

# Campus Currents

NEWS FOR THE SAINT MICHAEL'S COLLEGE COMMUNITY



## FACULTY/STAFF NEWS



Trish Siplon

**JEFF AYRES, MICHAEL BOSIA, and TRISH SIPLON**, professors in the political science department, will present papers on AIDS and Global Politics at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association in Chicago on

March 2. Before that meeting, Mike has been invited by the French Interdisciplinary Group to speak on the upcoming French presidential election—the first to include a woman as a major party candidate—at Northwestern University. The talk is entitled “Bleu, Blanc, Rose: ‘Outsiders’ and the Politics of Democratic Reform in the French Presidential Elections.” Also, Mike has a chapter on empathy in field research in the volume, *Engaged Observer*, edited by Victoria Sanford and Asale Angel Ajani and published by Rutgers in the fall.

**GREGG BLASDEL**, associate professor of fine art, will be exhibiting a recent series of large scale etching and woodblock prints titled “Marriages of Reason” at the OH+T Gallery in Boston, Massachusetts, in February. The prints are a collaborative effort with **JENNIFER KOCH '89**, who has worked with Gregg on this project for two and a half years.

**DAVID LANDERS**, associate professor of psychology, presented a workshop on Teens and Mental Health on January 10 at the College of St. Joseph as part of the Ninth Annual Vermont School and Admissions Counselors Workshop organized by the Consortium of Vermont Colleges Professional Development Committee.



David Mindich

**DAVID MINDICH**, professor of journalism, was part of a program sponsored by the League of Vermont Writers at the DoubleTree Hotel in South Burlington on January 20, billed as “An author, an editor and a journalism professor talk about getting published.” David talked about writing for new media.

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## Gagne to Direct Peace and Justice Center



Laurie Gagne

**LAURIE GAGNE**, a veteran lecturer in the college's first-year seminar and religious studies programs, has been named director of the Edmundite Peace and Justice Center. She will teach in the first-year seminar program, help with the peace studies minor, advise the Peace & Justice Club, and organize peace and justice educational events for the community.

Before teaching at Saint Michael's, Laurie was a religious studies professor at several Vermont colleges, including 15 years at Trinity College.

“I’m really honored to follow **REV. MIKE CRONOQUE**, founder of the Edmundite Peace & Justice Center, in this position as he established it as a real hub of social awareness and concern,” Laurie said. “I think of the Center as a place where values of the Catholic social justice system can be brought to bear on contemporary social problems.”

Laurie is the author of *The Uses of Darkness: Women's Underworld Journeys Ancient and Modern* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2000) and several journal articles. She earned her bachelor's degree from Pomona College and her master's and doctorate from the University of Notre Dame. She is chair of the Sisters of Mercy Peace Initiative Awards Committee.

Under her direction, the Center will present a conference once a year on a current issue. This year it will be on global health and is scheduled for April 26 with guest speaker Jamie Love, an expert on intellectual property rights pertaining to AIDS patients and the drugs that treat them.





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### National Geographic Grant Boosts Educational Partnership

As host and principal of the Vermont Geographic Alliance (VGA), **RICHARD KUJAWA**, professor of geography, has been awarded a \$48,700 grant for the program from the National Geographic Society Education Foundation. VGA is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to widening geography understanding among K-12 teachers and students.

The grant will fund a project titled "Vermont Geographic Alliance (VGA): Moving Forward," which began in November 2006 and will run through September 2007. The project provides special geography training for 145 teachers who will reach 3,000 other teachers across the state. Those 3,000 in turn could reach about 5,000 students with the benefits of the training.

Richard said the prestige and funding of the National Geographic grant enables him to invigorate and expand initiatives for VGA that he offers in cooperation with the University of Vermont. Among grant-funded programs will be a new lecture series; a creative initiative to connect geography with sports; professional development workshops; and a week-long residential summer institute for teachers at Saint Michael's.



Richard Kujawa

Richard will use his sabbatical to advance the project, working with UVM professor Cheryl Morse Dunkley.

**FRANK NICOSIA**, professor of history, recently received official word that Cambridge University Press will publish his new book *Useful Enemies? Zionism and Anti-Semitism in Nazi Germany* in 2007. Also, in November of 2006, Frank's book *The Arts in Nazi Germany*, co-edited with Jonathan Huener of University of Vermont, was published by Berghahn Books of New York and Oxford.

### Research Examines Global Politics of HIV/AIDS

New assessments of the politics of HIV/AIDS in seven countries appear as a research symposium in the December issue of *Perspectives on Politics*, a journal of the American Political Science Association (APSA). The issue includes significant contributions from two Saint Michael's political science professors, **MICHAEL BOSIA** and **TRISH SIPLON**, and from recent graduate and Rhodes Scholarship winner **JAMILA HEADLEY**. Bosia co-edited the symposium and contributed a major article, while Siplon and Headley co-authored another article. The symposiums' themes are addressed in four major articles, two by the Saint Michael's scholars:

In "Written in Blood: AIDS Prevention and the Politics of Failure in France," Michael examines the French government's slow response to the growing HIV epidemic in the 1980s. Bosia concludes that early French prevention policies were a failure, and the example is an important cautionary tale for the rest of advanced industrial society.

Trish and Jamila's contribution, "Roadblocks to the Road to Treatment: Lessons from Barbados and Brazil," focuses on the importance of civil society's mobilization in widely differing national contexts such as Barbados and Brazil in spurring and supporting state action on access to treatment for HIV/AIDS victims. They conclude that the key factors were sufficient political will and the recognition of health care as a human right.



Raymond Patterson

**RAYMOND PATTERSON**, assistant professor of religious studies, presented his paper, "The Catholic Summer School, University Extension, and the Catholic University of America," for the Roman Catholic Studies group of the American Academy of Religion.

The AAR held its annual meeting in Washington, DC in November.

**MARILYN SCOVILLE**, reference and instruction librarian/instruction coordinator, was recently appointed to the board of directors for the nonprofit organization Kids on the Block Vermont based in Burlington. KOBVT, a 25-year-old organization relying heavily on volunteers, features a special

troupe of life-size puppets who teach children about disabilities, cultural diversity, children's mental health, social and safety issues, substance abuse, and AIDS. Performances are presented at schools and organizations throughout the state of Vermont.

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# CALENDAR

## SATURDAYS, JANUARY 27 TO FEBRUARY 24

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Tarrant Recreation Center

**Saturday Night Lacrosse Co-Ed Clinic** for grades 3 to 8, led by lacrosse coach Paul Schimoler. The clinic, held on five Saturdays, includes an hour of fundamentals, an hour of separate boys and girls games, and an hour of skills work with college lacrosse videos and discussion. Cost: \$20 per night or \$75 for five clinics. *Contact Paul Schimoler at ext. 2745, for more information.*

## THROUGH FEBRUARY 15

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays  
Farrell Room

**The Art of Bruce Rosen: Paintings & Poems: Exhibit of abstract art** by the late New York City painter, poet, and scholar.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:30 p.m.  
McCarthy Arts Center

**Concert:** Vermont Symphony Orchestra principal flutist Albert Brouwer and pianist Annemieke Spoelstra. Music by Hummel, Bowen, Geraerdt.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

3:00 p.m.  
Farrell Room

**Current Issues in Economics: The Minimum Wage**, first of a series of economics department forums on economic issues in the news. With Assistant Economics Professor Patrick Walsh and Political Science Professor Bill Grover.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Alliot Lobby

**Career & Internship Fair**, hosted by the Student Resource Center. Twenty-seven employers from around New England will be on campus to talk with students about career and internship opportunities with their companies representing fields such as human services, law enforcement, financial services, sales, journalism and retail. *For more information, contact Ingrid Peterson at ext. 2547.*



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## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

4:00 p.m.  
McCarthy Arts Center

**Second Annual "Jazz: The Spirit Lives!" Concert** with performances by **The Saint Michael's Jazz Group, The Akoma Drummers, The Essex Children Choir** and a guest poet. *Information: Moise St. Louis, ext. 2663.*

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## Guidance Advisory Council to visit weekend of February 2-3

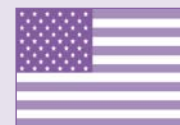
The Office of Admission is sponsoring a weekend for the newly established Guidance Advisory Council. The council is a group of 11 guidance professionals from public and private high schools in Colorado, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Vermont and Virginia who will work closely with the admission staff on issues around college admission. During the weekend, members will spend time on campus meeting with the community, working in sessions and enjoying activities in the Burlington area.

## The American-Canadian Bridge: Two Lectures on Art from the Hudson River School, Tom Thomson and The Group of 7



### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

4:00 p.m and 7:30 p.m.  
McCarthy Arts Center



**"Canada: Tom Thomson and the Group of 7, A Statement of Canadian Identity" by William Tortolano**, emeritus professor of fine arts, at 4 p.m. A presentation on the way Canada's regions create a diverse artistic mosaic of the Maritimes, Plains, Rockies, Old Quebec, First Nations, and more, which is celebrated in art by the Group of 7, inspired by Tom Thomson. **"The United States of America: Nature's Nation and Spirituality in American Art" by Robert McGrath**, Dartmouth College emeritus professor of art, at 7:30 p.m. A presentation on the relationship among art, spirituality and nationhood in American landscape painting.

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### Popular National Youth Minister to offer Three-Evening Lenten Program

As this year's Lenten Mission, Edmundite Campus Ministry will present a special three-evening program February 26-28 with Rev. Dave Dwyer CSP, director of Paulist Young Adult Ministries—a North American outreach to Catholics in their 20s and 30s.

In his presentations, Rev. Dwyer will ask participants to consider ways they can effectively live the call of baptism to be “priestly, prophetic and royal people” in today’s world. The priest also will offer an open-ended opportunity to ask questions of faith.

Rev. Dwyer is the publisher of BustedHalo.com, a daily Web magazine for young adult spiritual seekers, and the host of “The Busted Halo Show with Father Dave,” a nightly call-in radio talk show airing nationally on Sirius Satellite Radio. He also speaks around the country about reconnecting young adults to the Church. He was a campus minister in Colorado and Texas, and directed for MTV and Comedy Central before his ordination in 2000. He has degrees from Catholic and Syracuse Universities.



Rev. Dave Dwyer

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### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 THROUGH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00 p.m. each day  
Chapel

**Lenten Mission Program with Father Dave Dwyer CSP**, director of Paulist Young Adult Ministries and popular national radio personality.

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Kimberly Sultze

**KIMBERLY SULTZE**, associate professor and chair of journalism and mass communication, presented “Constructing Authority in the Documentary: Film History in *Forgotten Silver* (1995)” at the

Film and History League’s national conference in Dallas on The Documentary Tradition. Her paper explores the story behind this fake documentary, which was screened on New Zealand television without labeling, and what its reception can tell us about the precarious state of truth and information and viewers’ susceptibility to manipulation.

**TIM WHITEFORD**, associate professor of education, presented two papers at the Association of Teachers of Mathematics of New England conference in Killington, Vermont in November 2006, titled, “The Power of the ONE” and “Multiple Linguistic Registers in Mathematics Education.” Tim also presented a paper titled, “Teaching English Mathematics to Speakers of Other Languages” at the Northern New England Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages conference in Manchester, New Hampshire, November 2006. ■



Tim Whiteford



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