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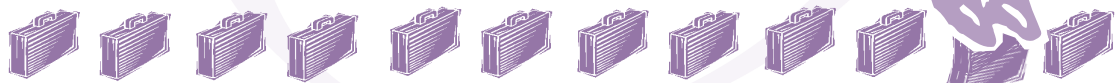
NEWS FOR THE SAINT MICHAEL'S COLLEGE COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 2004

CELEBRATING A
CENTURY
SAINT MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

On November 9, the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce awarded Saint Michael's with their top annual honor for a Vermont business with over 300 employees. Saint Michael's was cited for its exceptional benefits and remarkable loyalty amongst its employees, receiving praise for the fact that over 200 of the college's 500 employees have been at Saint Michael's for more than 10 years. **RICHARD TARRANT '65** was the master of ceremonies.

In accepting the award, **PRESIDENT MARC VANDERHEYDEN** said to the 650 people assembled in the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center, "At the core, Saint Michael's is dedicated to inquiry, inquiry, inquiry. We will continue to teach students that discovery of their universe and of themselves is our mission."



Faculty/Staff News



Kathie Balutansky

KATHIE BALUTANSKY, professor of English and associate dean, co-edited the recently published *Ecrire en pays assiégé—Haïti—Writing Under Siege* with Marie-Agnès Sourieau. The book, a collection of essays and interviews by Jacques Stephen Alexis, Jacques Roumain, René Depestre, Marie Chauvet, Frankétienne, J. J. Dominique, Jean Métellus, Dany Laferrière, Yanick Lahens, Lyonel Trouillot and Edwidge Danticat, Haitian writers whose writing is marked by Haiti's political history, is the inaugural volume of Rodopi's new series, Francopolyphonies. The inaugural book was timed to come out in 2004 as a tribute to Haitian writers and in commemoration of Haiti's bicentennial.

ALAIN BRIZARD, assistant professor of physics, presented two papers at the 46th annual meeting of the Division of Plasma Physics of the American Physical Society in Savannah, Georgia, November 15-19. At the conference, he acted as the program sub-committee chair for *Basic Plasma Physics* and chaired one invited session. He also submitted a paper entitled "Noether Methods for Fluids and Plasmas" for publication in the *American Journal of Physics*.

GEORGE DAMERON, professor of history and coordinator of the humanities program, will present three papers at three conferences in the spring of 2005. On April 9 at Cambridge University (Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting), he will present "The Secular Clergy in the Age of Dante and Boccaccio (1250-1375)." In early May at the 40th International Congress on

Medieval Studies (Western Michigan University; Kalamazoo, Michigan), he will read the paper "War and Clergy in Dante's Florence." Finally, in late May he will read an invited paper as part of an international conference on the legacy of the early 14th century sculptor Arnolfo di Cambio at the Harvard Center for Italian Renaissance Studies at the Villa I Tatti in Florence, Italy.



Rit DiVenere

RIT DIVENERE, associate vice president for alumni relations and development, was appointed director of international service for the Burlington Rotary for 2004-05.

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News continued....



Joanna Ellis-Monaghan

JOANNA ELLIS-MONAGHAN, assistant professor of mathematics, was invited to give a mathematics and computer science department colloquium talk at Skidmore College on October 20.

This general audience talk, titled "Graph Models from the Kevin Bacon Game to Biomolecular Computing and Beyond!" discussed networks and graphs models of interconnections, relationships, and conflicts, with applications ranging from the internet to the stock market, classroom scheduling to power grids, the Kevin Bacon association game ("Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon") to social circles. It also described some of her applications of graph theory to computer chip design (joint with **GRETA PANGBORN**, assistant professor of computer science, and **JAMEY LEWIS '07**), and DNA structures. She was also invited to present a talk titled "Properties of the Interlace Polynomial" in a special session on graph polynomials at the 2004 Fall Eastern Section Meeting of the American Mathematical Society on November 7. This research presentation described joint work with Irasema Sarmiento of CINVESTAV, Mexico, applying graph polynomial theory to problems arising from DNA sequencing by hybridization. Ellis-Monaghan had a paper, "Parametrized Tutte Polynomials of graphs and matroids," co-authored with Lorenzo Traldi of Lafayette College, accepted for publication in *Combinatorics, Probability, and Computing*. This paper provides structural theorems and



foundations for powerful network analysis functions with broad application in physics, biology, computer science and engineering. She also received a travel grant from the National Science Foundation through the Association for Women in Mathematics and a student mentoring grant from the Vermont Space Grant Consortium. The first will permit her travel to the 36th Southeastern International Conference on Combinatorics, Graph Theory and Computing at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, where she will present her work using graph models to analyze DNA structures. The second will support Jamey Lewis '07, who is working in collaboration with Ellis-Monaghan, Greta Pangborn, and industry researchers on a project using graph theoretical techniques to address computer chip layout problems. This grant includes a collaborative visit to the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, to explore extending these techniques to NASA objectives.



Terryl Kinder

TERRYL KINDER, distinguished visiting professor in history from Pontigny, France, gave papers this fall to the Pontigny Society and in the Centennial symposium on aspects of the medieval and modern history of Pontigny Abbey, using documentation from the Society of St. Edmund Archives at Saint Michael's. She made a presentation on October 31 at the Worcester Art Museum entitled "Art of Sacred Spaces:

The Development of Cistercian Monastic Art and Architecture," and also spoke on November 6 at The Cloisters in New York on the Cistercian chapter room from Pontaut Abbey in southwestern France, reconstructed in New York in the 1930s. Middlebury College invited her for a slide presentation on Cistercian architecture on November 18. She is also general editor of a new book entitled *Perspectives on an Architecture of Solitude: Essays in Honour of Peter Fergusson*, to which she and 34 authors contributed articles (Brepols, in press).



JOSEPH KROGER, professor of religious studies, presented a paper entitled "Mexico's Madonnas of Conquest" at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, held in San Antonio, Texas, November 20-23. The paper, on religious symbolism of the divine feminine in Mexico, was read and discussed at a session on "Native Traditions in the Americas." Kroger is teaching a special topics course this semester on Aztec Goddesses and Christian Madonnas in Mexico, and his paper explores one of the many convergences in these two religious traditions.



Joseph Kroger

"June," an essay by **LIZ INNESS-BROWN**, professor of English and director of the Writing Center, appears in *The Twelve Seasons of Vermont*, a book of photographs and writings about Vermont just released by Vermont Life Books.

News continued....



Robert Letovsky

ROBERT LETOVSKY, associate professor of business administration, led a workshop entitled "Conveying Your Message Via a Rocket Pitch" at the Association of Fundraising

Professionals Annual Conference, held at the Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, Vermont, in early November. Letovsky guided the session's participants, who included fundraising managers from over a dozen nonprofit organizations from throughout New England, through the process of preparing a brief, high-impact presentation for prospective donors.



MARK NIGRINI, assistant professor of accounting, presented a seminar in October on



Fraud Detection and Continuous Monitoring to the newly constituted Department of Forensic Audit at Tyco International. Also in October he presented a seminar on Data Analysis and Continuous Monitoring to internal auditors in Toledo, Ohio. These seminars are highly topical given recent legislation for the accounting profession and financial reporting mandated by Congress called The Sarbanes-Oxley Act.



PAUL SCHIMOLER, head men's lacrosse coach, will participate in the US Lacrosse Nation Convention, January 13-16 at the Philadelphia Convention Center, speaking on goalie play. The convention is the largest for the game and draws approximately 4,500 men and women. Schimoler is the only coach from Division II to be making a presentation.



Paul Schimoler



Joanne Schneider

In response to a request by the editor of the journal, **JOANNE SCHNEIDER**, director of library and information services, wrote "Mold: Recovery from Potential Collection Disaster and Environmental Hazard." 2004. *The Journal of Inter-Library Loan, Document Delivery and Information Supply* 14(4): 49-67.

TINA J. TENNEY, associate director of human resources, compensation and benefits, completed the rigorous process of earning the designation of Certified Compensation Professional (CCP) from WorldatWork Society of Certified Professionals, a not-for-profit association that provides certification in compensation, benefits



Tina Tenney

and total rewards. The Certification Society is an affiliate organization of WorldatWork, the professional association for compensation, benefits and human resources professionals. The CCP designation is known throughout the global rewards community as a mark of expertise and excellence in the area of compensation. It is obtained by successfully passing nine comprehensive examinations designed to measure an individual's level of knowledge about compensation and total rewards management theory and practice. Tenney joins an elite group of over 13,000 compensation professionals who have achieved the highest level of professional performance and standards of professional practice.



PETER TUMULTY, professor of philosophy, presented a paper entitled "Competing Structures of Plausibility: William James' Pragmatic Pluralism and David Hollinger's Scientific Conscience" on November 13 at Dartmouth College at the annual meeting of the New England Philosophical Association.

MARTA A. UMANZOR, associate professor of modern languages and literature, presented a talk at The Annual Panamerican Circle in New Jersey, November 6, a conference that reunited writers from Cuba, Dominican Republic, and Puerto Rico. Her presentation was entitled "New Approach on the Poetic of Estrella Betances de Pujadas." ■



EVENTS

December Calendar

DECEMBER 1-17

Saint Michael's College *Centennial Celebration* presents an exhibit on **Mont-Saint-Michel** on the main floor of the **Durick Library**. The exhibit showcases books, photographs and a painting of Mont-Saint-Michel from the library archives.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

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

Saint Michael's College presents the **World AIDS Day Call to Action** in the **Alliot Student Center** lobby. The Saint Michael's Chapter of the Student Global AIDS Campaign sponsors opportunities to learn more and take action about the local and global AIDS pandemic.

7:00 p.m.

Saint Michael's and the Vermont Council on World Affairs present Stanley Sloan speaking on "The U.S. and Europe: Drifting Apart or Coming Together?" in the **Hoehl Welcome Center**. Sloan, a premier analyst of U.S.-European relations, served as a U.S. Air Force officer, CIA intelligence analyst, and a senior specialist for the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:30 p.m.

Fine Arts Music Senior Recital in the **McCarthy Arts Center**. **David Volpe '05** will perform music by Pierné, Khachaturian and Beethoven, as well as original instrumental and vocal works.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:00 p.m.

Saint Michael's and the Vermont Council on World Affairs present **Jon Margolis** speaking on "**The Domestic Side of Foreign Policy: Looking Back, Looking Forward**" in the

Hoehl Welcome Center. Former national political correspondent for *The Chicago Tribune*, Margolis now writes a monthly column for *The Burlington Free Press* and teaches at the University of Vermont and Lyndon State College.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

12:00 p.m.

The Social Science Research Center presents **James Hefferon**, chair and professor of mathematics, lecturing on "E-Voting" in the **Farrell Room**.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

11:45 a.m.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass in the **College Chapel**.

7:30 p.m.

Fine Arts Music Senior Joint Recital in the **McCarthy Arts Center**. **Christine DeMichele '05**, jazz vocals, will sing standards and original songs; **Matthew O'Neil '05**, guitar and songwriting, will perform original songs; **Jessica Parent '05**, flute, will perform works by Telemann, Schumann and Debussy, and **Calen Perkins '05**, guitar and songwriting, will perform original and classic songs.



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:00 p.m.

The annual festive ceremony of **Lessons and Carols** will be presented in the **College Chapel**. Music by the Saint Michael's College **Chorale** and **Chamber Singers**, directed by **Nathaniel Lew**; the **Wind Ensemble**, directed by **Paul LeClair**; the **Bell Choir**, directed by **Susan Summerfield**; the **Sleepless Knights**; and organist **Susan Summerfield**.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:30 p.m.

Fine Arts Music Senior Recital in the **McCarthy Arts Center**. **Michael Christian '05**, saxophone player, will perform classical works by Paganini and Glazunov and standards with a jazz combo.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:30 p.m.

Spanish Mass in the **College Chapel**.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

8:00 p.m.

Mass for Christmas in the **College Chapel**. Traditional Christmas carols will be lead by College Organist **Susan Summerfield**, beginning at 7:30 p.m. (There will be no 11:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas day.)

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