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# Sacred Heart University

## College of Arts and Sciences

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# Welcome Back!

For the **SPRING 2004** semester and  
*Happy New Year to All!*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Applications for course releases for fall & spring 2004-2005 were recently distributed via e-mail to all A&S full-time faculty. The course releases are made possible through the A&S Research/Creativity, Award program. Dean Paolini urges eligible faculty to apply.

### COLLEGE ACTIVITIES



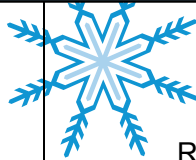
#### THE IDEAL COMMITTEE

was formed in the College of Arts & Sciences in the Fall semester. An acronym for Involvement of Departments Engaged and Active Learning, the IDEAL committee is charged with the task of introducing and reinforcing engaged learning methods on campus. As part of this mission, the committee will be holding several workshops throughout the Spring semester.

The first of these, “**Introducing Project-Based Learning Into Your Classroom**,” will be presented by Dr. Pilar Munday, Assistant Professor of Modern Foreign Languages on Wednesday, January 28 from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. in Room A. Designed to make you aware of both the instructional and evaluation methods in project-based learning assignments, this workshop will provide valuable hands-on activities that can be utilized in all disciplines. **Please be sure to RSVP to Dean Paolini’s office by January 26 and bring your laptop!**

## Mark Your Calendars!

Following this workshop, two others will be presented. The schedule is as follows:



“Technology as a Means of Engaging Students” will take place on Monday, February 23 from 3:30 to 4:45 in the Faculty Lounge and “Using Academic Research and Internships to Involve Students” will be presented on Thursday, March 18 from 2:00 to 3:15 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge. Once again, mark your calendars as all of the workshops promise to be “active and engaged” for faculty members.

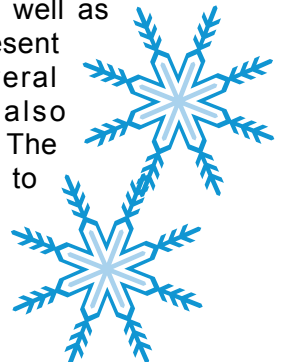
The IDEAL Committee is comprised of the following faculty: Drs. Annette Bailey, Debbie Danowski, June-Ann Greeley, Mark Jareb, Andrew Miller, Claire Paolini, Patricia Smith and Sandra Young.

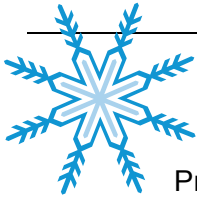
### COMMUNICATIONS ACROSS THE CURRICULUM (CXC)

The program has sponsored a series of workshops for faculty members during the fall semester including a “Turnitin.com” workshop on plagiarism. CXC will again sponsor a writing contest. Prizes will be given at the A&S Poster Session. Contact Dr. Jeff Cain for more information.

### UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH/INTERNSHIPS COMMITTEE (URI)

The URI Committee has awarded 9 students research grants to cover costs of materials for research projects to be carried out under the supervision of a faculty mentor. Students receiving funding will present their research results at the annual **A&S POSTER SESSION to be held on APRIL 30, 2004**. Additional awards will be granted to students for spring research activities as well as travel to conferences to present research results. Several summer grants are also anticipated to be awarded. The URI committee urges faculty to bring this opportunity to the attention of appropriate students.





**AWARD GRANTED**

**Dr. Brian Stiltner**, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, was nominated by the University and accepted as a Danforth Associate. As a member of Danforth Associates of New England (DANE), Dr. Stiltner attended a recent conference of the Associates organized to reflect upon issues of common concern to post-secondary teachers. Dr. Stiltner along with the other Danforth Associate nominees discussed DANE, its purpose, and potential further University memberships with the University community on November 18 to all who were interested.

**THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY** Student Affiliates chapter at Sacred Heart University has been selected to receive a Commendable award for its chapter activities conducted during the 2002-2003 academic year.

**ART & DESIGN STUDENTS NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED**

The artwork of five SHU Art & Design students won national recognition from The Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles. Selected from nearly 800 entries, the artwork will be displayed on SILA's website early 2004. The five students whose illustrations are also scheduled to be on display in a Burbank, California exhibition in January at the Creative Arts Gallery, are: Jason Marcoux, who had two illustrations accepted, Jim Davis, Jared Montano, Ralph Ruta, and Paul Wronski.



Also, Congratulations to the Art & Design Department for a job well done on short notice in assisting the First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield in preparing their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary brochure!

**A&S FACULTY AND STAFF HONORED**

The Office of Residential Life recently sponsored a faculty/staff appreciation luncheon in which the student Resident Assistants invited approximately 40 faculty/staff member that have truly lived out the Mission of Sacred Heart University. Of that 40 honored, the following



are from the College of Arts & Sciences: **Prof. Jack de Graffenried** of Art & Design, **Prof. Ann Dougherty** of Biology, **Profs. Allana Adams** and **Keri Matthews** of Computer Science & Information Technology, **Dr. Marian Calabrese**, **Prof. Jane Carlin**, and **Dr. Angela DiPace** of English, **Prof. Rose Marie Kinik** and **Dr. Jason Moliterno** of Mathematics, **Dr. Michael Ventimiglia** of Philosophy, **Dr. Gary Rose** of Political Science, **Drs. Carol Batt**, **Mindy Miserendino**, and **Shirley Pavone** of Psychology, **Dr. June-Anne Greeley** of Religious Studies, **Dr. Annette Bailey** of Social Work, **Mrs. Cathy Gaccione** of Sociology, Social Work & Criminal Justice.



**Faculty Development**



**Dr. Annette Bailey**, Assistant Professor of Social Work, presented a paper at the Conference of Advancing School-Based Mental Health entitled "Challenges Unique to School-Based Mental Health Practice: Learning From Difficult Experiences and Therapeutic 'Mistakes'."

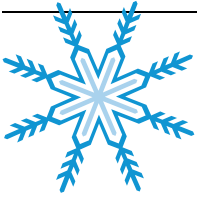
**Dr. Rachel Bowman**, Assistant Professor of Psychology, was a presenter of an academic poster entitled "Sexually dimorphic effect of prenatal stress on cognition and central neurotransmitters" for the Society of Neuroscience in New Orleans this November.

**Dr. Jeffery Cain**, Assistant Professor of English, presented in early November, "Fading Logos: Online Games" at The Northeast Popular Culture/American Culture Association in Massachusetts.

Congratulations to Newlywed, **Prof. Joseph Carter**, Affiliate faculty in Music, on his marriage on November 22. |



**Dr. James Castonguay**, Associate Professor of Media Studies & Digital Culture, published the chapter "The Political Economy of the Indie Blockbuster: Intermediality, Fandom, and 'The Blair Witch Project,'" in the anthology Nothing That Is: Millennial Cinema and the "Blair Witch"



Controversies (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 2004) edited by Sarah L. Higley and Jeffrey A. Weinstock.

**Dr. Hema Golpakrishen**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, spoke at the Northeastern Section Meeting of the Mathematical Association of America on the topic of group quizzes using the think-share-write method. Also, Dr. Golpakrishen's paper entitled "Primitive Ideals in Semigroup Graded Rings" was accepted for publication in the *Kyungpook Mathematical Journal*. This is a refereed Korean Journal.

**Dr. Richard Grigg**, Professor of Religious Studies, delivered the paper, "Remaking Tillich as a Pragmatist: from Foundationalist Ontology to Pragmatic Construction" at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Atlanta in late November.

**Prof. Theodore Gutsa**, Associate Professor of Art & Design, exhibited some of his pieces in the City-Wide Open Studios 2003 event in October at Yale.

**Prof. Sandra Honda**, Associate Professor of Computer Science and Information Technology, was a workshop presenter at the Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities this month. Prof. Honda presented "Using Authoring Software to Create Humanities Courseware."

**Dr. John Jalbert**, Professor of Philosophy, attended a conference of the Society of Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy in early November in Massachusetts. He also presented a paper entitled, "Husserl and Nietzsche: History, Philosophy, and the Possibility of Hope" at the Sessions of the *Círculo Latinoamericano de Fenomenología* in Peru this month.

**Dr. Efim Kinber**, Associate Professor of Computer Science & Information Technology, co-published an article entitled, "Intrinsic complexity of learning geometrical concepts



from positive data" in vol. 67 (2003) the *Journal of Computer and System Sciences*.

**Dr. Peter Loth**, Associate Professor of Mathematics, presented his research entitled, "Topologically pure projectives" in the American Mathematical Society Session on Group Theory at the Joint Mathematics Meeting this month. **Dr. Jason Moliterno**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics also attended. Also, **Dr. Loth's** research paper, "On pure subgroups of locally compact abelian groups" was published in the refereed journal *Archiv der Mathematik* 81 (2003), 255-257.

**Dr. Christel Manning**, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, presented a paper in late October, entitled "Interpreting the Bible Today: Presbyterian Pastors and Their Congregations" at the Annual Meeting, Society for Scientific Study of Religion in Virginia.


**Dr. Claire Marrone**, Associate Professor of Modern Foreign Languages, attended the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language in Philadelphia in late November.

**Dr. John Michniewicz**, Affiliate faculty of Music, performed his published anthem "Halle, Hallelujah" with the Diocesan Children's Choir before 8,000 in attendance at the Harbor Yard Arena Mass celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Bridgeport. He appeared on News Channel 12 performing Bach's Toccata in D minor to promote the Greater Bridgeport Chapter of the American Guild of Organist's Halloween "Pipescreams" concert on October 25th. 4 Heart Harmony, a chamber choir from SHU directed by Dr. Michniewicz, performed 3 selections on the Halloween program. 4 Heart Harmony also appeared in a live broadcast over radio station WPKN on October 12th. **Dr. Michniewicz** also conducted the United Chorale in the Requiem by Maurice Duruflé at the United Congregational Church on November 2nd. He has been selected as music consultant and to serve as organist for the official re-dedication mass of

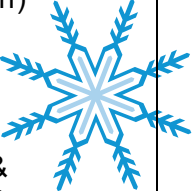


Bridgeport's St. Augustine's Cathedral on December 2nd.

**Dr. Jason Moliterno**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, attended the Mathematical Association of America Meeting of the Northeast Section in late November at Wellesley College.



**Dr. Pilar Munday**, Assistant Professor of Modern Foreign Languages, presented the topic "Peer Evaluation in Distance Learning" at the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) as well as participated in the ACTFL/NCATE (National Council for Accreditation of teacher Education) Program Reviewers Workshop at the end of November in Philadelphia.



**Prof. Domenick Pinto**, Associate Professor of Computer Science & Information Technology, attended the EduCause 2003 conference in Anaheim in early November. Prof. Pinto also presented "Computer Science and Information Technology in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Where have we been, where are we now and where will we be?" at the Science Festival 2003 in Luxembourg also in November.

**Prof. Ginny Rogers McCormick**, Affiliate faculty of Art & Design, participated at the annual exhibition of the American Society of Contemporary Artists in New York City.

**Prof. Allan Reed**, Affiliate piano instructor, recently played at the Clinton Rehab. Center in Jackson, Mississippi and the church service at the Campbell's Creek Baptist Church, D'Lo Mississippi.

**Dr. Gary Rose**, Professor of Political Science, was interviewed on the topic of the Bridgeport mayoral race by *The New York Times*, *The Connecticut Post*, and WNPR News Radio. *The Connecticut Post* also asked Dr. Rose to comment on Governor Rowland's polling numbers in a separate interview.

**Dr. Marlina Slamet**, Assistant Professor of Physics, submitted in collaboration with three other colleagues, the article "A comparison of high-profile and low-profile dynamic mobilization

splint designs." It has been accepted for summer 2004 publication in the *Journal of Hand Therapy*.


**Dr. Brian Stiltner**, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, was an anonymous reviewer of papers presented at the Society of Christian Ethics Meeting and participated in the scholarly service of the *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* while at the meeting in Chicago.

**Dr. Michael Ventimiglia**, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, presented a paper entitled, "Peirce on Philosophical Agency," at the meeting of the American Philosophical Association over the winter break.

**Dr. Grant Walker**, Associate Professor of Sociology, attended the Connecticut Green Building Council's event, 'Green Homes' in West Hartford, Connecticut in early November.

### *Other College Activities:*

#### MEDIA STUDIES & DIGITAL CULTURE




The Media Studies & Digital Culture Department and Media Communications Association International CT Chapter presented 'Exploring Documentary Film and Filmmaking Inside Out' in November at the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts.

#### MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

The free screening of *Le dernier métro* (The Last Metro) a film about art and life by Truffaut starring Catherine Deneuve, was offered to the Public courtesy of the Department of Modern Foreign Languages.

#### MUSIC



Fosse: Celebration of a Man was performed by Sacred Heart University's *Center Stage*, November 21-22 in the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts.

Spectrum Concert: The University Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, and Voice Faculty performed in the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts on December 7th. The concert traced the History of music in the Western World through the artistic time periods from the Middle Ages to the present.

