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A Time to Give Thanks

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--John F. Kennedy

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!**



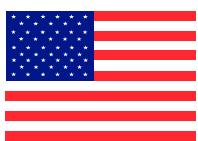
A&S FACULTY

SCHOLARSHIP SEMINAR (FS³)

The next seminar will be held **December 2** in the Faculty Lounge from 3:30-5:00. **Dr. Rick Magee**, Assistant Professor of English, will present his paper "The Aridity of Grace: Sentimental Ecology and Social Justice in Barbara Kingsolver's *Animal Dreams*."

Members of the FS³ Committee are: Drs. Kevin Blount, Mathematics, June-Ann Greeley, Religious Studies, Richard Magee, English, Steven Michels, Political Science, Dean Claire Paolini, and Marlina Slamet, Physics.

A&S LECTURE SERIES



The five-part A&S Lecture Series "*Democracy and the American Presidency*" concluded this semester's events on November 17 with

Shawnta Watson-Walcott, Director of Communications for Zogby International (The Zogby Poll) speaking on "Polls & the 2004 Presidential Election."

Members of the A&S Lecture Series Committee are: Drs. Jason Moliterno, Mathematics, James Castonguay, Sid Gottlieb, & Andrew Miller, Media Studies, Steve Michels & Gary Rose, Political Science, June-Anne Greeley, Religious Studies, and Gerald Reid, Sociology.

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WORKSHOP SESSIONS (IDEAL)

SAVE THE DATE!

The IDEAL Workshops for the spring semester are planned for **February 7, March 1, & April 4.**

The members of the IDEAL Committee are: Drs. Annette Bailey, Social Work, Kirk Bartholomew, Biology, Debbie Danowski, English and Media Studies & Digital Culture, June-Anne Greeley, Religious Studies, Mark Jareb, Biology, Andrew Miller, Media Studies & Digital Culture, Pilar Munday, Modern Foreign Languages, and Dean Claire Paolini.

CENTER FOR CATHOLIC THOUGHT, ETHICS, AND CULTURE LECTURES (CCTEC)

"The Transformation of American Religion" was delivered by Alan Wolfe, Director of The Boise Center for Religion and American Public Life at Boston College on November 8 as part of CCTEC's year-long series *The Catholic University and the "Signs of the Times": Symposia discussing the Church and the Contemporary World.*

Future topics will include; "The Sacred, the Sexual, and Science"; and "Women and the Church." For more details, visit the Web at <http://cctec.sacredheart.edu>.

Other College News:

FACULTY ART SHOW

The SHU Faculty Art Show is currently on exhibit at the Gallery of Contemporary Art **until December 5.** Participating faculty are **Profs. Stefan Buda, Jack DeGraffenried, Ted Gutswa, Jonathan Walker, Steve DiGiovanni, Christine Goldbach, Tammy Lockett, and Anahit Ter Stepanian.**

NORTHEAST POPULAR CULTURE ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCED

Dr. Jeffrey Cain of English has been elected to serve as Program Chair for the 28th Annual Conference of The Northeast Popular Culture Association (NEPCA), which will be held at Sacred Heart University on October 28-29, 2005. **Dr. Marian Calabrese** of English will serve as Local Arrangements Chair, and **Dr. Rick Magee** of English will be Assistant Program Chair. NEPCA promotes scholarship on a wide variety of popular culture topics, from producing Shakespeare to the social history of sports. Faculty interested in the possibility of giving a paper at the conference should send an e-mail to Dr. Cain. The NEPCA web page is at: <http://users.wpi.edu/~jphanlan/NEPCA.html> .

Faculty Development



Dr. Kevin Blount, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, attended the Sectional Meeting of the American Mathematical Society in October.

Dr. Maureen Conard's, Associate Professor of Psychology, paper entitled "Conscientiousness is key: Incentives for attendance make little difference," appeared in the Autumn, 2004 edition of *Teaching of Psychology*, a peer reviewed journal of the Society for the Teaching of Psychology. Another paper entitled "Aptitude is not enough: How personality and behavior predict academic performance" was accepted for publication by the peer-reviewed *Journal of Research in Personality*.

Dr. Thomas Curran, Associate Professor of History, presented at the New England Conference of the Association for Asian Studies this month. His paper is entitled "Searching for a Way Out: The Capital Complaint System (*shangfang zhidu*) up to the Late Qing."

Dr. Elaine Davis, Associate Professor of Social Work, was a convener of a conference session at the Baccalaureate Program Directors' Conference earlier this month.

Dr. Angela DiPace, Associate Professor of English, presented a paper entitled "'Report from the Angel of Eden': Lucille Clifton's Poetry

(1987-2000)" at the Furious Flower: Regenerating the Black Poetic Tradition conference at the beginning of the semester.



Dr. Richard Grigg, Professor of Religious Studies, presented a paper, "Productive and Reductive: Andrew Newberg's Neurotheology and the Theory of Religion," at the Society for Scientific Study of Religion last month.

Prof. Ted Gutswa, Associate Professor of Art, presented an art talk entitled "The Search for the Horizon," at the Gallery of Contemporary Art as part of the Faculty Art Show event.

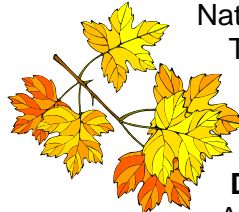
Prof. Rebecca Hussey, Affiliate faculty in English, attended the International Society for Travel Writing in October.

Prof. Rose Marie Kinik, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, was a participant at the Learning Assistance Association of New England earlier this month.

Dr. Thornton Lockwood, Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, served as a chair and discussant on two panels at the Northeastern Political Science Association this month.

Dr. Michelle Loris's, Professor of English, paper entitled "'Reading the Signs of the Times': The Humanities, The Catholic Intellectual Tradition, and The Catholic Church" has been fully refereed and accepted for publication by the *International Journal of the Humanities*.

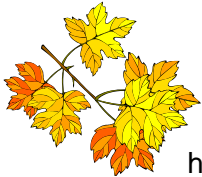
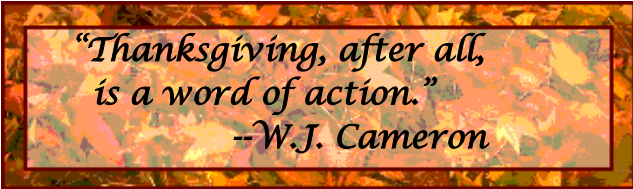
Dr. Jennifer Mattei, Associate Professor of Biology, presented the results of her poster, "Limulus and Us: Bringing Community Awareness to Our Ecological Ties with Horseshoe Crabs," at joint conference of the National Association of Biology Teachers and American Institute of Biological Science this month.



Dr. John Michniewicz, Visiting Assistant Professor of Music, performed a solo organ recital at Princeton University as part of their artist recital series this month. Among the works performed was affiliate music faculty, **Joe Utterback's** composition, "Tango, Baile de Amor y Muerte."

Dr. Gerald Reid, Associate Professor of Sociology, presented a paper entitled "Illegal Alien? The Case of Paul K. Diabo," at the American Society of Ethnohistory at the end of October.

Dr. Grant Walker, Associate Professor of Sociology, attended a writing course at Wesleyan University this semester.



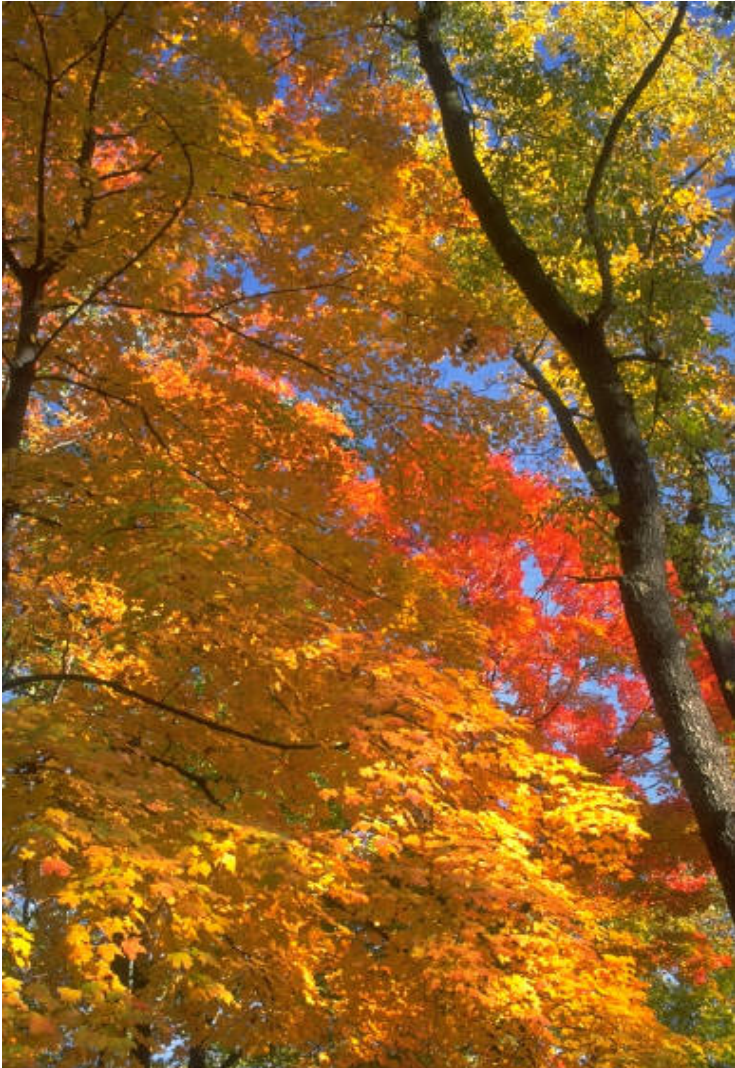
College Activities:
HERSHER INSTITUTE

"Society as organism in biology and human affairs" by David Sloan Wilson will be the second in the Hersher Institute Lecture Series, "Scientific Perspectives on Ethics" **December 6** in University Commons at 4:00.

Also, the Hersher Institute is sponsoring a series of round table discussions for faculty and students. The first, on Plagiarism, was held in October and the second, on Values, was recently held this month.

MUSIC PROGRAM

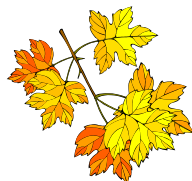
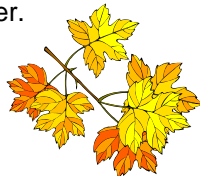
The Winter Concert, featuring the Concert Choir, 4-Heart Harmony, and students from the voice department, will be held on **Sunday, December 5**, at 3:00 in the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts. The program will consist of choral, sacred, popular and seasonal selections. The concert is free and open to the public.



Plagiarism



IT IS IMPORTANT TO REVIEW the SHU policy on Academic Integrity. The policy appears on-line in the Undergraduate Catalog on page 66, the Graduate Catalog on page 26, and in the Student Handbook. Please refer to this policy in your syllabi and in your in-class discussion on this matter.



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