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NEWS FOR THE SAINT MICHAEL'S COLLEGE COMMUNITY

FACULTY/STAFF NEWS

GEORGE ASHLINE, professor of mathematics, was part of a course development and instructional team for the Vermont Mathematics Partnership (VMP) two-stranded course Geometry in the Middle Grades and Geometric Reasoning in K-12. The interconnected, week-long course strands ran simultaneously from August 6-10 for more than 30 Vermont middle level and high school teachers. VMP is among a small number of partnerships selected nationally to receive federal funding for a five-year initiative linked to "No Child Left Behind" legislation. George also was a faculty consultant at the 2007 Advanced Placement (AP) Calculus Readings, held June 12-19 in Louisville. He helped grade the free response portions of AP calculus exams.

ALAIN BRIZARD, associate professor of physics, presented a seminar entitled *Nonlinear finite-Larmor-radius effects in reduced fluid models* at

Dartmouth College on October 2. Alain also presented an invited talk entitled Variational Principles in Plasma Physics at the symposium Plasma Theory, Wave Kinetics, and Nonlinear Dynamics he helped organize at the University of California, Berkeley, October 5-7.

PATRICIA HOFFMANN, lecturer in the Applied Linguistics Department, has been invited to International Christian University in Japan as a participant in their Study English Abroad (SEA) workshop October 24-27. ICU students have been coming to study English in the Intensive English Program at Saint Michael's College every summer for the past nine years. Pat will be a guest of ICU along with their other SEA partners in the U.S., Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Ireland, and the U.K. Pat will also represent Saint Michael's College at the IIE Fair in Tokyo

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Human Development Conference Will Mark Encyclical Anniversary

Saint Michael's College is sponsoring a conference on human development which will bring together 25 speakers from business, the United Nations, the academy, church groups, the World Bank, USAID, OXFAM and other NGO's, as well as experts in international development from the Hudson Institute, Catholic Relief Services and the Academy for Educational Development. The conference, organized by the Edmundite Center for Faith and Culture, will commemorate the 40th anniversary of the encyclical "On the Development of Peoples" by Pope Paul VI. Speakers will explore the relevancy of Paul VI's perspectives for the 21st Century and look at approaches to achieving the U.N. Millennium Development Goals.

Speakers include Archbishop Celestino Migliore, Apostolic Nuncio to the United Nations; J. Bryan Hehir, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; Albino Barrera, Providence College; Katherine Marshall, Georgetown University and Senior Advisor to the World Bank; Carol Adelman, Hudson Institute; George Ingram, Academy for Educational Development; Ron Layton, LightYears IP; Daniel Rush Finn, Saint John's Collegeville; Alice N. Pell, Cornell University; Terri Hasdorff, USAID; Mary Peabody, University of Vermont; Chris Jochnick, OXFAM; Laura Berry, ICCR; Will Patten, Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility; and Steve Schmida, Synergy Strategies.

The conference opens with a keynote address by Albino Barrera at 7:30 p.m., October 18 in McCarthy Arts Center. Other speakers and panelists will be scheduled through the day on Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information including a full schedule, contact Edward Mahoney at Ext. 2578 or emahoney@smcvt.edu.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25 THROUGH SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3: "THEATER AND SOCIAL JUSTICE SERIES"



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:00 p.m.
McCarthy Arts Center

Judy Shepard speaking on "**The Legacy of Matthew Shepard.**"

Forced into an international spotlight after the tragic death of her son Matthew in a 1998 hate crime, Shepard will reflect on her experiences, and the difficult issues our country still needs to address.

These events are sponsored by the Saint Michael's Fine Arts Department, SMC Common Ground, the UVM College of Medicine and Outright Vermont.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31; THURSDAY, NOV. 1; FRIDAY, NOV. 2, AND SATURDAY, NOV. 3

7:00 p.m. ■ McCarthy Arts Center

The Theater Department's mainstage fall production "**The Laramie Project,**" the compelling, documentary-style drama of the story of the people of Laramie, Wyoming, before, during and after the death of Matthew Shepard in 1998.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

2:00 p.m. ■ McCarthy Arts Center

Community Forum: From Wyoming to Vermont: How do Bias Incidents and Hate Speech affect us in Vermont?

Community leaders from across Vermont will discuss the difficulties and threats that many Vermonters face because of their race, religion, physical characteristics or sexual orientation.



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October 21, and will give a presentation "Liberal Arts Education in the US" for the Japan-US Educational Commission on October 22. While in Japan, she will visit two other long-time partner institutions: Tokyo Women's Christian University and Kanazawa Technical College.

JOHN KENNEY, professor of religious studies, presented a lecture in August at the International Conference on Patristics Studies in Oxford. His title was "Pagan Monotheism and Augustine's Early Works."

ARI KIRSCHENBAUM, assistant professor of psychology, attended a conference this summer in Quebec City, The International Study Group Investigating Drugs as Reinforcers. He presented an abstract, *DRL schedules and nicotine administration: A systematic investigation of dose and schedule requirement*, co-authored by **SETH BROWN '09** and **DAVID HUGHES '06**, both of whom attended the conference. The study group is part of a larger group of leading researchers in the field of substance abuse, The College on the Problems of Drug Dependence. Ari's research was funded by three grants from the Vermont Genetics Network.

RICHARD KUJAWA, professor of geography, has joined the board of directors of Allenbrook, a group home for teenagers, located in South Burlington.

CRYSTAL L'HOTE, assistant professor of philosophy, presented a paper "Thoughtlessness: Cognitive and Moral Dimensions" at the Value of Knowledge conference, held at the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam, Netherlands, August 25-27. Crystal also presented a paper "The Narrative-Narrative?" at the Narrative Alternatives to Theories of Mind conference, held at the University of Hertfordshire outside London, July 12-15. The conference, sponsored by the European Science Foundation and its Consciousness in a Natural and Cultural Context initiative, "focused on the role and importance of narrative with respect to such topics as self knowledge, self constitution, moral psychology, and our understanding of persons."

MARK NIGRINI, assistant professor of business administration and accounting, presented a keynote conference opening address at the 2007 Oceania Computer Audit, Control, and Security (CACS) conference in Auckland, New Zealand, on September 10, 2007. The conference was attended by about

Dartmouth Development Professional Named Saint Michael's Fund Director

With seven years of increasingly responsible positions working in the Dartmouth College Fund, **KATHY L. HOWRIGAN** was named Director for the Saint Michael's Fund this summer. She began work at the college August 27.



Kathy Howrigan

"Saint Michael's is one of the only institutions that I would have left Dartmouth for," Kathy said. "It's a values-based, Catholic college that fits my overall philosophy, and it feels at Saint Michael's like I'm becoming a member of a community... I can be a part of and can contribute to."

Kathy served from 2005 to 2007 as director, marketing and analysis, for the Dartmouth College Fund, and as associate director from 2002 to 2005. In these positions she managed systems and marketing and communications strategies needed to solicit over 50,000 alumni and parents for the annual fund. Starting at Dartmouth in 2000 as a prospect management officer, she became prospect management director in 2002. She did consulting work for Columbia, Tufts and Rice Universities, analyzing their annual fund programs in 2004, and worked as a sales analyst in Scottsdale, Arizona, before that. She was community outreach coordinator in Phoenix, Arizona, for the New Arizona Family, Valley of the Sun United Way, Camp Fire Council of Greater Arizona from 1996 to 1999. She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology, cum laude, from the State University of New York, Binghamton, in 1993, and a master of science in public programs from Arizona State University in 1997.

200 delegates from Australia, New Zealand, and the other countries in the Oceania region. Nigrini's keynote conference session was titled "Benford's Law: The Facts, The Fun, and the Future" and drew on both past research work and work currently in progress.

KAREN POPOVICH, assistant professor of business and accounting, will present a seminar on data analysis using advanced features of Microsoft Excel at the Vermont Society of Certified Public Accountants' 2007 Fall Industry Conference in October.

JAMES RHODES, visiting assistant professor of religious studies, has been invited to write a commentary on the "Epistle of Barnabas" for the *Hermeneia* series, published by Fortress Press. The "Epistle of Barnabas" is a document that lingered on the margins of the New Testament canon until the fourth century. *Hermeneia* is widely regarded as the premier academic commentary series in the field of biblical studies. Rhodes also contributed two related essays on the *Allegorical Interpretation of Scripture* and *Patristic Adversus Judaeos Literature* to the *Dictionary of Early Judaism*, to be published by Eerdmans in 2008.

JONATHAN SILVERMAN, assistant professor of education, will have his paper *Postcards From Another's Place: Visual Dialogue for Cultural Tolerance* published in next month's issue of *Art Education*, the journal of the National Art Education Association. His research focused on how an exchange of stories of place inspired by an art exhibition can lead to empathy, community, and artistic discoveries. This summer Jonathan's Educator as Artist class concluded with an exhibit of work at the Firehouse Gallery in Burlington. In conjunction with this exhibit, Jonathan directed David Ive's play *Degas, C'est Moi* which starred Saint Michael's graduate student and Residential Director Chris Maloney. Jonathan's summer Aesthetic Perspective class worked in the family service Community on Temporary Shelter (COTS) as part of their community project. They made paper and books with children from families in the process of finding homes.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

4:30 p.m. ■ McCarthy Arts Center

Debate/Discussion on the Livable Wage Controversy: Speakers are Patrick Walsh, assistant professor of economics, and Emma Mulvaney-Stanak, former director of Vermont Livable Wage Campaign, with moderator Bill Grover, professor of political science.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

7:00 p.m. ■ International Commons Building

Hispanic Heritage Month Program, 2007 Cesar Chavez Peace and Justice Award Ceremony, with presentation to recipient Robin Lloyd, long-time Burlington peace activist. Founder of the Peace on Earth Store (now the Peace & Justice Store), Robin Lloyd is a filmmaker, writer, world traveler, and one-time inmate at Danbury Federal Prison for civil disobedience at Fort Benning, Georgia.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

12:00 p.m. ■ Vermont Room, Alliot

Richard Brown of Naropa University speaking on **Contemplative Methods of Teaching in Higher Education.** See details in Page 1 item.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12 THROUGH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

Farrell Room, Saint Edmund's Hall

"We Can Do Something About Racism!" a workshop co-sponsored with the Peace & Justice Center, originated by The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond, tuition \$300, including meals and childcare. Partial scholarships may be available. Workshops cover a historical and institutional analysis of racism, structure of oppression, examination of culture, leadership development. Sponsored by Saint Michael's, Haymarket People's Fund and Ben & Jerry's. Call Peace & Justice at 802.863.2345, ext. 1, for information.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18 AND FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

Conference on Human Development

7:30 p.m. ■ Thursday
McCarthy Arts Center

Keynote Address

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ■ Friday
Various sites

Speakers and panelists



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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Ross Sports Center



Red Cross Blood Drive. Refreshments and prizes.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

11:45 a.m. ■ Klein Commons Lounge

Uncommon Lunch, talk by **Ronald Miller**, professor of psychology, on "Creative and Destructive Forces on a College Campus: A Peace Psychologist Looks at the Virginia Tech Shootings."

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

1:00 p.m. ■ McCarthy Arts Center



Bill McKibben speaking on **"Building the Climate Movement."** Leading activist in the campaign to raise awareness about global warming, Bill McKibben is in the forefront of this growing effort. His 1989 book *The End of Nature*, the first for general audiences about climate change, has been published in 20 languages; he has written at least eight more. His most recent book, *Deep Economy: The Wealth of Communities and the Durable Future*, advocates for a movement away from the growth economy towards more local-scale enterprises.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

4:00 p.m. ■ McCarthy Arts Center

Counterpoint, a cappella choral chamber group of 12 singers, performing **"Voyages,"** Inaugural concert of Counterpoint's three-year Artists in Residence at Saint Michael's. Tickets at the Flynn Box Office: 802.863.5966.

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Theater Professors Have Busy Summers

JOHN PAUL DEVLIN, assistant professor of fine arts/theater, was the resident designer and production manager for the Saint Michael's Playhouse. In collaboration with Producing Artistic Director **CHUCK TOBIN**, he assembled a technical staff of professionals and interns for the 2007 Playhouse season from colleges around the U.S. including 10 Saint Michael's students or graduates. With Saint Michael's, John designed lighting for *Broadway Bound* and *Educating Rita*. Also, he traveled to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he designed and painted scenery for *Moonlight* and *Magnolias* for Chamber Theatre.

In July, **PETER HARRIGAN**, associate professor of fine arts/theater, attended the Association for Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE) conference in New Orleans, where is secretary for the theatre and social change focus group. In addition to giving two presentations on his production work, Peter led a team of 16 colleagues in the "Re-Actions Project." The team was charged with gathering stories, ideas and artifacts from New Orleans to create an original theater piece for performance at the conference. He and colleagues interviewed Senior Center residents in North Gulfport, Mississippi, and incorporated their experiences into the presentation. The team continue to work with the seniors' stories as part of the Oral History and Performance Conference at Columbia University next March. In August, Peter worked at Barbara Matera Limited, the legendary New York City costume house that has built costumes for hundreds of Broadway shows, ballets and films, from *West Side Story* to *Wicked*. Peter made hot-fix sequined trim for the Ringling Brothers Circus, helped cut the Egyptian Coat and Dress for the National Tour of the 2006 Tony-Award-winning Best Musical *The Drowsy Chaperone*, and shopped for notions and trims for both *Chaperone* and *Spamalot*.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

11:45 a.m. ■ Farrell Room, Saint Edmund's Hall

Contemplative Practice in the Classroom, a panel with Professors Molly Millwood (psychology), Joe Kroger (religious studies), Adrie Kusserow (anthropology), and Toni Messuri (English). They will demonstrate a "talking circle" which uses mindfulness/contemplative practice in the classroom. *See related item, Page 1.*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:00 p.m. ■ McCarthy Arts Center

H.W. Brands, Dickson Allen Anderson Centennial Professor of History at the University of Texas, speaking on "**Why Foreign Policy is so Messy.**" This is the second lecture in the Peace & Justice Series, **For the Soul of the Nation: Re-thinking the Role of the U.S. in the World.** Brands is the author of over 20 widely acclaimed books, and he is a regular guest on national TV. William Wilson, provost, will be the respondent to Professor Brands' talk.

Spirituality and Intellectual Life Series Continues with Speaker, Panel in October

Contemplative practices will be the focus of two October campus events sponsored by the Spirituality and the Intellectual Life Committee.

Richard Brown of Naropa University will speak Thursday, October 11 from noon to 1:00 p.m. in Alliot's Vermont Room on contemplative methods of teaching in higher education. On Tuesday, October 30, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Farrell Room, a panel will look at contemplative practice in the classroom. The October 30 discussion will continue on Tuesday, November 13, same place and time. This year's speaker series began in September with a presentation by Nel Noddings, an education researcher and author.

Brown founded the contemplative education department at Naropa in 1990. The department, which he chairs, adapts the wisdom, compassion, and skillful means from Buddhist and holistic education traditions and applies them to non-sectarian teacher education. His writings have focused mainly on areas of contemplative teacher education including emotion, awareness, and observation. Panel presenters on October 30 are Professors **MOLLY MILLWOOD, JOE KROGER, ADRIE KUSSEROW** and **TONI MESSURI**, followed by a "talking circle" to explore how some faculty have used mindfulness/contemplative practice in class. Committee members this year are **VINCE BOLDOC**, Kusserow, **EDWARD MAHONEY**, Messuri and **AOSTRE JOHNSON**.

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PATRICK STANDEN, adjunct lecturer of philosophy, will deliver the keynote speech, "A Philosophy of Disability: Living Successfully with Disability," at the Vermont Occupational Therapists Association's Annual Meeting on November 3 in Burlington. He also will lead a seminar on the history of disability at the conference. Also, an organization Patrick serves as board president, the Northeast Disabled Athletic Association, recently won the United Way's 2007 Hometown Heroes Award for community service.

WILLIAM TORTOLANO, professor emeritus of fine arts, gave a choral reading session for GIA Publications in Pittsburgh on August 7. The actively retired professor also gave sessions on Church Choir Music and Gregorian Chant at the New England Regional Convention of the American Guild of Organists in Providence, Rhode Island, in June. His most recent scholarly editions of music by Staden, Scheidt, and the Trier Gesangbuch of 1695 were published by GIA in September.

JOSH VAN HOUTEN, professor of chemistry, attended the International Symposium on Photochemistry and Photophysics of Coordination Compounds held at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, in June. There he chaired part of the opening session. He continues to serve as a member of the International Scientific Committee of the Symposium. In August, Josh attended the American Chemical Society national meeting in Boston, where he presented the opening paper in a symposium on Revitalizing the Undergraduate Descriptive Inorganic Chemistry Course. His talk was entitled "Teaching Descriptive Inorganic Chemistry in the Format of the Game Show 'Jeopardy.'"

JOAN WAGNER has been appointed Coordinator of Academic Programming, Service-Learning, Peer-Tutoring, and Writing Proficiency. This position at the Academic Enrichment Commons is designed to help faculty enhance teaching through extra-curricular activities and service-learning, and to offer students tutoring in study skills and

course content. Joan received a bachelor's in business administration in 1993 and English in 1994, and an education master's in 1999, all from Saint Michael's. As a student she was a Writing Center coach; since graduation she has taught writing in the graduate education and First-Year Seminar programs. Last year Joan had a part-time position coordinating peer-tutoring and writing proficiency while teaching First-Year Seminars.

TIM WHITEFORD, associate professor of education, has been invited to be the guest editor for the 2008 focus issue of the New England Mathematics Journal. The topic of the issue is the Role of Language in Mathematics. Tim and **RITA MACDONALD**, coordinator of the Vermont Consortium for Language and Academics, also have also been invited to present a paper at the Annual NNETESOL conference in New Hampshire in November. The topic of the paper is their collaborative work team teaching the graduate education course, GED 612 Math and Diversity in the K-8 Classroom. ■



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