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WELCOME BACK TO ALL!

Without a doubt, all of you, , have had a very productive yet restful summer, and you are prepared to face the excitement of the start of the new school year!

LICENSURE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

The College of Arts & Sciences is pleased to announce the recent licensure of a new graduate program, the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice, at Sacred Heart University. Open to recipients of undergraduate degrees in criminal justice, as well as to individuals who have developed a career interest in criminal justice after completing an undergraduate degree in another discipline, the MACJ program will provide students with a comprehensive knowledge of all components of the criminal justice system. The 30-credit degree program offers concentrations in criminal justice management and national security, which includes very timely coursework such as criminal profiling and international terrorism. The program is also appropriate for working professionals who are interested in pursuing advancement within their field.

Associate Professor and MACJ Program Director Dr. Pearl Jacobs describes the program as "focused on the examination of our society's current approach to criminal justice issues and problems, preparing students with the knowledge necessary to solve problems related to crime and justice in our society."

The preparation of the successful proposal for the MACJ was a true team effort involving Dr. Pearl Jacobs, Director of the Program, Dr. Nicole Cauvin, Chair of the Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice, as well as all the Criminal Justice Faculty. Congratulations and Good Luck as the Program opens this Fall!

DIRECTOR OF CORE CURRICULUM PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION NAMED

Dr. Michelle Loris, Professor of English and Psychology, has been named the Director of Core Curriculum Planning and Implementation. In this role, Dr. Loris will assist Dr. Forget and the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences with the presentation of the Core Curriculum proposal to the Board of Trustees this fall. In her new capacity, Dr. Loris will report to Dean Paolini.

Dr. Loris will also lead in the planning for implementation of the new core curriculum at the University. Among her responsibilities are the following:

- to work with the faculty of respective departments on their preparation of the Common Core curriculum courses;
- to assist the faculty at large to engage in the preparation of instruments and mechanisms for the measurement of learning outcomes associated with the core curriculum;
- to work with the respective offices of the University in adapting current materials that describe the core curriculum (i.e., program study sheets, undergraduate catalog, website);
- to engage in the long range planning for faculty and other resources needed to implement the new core curriculum.

We are grateful to Dr. Loris for her willingness to provide leadership in this important matter. She looks forward to working with many of you on realizing this important proposal to continue the University's academic growth and development.

In Memoriam

The faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences and the entire University community mourn the death of **Dr. Kevin K. Blount**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, who died May 30th from complications following a stroke.

Dr. Blount earned a B.A. and an M.S. degree from the University of Florida. He received his Ph.D. in Mathematics from Vanderbilt University in 1999, with a dissertation "On the Structure of Residuated Lattices." He came to Sacred Heart University from Boston College, and he had also taught in Nashville, Atlanta, and Gainesville. Among his courses at Sacred Heart University were Calculus, Pre-Calculus, Modern College Mathematics, Mathematics for Decision Making, Abstract Math, and Real Analysis. He was an energizing force in the Freshman Advising Program for Newcomer Students.

While his professional research interests were Universal Algebra and Lattice Theory, he was a highly skilled computer user. He was a man of broad interests which ranged from the study of foreign languages, art, and music to cinema. An avid tennis player, he also enjoyed riding his motorcycle and bicycle through the nearby hills of Fairfield County.

New A&S Faculty

Nine 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:

Lesley DeNardis: Joining the Department of Government and Politics as a tenure-track Assistant Professor is Dr. Lesley DeNardis. Dr. DeNardis holds a B.A. degree in Political Science from Connecticut College, an M.A. in International Affairs from the Elliot School of International Affairs of the George Washington University, and a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Connecticut. She has taught both on the undergraduate and graduate levels at New Mexico State University and the University of New Haven. Dr. DeNardis has an active research agenda and has several publications to her credit. Her research and teaching areas include comparative politics, state and local government, political theory, public administration, public policy, and Latin American politics.

Mark Edwards: Long-time Sacred Heart University adjunct Mark Edwards joins the Department of Media Studies and Digital Culture as an instructor. Prof. Edwards holds a B.A. in English from Sacred Heart University and a Master of Arts in Media Ecology from New York University. In addition to "adjuncting" in English and in Media Studies at SHU, Prof. Edwards has worked with the Pledge Drive for WSHU Radio, has served as a freelance writer as well as a director and playwright. He will be teaching courses in media studies and media production.

Jennifer Gosselin: The Department of Psychology welcomes Dr. Jennifer Gosselin as a Visiting Assistant Professor. Dr. Gosselin holds a B. A. in Psychology from Pepperdine University and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from George Mason University. She is well published in her area of expertise. Most recently she held a postdoctoral Teaching Fellow at Fordham University. Her research interest is in the area of social cognitive theory, including the study of discrimination experiences and perfectionism.

More New A&S Faculty

Marian Leal: Prof. Marian Leal moves from an adjunct position to the position of Instructor of Biology. Prof. Leal holds a B.S. and an M.S. in Toxicology from St. John's University. She has served as a senior scientist and senior chemist at CIBA GEIGY and Roche Biomedical Laboratories. She has several professional publications to her credit. Prof. Leal will be teaching Anatomy and Physiology for our pre-health-profession students as well as overseeing the A&P program.

James McCabe: Joining the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice as a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice is Dr. James McCabe. Dr. McCabe holds a B.A. in Psychology from CUNY Queens College, an M.A. in Labor and Policy Studies from SUNY Empire State College, an M.A. in Criminal Justice from CUNY John Jay College, a M.Phil. and a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from CUNY Graduate Center. A twenty-year veteran of the NY Police Department, he served as Inspector and Commanding Officer of the Office of Labor Relations and Executive Officer of the Police Commissioner's Office. He has taught as an adjunct at St. John's University. He has published professional studies as well as training manuals and reports. His research has centered on the relationship between serious crime and drug arrests. He will be teaching in both our undergraduate and graduate CJ programs.

D. J. Moores: The Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages welcomes Dr. D.J. Moores as a tenure-track Assistant Professor of English. Dr. Moores holds both a B.A. and M.A. in English from Central Connecticut State University and a Ph.D. in English from the University of Rhode Island. Dr. Moores has taught at Norwalk Community College, where he served as the Director of the Writing Program, and at Albertus Magnus College. His teaching areas include both writing and literature. His research area is British and American literature which he approaches from an interdisciplinary view. He is author of one book, with another in progress, as well as numerous scholarly articles.

William Mayer: Moving from a position as adjunct faculty at Sacred Heart University to Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology is Dr. William Mayer. Dr. Mayer holds a B.A. in English from Colorado State University and both an M.A. and Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology from California School of Professional Psychology at San Diego. In addition, Dr. Mayer is a Clinical Psychologist in private practice providing services to children and families as well as in sports psychology. He will be teaching a variety of psychology courses including sports psychology.

Sara Ross: The Department of Media Studies and Digital Culture welcomes Dr. Sara ("Sally") Ross as a tenure-track Assistant Professor. Dr. Ross holds a B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in Communication Arts from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She has taught both on the undergraduate and graduate levels at the University of Hartford and Southern Methodist University. Her area of specialty in teaching and in scholarship is film, both theory and production. She is well published in the area. She will be offering courses in film studies and video production.

Thomas Terleph: Joining the Department of Biology as a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Animal Behavior is Dr. Thomas Terleph. He received a B.A. in Psychology from Columbia University and a Ph.D. in Biopsychology from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. Most recently he served as a postdoctoral associate at Rutgers University. His area of specialization is a combination of neuroscience and animal behavior in which field he has produced numerous scholarly publications, posters, and presentations.

Ana Yepes: Ana Yepes moves from her former staff position as director of the SHU Language Laboratory to the position of instructor of Spanish in the Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages. Prof. Yepes received her B.A. in Spanish and her Master of Arts in Teaching from Sacred heart University. She has served as an adjunct both at SHU and at Fairfield University.

Faculty Congratulations:

Congratulations to **Dr. Jennifer Mattei**, Biology, who, in collaboration with a colleague from Fordham University, has been awarded a grant for over \$100,000 from PSE&G to study Horseshoe crabs at the New Haven Harbor Power Station. **Dr. Mark Beekey**, Biology, also assisted in the project as did two SHU undergraduate research assistants.

Prof. Domenick Pinto, Computer Science, was elected by the Faculty to serve as the Vice President of the University Academic Assembly. He will then serve as President for the 2007-2008 term.

Dr. Kirk Bartholomew, also of Biology, along with colleagues from Fairfield University and Washington University in St. Louis, received a Catalytic grant from Pearson Education to improve study strategies of Introductory Biology students through interactive web based tutorials.

Prof. Val Buckley, Adjunct in Religious Studies, was awarded the 2006 Outstanding Citizen Award for Distinguished Efforts in the Greater Bridgeport Community.

Prof. Matthew Semel, Criminal Justice, took part in an exclusive Executive Certificate Program in Counter-Terrorism Studies in Israel during the summer. The program was offered by the Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) and the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya. The program explored central issues in homeland security and counter-terrorism both from those with first-hand experience and those involved in cutting-edge research in these fields.

The Dr. Marian Calabrese Outstanding Faculty Award presented by the Student Government and the Student Activities Department was awarded to: **Dr. Annette Bailey**, Social Work, **Dr. Mark Jareb**, Biology, and **Prof. Matthew Semel**, Criminal Justice.

Prof. Greg Golda, Clinical Instructor of Media Studies, was selected as a featured artist on the Polaroid.com website. To view his work go the "Creative" link and click on artist portfolio gallery. He also, won a Telly award for directing "Hide the iPods" video on the SHU website under the category "Videos for the Web."

Congratulations to the following A&S professors who participated in the annual Presidential Seminar on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition for 2006-2007:

Jeffrey Cain, English
Suzanne Deschenes, Biology
Charlotte Gradie, History
Kathryn LaFontana, Psychology
Michelle Loris, English
Brian Stiltner, Religious Studies
Sandra Young, English

Sacred Heart University has indeed emerged as one of the leading Catholic universities in the United States to promote the important work of preserving, transmitting and developing the Catholic Intellectual Tradition.

Congratulations are also due to the A&S faculty members who participated in last year's first seminar: **June-Ann Greeley** (Religious Studies), **Mark Jareb** (Biology), **Robin McAllister** (English), **Steven Michels** (Political Science), **John Michniewicz** (Music), **Gerald Reid** (Sociology), and **Michael Ventimiglia** (Philosophy). The results of their research will be made available in this Fall.

Staff News:

Welcome to **Colette Rossignol**, new Academic Department Assistant for History, Government & Politics, Philosophy, and Religious Studies.

Student News:

RYASAP, the Regional Youth/Adult Substance Abuse Project, an anti-tobacco education effort, has selected the work of Sacred Heart University Art & Design senior **Joanna Errara** for one of its 2006-2007 campaigns. Joanna's "Death Row" campaign will be printed for use in all mass transit vehicles and depots and will be viewed by between 250,000 and 500,000 riders.

This is the fifth year in a row that a graphic designer from Sacred Heart has been chosen for this campaign. Congratulations to Joanna and all who entered.

The Center for Catholic Thought, Ethics and Culture Upcoming Fall Events

—All CCTEC Events are Free and Open to the Public—

THEME: *THE DIGNITY OF THE PERSON*

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| September 25 | Mr. Kevin Doyle will address the death penalty from his perspective as a Roman Catholic, a practicing lawyer, and head of the Capital Defender Office of New York State. |
| September 29 | Mr. Bill Pelke is the President and Co-founder of the "Journey of Hope," an organization of the families of murder victims who work towards the abolition of the death penalty. |
| October 5 | Dr. James Fisher , Professor of Theology and Co-director of the Curran Center for American Catholic Studies at Fordham University, will be speaking about his current examination of the matters of religion, Catholic social teaching and the place of individuals with cognitive differences/disabilities within those contexts. |
| October 23 | Sr. Helen Prejean , author of <i>Dean Man walking</i> and human rights advocate, will speak about her most recent book, <i>Death of Innocents: An Eyewitness Account of Wrongful Executions</i> , a recollection of her most recent work with death row inmates. |

"Understanding the Tradition." A monthly roundtable discussion based on readings from Catholic Intellectual Tradition for faculty and staff.

September 19 ***Hildegard of Bingen, Her mysticism and Her Music***

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.



Faculty Development Activities:

Dr. Bryan Bademan (Assistant Professor of History) received a Mark C. Stevens Travel Fellowship to do research at the Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan, 2006. He participated in a seminar, "Slavery: Scholarship and Public History," at the Gilder Lehrman Institute, New York. Two publications recently appeared: "The Edwards of History and the Edwards of Faith," *Reviews in American History* 34 (June 2006): 131-149 and "Monkeying with the Bible: Edgar J. Goodspeed's *American Translation*," *Religion & American Culture* 16 (Winter 2006): 55-93. He also participated in the Teaching American History Grant Program, Stratford Connecticut School District, July 2006.

Dr. Suzanne Deschenes (Assistant Professor of Biology) has had a paper accepted for publication in the journal *Cancer Letters*. The paper is titled, "The E705K Mutation in hPMS2 Exerts Recessive, Not Dominant, Effects on Mismatch Repair." She also attended a conference with **Brian Stiltner** on the Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications of the Human Genome Project at Dartmouth College.

Dr. June-Ann Greeley (Assistant Professor of Religious Studies) was interviewed twice by the CT Post and also interviewed twice by a local radio station as well as the NPR-affiliate in Utah. In addition she presented a faculty talk for the Phil/RS Roundtable on "Benedict XVI and Bonaventure's Philosophy of History." She attended the International Congress on Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, Michigan where she delivered a paper: "'To My Brothers: Spirituality of Christology in the Letters of Alcuin of York.'" She also chaired two sessions at the conference: "Carolingian Exegesis" and "Masculinities in Comparative Medieval Spirituality." Her article entitled, "With Paternal Concern: 'Fathers' Theodulf and Alcuin and the Spirituality of Carolingian Women" appeared this summer: in *Magistra: A Journal of Women's Spirituality in History*, Summer 2006, vol. 12, no. 1. Dr. Greeley was recently appointed as the Secretary of the New England Medieval Conference for a two year term.

Dr. Fran Grodzinsky (Professor of Computer Science) delivered a paper, "Good/Fast/Cheap: Contexts, Relationships and Professional Responsibility During Software Development" at the ACM, Symposium on Applied Computing in Dijon, France in April. She was an invited speaker, co-sponsored by the EU and the Ionian University of Greece. She delivered three talks at the beginning of May. The first talk was at College of Athens: "RIAA and Verizon, Privacy, Intellectual Property and Digital Rights Management." The second and third talks were at the Ionian University Department of Library Science and Archiving on the island of Corfu: "Women and Empowerment in ICT," and a variation of the intellectual property talk.

Dr. Efim Kinber's (Associate Professor of Computer Science) article, "On Learning Languages from Positive Data and a Limited Number of Short Counterexamples," appeared in COLT: Computational Learning Theory under Lecture Notes of Artificial Intelligence, v.4005, pp.259-273, 2006 and was presented at the COLT conference in June.

Drs. Jennifer Mattei (Associate Professor of Biology) and **Mark Beekey** (Assistant Professor of Biology) attended the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Evolution at Stony Brook. Dr. Mattei presented some of the results from her work on horseshoe crabs. Dr. Beekey's presentation was entitled, "Size Versus Number of Offspring Trade-Offs in *Sphaerium striatinum*, A Small Freshwater Clam: Size Limited Brood Capacity and Offspring Survivorship."

Dr. John Michniewicz, Director of the Academic Music Program, accompanied the Bridgeport Diocesan Choir and performed on the organ for the plenary opening, closing and Eucharistic events of the National Pastoral Musicians Convention held in Stamford, CT, in June. In April, he performed works for solo organ and accompanied the Sister Cities Chorale and the Oratorio Choir in their concert at the First Congregational Church of Stratford, directed by affiliate faculty member **Dr. Joe Utterback**.

Affiliate Faculty member and 4 Heart Harmony accompanist **Galen Tate** accompanied the

Mendelssohn Choir of Fairfield in concert at the National Pastoral Musicians Convention in Stamford and on their summer tour of Italy. They performed at St. Peter's Basilica and il Gesù Church in Rome, as well as S. Lorenzo and the Duomo in Florence as well as other venues.

Adjunct Faculty member and voice teacher **Elizabeth Sutton** will be performing 'Gretel' in the opera Hansel and Gretel with Skylight Opera Theater in Wisconsin from September 22 through October 8.

Dr. Jason Moliterno's (Assistant Professor of Mathematics) paper, "On the Algebraic Connectivity of Graphs as a Function of Genus," was accepted for publication in the journal *Linear Algebra and its Applications*. He gave a talk, "Teaching the Big Picture in Calculus," at MathFest 2006 in Knoxville, TN in August.

Dr. Gerald Reid's (Professor of Sociology/Anthropology) article, "Illegal Alien? The Immigration Case of Mohawk Ironworker Paul K. Diabo," will be published in *Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society* in 2007. Research for the article was supported by URCG, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Phillips Fund for Native American Research of the American Philosophical Society. In July, he conducted research on the Bay of Quinte reserve in southern Ontario. The research focuses on the development of Iroquois identity and nationalism in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Dr. John Roney (Professor of History) chaired a session at the Conference on Faith and History at the Northeast Regional Meeting at Gordon College in March.

Dr. Gary Rose (Professor of Government and Politics): In recent weeks, Dr. Rose has been contacted and interviewed by various press sources to comment on the Lieberman/Lamont outcome, the Shay/Ferrell match, and other local political situations. He has been quoted in The New York Times, Stamford Advocate, Seattle Times, Connecticut Post, Greenwich Times, and Middletown Press.

Dr. Brian Stiltner (Associate Professor of Religious Studies) was a featured guest on the

nationally televised PBS series: "Religion & Ethics Newsweekly" in March. Dr. Stiltner gave expert commentary for the segment, "Just War Revisited." The segment appears on the "Religion & Ethics Newsweekly" website at <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/week930/interview4.html>. He also gave a seminar on "After Iraq: The Future of the Just War Tradition" at Princeton University in May. In addition, he presented a paper, "Beyond a Club of States: A Catholic Approach to UN Reform," at Catholic Theological Ethicists in the World Church, the first international conference of Catholic ethicists, Padua, Italy in July 2006.

Dr. Nina Turner (Assistant Professor of Psychology) gave a talk and chaired a talk session at the International Conference on Comparative Cognition in Melbourne, Florida. She has been selected from all professors in the United States teaching Introduction to Psychology to attend a four-day symposium in Boca Raton, Florida through McGraw-Hill publishers.

Prof. Anahit Ter-Stepanian (adjunct faculty in Art) presented her paper, "Affirming Modernism in Armenian Architecture of 1920s," at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Architectural Historians in Savannah, Georgia in April. She also presented her paper, "Sounding Public Spaces: Urban Concerts in Armenia," at the 2006 Annual Conference of the Popular Culture Association in Atlanta, Georgia in April, and a paper titled, "Speed and Motion in Post-Revolutionary Russian Culture," at the Eighth Annual Conference of the Space Between Society at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA in June.

Dr. Michael Ventimiglia (Assistant Professor of Philosophy): This summer the following articles were published: "Learning and Teaching: Gambling, Love and Growth" with Douglas Anderson, in Douglas Anderson, *Philosophy Americana* (New York: Fordham University Press). "Seven Lessons in Philosophy You Already Learned Playing Texas Hold'em," *Poker and Philosophy*, Eric Bronson, ed. (Chicago, IL: Open Court Press.)

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