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Happy New Year!

**And Welcome Back for the
Spring 2003 semester!**

POLICY ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:

Over the Christmas holiday a large number of cheating/plagiarism cases were reported by A&S faculty. Cheating/plagiarism has become a serious academic challenge throughout the nation. Please be sure to call the attention of your students the University's policy on Academic Integrity. Copies are available on-line in the 2002-2003 SHU Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs as well as in the Spring 2003 Schedule of Classes.

*Spending some class time
discussing the policy will be time
well spent.*



CONGRATULATIONS!

Our Communications/Technology Studies major, licensed by the Department of Higher Education in September, 2000, received a positive recommendation for state accreditation from the state's Advisory Committee on Accreditation. The proposal for accreditation now goes to the Board of Governors for final action. Many thanks to **Jim Castonguay** Program Director of CTS, for his fine presentation before the Advisory Committee.

CHECK IT OUT!

The College of Arts and Sciences is pleased to announce the launch of its website at <http://artandsciences.sacredheart.edu/>

Special thanks to Wang Cheng, Peggi Tehan, and Kiri Gallette of IT as well as **Jim Castonguay** of Media Studies and the A&S Chairs and faculty.



A&SRC GRANTS:

The Committee for the College of Arts and Sciences Research/Creativity Course Release Pilot Program has awarded a one-course release for Spring 2003 to the following faculty members:

Amy Van Buren Assistant Professor of Psychology for her project "The Relationship between Attachment and Social Competence."

Maureen Conard Assistant Professor of Psychology for her project "Personality and Student Outcome Examination of Factors that Predict GPA, Attendance, and Course Performance."

The Program, designed to encourage discipline-specific scholarship leading to publication, will continue on a competitive basis for AY 2003-2004.

Application forms for Fall & Spring 2003-2004 were sent to full-time faculty before Christmas break. Applications are encouraged!



SUCCESSFUL LECTURE SERIES:

The four-part lecture series **Democracy and the War on Terror**, was completed Wednesday, December 4 with the presentation "Will War Protect the Future of U.S.-Arab Relations." Guest panelists included John Allen Williams, Professor of Political Science, University of Chicago. Captain (Ret.), U.S. Naval Reserve Executive Director, Inter-University Seminars, Frank Griffel, Assistant Professor of Islamic Studies, Yale University; specialist in medieval Islam and its modern influences. Moderated by **Steven Michels**, Assistant Professor of Political Science.



The series was planned by Dr. **Gary Rose**, History/Political Science, **Brian Stiltner**, Philosophy/Religious Studies, **Pearl Jacobs**, Sociology/Social Work /Criminal Justice.

The Media Studies faculty presented **An Illustrated Talk on Alfred Hitchcock and Suspense** in the Media Studies Studio with Richard Allen of Northeastern University as speaker.

Faculty Development

Shannon Brightman, Associate Professor of Biology, presented a research poster titled "A Novel Protein Tyrosine Phosphatase-Like Polypeptide is Encoded by a Stress-Induced Gene of *Yosteliia discoidea*" at the American Society for Cell Biology National Meeting, in San Francisco.

Jeffrey Cain Assistant Professor of English and Director of Writing Across the Curriculum, has published a review of *Michael Rasmussen's Research Assistants Hyperfolio* (Learn Technologies Interactive, Bedford/St. Martin's: 2002) in *Kairos: A Journal of Rhetoric, Technology, and Pedagogy* 7.3 (Fall 2002). *Research Assistants Hyperfolio* is a software package designed to help instructors to teach research writing in a webbed and networked computer classroom environment. The review is available on the web at <http://english.ttu.edu/kairos/7.3/binder.html?reviews/cain/index.htm>

James Castonguay Assistant Professor of Media Studies, gave an invited lecture entitled "Media Studies and Film History in the Digital Age" as part of the opening ceremonies for the Feina Center for the Arts at Clark University. Castonguay also became the Chair of the Society for Cinema and Media Studies' Committee on Media Literacy and Outreach after recently finishing a 3-year term on the SCMS Executive Council as its Information Technology Officer.

Frances Grodzinsky, Professor of Computer Science, who was named to the editorial board of *Journal of Information, Communication and Ethics in Society* (ICES), published an article, titled "Cyberstalking, Personal Privacy and Moral Responsibility" in *The Journal of Ethics and Information Technology* no.2, 2002.

Richard Grigg Professor of Religious Studies and Philosophy, was invited to participate on the panel for the North American Patullich Society as well as present a critique of Professor Daniel Noel's paper entitled "Modern Belief as a Barrier to Post-modern Faith" in *William D. Smith, Jung, and the Loss of the Symbolic Life* in Toronto, Ontario.

Cathryn Lavery, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, was the Chairperson for the panel, "Innovations in Criminal Justice Research: A Collaborative Panel from the Doctoral Students and the Graduate Center/City University

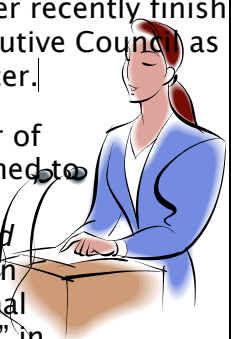
of New York," at the American Society for Criminology Chicago this November. **Proffery** also presented his paper, "Community College Athletes & Non-Athlete Examination of Social Status Characteristics, Rape Supportive Attitudes and Beliefs," at this conference. **Claire Marrone**, Associate Professor of Modern Foreign Languages, attended the Modern Language Association Conference held in New York in December.

Jason Molierno, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, participated in Section NEXT and on the Committee for the Northeast Section of The Mathematical Association of America Fall Northeast Sectional Meeting Framingham, Massachusetts.

Patricia Smith, Assistant Professor of Music, has published "Getting Wired Wireless" (NMEA News (Connecticut Music Educator Association) Volume LIV, Number 1, Fall 2002.

Louise Spence Associate Professor of Media Studies attended the Modern Language Association Annual Convention in New York City.

Regina Zona, Affiliate faculty member in Music, recently won the Metropolitan Opera Competition Haven. She will participate in the semi-finals in February. Semi-finalist winners go to the Met for the finals. She also be singing at Carnegie Hall in late January.



STUDENT NEWS

SHU History Graduate Wins First Place in National Competition:

Nadine Leon, a May 2002 graduate of Sacred Heart University, has won first place in the Phi Alpha Theta History Prize national competition for her paper "The Haitian Revolution on the French Revolution." Nadine received first prize at the regional Phi Alpha conference in April and was then invited to submit her paper for the national competition. Nadine wrote her senior thesis while a history major at Sacred Heart. She has been accepted to the graduate program in History at the University of Connecticut where she will be studying toward a Ph.D. in Latin American History in January 2003.

State Capitol Interns:

Dr. Gary Rose reports that nine of our students were accepted into the state legislative internship program in Hartford for the forthcoming spring semester. Nine students were accepted!

