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Come Join Us!

The College of Arts & Sciences is offering **four exciting series** which will run both fall and spring. There is something for every taste and need:

- ❖ Workshops on active and engaged pedagogy,
- ❖ A lecture series on the American Presidency,
- ❖ Presentations by faculty to share recent scholarship, and
- ❖ Opportunities to explore issues of the Church & the Contemporary World.

Details follow. The events are open to all.
Please come join us!



A&S FACULTY

SCHOLARSHIP SEMINAR (FS³)

The College is pleased to announce the return of the Faculty Scholarship Seminar Series (formally Faculty Lecture Series). FS³ was formed to provide faculty with a forum in which they may share the fruits of their recent scholarly activity. The first in a series of three seminars this fall was "Another Bricolage in the Wall: Deleuze and the Teenage Wasteland" presented by **Dr. Jeffery Cain** of English on October 5.



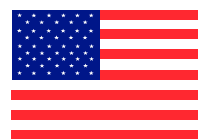
The next seminar entitled,

"SCHOLARSHIP IN MATHEMATICS & SCIENCES"

will be held **November 4** in the Faculty Lounge from 3:30-5:00. If you have ever wondered what a research mathematician does or what kind of experiments are going on in the SHU science labs then come to hear 20 minute presentations by Professors **Kevin Blount** of Mathematics, **Shannon Brightman** of Biology, **Linda Farber** of Chemistry, and **Marlina Slamet** of Physics. The presentations are intended to be accessible to a general audience.

Members of the FS³ Committee are: **Drs. Kevin Blount**, Mathematics, **June-Ann Greeley**, Religious Studies, **Richard Magee**, English, **Steven Michels**, Political Science, **Dean Claire Paolini**, and **Marlina Slamet**, Physics.

A&S LECTURE SERIES



The four-part A&S Lecture Series this academic year is "**Democracy and the American Presidency**"

which began on October 7 with "Producing the President" featuring Josh King, former Director of Production in the White House office of communications during the Clinton administration. The second speaker, John Kenneth White, Ph.D., Professor of Politics at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., delivered "Bush vs. Kerry: The Armageddon Election" on October 20. The third forum will be announced in November after the presidential election.



Members of the Lecture Series Committee are **Drs. James Castonguay**, Media Studies &

Digital Culture, **Sid Gottlieb**, Media Studies & Digital Culture, **June-Ann Greeley**, Religious Studies, **Steven Michels**, Political Science, **Andrew Miller**, Media Studies & Digital Culture, and **Gary Rose**, Political Science.

*INVOLVEMENT OF
DEPARTMENTS IN
ENGAGED &
ACTIVE
LEARNING
WORKSHOP
SESSIONS (IDEAL)*



The IDEAL Committee's focus on active and engaged learning turns this academic year to the active engagement of course instructors as well as students, and initiates a year of workshop sessions with its first session held on October 18, which explored alternative and expanded paradigms of service learning. Instructors from a range of disciplines shared their personal experiences of service learning projects that they have incorporated into their course of study. "Expanded Paradigms of Service Learning" was delivered by speakers: Prof. Bridget Lyons, Economics & Finance, "Integrating Service Learning into the Business Community", **Dr. Anton Leenders**, Biology, "Applied Biology: A Service to the Entire Community", **Dr. Sandra Young**, English, "Collecting Oral Histories", and Mrs. Phyllis Machledt, Service Learning & Volunteer Programs, "Project-Based Service Learning Opportunities.

The next workshop session,

*"PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS:
CLASSROOM & COMMUNITY,"*

is scheduled for **November 17** at 3:30-5:00 in University Commons. The speakers and their presentations are: **Dr. Jerry Reid**, Sociology, "Habitat for Humanities Report," **Prof. Jon Walker**, Art, "Community Church Booklet," and **Dr. Debbie Danowski**, English and Media Studies & Digital Culture, "WomenWorks E-Zine."



The members of the IDEAL Committee are: **Drs. Annette Bailey**, Social Work, **Debbie Danowski**, English and Media Studies & Digital Culture, **June-Anne Greeley**, Religious Studies, **Mark Jareb**, Biology, **Andrew Miller**, Media Studies & Digital Culture, **Pilar Munday**, Modern Foreign Languages, and **Dean Claire Paolini**.

*CENTER FOR CATHOLIC
THOUGHT, ETHICS, AND CULTURE
LECTURES (CCTEC)*

CCTEC recently presented Dr. Sidney Callahan, psychologist and moral theologian, who spoke on "Dissent & the Future of the Church." This was the opening event in CCTEC's year-long series *The Catholic University and the "Signs of the Times": Symposia discussing the Church and the Contemporary World*. The second event, "Catholics and American Politics: A Conversation with Paul Baumann," explored what role can and should Catholics play in political life. Baumann raised questions and conclusions emerging from a three-year research project on this topic on October 27. Local politicians and other experts were invited to attend. Future topics will include "The Transformation of American Religion"; "The Sacred, the Sexual, and Science"; and "Women and the Church." For more details, visit the Web at <http://cctec.sacredheart.edu>.



Other College News:

**SHU DEBATING SOCIETY
TROPHIES ON DISPLAY**

The trophies won by the SHU Debating Society in past years are now on display in the glass case in the entrance to the Ryan Matura Library. Former Sacred Heart University President Thomas Melady was the organization's founder. **Dr. Gary Rose**, Professor of Political Science, formed and coached the Society for ten years. The next time you enter the Library, please take a moment to examine the trophies in their new home. Special thanks to Dennis Benamati, University Librarian, Kim Macomber, Reference Librarian, and Diane Raimann, Dr. Rose's work student, for having arranged the display.

Faculty Development

Dr. Bryan Bademan's, Assistant Professor of History, paper entitled, "Monkeying with the Bible: Edgar Goodspeed's American Translation and the Ghost of King James," has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Religion and American Culture*. Dr. Bademan also presented, "Perpetually in the Hands of the People': The King James Bible and Late Nineteenth-century American Culture," at the Center for The History of Print Culture in Modern America in September.



Dr. James Castonguay, Associate Professor of Media Studies & Digital Culture, published "Conglomeration, New Media, and the Cultural Production of the 'War on Terror'" in *Cinema Journal*, vol. 43, No. 4 (Summer 2004). Dr. Castonguay also became a founding member of the international editorial board for *The Journal of E-Media Studies*, a new peer-reviewed journal based at Dartmouth College. Lastly, he will be a featured speaker as part of the "Becoming an American Writer: The Life & Works of Isaac Bashevis Singer." Dr. Castonguay will deliver "Sexual Love, Exile and Redemption in I.B. Singer's *Enemies: A Love Story* on **November 17** at 4:00 in the Schine Auditorium.

Dr. Maureen Conard, Assistant Professor of Psychology, presented two papers at the American Psychological Society Conference in early summer. They are "Personality and leader emergence: The five factor model plus three" and "If they like you, you're golden: Teacher personality and student evaluations."

Dr. Debra Danowski, Assistant Professor of English, is helping WomenWorks In Progress, a networking group for women, develop an e-magazine with her students in her newspaper and magazine editing class.



Poetic Tradition conference in late September.

Dr. Angela DiPace, Associate Professor of English, delivered a paper entitled, "Report from the Angel of Eden": Lucille Clifton's Poetry (1987-2000) at the Furious Flower: Regenerating the Black

Dr. June Ann Greeley, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, delivered a paper entitled, "Raptors and Rebellion: Concepts of Anointed Kingship and Sacred Power in Carolingian Ecclesiology" at the Patristic, Medieval and Renaissance Studies Conference at Villanova University last month.

Dr. Frances Grodzinsky, Professor of Computer Science, chaired a workshop and co-presented a paper at the International Center for Information Ethics Symposium in Germany this month. The paper title is "The Internet and Community Building at the Local and Global Levels: Some Implications and Challenges."

Prof. Theodore Gutsa, Associate Professor of Art, exhibited his work under 'Alternative Spaces: Temporary installations in historic buildings and storefronts' as part of ARTSPACE's Annual City-Wide Open Studios event this month.



Dr. Efim Kinber, Associate Professor of Computer Science & Information Technology, collaborated on two papers titled: "On the classification of recursive languages" and "Learning all subfunction of a function." Both appear in the journal *Information and Computation* (2004 vol. 192). Dr. Kinber co-presented at the International Conference on Discovery Sciences in Italy this month. His paper entitled, "Learning Languages from Positive Data and Negative Counterexamples," was published in the proceedings.

Dr. Anton Leenders, Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology, attended the Annual Meeting of the Society for Conservation Biology during the summer.

Dr. Thornton Lockwood, Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, presented the paper, "Political Justice & Ethical Justice," at the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Annual Meeting this month.

Dr. Michelle Loris, Professor of English, was a featured speaker as part of the "Becoming an American Writer: The Life & Works of Isaac Bashevis Singer." Dr. Loris delivered "The

Struggle for Love and the Search for God in the Short Fiction of I.B. Singer.”



Drs. Richard Magee and **Sandra Young**, Assistant Professors of English, both attended “Composing Cultures: Diversity and the Teaching of Writing” offered at the University of New Hampshire this month.

Dr. Pilar Munday, Assistant Professor of Spanish, organized a post-conference workshop entitled, “Incorporating technology into the Foreign Languages classroom” and made two presentations entitled, “Designing WebQuest Projects” and “On-line surveys: Tools for peer evaluation,” at the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese Biennial Northeast Regional Meeting in September.



Prof. Erin Noonan, Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology, successfully defended her doctoral dissertation earlier this month. Congratulations to Dr. Noonan.

Dr. Barbara Pierce, Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology, gave a talk entitled, “The Bird Nature of Humans: A Bird’s Eye View of Human Behavior,” as part of the “It’s For the Birds” exhibition at the SHU Gallery of Contemporary Art earlier this month.

Dr. Gerald Reid, Associate Professor of Sociology, presented his paper, “Haudenosaunee Nationalism and the Development of the Paul K. Diabo Case” at the Conference on Iroquois Research this month.

Dr. Brian Stiltner, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, delivered a short paper at the conference of Public Theology and Bioethics entitled “The Flaws of Politicizing Communion” of the Society for the Study of Christian Ethics in England this past September. Dr. Stiltner also attended in September an inaugural conference of the Yale Center for Faith and Culture.



Sister Mary Bernard Wieczak, C.S.F.N., Affiliate Instructor of Sociology, is teaching a 5 week class entitled, “Come, Travel with Me!” as part of the Lifetime Learners program at the Fairfield Senior Center in cooperation with SHU and Elderhostel Network concluding in October.

College Activities:

BIOLOGY

Dr. Suzanne Deschênes, Assistant Professor of Biology, organized a successful Biology Career and Internship event for Biology majors in September in the Schine Auditorium. Invited speakers included: **Dr. Anton Leenders**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology and curatorial affiliate at the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History; **Prof. Jim Fiddes**, Affiliate Instructor of Biology and also a biology teacher at Danbury High School; Donna Starzecki, human resources representative from Curagen; John Annand, '05, NSF-REU summer fellow at Niwot Ridge, CO; and Danielle Curcio, '07, summer ambulatory veterinary assistant.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Dr. Robert McCloud, Assistant Professor of Computer Science & Information Technology, arranged an ePortfolio training session in September given by Dr. Diane J. Goldsmith, Dean of Planning, Research and Assessment for the Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium to introduce the latest ePortfolio software. As SHU is a member of the software development consortium, all members of the Sacred Heart community are eligible for an account. With its potential for reflection, archiving, resume building, and assessment, ePortfolios have become a valuable pedagogical tool at many colleges and universities throughout the country.

HERSHER INSTITUTE

The Hersher Lecture Series, “Scientific Perspectives on Ethics,” featured Stephen G. Post, Ph.D. of Case Western Reserve University, School of Medicine. Dr. Post spoke on “Love, Person, and the Deeply Forgetful: Alzheimer’s Grace” on September 23.

MATHEMATICS

The SHU Math Club recently invited guest speaker, Warren Glasow, gear consultant, to speak on the "History of Gear Art." Mr. Glasow discussed the history of gearing, basics of gear technology, and the concept of parallel axis gears.

MEDIA STUDIES & DIGITAL CULTURE

The Department of Media Studies and Digital had a great turnout for its first annual faculty-student barbecue in September.

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

The Department of Modern Foreign Languages hosted at the beginning of the semester, a screening of *LES MISERABLES*, directed by Bille August, based on the Nineteenth-Century French classic by Victor Hugo, starring Liam Neeson, Uma Thurman, and Claire Danes. The introduction was by Paul J. Proulx, B.A. in General Studies, Class of 2004.

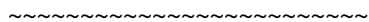
The screening of *CIAO, PROFESSORE!*, in Italian, with English subtitles, will be held **November 2** at 8:30 pm in Holy Grounds.

MUSIC PROGRAM

This month, 4 Heart Harmony sang at the celebration of the unveiling of a sculpted bust of the late William H. Pitt and at the convocation with the SHU Concert Choir honoring Reverend Gerald Glynn O'Collins. 4 Heart Harmony also performed in a concert of organ and Halloween themed music at the United Congregational Church in Bridgeport. Conducted by **Dr. John Michniewicz**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Music.



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Plagiarism

IT IS IMPORTANT TO REVIEW the SHU policy on Academic Integrity.

The policy appears on-line in the Undergraduate Catalog on page 66, the Graduate Catalog page 26, and in the Student Handbook. Please refer to this policy in your syllabi and in your in-class discussion on this matter.



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