



Faculty/Staff News



Alain Brizard

ALAIN BRIZARD, assistant professor of physics, gave a series of seminars at the MIT Plasma Science and

Fusion Center on March 15 and 16 on his work on Relativistic Quasilinear Diffusion in Axisymmetric Geometry and Guiding-center Fokker-Planck Collision Operators. Brizard also gave seminars on his work on Relativistic Quasilinear Diffusion in Axisymmetric Geometry at Dartmouth College on February 10 and the Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans, and Space of the University of New Hampshire on March 17. Lastly, Brizard gave an invited talk on his work on the Variational Formulations of Exact and Reduced Vlasov-Maxwell Equations at a Workshop on Kinetic Theory at the Fields Institute (associated with the University of Toronto) from March 29 to April 2; the workshop was attended by leaders from the United States, Canada, and several European countries.

GEORGE DAMERON, professor of history and coordinator of the Humanities Program, has just published nine encyclopedia articles in *MEDIEVAL ITALY: AN ENCYCLOPEDIA*, edited by Christopher Kleinhenz and published by Routledge (2004). They include the entry on Florence. On March 12, he presented the paper, "Tuscan Communes and Their Churches at the Time of Dante:

Comparisons and Contrasts," at the 14th Biennial New College Conference on Medieval-Renaissance Studies in Sarasota, Florida. On May 8, at the 39th International Conference on Medieval Studies (Kalamazoo, Michigan), he will present the paper, "Church and Commune in 13th Century Pistoia: New Perspectives on an Old Problem." The paper is part of the session "The Other Tuscany."

JOHN DEVLIN, instructor of fine arts, theater, designed the scenery and lighting for Vermont Stage's



John Devlin

production of "Underneath the Lintel" in the FlynnSpace. **MARK OLDMIXER '04** assisted in the set up of the stage and hanging of lights. John also attended the United States Institute for Theater Technology annual convention where he chaired a session entitled "Educational Theatrical Festivals: Design Challenges of Visiting & Hosting."

Students of **DECLAN McCABE**, instructor in biology, biology majors **EMILY STEINBERG '05**, **AUBREY MATTHEWS '06**, and **EMMA KOSCIAK '06** have been awarded funding from the Vermont Genetics Network to study the ecology of crayfish under his guidance. The research proposals of all three students were reviewed by a committee of professors from several Vermont colleges. The awards cover stipends for the students, and the cost of supplies to carry out their projects.



Emily will look at the effects of crayfish density and exposure to the risk of cannibalism on growth. Aubrey has proposed to examine the effects of intraspecific competition on foraging success of crayfish. Emma will examine how the newly introduced rusty crayfish impacts the foraging success of the native crayfish. All three research projects will take place this summer in the biology department and the students will present their results at the career day of the Vermont Genetics Network in the spring of 2004. Mark Beekey's (UVM) paper with McCabe and Ellen Marsden (UVM) has just been accepted for publication in the journal *Freshwater Biology*. The paper, "Zebra mussel colonization of soft sediments facilitates invertebrate communities" is the result of research in the bays of Lake Champlain during the summers of 2001 through 2003. The work was completed with the assistance of **KEVIN RICE '02**, **KATHLEEN COONS '03**, and **RYAN DUBOIS '04**. The paper will likely appear in a 2004 issue of the journal.

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Coons' paper with McCabe and Marsden appeared in the March 2004 issue of *The Journal of Freshwater Ecology*. The paper was the result of her research in the summer of 2002 and her subsequent senior research project. Kathleen's work was funded by a student research fellowship from the Provost's office, and by the Lake Champlain Research Consortium, and was an evaluation of submersible strobe lights as a potential method for dispersing zebra mussels.

JO ELLIS-MONAGHAN, assistant professor of mathematics, presented two talks in March 2004 on her work using graph polynomials to analyze DNA properties. The first was an invited colloquium talk at the University of Southern Florida titled "Relations for generalized transition polynomials," that developed polynomial models for DNA sequencing and constructions. The second talk was a presentation at the Southeastern Conference on Combinatorics, Graph Theory, and Computing at Florida Atlantic University, titled "Generalized transition polynomials, the cycle double cover conjecture and biomolecular computing," that discussed models for constructing combinatorial objects (for example cubes) out of DNA strands. **WHITNEY SHERMAN '04**, who is participating in this research, also attended the conference. This work is supported by a Vermont Genetics Network grant.



RICHARD KUJAWA, associate professor of geography, presented a paper, "Globalization and Regimes of Environmental Governance: Freshwater," at the Centennial Meeting of the Association of American Geographers held in March in Philadelphia.

Photos by Buff Lindau



Sharon Lamb

SHARON LAMB, professor of psychology, reviewed a book, *New feminist stories of child sexual abuse: sexual scripts and dangerous dialogues* (London:Routledge) for the British Psychological Association's journal, *Psychology of Women Section Review* that should be published next month. On February 29 Lamb gave a Plenary Address at the Association for Women in Psychology annual meeting in Philadelphia. The title of the talk was "Sexual Tensions and Aggressive Acts in Girls' Friendships." On May 1 she will be a keynote speaker at the Association for Philosophy and Psychiatry' meetings in New York City, speaking on "Forgiveness Therapy: Culture and Context."

NATHANIEL LEW, assistant professor of fine arts, music, gave two lectures this season in preparation for the upcoming production of Benjamin Britten's opera "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by Opera North in Lebanon, NH. The first lecture, entitled "Setting Shakespeare," was held on February 1 in Norwich VT; the second lecture, entitled "Pyramus and Thisbe," was on March 21 in Etna, NH.

MALCON LIPPERT, assistant professor of biology, **TIM GAUVIN '05** and **KRISTA SOUTHWORTH '06**, were awarded competitive Vermont Genetics Network Student Summer Research



Malcom Lippert

Internships, based on research proposals they submitted. They will begin their projects in the biology department this summer. The overall goal of the laboratory is to explore how mutations occur, using yeast as a model organism. Because mutations can lead to genetic disease, such as cancer, their aim is to

understand the factors that affect mutation occurrence. Both Gauvin and Southworth will explore the effect of a genetic deficiency on mutation rate in yeast.

CAROLYN LUKENS-OLSON, associate professor of Spanish, will give her paper entitled "Cervantes' Los habladores and Erasmus' Ciceronianus" at the 57th annual Kentucky Foreign



Carolyn Lukens-Olson

Language Conference on April 16 at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky. At the same conference, Lukens-Olson will chair a panel of five papers that she organized for a session on Cervantes and Shakespeare.



RONALD MILLER, professor of psychology, recently published *Facing Human Suffering: Psychology and Psychotherapy as Moral Engagement* with the American Psychological Association.

MOLLY MILLWOOD, assistant professor of psychology, is presenting a workshop entitled "What's Going On in My Relationship? Understanding the Impact of Childhood Sexual Abuse on Adult Intimacy" at the Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault seventh Annual Conference for Survivors of Sexual Violence and Abuse. The conference is on April 17 at Woodbury College in Montpelier.

SR. ALINE PARIS, RSM, visiting assistant professor of religious studies, recently published an article in the Winter issue of *The MAST Journal*, vol. 13, #2, entitled "Sacramental Thinking: A Catholic Treasure."

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A team consisting of **JANET SHEERAN**, Provost, **WILLIAM (SANDY) KARSTENS**, assistant professor of physics, and **JOANNE SCHNEIDER**, director of the Durick Library, participated in a workshop sponsored by the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) entitled Transformation of the College Library from February 26-28 in San Francisco. Saint Michael's College was chosen in a competitive process in which only one out of five applicants was accepted and attendance was partially supported by grant funding obtained by the CIC. The workshop, developed from an initiative CIC launched in 2002 in cooperation with the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR), focused on strengthening the contribution of libraries to teaching and learning.

KIMBERLY SULTZE, assistant professor of journalism and mass communication, recently had her paper "Rewriting the West as Multi-Cultural: Legend Meets Complex Histories in John Sayles' Lone Star," published by the *Film and History Journal* in its special issue on the American West(s) in Film, Television, and History. She also continues in her role as Head of the Visual Communication division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.



Kimberly Sultze

PRESIDENT MARC VANDERHEYDEN and Saint Michael's College received the Vermont Multiple Sclerosis Society's Silver Hope Award at the seventh annual Dinner of Champions on March 2. **The Silver Hope Award** is the highest honor given to a community leader who has demonstrated outstanding philanthropic generosity and community service. ■



April Calendar

APRIL 1-30

Celebrating Haiti in Solidarity with Haiti's Bicentennial: Exhibit of Haitian Artwork, McCarthy Art Center Gallery.

The exhibit of the **5th Annual Global Eyes Photography Competition** opened March 29 in the **Dailey Room** of **Durick Library**. Sponsored by the Office of Study Abroad and the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, the exhibit includes 136 photographs submitted by 54 study abroad students. The public is invited to vote for the **People's Choice Award** from the 27 photographs, the top three of each category, displayed on the walls. All photographs are displayed in a binder at the exhibit. Voting ends Friday, April 9 at 5:00 p.m.



THURSDAY, APRIL 1

4:40 p.m.

Lenten Service: Rosary for Peace in the Chapel.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Silent Auction of Haitian Crafts in the Alliot Student Center.

3:00 p.m.

Lenten Service: Stations of the Cross in the Chapel.

7:00 p.m.

The 13th Annual Martin Luther King Talent Show in the Ross Sports Center.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Library Book Sale, Durick Library Lobby sponsored by M.O.V.E., Mobilization of Volunteer Efforts, to benefit educational projects in Haiti.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 4

11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday Mass with the Passion depicted by the **Sacred Dance Ensemble, Chapel.**

12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Library Book Sale, Durick Library Lobby, sponsored by M.O.V.E., Mobilization of Volunteer Efforts, to benefit educational projects in Haiti.

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MONDAY, APRIL 5

12:00 p.m.

A luncheon with **Peggy Williams**, president of Ithaca College, speaking on “**Career Development: Reflections on Women’s Work**,” in the **International Commons**. Williams is former president of Lyndon State College and former associate academic dean at Trinity College. Call the Women’s Center for reservations: ext. 2667.

4:40 p.m.

Lenten Service: Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel.

7:30 p.m.

Lenten Service: Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Chapel.



TUESDAY, APRIL 6

12:00 p.m.

Aostre Johnson, associate professor of graduate education and coordinator of the spirituality and education program, speaks on “**What is spiritual development?**” **Farrell Room** as part of the Social Science Research Center faculty seminar series.

12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Blood Drive in the **Ross Sports Center**. All who register to give blood will be entered in a raffle for a pair of Red Sox tickets. (All donors must bring a photo ID.)

5:15 p.m.

Haiti Solidarity Month Event: Vigil in Solidarity with the People of Haiti, Alliot Student Center.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Business Ethics Case Competition with oral presentations by six finalist teams before a panel of judges in the **Farrell Room**. Competitors include teams of two to four students from Saint Michael’s, UVM, Champlain, Plattsburgh State, SUNY Potsdam, Clarkson and UNH.



THURSDAY, APRIL 8

4:40 p.m.

Lenten Service: Rosary for Peace in the Chapel.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

11:00 a.m.

Easter Mass in the Chapel.

MONDAY, APRIL 12

7:30 p.m.

Mass in Spanish in Chapel.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

1:30 p.m.

Nobel Peace Prize Winner **Jody Williams** is speaking in the **McCarthy Arts Center**. Williams received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997 for her work to eliminate antipersonnel landmines, and is only the 10th woman recipient in the 101-year history of the prize.

5:00 p.m.

Haiti Solidarity Month April 2004 Event: Magician Tom Verner, Founder of Magicians without Borders, presents his trip to Haiti in 2003 and his Magic Shows for Haitian orphans in the **Alliot Student Center Vermont Room**.



7:00 p.m.

Champlain College Intercollegiate Reading of Student Creative Writing is held at Champlain College, **Aiken Hall, Morgan Room**. Students from Saint Michael’s, UVM, and Champlain will read. Contact **Liz Inness-Brown** at ext. 2441 for more info.

7:30 p.m.

Festive Organ Concert directed by Professor Emeritus of Fine Arts **William Tortolano** in the Saint Michael’s College **Chapel** in celebration of the cleaning of the organ’s 889 pipes. The concert features organ, violin and Gregorian chant.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

7:00 p.m.

Coffee Talk: Crisis in the Coffee Industry, a panel discussion, in the **Farrell Room**. Panelists are **Mark Pendergrast**, author of *Uncommon Grounds: The History of Coffee and How it Transformed Our World* (Basic Books, 1999), **Rick Peyser**, public relations director for Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, and Michael Page, VP of sales for Coffee Enterprises in Burlington.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

4:00 p.m.

The **Awards Ceremony** for the **5th Annual Global Eyes Photography Competition** will be held in the **Dailey Room of Durick Library**. See April 1. The winners of each of the nine categories, the **People’s Choice Award**, and the **Best of Show** will be announced. A special **Honorable Mention** award will also be announced. Refreshments will be served.



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7:00 p.m.

Marc Estrin reads from his debut novel *Insect Dreams: The Half Life of Gregor Samsa* (Putman, 2002) and discusses his forthcoming book *Puppet Theater* (Chelsea Green, May 2004), about the Bread and Puppet Theater in the **Alliot Student Center, Vermont Room.**

7:00 p.m.

Haiti Solidarity Month April 2004
Event: Haitian Roots Music with Orchestra Guayoyo in the **McCarthy Arts Center.**



FRIDAY, APRIL 16

4:00 p.m.

Confirmation of Academic Excellence: Installation of Saint Michael's New Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa—Gamma of Vermont in the McCarthy Arts Center.



SATURDAY, APRIL 17

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Northern New England Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (NNETESOL) conference in the **McCarthy Arts Center and Saint Edmunds Hall.** Workshops. Keynote address by **Timothy Boals** at 9 a.m. in McCarthy on creating English language proficiency standards and assessments for English language learners. SIS faculty presenting at this conference include **Daniel Evans, Christine Bauer-Ramazani, Kathleen Mahnke, Elizabeth O'Dowd, Mahmoud Arani, Wendy Uncles, John Halliwell, Hideko Furukawa, Sheena Blodgett, and Barbara Sargent;** and graduate students **Jamie Garvey, Marybeth Huntingford, Adriana Rodriguez, Ernesto Hernandez** and **Anne Humphrey.**

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

4:00 p.m.

Spring Concert by the Chorale and Chamber Singers in McCarthy Arts Center. Directed by **Nathaniel Lew,** the concert program includes sacred and secular classical works, spirituals and "Let God Arise" by G. F. Handel, with **Daniel March** and **Jessica Voyer,** tenor and soprano soloists, accompanied by string ensemble.

MONDAY, APRIL 19

5:30 p.m.

Haiti Solidarity Month April 2004
Event: Chemistry Assistant Professor **Kathleen Mondanaro** and **Mark Winslow** will discuss quality of life and health care issues in the northern rural Haitian village Petit Bourg, in the **Alliot Student Center Vermont Room.** Mondanaro and Winslow have worked extensively in the village and hope to bring Saint Michael's volunteers into their project of building a community center there.



4:30 p.m.

Fiveside Chat Series: Remembering Father Gerald Dupont, SSE, in the **Hoehl Welcome Center.** This series focuses on the great teachers, humanitarians and artists who built the foundations of intellectual and spiritual life at Saint Michael's College. Father **Richard VanderWeel, SSE,** and **Father Joseph McLaughlin, SSE,** remember Dupont, 10th president of Saint Michael's College, 1958-1969.

4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Open House for Graduate Programs in the **Saint Edmunds Hall lobby.** Directors of graduate programs in Administration and Management, Clinical Psychology, Education, Teaching English as a Second/Foreign Language, and Theology and Pastoral Ministry will be present to answer questions. For information call ext. 2251.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 20

12:00 p.m.

Amy Werbel, assistant professor of fine arts, will speak on “**Thomas Eakins: Last of the Art Crusaders**” in the **Farrell Room** as part of the Social Science Research Center faculty seminar series.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

5:00 p.m.

Enterprise Plan Competition and Young Entrepreneur Challenge Awards Ceremony in the **Alliot Dining Hall, East end**. The Competition challenges students to develop and market sustainable business plans, with a social purpose, to a panel of business-leader judges. The Young Entrepreneur Challenge is an annual competition for high school students with innovative ideas for new business ventures with a socially responsible philosophy.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

4:00 p.m.

Sutherland Lectureship and Gospel of Life Series: Robert George, McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence and Director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University, will speak on “**Freedom, Reason and the Rule of Law**” in the **McCarthy Arts Center**. He is the author of *Making Men Moral: Civil Liberties and Public Morality* (1993) and *In Defense of Natural Law* (1999), and editor of a number of books including most recently *The Clash of Orthodoxies*.

5:30 p.m.

Lawrence Weed, president of PKC Corporation and emeritus professor of medicine at the UVM College of Medicine, speaking on “**Leadership and Change**” in the **Farrell Room**. Called the “father of the Problem-Oriented Medical Record (POMR),” Weed has developed information tools that address medical issues through the use of the problem-oriented record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

A Day with Peter Steinfeld, senior religion correspondent for *The New York Times* from 1988-1997 and author of “Beliefs,” a biweekly column for The Times, will be held in the **International Commons**. In his recent book *A People Adrift: The Crisis of the Roman Catholic Church in America*, Steinfeld, a lifelong Catholic, argues that the Church is “on the verge of either an irreversible decline or a thoroughgoing transformation.” Prayer, reflection and discussion of the universal Church and the role of the laity in the Diocese of Burlington, Vermont. Contact **Father Michael Cronogue, SSE**, at ext. 2205 to reserve a place.

MONDAY, APRIL 26

4:00 p.m.

Tom Freston '67, chairman and chief executive officer of MTV Networks, will lecture in the **McCarthy Arts Center**. Freston will also be inducted into the college’s Academic Hall of Fame at that time.



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TUESDAY, APRIL 27

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The second annual **Performing Arts Festival** from will be held in various locations on the central **campus green**. Students in theater, dance and music will present works in progress. Celebrate spring.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

7:00 p.m.

Haiti Solidarity Month April 2004 Event: Keynote address by **Robert Fatton Jr.**, professor and chair, Woodrow Wilson Department of Politics, University of Virginia, is speaking on “**Haiti’s Political Predicament: The Contradictory Legacy of 1804**” in the **McCarthy Arts Center**.

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