



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

3:00 p.m.
Ross Sports Center

Baccalaureate: President John Neuhauser presiding, with Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Burlington as main celebrant and homilist. Provost's reception immediately follows Mass in Tarrant Recreational Center. Robing at 2:30 p.m., procession at 2:50 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 15

10:00 a.m.
Ross Sports Center

Commencement Ceremonies: Unity Dow, Botswana High Court judge will give the main address. Senior class photo at 9:00 a.m. in front of the library, robing at 9:15 a.m. Procession at 9:50 a.m. Graduates gather at Alliot dining room, master's candi-

dates in the Vermont Room, faculty/staff in Cheray Room 101, honored guests in Saint Edmund's Room 113.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

12:15 p.m.
Chapel

Concert of music for Unaccompanied Cello: Suite Number One by Bach and music by George Crumb. Jonathan Tortolano, professor of cello at the Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto. Free and open to the public.

TUESDAY, MAY 27

12:15 p.m.
Chapel

Organ concert of music inspired by Gregorian Chant: Couperin; Langlais; and Naji Hakim's Mariales, based on Lebanese/Near Eastern

Music and Gregorian Chant. William Tortolano, professor emeritus of fine arts. Free and open to the public.

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The CREATE grant team of **JAMES NAGLE**, assistant professor of education, with **SUSAN JENKINS**, professor of applied linguistics, **RITA MACDONALD**, coordinator, Vermont Consortium for Language and Academics, and **ELIZABETH O'DOWD**, associate professor of applied linguistics, hosted a working conference for the grant in the International Commons on campus March 29. The conference featured presentations by Saint Michael's faculty (including education professor Tim Whiteford), as well as Burlington and South Burlington teachers on professional collaboration in the education of English Learners K-12. Project CREATE is funded by the U.S. Department of Education for up to \$905,000 over five years.



Rita MacDonald

ELIZABETH O'DOWD, associate professor of applied linguistics, presented a plenary paper at the Annual Convention of TESOL Greece in Athens in March. The paper was titled "Teaching grammar for international English: Insights from the Inner Circle." She also delivered a workshop on Pragmatics and Role Play at the Hellenic American Union in Athens.



Elizabeth O'Dowd

LARA OSTARIC, assistant professor of philosophy, is author of a paper, "Kant's Account of Nature's Systematicity and the Unity of Theoretical and Practical Reason," forthcoming in *Inquiry*. The paper is a more elaborate version of the exchange between Lara and a renown Kant scholar, Béatrice Longuenesse of NYU, at the meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division in San Francisco 2005. Lara's work on the paper was supported by the McGrath Faculty Development Grant.

MARYBETH REDMOND, instructor of journalism, with her husband, Mark, will present a program on economic justice as part of Pax Christi Burlington's series on The Legacy of Catholic Social Teaching at St. Joseph Parish Hall in Burlington's Old North End at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7. They will explore the Church's proclaimed "option for the poor," in the context of their personal experiences with homeless youth, refugees, the incarcerated and peoples of the developing world. and they also will address systemic poverty.

PATRICIA SIPLON, associate professor of political science, on April 5 delivered the keynote address, "Seeing the Forest and the Trees of the Global AIDS Pandemic" at the College of Southern Idaho's week-long hosting of the World Vision Experience: AIDS national tour. She also participated in the panel discussion "AIDS: The Greatest Humanitarian Crisis of our Time." She also delivered the talk "Crowbar in the Crack: What the Global AIDS Activist Movement Has To Do with

Global Health" at Grinnell College in Iowa on April 24.

JOSH VAN HOUTEN, professor of chemistry, in April gave a talk entitled: "Jeopardy' in the inorganic classroom: Teaching descriptive chemistry without actually 'teaching' descriptive chemistry" in a symposium on "Teaching Inorganic Chemistry" at the American Chemical Society national meeting in New Orleans. The symposium was organized by Wayne Jones '87, a professor at SUNY Binghamton.

JOAN WRY, assistant dean of the college, presented at two academic conferences in Montreal on March 29 as part of a graduate research fellowship awarded by McGill University. The first paper, "War and Liminal Space: Literal and Conceptual Borderlines in Whitman's Drum Taps," was presented at McGill, and the second paper, "Shelley's 'Mont Blanc': Romantic Affect and the Negative Sublime" was read at Concordia University.

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NEWS FOR THE SAINT MICHAEL'S COLLEGE COMMUNITY

FAMILY MENTORING HELPS BANTU REFUGEES IN WINOOSKI

Student volunteers from the college working with Nancy Devost, a long-time teacher at Winooski's JFK Elementary School, have developed a family-based mentoring program to help children from refugee families.

This continues more than 20 years of programming between the college and Winooski schools. In recent years, most of the connections have been made through the MOVE Office of Campus Ministry. As a volunteer in some of those programs, Meredith Astles '10 saw the need for the family-based approach and recruited 22 fellow students to help, including fellow organizers Julia Berberan '09 and Meghan Jaid '10.

The program, called International Outreach, started in fall of 2007. Now nine Somali Bantu youngsters from three families are partnered with Saint Michael's students to spend Thursday afternoons on campus in various activities. The group most recently visited Josselyn Price's Akoma Drumming Class. Astles and another student pick the children up at their homes in a college van. The program aims to teach the youngsters social skills to help them function successfully in American society. Because the goal is also to give assistance to the entire family, the mentors meet regularly with the families.

During her mentoring, Jaid identified another pressing need and launched the Homework Club to focus on the youngsters' school work. Now Saint Michael's students also visit JFK Elementary to help 12 children with academic work after school on Mondays or Wednesdays. Thirty Saint Michael's students volunteered for the new Homework Club but only eight could be fit comfortably into the school structure.

Saint Michael's 2008 Baccalaureate and Commencement Ceremonies



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Practices in CALL" in addition to co-leading a discussion group on "What is your favorite technology?" As a member of the Steering Committee, she also organized 30 presentations for the Electronic Village Fair Classics at the convention and set up four web-casts to be broadcast during the event. Recently, Christine was chosen to become a member of the Advisory Board for Online Teaching and Learning of Pearson Longman and to conduct teacher training workshops as an Online Learning Consultant. In March, Christine's co-authored article on "CALL-IS Goes the Distance" was published online in On CALL: The newsletter of TESOL's Computer-Assisted Language Learning Interest Section.

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GEORGE ASHLINE, professor of mathematics, **JAMES HEFFERON**, professor of mathematics and department chair, **ZSUSZANNA KADAS**, professor of mathematics, **GRETA PANGBORN**, assistant professor of computer science, and 12 students attended the 15th annual Hudson River Undergraduate Mathematics Conference at Saint Lawrence University in Canton, NY on April 19. The conference celebrates undergrad-

uate mathematics research with students and faculty from across the Northeast, making about 150 presentations in mathematics, computer science and statistics in the day-long conference. Eleven Saint Michael's students gave presentations: Andrea Austin '08, Katie Berry '09, Nicholas Bruno '09, Emily Dowd '09, Akie Hashimoto '10, Brian Hopper '09, Jonathan Kaptcianos '09, Hannah LaPlante '09, Marisa Mulligan '09, Thomas Raymond '08 and Jordan Scampoli '08. Professors Ashline, Hefferon, Kadas and Pangborn served as session chairs.

CHRISTINE BAUER-RAMAZANI, instructor and technology coordinator in the Applied Linguistics Department, was elected incoming chair of the Computer-Assisted Language Learning Interest Section (CALL-IS) at the April 2-5 Convention of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). Christine was an invited speaker of the CALL-IS Academic Session and presented on "Best

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Assistant Professor **MICHAEL BOSIA** and Professor **JEFFREY AYRES**, both of the Political Science Department, organized a panel, "A Taste for Sovereignty: Bridging Local Responses to Global Agribusiness," for the recent annual meeting of the International Studies Association, in San Francisco, CA, on March 29. For this panel, which also attracted participation from two Canadian academics and as well as one from Australia, they co-presented a paper entitled, "Bridging Global Summits and Local Markets: Food Autonomy and Micro-Resistance to Globalization."

NICK CLARY, professor of English, gave a pre-performance talk on Shakespeare's *The Tempest* at the Flynn Theater on April 18. It was the fourth year in a row that Nick has given pre-performance talks as part of the Lane Series offerings of Shakespeare plays.

JEAN COUTURE, a resident director in the Residence Life office, has accepted the new position of Assistant Director of Residence Life/Summer Housing Coordinator beginning May 1, 2008. Jean will assume all duties related to summer housing encompassing both residence life and special events. Her office will be in Alliot Hall, Room 110 in early May. Anybody with summer programs/events that require housing can contact Jean Couture at extension 2966 or jcouture@smcvt.edu to begin planning.

Four members of the Department of Modern Languages and Literature presented papers at the 57th annual Kentucky Foreign Languages Conference April 17-20 at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, KY. **JOSEPH FERDINAND**, professor of modern languages and literature, presented "De la Mère-Patrie à l'Amère Patrie d'Anthony Phelps" for the session "Cultural/Individual Identity in the Francophone World." **KRISTIN JUEL**, assistant professor of modern languages and literature, presented "Chess and Conflict in Garin de Monglane" for a Medieval French Literature session on Medieval Studies. A paper by **ADRIAN LANGUASCO**, associate professor of modern languages and literature, which he presented for a session on Italian Studies, is titled "Venezia e Caterina Cornaro, regina di Cipro." **CAROLYN LUKENS-OLSON**, associate professor of modern languages and literature/department chair, chaired the panel "Cervantes and Lope de Vega: Authorship and the Vindication of Poetry" and presented her paper "On Authorship and Cervantes'

Resident poet Greg Delanty and his work finding expression in vast range of forums

GREG DELANTY associate professor of English/artist in residence, had three poems published in the October 9, 2007 issue of the *Times Literary Supplement*. His Collected Poems 1986-2006 from the Oxford Series of Carcanet Press also was given a full review in the *Times Literary Supplement* of February 1, 2008. He also has a poem in *The Best of Irish Poetry 2008, For New Orleans and Other Poems, Green Mountain Review's 20th Anniversary Issue, The Alaska Poetry Review's 25th Anniversary Issue, That Island Never Found—Essays and Poems for Terence Brown, Archipelago, Issue 1 — Summer 2007, Tuesday; An Art Project 1:2', Our Shared Japan—An anthology of Contemporary Irish Poetry, Agenda Spring issue 2008, and The Irish Times* among other places. He has poems forthcoming in the magazines *Fulcrum, Archipelago, Times Literary Supplement, Agenda*, and others.

The magazine *Agenda*, founded by Ezra Pound, is devoting their Summer issue to Greg Delanty on his 50th Birthday. He has also signed a contract with WW Norton to edit a book with the working title *Contemporary Poets Translating Anglo-Saxon Poems*.

Greg also was interviewed by Fran Stoddard in the half-hour VPT program Profiles. His review "Astonishing, Selected Poems of Anna Kamienska," edited by Grazyna Drabik and David Curzon, appeared in *PN Review 179*. Greg was the plenary speaker at the New England Association of Irish Studies, 2007 at the University of Massachusetts. He has given readings over the last six months at the University of North Florida, New York University, The Burlington Literary Festival, University of New Hampshire Divinity School and has invitations for readings by the Bodleian Library, Oxford University, and other institutions.

His portrait photograph by Judith Aronson is to be included in a book Likenesses along with other well-known artists such as Saul Bellow, Robert Lowell, Seamus Heaney, Robert Pinsky, Norman Mailer, Ralph Richardson, Fredrick Wiseman, Derek Walcott, IA Richards, Salman Rushdie, William Empson and others. He will also introduce one of the other artists being photographed. This book is due in 2009.

Greg goes on his Guggenheim Fellowship for Poetry this May. While on his Guggenheim he will be a poet in residence in Centre Culturel Irlandais, the Irish college in Paris. He will hold this position for three months.

Attributed Entremeses."

BRET FINDLEY, assistant professor of chemistry, and his collaborator, Steven Mylon, assistant professor of chemistry at Lafayette College, recently heard from the Journal of Chemical Education that their article "Integrating Statistical Mechanics with Experimental Data from the Vibrational-Rotational Spectrum of HCl into the Physical Chemistry Laboratory" has been accepted for publication. This work describes a computer exercise for the physical chemistry curriculum that instructs students how to use the quantum energy levels that they have experimentally determined for a single molecule to calculate the bulk thermodynamic properties of a gas such as its molar entropy, molar internal energy and enthalpy of formation. The exercise was developed by Professor Findley and has been used several times in Chem 415: Physical Chemistry III. His former students

helped refine the procedure.

LAURIE GAGNE, director of the Edmundite Center for Peace and Justice, was a featured presenter for an April 16 program sponsored by Pax Christi Burlington at St. Joseph Parish Hall in Burlington. She presented significant Catholic positions on war and peace, including the just-war theory and its application to contemporary conflict, and reviewed recent Church teachings on the importance of non-violent means of resolving conflicts.

KRISTIN GEHSMANN, assistant professor of education and coordinator of the M.Ed. Reading Concentration, is co-author (with a colleague from UVM) of an article "Peeling Back the Layers of Policy and School Reform: Revealing the Structural and Social Complexities Within," to be published in an upcoming issue of *The International Journal of Disability, Development and Education*

Saint Michael's Rescue Ambulance Heads to Honduras

A small town in Honduras is taking ownership of a 2001 Type 1 Road Rescue Ambulance thanks to the college's Rescue Squad. The donated vehicle was driven by a Colchester Rotary member on the first leg of the thousand-mile trip between Vermont and Honduras in early April.

Arrangements were brokered by the Colchester-Milton Rotary and Shelburne Rotary through the Hands to Honduras program. A previous Saint Michael's ambulance gift was delivered several years ago to another Honduran town with Rotary's cooperation.

"It's a serviceable road ambulance," said Peter Soons, director of safety and security and chief of the Fire and Rescue Squads. The ambulance, worth about \$15,000, was rotated out of the squad's fleet when a new vehicle came into their rotation in July of 2007.

(IJDDE). IJDDE is a multi-disciplinary peer-reviewed journal with an international focus on issues pertaining to all aspects of education, human development, special education and rehabilitation. It is published four times per year.

TRACI GRIFFITH, assistant professor of journalism and mass communication, will be doing a presentation on June 12 to the more than 100 lawyers who serve as public defenders in the State of Vermont. The presentation for the Defender General's office will be called: "Managing the Media: How to help your client without violating the ethical rules."

PETER HARRIGAN, associate professor of fine arts/theater, presented an interactive performance workshop at the Oral History – Mid-Atlantic Region (OMHAR)

Conference held at Columbia University, March 13-15. He and his colleagues Char Nelson, from Brigham Young University, and Harriet Lynn, artistic director of Heritage Theatre Artists' Consortium, Baltimore, MD, presented "Lessons from Katrina," which was derived from interviews they conducted with eight senior citizens from Gulfport, MS. The three spoke about their process, presented excerpts from the interviews, and performed portions of a longer theatrical work they created at the Association in Theatre in Higher Education Conference in New Orleans – Summer 2007. The intense personal stories and memorable "lessons from Katrina" were able to reach a more diverse audience from this presentation in an entirely different venue.

EARTH WEEK EXTRAVAGANZA RETURNS

The Saint Michael's College Green-Up organization sponsored on-campus events in recognition of Earth Week 2008 from April 16-25, on the theme, "Common Sense: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle."

Author and environmental activist Jim Merkel spoke on "Radical Sustainability," Montpelier High School physics teacher Anne Watson spoke about the work that she and some of her students are doing to reduce Vermont's reliance on fossil fuels. Other speakers were Gary Beckwith on solar energy, Matt Howard on a plastic bag initiative, Margaret Mahan offering an environmental poem, Colin Boyd of the Environmental Council on carbon footprint, and Deidre Kreckel of SOFA (Saving for Others Furniture Association).

Activities included a tent city on the library lawn and a kickoff event with free local food, music pot-painting, tie-tying, an Outdoor Volunteer Efforts Intervale trip, a showing of the movie "Everything's Cool," spring trash-cleaning on campus, and Sustainable Development class presentations on local food, climate change and the maple syrup industry, energy and materials (Re)Use, and more.

Week-long events included a recycled art contest and "Car Abstinence Week," a boycott of driving between the main and north campuses.

SUSAN JENKINS, professor of applied linguistics, department chair and director of



Susan Jenkins

MATESOL, and Elizabeth O'Dowd, associate professor of applied linguistics/coordinator of K-12 ESL license/endorsement, were featured in an authors' "special appearance" session to highlight their chapter in a new book, *Helping English Language Learners Succeed in Middle and High Schools*, at the 42nd Annual TESOL Convention in New York in April. Their chapter, "Language: Collaborating for content-based academic language instruction," is co-authored with Mary Kay O'Brien, Linda Walsleben, and Mark Nigolian M'96, all from Burlington Schools.

KATHERINE KIRBY, assistant professor of philosophy and global studies, Laurie Gagne, director of the Edmundite Center for Peace and Justice, and Patricia Siplon, associate professor of political science, accompanied 12 students to the National Student Conference on AIDS, Trade and Child Survival in Washington DC March 29 -31. Trish co-presented with Mae Quilty '11 and Alexis Regan '11 a workshop entitled "Acting Up, Fighting Back! Focusing on Activism on your Campus and your Community." Madison Reeve '10, a member of the National Steering Committee of the Student Global AIDS Campaign, was a co-presenter on two workshops: "HIV/AIDS and Vulnerable Populations: Connecting the Local and the Global" and "Working with the Media."

SHARON LAMB, professor of psychology, will be presenting two papers in Amsterdam in May at the Frei Universitat. Sharon also presented her paper "The Idealization of Adolescent Female Sexuality" at the AERA (American Educational Researchers Association) conference in New York City in April and at the Association for Women in Psychology in San Diego in April. In addition, Sharon was re-appointed co-chair of the steering committee for the Anti-Violence Partnership at the University of Vermont. She is also co-chair of the Changing Media Representations Committee of "The Vermont Approach: A Five Year Plan to Prevent Sexual Violence in Vermont."

BUFF LINDAU, director of public relations, has had two poems, "Cutlery, etc." and "Holiday Thoughts," printed in the Spring 2008 edition of *Bridges: A Jewish Feminist Journal* pub-

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