



# COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

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## Sacred Heart University

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Faculty Feed—November 10th, 2023

## Student/Faculty Accomplishments



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**John Roney (History)** presented at a conference titled "Using AI and AR in Deep Mapping the Dingle Peninsula," in Panel on Digital Humanities and Irish Studies. Boston College, American Conference for Irish Studies.

He also published a chapter "Jean Henri Merle d'Aubigné (1794-1872)," in *The Genevan Réveil in International Perspective*, eds. Jean D. Decovet, Tim Grass, and Kenneth J. Stewart. Forewords, André Encrevé & Mark Noll. Eugene, OR; Wipf and Stock, 2023. French edition to be published forthcoming.

**Nidhi Shrivastava (Languages & Literature)** published a chapter "Mirrors of Reality: Mirrors of Reality: Toxic Masculinity, Traveling Women, and The Representation of Acid Attack Victim-Survivors in Priya's Mirror." *Perilous Roads: Women's Journey Narratives in Neoliberal India*,<sup>1</sup> edited by Swati Krishna S and Srirupa Chatterjee, Lexington Books,

She also presented "Exploring Feminist Politics and Agency during the rise of Hindu Nationalism in Deepa Mehta's Adaption *Leila* (2019)" in the seminar panel titled, *Future Beyond Dystopia: Dismantling Power Structures and Reconfiguring Agency in South Asia*," on 51st Annual Conference on South Asia between October 18th to October 21st.

**Gary Rose (Political Science & Global Affairs)** co-coordinated with Michael Larobina a forum to explore the current state of the Republican Party in Connecticut. A panel of current and former lawmakers and

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<sup>1</sup><https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781666902334/Gendered-Violence-in-Public-Spaces-Women's-Narratives-of-Travel-in-Neoliberal-India>

*state party chairs addressed a range of questions pertaining to contemporary challenges facing the party. The forum was sponsored by the College Republican Club.*

*He is also serving as the external reviewer of the political science program at Quinnipiac University currently undergoing a 10 year academic program review.*

**David Luesink (History)** was the Yale School of Medicine and Yale-China Association Keynote Speaker for Event Honoring the Legacy of Yan Fuqing, MD<sup>2</sup>, Class of 1909 (Academic Program and Unveiling and Installation of Bust). 150-200 attended the half day program, including more than three dozen Chinese officials and medical university deans and presidents of institutions founded by early Chinese medical leader Dr. Yan Fuqing, in addition to dozens of Yale Medical School faculty and staff and other Yale affiliates.

**Jo-Marie Kasinak (Biology)** and her collaborators from SHU, SCSU, UCONN, and Cardiff University have published an open access article titled "Conceptualizing the construct of ocean identity"<sup>3</sup> in *npj Ocean Sustainability*. This is the first of several planned publications related to the Ocean Identity work that they are doing with funding from CT Sea Grant.

*citation: Kelly M.R, Kasinak J, McKinley E, Mclaughlin C, Vaudrey J.M.P, Mattei, J.H. 2023. Conceptualizing the construct of ocean identity". npj Ocean Sustainability. 2(17):1-3 DOI:<https://doi.org/10.1038/s44183-023-00025-7>*

*Dr. Jennifer Mattei, professor emerita, was a part of this research initiative prior to her passing in December of last year.*

**Nathan Lewis (Art & Design)** and his students created a mosaic-style portrait of Gloria Naylor for the exhibition "With a Pen in Her Hand: Communities within Gloria Naylor's Fiction and in Her Archives." The portrait is titled "Glory to Gloria" and is 7 ft. tall. Names of the students that worked on the mural are: Shea Sinclair, Finley Dodd, Samantha Cunniff, Nicholas Pinzarella, Julia Fernandez, Kayce Lewandowski, Taylor Lyons, Jack Ertl, and Jolie Heyman It will be on display in the A & D gallery at the Edgerton through December 1st.

**Amy Ekeh (Theology & Religious Studies)** published an article titled, "Prophecy in the New Testament," in *The Bible Today*.

**Abby Bender (Languages & Literature)** and her students taking Irish Drama traveled to NYC to see one of their texts come to life, in the Irish Repertory Theatre's performance of Brian Friel's masterpiece, *Translations*.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>2</sup><https://medicine.yale.edu/myysm/event/honoring-the-legacy-of-yan-fuqing-md-class-of-1909/>

<sup>3</sup><https://rdcu.be/dpOkG>

<sup>4</sup><https://irishrep.org/show/2023-2024-season/translations/>

*She also presented on two panels for the New England/Mid-Atlantic American Conference of Irish Studies at Boston College, including a roundtable on the new book *The Irish Revival: A Complex Vision*, and a paper on *Reconceiving Irish Motherhood in Contemporary Irish Women's Writing*.*

***Ololade Afolabi (Communication Studies)*** conducted on media flow in the Global South. The article was published on November 1 in the *Journal of Broadcasting and Electronic Media*. Here is the link to the article.<sup>5</sup>

***Jill Manit (Social Work)*** presented "Preparing for Voter Engagement: Social Work Students' Understanding of Voting Rights, and Elections [oral paper]." <sup>6</sup>Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

*This presentation highlighted the findings from a study on social work students' understandings of elections and voting rights. Data evidenced moderate levels of electoral knowledge, but gaps in understanding the rights of vulnerable populations or the legality of voter registration efforts. Curriculum implications were presented.*

***Brian Stiltner (Philosophy, Theology, and Religious Studies)*** presented at the joint annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and the Religious Research Association, in Salt Lake City, Utah. The presentation was titled "Empowering Internal and External Community-Building in Congregations"<sup>7</sup>

***Kathryn Kroeper (Psychology)*** published with the *Journal of Community and Applied Social Psychology*.

*Green, D. J., Kroeper, K. M., & Murphy, M. C. (2023). Cuing disparities: The consequences of race-based social stressors for academic achievement. Journal of Community & Applied Social Psychology. <sup>8</sup>*

***Deidre Yeater (Psychology)*** co-published Manitzas Hill, H. M., Highfill, L., Bolton, T., Henriquez, W., Dudzinski, K., Gutierrez, M., Birk, D., & Yeater, D. (2023). Effects of human-dolphin interactions on tourist knowledge and attitudes about dolphins. *Animals and Society, 1(aop)*, 1-22.

***Center for Catholic Studies: SHU Panel Discusses Synod Experience<sup>9</sup>***

***With Art and Design: SHU Honors Gloria Naylor with Conference and Exhibit<sup>10</sup>***

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<sup>5</sup><https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/08838151.2023.2266538>

<sup>6</sup>[https://www.cswe.org/getmedia/a8146eca-3b32-4297-bc4c-1c3c60402fcd/2023APM\\_program.pdf](https://www.cswe.org/getmedia/a8146eca-3b32-4297-bc4c-1c3c60402fcd/2023APM_program.pdf)

<sup>7</sup>[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hIM1V\\_3ghGNK11PWVjU5Hpkplh\\_ggq\\_n/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hIM1V_3ghGNK11PWVjU5Hpkplh_ggq_n/view?usp=sharing)

<sup>8</sup><https://doi.org/10.1002/casp.2747>

<sup>9</sup><https://www.sacredheart.edu/news-room/news-listing/shu-panel-discusses-synod-experience/>

<sup>10</sup><https://www.sacredheart.edu/news-room/news-listing/shu-honors-gloria-naylor-with-conference-and-exhibit/>



*Jo-Marie Kasinak (Biology) Research Published on Nature.com<sup>16</sup>*

*Psychology Alum Eugene Matejek Named Greenwich's Special Education Coordinator<sup>17</sup>*

*Center for Catholic Studies Covers SHU Panel Discussion<sup>18</sup> and was mentioned in another National Catholic Reporter<sup>19</sup> piece.*

*Center also honors Writer Gloria Naylor on Hamlet Hub<sup>20</sup>*

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<sup>15</sup><https://mynorthwest.com/3937046/seattle-portland-rank-high-on-list-of-top-us-cities-for-vampires/>

<sup>16</sup><https://www.nature.com/articles/s44183-023-00025-7>

<sup>17</sup><https://www.ctinsider.com/news/education/article/greenwich-schools-new-special-education-18461530.php>

<sup>18</sup><https://www.ncronline.org/news/something-historic-took-place-synod-panelists-say>

<sup>19</sup><https://www.ncronline.org/opinion/ncr-voices/pope-francis-approach-theology-continues-reception-vatican-ii>

<sup>20</sup><https://news.hamlethub.com/fairfield/places/52256-shu-honors-writer-gloria-naylor>