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COLLEGE EVENTS!

THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES WISHES YOU ALL
SUCCESSFUL SPRING SEMESTER!

Publications:

Dr. Christina Taylor (Psychology) and student Rosemarie Galasso have published "Religion and Mythology in a Sample of Undergraduate Psychology of Women Courses" for *Psychological Reports*, October 2008.



Dr. June-Ann Greeley (Religious Studies) recently had a short piece published in the *NEPCA (New England Popular Culture Association)* newsletter titled "The Cultured Classroom: Cultural Mediation in the Teaching of Religion."



Dr. Pearl Jacobs (Criminal Justice) has published an article, co-authored with Linda Schain, Hofstra University, "Professional Women: The Continuing Struggle for Acceptance and Equality" in the on-line *Journal of Academic and Business Ethics*.



Dr. Michelle Loris's (Associate Dean, English and Psychology) article, "Using the Novel to Teach Multiculturalism" appeared in *Teaching the Novel Across the Curriculum: A Handbook for Educators*, Ed Colin Irvine. Westport: Greenwood, 2008. 53-63. Also, her essay, "Engaging The Catholic Tradition—Sacred Heart University's Common Core: *The Human Journey*" will appear in *Una, Sancta, Catholica, et Apostolica. On the particularity of Catholicism* in the May 2009 edition.



Dr. Rick Magee's (English) article, "The Aridity of Grace: Sentimental Ecology and Social Justice in Barbara Kingsolver's *Animal Dreams*," has now appeared in *New Directions in Ecofeminist Literary Criticism*.



Dr. Geoffrey Stopper (Biology), along with several colleagues, had a paper accepted for publication in the *Journal of Molecular Evolutions* entitled, "A Molecular Footprint of Limb Loss: Sequence Variation of the Autopodial Identity Gene *Hoxa-13*." It was published online in October and can be viewed on <http://www.springerlink.com/content/q122m4p071p0j03t/>.



GRANTS:

Sacred Heart University's 'Project *Limulus*' has been awarded the *Spotlight* position on the NOAA's Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research website (<http://www.oar.noaa.gov/>). It has been chosen as an example of Outstanding Accomplishments in Research for projects that have been funded by National Sea Grant. This research program on the ecology and conservation of horseshoe crabs in Long Island Sound is run by **Drs. Mark Beekey** and **Jennifer Mattei** of the Biology Department. This research has involved more than 40 SHU undergraduate research assistants, and over 300 volunteers from Connecticut, New York, and Rhode Island. To learn more read: "The Horseshoe Crab Conundrum" in *Wrack Lines* 8:1, Spring/Summer 2008, at <http://www.seagrant.uconn.edu/wrackhome.htm>.

Dr. Mark Beekey (Biology) has been invited to be a member of the Connecticut Sea Grant College Request for Proposals Steering Committee for the 2009-2010 granting period. He has also received a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (\$40,000) to develop a management strategy for Milford Point by coordinating numerous research institutions and non-profit conservation groups. His team will also be training citizen scientists to monitor important environmental indicators to inform management and to develop a transferable model for engaging the public in the Long Island Sound Stewardship Initiative. Milford Point is a Long Island Sound Study Stewardship Area, an Audubon Important Bird Area, part of the federal Stewart B. McKinney Wildlife Refuge and hosts Connecticut's Charles Wheeler Wildlife Management Area. Co-PIs on the grant include David Demers (Instructional Technology) and Jennifer Mattei (Biology Dept.). Partners from the community at large include: The Maritime Aquarium, The Nature Conservancy, Connecticut Audubon, Sound Waters, National Audubon, CT Department of Environmental Protection, and seven local schools among others.

Conferences and Presentations:

Dr. Annette Bailey (Social Work) was elected National Chairperson of the American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Psychologists and Social Workers (AASCIPSW) Membership Committee at the conference that was held this past September. She also attended the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) 54th Annual Program Meeting "Social Work Policy and Practice: Linking Theory, Methods, and Skills" held in Philadelphia.



Dr. Mark Beekey and **Dr. Jennifer Mattei** (Biology) presented and co-presented a paper entitled Project *Limulus*: "What long term mark/recapture studies reveal about horseshoe crab population dynamics in Long Island Sound" at the following three meetings: New England Estuarine Research Society in Block Island, Long Island Sound Biennial Research Conference at Connecticut College, and Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Annual Meeting in Boston. Dr. Beekey also gave a talk on horseshoe crabs in Long Island Sound at the Huntington Library in Shelton, CT in the fall.



Dr. Rachel Bowman (Psychology) spoke on “Chronic stress-induced cognitive alterations are sex specific and age dependent” at the Pavlovian Society Conference in New Jersey in September.



Dr. Sidney Gottlieb (Media Studies and Digital Culture) was the session chairperson and panelist at the George Herbert’s Travels Conference in Greensboro, NC in October.



Dr. Charlotte Gradie (History) attended the American Society for Ethnohistory Annual Meeting in November in Eugene, OR where she serves as Treasurer.



Dr. June-Ann Greeley (Religious Studies) has been named Chair of the Religion “area” for the New England Popular Culture Association. She also organized and chaired a session at the NEPCA conference at UMass Dartmouth: “Women, Witchery/Witches, and Gendered Authority” in November. Dr. Greeley also presented a paper at the conference: “Liminality and the Communion/Community of Women in Selected Films of John Sayles.”



Dr. Pearl Jacobs (Criminal Justice) will present a paper co-authored with Linda Schain, Hofstra University, entitled “Professional Women in the 21st Century: Managing Family and Career in Various Fields with a Focus on Accounting,” at the International Academy of Business and Public Administration Disciplines Conference in Florida in January.



Dr. John Jalbert (Philosophy) attended the Ohio Valley Philosophy and Education Society Conference in Dayton, OH in September where he presented a paper entitled “Leisure and Liberal Education: A Plea for Uselessness.”



Dr. Christopher Kelly (Religious Studies and Philosophy) attended the American Academy of Religion in Chicago in November.



Dr. Michelle Loris’s (English and Psychology) presentation of “Treatment of Trauma: Integrating Research with Practice” was published in the Proceedings of the IFCU Conference in Puerto Rico in October. She also attended the 123rd Annual Meeting and Conference of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges held in Boston in December where she presented in CIHE session: “Becoming More Explicit About Student Success, What Colleges are Doing.”

Dr. Michelle Loris, Dr. June-Ann Greeley, Dr. Kathryn LaFontana (Psychology), with Nancy O’Neill, Assistant Director, Core Commitments Initiative— AAC&U will co-present “Education for Personal and Social Responsibility and “*The Human Journey*”: Strategies for Enhancing the Core Curriculum” at the General Education, Assessment, and the Learning Students Need Conference later this month.



Dr. Peter Loth (Mathematics) gave a research presentation entitled “Infinitary equivalence of Z_p -modules with nice decomposition bases” at the 2008 Southern Regional Algebra Conference at the University of Colorado this past September.



Dr. Mark Mascia (Modern Foreign Languages) presented a paper, “The (Im) Permanence of Death: Lope de Vega’s *Rimas humanas*, Artistic Creation, and Worldly Existence” at the Early Modern Image & Text Society Conference held at Texas Tech University in October.



Dr. Robert McCloud (Computer Science) presented a paper entitled “Intellectual property rights as an economic development engine” in the First International Conference on Balkan Studies in Tirana, Albania in November.



Dr. Andrew Miller (Media Studies & Digital Culture) recently participated in a software training program for Apple Certification in Apple motion graphics.

Dr. Jason Moliterno (Mathematics) attended the MAA Meeting NE Section, of which he is currently the Chair, in November in Waltham, MA.



Dr. Pilar Munday (Modern Foreign Languages) was invited to give a workshop for the Foreign Language teachers in Daren Public Schools (part of a professional development day) about Podcasting in the Foreign Language classroom.



Dr. Ryan Mullen (Mathematics) presented a talk, “On determining Paint By Numbers puzzles with non unique solutions,” at the Joint Math Meetings in Washington, D.C last month as part of Project NEXT.



Dr. Barbara Pierce (Biology) gave an invited talk entitled “Effect of diet preferences on fatty acid composition of depot fat and energetic performance in migratory songbirds” at the Max Planck Institute for Ornithology in Seewiesen, Germany in October.



Dr. Jessica Pfeil (Mathematics) spoke at the 2008 ATOMIC (Associated Teachers of Mathematics in Connecticut) Conference in December held in Uncasville, CT. Her talk was entitled “Recursion in Precalculus: Connecting Explicit Definitions, Recursive Definitions, and Sequences.”



Dr. Gerald Reid (Sociology) attended the American Society for Ethnohistory Annual Meeting in November in Eugene, OR.



Dr. Gary Rose (Government & Politics) delivered two formal lectures in October regarding the 2008 presidential election. His lectures were delivered to senior citizens at the Cheshire Senior Center and to invited guests of the SHU Alumni Association. Dr. Rose was also interviewed on WSHU regarding the proposed state constitutional convention, and he was interviewed by multiple media sources throughout the summer and fall concerning the 2008 presidential campaign. He also organized a trip to the presidential inauguration in Washington, D.C. More than 100 students participated in the event.



Dr. Brian Stiltner (Religious Studies) facilitated a Breakfast with an Author session at the joint gathering of the Society of Christian Ethics and the Society of Jewish Ethics, where he also presented his book, Faith and Force: A Christian Debate about War with co-author David Clough recently in Chicago.

Dr. Gregory Viggiano (History) attended in January the Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association that was held in Philadelphia.



Congratulations To...!

Joe Audig (Chemistry) and his wife on the birth of their daughter, Sara Michelle!

Jessica Pfeil (Mathematics) and her husband on the recent birth of their daughter, Eliza Janet!

Chris McMahon (Dean Bozzone's office) who became a new grandmother with the birth of Olivia Meghan!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING SPRING 2009 EVENTS:

FS^3: Faculty Scholarship Seminar Series

featured speakers:

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| FEBRUARY 17TH | Dr. Steve Lilley (Sociology) | 3:30PM | Faculty Lounge |
| "BETTER THAN HUMAN?: DEBATING THE RISK OF TRANSHUMANITY" | | | |
| MARCH 17TH | Dr. Mark Beekey (Biology) | 3:30PM | Faculty Lounge |
| "SEX ON THE BEACH: THE HORSESHOE CRAB LOVE'EM AND LEAVE'EM STORY IN LONG ISLAND SOUND" | | | |
| APRIL 23RD | Dr. Tom Terleph (Biology) | 3:30PM | Faculty Lounge |
| "SINGING IN THE BRAIN: A REGION OF THE BIRD BRAIN THAT IS RESPONSIVE TO SONG" | | | |

IDEAL: Involvement of Departments in Engaged and Active Learning:

FEBRUARY 12TH	IDEAL* ONLINE TEACHING PANEL
	11:00-12:30 PM Faculty Lounge
Presenters: Jim Castonguay (MSDC), Maria Lizano-DiMare (Education), and Kittipong Laosethkapul (Accounting and Information Systems)	
MARCH 23RD	
	12:00-1:30 PM Faculty Lounge

ALSO FEATURED IN FALL 2008 WERE:

FS^3: **Dr. Kirk Bartholomew** (Biology) "How to make a species with twenty thousand sexes go green with envy: Sex, Development, and Fluorescent Proteins in the Split Gill Fungus" on October 9th.

Dr. Debbie Danowski (Media Studies & Digital Culture) "Cover To Cover: Contemporary Issues In Popular American Women's Magazines" on November 13th.

IDEAL: **THE IDEAL HONORS COURSE** presented by **Dr. Steven Michels** (Government & Politics) on October 7th.

THE IDEAL ADJUNCT presented by **Mary Luongo** (English), **Tina Romansky** (Mathematics), and **Anne Bolin** (Art & Design) on November 4th.

College Announcements:

*Effective November 5, 2008 the following changes have occurred within
The College of Arts and Sciences:*

Cathy Gaccione is the new Academic Department Assistant for the Department of English and the Department of Modern Foreign Languages.

Beverly Boehmke is the new Academic Assistant in the Learning Center.

In addition to supporting the Department of Media Studies & Digital Culture, **Elizabeth Cross** is the new Academic Department Assistant for the Sociology Department.

Colette Rossignol is the Academic Department Assistant for Religious Studies and Philosophy; History; and Government & Politics Departments.

Tracey Frazzetta, also of the President's Office, is supporting the Academic Music Program.

We wish them all the best!

Student News

In November, Sophomore **Allegra DeVita** had the lead role in *Alcina*, an opera at the United Congregational Church in Bridgeport. Allegra was a finalist for the National Foundation for the Advancement of the Arts, a prestigious organization providing scholarships, workshops, and awards to young artists. In addition, Allegra was chosen to participate in the Dolora Zajick Institute for Young Voices' 2008 workshop.



The following students are URI recipients: **Christopher Armellino** (Media Studies), **Gabrielle Castellana** (Media Studies), **Anthony Santos** (Media Studies), **Kendra Sloan** (Media Studies), **Iesha Thomas** (Criminal Justice), and **James Ziehl**, (Criminal Justice). The Criminal Justice students will present their research at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences meeting in Boston in March 2009.



In September, Biology majors **David Peregrim** and **Matthew Rigoli** gave an invited poster presentation entitled "Effects of dietary fats and antioxidants on exercise performance of migratory birds" at Fachbeirat 2008, an international science conference, held at the Max Planck Institute for Ornithology in Germany.



Please join the Department of Art & Design in Congratulating **Chelsea Carlson** ('12), **Tiffany Lindeborn** ('09), **Cody Linder** ('10), **Andre Picard** ('09), and **Mark Zanghi** ('10) on their respective artwork being accepted into The John Slade Ely House 2008 Exhibition of Undergraduate College Artwork in Connecticut. Belated congratulations to **Bryan Cocco** ('08) on his illustration that was accepted into the Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles WEST46 Exhibition in fall 2007.



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Congratulations to **Dr. Claire J. Paolini**, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, who has been appointed by Connecticut Commissioner of Higher Education, Michael Meotti, to serve on the International Education Policy Advisory Council for the Board of Governors for Higher Education in the State of Connecticut.



The **Computer Science Department** recently celebrated its 25th Anniversary with a reception that was held in November. 82 people attended, 55 of which were alumni. Thank you awards were presented to all full-time Computer Science faculty: **Allana Adams**, **Frances Grodzinsky**, **Sandra Honda Adams**, **Efim Kinber**, **Keri Matthews**, and **Bob McCloud**. Thank you awards were also given to the department assistants, **Ellen Gasso** and **Olga Canapetti**. Special awards to: earliest Computer Science graduate **Maria Restrepo Chao** (1983 BS and 1998 MSCIS); the special couple award went to **Mike Gemza** and **Robyn Johnson** who both graduated with BS and MSCIS in Computer Science (were recently married and both work at SHU); **Sy Hirsch** won the award for being the longest adjunct in the department at 27 years; Original faculty in Computer Science from 1983 is **Sandra Honda Adams**. **Domenick Pinto** was presented with a special award as a thank you for department leadership for 21 years as chair of the department (32 years of service total).



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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