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## A WARM WELCOME BACK TO ALL!

*And best wishes for a productive new academic year!*

## CONGRATULATIONS!

The **FRESHMAN ACADEMIC ADVISING PROGRAM** at Sacred Heart University has been selected as an **Outstanding Institutional Advising Program Certificate of Merit** recipient from the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) as part of the 2008 Annual Awards Program for Academic Advising. This program is directed by Michael Bozzone, Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Our quality advising program was selected as one of seven programs to be honored with this award in nationwide competition this year. The Outstanding Advising Program Awards annually recognize programs that document innovative and/or exemplary practices resulting in improvement of academic advising service. This award will be presented during the annual NACADA Annual Conference in Chicago in October.

Thirty-four full-time faculty members have participated or are participating in the Freshman Academic Advising Program for Newcomer and Honors freshmen: Kirk **Bartholomew** - Biology; Mark **Beekey** - Biology; Kevin **Blount** - Mathematics; Michael **Bozzone** - English; Walter **Brooks** - Religious Studies; Jane **Carlin** - English; Maureen **Conard** - Psychology; Patricia **Conti** - English; Rosemary **Danaher** - Mathematics; Hema **Gopalakrishnan** - Mathematics; George **Goss** - Mathematics; June-Ann **Greeley** - Religious Studies; Robert **Gregorski** - Mathematics; Carol **Hampton** - English; Rose Marie **Kinik** - Mathematics; Rick **Magee** - English; William **Mayer** - Psychology; Jennifer **McLaughlin** - History; Steven **Michels** - Political Science; Andrew **Miller** - Media Studies; Jason **Molitierno** - Mathematics; Donald J. **Moore**s - English; Ryan **Mullen** - Mathematics; Robert **Novotny** - English; Phani **Papachristos** - Mathematics; Jessica **Pfeil** - Mathematics; Gerald **Reid** - Sociology; John **Roney** - History; Sara **Ross** - Media Studies; Jean **Silva** - Mathematics; Nina **Tarner** - Psychology; Amy **Van Buren** - Psychology; Gregory **Viggiano** - History; Alisha **Walker** - Psychology.


Eighteen part-time faculty members have participated or are participating in the Program for AIP students: Robert **Caciopoli** - English; Claire **Doyle** - English; Lorraine **Gass** - English; Marie **Geary** - English; Elizabeth **Howard** - English; Rebecca **Hussey** - English; Joan **Johnson** - English; David **Levy** - English; James **Malerba** - English; Sally **Michlin** - English; Kenneth **Mills** - English; Carol **Orticari** - English; Joseph **Nagy** - English; Amy **Nawrocki** - English; Susan **Palmer** - English; Sharon **Prober** - English; Mary Lou **Skarzynski** - English; Sylvia **Watts** - English.

**Congratulations to Mike and to the College of Arts & Sciences faculty members who participate in the Freshman Academic Advising team!**


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*Please join me in welcoming  
ten NEW FACULTY MEMBERS to the College of Arts and Sciences.*


**Dr. Alka Jauhari** joins the Department of Government and Politics as a Lecturer for academic year 2008-2009. Dr. Jauhari, a long-time adjunct at Sacred Heart University, earned a Ph.D. in Political Science from Lucknow University in India as well as an M.A. and a B.A. in Political Science from the same institution. Her areas of specialization include International Relations and South Asian and African Politics. She has made several professional conference presentations on African issues. This year she will be assisting the department by teaching courses on International Relations and related areas.




Joining the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies as a tenure-track Assistant Professor in Religious Studies is **Dr. Christopher Kelly**. Dr. Kelly holds a Ph.D. in the History of Religious Thought in the West from the University of Iowa. He also received both an M.A. and a B.A. in Religious Studies from the University of South Florida. His teaching experience includes adjunct appointments at Saint Leo University, Hillsborough Community College, and the University of South Florida, all in Tampa, and the University of St. Francis in Joliet, IL. He has made presentations at a variety of professional conferences. His research interests center on the historical and theological heritage of the Catholic Church, with special emphasis on the late antique and early medieval eras and the various forms of monastic expression. Among his teaching duties at Sacred Heart University will be the new RSCC 104 course, The Human Search for Truth, Justice, and the Common Good in the University's new Common Core: *The Human Journey*.




**Prof. Stephane Jasmin Kirven** joins the Department of Criminal Justice as a Lecturer for academic year 2008-2009. Prof. Kirven earned her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. and her B.A. from Tufts University. Prof. Kirven brings to the position fifteen years experience as an attorney in private and corporate practice. A member of the New York and New Jersey Bar, her fields of practice include criminal and civil litigation, professional liability, and toxic tort. Her teaching experience includes full-time teaching in the Criminal Justice Program at Norwalk Community College. Her research interests include the issue of corporate liability in the area of globalization in third world nations. At Sacred Heart University she will be teaching courses in Criminal Justice both on the undergraduate and graduate levels.




The Department of Criminal Justice welcomes **Dr. Josh Klein** as a tenure-track Assistant Professor. Dr. Klein holds a Ph.D. and an M.S. in Sociology from City University of New York as well as a B.A. in Social Science from Hampshire College in Amherst, MA. His qualifications include a primary research interest in power, conflict, ideology, and public opinion. His teaching experience includes an Assistant Professorship at Iona College where he taught Sociology and Criminal Justice courses both on the undergraduate and graduate level. He also taught as an adjunct at a variety of institutions, including Manhattan Community College, SUNY Empire State College, Hunter College, and Montclair State University. In addition to his teaching experience, Dr. Klein has served as an applied sociologist, managing professional survey research in a variety of settings. Dr. Klein's active research agenda has resulted in the publication of several scholarly articles with several more forthcoming. Dr. Klein will be teaching in both our undergraduate and graduate Criminal Justice Programs at SHU.







Joining the Department of History as an Instructor is **Prof. James Lundberg**. Prof. Lundberg is nearing completion of his Ph.D. in History from Yale University. Once the Ph.D. is completed, he will become a tenure-track Assistant Professor at SHU. He holds a Master of Philosophy from Yale and a B.A. from Connecticut College. As an Acting Instructor at Yale, he was one of three graduate students selected by the History Department to teach a junior seminar. His teaching experience at Yale also includes a Teaching Fellowship. He has been awarded a number of research fellowships by historical societies. His research areas include nineteenth-century American culture, politics, and ideas with a strong interest in Western intellectual history. He has made a number of presentations at professional conferences and has publications both in print and forthcoming to his credit. His teaching assignments will include courses in American History as well as HICC 101, The Human Journey: Historical Paths to Civilization in our new Common Core.



The Department of Biology welcomes **Dr. Christopher Mojcik** as a Lecturer in Biology. Dr. Mojcik earned an M.D. and a Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. He holds a B.A. in Biology and Anthropology from Washington University in St. Louis. His training also includes a Research and Clinical Rheumatology Fellowship and a Post-doctoral Fellowship in Cellular Immunology both at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. Dr. Mojcik's medical area of specialization is Rheumatology. He has served in various capacities with Alexion Pharmaceuticals, with his most recent position being that of Senior Vice President of Clinical Development. His teaching experience includes adjunct work at Sacred Heart University. He has made many presentations at professional meetings and his extensive publication record includes numerous articles, chapters, reviews, and abstracts.



Joining the department of English as an Instructor is **Prof. Joseph Nagy**. Prof. Nagy earned a M.A. in Liberal Studies from Regis University and a B.A. in English from Fairfield University. Prof. Nagy has been a long standing adjunct at SHU, and he taught as an adjunct in writing at Southern CT State University. Prof. Nagy has worked as a professional journalist. He served as writer/editor/senior editor of *Asiaweek Magazine* in Hong Kong for fifteen years and edited weekly newspapers in Skowhegan, ME and Berlin, NH. He also served as consultant at the Institute of Cultural Affairs in Chicago. In his new position, Prof. Nagy will join the Freshman Advising team by serving as both instructor and academic advisor to AIP students in EN 109 courses. He will also be teaching ENCC 102, Literary Expressions of the Human Journey in the University's new Common Core.



**Prof. Joan Pollack**, a licensed Clinical Social Worker in the State of Connecticut, joined the Social Work Program as Clinical Associate Professor in January, 2008. She holds a Masters in Human Service Administration (MHSA) from Antioch New England in New Hampshire, a Masters in Social Work from Fordham University, a B.S. from Sacred Heart University, and an Associate in Science from Housatonic Community College. Prof. Pollack, an adjunct at SHU for many years, brings to the position over 20 years experience in leadership positions, specifically in organization and management, grant writing, fund development, education, public relations, social-work therapy for individuals, families, groups, communities and various systems in the public and private sector. Specifically she has worked in leadership roles with the Girl Scouts of Connecticut, the Girl Scouts of Housatonic Council, Inc., the Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging, and Catholic Charities of Fairfield County. She is past president of the Connecticut Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers and of the Council of United Way Agency Executives of Stamford and Greenwich. In addition to her teaching duties, Prof. Pollack assumes this fall the Directorship of the SHU Social Work Program.

Joining the department of Biology as a tenure-track Assistant Professor is **Dr. Geoffrey Stopper**. Dr. Stopper earned both a Ph.D. and an M.S. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Yale University and a B.A. in Biology and Music from Hartwick College in Oneonta, NY. His postdoctoral work in Molecular Biology and Bioinformatics was carried out at the Rothberg Institute for Childhood Diseases in Guilford, CT. His research interests center on understanding how developmental mechanisms build various morphologies and how evolutionary processes can act on developmental pathways to effect evolutionary change. He has also served as researcher at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia and in Costa Rica. He has served as teaching assistant for laboratory, majors', and non-majors' courses at Yale. He has several publications to his credit and has made presentations at professional conferences. Among his teaching assignments in the department will be BICC 103, The Human Community and Science Discovery in the University's new Common Core.

The Department of Psychology welcomes **Dr. Deidre Yeater** as a tenure-track Assistant Professor. Dr. Yeater received a Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Southern Mississippi, an M.A. in Experimental Psychology from the University of Rhode Island, and a B.S. in Marine Environmental Science from the State University of New York Maritime College. Her research interests focus on Marine Mammal Behavior and Cognition. She has had the opportunity to conduct marine research not only in the United States but also in Honduras and Alaska. Her teaching experience includes a Visiting Instructorship at the University of Southern Mississippi as well as involvement in educational programs at Kewalo Basin Marine Mammal Laboratory and the Audubon Society of Rhode Island. She has made presentations at numerous professional conferences and has recently published two articles in scientific journals. Among her teaching assignments in the department will be PSCC 103, The Human Community: The Individual and Society in the University's new Common Core.

## College Announcements!

**Dr. Jessica Pfeil** (Mathematics), having completed her Ph.D. at Columbia University last spring, has

become a tenure-track Assistant Professor in the Department of Mathematics.

**Dr. Mark Beekey** (Biology) was appointed by Governor M. Jody Rell to the Western Long Island Sound Advisory Council, one of three such panels that offer recommendations on the use and preservation of Long Island Sound.

### NEW CHAIRS AND DIRECTORS:

*Modern Foreign Languages* has become a separate department within the College of Arts and Sciences. **Dr. Claire Marrone** will serve as the new department's first Chair. The departmental offices will continue in their former location in HC 221.

- ▶ **Dr. Angela DiPace** is the new Chair of the English Department.
- ▶ **Prof. Joan Pollack** has assumed the Directorship of the Social Work Program.
- ▶ **Dr. Charlotte Gradie** is the new Chair of the Department of History.
- ▶ **Dr. Stephen Lilley** has assumed the duties of Chair of the Department of Sociology.

- ▶ **Dr. June-Ann Greeley** will serve as Interim Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies for AY 2008-2009.
- ▶ **Dr. Mindy Miserendino** will be Interim Chair of the Department of Psychology for the Fall semester while the Chair is on Sabbatical leave.

The Dean expresses her thanks to the following for their dedicated and devoted past service as Department Chair or Program Director: Dr. Nicole Cauvin (Sociology), Dr. Thomas Curran (History), Dr. David Curtis (EMFL), Dr. Elaine Davis (Social Work), and Dr. Brian Stiltner (Religious Studies).

### ***New Department Office Location:***

The **Department of Mathematics** recently moved its offices to the SC 220 suite. All phone numbers remain the same. Please stop by and tour their new suite.

### ***New Staff in CAS:***

- Christine McMahon is Dean Michael Bozzone's new Administrative Assistant.
- Jaclyn Hongo is the new Academic Department Assistant for the Department of Art & Design.

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### ***UPDATE on the CORE CURRICULUM:***

*(prepared by Dr. Michelle Loris, Associate Dean, CAS)*

This Fall Semester will see the official inauguration of all five courses that constitute *The Human Journey*. Our CC103 courses in the Social Sciences and CC103 courses in the Natural Sciences as well as our CC104 courses will be completely implemented this coming academic year. We have also completed one cycle of initial assessment for the HICC101 and ENCC102 courses and assessment for our other CC courses as well as for courses in the Foundational and Elective Core has been posted on our Blackboard site.

The Colloquia this coming year include an array of invited lectures, dramatic presentations, and films as well as faculty from different disciplines presenting themes and topics from courses in *The Human Journey*. Some of the featured presentations include the Robert F. Kennedy Center Human Rights dramatic presentation, **Speak Truth To Power**; a one woman dramatic presentation **They Called Me Lizzy** the true life story of Elizabeth Keckly, the dressmaker to Mary Todd Lincoln and her rise from slavery to entrepreneurial freedom then scandal and decline; invited speaker Professor Erwin Cook to talk on **The Greek Hero**; a lecture and slide presentation on the Holocaust; a filmed talk, **"The Dignity of Difference"**, given here at SHU by the philosopher and theologian Rabbi Jonathon Sacks, Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregation of the Commonwealth; and a film, **Chocolate City**. This film depicts the impressive story of one community in South East Washington D.C. which fought for its survival against a massive re-development program.



## **AAC&U News:**

*The Human Journey* was featured on AAC&U-TV presented at its national conference in Washington D.C. this past January.

Sacred Heart University's AAC&U's *Core Commitments* will implement five different initiatives:

1. *Core Communities*  
Bring faculty, student affairs staff, and students together in the Residence Halls involved in a series of activities, events, discussions that promote the Five Dimensions.
2. *Community Immersion*  
A day-long community service project involving groups of faculty, student affairs staff, and students; focus on discussion of Dimensions 3, 4, and 5.
3. *E-Portfolio: A Personal and Academic Portfolio*  
Electronic portfolio for student to track and integrate courses in the Common Core, the Freshman Mentor Program and extends the student's Personal Development Plan.
4. *Linking Student Affairs Lecture Program with the Core Courses*  
To integrate the Student Affairs Lecture Series with courses in the Core and to highlight the FIVE DIMENSIONS.
5. *Making the Grade: Putting Academics Back into Clubs*  
To re-invest academic component of clubs and organizations by involving greater collaboration among faculty, student affairs, and students. Emphasize work and striving for excellence.

Also Sacred Heart University's Core Commitments Team, including two students, attended the AAC&U Summer Institute in Portland Oregon in July.

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### ***UPDATE on the HONORS PROGRAM:***

*(prepared by Dr. Steven Michels, Director of the Honors Program)*

This has been a busy year for the Thomas More Honors Program. The Director, Steven Michels of Government and Politics, has been implementing the new core curriculum, designing learning outcomes and rubrics, and working with Admissions to recruit new students for the incoming class. We have 43 freshmen entering the Program this Fall, for a total of 180. If you have any bright and dedicated freshman or sophomores you'd like to recommend for the Program, pass along their names to Steven.

The Program now has an "Honors Teaching and Resources" organization on Blackboard to share information about our program and honors education in general. In addition, Steven will be holding an IDEAL workshop in the Fall for faculty who are interested in learning more about Honors teaching.

In putting together our course offerings for AY09-10, we will be looking to expand the group of faculty who has taught in the Program. Consistent with the goals of the Program, we are especially interested in courses that include an expectation of research, student-directed coursework, or community-based or service learning of some kind. Watch for the call for proposals in mid-October.

## GRANTS:

Sacred Heart University's new Core Curriculum, *The Human Journey*, was selected by the Davis Educational Foundation as recipient of an \$80,000 two-year grant in support of faculty development. According to **Dr. Michelle Loris**, Associate Dean of CAS and author of the grant, the grant will offer faculty members the opportunity to participate in a very special program that will focus on faculty and curriculum development for teaching in *The Human Journey*. This grant will allow us to take two cohorts of ten faculty from the different disciplines that constitute *The Human Journey* and to allow those faculty a year-long opportunity to work together to develop multi-disciplinary, integrated curriculum modules, assessment and pedagogy that engage the four core questions, the disciplines, and the Catholic intellectual tradition. The grant calls for three half day meetings in the Fall (on Saturdays) and three half day meetings in the Spring (also on Saturdays) and an immersive three day seminar right after graduation in May. It involves teaching these multi-disciplinary curricular in cross disciplinary courses and colloquia, and mentoring others in the department during the year after training.

**Dr. Barbara Pierce**, Assistant Professor of Biology, in collaboration with Dr. Scott McWilliams of the Department of Natural Resources Science at the University of Rhode Island, has been awarded a \$420,000 grant through the highly competitive Division of Integrative Organismal Systems of the National Science Foundation. Dr. Pierce's portion of the grant is a \$120,000 sub-award to conduct research examining the interactive effects of dietary fatty acids and antioxidants on diet choices, metabolism, and exercise performance of migratory songbirds. The researchers plan to measure the metabolism and energy expenditure of two species of migratory songbird fed diets with different fats and antioxidants during two types of exercise; short-intense exercise, like that used to escape predators, and long-duration exercise, like that used during migration. They will employ the use of a hover-flight wheel for short-intense flights and a wind tunnel for long-duration flights. The research will be conducted by a vertically-integrated research team comprised of post-doctoral assistants, Ph.D. students, and undergraduates from Sacred Heart University, the University of Rhode Island, and the Max Planck Institute for Ornithology (Germany). Two SHU undergraduate students will spend the Fall 2008 semester in Germany at this premier research facility.

# Awards:

**Dr. Richard Magee** (English) was awarded the Dr. Marian Calabrese Outstanding Faculty Award.

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## ***PROMOTIONS AND TENURE:***

Heartiest congratulations to our colleagues who were awarded promotion (effective September 2008) and/or tenure (effective September 2009)...

**Dr. Rachel Bowman** (Psychology), tenure and promotion to Associate Professor  
**Prof. Jack de Graffenried** (Art and Design), promotion to Associate Professor  
**Dr. Suzanne Deschenes** (Biology), tenure and promotion to Associate Professor  
**Dr. June-Ann Greeley** (Religious Studies), tenure and promotion to Associate Professor  
**Dr. Mark Jareb** (Biology), tenure and promotion to Associate Professor  
**Dr. Efim Kinber** (Computer Science), promotion to Professor  
**Dr. Steven Michels** (Government and Politics), tenure and promotion to Associate Professor  
**Prof. Jonathan Walker** (Art and Design), tenure and promotion to Associate Professor

## ***A&S RESEARCH/CREATIVITY RELEASE AWARDS FOR 2008-2009:***

**Dr. Rachel Bowman** (Psychology)  
**Dr. Maureen Conard** (Psychology)  
**Dr. Lesley DeNardis** (Government and Politics)  
**Dr. James McCabe** (Criminal Justice)  
**Dr. Claire Marrone** (MFL)  
**Dr. D. J. Moores** (English)  
**Dr. Sara Ross** (MSDC)

## ***SABBATICAL AWARDS:***

**Fall 2008:** **Dr. Jeffrey Cain** (English)  
**Dr. David Curtis** (English)  
**Dr. Richard Grigg** (Religious Studies)  
**Dr. Kathryn LaFontana** (Psychology)  
**Dr. Jason Moliterno** (Mathematics)  
**Dr. Michael Ventimiglia** (Philosophy)

**Spring 2009:** **Dr. Sandra Young** (English)  
**Dr. Hema Gopalakrishnan** (Mathematics)

**AY 09-10:** **Dr. Suzanne Deschenes** (Biology)





## More Congratulations!

**Congratulations to Dr. Sara Ross and her husband on the birth of their baby boy, Samuel.**

**Dr. Jennie-Rebecca Falcetta and her husband recently welcomed the birth of their first child, a son.**

## FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

**Dr. Debra Danowski's** (Media Studies) chapter, "Cover to Cover: Contemporary Issues in Popular Women's Magazines" was published in a collection of essays titled, *Women, Wellness, and the Media*, edited by Margaret C. Wiley and published by Avalon. She was invited to contribute to the book based on her presentation two years ago at the National Popular Culture Conference. Dr. Danowski was also interviewed as an expert source for an article in the September issue of *Body & Soul* magazine about emotional eating based on her book, *The Emotional Eater's Book of Inspiration*, published in 2007 by Hazelden.



**Dr. June-Ann Greeley's** (Religious Studies) article, "Theodulf of Orleans, the *Filioque*, and the Western Defense of the Holy Spirit," has been accepted for publication by the peer-reviewed journal *Fons Luminis: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Medieval Studies* published by the Center of Medieval Studies at the University of Toronto.



**Dr. Michelle Loris** (Associate Dean & English), will have her essay, "Engaging the Catholic Intellectual Tradition--Sacred Heart University's common core, *The Human Journey*", included in the book, *On the Particularity of Catholicism*, honoring the Most Reverend Fernand Franck, Archbishop of Luxembourg.



**Dr. Brian Stiltner** (Religious Studies) and **Dr. Steven Michels** (Government and Politics) had the chapter "Religion, Rhetoric, and Running: Public Reason on the Campaign Trail" accepted for publication in the book, *Religious Voices in Public Places*, to be published by Oxford University Press in 2008.



**Dr. Thomas Terleph** (Biology) has three new publications:

**Terleph**, T. A., Lu, K. and Vicario, D. S. (2008). "Response Properties of the Caudal Telencephalon in Songbirds Differ as a Function of Recent Experience and Season". *PLoS ONE* 3 (8), e2854, pp. 1-8.

Pinaud, R., **Terleph**, T.A., Wynne, R.D., and Tremere, L.A. (2008). "Neural Basis of Auditory Processing, Learning and Memory Formation in Songbirds." *Prog Theor Phys Supplement* No. 173, pp. 1-13.

Pinaud, R.; **Terleph**, T. A.; Tremere, L. A.; Phan, M. L.; Dagostin, A. A.; Leão, R. M.; Mello, C.V.; and Vicario, D.S. (2008). "Inhibitory Network Interactions Shape the Auditory Processing of Natural Communication Signals in the Songbird Auditory Forebrain." *Journal of Neurophysiology* 100 (1), pp. 441-455.

## ACTIVITIES, CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS:

**Prof. Michael Amico** (Psychology), attended the 2008 APS Annual Convention in May in Chicago, IL and gave a poster presentation, "The Effect of Social Support on Control Over Weight Management Attempts."



**Dr. Annette Bailey**, (Social Work), attended the AASCIPSW/Disability Expo in August in Kissimmee, FL.



**Dr. Kirk Bartholomew**, (Biology), gave a presentation, "ScoGFP, a synthetic green fluorescent protein gene optimized for expression potential in *Schizophyllum commune*," at Southeast Missouri State University this past spring.



**Dr. Jeffrey Cain**, (English), attended The International Deleuze Conference in August at Cardiff University, Wales, UK, to present a paper, "The Rural Deleuze: Haymaking as Cultural Assemblage."



**Dr. James Castonguay**, (Media Studies), attended the Society for Cinema and Media Studies Conference in March in Philadelphia where he co-facilitated two workshops entitled, "Architectures of Online Pedagogy" and "Institution Building."



**Dr. Jennie-Rebecca Falcetta**, (English), participated in a three-person roundtable, "Re-envisioning Woolf with (Other) Modernist Writers," at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Virginia Woolf in June in Denver, CO.



**Dr. Frances Grodzinsky**, (Computer Science), is scheduled to attend the Ethicomp 2008 Conference in September at the University of Pavia, Mantua, Italy to present "Online File Sharing: Resolving the Tensions Between Privacy and Property Interests."



**Dr. Alka Jauhari**, (Political Science), presented a paper, "Globalization in Africa: A Human Rights Catastrophe," at the New England Political Science Assoc. (NEPSA) Conference in April in Providence, RI.



**Dr. Efim Kinber**, (Computer Science & IT), will present a paper, "On Learning Regular Expressions and Patterns via Membership and Correction Queries" at the 9<sup>th</sup> International Colloquium on Grammatical Inference held in St. Malo, France this September.



**Dr. Michelle Loris** (English and Psychology), will present a paper, "Treatment of Trauma: Integrating Research with Practice" at the International Federation of Catholic Universities International Conference on Psychology to be held in Puerto Rico this October.



**Dr. Peter Loth**, (Mathematics), was invited to give a research presentation during his stay at the University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany, in July. He gave the presentation, "L\_alpha equivalence of Warfield modules," in the Oberseminar zur Algebra/Logik at the University of Duisburg-Essen.



This past summer **Jennifer Mattei, Mark Beekey, and Barbara Pierce** (Biology) worked on their Connecticut Sea Grant funded research project investigating horseshoe crab egg predation and horseshoe crab spawning patterns with several SHU students: Maggie Cunningham ('08), Gabriel Garcia ('08), Jennifer Gazerro ('08), Adam Rudman ('08), Sonny Bandak ('10), and Joe-Marie Kasinak ('12). The research was featured in a number of newspaper articles including an article in the New York Times. An overview of their research was featured in Wracklines, a newsletter published by CT Sea Grant (<http://www.seagrants.uconn.edu/WL12/WL12.htm>).



**Jennifer Mattei and Mark Beekey** also coordinated more than 200 volunteers conducting horseshoe crab spawning surveys up and down the CT coastline. They worked with the Nature Conservancy, The Branford Land Trust, SoundWaters, Connecticut Audubon, National Audubon, The Maritime Aquarium, The Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, and many more private citizens.



**Dr. Jason Moliterno**, (Mathematics), presented a paper, "Teaching Statistics from A to Z," at the MathFest 2008 in August, in Madison, WI. Dr. Moliterno is also the Chair of the Northeast Section of the Mathematical Association of America.



**Dr. D.J. Moores**, (English) presented a paper, "Melville's Inscrutable White Shadow," at the TJSSS Conference in August in Burlington, VT.



**Dr. Ryan Mullen**, (Mathematics), attended MathFest 2008 in Madison, WI.



**Dr. Gregory Viggiano**, (History), attended the American Philological Association in Chicago in January.



***\*Reminder to all full-time Faculty Members:*** Please submit your Faculty Development/Travel Request Forms by September 15<sup>th</sup>. Preliminary decisions on requests will be made by the beginning of October. Although the necessary forms and guidelines were recently sent to you via e-mail, the requests must be submitted in hardcopy. Be reminded that your Chair must sign the forms before they are submitted to the Dean. Also be reminded that to be honored for reimbursement, receipts must be submitted to the Dean's office not later than two weeks from the date of your return.



## **Student News:** Congratulations to Lana Alkhatib on the acceptance of her watercolor into the Salmagundi Club's City Workers Exhibition 2008. -----

The Middle East Quarterly announced that Jason Guberman-Pfeffer (May 2008 graduate) received an honorable mention for placing third in the Albert J. Wood Student Writing Contest for "Truth and Falsehood: Islamists on Their Own Terms." The contest seeks the best university student writing in Middle East studies each year. Submissions are original, unpublished works. The Quarterly received submissions from all over the world, representing more than twenty academic institutions. The Middle East Forum works to define and promote American interests in the region and to shape the intellectual climate in which U.S. policy is made.

## A&S News A&S News

### *Sacred Heart University Joins Council on Undergraduate Research*

Over the Summer Sacred Heart University enrolled as an institutional member of the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR). As stated in the organizations website ([www.cur.org](http://www.cur.org)), "The mission of the Council on Undergraduate Research is to support and promote high-quality undergraduate student-faculty collaborative research and scholarship." Characteristics of this organization that are particularly appropriate for SHU's participation include: its focus on and advocacy for research at primarily undergraduate institutions, its divisional structure which includes "Social Sciences," "Arts and Humanities", and "Psychology" divisions alongside the traditional fields in science, mathematics, and engineering. **Drs. Thomas Forget, Michelle Loris, and Kirk Bartholomew** currently hold the individual memberships at CUR associated with our institutional membership.

### *Sacred Heart University Participates in STEM Education Initiative*

Sacred Heart University through its membership in the Connecticut Council of Independent Colleges (CCIC) is participating in a National Science Foundation funded initiative whose primary purpose is enabling the adoption of methods shown to enhance student learning in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines. The grant is being administered under the leadership of Project Kaleidoscope (PKAL). The ultimate goal of PKAL is transforming STEM education by collecting and disseminating information on "What Works". They take a very broad approach to this question dealing with issues ranging from pedagogical methods to facilities design to faculty and administrative leadership (see the organization website, <http://www.pkcal.org> for more information). The PKAL project we are involved in through our membership in the CCIC is grounded in the reality that despite the millions of dollars invested in developing and evaluating "What Works," the adoption of a "pedagogy of engagement" is proceeding slowly if at all. Central to the CCIC/PKAL project is leveraging PKAL's knowledge and expertise with the dissemination capabilities of existing higher education networks (e.g. the CCIC) to push for adoption of pedagogical

methods proven to result in enhanced learning outcomes in the STEM fields. Specific opportunities available to SHU faculty and administrators as a result of our participation in this project include: participation in a number of workshops on the “pedagogies of engagement” held at Connecticut higher education institutions over the next two years, and a potential opportunity to apply for grants intended to fund faculty development in STEM education (an initiative to acquire funding for these grants is in progress). The next workshop will be held in the New Haven area on a Friday in late October, early November (details TBA). Please contact Dr. Kirk Bartholomew (Biology Department) if you are interested in attending. For more information on the history of our participation in this project and details concerning upcoming workshops, look for emails with the subject line: PKAL/CCIC STEM Education Project.

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**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.**  
**Please report violations on the newly developed form.**

*Please direct newsletter items to Deanna Bradshaw ([bradshawd@sacredheart.edu](mailto:bradshawd@sacredheart.edu))*

