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# Happy Easter

## DHE ACTION ON A&S PROGRAMS

The Department of Higher Education has fully accredited the undergraduate major, Communication and Technology Studies. The Advisory Committee on Accreditation has recommended positively for licensure for the IT track of MSCIS at the Luxembourg site. Board action on the later program will occur in April.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Recently announced Rank and Tenure decisions for A&S faculty:

**Dr. James Castonguay**, Assistant Professor of Media Studies, was promoted to Associate Professor.

**Dr. Maureen Conard**, Assistant Professor of Psychology, was awarded tenure.

## A&SRC GRANTS AWARDED

Arts & Sciences Research and Creativity Course Release Grants were awarded for the Fall 2003 and Spring 2004 to the following faculty:

**Dr. Hema Gopalakrishnan**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics

**Dr. Michele Loris**, Professor of English

**Dr. Peter Loth**, Associate Professor of Mathematics

**Dr. Jennifer Mattei**, Associate Professor of Biology

**Dr. Mindy Miserendino**, Assistant Professor of Psychology

**Dr. Louise Spence**, Associate Professor of Media Studies

**CATHOLIC STUDIES**, under the directorship of Brian Stiltner, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, has made the following awards for Summer 2003:

**Dr. Tom Hicks**, Emeritus in Psychology and affiliate faculty in Religious Studies

**Dr. Pearl Jacobs**, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice

**Dr. Elizabeth Johnston-O'Connor**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology

**Dr. Katherine LaFontana**, Associate Professor of Psychology

**Dr. Michele Loris**, Professor of English

## COLLEGE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

**Dr. Jeffrey Cain**, Director of Communications Across the Curriculum (CXC) and the CXC committee have planned the speaker for the Faculty Institute to be held on April 22.

Dr. Pamela Benoit, Chair of the Department of Communications at the University of Missouri and nationally recognized expert in her field, will present a workshop on the use of oral communications assignments in the classroom.

**Dr. Jason Moliterno**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, has organized two events, the first for students and the second for faculty: (1) Prof. Dennis Luciano of Western New English College will speak to students on "The Public's Perception of Mathematics and Mathematicians" on April 14 at 7:00 in the Schine Auditorium. (2) The North Eastern Mathematics Association (NES/MAA) regional dinner meeting will be held on campus on April 30.

Eric Alterman will present "What Liberal Media? The Truth About Bias and the News" at the Ninth Annual Sacred Heart University Media Studies Symposium" on April 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Schine Auditorium.

The Department of Art and Design held its 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Festival on April 3. The objective of the event is to educate high-school students concerning careers in Art. **Prof. Robert Abriola**, affiliate faculty member at SHU and vice president of Marketing Services, Trilegiant Corporation, spoke at the event which was arranged by **Profs. Stefan Buda**, Chair, and **Jack de Graffenried**, Assistant Professor.

Media Studies Faculty and students will present a three-part screening of films documenting humanity's relationship with the natural order.

The Hersher Institute for Applied Ethics, under the leadership of **Dr. Brian Stiltner**, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, and the Department of History and Political Science, chaired by **Dr. Gary Rose**, have sponsored a "Community Conversation about the War in Iraq."

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETIES

Two new National Honor Societies were introduced at Sacred Heart University this Spring. The first induction of Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society, was held March 27<sup>th</sup>. Dr. John Orman of Fairfield University conducted the ceremonies and was guest speaker. **Dr. Steven Michels**, Assistant Professor of Political Science, is responsible for having formed the chapter.

Sigma Tau Delta, National Honor Society in English, inducted its first group of Sacred Heart University students on April 4. **Dr. Judith Miller**, Associate Professor of English, made all arrangements for forming the new chapter.

Other induction ceremonies include Phi Sigma Iota, International Foreign Language Society, which will be held May 4 at 1:00 in the Faculty Lounge.

PSI CHI, National Honor Society in Psychology held its induction in April. Dr. Norine Jalbert of Danbury State University addressed the 53 inductees.

## Faculty Development

**Dr. Eid Alkhatib**, Associate Professor of Chemistry presented the paper "The Seasonal Water Quality Variations of a Pond" at the American Chemical Society National Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. **Dr. Babu George**, Professor, and **Dr. Dhia Habboush**, Professor also attended the conference.

**Dr. Donald Brodeur**, Professor of Psychology, presented at the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy his abstract entitled, "Historical and Contemporary Trends in Self-Diagnosis and Self-Prescribing" in New Orleans.

**Profs. Joe Carter** and **Mark Small**, affiliate faculty members in Music, performed with their combos in March in the Edgerton Center.

**Dr. Debra Danowski**, Assistant Professor of English, presented "Electronically Transforming 'English B': E-Journals and Interactivity in Online Learning" at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in New York City.

**Dr. Elaine Davis** attended the Workshop on Reaffirmation of Accredited Program Status by the Council on Social Work Education in Washington, D.C.

**Dr. Hema Gopalakrishnan**, Assistant Professor and **Prof. Rose Marie Kinik**, Assistant Professor in Mathematics co-presented "Group Work and Technology in Teaching Undergraduate Mathematics" at the International Conference on College Teaching and Learning in Florida. **Dr. Gopalakrishnan** also attended the Research by Undergraduates in Mathematics Boston University Symposium (RUMBUS) with four mathematic major students.

**Prof. Sandra Honda-Adams**, Associate Professor and **Prof. Domenick Pinto**, Associate Professor of Computer Science and Information Technology were both invited workshop presenters at the Conference on Teaching and Learning in Florida.

**Prof. Andrew Miller**, Instructor of Media Studies presented at the Society for Cinema and Media Studies in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**Dr. Robin McAllister**, Associate Professor in English, presented "The Reader as Writer and Dreamer in Borges' Fiction" at the International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts in Florida. Dr. McAllister also co-presented at Coloquio Internacional, in Havana, Cuba, "Observaciones sobre la interacción de la política socialista en género y propaganda: el desenredar estereotipos en la ciencia ficción de Cuba."

**Prof. Vincent Morresette**, Affiliate faculty member in French, presented a workshop on French Music, "La Chanson de Milleniere en France," at the College Board Advanced Placement Workshop sponsored by Modern Foreign Languages on campus.

**Dr. Pilar Munday**, Assistant Professor of Modern Foreign Languages spoke about creating power presentation in an online advance Spanish culture and civilization class at NEALLT Conference-Project based approaches to teaching language and culture.

**Dr. Jacqueline Rinaldi**, Director of the Jandrisevits Learning Center and affiliate faculty member in English, chaired a panel discussion on "Negotiating Conflicts: Theoretical and Lived" at the 2003 Conference on Communications and Composition (CCC) in New York City.

**Prof. Ginny Rogers**, Affiliate faculty member in Art and Graphic Design, exhibited a piece, "Pandora's Garden," at the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Juried Art Exhibition sponsored by the New Haven Paint & Clay Club. She also participated in the "Now Voyager Exhibition," sponsored by the Connecticut Chapter of the Women's Caucus for Art and the Connecticut Commission on the Arts, currently on display at Bradley Airport. Her piece is titled "Stuck on Hope." Also participating in the exhibition are **Prof. Virginia Zic**, Professor Emerita, and **Prof. Christine Goldbach**, affiliate faculty of Art and Graphic Design, with their pieces "Galapagos Sojourn" and "Memories of Far Flung Places" respectively.

**Dr. Marlina Slamet**, Assistant Professor of Physics, is serving as chair of the Annual Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Research Poster Session.

## ADDITIONAL STUDENT RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

The A&S Undergraduate Research/Internship Committee (URI) announces its summer research awards, which include both stipends and funding for research materials. Students will present their results in the 2004 A&S Undergraduate Research Poster Session.

Samantha Diaz, Psychology, "Morphological and Behavioral Effects of Chronia Stress in Aged Male and Female Rats" (Faculty mentor: **Dr. Rachel Bowman**)

Kenneth Hulse, Biology, "Roost Use by Female Eastern Pipistrelles in Southwestern CT" (Faculty mentor: **Dr. Jacques Veilleux**)

Andrew Oshan (Media Studies), Melissa Petsitis (Media Studies), and Ryan Costigan, (Media Studies), "Horseshoe

Crab Conservation" [Faculty mentors: **Dr. Jennifer Mattei** (Biology) and **Prof. Andrew Miller** (Media Studies)]

Christopher Vachon, Biology/Psychology, "Hydration Effect on the Incidence of High Altitude Illness" (Faculty mentor: **Dr. Shannon Brightman**)

Rebecca Warren, Chemistry, "Conformational Analysis of Compounds in Liposomal Membranes using Nuclear Magnetic Resonance" (Faculty mentor: **Prof. Jeff Glans**)

Anthony Reynonds and Richard Naumann received the Designation of Honorable Mention for their team participation in the 2003 Mathematical Contest in Modeling (MCM). Their faculty mentor is **Dr. Peter Loth**.

The Sacred Heart University Concert Choir and the Show Choir performed, under the direction of **Dr. Patricia Smith**, at the Connecticut Music Educator's State Conference in Hartford on March 17 and 28.

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### CELEBRATE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT!

Listed below are some of the "final project" events that have occurred or will occur this Spring within the College of Arts and Sciences. The events are open to the public.

Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Research Poster Session	April 25, 12:15-2:45	Univ. Commons
Student Art Exhibition	March 23-April 14	Art Gallery
Art Plohn Scholarship Award	March 23	Art Gallery
Computer Science/Info Tech Senior Projects	April 9, 3:30-6:00 April 10, 12:30-6:00	HC 111 HC 111
Sociology Senior Thesis Presentations	May 7, 9:30-3:00	TBA
Art Senior Portfolio Night	April 30, 3:30-8:30	Univ. Commons
Show Choir presents "Cinemaniam"	April 11 & 12, 7:30	Edgerton Center
University Concert Choir's "Spectrum" Concert	May 4, 7:30	Edgerton Center
LLM Drama Presentation: "A Night of Absurdity"	March 19, 21, 22, 23, 8:00 p.m.	Edgerton Center
LLM Rycenga Scholarship Awards	April 4, 3:00	Faculty Lounge
Media Studies Fest: Media, Music and Arts Exhibition	May 4 & 5	Edgerton Center