



Faculty/Staff News

VALERIE BANG-JENSEN, assistant professor of education, published an article entitled, "Good Teachers: A Lesson From Ramona Quimby," in the Fall 2003 Kappa Delta Pi *Record*. From the blurb on the table of contents: "Through the images of good teachers in literature, we can discern qualities that make certain teachers unique, outstanding, and memorable in the experiences of students." She also will present "What's It All About: Using Nonfiction in the Elementary Classroom" at the Fall Conference of the New England Reading Association in Nashua, NH, October 23-24. This presentation builds on Professor Bang-Jensen's interest in nonfiction and reading in the content areas.

ALAIN BRIZARD, assistant professor of physics, recently submitted a paper entitled "Relativistic averaged-bounce linear-quasi diffusion equation for arbitrary-frequency electromagnetic fluctuations" to the peer-reviewed journal *Physics of Plasmas*. This work is part of an ongoing collaboration with Rice University and Boston College on the topic of space weather forecasting and is funded by the National Science Foundation. He also presented the opening invited talk, entitled "Recent Results in Gyrokinetic Theory," at the 10th European Fusion Theory Conference held in Helsinki, Finland, from September 8-10, 2003. In his talk, Brizard presented



Alain Brizard

preliminary results on a research project recently funded by a three-year grant from the National Science Foundation with work to be carried out at Saint Michael's with collaboration from the Plasma Science and Fusion Center at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The work presented at the Helsinki conference was very well received and generated several invitations for collaborative visits at various research centers in Germany (the Max Planck Institute for Plasma Physics near Munich), France (the Centre Cadarache near Aix-en-Provence), and possibly Switzerland (the Research Center in Plasma Physics at the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne) during the 2004 summer. Related to this work, Brizard is putting the finishing touches on a manuscript, entitled "Derivation of a reduced Fokker-Planck kinetic equation" which will be submitted for publication in *Physics of Plasmas*. Lastly, he was recently invited to attend a workshop on Kinetic Theory at the Fields Institute (associated with the University of Toronto) from March 29 to April 2, 2004, and to give a talk on his work on the Variational formulations of exact and reduced Vlasov-Maxwell equations. This workshop is organized as part of the thematic program on Partial Differential Equations that runs from August 2003 to June 2004.

Professor of English **JOHN ENGELS'** new book, *Recounting the Seasons: Collected Poems, 1958-2003*, will be published by the University of Notre Dame Press next fall.

BRET FINDLEY, assistant professor of chemistry, and his three undergraduate research students, **NICHOLAS JAMES '04**, **JESSICA RABIDEAU '04**, and **JOSHUA SCHOENLY '05**, spent the summer researching problems associated with photo-induced electron transfer reactions between simple organic molecules in solution. Experiments were performed at Saint Michael's College, the University of Vermont, and Dartmouth College. This research was funded by grants from the Vermont Genetics Network and Vermont EPSCoR (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research).

DONN FREITAS, assistant professor of religious studies, just published *Save the Date: A Spirituality of Dating, Love, Dinner, and the Divine* (Crossroad/Herder & Herder).

BILL GROVER, professor of political science, had the fifth edition of his textbook published in June. Titled *Voices of Dissent: Critical Readings in American Politics*, the book is published by Pearson/Longman and is co-edited with Joseph Peschek of Hamline University.

JOHN KENNEY, dean of the college, and **JEFFREY TRUMBOWER**, professor of religious studies, participated in the 14th International Conference on Patristics, Oxford, England, August 18-23, 2003. Trumbower presented a paper on "Sacred History in the Epistle of Barnabas: Extending the Logic of Jewish Sectarianism," and Kenney presented a paper on "Transcendentalism in the Confessions."

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A paper by **KATHLEEN COONS '03** was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Aquatic Ecology*. Kathleen's paper with **DECLAN McCABE**, instructor of biology, and Ellen Marsden (UVM School of Natural Resources) documents the results of her senior research done at the Rubenstein Ecosystem Science Laboratory. The paper "The effects of strobe lights on zebra mussel settlement and movement patterns" will appear in an upcoming edition of the journal. Declan McCabe's paper with Nicholas Gotelli (UVM Biology), "Caddisfly Diapause Aggregations Facilitate Benthic Invertebrate Colonization" has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Animal Ecology*. This study looked at the effects of stream caddisflies on diversity of other stream insects.

FRANK NICOSIA, professor of history, presented a paper at the 27th annual meeting of the German Studies Association in New Orleans on September 20 with the title: "A German Diplomat and the Rescue of German Jews: The Case of Heinrich Wolff." On September 19, at the same conference, he presented the commentary on three papers on the panel: "Language and Genocide: German Official Discourse on the Holocaust." The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum has asked Nicosia to present a public lecture on Historical Themes in Holocaust History at the University of Southern Maine on October 24. On October 30-31, he has been invited to present a paper at Dartmouth College's conference "Nazi Berlin, Jewish Urbanity: Culture, Religion, Architecture, and Politics." His paper at this conference will be: "German Zionism and Jewish Life in Nazi Berlin."

SUSAN OUELLETTE, associate professor of history, gave a paper at the Washburn Humanities Conference in Maine, June 9, titled "The Domestication of Betsey Ketchum: Class Transformation and Female Evangelism in Antebellum

America." The full length article from which this talk was drawn has been accepted for publication in *New York History* for winter 2004.

ELIZABETH SCOTT, archivist, was elected to the Steering Committee of the Congressional Papers Roundtable at a recent Society of American Archivists Meeting. The roundtable provides a forum for news, for discussion of issues and developments, and for setting standards and advocating action in the preservation and management of the papers of members of Congress and the records of Congress.



Elizabeth Scott

PAUL SCHIMOLER has joined the athletic department as the new and first full-time head coach for men's lacrosse. Most notable professional achievements include playing goalie for the gold-winning United States World Team in 1990 (Perth, Australia) and 1994 (Manchester, UK). He also holds the NCAA Division I record for most saves in the NCAA tournament (1988, 88 saves in four games) and was named All-American four times for Cornell University '86-'89.

JOANNE A. SCHNEIDER, director of library & information services, moderated a panel on "Leveraging What You've Got: Case Studies" at "Leadership, Higher Education, and the Information Age: A New Era For Information Technology and Libraries," held at Wellesley College July 2-3. The meeting was co-sponsored by the North East Regional Computing Program and the Frye Leadership Institute, affiliates of EDUCAUSE and the Council on Library and Information Resources.

WILLIAM TORTOLANO, College Organist and Professor Emeritus of Fine Arts, continues with a busy "non-retirement." He gave organ concerts in the college chapel as part of the Music in a Great

Space Concerts and at the South Hero Congregational Church as part of the Islands Festival of the Arts. Also, he directed choral reading sessions for over a hundred people for the American Guild of Organists at Falmouth, MA, and for the Gregorian Institute of America in Melrose, MA. As a Scholar for the Vermont Humanities Council, he led a book discussion on "Il Postino" at the Rawson Library in Underhill and presented a "Vermont Musical Sampler" at Saint Anne's Shrine and the Stowe Community Church. He also directed the fourth annual Gregorian Chant Institute at the Saint Michael Institute of Sacred Art at the St. Edmund Retreat Center, Mystic, CT.

MARTA A. UMANZOR, professor of modern languages and literature, was chair of Central American Literature at The American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP), held August 1-4, 2003 in Chicago. As a chair at the 2004 meeting in Acapulco, Mexico she is planning to dedicate the Latin American Women Writers session to Estrella Betances de Pujadas from Dominican Republic and the Central American Literature session to the Honduran poet Roberto Sosa.

KIMBERLY SULTZE, assistant professor of journalism and mass communication, was named Head of the Visual Communication division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication at the organization's national convention in Kansas City. At the convention, she also presented a paper, "Digitally Manipulated Images and Photography Credibility: Research Questions that Haven't Been Asked."

An article by **KE-WEN WANG**, professor of history, "Wang Jingwei and the 1911 Revolution," has just been published in a volume titled *China Reconstructs*, edited by Cindy Chu and Ricardo Mak (University Press of America, 2003).

October Calendar



THROUGHOUT OCTOBER

The exhibit “**Harold Bloom: From the Master’s Hand**” will be on display through December in the right front lobby on the main floor of the **Durick Library**. The exhibition features publications edited and authored by the renowned literary critic and scholar **Harold Bloom**, who has pledged his literary collection to Saint Michael’s.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:00 p.m.

The award-winning, 48-member **Selma (Ala.) High School Chorale** is giving a free, public concert in the Chapel. Winners of the Black Caucus of New York High School Choral Competition, the Selma Chorale has performed at churches, schools and colleges in Alabama, North Carolina, Florida and Maryland.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:30 p.m.

Novelist **Percival Everett** is reading his fiction in the Farrell Room. Everett has published 15 books, including *For Her Dark Skin*, *Zulus*, *Walk Me to the Distance*, *The One That Got Away*, *Watershed*, *God’s Country*, *Erasure*, and others.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

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

Saint Michael’s presents **Native Indian Culture in Vermont** with special emphasis on Abnaki history and culture, in the **McCarthy Arts Center**, sponsored by the Vermont Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Edmundite Center for Peace and Justice.

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The **Fire and Rescue Squads** will hold their annual coin drop from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Winooski and Hinesburg.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

7:30 p.m.

Jeff Halper, professor of anthropology at Ben Gurion University in Israel, is speaking on “**What if the Road Map Fails? A Critical View from the Ground**” in the **McCarthy Arts Center**. An American living in Israel for 30 years, Halper is director of the Israeli Committee against House Demolition.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:00 p.m.

“**Train**” in concert at the **Ross Sports Center**. Tickets are available at the bookstore and at the Flynn Theater box office and are \$18 with a valid Saint Michael’s ID and \$25 for the public.

7:00 p.m.

As part of Hispanic Heritage Month, the **Cesar Chavez Peace and Justice Award Ceremony** will be held in Cheray 101. Remarks will be made by students and by Associate Professor of Modern Languages **Marta A. Umanzor**.

(University Press of America, 2003). Earlier this year his two entries, “Sun Yat-sen” and “Chiang Kai-shek,” were published in *Encyclopedia of Chinese Philosophy*, edited by Antonio S. Cua (Routledge, 2003). ■

Adding to the Collection

LIS is the ongoing recipient of donations of books, audio/visual and other library materials from faculty, staff, alumni and others interested in growing the Library collection.

The following is a selected list of recent donations of note:

WILLIAM J. BERNACHE '50, donated approximately 400 books on the Civil War, representing his lifelong interest in this topic.

Deborah Barnum, owner of Bygone Books in Burlington, donated approximately 1,670 books. In downsizing the Bygone Books inventory, Barnum selected Saint Michael’s College Library, known for its emphasis on liberal arts and the humanities, to receive this substantial gift. Subjects include: history; Americana; biography; literature and poetry; literary biography; literary history and criticism; art; and also many books on natural history and science. While the retail bookshop (located at 35 Main Street since 1978) of used and collectible books has closed, Barnum will continue to operate on the Internet: www.abebooks.com/home/bygone and in a booth at Whistle Stop Antiques.

LIS received several boxes of materials from Arthur Weitzman, a professor at Northeastern University. Weitzman, an 18th-century English literature scholar, became interested in donating as a result of reading about the Harold Bloom gift to Saint Michael’s. His donations include back issues of several scholarly journals and approximately 40 books.

DONALD HILLMAN, lecturer in psychology, donated approximately 245 books in the area of psychology, and other scholarly and popular interest titles.

EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

7:30 p.m.

Saint Michael's College hosts one of the fall benefit concerts, "Events for Tom Series," Autumn 2003, Brian Wicklund with Ben Winship, in the **McCarthy Arts Center**. Tickets available at the Flynn Theater box office, \$14 in advance, \$16 day of show.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:00 p.m.

William Tortolano, emeritus professor of fine arts, is speaking on "Il Postino: Pablo Neruda, a Poet for all People and Cultures" in Chera 101, as part of Hispanic Heritage Month.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

12:00 p.m.

The **Hoehl Welcome Center** will be dedicated, with **President Marc vanderHeyden** officiating. The Hoehl family and Board of Trustees will be present.

7:30 p.m.

The Harlem Wizards vs. the Saint Michael's College All Stars (alumni faculty, staff, students) in the **Ross Sports Center**. Tickets are \$10 for adults (12 and older), \$8 for children (6 to 11), and children 5 and under, free. The Harlem Wizards' show is a combination of serious skills, "trick-hoopz," acrobatic slams, and energetic personalities that engage the entire audience. To reserve tickets, call 888.448.7111 (option #3) or e-mail events@smcvt.edu

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

10:00 am.-3:00 p.m.

The cheerleading team is staging a **fund-raising car wash** in the **Tarrant Recreation Center** parking lot. \$5 per vehicle.



MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

6:00 p.m.

Vermont filmmaker Jay Craven will introduce his film "The Year that Trembled" in Chera 101. A showing of the film will follow. The film is a 1970 coming-of-age drama, war chronicle, and unconventional love story set on the American homefront during the Vietnam War, written and directed by Jay Craven and based on the novel by Scott Lax.

7:00 p.m.

Best-selling author William Dalrymple is speaking on "From the Holy Mountain: A Journey among the Christians of the Middle East" in **McCarthy Arts Center**. Dalrymple is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and of the Royal Asiatic Society, and in 2002 was awarded the Mungo Park Medal by the Royal Scottish Geographical Society for his 'outstanding contribution to travel literature'.

7:30 p.m.

Spanish Mass will be celebrated in the **Chapel**.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:00 p.m.

The annual Norbert A. Kuntz Lecture features speaker Jan Albers, author of *Hands on the Land: A Landscape History of Vermont*, speaking on "Myths of Vermont: The History of a Landscape Ideal" in the **McCarthy Arts Center**. The lecture is based on her award-winning book.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:30 p.m.

In conjunction with the Governor of Vermont, the United Nations Association of the U.S.A., and the Vermont Council on World Affairs, Saint Michael's College presents Ambassador Ronald Spiers, retired Under Secretary General of the United Nations for Political Affairs speaking on "The United States and the United Nations: What is the Problem?" in the **McCarthy Arts Center**.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs presents a **Harvest Carnival** for children and their parents in the **Tarrant Recreation Center**. Come in Halloween costumes for games, prizes, pumpkins, music, costumes, with students hosting area youngsters.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:00 p.m.

"The Life of Victor Jara in the 30th anniversary year of his death" is presented in **McCarthy Arts Center** with **Maria Rinaldi** vocals, and **Joe Cribari**, guitar, as part of Hispanic Heritage Month. Musician of working people, Victor Jara was executed by the Pinochet regime in Chile.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The American Red Cross is holding a **blood drive** in the **Ross Sports Center**. Pizza, cookies and chocolate will be provided. To schedule an appointment, call MOVE at ext.2674.

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