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College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Strategic Plan- AY 2008-2009

Vision Statement

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will be recognized regionally, throughout the state, and nationally for providing excellent disciplinary and interdisciplinary academic programs. Its diverse programs will contribute to the reputation of Frostburg State University as the premier educational and cultural center for the region and for serving as a catalyst for economic development. The college's efforts in undergraduate research and experiential learning will achieve national recognition for providing "real life" experiences for students and for serving as a national model for regional engagement.

Mission

The mission of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is to provide students with a rigorous liberal arts and sciences curriculum grounded in a flexible, broad-based general education program and enriched by the availability of challenging academic majors and minors, graduate programs, interdisciplinary offerings, and other newly evolving programs that are responsive to emerging societal needs.

The college mission is implemented through a diverse, recognized, and credentialed faculty committed to excellence in teaching, learning, scholarship, and creative artistic production.

CLAS fulfills its mission by preparing future leaders to enter a complex changing global society with competence and confidence.

Core Values

1. We value a high standard of excellence in teaching, service, research, and other professional endeavors.
2. We value a stimulating, collaborative, and supportive setting for students, faculty, staff, and administrators characterized by creativity, innovation, and excellence.
3. We value lifelong learning and professional development for students, faculty, staff, and administrators.
4. We value an atmosphere of mutual respect and support, which promotes open sharing of ideas and viewpoints and debate of issues and concerns.
5. We value high standards of ethics, integrity, responsibility, and accountability.
6. We value the active participation of stakeholders in the planning and development of programs.
7. We value diversity.
8. We value interdisciplinary collaboration.
9. We value assessment as a mechanism for continuous improvement.
10. We value nimble response to change.

Fundamental Assumptions

1. Teaching methodologies, strategies, curricula, and classroom architecture must be informed by research on the science of learning.
2. In an environment of accelerated change, FSU must be responsive to emerging needs of society.
3. A pattern of continuously diminishing state resources for public higher education has developed nationally.
4. New or expanded programs will be supported by reallocation of existing resources or through external funding.
5. Following the Board of Regents initiative, FSU will continue to improve effectiveness and efficiency.
6. Collaboration across programs, departments, divisions, and colleges can lead to enhanced student learning and improved effectiveness and efficiency.
7. Growth of FSU student population will continue but not uniformly across colleges or departments.
8. Faculty development is critical to achieving educational objectives.
9. CLAS will increase its support of economic development throughout the region.

Action Priorities

1. Seek resource enhancement from both internal and external sources within a framework of responsible resource management.
2. Continue to develop and implement unit student recruitment and retention plans.
3. Implement program assessment through the CLAS Assessment Council.
4. Support and facilitate the University commitment to sustainability.
5. Develop new programs to respond to emerging needs and to workforce shortage areas in Maryland.
6. Facilitate efforts to enhance regional engagement.
7. Link unit strategic planning and program review process to resource allocation.



CLAS ACTION PRIORITIES OUTCOMES

AY 2008-2009

CLAS ACTION PRIORITIES OUTCOMES
ACADEMIC YEAR 2008-2009

1. Seek resource enhancement from both internal and external sources within a framework of responsible resource management.

- Dean received 33 PIN requests for AY 2009-2010. Three searches are currently being conducted. Four positions are expected to be converted to PIN positions.
- Dean's Office collaborated with the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs and encouraged individuals and departments to apply for grant funding.
- In Fiscal Year 2009, CLAS faculty applied for 24 grants. Of those applications, 14 grants were awarded for a total of \$ 2,010,229.
- Dean's Office collaborated with the Advancement Office. The Vice President and his staff were invited to two CLAS Chairs meetings to discuss collaborations with Advancement.
- Dean's Office collaborated with Advancement to develop alumni outreach and recognition activities. Alumnus Tony Zook (Biology) was honored with the Alumni Circle of Excellence award in fall of 2008. Tony is the CEO of AstraZeneca Pharmaceutical Company.
- Dean's Office collaborated with other campus offices to get new and recycled computer allocations and technology equipment.
- Dean's Office worked with Chairs and other offices to get capital furnishings and renovations/structural improvements.
- Dean is seeking funding for some end-of-year faculty travel requests and departmental emergency requests.
- Linda Steele, Program Specialist, collaborated with others on several grants including ITQ/TOPPS, the Governor's Internship Program, and the USDA black cohosh research project.
- Associate Dean was a member of the FSU Faculty/Staff Special Gifts Committee.
- Associate Dean attended Friends of Music meeting in Frederick in September.
- Associate Dean served on the Commencement Committee.
- Dean was a member of the Department Chair Task Force.
- Dean met with the Band Director and Athletic Director to procure money for band costs.
- Associate Dean implemented a PACD initiative for new faculty to receive mentoring outside of their departments. All new full-time faculty members in CLAS were paired with mentors.
- Program Specialist developed a CLAS Newsletter which was sent electronically each semester.
- Academic Computing staff members were invited to the November CLAS Chairs Council meeting to discuss technology, software, and other issues.
- Dean's Office attended a Web presentation on "Faculty Collegiality: A Tourniquet for a Hemorrhaging Department" as well as Webinars on legal issues.
- Dean and Program Specialist worked on the Evergreen Project and the Watershed Project.
- Dean is a member of the Facilities Task Force Group.

- Associate Dean is a member of the Old Main Society Committee.
- Dean is working with the Center for Creative Writing to procure resources.
- Dean is collaborating with others on Lyric Building plans.
- Dean is helping the Frostburg Science Discovery Center to get funding.
- Dean and Program Specialist attended the Governor's Grants Office Workshop.

2. Continue to develop and implement unit student recruitment and retention plans.

- Dean's Office and CLAS had representation at all Open Houses this year.
- Program Specialist developed promotional materials for Savage Mountain Summer Arts Academy open house table.
- WFWM worked with CLAS faculty to produce promotional announcements and other radio programs which highlighted departmental accomplishments and information.
- Dean was a member of the Enrollment Management Committee.
- CLAS Program Specialist, Linda Steele, was a member of the Majors Fair Organizing Committee. The Associate Dean and Program Specialist served as judges for the event.
- Dean's Office sponsored the Dean's Student Colloquium.
- Dean's Office met with/contacted prospective students and encouraged CLAS Chairs and Coordinators to do the same. Dean and Associate Dean attended downstate receptions for prospective students.
- Dean's Office supported GEAR-UP initiatives.
- The Advising Center Director was invited to the November CLAS Chairs Council meeting.
- The Associate VP for Enrollment Management was invited to the September CLAS Chairs Council meeting.
- Dean worked on the Chinese Initiative.
- Associate Dean worked with Allegany County seventh graders for two days at Focus the Future. She presented on Careers in Psychology.
- Dean's Office supported the "Sustaining a Multicultural Campus: A Dialogue about FSU's Diversity" program.
- Dean was a member of the USM STEM Advising Task Force and the STEM Tri-County Work Group. He attended STEM conferences.
- Dean's Office supported USMH initiatives and programming. Associate Dean attended an Open House in Hagerstown.
- Dean visited community colleges to establish collaborations.
- Associate Dean served on the Honors Program Advisory Group.
- Dean is collaborating with others on the Board of Education Initiatives.
- Colleen Stump was invited to attend a CLAS Chairs Council meeting to discuss marketing strategies.
- Trisha Gregory attended a CLAS Chairs Council meeting to discuss scholarships and recruitment strategies.
- Rob Smith came to a CLAS Chairs Council meeting twice to talk about class schedule planning and retention issues.

- Jay Hegeman was invited to a CLAS Chairs Council meeting to discuss retention issues and recruiting the freshman cohort into majors during the first semester.

3. Implement program assessment through the CLAS Assessment Council.

- Major programs submitted assessment plans and updated plans to the Program Specialist in the fall semester.
- CLAS Assessment Council met several times during the year. The members reviewed the goals of the council and discussed tasks for the academic year. They reviewed programs and provided feedback to departments on the strengths and weaknesses of their assessment plans/revised assessment plans.
- The Dean and Associate Dean met with Rob Smith, Monika Urbanski, and Sydney Duncan to discuss strategic planning and CLAS Assessment Council directions.

4. Support and facilitate the University commitment to sustainability.

- A CLAS Sustainability Committee was formed to look at how sustainability initiatives can be implemented in the college. Four working groups were formed including: Prospectus for a Minor/Certificate, Infusion of Sustainability into the Curriculum, Toolbox of Literature and Skill Sets, and Infusing Sustainability into Co-Curricular Activities. The working groups did a presentation on their proposed sustainability initiatives for the campus community during Earth Week.
- Dean attended the National Council for Science and the Environment (NCSE) meeting and the Council for Environmental Deans and Directors (CEDD) meeting.
- CLAS Sustainability Committee and Dean met with Dr. Gibraltar to update him on initiatives.

5. Develop new programs to respond to emerging needs and to workforce shortage areas in Maryland.

- Dean's Office continued to implement the RN to BSN program.
- Dean supported the NCAT Psychology course redesign initiatives and assessment of the program.
- Dean collaborated with COB and COE to discuss possible new interdisciplinary initiatives.
- Dean worked with COSC to develop an IS program.
- Dean and Program Specialist met with Anne Arundel Community College to develop a collaborative Engineering program.
- Dean's Office worked with the Psychology Department to develop a proposal for a Psychology program at USM – Hagerstown.
- Dean worked with the Biology Department and Hagerstown Community College to develop Biotechnology program initiatives and collaborations.
- Dean attended a Maryland Higher Education Work Force Group meeting in Annapolis.

6. Facilitate efforts to enhance regional engagement.

- Dean was an active member of Leadership Maryland, Leadership Allegany, Western Maryland AHEC Board of Directors, Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Frostburg Economic Development Commission, Community Legacy Committee, Frostburg First Board, and Allegheny Trail Alliance Board.
- Dean worked with the City of Frostburg on their web redesign.
- CLAS continued to encourage departmental collaborations with the incubator businesses. Dean collaborated with the businesses in Tawes Hall and ABC@FSU.
- Dean gave an invited presentation on incubators at the SMARTPROC conference.
- Dean attended a Maryland Business Incubator Association (MBIA) meeting.
- The Dean's Office and CLAS faculty were in dialogue with regional industries such as the Pittsburgh Technology Council, Bayer Corporation, etc. for future collaborations with CLAS departments and FSU.
- Director of the Allegany Arts Council was invited to attend a CLAS Chairs Council meeting to discuss opportunities to participate in the regional arts.
- Dean encouraged collaborations with Allegany County Schools and supported a Physics/Engineering Day sponsored by that department.
- Planning is underway for the construction of the new Center for Communications and Information Technology.
- Associate Dean and Program Specialist were on the Tech Showcase Planning Committee.
- Dean's Office supported the Third Annual Appalachian Festival.
- Dean attended the Renaissance Group Conference.
- Associate Dean was co-advisor for Colleges Against Cancer, a student organization which coordinates Relay for Life, does fundraising, plans advocacy projects, and participates in educational outreach activities. Over \$42,000 was raised for the American Cancer Society. Colleges Against Cancer won several American Cancer Society South Atlantic Division Awards.
- Associate Dean organized the Survivors' Dinner for Relay and helped to plan the Colleges Against Cancer Breakfast of Champions.
- Associate Dean collaborates with the Arboretum Task Force.
- Associate Dean served on the Association for Death Education and Counseling Student Awards Committee.
- Dean and Associate Dean attended Positive Attitudes Change Everything (PACE) Reception in Annapolis.
- Dean and Program Specialist are working with faculty to sponsor the Savage Mountain Summer Academy and other summer programs for public school students.
- Dean met with a representative of the Industrial Assessment Program.
- Dean collaborates with ATK and recommended an award for their internship site and program.
- Dean's Office attends the Frostburg Science Discovery Center Advisory Board meetings.
- Dean and Program Specialist collaborate with the Maryland Industrial Partnerships (MIPS) program.

- Associate Dean is on the WFWM Advisory Board.
- Dean and Program Specialist collaborate with the ACES program.
- Dean's Office supported the Leadership Allegany Educational Day.
- Jeffrey Sellers, VISTA member with the Dean's Office, participated in the following regional engagement activities:

Service-Learning

- Interviews with Drs. Caupp, Sarnaker, Ewers, Rhodes, Lombardi, Sanchez, and Peterson about service-learning opportunities in their departments
- Gave a presentation to three Philosophy Department faculty about Service-Learning
- Developed foundational documents for the Institute for Service-Learning such as: letter of introduction, an introduction to service-learning, examples of service-learning in various syllabi, and operating procedures
- Met with the local management board to try to find projects in Allegany county for service-learning opportunities
- Coordinated empty bowls project with Professor Brown's Advanced Ceramics Class. The project raised \$150.00 which was donated to the Western Maryland Food Bank
- Took three students to Power Shift 2009 to learn about current environmental initiatives and to network with other student activists.
- Accompanied students to New Orleans, where they volunteered at the Audobon Zoo, with Habitat for Humanity, with a Kaboom! playground build, and at an animal shelter.

Appalachian Festival

- Helped with banner creation and hanging
- Confirmed food vendor slots
- Helped gather and coordinate volunteers for set up

Other Projects:

- Participated on the Frostburg Day of Caring and Sharing Planning Committee, helping to decide on work sites, volunteer recruitment, and supervision of volunteers on the day of the event.
- Attended Sustainability in Higher-Education Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina. Gave a presentation on information gathered on November 24.
- Assisted the LGLG Sustainability Committee in drafting a climate Action Plan, specifically outlining carbon mitigation strategies.
- Assisted in delivery of Thanksgiving baskets to families in Allegany County on November 25 and 26
- Assisted with OLCE Election Night set up, coordination, and tear-down

- Developed Bonus Bucks Food Drive in coordination with FSU Dining services. Raised 37lbs of food donations for the Western Maryland Food Bank. Developed recommendations for improvement for following semesters.
- Assisted with Earth Week events, including:
 - Running the information desk for Focus Frostburg
 - Helping to set up and man electronics recycling. Over 17,500 pounds of residential electronic equipment was recycled.
- Assisted with Relay for Life organization, set-up and events.
- Helped the American Red Cross to get in touch with a student organization to register donors and volunteer at their blood drive.
- Worked with the Shakespeare Festival.
- Helped with the Governor's Grants Office Workshop.
- Working to recruit student interns for a Summer Lunch Program, which feeds in-need children in South Cumberland over the summer.
- Attended the Service-Learning and Civic Engagement Conference University of Baltimore.
- Attended the United Way's Community Needs Assessment meeting.
- Participated on the University Neighbors leadership team.
- Met with YMCA CEO Ken Barnes to initiate a closer relationship with FSU.

7. Link unit strategic planning and program review process to resource allocation.

- The revised CLAS Strategic Plan was implemented for the 2008-2009 academic year.
- Unit strategic plan action priority progress updates (outcomes) for academic year 2007-2008 were due in September and posted to the CLAS website.
- Unit strategic plan revisions for academic year 2008-2009 were due in September and posted to the CLAS web page.
- Dean met with CLAS Chairs every three weeks.
- Dean collaborated with CLAS units doing USM Program Reviews.
- Dean's Office worked on linking CLAS Strategic Planning with the University Strategic Plan.

Retiring Faculty

- Sarah Crall, Computer Science (1984-2009)
- I. Robert Llewellyn, Visual Arts (1972-2009)
- David Morton, Biology (1982-2009)

First Year Faculty

- Karen Keller - Biology
- Thomas Lambert – Biology
- Susan Coyle – Chemistry
- Nick Wilson – College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Brent Kice - Communication Studies
- Sheri Whalen – Communication Studies
- Lei Zhang – Computer Science
- Jennifer Browne – English
- Andy Duncan – English
- Daniel Tripp – English
- Nicole Houser – Foreign Languages and Literature
- Phillip Allen – Geography
- Philip Klickman – Music
- Michael Mathias – Philosophy
- William Hercules – Physics and Engineering
- Eric Moore – Physics and Engineering
- Wei Li – Sociology
- Julie Hartman – Sociology and Women’s Studies
- Gary Austin – Sociology/USMH
- Thomas Kouyeas – Theatre and Dance
- Susan Dodge – Visual Arts

Department and Program
Accomplishments
AY 2008-2009

African American Studies

Hosted Mr. John Prendergast, Humanitarian and Co-Chair of the Enough Project on October 23, 2008. The title of his presentation was "The Ongoing Genocide in Darfur".

Welcome and Group Advising Event for minors and potential minors on November 13, 2008. Overall, 25 students attended.

Sponsored a play produced by Keenan Scott II, a Theatre Major on February 19, 20, 21. The title of the play is "Thoughts of a Colored Man on a Day When the Sun Set Too Early."

Co-sponsored "The Road to Obama: Celebrating African American Leadership". April 14, 2009.

Biology

David Puthoff

- **Published papers**
 - Puthoff, D.P., Neelam, A., Ehrenfried, M.L., Scheffler, B.E., Ballard, L., Song, Q., Campbell, K.B., Cooper, B., and Tucker, M.T. (2008). Analysis of expressed sequence tags from *Uromyces appendiculatus* hyphae and haustoria and their comparison to sequences from other rust fungi. *Mycology*. DOI:10.1094/PHYTO-98-10-1126.
 - Smigocki, A., Ivic-Haymes, S., Puthoff, D.P. and Zuzga, S. (2008). Recent advances in functional genomics for sugar beet (*Beta vulgaris* L.) improvement: progress in determining the role of BvSTI in pest resistance in roots. *Sugar Tech* 10(1): 91-98
- **Submitted papers**
 - Low efficiency processing of an insecticidal *Nicotiana* serine proteinase inhibitor precursor in *Beta vulgaris* hairy roots SMIGOCKI, A.C., D.P. PUTHOFF, S. ZUZGA and S.D. IVIC-HAYMES submitted to *Plant Cell Tissue and Organ Culture*
- **Conferences**
 - Attended the MidAtlantic Plant Molecular Biologist Society's annual meeting in Savage, MD
 - Attended the Plant Biology Mini-symposia, University of Maryland, College Park
- **Presentations**
 - Oral presentation at the Mid-Atlantic Section of the American Society of Plant Biologists. Title: "Three wheat genes with anti-insect properties expressed in tomato"

- Undergraduate student, David Valenta, presented a poster at the Mid-Atlantic Section of the American Society of Plant Biologists. Title: "The Transformation of Micro-Tom Tomatoes with Hessian Fly Responsive Genes"
- **Other Achievements**
 - Named Frostburg State University's campus representative for the American Society of Plant Biologists (ASPB)
 - Faculty mentor for ASPB's Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship - FSU is now listed as a participating institution on the ASPB website
 - Awarded \$40,000 in matching funds from LiCor's LEEF program with the help of **Sunshine Brosi**

Bill Seddon

- Presented lessons on Cell Biology and Microorganisms to Beall and Frost Elementary fifth grade students on four different dates this spring.

Dan Fiscus

- December 31, 2008. An article was accepted for publication in the journal Ecological Modeling entitled "Comparative Network Analysis Toward Characterization of Systemic Organization for Human-Environmental Sustainability." Revisions have been submitted and the article will be published in 2009.
- November 10, 2008. Cumberland Times News reported on an effort by students in Forest Science (Biology 425) to assess the feasibility of restoring Big Savage Hiking Trail given extensive damage due to ice storms and gypsy moth. Ten students in three project groups later reported their results in class with Forest Manager Larry Maxim in attendance.
- Invited to international meeting – Frontiers in Applied and Computational Mathematics, June 1-2, at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark, NJ. Will present a talk entitled "Theory and applications of an ecological network model of life toward a sustainable human-environment relation." This will include a report on ecological network analysis of pollinators and herbivores of black cohosh contributing to research of the Appalachian Center for Ethnobotanical Studies.
- Co-presenter at the Panel Discussion: Sustainability, Academics, and FSU on April 20, 2009. Reported progress of the Sustainability Toolbox working group, one of the CLAS groups working to infuse sustainability across the existing curriculum. The group has an initial set of web site, bibliographic, new skill sets and other information on Blackboard as part CLAS Sustainability under My Organizations.
- Co-presenter of a session on permaculture as part of Focus Frostburg on April 21, 2009. The talk was entitled "Mountain Agriculture': Wild Foods, Permaculture, and Farming

to Mimic a Forest” and was done in collaboration with local food expert, Angela Hedderick. Also worked with students of Biology 109, Human Biology and the Environment, to present information at a display table as part of Focus Frostburg. We explained how far U.S. food travels, non-metabolic energy required for production and distribution of food, and how these relate to global warming and sustainability.

- Participated in the Mitigation Work Group as part of the FSU Climate Action Plan and Learning Green/Living Green committees.
- Presented information on the importance of environmental sustainability at a meeting of the Cumberland Economic Development Commission, March 13, 2009.

Scott Fritz

- **Article published**
Freedman, B., Ammer, F., and Fritz, R.S. 2008. Optimization of DNA Isolation from Feathers. *Journal of the Pennsylvania Academy of Science* 82(1): 48-51.
- **Grants**
 - Renewal of the USDA grant for the Black Cohosh Project
 - Faculty Development Grant to cover the pages charges for the above article.

Sunshine L. Brosi:

- Authored and was awarded an external grant (\$29,797) from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for Arboretum restoration: Project GROWS (Greening and Restoration for On-Campus Watershed Stewardship) with the Allegany Soil Conservation District.
- Authored and was awarded internal grants (\$2,250) from Faculty Development Grant for a speaker and a project related to Ethnobotany.
- In collaboration with **Melanie Lombardi and Micheal McAlexander**, received a **Catherine R. Gira** Campus to Community Fund Grant to assist funding for an Arboretum Self-Guided Audio Tour Program. This program will guide visitors through our Arboretum and will describe the corresponding tree’s name, its importance to the region, relevant ethnobotanical information and any historical information associated with it.

Karen Keller:

- Applied for and was awarded the Robert Anthony Scholarship to attend the annual Human Anatomy and Physiology Society (HAPS) meeting in Baltimore, MD in May 2009.
- Asked to join the editorial board of *The Thai Journal of Veterinary Medicine*.

Chemistry

Don Weser participated in the 237th American Chemical Society National Meeting & Exposition in Salt Lake City as a Councilor from the Western Maryland Section (March 21-27), also serving on the Meetings and Exposition Committee and Expositions Subcommittee. During the meeting, an award was given to the FSU Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society for Outstanding achievements for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Communication Studies

Marc Routhier has been Faculty Advisor, Student Government Association, Fall 2002 -- present. In that capacity, he has done much mentoring of students.

Brent Kice presented a competitive paper, "The Religious Structure and Priestly Quality of Fidel Castro's Rhetoric," at the Eastern Communication Association. Philadelphia, PA, April 2009.

Elesha L. Ruminski and **Melanie Lombardi** (FSU-TV 3 Channel Cable Manager) were awarded a **Gira** Campus to Community Grant to collaborate on LEAD-TV, an FSU-TV 3 production about leadership education, activities, and opportunities at FSU. Mass Communication students worked with Ruminski and Lombardi to produce three episodes featuring **Bill Mandicott** (Assistant Vice President for Student and Community Involvement); **Curtis Eaddy** (student entrepreneur, community organizer, and musician); **Quincy Crawford** (FSU Capital Campaign Committee Chair and FSU alumnus); and local business owners. "The Road to Obama: Celebrating African American Leadership" was also filmed for one episode, and students in LEAD 101/Introduction to Leadership Studies were featured in another.

Elesha Ruminski

- As coordinator for the Leadership Studies Minor, collaborated with the Office of Leadership and Civic Engagement; Office of Student and Community Involvement (SES); Foreign Languages and Literature Department; Latin American Student Organization (LASO); President's Advisory Council on Diversity (PACD); FSU Diversity Center; and University Programming Council (UPC) to bring Leadership Scholar-in-Residence Juana Bordas to campus on September 17 to do programs for faculty, staff, and administrators; Leadership Studies students; and student leaders on campus. Ruminski was awarded an FSU Faculty Development Speaker/Workshop grant for the program.
- Advised the Communication Studies (CMST) Club to help CMST students put on a DebateWatch event prior to the presidential election and raise funds to attend the National Communication Association (NCA) convention in San Diego in November. Ruminski then attended the NCA convention with CMST students Christine Yurko, Becky Mathews, Desiree Lake, and Erin Morrell. Ruminski also presented "Updating a Leadership Studies Minor for the Twenty-first Century: Integrating Real-World Skills in Student Leadership Development" and "Seeking unDogmatic and unConventional

Dialogue: Communicating the 'Spirit'ual, the Mystical, and the Critical Encounters" at the convention.

- Served as a community judge for the Allegany County 4-H Public Speaking Contest on March 27.
- Co-coordinated “The Road to Obama: Celebrating African American Leadership” on April 14. The event was moderated by **Kara Rogers Thomas** (Folklore and Sociology) and sponsored by the J. Glenn Beall, Jr., Institute for Public Affairs; the Leadership Studies Program; the African American Studies Program; The Diversity Center; the President’s Advisory Council on Diversity; and the Black Student Alliance. The event featured a panel of historians, community and organizational leaders, and FSU alumni. Several African American student leaders helped organize the event.
- Attended the University of Maryland New Chairpersons’ conference on April 17.
- Was invited to be a peer reviewer for the new *Journal of Communications Media Studies* and to write an entry on “Political Identity” for the *Encyclopedia of Identity* (Sage, 2010).
- Developed and proposed three new courses: CMST 345/Conflict Management; CMST 350/Intercultural Communication; and IDIS/Women’s Leadership.

Elesha Ruminski, Julie Hartman (Sociology and Women’s Studies), **Amy Branam** (English), and **Amy Carter** (Office of Leadership and Civic Engagement) collaborated on a Focus Frostburg Women’s Studies Panel session titled "Are Our Outdoor Spaces Safe? Creating a Secure Green Campus" on April 21.

Computer Science

Hui Song:

Book

Secure Wireless Sensor Networks: Building Blocks and Applications, with G. Cao, VDM Verlag, March 2009. Now in print and available at Amazon.com. (ISBN-10: 3639065263; ISBN-13: 978-3639065268)

Grant

\$3,750, FSU Faculty Development and Sabbatical Subcommittee, to support a graduate research project, 2009

Others

Will serve as the publication chair (as well as technical program committee member) for the 28th International Symposium on Reliable Distributed Systems (SRDS'09), September 27-30, 2009. Niagara Falls, New York, U.S.A.

Had one research project, named SVATS (a sensor-network-based vehicle anti-theft system), featured in New Scientist, NSF News, and several other places (back in June 2008). Check the following URLs for more information:

New Scientist: <http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn14067>

NSF News: http://www.nsf.gov/news/news_summ.jsp?cntn_id=111854

Penn State Live: <http://live.psu.edu/story/33357>

Mohsen Chitsaz:

Presentation:

Title: Object Oriented Programming and the Discipline of Computer Science.

At: CCSC Eastern Conference 2008

Conference Computer System Session Chair:

At: At: CCSC Eastern Conference 2008

Attended:

12Th CISSE Colloquium

University of Texas at Dallas

English

Brad Barkley

- His seventh book, a novel entitled JARS OF GLASS, was published this fall by Penguin. He recently was the speaker for the Allegany Arts Council's "Lunch With the Arts" program, and served on a panel at the Baltimore Book Festival.

Mary Ann Chapman

- Serves on the Steering Committee of FOCUS (Family of Clergy United in Support) for the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland. She is editing the newly created By-Laws.
- Served on the Planning Committee for the "Greening of Claggett" for The Bishop Claggett Center in Buckeystown, MD. She also serves on the Human Rights Board for Brandenburg Center, Cumberland, MD.
- Helped design and create promotional materials and events for the "Pipedreams" fund campaign for Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Cumberland. She also performed solo and ensemble pieces in the "Rogers and Hammerstein Review" fundraiser dinner.
- Gave a presentation on "Sansepulchro and Piero Della Francesco" for the Tuscany Group meeting at Claggett Center in Buckeystown, MD.
- Was a contributing writer to the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland history project.

- Serves on the Human Rights Committee of the Brandenburg Center, Cumberland ,MD.
- Served as a Co-Director of the English Colloquium held April 5, 2009.

Martha R. Dolly

- Presented a session on inter-cultural issues for Cumberland-Hagerstown District United Methodist Women.

Andy Duncan

- Turned in a non-fiction book manuscript, the second edition of *Alabama Curiosities*, to be published in 2009 by the Globe Pequot Press.
- Sold a new novelette, "The Dragaman's Bride," to original fiction anthology *The Dragon Book*, to be published in 2009 by Penguin Putnam. His short story "Zora and the Zombie" was reprinted in fiction anthology *The Living Dead*, published by Night Shade Books. His article on FortScape 2008, "Followers of the Late Charles Fort, Connoisseur of Anomalies, Gather in an Anomalous Place: Cumberland, Md.," was published in *The Appalachian Independent*. Two of his letters to the editor were published in the *Cumberland Times-News*.
- Spoke at the Western Maryland Publishing Fair in Cumberland.
- Did a fiction reading and spoke on two panels at Capclave, a science fiction convention in Rockville.
- Did a fiction reading and spoke on a panel, "Teaching Fantasy and Science Fiction: Audience, Approaches, and Challenges," at the International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts in Orlando, Fla.
- Presented "Healing the Land in Fantasy: From 'Lord of the Rings' to 'Princess Mononoke'" at Focus Frostburg.
- Had his short story "Unique Chicken Goes in Reverse" reprinted in *Nebula Awards Showcase 2009*, edited by Ellen Datlow (Roc, 2009).
- Had his ENGL 330 Business Writing students create brochures for the League for Crippled Children, a non-profit in Cumberland, Md.

Sydney Duncan

- Wrote an article "Lost Girl: Diminishing Dorothy of Oz" that was published in the Fall 2008 issue of *Studies in Popular Culture*.
- Was elected 2nd Vice President of the International Association of the Fantastic in the Arts, a 1000-member organization.

- Delivered a presentation titled "E=(LG)2: Translating Sustainability" at the College English Association, Middle Atlantic Group Conference on March 6.
- Participated in and moderated a panel on pedagogy at the International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts, March 18-21. She also chaired a paper session at that conference.

Charlie Ewers

- Presented a paper entitled "From 'Homely Cheer' to 'Absentee Cooking': Translating Arts and Crafts Values into Appliance Sales" at the College English Association, Mid-Atlantic Group conference at Towson University on March 6.

Gerry LaFamina

- Presented a paper on using Poetry Reviewing as a means of breaking into publishing and gave a reading at the Florida Literary Arts Coalition Other Words Conference.
- Read at SUNY Plattsburgh, U Detroit--Mercy, and for Springfed Arts in Detroit.
- His next book of poems, *The Vanishing Horizon*, was accepted for publication by Anhinga Press.

Farhad Idris

- Wrote four articles— "Ashis Nandy," "Arjun Appadurai," "Dwight Macdonald," and "Mass Culture"— for Blackwell's upcoming *Encyclopedia of Literary and Cultural Theory*.

Mary Anne Lutz

- Moderated a session at College English Association-Middle Atlantic Group conference at Towson University, MD in March.

A. Franklin Parks

- Presented "Travel Narratives and the Press on Both Sides of the Atlantic in the Early Eighteenth Century" at The Eighteenth-Century Political World, Annual Conference of the East-Central American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Georgetown University, Washington D.C., November 6-9, 2008.
- "Collaboration and Accommodation: The Business Relationship of William Parks and Benjamin Franklin," Annual Meeting of the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Richmond, Virginia, March 26-29, 2009.

Judy Pula

- **Christopher R. Murphy and Judith J. Pula**, *The Childhood Roots of Adult Happiness: Five Steps to Help Kids Create and Sustain Lifelong Joy*, a book review published in *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*, volume 75-1.

- **Audrey Edwards and Judith Pula**

“In-Class Conferences as Differentiated Writing Instruction: New Uses for Tutorials” in *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*, a juried international journal for professional educators, volume 74-3.

Rochelle Smith

- Papers/Presentations:

“O Brave Monster”: Caliban at the Limits of the Human,” Shakespeare Association of America, Washington, DC, April 10, 2009

- Community Service Outreach:

Shakespeare Festival: FSU's 7th Annual Shakespeare Festival, May 1, 2009

Gerry Snelson

- Presented a paper entitled “Owen: Traitor or Liberator in Brian Friel’s Translations” at the College English Association, Mid-Atlantic Group’s annual conference at Towson University.

Daniel Tripp

- Presented a paper entitled, “American Realism in the Age of Media Multiplicity,” at the 37th annual Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture since 1900 on February 19, 2009.
- Presented a paper entitled, “Delight in Design: Mimesis, Mediation, & the Making of Postmodern American Prose,” at the College English Association National Conference on March 27, 2009.

Foreign Languages and Literature

Regina G. Alderton

- Performed in Irene O’Garden’s “Women on Fire” monologues at the Allegany Arts Council with Front & Centre Stage Productions in honor of V-Day. February 6, 7 & 8.
- Conducted (along with other area actors) the first Winter Theater Camp for children ages 9 to 16 at the New Embassy Theatre in Cumberland. February 14-28.
- Translated documents from English to Spanish for a local food organization. March, 2009.

Nicole Houser

- Was invited as a guest speaker to discuss the dissertation process in Dr. Sharon Deckert's graduate course on qualitative methods at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in Indiana, PA on January 22, 2009.

- Presented "A Comparison of Culture's Place in the English and Spanish Second Language Programs at One Institution" at the American Association for Applied Linguistics (AAAL) Annual Conference 2009 in Denver, Colorado on March 22, 2009.
- Gave a workshop entitled "Teaching Spanish Through Print Advertisements" at the conference "Connecting Globalism and Economic Themes to Second Language Students' Lives," hosted by The Graduate School of Education at The University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA on April 25, 2009

Natalia Ramírez

- Received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Hispanic Languages and Literatures Department, University of Pittsburgh; December, 2008
- Received Certificate by FSU Black Student Alliance and FSU Diversity Center in appreciation for my contributions to creating a safe and welcoming environment in which all students can achieve, April, 2009

María-Luisa Sánchez

- Led the F.S.U. Study Abroad Program in Madrid and Salamanca, Spain on January 2009

In order to better serve the needs of the FSU students, the FLL Department actualized and adjusted the Spanish Program. Under the leadership of **Nicole Houser**, the FLL Department designed the Assessment Plan for their programs.

Geography

George W. White:

"Nationalism in the classroom: Experience, challenges and ways forward." Panel discussant. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Las Vegas, Nevada. March 26, 2009.

"Europe in the Pacific Century." Plenary presentation. Europe in the World: Identities, Networks, Challenges. European Studies Program & Crossing Borders Program, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. All travel expenses provided by the sponsors of the event. February 27, 2009

Fritz Kessler:

Co-authored with Terry Slocum (University of Kansas): "History of Thematic Mapping in the 20th Century: Design and Construction Issues."

Presented a talk at Frostburg State University's Earth Week entitled, "Bioterrorism, Human Health, and the Environment."

James Saku:

Publications

With Murray D. Rice. Urban Economies and Development: An Editorial Introduction. **Geography Research Forum**. 28, 3-7.

Towards an understanding of Aboriginal Regional Corporations: The case of the Inuvialuit of the Western Arctic of Canada. **Geography Research Forum**. 28: 113-129.

Paper Presentation

The impact of ethnic conflict on sub-Saharan African Countries. Paper presented at the 31st Annual Applied Geography Conference. Wilmington, Delaware, October 17, 2008.

"Practical Solutions to Poverty Reduction in Africa: Ghana's Policy Initiatives."

Paper presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Las Vegas, March 22-27.

Book and manuscript review

Online Book Review. Taking sides: clashing views on global issues. By James E. Harf and Mark Owen Lombardi, November 2008.

Publisher's Book Proposal Review. Visualizing Human Geography. John Wiley and Sons. October 2008.

Manuscript Review. "Towards gender equality and economic empowerment: an analysis of demographic components of rural women in Imo State, Southeast Nigeria". October 2008. The Open Geography Journal.

Manuscript Review. "Aspects of the urban and rural informal sector in Nigeria: a geographer's view". October 2008. The Open Geography Journal.

Manuscript Review: "Trans-nationalism and the Second-Generation British-Caribbean Community: Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives on an Evolving Multi-local Social System." **The Open Geography Journal**, March 2009.

Manuscript Review. "Turkey and the European Union: A difficult Road Ahead." February 2009. **The Open Geography Journal**, February 2009.

Manuscript Review. "Contemporary analysis of variability in road traffic accidents in Lagos State." **African Geographical Review**, February 2009.

Manuscript Review. "We will go side-by-side with you: Labor Union engagement with Aboriginal peoples of Canada." **Geoforum**, January 2009.

Student Mentoring

Faculty Mentor of Zachary Bensley: Undergraduate Research Opportunity Scholarship.

Other accomplishments

Appointed to the Academic Advisory Board: Taking Sides: Controversial Issues on Global Issues. Dubuque: McGraw-Hill. August 2008.

With Jennifer Browne: Planned and hosted campus presentation of Mr. John Prendergast, October 23, 2008.

Guest-Editor: **Geography Research Forum. Volume 30.** Special Issue on Aboriginal Canadians. An International Geographic Journal Published in Israel.

Editorial Board Member: Open Geography Journal.

Member of Planning Committee: Celebrating African American Leadership: The Road to Obama. April 14, 2009.

Member: Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Committee of the Association of American Geographers.

Francis Precht:

"Geographic Characterization of Black Cohosh Habitat in Western Maryland." American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS) Annual Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, March 2009, with **Matthew Ramspott**.

"Contributing to an Institutional Carbon Footprint." TU-GIS Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, March 2009.

"The Changing Landscape of FSU: Implications for Carbon Sequestration." Focus Frostburg, A 'Learn-in' for a Sustainable Future, April 21, 2009

Adam Lewis:

Presented *The Blueprint for Appalachia's Coal Company Towns* at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers.

David Arnold:

Carleton, A.M., D.J. Travis, J.O. Adegoke, D.L. Arnold, and S. Curran, 2008: Synoptic Circulation and Land Surface Influences on Convection in the Midwest U.S. "Corn Belt"

during the Summers of 1999 and 2000. Part II: Role of Vegetation Boundaries. Journal of Climate, 21, 3617–3641.

Tracy Edwards:

T.A.S.T.E. Workshops, “Day One: Starting the Semester Out Right” and “The Nature of Online vs. Blended Courses,” with Dr. Jodi Welsch, August 26, 2008.

Participant, 50 K MS Capital Challenge Walk, Sept. 27-28, 2008.

Attendee: Workshop on Geotagging photographs, fieldtrip to Ford Rouge factory for tour on production and environmentally friendly plant design initiatives, Council for Geographic Education Conference, Dearborn, Michigan, Oct. 9 – 12.

Advisor, GTU (Geography Honor Society). Together with the Geography Club, Best Overall Display, Majors Fair, Oct. 15, 2008.

Workshop Organizer, “Advising Students”, Middle Atlantic Division, Association of American Geographers Conference, Salisbury, MD, Oct. 25, 2008. Also organized FSU student Geography Bowl Team for this conference. One team member was selected to represent our region - and one alternate - at the national AAG Conference in Las Vegas in March 2009.

Focus on the Future participant, Geography Information Table for County 7th grade students, Allegany County Fairgrounds, Nov. 11, 2008.

CTE Newsletter article, “Teaching as Advising”, Dec. 2008.

Bud Precht and Tracy Edwards:

Presented: *The Environment and a Green Society* in a session devoted to Learning Communities at the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, March 23, 2009.

Phillip Allen and Dave Arnold:

Co-wrote a research proposal to travel to the Alaskan High Arctic and establish links with Alaskan educational institutes and establish a FSU presence within the Barrow Arctic Science Consortium. The research proposal was submitted to the Frostburg University State Foundation and was funded. They have made initial contact with ConocoPhillips with regard to collaborations with industry and logistic support for the fieldwork. The project has begun to expand, and **Dr. Matt Ramspott** has joined and contributed to this research initiative. The 2009 field season data will serve as the basis of a larger application which will be submitted to NSF for additional funding.

Phillip Allen and Bud Precht:

Developed and co-wrote a research proposal to develop and build a digital catalog database for the fossil, rock and mineral (FRM) collection housed in the Department of Geography. This was submitted to the FSU Faculty Development and Sabbatical Subcommittee, and has been funded. Five undergraduates have already volunteered to work (for free) on the data capture element of this project.

History

Greg Wood

Conference papers:

- "Tobacco Use and Shopfloor Culture at Hammermill Paper Company." North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, October 2008.
- "How Addiction to Nicotine Transformed Labor Relations during the Era of Mass Production." Economic and Business History Society Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 2009.
- "New York City's Efforts to Prohibit Workplace Smoking after the 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist Fire." Rush Holt History Conference, West Virginia University, April 2009.

Invited lectures:

- "Lighting Up: Cigarette Smoking and the History of Labor Relations." Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), College of Business, Frostburg State University, October 2008.
- "Lynching Culture in Western Maryland during the Early Twentieth Century," IDIS 491: "Watercolor in Allegany County" (Honors), Prof. **Judith Dieruf**, Frostburg State University, September 2008.
- "Gender, Work, and 'Union' in Lincoln's America," Nancy Hanks Lincoln Symposium, Potomac State College, Keyser, West Virginia, March 2009.
- "The Molly Maguires: From Shadows to Center in US Labor History," Georges Creek Regional Library, Lonaconing, Maryland, January 2009.

Articles published:

- "World's Columbian Exposition," "Chicago Race Riot of 1919," "Kansas Exodusters," and "Detroit Race Riot of 1943," in *The Jim Crow Encyclopedia*, ed. Nikki LM Brown and Barry

M. Stentiford. Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing, 2008.

Community outreach:

- Presenter: "Focus on the Future," Allegany County Public Schools, Allegany County Fairgrounds, November 11 and 13, 2008. (Spoke with Braddock and Mt. Savage Middle School students about careers in history.)

Miha Wood

- "Socialism vs. Capitalism in Romanian Sport Culture during the Early Cold War." Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, Charlottesville, Virginia, March 2009.

Paul Charney

- Presented a paper, "Powerbrokers, Propertyholders, Caregivers: Indian Women Elites in the Lima Valley During the Colonial Period, 1532-1824," at the annual meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, Eugene, Oregon, 11/12-11/16, 2008.
- "The Testamentary Practices of Lima's Indian Nobles and Commoners, 1596-1607" at the Latin American Studies Association's XXVIII International Congress, Rio de Janeiro, June 11-14, 2009

David Dean

- "Miles to Go: Across the USA by Bicycle, 1884-2006," Far West Popular Association and American Culture Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 13-15, 2009.

David Rands

- "The Impact of Urban Economic Development on Korean Migration to Japan," The Association of American Geographers' Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 22-27, 2009

Alemseged Abbay

- "Diversity and Democracy in Ethiopia," will be published in *Journal of Eastern African Studies*, (June, 2009)

Mass Communication

Micheal McAlexander:

- Wrote, submitted, and was awarded a \$2,500 grant from the SGA to provide two high-definition camera kits for use by the entire FSU student body.

- Wrote, submitted, and was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the FSU Foundation to produce a video to promote increased giving to the university by alumni. The video is currently in development, and production will begin in the summer.
- Attended the Broadcast Education Association Conference in April where he moderated a panel entitled, “Crowd-Sourcing: Cheap Content for a Media-Manic Age.” In addition, he served as co-chair of the BEA Writing Division's Student Screenwriting Competition.
- Continued his role as visiting professor at Ramkhamhaeng University in Bangkok, Thailand and taught two courses there over Intersession 2009. He also taught two FSU online courses while in Bangkok: MCOM105 Introduction to Mass Communication and MCOM485 Electronic Media Aesthetics and Criticism.

As part of a documentary on wounded veterans he is producing and directing, **Micheal McAlexander**, along with Mass Communication students Brett Fox and Jimmy Griffin, videotaped and interviewed a group of injured veterans (or wounded warriors as they prefer to be called) on a weekend ski trip to the Canaan Valley Resort in north-central West Virginia. The event was sponsored by a non-profit organization called A Gathering of Mountain Eagles (GME) whose mission is to provide opportunities for combat wounded American military service members to enjoy the therapeutic effects of adventure activities. **John Lombardi** assisted with this production.

John Lombardi:

- Published a chapter on Virtual and Augmented Reality in Communication Technology Update, 11th edition.
- With student Jenny Andrews, presented information on self-employment in the arts at the 3rd Annual Trident Conference.
- Has been overseeing the purchase and installation of more than \$150,000 of equipment for the Department of Mass Communication.
- Will serve as a judge for the Center for Career and Technology Education School's student video competition.
- **John Lombardi and Lindsay Pack** took a group of students on a field trip to WMAR-TV2 in Baltimore. Emmy Award winning MCOM Alum. Timm Baldwin hosted the group.
- Taught a special section of MCOM 105 (Introduction to Mass Communication) which was part of a freshmen learning community.
- In collaboration with **Melanie Lombardi and Cherie Krug**, developed a large scale funding proposal to be submitted to a national media outlet.

- Serves as one of two faculty advisors to the Frostburg State University yearbook. The Nemacolin, FSU's yearbook will be published for the first time in nearly 20 years.
- Participated in a 4-week black and white photography seminar with local photographer Penny Knobel-Besa.
- Has begun a collaborative relationship with Janice Keene of the Evergreen Heritage Center.
- Photographed several events for the Allegany County Human Resource Development Commission.
- Attended the annual Broadcast Education Association's national convention in Las Vegas, NV where he made a presentation, "Curriculum Swapshop: Service Learning and Media" and moderated a panel, "Financing The Future- How to Keep Pace With the Industry Amid Academic Funding Cuts."
- Attended the annual National Association of Broadcasters convention in Las Vegas, NV.
- Had two photography showings at Sanctuary Studios in Flintstone, MD.
- Aided the Allegany County Library by taking photos for them to use in their promotional efforts.
- Became the advisor for Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) fraternity.
- Oversaw the 6th annual Mind Culture Original Music project. This year's project will feature nearly 20 local/regional music artists on a full-length CD. There will also be a live show Friday May 1 featuring some of the acts from the CD.

Melanie Lombardi:

- Along with several National Broadcasting Society Members, represented the Department of Mass Communication at the 3rd Annual Focus on the Future Showcase held on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at the Allegany County Fairgrounds. This showcase allowed local 7th grade students to interact with professionals and students about possible career paths.
- In collaboration with **Elesha Ruminski**, applied for a 2nd LEAD TV Production Grant through the **Catherine R. Gira** Campus to Community Fund through the Office of the Provost.
- **Melanie Lombardi** and LEAD-TV produced three 30-minute talk shows during the Fall 2008 semester and is finishing its third show for the Spring 2009 semester. The show was co-hosted by **Elesha Ruminski**, Coordinator of the Leadership Studies Minor, and Aisha Cornett, Junior Mass Communication major. This semester, Mass Communication students Aisha Cornett & Rachel Knieriem are producing the series. The talk show features topics related to the Leadership Studies Minor at FSU has updates on leadership

opportunities and civic engagement opportunities on the campus.

- **In collaboration with Micheal McAlexander and Sunshine Brosi**, received a **Catherine R. Gira** Campus to Community Fund Grant to assist funding for an Arboretum Self-Guided Audio Tour Program. This program will guide visitors through our Arboretum and will describe the corresponding tree's name, its importance to the region, relevant ethnobotanical information and any historical information associated with it.
- Attended the Broadcasting Education Association and National Association of Broadcasters conventions held in Las Vegas April 21st through Saturday, April 25th for training in the field.

Micheal McAlexander and **Melanie Lombardi** (co-executive producers) and Mass Communication students, Rachel Knieriem and Aisha Cornett, produce ***Down To Earth*** (formerly *Going Green with Dr. G*). This production is a 30-minute talk show featuring our University President. **Dr. Jonathan Gibraltar** hosts the show and features topics related to global environmental sustainability and the Green Initiative at FSU. This show airs Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3 & 6 PM.

Pat Sullivan has been named the Acting Operations Manager for Allegany Radio Corporation (WQZK-FM, WDYK-FM, WVMD-FM, WCMD-AM and WKLP-AM).

Mathematics

Marc Michael reviewed two potential articles for *Mathematic Teacher*.

Marc Michael was awarded a grant in the amount of \$18,911.13 from the Maryland State Department of Education to support a residential instructional program for gifted-and-talented students, The Maryland Summer Center for Mathematics.

Karen Parks attended the Maryland Council of Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM) meeting in October.

Lance Revenaugh attended the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences annual meeting in October.

Rob Forsythe designed an online Differential Equations course.

Music

FSU Faculty Artist Series, Pealer Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center

Sept. 14 **Mark Gallagher**, Faculty/Guest Artist Series

Ruth McDonald, clarinet, guest artist, United States Marine Band, Washington, DC. Michael McDonald, clarinet, guest artist, United States Navy Band, Washington, DC, September 14.

- February 15 **Jonathan Hodel**, Voice Recital
- February 22 Faculty Trio Concert
Joan DeVee Dixon, piano, **Mark Gallagher**, clarinet, **Phil Klickman**, french horn
- March 12 **Timothy Powell**, Saxophone Recital
- April 24 **Mark Gallagher**, Clarinet Recital at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Cumberland
- April 19 **Pam Murchison**, Flute Recital
- April 26 **Amy Galbraith**, Oboe Recital

Direction of FSU Department of Music Concerts and Performances

- Fall 2009 **Phil Klickman** conducts FSU Marching Bobcats
- Home football games
- College Life Weekend Rally, Capital Heights, MD
- Exhibition Performance, Queen Anne's County HS
- Exhibition Performance, Liberty HS, Tournament of Bands – Chapter 5 Championships, Eldersburg, MD
- Regent's Cup football game, Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, Annapolis, MD
- Oct. 19 **Phil Klickman** conducts FSU Wind Ensemble Fall Concert
- Nov. 9 **Karen Soderberg** conducts FSU Chamber Choir, President's Concert, FSU Pealer Recital Hall
- Dec. 4 **Timothy Powell** directs Jazz Ensemble Concert
- Dec. 11 **Ron Horner** directs Percussion Ensemble Concert
- Dec. 14 **Karen Soderberg** conducts University Chorale in Winter Concert *Tis the Season*, FSU Pealer Recital Hall
- Dec. 14 **Phil Klickman** conducts FSU Wind Ensemble Winter Concert
- March 7 **Phil Klickman** conducts FSU Wind Ensemble Concert

- March 29 **Joan DeVee Dixon** directs FSU Piano Ensemble Concert,
with Nancy “Fanny” Witmer, Jean Kobert, Betty Jane Phillips, Chris
McCabe
- March 29 **Pam Murchison** directs FSU Flute Ensemble concert
- April 20 **Tim Powell** directs FSU Jazz Ensemble concert
- April 23 **Ron Horner** directs FSU Percussion Ensemble concert
- April 26 **Karen Soderberg** conducts Chamber Choir performance at St. Paul’s United
Methodist Church, Oakland, MD
- April 28 **Kevin McManus** conducts FSU Brass Ensemble with **Joan DeVee Dixon**,
organist, and **Phil Klickman**, French horn, Bedford United Methodist Church,
Pennsylvania
- May 3 **Ellen Grolman** leads “Meet the Composer” with Carol Barnett
- May 3 **Karen Soderberg** conducts Spring Choral Concert, Pealer Recital Hall
University Chorale and FSU Chamber Choir featuring Carol Barnett’s *Bluegrass
Mass*
- May 7-8 **Jonathan Hodel** directs FSU Opera Workshop “The Magic Flute” by Mozart
- May 10 **Phil Klickman** conducts FSU Wind Ensemble Concert

Additional adjudications, workshops, and performances

Joan DeVee Dixon

- Sept. 21 Organist and composer, FSU Chamber Choir, *Polka Mass* by Dr. Joan DeVee
Dixon, St. John’s Episcopal Church, Frostburg
- Sept. 28 Composer-in-Residence, *Polka Mass* by Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon, St. Paul’s
Episcopal Church, Concord, New Hampshire
- Oct. 3 Co-Faculty advisor, Sigma Alpha Iota, All Campus Sing!, FSU Homecoming,
Frostburg State University
- Oct. 7 “From Two to Fifteen: Ensembles for Piano,” Paper presented at West Virginia
Music Teachers Association State Convention, Shepherd University,
Shepherdstown, WV

- Oct. 19 Solo organ concert for the American Guild of Organists (AGO), “International Year of the Organ,” Resurrection Catholic Church, Santa Rosa, California
- Dec. 5-7 Organist for “Prophetia”, St. Michael’s Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Minnesota, five performances
- March 18 Organ Recital, St. Michael’s Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Minnesota
- March 19 Chamber Music Recital, St. Michael’s Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Minnesota
- May 8 Organ Recital, Christ’s Redeemer Church, Hagerstown

Ellen Grolman

- Spring 2009 Editor, Reviews, International Alliance of Women in Music Journal

Mark Gallagher

- Oct. 19 Organ “plus” Recital, First Presbyterian Church, Cumberland, MD
- Nov. 9 President’s Concert
- Nov. 22 National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC. Chamber Music Performance with “I Venti Semplice”
- Dec. 24 Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Cumberland, MD
- February 7 Chamber Music performance, Austrian Embassy, Washington, DC
- March 7 Adjudicator, Washington County Solo and Ensemble Festival, Hagerstown
- March 14 Chamber Music Performance, Allegany Arts Council Exhibit Opening, Cumberland, Maryland
- April 2009 Collaboration with Anthony Scull, musicologist and chamber musician, for a performance of chamber music arrangements, London, England.
- April 12 Guest Soloist, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Cumberland
- April 18 Guest Artist and Clinician, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Clarinet Festival, Madison, Wisconsin

Karen Soderberg

- Sept. 16 Recruitment trip to Landsdown High School, Baltimore County, September 16

- Sept. 21 Conductor, FSU Chamber Choir, *Polka Mass* by Dr. Joan DeVee Dixon, St. John's Episcopal Church, Frostburg, MD
- Oct. 4 Conductor, FSU Chamber Choir, FSU Campaign Gala, FSU Lane Center
Conductor, FSU Chamber Choir and the Cumberland Choral Society
- Oct. 17 Presenter, MMEA Fall In-Service *Vocal Warm-ups*, Oakland Mills High School, Howard County
- Oct. 20-22 Guest Conductor, St. Mary's All County High School Honor Choir, Chopticon High School, Morganza, MD
- Oct. 24 *WE SING* Concert, Windsor Hall, Cumberland, MD
- Nov. 8 Conductor, FSU Chamber Choir, *Evensong*, St. John's Episcopal Church, Frostburg, MD
- Nov. 18-19 Guest Conductor, Allegany County High School Choral Festival, Ft. Hill High School, Cumberland, MD
- Nov. 21 Conductor, FSU Chamber Choir, Winter Concert, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Hancock, MD
- Nov. 23 Conductor, FSU Chamber Choir, Winter Concert, Emmanuel Episcopal Church Cumberland, MD
- Nov. 28 Conductor, Cumberland Choral Society, Cumberland Tree Lighting Ceremony, First People's Federal CU
- Dec. 7 Conductor, Cumberland Choral Society, Holiday Concert, featuring Handel's *Messiah*, Christ Lutheran Church, LaVale, MD, December 5th and St. Mary's Catholic Church
- February 19 Allegany High School Concert Choir, pre-adjudication clinician, Cumberland
- March 11-12 Adjudicator, St. Mary's County Middle and High School Choral Festival, Great Mills High School, Lexington Park, Maryland
- March 27 Adjudicator, Washington County Choral Festival, South Hagerstown High School
- May 7-8 Adjudicator, State of Maryland Middle School Choral Festival, Morgan State University
- March 30 Conduct Chamber Choir performance for the FSU Scholars Luncheon
- May 15 & 17 Conduct Cumberland Choral Society Spring Concerts with the Allegany Symphony Orchestra, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Cumberland, Maryland and FSU Pealer Recital Hall, featuring Mozart's *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore*

Phil Klickman

- Dec. 6-7 Conductor & Organizer, FSU High School Honor Band, FSU Performing Arts Center
- Dec. 15 Hornist for FSU Brass Ensemble Winter Concert
- Dec. 19 Hornist for Coronation Brass Quintet, Allegany College of Maryland Commencement Ceremony
- Dec. 20 Conduct Wind Ensemble for FSU Commencement Ceremonies
- April 22 Perform for Allegany County "Arts in the Schools Week"
- May 7 & 8 Perform for Opera Workshop production of *The Magic Flute*
- May 16 Conduct Wind Ensemble for FSU Commencement Ceremonies

Ronald Horner

- Spring 2009 Performances with Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra (as Principal Timpanist):
Jan 14, Feb 14, Mar 14, Apr 18
- Performances with Johnstown Symphony Orchestra (as Principal Timpanist):
Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2, May 10
- Mar. 7 Adjudicated the Allegany County Solo & Ensemble Festival (percussion judge)

Jonathan Hodel

- Nov. 13-14 Director, FSU Opera workshop performances, including outreach performances for Allegany County Schools

Grants

Joan DeVee Dixon

Frostburg State University Foundation, Musical Composer Residency, \$5,000.

Chair, Friends of Music at Frostburg, donations totaling approx. \$10,000.

Mark Gallagher

Frostburg State University Foundation, Savage Mountain Summer Arts Academy, \$7,000.

Publication

Ronald Horner had a book published by VDM Publishing in Germany titled, "What Do Drummers Really Want?" For more info, visit Amazon.com and type that title in the search bar.

Philosophy

Jean-Marie Makang presented, "Poverty as a Way to Peace," at the 21st Annual Conference of Concerned Philosophers for Peace at SUNY Cortland, Cortland, NY, October 30-November 2-2008.

Jennifer Ingle presented, "Plato's Idea of a Good General," Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, November 2008.

Michael Mathias:

- Attended the annual meeting of the Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum (Nov. 14-16) in Baltimore.
- Editorial review for the *Journal of Business Ethics*
- Book chapter published late in the summer: "Religion and Women at Work" in Paludi, M. *The Psychology of Women at Work: Challenges and Solutions for Our Female Workforce*. Greenwood (2008).

Skott Brill presented, "Conserving Water and Looking and Feeling Great," at FOCUS Frostburg 2009, April 21, 2009.

Skott Brill attended the annual convention of the American Philosophical Association (APA), Central Division, February 18-21, 2009, Chicago, IL.

Jennifer Ingle presented, "The Aesthetic Value of Natural Environments: Avoiding Scenery- Obsession," at FOCUS Frostburg 2009, April 21, 2009.

Physics and Engineering

The Physics/Engineering Club, with the advisor **Dr. Eric Moore**, organized and participated in an outreach program to local elementary/middle school students on November 1, 2008. **Drs. Eric Moore, George Plitnik, Greg Latta, Stephen Luzader, Kasif Teker, Hang Deng-Luzader** and **Julie Wang** presented workshops, hands-on activities and demonstrations for 28 participants, including students from elementary/middle schools and their parents.

Eric Moore led an investigation of the Compton Science Center Foucault Pendulum for a physics class from Bishop Walsh on February 20.

Mohammed Eltayeb had the following accomplishments:

- Submitted a proposal for Summer Center for gifted and talented students; titled: Robotics Design for Future Engineers. The proposal was awarded with a grant of about \$28,000 for a two week program.
- Developed a new lab in the department for teaching and conducting research in the area of Wireless Sensor Networks.
- Taught a new course for the first time "An Introduction to Wireless Sensor Networks."
- Submitted a paper to the journal of Electrical and Computer Engineering: "M. Eltayeb *“Real-Time Data Dissemination for Wireless Sensor Networks”* Journal of Electrical and Computer Engineering (submitted) Jan 2009.
- Attended ECEDHA conference for chairs of Electrical and Computer Engineering Departments on the 20th of March 2009.
- Submitted a paper titled "Real-time Data dissemination in Wireless Sensor Networks" to ISCA's Parallel Distributed Computing and Communication systems.
- Submitted as Co-PI a 100K MIPS grant titled: " Aeoloun Harvester Turbine Evaluation", to evaluate a new design of vertical axis wind turbine.
- Managed in coordination with other department members the Department's annual Banquet and award ceremony.

Kasif Teker had the following accomplishments:

- Published a journal article titled "*Bioconjugated Carbon Nanotubes for Targeting Cancer Biomarkers*" in Materials Science and Engineering B, Vol.153 (Nov. 2008) pp. 83-87.
- Submitted an abstract to the Materials Research Society Conference in San Francisco, CA in April 2009. The paper is entitled "*Investigating the Effects of NH₃ on GaN Nanowire Growth and Properties*" (November 2008).
- Participated in an outreach program at Physics and Engineering Day to local elementary/middle school students on November 1, 2008. Made presentations on nanotechnology to the students.
- Attended to a workshop on "*Nanoscale Science and Engineering Education*" sponsored by the National Science Foundation on November 13-14, 2008 in Arlington, VA.
- One of my articles titled "Confocal Microscopy of Bioconjugated Carbon Nanotubes for Biosensor Applications" has been selected one of the 10 best published in "Sensors & Transducers Journal" in 2008. Articles were judged on novelty, innovation, outstanding new research and current importance.

- Attended The Fourth IEEE/NIH 2009 Life Science Systems and Applications Workshop (LiSSA 2009) on April 9-10, 2009 in Bethesda, MD.
- Awarded by The Faculty and Sabbatical Subcommittee (\$ 1000) for the undergraduate research project for summer 2009.

In November, 2008, Emeritus Physics Professor **Stephen Luzader**, **Drs. Hang Deng-Luzader**, and **William Hercules**, together with six physics students, participated in 2008 “Focus on the Future Showcase,” a program of the Board of Education of Allegany County.

Drs. Stephen Luzader and Hang Deng-Luzader submitted the 2009 continuation proposal for the Physics of Solar and Wind Power to Maryland State Department of Education. The proposal was granted by MSDE.

Oguz and Hilkat Soysal had the following achievements:

- The “Sustainable Energy Research Facility (SERF) Construction” project officially started on September 1st, 2008 with \$738,000 funding received by US Department of Energy. **Oguz Soysal and Hilkat Soysal** are co-directing the project. As part of the first phase activities of the project Soysals contacted several experts on energy efficient and sustainable energy buildings and visited the “Net-Zero Energy House” recently built in upstate NY. SERF will be located on the Southeast part of the Allegany Business Center and the construction will be completed by September 2010.
- Industrial research and development project titled “EMP-Protected Microgrids Using Renewable Energy” sponsored by the MTECH through Maryland Industrial Partnerships (MIPS) program started in September. FSU team consisting of **Hilkat Soysal** (PI), **Eric Moore** (Research Associate), and **Oguz Soysal** (Advisor) and Instant Access Networks (IAN) staff are teaming to create renewable energy-powered, electromagnetic pulse (EMP)-protected microgrids that could provide electricity for critical infrastructure facilities in the event of a disaster. The total amount of the one-year project is \$165,000.
- **Oguz and Hilkat Soysal** completed the project funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission to develop “FSU Wind and Solar Energy Certified Education Program”. The second workshop consisting of 8-week online and 3-day hands-on part was offered between October 13 and December 14, 2008. In total seventy individuals from MA, NY, PA, DE, MD, DC, VA, WV, MO and two international participants attended the spring and fall workshops. The workshops prepare individuals to the “Entry Level Certificate of Knowledge” Exam of the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP). FSU is the only provider in the region covering several states including MD, PA, DE, DC, VA, and WV.
- The Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia section of the Solar Energy Industries Association (MDV-SEIA), a leading national trade association for the solar energy industry, presented Frostburg State University with a “Solar Champion Award” on Dec. 5 at the Solar Focus 2009 Conference in Annapolis, MD. **Oguz Soysal and Hilkat Soysal**,

accepted the award, which recognizes FSU's success in establishing a renewable energy demonstration and training program and its Wind and Solar Energy Residential Demonstration

- **Oguz Soysal** participated as invited speaker in a panel discussion to describe the FSU WISE Certified Education Program at the "Tomorrow's Workforce: Strategies for the Appalachia's Future" Conference organized by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) in Tupelo MS on October 22-23, 2008. **Hilkat Soysal** attended the conference as well.
- **Oguz and Hilkat Soysal** participated in the "Solar Focus 2009 conference" organized by MD-DC-VA section of the Solar Energy Industries Association. They jointly displayed a poster and brochures on the WISE Education program in the expo. **Oguz Soysal** participated in a panel discussion as invited speaker to discuss the WISE Certified Education Program.

Dr. Robert Doyle had the following achievements:

Weekly Column - Cumberland Times-News

- August 17, 2008 "College Learning: How to Know" How parents can evaluate their student's learning.
- August 24, 2008 "Tips for Parents & Guardians of Younger Students" How parents can promote reading.
- August 31, 2008 "The Bottom Line" In forming expectations, the most important class is the 1st class.
- September 7, 2008 "Best Stars Throughout the Year and Birthtime Star" Planetarium for learning sky.
- September 14, 2008 "Don't Expect a Quick Energy Fix" Our reliance on petroleum due to its energy density.
- September 21, 2008 "Are We Close to the Limit?" Conventional farming can't feed all human population.
- September 28, 2008 "Fear of Mathematics: Consequences & Remedies" Innumeracy plays role in our debt.
- October 5, 2008 "Classroom Visit to Parkside School" As well as Starlab, Dr. Doyle can visit classes.
- October 12, 2008 "Reality Versus Nimby" Local food production and energy is best for a sure future.
- October 19, 2008 "Gently Offsetting Carbon From Cars" Why not plant trees to absorb carbon from cars?
- October 26, 2008 "Making America Better" Voluntary actions include lower speeds, websites for car pools.
- November 2, 2008 "History & Impatience" America's prosperity due to isolation and resources.

- November 9, 2008 “Primer for the New President” Why Twin Towers came down & solar energy farms.
- November 16, 2008 “Precious Yet Taken For Granted” Next great crises are water shortages in U.S. & Asia
- November 23, 2008 “Best Buys for 1st Telescopes” Binoculars and spotting scopes on tripods recommended
- November 30, 2008 “Threats to Our Existence with Humor” Big rocks from space rarely fall, but would kill.
- December 7, 2008 “How the Sky Looked Long Ago” Biggest sky change is due to wobbling of Earth’s axis.
- December 14, 2008 “New Dwarf Planets with Pacific Names” New dwarf planets are MakeMake & Haumea.
- December 21, 2008 “First Steps with a Telescope” How to get started with lens or mirror telescopes.
- December 28, 2008 “Top 2009 Sky Sights” List of best sights for eye, binoculars, small score by month.
- Jan. 4, '09 - Downside of Technology (Popular technology (cell phones, Ipods & Gameboxes hurt learning)
- Jan.11, '09 – Wonders of Vision (Review of book “*Natural History of Vision*”)
- Jan.18, '09 – America’s Energy Needs & How Wind Could Contribute (all renewable energy sources needed)
- Jan.25, '09 - Science Sundays at Frostburg State (describes both Planetarium and Science Discovery Center)
- Feb. 1, '09 – Measuring Angles With Your Hands & Fingers (measure angles in degrees without equipment)
- Feb. 8, '09 – Must Birds & Bats Be Hurt by Wind Turbines? (consider recent NYC plane landing in Hudson)
- Feb.15,'09 – Twofold Rise & Fall of Appalachian Mountains (origin & reshaping of our local mountains)
- Feb.22,'09 – Food & Energy (Review of Book “*Food Matters: A Guide to Conscious Eating*”)
- Mar.1,'09 – Big Steps in Human Prehistory (Review of Book “*Before the Dawn*”)
- Mar.8,'09 – Tests – Advantages and Drawbacks (Doyle’s methods to Reduce Test Anxiety)
- Mar.15,'09 – New Options: U.S.Cars (swapping existing motors with more efficient motors & air-pedal car)
- Mar.22,'09 – Public Transit Could Carry Many More (Doyle’s proposal to increase bus ridership and fares)

- Mar.29,'09 – A Different View of Tests (Doyle’s idea that varied test formats more indicative of learning)
- Apr.5, '09 – Paper & Pencil along with Calculator (why relying exclusively on calculator increases mistakes)
- Apr.12,'09 – Blessed in Both Space and Time (energy & food available to us >> global average & in past)
- Apr.19,'09 – Electricity by Wind Turbines and Coal Burning Plants Compared (much CO2 & ash by product)
- Apr.26,'09 – False College Outlooks Versus Reality (College value depends on student effort, not price paid)
- May 3, '09 - How To Use Moon To Tell Time of Day and Time of Year (response to reader’s question)
- May 10,'09 – What You Can’t See, Can Make A Difference (Review of Book “*Our Changing Atmosphere*”)
- May 17,'09 – Problems Ahead If Human Population Continues To Increase (predictions for decades ahead)

StarLab Portable Planetarium Visits to following schools on below dates

September 12 - South Penn	November 7 – Cash Valley
September 19 – South Penn	November 14 - Cresaptown
September 26 - Mount Savage	November 21 – Bel Air
October 3 - George’s Creek	December 5 - Frost
October 10 - Westernport	
October 24 - John Humbird	
December 19 – WestSide	
March 6 – Lighthouse Christian Academy	
March 20 – Cavalry Christian Academy	
April 3 – Bishop Walsh School	
April 24 – St. Michael’s School	

Creation of New Public Planetarium Programs and Public Presentations so far in 2009

- **January – Polar Skies** – Reviews local area skies, emphasizing circumpolar (always in view) stars, then visiting North Pole, seeing stars moving rightward, sun in view from

March thru September, then visit South Pole, seeing stars moving leftward, stars & sights not seen in our area, sun in view from September to March

Presented January 11, 18, 25 - 6 programs with about 100 total attendance

- **February – Tropical Skies** – Reviews stars, sights seen locally, then shifting to equator where all sky bodies rise and set vertically, shortened twilight, little change in sunrise, sunset time through year, when Big Dipper, Southern Cross seen in evenings, enhanced view of Milky Way, what countries show near equatorial skies

Presented February 1, 8, 15 & 22 – 8 Programs with about 200 total attendance

- **March – Earth from Distant Stars** – Develops Concept of Look-Back Time, Shows Objects from which Early Human Prehistory now seen, including Rise of Homo Sapiens, Human Speech, Human Migration

Presented March 1, 8, 22 & 29 – 8 Programs with about 240 total attendance

- **April – Earth from Powerful Stars** – Reviews Look-Back Time, Shows Objects from which Late Human Prehistory and History through 19th Century, Reviews big themes in humanity's development, first settlements, development of river valley civilizations, shaping of culture by religions, key events in human history

Presented April 5, 19 & 26 – 6 Programs with about 200 total attendance

- **May – Earth's Greatest Hits** – Shows stars which are now viewing the Earth at different decades in the 20th century, review of major events then including World Wars, space travel, political upheavals and crises ahead

Other

Presented Talk at American Association of Physics Teachers Appalachian Section Meeting in October, '08 on "Effective and Secure Worksheets for Science Classes"

STEM evening talk in Dec.'08: "American Way of Life in 2038: No Miracles or Magic Assumed"

Secured Approval for New IDIS 350 Class, "Civilization at the Crossroads: Sustainability or Collapse?" through UURC, University Senate (Course to be first offered in Fall 2009)

Taught new Honor Seminar, "Our Future Dilemmas: Energy, Food and Water" in Fall 2008 (uncompensated)

Political Science

John Bambacus was honored by Governor O'Malley and University of Maryland College Park Provost Nariman Farvardin for serving as a teacher and past Chairman of the Board of the UMCP Institute for Governmental Service and Research and its Academy for Excellence in Local Governance.

On October 22nd, the Political Science department presented a panel discussion on the 2008 Presidential Election. **Steve Hartlaub** served as moderator. **David Lewis** gave a presentation on the potential impact of each candidate on the U.S. Supreme Court. **Steve Twing** analyzed the

foreign policy approaches of the two candidates. **Provost Steve Simpson** analyzed public opinion polling in the run-up to the election, and **Peggy Dalton** of the Economics department analyzed the economic policies of the two candidates.

Steve Hartlaub's article (coauthored with FSU POSC Alum Frank Lancaster) entitled, "Teacher Characteristics and Pedagogy in Political Science," was published in *Journal of Political Science Teaching*, Volume 4, Number 4, October-December, 2008.

Scott Johnson's article, "The Judicial Behavior of Justice Souter in Criminal Cases," was published in the *Franklin Pierce Law Review* (Dec., 2008). It was the lead article in the edition.

John O'Rorke served as Coordinator & presenter for a series of presentations on *Student Learning & Assessment*, sponsored by the FSU Center for Teaching Excellence.

John O'Rorke served as 2009 Section Chair of the Teaching Learning, & the Profession section, at the Annual conference of the Northeast Political Science Association in Boston, MA, where he also served on a panel entitled *Assessment as Motivator*.

Joan Andorfer served as executive director of the Washington Model Organization of American States in Washington D.C. in April. It is the premier model OAS in the world with students from universities throughout the hemisphere.

Steve Hartlaub presented a paper (with POSC alum Frank Lancaster) entitled "Taming the Tyrant: Aristotle and Machiavelli on Tyranny" at the Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, April 1-4, Chicago IL, 2009.

Scott P. Johnson presented a paper entitled "The Hypothetical Use of the Pardon Power by Presidents William Jefferson Clinton and George W. Bush," at the Fourth Annual Conference in World History, Criminal Justice, and Economics at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina on April 18, 2009.

Tim Magrath co-coordinated (along with **Elesha Ruminski** and **James Saku**), a program entitled "Road to Obama: Celebrating African American Leadership." The program, sponsored in part by the J. Glenn Beall Institute for Public Affairs, featured African American public servants, historians, alumni, and business leaders, who shared their insight and life story on striving and succeeding in the U.S.

Steve Twing presented (with Doug Borer) a paper entitled "Blundering in Baghdad: Strategic Agency vs. Decision-Making Structure as Explanations for the Iraq Invasion Decision" at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association in New York, New York on February 17th 2009.

The Political Science department produced its annual FSU Model UN for Western Maryland High Schools on April 16. **Steve Twing** served as the model's coordinator. The model ran three simultaneous Security Council simulations in the Lane center which were staffed brilliantly by members of the FSU International Relations Club. This year's model accommodated 90 participants from 7 area high schools, and simulated the current Security Council debate on the ongoing crisis in Somalia.

Psychology

Paul Bernhardt

Webb, A. K., Honts, C. R., Kircher, J. C., **Bernhardt, P. C.**, & Cook, A. E. (in press). Effectiveness of Pupil Diameter in Probable-lie Comparison Question Tests for Deception. *Legal and Criminological Psychology*.

Bernhardt, P (2009, June). Engaging wikipedia: Using students' contributions to wikipedia in social psychology. Paper to be presented at the meeting of the Eastern Conference on the Teaching of Psychology, Staunton, VA.

Bill Southerly

Two presentations at the 80th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association in Pittsburgh, PA:

1. Panel Presentation: "Course Learning Outcomes and Assessment Strategies for Introductory Psychology".

2. Poster presentation: (**Bill Southerly, Megan Bradley & Cindy Hay**). "Redesigning General Psychology at Frostburg State University"

- The poster presentation was awarded the honor of being chosen as the Outstanding Poster Presentation by the Society for the Teaching of Psychology-Division Two, American Psychological Association.

Bill Southerly manages the TIPS (Teaching in the Psychological Services) international listserv.

Jason Edwards

Edwards, J. H., & Burkley, A. S. (2009, March) *Graduate and undergraduate students' knowledge of attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder*. Poster presentation at the 80th annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Pittsburgh, PA.

Michael Murtagh

Presentation to the American Psychological Association (APA) of study which examined misattribution of self-talk in auditory hallucinations. Specifically, we tested the theory that auditory hallucinations consist of the individual misattributing their own self-talk as coming from others.

Lawton, N. & Murtagh, M. P. (2008). The role of verbal and silent self-talk in auditory hallucinations. Presented at the 116th Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

D. Alan Bensley

- Publication of one peer-reviewed article
Bensley, D. A. (2008). Can you learn to think more like a psychologist? *The Psychologist*, 21, 47-52.
- Presentation at a regional conference
Bensley, D. A. & Crowe, D. S. (2008, October). *Critical evaluation of information on the internet: Is that a good therapy or pseudoscience?* Presentation at the annual meeting of the Maryland Information Literacy Exchange. Timonium, MD.
- Submission of a research report article
Bensley, D. A., Crowe, D. S., Allman, A., **Bernhardt, P.** & Buckner, C. (2008). Teaching and assessing critical thinking skills in psychology. (Unpublished manuscript).
- Submission of three proposals for posters to be presented with his undergraduate and graduate students at the 2009 annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association.
- Bensley, D. A. (In press). Thinking critically about critical thinking approaches: Comment on Yancher, Slife, and Warne (2008). *Review of General Psychology*.
- Poster presentations:

Skipper, L., Fulton, J., & Bensley, D. A. (2009, March). *The effects of inducing rational versus intuitive decision strategies on career decisions*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Pittsburgh, PA.

Spero, R. & Bensley, D. A. (2009, March). *Direct infusion of critical reading skills*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Pittsburgh, PA.

D. Alan Bensley, Michael Murtagh, and Jason Edwards

Bensley, D. A., McKenzie, C., Murtagh, M., Edwards, J. H., & Crowe, D. S. (2009, March). *Psychology students' knowledge of evidence-based and poorly-supported practices*. Poster presentation at the 80th annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Pittsburgh, PA.

Jennifer Flinn

Flinn, J. A., & Strough, J. (2008). Age and sex differences in everyday problem-solving goals and strategies for work and caregiving vignettes. Poster accepted for presentation at the Gerontological Society of America conference, November 2008, Washington, DC.

Strough, J., McFall, J. P., **Flinn, J. A.**, & Schuller, K. L. (2008). Collaborative everyday problem solving among same-gender friends in early and later adulthood. *Psychology and Aging*, 23(3), 517-530.

Sociology

Bob Moore was interviewed for "Like it Is," a radio show sponsored by the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Some of the issues discussed included Obama's election and race relations on college campuses.

Dr. Wei Li had a book published in September: Li, W. 2008. *China's Early Industrialization: The Influence of Ethnic Relations and State Power on Economic Development*. Saarbrücken, Germany: VDM.

Kara Rogers Thomas:

- Presented a workshop, "In Our Own Words: Oral History in Small Museum," at the Small Museum Association's Annual Meeting in Ocean City, MD.
- Presented, "Rooted in the Land: The Appalachian Landscape in Story and Practice," to the Western Pennsylvania Botanical Association in Pittsburgh, PA.
- Presented, "Folklore & Folklife Studies: Documenting Appalachian Culture," at Allegany College of Maryland.
- Worked with students enrolled in "Imagining Appalachia" to prepare for opening Mountain City Traditional Arts, a venue dedicated to the education, sales, documentation and perpetuation of traditional art in the Appalachian region.
- Took students enrolled in "Imagining Appalachia" on a Spring Break Trip through Appalachia.
- Served as Moderator for FSU's "Road to Obama" Panel Discussion.

Social Work

Kathleen H. Powell, Associate Professor of Social Work is enrolled as a second year doctoral student in social work at the University of Maryland, commuting two days a week to Baltimore. In addition, she provides technical assistance to University Neighbors, an association of residents and property owners in the neighborhood adjacent to the FSU campus. Ms. Powell also supervises an FSU graduate who is pursuing her MSW at West Virginia University.

Terry J. Russell, Associate Professor of Social Work and Department Chair, continues to serve as President of the Board of Directors for Maryland Salem Children's Trust. He also serves on the Ethics Board of the Allegany County Department of Social Services, and on the editorial review board for *Christianity and Social Work*. This fall he participated in and took four students to the annual conference for the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the accrediting body for social work education.

Theatre and Dance

Darrell Rushton

- Fight Director for *Incorruptible*
- Directed his first show, *Recent Tragic Events*
- Hosted (with Savage Mountain Combat Club) Mike Chin for an adjudication and workshop attended by 20+ students from all majors and 4th Dan Black Belt Rick Rando with two other guest Black Belts from Kickmasters
- Taught two workshops for Maryland State Thespian Festival and adjudicated students.
- Fight Director for *Lysistrata*
- Chosen as one of 4 Teaching Assistants at the National Stage Combat Workshop in July
- Director of Savage Mountain Combat Camp in June
- Faculty advisor of Savage Mountain Combat Camp and sponsor of Guest Artist J. Allen Suddeth's Hollywood Swashbuckling Workshop
- Blue Belt in Tae Kwon Do at Kickmasters Karate
- For the Maryland State Theatre Festival in January 2009, two workshop presentations: "Physical Comedy" and "Core Body Work"
- Judged Festival Participants at the Maryland State Theatre Festival

Mary Yost-Rushton

- Appeared in Actor's Equity Production of *A Christmas Carol* at the Cumberland Theatre
- Adjudicated at Maryland High School Theatre Festival Scholarship Auditions in Silver Spring
- For the Maryland State Theatre Festival in January, two workshop presentations: "Audition Material" and "The Do's and Don'ts of Auditioning"
- Judged Festival Participants for Maryland State Theatre Festival

T.C. Kouyeas

Summer 08'

- Designed *Nonsense* for Muncie Downtown Dinner Theatre- Muncie, IN
- Acting Resident Lighting Designer at Porthouse Theatre in Cuyahoga Falls, OH. In that capacity, designed the lighting for premier adaptation of *Alice in Wonderland* entitled *Alice...* and the season finale *The Music Man*.

- Adjudicating - Maryland High School Theatre Festival

Winter Break 08'-09'

- Presented Digital Rendering workshop/Judged Design Competition: Maryland Thespian Conference
- Lighting Designer *Black Pearl Sings!* Triad Stage, Greensboro, N.C.

Spring 2009

- Maryland State Theatre Festival in January, workshop presentation: “Digital Media Rendering”
- Judged Festival Participants for Maryland State Theatre Festival
- Lighting Design for TRIAD Stage production of *Black Pearl Sings!* in Greensboro, NC.
- Traveled with five Design and Technology Students to the South Eastern Theatre Conference (SETC). All three students who participated in the job search acquired summer employment in the professional theatre industry. (March)
- Attended the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) Design Competition in support of a competing former student; she took first place in this prestigious competition. (April)

Jennifer Clark

- Director: *Popeye's Got a Brand New Bag*- National Pike Opry House- Summer 2008
- Wardrobe Supervisor: *Bye Bye Birdie*- Publicity Commercial and Photo Shoot- Windwood Theatricals- Fall 2008
- Playwright and Director: *A Longstretch Journey Into Night*- National Pike Opry House
- Costume Consultant: *Bye Bye Birdie* - Windwood Theatricals

Nicole Mattis

- Vocal and Dialect Coach, *A Christmas Carol*, The Cumberland Theatre
- Board of Directors, Family Crisis Resource Center
- Board of Directors, Allegany Arts Council

Gordon Duguid

- TD for West Virginia Public Theatre. Shows included *Dreamgirls*, *Forever Plaid*, *Urban Cowboy*, *Streetcar Named Desire*, *West Side Story*, and *The Producers*. Scenic Coordinator for *Urban Cowboy*.

Susan Manger

- Completed continuing education coursework as part of her Stott Pilates certification.
- Completed .3 CEC's with PJ O'Clair in a workshop: "Breast Cancer Rehab Equipment Programming." This is in addition to coursework completed in the summer on Postural Theory.

Nicki Bailey

- Co-designer and co-chair of the "Royalty and Talent" benefit that was held in October to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network and bring awareness to the Miss America Organization. The benefit raised over \$600 for CMN and over \$1100 for a scholarship pageant.
- Attended "The Pulse on tour" workshop and took classes from Mia Michaels, Brian Friedman, Chris Judd, and Wade Robson
- Frostburg Dance Academy's Christmas Concert
- Met and sang a duet with Kid Rock and won a free recording session to the Las Vegas recording studio

Amy Griffith

- Choreography for Miss University City Pageant
- Did Pulse Workshop in Atlantic City

Visual Arts

Professional Presentations, Workshops, and Exhibitions:

Jackie Brown: Curator of *Local Landscape*, Saville Gallery, October. Event also sponsored by Allegany Arts Council.

Robert Hein: Nelson Gallery, 9th Annual Exhibit, Lexington, VA.

Susan Dodge: Judge and designed poster for *Community Art Exhibition*, Roper Gallery, October.

Judy Dieruf, Robert Hein, Jackie Brown: *Community Art Exhibition*, Roper Gallery, October.

Robert Llewellyn, Jackie Brown, Robert Hein: *Local Landscape Exhibition*, Saville Gallery, Allegany Arts Council, October. Robert Hein won Best of Show.

Jackie Brown: *Local Ceramic artists*, group show at Culinary Cafe, Cumberland, August.

Susan Dodge: Designed the corporate capabilities collateral material and on line publications for Main Street Economics, a Maryland-based firm whose work applies economic analysis to environmental and natural resources management and markets.

Dan Filippone: *Aesthetic Encounter in London 2008*, The Lennox Gallery, London, UK, November.

Dan Filippone: Solo exhibition at Pura Vida Gallery, Asheville, NC, October.

Dustin Davis: *Man & Machine*, Howard County Center for the Arts.

Dustin Davis: Uniontown Art Club Regional Juried Art Show, Award of Excellence, sculpture.

Dustin Davis: *10th Anniversary Best of the Best Online International Art Exhibition*, Upstream Peoples Gallery.

Dustin Davis and Jackie Brown: 7th Annual Member's Exhibition, Allegany Arts Council, November.

Dustin Davis: Two sculptures accepted into the *11th Annual all Media Juried Online International Art Contest*, Upstream People Gallery (upstreampeoplegallery.com)

Dustin Davis: Three sculptures selected for inclusion into the *10th Anniversary Best of the Best Online International Art Contest*.

Robert Hein: Best of Show at the *Tri-State Photography Exhibit*, Allegany Arts Council.

Dustin Davis, Jackie Brown, Robert Llewellyn, Harlowe Hodges, Dan Filippone, Pete Herzfeld, Judy Dieruf, Susan Dodge, Dennis Sherald, Randall Rhodes: Department of Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition, Roper Gallery.

Professional Conference and Workshop Attendance

Dan Filippone: Attended the *Illustration Conference 5*, NY, NY, July.

Professional Service:

Dustin Davis: Judge for the 2009 *Uniontown Art Club Regional Juried Fine Art and Craft Exhibition*, Touchstone Center for the Crafts.

Dustin Davis: Judge: *77th Annual Cumberland Valley Artists Exhibition*, Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, Hagerstown, MD.

Jackie Brown: Member of Hadra Scholarship Committee, Allegany Arts Council.

Susan Dodge: Design of logo and corporate identity system for Ocean Real Estate Investments, Inc., Hull, MA.

Campus and Community Service:

Harlowe Hodges, Randall Rhodes, Pete Herzfeld: Tech Showcase, September.

Harlowe Hodges: Career Day, **Susan Dodge** and **Dennis Sherald** as faculty speakers, October.

Jackie Brown and Dan Filippone: Advisors to Art Club and Kappa Pi, the International Honorary Art Fraternity.

Jackie Brown: Curated "Empty Bowls" event with Vista on campus. Students, alumni and community donated approx. 30 handmade bowls for dinner and food drive in November. Proceeds donated to local food banks/Oxfam.

Jackie Brown: Organized the "Art Party" for Majors Day, October. 60 attendees.

Susan Dodge: Collaboration between Science Discovery Center and ART 104 to design and produce collection-related postcards as a fund-raising initiative.

Dan Filippone: Installed in the Frostburg Science Discovery Center large scale prints of the student botanical illustrations from ART 416.

Pete Herzfeld: Poster Session and Contest. Campus votes for poster related to recycling, conservation, and other themed topics. Winning posters will be included in FSU's Learning Green, Living Green promotional campaigns. Earth Week, April.

Pete Herzfeld: Evergreen Heritage Center web initiative.

Robert Llewellyn: President of Allegany Arts Council.

Judy Dieruf: Full day in-service with Western Maryland Homeschool Association, teaching thirty elementary and twelve high school students watercolor, scratchboard, and drawing.

Susan Dodge: Working with David Webb to design, develop and produce a comprehensive signage system for the Lewis J. Ort Library

Susan Dodge: Presentation to Allegany County GEAR UP program.

Susan Dodge: Focus Frostburg Mosaic Show. Poster designed. Title of show:
Photosynthesis: Our Sisters the Trees. Related events concerning use of energy.

Student Mentorship:

Jackie Brown: Curated *Local Landscape*, Saville Gallery with Art Club and Kappa Pi. October.

Harlowe Hodges and Randall Rhodes: Digital Art and Design Learning Community, Trip to design firms in Pittsburgh, September.

Pete Herzfeld: Worked with four students in development of the Frostburg city website. Other students received paid internship for development of the websites for Western Lawn and Landscape and Chameleon Glass and Tile.

Dustin Davis: Danielle Adekunle (student) Best 3-D work, *7th Annual Members' Exhibition*, Allegany Arts Council. Rachel Sloan (student) Metal Sculpture, *7th Annual Members' Exhibition*, Allegany Arts Council.

Jackie Brown: Escorted 6 students and 4 alumni to "Function Ceramics Conference" in Wooster, OH. Students presented and exhibited work in the *Workshoppers Exhibition*.

Judy Dieruf: Escorted students to Drawing Club at Cumberland Theater.

Judy Dieruf: Student Autumn Bowman, one-person exhibition, ACM.

Graduating Seniors:

Erica Kempler accepted to Indiana University of Pennsylvania MFA Ceramics Program.

Curricular Initiatives:

Judy Dieruf: IDIS 491: Watercolor in Allegany County.