

# Campus Currents



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NEWS FOR THE SAINT MICHAEL'S COLLEGE COMMUNITY

## Theater Festival, Workshops Spotlight Saint Michael's Talent and Mentoring

It was a busy month for the theater department. From January 30-February 4, Associate Professor **CATHY HURST** chaperoned 25 students at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Six students competed in the Irene Ryan acting competition under Cathy's coaching.

**KEVIN PARISE '09** advanced to the semifinal round. Assistant Professor **JOHN DEVLIN** also attended the festival as the festival's vice-chair for design and technology for New England. His primary responsibility at the festival was to supervise the design and technology exhibition and response sessions which featured 60 student and eight faculty displays (up from 38 last year).

Saint Michael's College was also acknowledged at the closing ceremony with two certificates for meritorious achievement: one to Cathy Hurst and company for ensemble work on *Cat's Paw*; and the second to **VINCENT BRADLEY '08** for properties for *Cat's Paw*.

The following weekend all three theater faculty members collaborated on a two-day series of three-hour workshops for 18 Girl Scouts from Vermont and Massachusetts. Associate Professor **PETER HARRIGAN** offered a workshop on costuming; Cathy focused on performance; John offered workshops on scenic design and lighting design.



Cathy Hurst



John Devlin



Peter Harrigan

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## FACULTY/STAFF NEWS

**ALAIN BRIZARD**, associate professor of physics, is completing work in collaboration with John Cary (University of Colorado at Boulder) on a review paper entitled *Hamiltonian Theory of Guiding-center Motion* to be submitted to the premier physics review journal, *Reviews of Modern Physics*. On February 8, Brizard also appeared as a guest on the radio program *Switchboard* of the Vermont Public Radio to discuss how physics figures prominently in our lives and our future.



Alain Brizard

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## Spread the Word on College Exploration Week (June 24 - 29)

This summer, Saint Michael's will host its Fifth Annual College Exploration Week, June 24 - 29, 2007.

College Exploration Week provides high school students an opportunity to live for the week in a residence hall, eat in the Alliot cafeteria, immerse themselves in college academics, explore Vermont, and more. Academic program offerings this year so far include business, journalism, and creative writing.

If you know a high-school student who might benefit from College Exploration Week, please pass this information along. Children of faculty and staff as well as siblings of current students who enroll in the program will receive a 15 percent tuition discount.

The deadline to register is May 7, and all the details can be found at [www.smcvt.edu/exploration](http://www.smcvt.edu/exploration).



## FACULTY/STAFF NEWS CONTINUED...

### Social Science Seminars Under Way

The Social Science Research Center has begun its Spring 2007 Seminar Series, which will continue through April with all sessions in the Farrell Room.

Two of the center's summer student researchers made presentations in February: **NICOLE VENDITUOLI**, a history and education major whose faculty sponsor is **SUE OUELLETTE**, associate professor of history, presented "The Vermont Eugenics Survey and the Western Abenaki Indians: How the Sterilization Movement Impacted the Tribe and their Fight for Recognition." **JAKE DUBUQUE**, whose faculty sponsor is **REZA RAMANZANI**, professor of economics, presented "Measuring the Relationship between Freedom and Prosperity."

**HERB KESSEL**, professor of economics, presented "Government Sponsored Workforce Development Programs: Do New Programs Make a Difference in the Working Lives of the Unemployed and Underemployed?"

Seminar presentations for March and April, all at noon in the Farrell Room unless otherwise noted, will be:

- March 8, Ari Kirschenbaum, professor of psychology, "An Argument for a Rational Drug-control Policy"
- March 22, Sharon Lamb, professor of psychology, "Packaging Girlhood: Rescuing Our Daughters from Marketers' Schemes"
- April 3 (at 3:00 p.m.), Patrick Walsh, assistant professor of economics, "When Schools Are Too Good"
- April 11, James Nagle, assistant professor of education, "Ordinary Teachers Becoming Teacher Leaders: Tensions in Building Teacher Learning Communities in Vermont Schools"
- April 12, Robert Letovsky, professor of business administration and accounting, "The Boeing 787 Dreamliner: Competition in the Global Aerospace Industry"
- April 19, Susan Kuntz, professor of psychology and Carey Kaplan, professor of English, "You Can't Be Old Before You're Young: Aging and Pedagogy"

Light refreshments will be served.



Herb Kessel



Sharon Lamb



Robert Letovsky



Susan Kuntz

**PATRICIA DELANEY**, assistant professor of anthropology & gender studies, will present a case study from Washington, DC, on Friday, March 2, for the "Lessons from the Field" panel as part of the Community-Based Research Institute, March 1-2 at the University of Vermont. The Institute will explore ways of connecting teaching and research to real-world applications. Also, Patti will present a paper, "Who Burned Down Our House This Time: Reflections on Displacement, Conflict, and Contestation of Cultural Identity ... again ... in Timor Leste," at the Society for

Applied Anthropology 67th Annual Meeting in Tampa on March 30. She is a Fellow in the society. This year's theme is "Global Insecurities, Global Solutions and Applied Anthropology in the 21st Century." Her presentation, part of a panel on migration, relocation and conflict, is based on research she conducted in East Timor in 2006 with a Fulbright grant. Patti also is attending the annual planning meeting of the Consortium of Practicing and Applied Anthropology Programs while in Tampa.



**MIKE DONOGHUE**, adjunct journalism professor, is a contributing writer to a newly published textbook *The Student Newspaper Survival Guide* by Rachele Kanigel. Donoghue was invited to provide a section called "Tips from a Pro" that outlines how student journalists should deal with law enforcement officials when trying to report public safety issues at public and private institutions.

**BOB KENNY**, professor, and **MELINDA MICHELETTO**, assistant professor, both of the department of business administration and accounting, attended the Problem-Based Service-Learning Institute at Middlebury College on January 11-12, 2007.

**WILLIAM TORTOLANO**, professor emeritus of fine arts/music, conducted his Festival of Gregorian Chant & Seasonal Music December 17, 2006 at the Chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel. In a short ceremony at the concert, the Vermont Musician's Association Local 351 presented certificates of appreciation to 12 distinguished Vermont organizations for commitment and excellence in the presentation of live music to the community. William is president emeritus of the local union chapter and serves on its executive board.



Marc vanderHeyden

**PRESIDENT MARC VANDERHEYDEN** was keynote speaker at the Second Annual Higher Education Practice Think Tank Meeting on International Travel, held at the corporate offices of Arthur J.

Gallagher (AJG) Risk Management Services in Itasca, Illinois, from February 11-13. The company's higher education practice group sponsored the event. Marc briefed the group on President Bush's 2006 University Presidents' Summit on International Education. Other speakers were Ambassador John M. O'Keefe, deputy director of the Foreign Service Institute, U.S. State Department, and Mary Dwyer, president and CEO of the Institute for the International Education of Students (IES). Sixteen other Think Tank participants with roles in student travel represented top colleges and universities from around the United States, joining AJG experts on student travel risks. ■

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# CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, MARCH 4

6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
McCarthy Arts Center

**Saint Michael's Playhouse Auditions for Sondheim's *Into the Woods*.** Actor's Equity has given Saint Michael's Playhouse permission to cast a small number of non-union actors in this show. The Playhouse is looking to cast local strong actors who sing and dance very well to perform with its company of professional Equity actors. Seeking women to play characters aged 19 to 50 and men to play characters in their early 20s to late 40s. *To schedule an appointment, please call ext. 2281. For more information about auditions, visit [www.saintmichaelsplayhouse.org](http://www.saintmichaelsplayhouse.org).*

## TUESDAY, MARCH 6

7:30 p.m.  
McCarthy Arts Center

**Benefit Concert for St. Patrick.** Bands include The Highland Weavers and Atlantic Crossing. Saint Michael's Celtic Knights Dancers as well as St. Andrew's Highland Dancers will perform. Other singers, dancers, and storytellers will also perform. This is a benefit for Parent to Parent of Vermont and is co-sponsored by the Burlington Irish Heritage Festival, which will be selling raffle tickets for two round trips to Ireland. *\$10/adult, \$5/Saint Michael's students.*

## THURSDAY, MARCH 8

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
McCarthy Arts Center

Saint Michael's College presents, in conjunction with the Vermont Humanities Council, **Spelling Bee for Literacy.** Spectators are welcome. This project, involving spelling teams from various educational and business organizations around the county, will raise more than \$10,000 for Vermont Humanities Council literacy programs in Chittenden County. Over 40 three-person teams will compete.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 13

7:00 p.m.  
Farrell Room

**Lecture by Vermont writer and lecturer Dan Casey** on Irish immigration to Vermont called "The Irish are Coming! The Irish are Coming!" Co-sponsored by the Burlington Irish Heritage Festival and Saint Michael's College School of International Studies.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 15

11:45 a.m. (Keynote Address)  
Cheray Hall, Room 101  
8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. (Workshops)  
Saint Edmund's and Jeanmarie Halls

**Vermont Council of Teachers of Mathematics Spring Conference, "Teaching Math to All Learners,"** keynote address by Cathy Seeley, former NCTM president, workshops all day before and after. VCTM members \$25, non-members \$40. *Call Tim Whiteford, associate professor of education, for information, ext. 2744.*

## TUESDAY, MARCH 20

TBD p.m.  
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**Day of Action and Reflection for Peace,** a series of instructional and spiritual events to recognize the loss of life in Iraq including: open classes and discussion on various war-related topics, reading of names of Iraqi and American casualties, dramatic representation of the dead, contemplative space and prayers for the dead, vigil. *Information: Ext. 2205, Laurie Gagne, director, Edmundite Peace & Justice Center.*

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

5:00 p.m.  
McCarthy Arts Center Gallery

**Exhibit of Ron Slayton's mural painting, "The Last Supper," with reception and talk by his son Tom Slayton,** editor of *Vermont Life*. The work is composed of 10 paintings individually framed and hung tightly together

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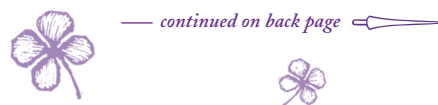
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to create a large mural five feet high and 10 feet across. *The exhibit runs March 9 to March 30, weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.*

## THURSDAY, MARCH 22

4:00 p.m.  
Farrell Room

**Actuarial Career Presentation**—The Mathematics Department will host this program to show what an actuary does and illustrate the basic mathematical concepts behind pricing an insurance policy. Two recent college graduates who began actuarial careers at St. Paul Travelers in Hartford, Connecticut, including Gordon Hines '05, will answer questions and discuss actuarial career opportunities. Refreshments will be provided. *Information: George Ashline, ext. 2434.*



## Carol Lee Flinders Speaks on "Rivers of Light, Channels of Grace"

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

4:00 P.M. ■ Farrell Room

**Carol Lee Flinders**, Berkeley, California-based teacher, scholar and author of Laurel's Kitchen cookbooks and books on spirituality and feminism, speaks on "Rivers of Light, Channels of Grace." Her newest book is *Enduring Lives: Portraits of Women and Faith in Action*. Flinders will explore how studying the lives of mystics and spiritual activists can make their insights more accessible. Flinders directs the Foundation for the Advancement of Women in Religion, and her talk is co-sponsored by Edmundite Campus Ministry, the Department of Graduate Theology and the Edmundite Center for Faith and Culture, the Women's Center, the Edmundite Center for Peace and Justice, and the Office of the Provost. Flinders also will give a talk to staff and faculty in International Commons over a light lunch from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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### FRIDAY, MARCH 23

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

### SATURDAY, MARCH 24

12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tarrant Recreation Center dance studio

**“Dahomey and Kongo: Drum and Dance Traditions of Cuba and Haiti”** in a weekend of workshops by master drummer dancers **Reynaldo Gonzalez and Johnny Scovel.**

Friday (Haiti/Dahomeyan tradition), drumming class 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.; dance class 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday (Cuba/Kongo traditions), drumming class 12 noon to 2 p.m.; dance class 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Cost: \$30 per class; two or more classes \$25 each. Saint Michael's students \$10 per class. *Information: Josselyne Price, ext. 2896.*

### MONDAY, MARCH 26

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

Hoehl Welcome Center

**Open House for prospective graduate students.** Directors of the five programs, Administration and Management, Clinical Psychology, Education, Teaching English as a Second/Foreign Language, and Theology and Pastoral Ministry, will be on hand to answer questions and give an overview of all the programs, with a short presentation focusing on the Administration and Management Master's Program. *Information: 2251, visit the Web site [www.smcvt.edu/graduate](http://www.smcvt.edu/graduate) or e-mail [graduate@smcvt.edu](mailto:graduate@smcvt.edu).*

### TUESDAY, MARCH 27

7:00 p.m.

Farrell Room

**Reading by Irish poet Maurice Riordain** reading from his new book *The Holy Land* (Faber and Faber).

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

7:00 p.m.

McCarthy Arts Center

**“Invisible Children,”** a film about the desperate plight of children in Uganda as observed by three college students.



## Senator Sanders Hosts Town Meeting on Media Reform with FCC Commissioner

Senator Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., hosted a town meeting on media consolidation with Federal Communications Committee Commissioner (FCC) Jonathan Adelstein, one of the leading media experts in the nation, at the McCarthy Arts Center on the evening of February 20.

The free and open meeting also featured Professor **TRACI GRIFFITH** of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication; Eric Michaels, Vice President of WDEV; Paula Routly, owner and publisher of *Seven Days*; and Rob Williams, President of the Action Coalition for Media Education (ACME). The town meeting was a chance for the public to learn more about the fact that fewer and fewer huge conglomerates are controlling what Americans see, hear, and read, according to the senator's office. Adelstein is one of five FCC commissioners. The FCC regulates and issues rulings on important telecommunications issues including phones, radio, broadcast television, cable, internet service, and satellite TV and radio.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28 THROUGH SATURDAY, MARCH 31

7:00 p.m.

McCarthy Arts Center

**Spring main-stage theater production *The Importance of Being Earnest*** by Oscar Wilde. In this uproarious comedy, two friends in 1890's London use the same pseudonym for their “on the sly” activities and earnest hilarity ensues.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 29

3:00 p.m.

Cheray Science Hall

**Economics Professors Tara Natarajan and Patrick Walsh lead a discussion on Current Issues in Economics: Outsourcing.** Described as a major threat to American workers, outsourcing has been blamed for job losses, slow wage growth, and widening inequality. The topic will be viewed from the perspective of outsourcing nations and destination nations.

7:00 p.m.

McCarthy Arts Centers

**The Sutherland Lecture, this year by Karen King,** Winn Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Harvard Divinity School, speaking on “Mary and Judas: Ancient Gospels from the Egyptian Desert. King specializes in the history of Christianity and women's studies.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 30

4:00 p.m.

McCarthy Arts Center

**Phi Beta Kappa induction ceremony with Patrick Walsh,** assistant professor of economics, speaking on **“Investment Advice: Why a College Education Beats Any Stock Tip You'll Ever Get.”**

### SATURDAY, MARCH 31

12:00 p.m.

McCarthy Arts Center

**Concert by the Wind and Jazz Ensembles,** directed by Paul LeClair, professor of fine arts and music.

3:00 p.m.

McCarthy Arts Centers

**Concert by the Chorale and Chamber Singers,** directed by Nathaniel G. Lew, assistant professor of fine arts-music. Program will be a selection of sacred music from the Renaissance to the present, and a set of folk songs and music inspired by folk culture. Composers include Bach, Bartok, Britten, Rachmaninov, Vaughan Williams and Victoria.



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