions on requests will be made by early October. Although the forms and guidelines were recently sent to you via e-mail, the requests must be submitted in HARD copy, signed by your Department Chair. To be honored, receipts must be submitted to the Dean's Office in the requested format no later than two weeks from the time of your return.



## FACULTY VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

A&S faculty members are invited to volunteer to serve on a new committee to plan and execute the **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR SERIES**. Through this series A&S faculty members share recent scholarship/research with colleagues for comment and discussion. Faculty presentations are generally 20-30 minutes, followed by a question/answer segment. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please e-mail [paolinic@sacredheart.edu](mailto:paolinic@sacredheart.edu).

Recently a request for **Essay Readers** for the New SAT was circulated among Department Chairs. If you are interested in volunteering, please consult with your Chair for additional information or see [www.collegeboard.com/newsat/colleges/reader.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/newsat/colleges/reader.html). Please inform the Dean if you volunteer.



Please join us in welcoming **two new staff members** to the College of Arts and Sciences family.



**MICHAEL BOZZONE**, formerly Dean of Freshmen, has moved to the position of Assistant Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences, reporting to the Dean of A&S. Mike will supervise and teach in the New Academic Advising Program for the Newcomer population. In this new program, the instructor of designated freshman-level courses will serve as academic advisor to the students in that section and will continue to advise these students until they declare a major. The Advisor/Instructors will work closely with the newly formed Mentoring Program in Student Affairs. Both the Freshman Advising Program and the Mentoring Program are aimed at improving the freshman student experience as well as retention efforts.

The Advisor/Instructor cohort for AY 2004-2005 consists of the following 14 full-time faculty members who will teach 31 designated advising sections of freshman-level courses: Dr. Blount (Mathematics), Dean Bozzone (English), Prof. Carlin (English), Prof. Conti (English), Dr. Gopalakrishnan (Mathematics), Dr. Greeley (Religious Studies), Prof. Gregorski (Mathematics), Prof. Hampton (English), Prof. McLaughlin (History), Dr. Moliterno (Mathematics), Prof. Novotny (English), Prof. Papachristos (Mathematics), Dr. Reid (Sociology), and Prof. Silva (Mathematics).

Dean Bozzone will serve on the A&S Council of Chairpersons and will work with the Chairs in refining the program and in involving more full-time faculty in the program in future years. His office location, SC 128B, and phone, 7648, remain the same.

The office of **FRANCES COLLAZO-CURTIS**, Director of Academic Advisement, also moves into the College of Arts and Sciences. Mrs. Collazo will continue to work with full-time

transfer students from all Colleges, but she will report to the Dean of A&S. Her training programs for new and continuing advisors will continue as in the past as will her supervision of transfer orientations/advising and the declaration of major process. Please note that Frances' office location has moved to SC 128A. Her phone, 365-7524, remains the same.

### *Other College Changes & News:*

**Dr. Elaine Davis** will serve as interim Chair of the Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice for fall 2004 during Dr. Cauvin's Sabbatical Leave.

**Dr. Richard Grigg** assumes a three-year term as Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, while Dr. Christel Manning becomes Director of the MARS Program.

**Dr. Dhia Habboush** will serve a three-year term as Chair of the Department of Chemistry. He will continue to serve as Director of the graduate program in Chemistry.

**Dr. Peter Loth** will serve as interim Chair of the Department of Mathematics for the fall 2004 semester while Prof. Rose Marie Kinik enjoys a leave.

**Dr. Carol Schofield** and **Dr. Shannon Brightman** will serve as interim Chair of the Department of Biology for the fall and spring semesters respectively while Dr. Jennifer Mattei is on Sabbatical Leave for the academic year.

### **SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM** **REACCREDITED**

I am pleased to announce that the Commission on Accreditation (COA) has reaffirmed the accreditation of the Baccalaureate Program in Social Work at Sacred Heart University for a full eight-year cycle. The Commission points to the many strengths in the program and commends the efforts of the faculty and others associated with the program in achieving reaffirmation.

I am also pleased to report the BSW Program will not have to write a progress report during the current eight year accreditation cycle. According to Commission statistics, 77% of programs are required to write at least one

progress report. Therefore, this outcome places our program in the top quarter of those reviewed by the Commission on Accreditation.

I take this opportunity to thank **Dr. Elaine Davis** for her superb work on the Accreditation Study and to thank all the faculty, students, field instructors, community practitioners, the program's Advisory Council, and others throughout the University who assisted in the accreditation process.


## **New A&S Faculty**



Seventeen new full-time faculty members have joined the ranks of the College of Arts and Sciences. So that you may become acquainted with our new colleagues, brief biographical sketches are included below:

**Richard Bryan Bademan:** Joining the Department of History and Political Science as a tenure-track Assistant Professor in History is Dr. Richard Bryan Bademan. Dr. Bademan holds an M.A. and a Ph.D. in History from the University of Notre Dame, an M.A. in Biblical and Theological Studies from Wheaton College, and a B.S. in Business Management from the University of Minnesota. Most recently he was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center for the Study of Religion at Princeton University. Dr. Bademan has presented papers at a variety of professional meetings, and he has published articles, essays, encyclopedia entries, and book reviews. He served as history instructor at the University of Notre Dame. Dr. Bademan's areas of specialization are in eighteenth- and nineteenth-century U.S. history, religion, and modern comparative nationalisms.

**Jane Carlin:** Moving from the position of adjunct faculty in English to a full-time faculty position as Instructor of English in the new Academic Advising Program for our Newcomer population is Prof. Jane Carlin. Prof. Carlin holds an M.A. from Columbia University Teachers College, a Teaching Certificate from Southern Connecticut State University, and a B.A. in French and Spanish also from Southern Connecticut State University. She has been a learning facilitator/senior teacher in the



Community Learning Program at  
Greenwich High School.

**Patricia A. Conti:** Prof. Patricia Conti joins the Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages as an Instructor of English. She, too, has served as an adjunct Instructor of English and will, as part of her teaching duties, participate in the new Academic Advising Program for Newcomer Freshmen. Prof. Conti holds an M.S. in Communication from Boston University College of Communication, a B.A. in Psychology from San Jose State University in California, and an A.A. in Psychology from Foothill College in Los Altos Hills, California. In addition to having taught English and Communications at SHU, she has taught at Naugatuck Valley Community College, Teikyo Post University, and Boston University College of Communication Writing Center. She also served in the U.S. Peace Corps in Brazil.

**Ruth Grant:** Dr. Ruth Grant joins the Department of Psychology as a Visiting Assistant Professor. She holds a Ph.D. in social psychology from Columbia University, a Master's degree in psychobiology from the University of Bridgeport as well as a B.A. from the same institution. Dr. Grant, in addition to having served as adjunct faculty member at SHU, has served as an adjunct faculty member at Albertus Magnus College. Her research experience includes work as a Research Evaluator/Trainer on a grant through Family Care and More designed to measure learning disabilities and design interventions to promote work adjustment. She was also a Research Assistant at the Yale University Department of Psychiatry and Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. She has served in consultant positions at St. Vincent's Special Needs Center, Kennedy Services, Juvenile Court and Juvenile Probation, among others. She has had a private practice for almost twenty-five years.

**Ronald Hamel:** Prof. Ronald Hamel becomes an Instructor in the Department of Psychology. He holds an M.A. in Psychology from Southern Connecticut State University and a B.S. in Business Administration and Management from Post College in Waterbury, Connecticut. Prof. Hamel has served as an adjunct faculty member at SHU both in Computer Science and

Psychology for 9 years. An accomplished computer professional with extensive skills in planning, he was employed by SNET (Southern New England Telephone Company) for almost 30 years. Upon his retirement from SNET, he became involved with a substance abuse program at Hill Health Center. His area of specialization is the psychology of health.

**Carol Hampton:** Joining our Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages as an Instructor of English is Prof. Carol Hampton. Prof. Hampton will be teaching English and will serve in the new Advising Program for Newcomers. She holds an M.S. in Education from the University of Bridgeport as well as a B.A. from the College of Education at the University of Connecticut. She is a Certified Secondary Education teacher and holds a provisional certificate in Administration and Supervision. She has taught at Stratford High Schools and Johnson Junior High School, and she has served as an adjunct faculty member in English at SHU. Her areas of specialization include written and oral communication, conferencing, diagnosis, evaluation, time management, and business procedure.

**Marissa Harrison:** Prof. Marissa Harrison will serve as Instructor in the Department of Psychology. She is completing her Ph.D. in Biopsychology at SUNY Albany. Through the SUNY Albany doctoral program, she holds a Master's Equivalency in Psychology. She also earned a B.A. in psychology at the same institution. Her teaching experience includes adjunct work at SUNY Albany as well as at Schenectady County Community College. Her research interests include Evolution and Human Behavior, Behavioral Neuroendocrinology, and Social Psychology. She has made presentations at professional meetings and has several publications to her credit.

**Anton Leenders:** Anton (Twan) Leenders joins the Department of Biology as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Animal Behavior. He completed doctoral studies in Biology at the Catholic University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands. Most recently he has been a researcher with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection and Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History where he has been involved with a study in Amphibian Populations in

Connecticut. He was also involved with research studies through the Yale Peabody Museum dealing with West African Herpetology in Cameroon and Equatorial Guinea as well as a study of herpetofauna of El Salvador. Dr. Leenders also has had research experience at the University of Frankfurt, Germany as well as in The Netherlands. His recent teaching assignments include the Forman School Rainforest Project in Litchfield, CT and workshops in wildlife conservation and biological fieldwork techniques for the faculty of the Universidad Nacional de El Salvador. He is author of a book, a book chapter, and over 40 scientific and popular scientific articles, reports, and reviews. He has also been principal investigator on eight grants and contracts.

**Thornton Lockwood:** Joining the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy is Dr. Thornton Lockwood. Dr. Lockwood received his Ph.D. in Philosophy from Boston University. He holds an M.A. in philosophy from St. John's College in Annapolis, MD and a B.A. in History from Hamilton College. He served as Visiting Instructor at Assumption College, as lecturer at Boston University, and as Program Administrator of the Boisi Center on Religion and American Public Life at Boston College. He was awarded a Templeton Fellowship while at Boston University. He has made numerous scholarly presentations at professional meetings and has published in a scholarly journal. His areas of interest include ancient philosophy and ethics.

**John Michniewicz:** Joining the SHU faculty as Visiting Assistant Professor of Music and Director of the Academic Music Program is Dr. John Michniewicz. Dr. Michniewicz holds a Doctor of Musical Arts from Manhattan School of Music, a Master of Music in Church Music from the same institution, and a Bachelor of Music from Cornerstone University in Michigan. He has been an affiliate faculty member at SHU for many years. He has been Choral Director at St. Francis and St. Lucy Academy in NYC, Director of Music at the United Congregational Church in Bridgeport, Commission Member of the New York Archdiocesan Music Commission. As the Director of the NY Archdiocesan Youth and Children's Choirs, he conducted a choir of 185 at the festivities in Central Park preceding the



Mass celebrated there by Pope John Paul II. A commissioned composer, John's contemporary styled music is published by the Chorister's Guild of Dallas, Texas.

His anthem "Honor, Glory" was commissioned by the CT Chapter of the Chorister's Guild, which performed it at their tenth anniversary Festival of Choirs. An accomplished solo organist, John has performed both in Europe and America, and has given recitals, for example, both in Vienna and on the great organ at St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC.

**Erin Noonan:** Prof. Erin Noonan joins the Department of Psychology as an Instructor. She is a Ph.D. candidate in developmental and cognitive psychology at Kent State University, and she also holds an M.A. in psychology from the same institution. Her B.A. is from Lake Forest College. She has served as Instructor at Kent State. Prof. Noonan has made several presentations at professional meetings. Her areas of special interest are language and cognitive development.

**Robert Novotny:** Moving from the position of adjunct faculty in English to a full-time faculty position as Instructor of English is Prof. Robert Novotny. Prof. Novotny will also serve in the new Academic Advising Program for Newcomer Freshmen. Prof. Novotny received an M.A. in Literature from Western Connecticut State University and a B.A. in English and Philosophy from Sacred Heart University. In addition to having taught at SHU, Prof. Novotny served as a Graduate Instructor and Teaching Assistant at Western Connecticut State University.

**Phani Papachristos:** Prof. Phani Papachristos moves from a position of adjunct faculty member to a full-time position as Instructor in the Department of Mathematics. She, too, will serve in the new Academic Advising Program for Newcomer Freshmen. She holds both an M.S. and a B.S. in Mathematics from Southern Connecticut State University. She holds Provisional Certification in Mathematics in the State of Connecticut. In addition to having taught at SHU, Prof. Papachristos has served as Math Coordinator/Tutor in the SHU Learning Center and as substitute teacher at Cheshire High School.

**Barbara Pierce:** Dr. Barbara Pierce joins the Department of Biology as a Visiting Assistant Professor. She earned a Ph.D. in Ecology from the Department of Natural Resources, University of Rhode Island, an M.A. in Ecology from Central Connecticut State University, and a B.S. in Biology and Evolutionary Ecology from Eastern Connecticut State University. Most recently she had a postdoctoral appointment at the University of Rhode Island where she also served as Instructor. She has also taught as an adjunct or graduate assistant at Central Connecticut State University and St. Joseph College. She is recipient of several grants and fellowships, is author of a variety of conference presentations, and has some publication to her credit. Her areas of specialization are behavior, physiology, and ecology of individuals and how these determine population patterns of resource use.

**Norman Roth:** Moving from the position of adjunct faculty to the position of Visiting Associate Professor of Mathematics is Dr. Norman Roth. Dr. Roth holds a Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, an M.A. in Mathematics from the University of Oklahoma, and a B.S. in Mathematics from the University of Rhode Island. Dr. Roth served as faculty member and as Chairman of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science at SUNY, New Paltz. He also served as adjunct faculty at Marist College. He has been employed by IBM Global Financing as Director of Information Technology and as Manager of several projects. He was also manager in various positions in the IBM Corporation. He has several publications to his credit. Dr. Roth will be teaching courses in statistics.

**Matthew Semel:** Prof. Matthew Semel joins the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice as an Instructor of Criminal Justice. He is currently completing his Ph.D. in Criminal Justice at the City University of New York. He holds a J.D. degree from New York Law School, an M.S. in Journalism from Northwestern University, and a B.A. in English from Colgate University. He is a member of the Bar for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York, the United States Supreme Court, Federal District Court in New Jersey, and the

New York and New Jersey Bars. He recently served as adjunct faculty member in the Department of Government and Sociology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. He has been Of Counsel to the Civil Rights Law Clinic at Touro Law School, Senior Staff Attorney for the Legal Aid Society in the Bronx, Pro-bono lawyer at the Southern Center for Human Rights in Atlanta, GA and at the Georgia Resource Center, also in Atlanta.

## Faculty Development

**Drs. Eid Alkhatib**, Associate Professor, **Dhia Habboush**, Professor, and **Penny Snetsinger**, Associate Professor of Chemistry, presented research along with their undergraduate students at the American Chemical Society in late spring.



**Drs. Kirk Bartholomew**, **Shannon Brightman**, **Mark Jareb**, and **Jennifer Mattei** attended, as mentors, the Eastern Colleges Science Conference to support research students' presentations also in late spring.

**Dr. Carol Batt**, Associate Professor of Psychology, was interviewed by SHU English major and *Spectrum* Features Editor Katie Carroll for an article appearing in the section of "WomanWise" on March 23 in the *Connecticut Post* entitled "Dinner with Hillary." Dr. Batt is asked what woman in history she most admires which leads to the topic of child development and parenting. Katie Carroll wrote the article as part of her internship with the *Connecticut Post*.

**Dr. Donald Brodeur**, Professor of Psychology, presented his abstract, "James O. May: Connecticut Druggist and Entrepreneur," at the Contributed Papers session at the annual meeting of the American Institute for the History of Pharmacy in late spring.

**Prof. Stefan Buda**, Instructor of Art, participated in representing SHU on the site visiting team for Paier College this past summer.

**Dr. Jeffrey Cain**, Assistant Professor of English, presented a juried paper entitled, "Deleuze, Role-Playing Games, and the Idea of Non-Virtual Reality" at the National Popular Culture

Association/American Culture Association Meeting in late spring.

**Drs. Marian Calabrese and Carol Schofield**, Directors of the Pre-Med Program and Associate Professors of English and Biology, respectively, presented a pre-med poster at the National Association of Advisors for the Health Professions Annual Meeting in early summer.

**Prof. Joseph Carter**, Affiliate Guitar & Jazz Instructor, was featured in a solo guitar concert at the Equinoxe Jazz Festival on the island of Corsica, France in late spring and presented a masterclass on the art of solo guitar playing.

**Dr. James Castonguay**, Associate Professor of Media Studies & Digital Culture, presented at a workshop entitled, "Persian Gulf War II: The TV Show" for the Society for Cinema and Media Studies in late spring.



**Dr. Debra Danowski**, Assistant Professor of English and Media Studies, attended the American Society of Journalists and Authors Annual Writers Conference in late spring.

**Prof. John de Graffenried**, Assistant Professor of Art, pursued advanced training in Adobe Illustrator at Noble Desktop in August.

**Dr. Suzanne Deschênes**, Assistant Professor of Biology, attended, in late spring, the Genaissance Pharmaceuticals-sponsored Pharmacogenomics and Medicine Lectures at Yale University. Also, Dr. Deschênes with **Dr. Brian Stiltner**, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, attended the 2004 Summer Faculty Institute at Dartmouth College on the Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications of the Human Genome Project.

**Fr. Andrew Garavel**, S.J., campus minister and affiliate faculty of English, presented a talk at the session of the American Conference for Irish Studies Southern Regional Meeting on his paper, "The Real Charlotte and the Real Ireland: Place and Memory in the Fiction of Somerville and Ross," in late spring, held at Emory University.

**Dr. Hema Gopalakrishnan**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, presented a talk in late spring at the Special Session on the "Theory of Rings and Modules" of the Spring Central Section Meeting of the American Mathematical Society. Dr. Gopalakrishnan's paper "Think-Share-Write: An Effective Strategy for Group Quizzes" appears in *PRIMUS: Problems, Resources and Issues in Mathematics Undergraduate Studies*, June 2004, Vol. XIV, No. 2, pp.156-162. Dr. Gopalakrishnan, also co-organized the program for the meeting of the Mathematical Association of America's Northeastern Spring Section that took place in June.

**Dr. June-Ann Greeley**, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, presented this past summer at the College Theology Society at Catholic University of America, her paper, "The Suffering Christ and Redemption in the Poetry of Theodulf of Orleans."

**Dr. Frances Grodzinsky**, Professor of Computer Science, participated in a panel discussion entitled, "Responding to the Challenges of Teaching Computer Ethics" at SIGCSE: Special Interest Group for Computer Science Education in late spring. In addition, Dr. Grodzinsky has been invited to participate at an international ethics conference in Germany in October and been asked to chair the next Computer Ethics and Philosophical Enquiry conference in 2005 in the Netherlands. Also, in early summer, Dr. Grodzinsky presented, "Verizon Decision: Some Ethical Implications" at the International Symposium on Technology and Society.

**Dr. Pearl Jacobs**, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in late spring. Her paper was titled, "Criminal Justice Internships: Thinking Outside the Academic Box."



**Dr. John Jalbert**, Professor of Philosophy, presented his paper entitled, "Lifeworld Cartography: Echoes, Footprints, and Other Guideposts to the Self" at the International

Conference on Philosophy and Geography in late spring.

**Dr. John Kikoski**, Professor of Political Science, collaborated with his wife, Dr. Catherine Kano-Kikoski on the book, The Inquiring Organization: Tacit Knowledge, Conversation, and Knowledge Creation: Skills for the 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Organizations (Westport: Praeger Publishers, 2004) and made a presentation on the book at the Academy of Management Meeting in August.

**Dr. Kathryn LaFontana**, Associate Professor of Psychology, presented two papers at the Meeting of the Society for Research in Adolescence in late spring. They are "Assessing Perceiver Effects in Sociometric Data: Stereotyping and Accuracy among Different Ethnic Groups" and "Adolescents' Stereotypes of Popularity: A Content Analysis of Developmental and Gender Differences."

**Dr. Michelle Loris**, Professor of English, delivered a virtual presentation of her paper entitled, "Reading the Signs of the Times': The Humanities, Cultural Studies, and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition" for the International Humanities Conference at Monash University Centre in Italy this summer.

**Dr. Mark Mascia**, Assistant Professor of Spanish, has recently published an article entitled "Spatiality and Psychology in Miguel Delibes' 'La sombra del ciprés es alargada'", in the academic journal *Letras Peninsulares*, Vol. 15.3.

**Dr. Robin McAllister**, Associate Professor of English, presented a paper at the International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts, entitled "Fantasy as Political Metaphor in Daína Chaviano's *El hombre, la hembra y el hambre*" in the spring.

**Dr. Robert McCloud**, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, presented at the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges, in late spring, his paper entitled, "Does an Online Course Work in Computer Science?"

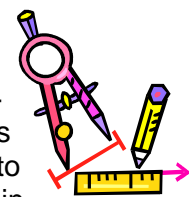
**Dr. Steven Michels**, Assistant Professor of Political Science, presented his paper, "Nietzsche and the Art of the Aphorism" at the New England Political Science Association Conference in late spring.

**Dr. John Michniewicz**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Music, recently performed solo works and accompanied a program of Baroque cantatas by J.S. Bach and Dietrich Buxtehude with Tenor David Marc Finley and orchestra at historic St. Mary's Church in New Haven and he accompanied the Stratford Oratorio Choir at the First Congregational Church, directed by music affiliate faculty **Dr. Joe Utterback**. Dr. Utterback's commissioned work, "We are the Music Makers" was featured. Also, Dr. Michniewicz directed Sacred Heart's Chamber Choir 4 Heart Harmony as they sang in an evening of jazz and cabaret in Bridgeport at the end of the spring semester. Excerpts of the concert were later broadcast on WPKN.

**Dr. Andrew Miller**, Assistant Professor of Media Studies & Digital Culture, chaired a panel discussion entitled, "Hollywood's New Deal: Genre Transformations and the Great Depression," and presented a paper entitled, "The American Dream Goes to College: the Cinematic Student Athletes of the Great Depression" at the Society of Cinema and Media Studies in late spring. Dr. Miller also pursued advanced training for new Apple certified DVD Authoring software in August.

**Dr. Jason Moliterno**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, co-authored the article, "On Operations in which Graphs are Appended to Trees," which has been published in *Linear and Multilinear Algebra*, March-April 2004, Vol. 52, No. 2, pp. 145-156. In addition, Dr. Moliterno attended the meeting of the Mathematical Association of America's Northeastern Spring Section that took place in June, and presented, "Visualizing Families of Differential Equations" at MathFest in August.

**Dr. Pilar Munday's**, Assistant Professor of Spanish, review "Gramática Esencial CD-Rom for Spanish Language Study" has been published in *HISPANIA*, vol. 87, number 1, March 2004. Dr. Munday also was a panel chair and presenter of "Teaching culture and history using TV and Internet as learning tools" and "Using authentic materials from television and the Internet to incorporate culture and history in the Spanish classroom" respectively at the American Association of Teachers of Spanish & Portuguese Annual Conference this summer.





**Dr. Claire Paolini**, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, served on the NEASC re-accreditation evaluation team for New England College in New Hampshire. She also attended the New England Resource Center for Higher Education (NERCHE) Dean's Think-Tank meetings at Holy Cross College. In addition, Dean Paolini's article, "The Children of the Spanish Civil War," recently appeared in the academic journal *Letras Peninsulares*, vol. 15.3, pp. 467-500.

**Professors Domenick Pinto**, Associate Professor, and **Sandra Honda Adams**, Associate Professor of Computer Science, presented workshops entitled, "Macromedia Flash MX Basics" and "Fireworks MX Basics" respectively at the Conference on Teaching & Learning in late spring.

**Prof. Joshua Randall**, Instructor of Computer Science & Information Technology, attended the events of Special Interest Group on Computer Science Education Symposium (SIGCSE) in late spring.

**Prof. Allen Reed**, Affiliate Piano Instructor, performed in New Orleans at the Bach Around The Clock VII weekend festival in late spring.

**Dr. Gerald Reid**, Associate Professor of Sociology, was invited by the American Indian Program at Cornell University to serve as panelist this past spring for "Repatriating the Rafters: A Symposium on Contemporary Scholarship in Haudenosaunee Territory." He was also approved for a summer research grant by the American Philosophical Society.

**Dr. Gary Rose**, Professor of Political Science, and his Harley-Davidson were the cover feature of *Sacred Heart University*, vol. 11, no.1, Summer 2004. The faculty profile piece was entitled, "Gary Rose: Political but Never Partisan."

**Dr. Marlina Slamet**, Assistant Professor of Physics, presented her research article entitled, "State Arbitrariness of the Noninteracting Fermion Model in Quantal Density Functional Theory," at the late spring Meeting of the American Physical Society in Canada. Dr. Slamet also was a judge at the Eastern Colleges Science Conference held in late spring.

**Dr. Louise Spence**, Associate Professor of Media Studies, published a paper, "Teaching 9/11 and Why I'm Not Doing it Anymore," in the "Teaching 9/11" special theme section of *Cinema Journal*, vol. 43:2, Winter 2004 that she edited. The section consisted of seven essays, as well as an introduction written by Dr. Spence. Also, Dr. Spence participated as a moderator and discussant at the Robert Flaherty Film Seminar screenings at Vassar College in June.

**Dr. Roberta Staples**, Professor of English was recognized in late spring for her participation and contribution to the Medieval & Renaissance Forum held at Plymouth State University.

**Dr. Christina Taylor**, Associate Professor of Psychology, presented "People Jitters & Fears: A Workshop on Co-Occurring OCD and Social Phobia" at the Obsessive Compulsive Foundation this summer.

**Prof. Anahit Ter Stepanian**, Affiliate Faculty of Art, presented, "City as a Symbol in Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Russian Literature," at the meeting of In the Space Between at Ohio State University in early summer.

**Prof. Jonathan Walker**, Assistant Professor of Art, enrolled at the School of Visual Arts this summer for a class in conceptual and advanced typography design.

**Dr. Michael Ventimiglia**, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, attended Seminars in Christian Scholarship: Works of Love at Calvin College earlier this summer.

### *Other College Activities:*

#### **ART & DESIGN**

The Art & Design faculty of SHU joined the Studio Arts faculty of Fairfield University for a first of its kind Joint Faculty Exhibition at the Thomas Walsh Art Gallery in the Quick Center for the Arts at Fairfield University. This was a new and exciting cooperative public event between the departments of these two outstanding universities and showcased the public and private works of the artists in each department. Sacred Heart was well-represented by work from the full-time and adjunct faculty from the Art & Design Department. Approximately 250 people attended the opening reception in the spring.

The illustrations of two Sacred Heart University students won national recognition from The Society of Illustrators of New York through selection into the society's Annual Student Scholarship Competition.



(Earlier this past academic year, five SHU students were recognized from The Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles). Each year there are approximately 5000

entries for the Annual Student Scholarship Competition with only around 125 acceptances. The two students whose accepted illustrations were on display, at the end of the spring semester, are: Aron Caruso, Christian Farrington. In addition, Aron Caruso's piece was awarded the Green Workshop Scholarship of a \$2,000 cash prize.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to **Dr. Shirley Pavone** who received the Dr. Marian Calabrese Outstanding Faculty Award of 2003-2004.

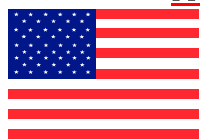
### **CCTEC & PHILOSOPHY**

The Center for Catholic Thought, Ethics, and Culture, The Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, and The College of Arts and Sciences sponsored in the spring the showing of "Universe Canticale: An Exhibition of World Religion Banners" by the Kopanang Women's Group, which included seven banners, created in traditional South African folk-art styles, that communicate the beliefs and history of major world religions.

### **HERSHER INSTITUTE**

In late spring, the College co-sponsored with The Hersher Institute a presentation given by Douglas Anderson, Associate Professor of Philosophy, of Pennsylvania State University. Prof. Anderson's lecture was entitled, "The Loss of Artful Teaching: Institutionalized Pedagogy."

### **HONOR SOCIETIES**



SHU's Political Science Honor Society, Pi Sigma Alpha, sponsored a John Kerry and George Bush "Great Debate" between the members of the College Republicans and College Democrats in late spring.

Delta Epsilon Sigma, the National Scholastic Honor Society for Catholic Colleges and Universities, awarded SHU senior Stephanie Shulder, a History major, a graduate scholarship up to \$1000. The application process involved letters of recommendation, superior GPA (3.8+), and strong GRE scores.

### **MATHEMATICS**

The Mathematics Department hosted a presentation by Dr. Thomas Garrity of Williams College, Massachusetts, in late spring. His topic, "How to Write Numbers," was entertaining and accessible to all students. This presentation was organized by **Dr. Jason Moliterno**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics.

The Mathematics Department also welcomed back Math Major alumni in the late spring. Alumni met with our Math majors to share their job and graduate school experiences. This annual night was organized by **Dr. Kathleen Kingston** and **Prof. Rose Marie Kinik**, of the Mathematics Department.

### **MEDIA STUDIES & DIGITAL CULTURE**

The Department of Media Studies and Digital Culture held their final spring semester event in their series of occasional speaking events hosted by media industry professionals entitled, "Working as a Professional Writer," featuring Michael Rosenwald, Staff Writer for The Boston Globe.

Due to overwhelming response, the screening of "Outfoxed" was held in the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts in July. The screening was followed by an interactive coast-to-coast conference call with Al Franken and director Robert Greenwald to discuss Fox's partisanship presented in the Outfoxed film.

### **MUSIC**

The Acappella group performed along with the Jazz ensemble under the direction of **Dr. John Michniewicz** and **Prof. Joe Carter** respectively at SHU in late spring.

### **PRE-MED PROGRAM**

The PreMedical Advisement Program Co-Directors, **Drs. Marian Calabrese** and **Carol Schofield**, announced that three Medical School candidates and two Veterinary School candidates were successfully accepted into prominent schools at the close of the spring semester.

### HELLOS & GOODBYES:

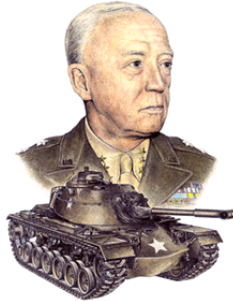
Drs. Donald Brodeur, Professor of Psychology, and William Gnewuch, Associate Professor of Biology, retired from their respective departments at the conclusion of the Spring 2004 semester. Their combined service to the University spanned more than sixty years!



Congratulations to Fran Grodzinsky on the birth of her grandson, Brandon, in May!

Congratulations to Jeff & Noel Cain on the birth of their first

child, Thomas Patton, born in May! Thomas Patton will be able to trace his genealogy back to General Patton.



Congratulations to Jim & Carolyn Castonguay on the birth of their second son, Benjamin William, born in July!

Last but not least, is Michael Christian born to Mike & Cindy Denysenko on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 9lbs. 11 oz.!

### Plagiarism

IT IS IMPORTANT TO REVIEW the SHU policy on Academic Integrity. The policy appears on-line in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalog. Please refer to this policy in your syllabi and in your in-class discussion on this matter.



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# Mark Your Calendar!

## CENTER FOR CATHOLIC THOUGHT, ETHICS, AND CULTURE LECTURE

Dr. Sidney Callahan, psychologist and moral theologian, will speak on "Dissent and the Future of the Church," on Wednesday, **Sept 29** at 2:00 p.m. in University Commons. Sponsored by CCTEC. Admission is free and open to the public.

## HERSHER INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED ETHICS LECTURE SERIES

The first in the 2004-2005 Hersher Lecture Series: *Scientific Perspectives on Ethics* will feature Stephen G. Post, Ph.D of Case Western Reserve University, School of Medicine. Dr. Post will speak on "Love, Persons, and the Deeply Forgetful: Alzheimer's Grace" in the Pitt Center Boardroom on **Sept. 23** at 3:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

