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College Events!

A&S FACULTY

SCHOLARSHIP SEMINAR (FS¹³)

The last seminar will be held **April 20** in the Faculty Lounge from 3:30-5:00. **Dr. June-Ann Greeley**, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, will speak on "Seeing is Also Believing: The Spirituality of Islamic Art." "Research in the Social Sciences" was held March 17 by speakers Dr. Rachel Bowman, Psychology, and Dr. Nicole Cauvin, Sociology.

SPRING CONCERT

The Concert Choir and 4 Heart Harmony will be featured singing classical, jazz, and popular selections in the Academic Music Program's annual Spring Concert on Sunday, **April 24** at 3:00 in Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts. The performance is free and open to the public.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

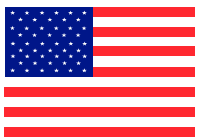
Guest speaker, Evan Roth will lecture on "Flash" presentations on **April 28** in HC110 at 5:00.

A&S POSTER SESSION

Students will present their Undergraduate Research at the annual A&S Poster Session held in University Commons on **April 29** from 12:30-2:45.

A&S LECTURE SERIES

The Capstone address: "**Presidential Power and Accountability in the 21st Century**" for the A&S Lecture Series on *The Presidency & American Democracy* will be delivered by Dr. John Orman of Fairfield University on **April 27** at 2:00 in the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts.



"**Harry S. Truman and The Bomb**" was delivered by guest speaker, Wilson D. Miscamble, Professor of History of University of Notre Dame on

April 14. This event was sponsored by the History and Political Science Dept., A&S Lecture Series, CTEC, and Hersher Institute.

MEDIA STUDIES & DIGITAL CULTURE

The Tenth Annual Sacred Heart Media Studies Symposium will feature Amy Goodman, speaking on "Independent Media in a Time of War." The talk will be held at the University Commons on **April 20** at 2:00.

IDEAL WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Concluded on April 4 with the topic of "Active and Engaged Learning: A Student Perspective." Students and faculty discussed teaching strategies to promote active & engaged learning.

Final Student Projects

Graduating seniors presented or will present their senior projects to the faculty and their peers as follows:

Art & Design:

Wednesday, **April 27** is Senior Portfolio Night -the graduating students from the Art & Design Department will be presenting their professional portfolios from 4:30-8:00 at the Oakview Professional Building. The Student Art Exhibition continues on exhibit in the Gallery from March 20 through April 17.

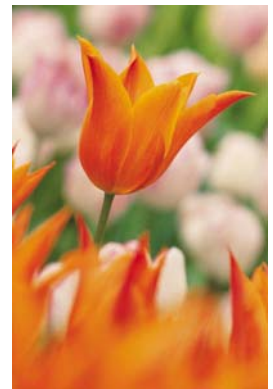
Computer Science & Information Technology:

Monday, April 11, 2:00-5:00

Thursday, April 14, 12:30-4:00

Sociology:

Tuesday, **May 3**, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., HC107



College Announcements:

FACULTY RETIREMENT

Prof. Stefan Buda, Chairperson and Instructor of Art, and **Dr. Judith Miller**, Associate Professor of English, will retire from their respective departments at the conclusion of the Spring 2005 semester. A reception in their honor will be held Thursday, **April 21**, 3:30-5:00 in the Faculty Lounge.

NEW CERTIFICATES

The College of Arts & Sciences is pleased to announce the addition of two new certificates for undergraduate students: Certificate in Catholic Studies (contact Drs. Greeley and Stiltner) and Certificate in Theological Studies (contact Dr. Grigg).

Also, a new track in Computer Science is available for undergraduate students in Network Security (contact Prof. Pinto).

FINAL FOUR FINALISTS

Student Government and Student Activities Departments selected from many nominations the following A&S faculty as finalists for the Dr. Marian Calabrese Outstanding Faculty Award. They are: **Dr. James Castonguay** and **Prof. Gregory Golda** of Media Studies and **Dr. June-Ann Greeley** of Religious Studies.

College Activities:

HONOR SOCIETIES

The National Honor Society for Catholic Colleges & Universities, DELTA EPSILON SIGMA, will hold its Prayer Service/Honor Cord ceremony on **April 17**, 3:00 in the Faculty Lounge.

PHI SIGMA IOTA, International Foreign Language Honor Society initiation of SHU Delta Kappa will be held **April 22** at 3:30 in the Faculty Lounge.

THETA ALPH KAPPA, the Honor Society for Theology/Religious Studies, held its first induction ceremony on April 10.

The Sociology Program held their induction ceremony to the International Sociology Honor Society on April 12.

MUSIC PROGRAM

The Concert Choir and 4 Heart Harmony have performed for a number of events on campus this semester. The Concert Choir and 4 Heart Harmony performed in the Gospel Celebration on February 18th in the Edgerton Center as part of Black History Month. The members of

4 Heart Harmony sang for the Founder's Day awards ceremony in the Pitt Center. They will also be singing for the Discovery Dinner on **April 23**, the Administrative Professionals Luncheon and the Student Leadership Awards ceremony on **April 27**.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

On April 9, 18 biology students and 5 faculty attended the 59th annual Eastern Colleges Science Conference at Central Connecticut State College. Thirteen of the student participants gave either poster or platform (oral) presentations of research conducted with members of the biology faculty. A junior in Biology, Todd Jensen, was awarded "Best Platform Presentation" in his group for his presentation on the role of gene HS8A in the developmental program of the soil amoeba, *D. discoideum*.

A number of chemistry undergraduate students made poster presentations at the American Chemical Society Conference in California last month of research conducted with members of the Chemistry faculty: **Drs. Alkhatib, Farber, Habboush and Snetsinger**.

CXC WRITING PRIZE WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the CXC Writing Prize as follows:

Short Length Category (under 1000 words):

First Prize - Justin Gage for "Short Essay #3"
Second Prize - Joyanna Sanmarco for "Journal Entry on Selections from Paul Loeb's 'The Impossible Will Take a Little While' "

Long Length Category (over 1000 words):

First Prize - Katherine Ariano for "Walking Under 'Arbeit Macht Frei' "
Second Prize - Josh Westfal for "The Symbolism of Public Spectacle in 'Huckleberry Finn' "

The winners will each be presented with a prize at the A&S Poster Session on **April 29**.



Faculty Development

Dr. Annette Bailey, Assistant Professor of Social Work, attended the conference of the Council on Social Work Education Program Meeting earlier this semester.

Dr. Kirk Bartholomew, Assistant Professor of Biology, made a poster presentation, "Identification of Genes Differentially Expressed Early in the Sexual Development of *Schizophyllum Commune*" at the Fungal Genetics Conference in March.

Prof. Stefan Buda, Instructor of Art, recently was a judge at an animal themed art show open to high school art students from surrounding towns at the Beardsley Zoo.

Dr. Jeffrey Cain, Assistant Professor of English, recently presented his paper, "They Shoot Decoys, Don't They?: Bergsonism, Ortega y Gasset, and Duck Hunting Humor," at the National Conference of the Popular Culture Association.

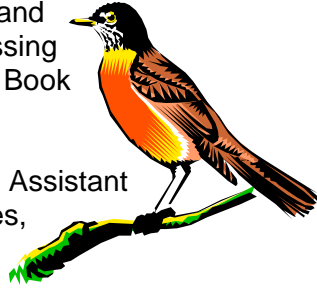
Co-directors of the Pre-Med Program, **Dr. Marian Calabrese**, Associate Professor of English, **Dr. Mark Jareb**, Assistant Professor of Biology, and **Dr. Carol Schofield**, Associate Professor of Biology, recently attended the Northeast Association of Advisors for the Health Profession.

Dr. James Castonguay, Associate Professor of Media Studies, presented his paper, "War on Terror' Television" and was a workshop participant at the Society for Cinema & Media Studies in London.

Dr. Maureen Conard, Associate Professor of Psychology, presented two papers at the Eastern Psychological Association Conference in March. They are: "Cognitive Ability, Personality, and Behavior Combine to Predict Academic Performance" and "They're Not 'Doing Too Much,' They're Neurotic: Personality, Cognition, Workload, and Stress in College Students."



Dr. Debra Danowski, Assistant Professor of English, will serve this month on a panel, at the American Society of Journalists and Authors Conference, discussing "Dealing with Rejection in the Book Publishing Field."



Dr. June-Ann Greeley, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, spoke for Black History Month at the Ryan Matura Library on "Stitching Salvation: Slave Women and the Freedom Quilts of the Underground Railroad."

Dr. Pearl Jacobs, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, presented a paper entitled "Professional Women: The Continuing Struggle for Acceptance and Equality" at the American Society for Business and Behavioral Sciences Meeting. In addition, Dr. Jacobs chaired a panel discussion on Criminal Justice Education at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and presented the paper, "A Challenge for a Security Conscious Criminal Justice Program: Maintaining the Academic Integrity of a Criminal Justice Program."

Dr. Kathryn LaFontana, Associate Professor of Psychology, participated in a symposium and presented, at the Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, a paper entitled, "Concern for Popularity: Motivational and Developmental Perspectives."

Dr. Thornton Lockwood, Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, was an invited discussant of a panel entitled "Aristotle's Political Thought" at the Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

Dr. Robin McAllister, Associate Professor of English, presented his paper, "Merlin and Stonehenge in Daína Chaviano's 'Fabulas de una abuela extraterrestre'" at the International Conference for the Fantastic in the Arts this semester.

Dr. Robert McCloud, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, was invited to serve as a paper reviewer for this year's Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges 12th Annual Midwest Conference.

Dr. Steven Michels, Assistant Professor of Political Science, presented a paper entitled, "Positive and Negative Equality" at the Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Conference in late March.

Dr. John Michniewicz, Visiting Assistant Professor of Music and Director of the Academic Music Program, performed solo organ works and accompanied the Oratorio Choir at the First Congregational Church in Stratford, directed by



affiliate faculty member **Dr. Joe Utterback**, in their annual Palm Sunday Concert. A number of Utterback's compositions were featured, including the Tango for Organ and a new choral work,

"Peace Will Come Someday". Dr. Michniewicz performed with soprano Beverly Blanchard as part of United Congregational Church's Noonday concert series in March. Dr. Michniewicz recently performed a concert of sacred music with the St. Augustine's Choir in Ossining, New York. A number of the musical selections were original works commissioned from Dr. Michniewicz for the choir's past tours to Vienna and Rome, where they sang for papal audiences and solemn masses in St. Peter's Basilica.

Dr. Andrew Miller, Assistant Professor of Media Studies, presented at the Popular Culture Association and American Culture Association Conference, a paper entitled "Air Jordans and Golden Retrievers: Youth Culture and the Contemporary American Sports Film."

Dr. Jason Molitierno, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, had two papers accepted for publication as follows: "On graphs whose Laplacian matrices have distinct integer eigenvalues" in *The Journal of Graph Theory*, a peer reviewed journal and "The spectral radius of submatrices of Laplacian matrices for trees and its comparison to the Fiedler vector" in *Linear Algebra and Its Applications*.

Dr. Shirley Pavone, Assistant Professor of Psychology, was appointed to represent the University on the Board of Directors of the Child Guidance Center in Bridgeport.

Profs. Domenick Pinto and Sandra Honda, Associate Professors of Computer Science, co-presented at the International Conference on College Teaching and Learning. The workshops was entitled, "Make Your Presentations Sparkle—Use Flash!" Prof. Pinto also presented at the conference, "Why Ethical Themes Need to be Incorporated in Technology Courses".

Dr. Gary Rose, Professor of Political Science, has been selected by the Alumni Committee at Cheshire High School, his alma mater, for induction into the Cheshire High School Hall of Fame for his work as an educator. Also Dr. Rose was invited by the Coordinator of the Annual Connecticut History Conference to Chair a Panel at Southern Connecticut State University to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the writing and adoption of Connecticut's current Constitution. Both events are scheduled for this coming academic year.

Dr. Marlina Slamet, Assistant Professor of Physics, was a physics judge for the Eastern Colleges Science Conference at Central Connecticut State University in April and attended the workshop of the University Physical Forum in March.

Dr. Louise Spence's, Professor of Media Studies, book, Watching Daytime Soap Operas: The Power of Pleasure, will be published July 2005 by Wesleyan University Press.

Dr. Amy Van Buren, Assistant Professor of Psychology, was an attendee in March at the Psychotherapy Networker Symposium: Beyond Psychology.

Dr. Alisha Walker, Assistant Professor of Psychology, organized a paper symposium at the Meeting of the Society for the Research in Child Development and presented with a co-author, a paper entitled "Do As I Say, Not As I Do: A Theoretical and Methodological Consideration of Parental Monitoring Behaviors and Adolescent Risk."

Dr. Sandra Young, Assistant Professor of English, and **Dr. Louise Spence**, Professor of Media Studies, have published a double essay, "Our Semesters of Death: Resisting Authority and the Politics of Disruption" in the March issue of *Radical Teacher*, a peer-reviewed journal.