

# ARTS & SCIENCES

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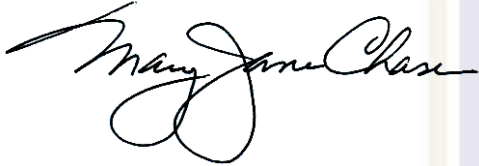
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Dear Colleagues,

*We have an unusually large newsletter this fall, in part because we're welcoming so many new faces to the School of Arts and Sciences! I hope you will take a minute to find out what your colleagues are doing and take some time this semester to help our new faculty and staff become part of the Westminster community.*

Thanks,



#### PROGRAMS

##### ART

**Kay Kuzminski** exhibited artwork in the National Museum of Women in Arts Christmas Display, the Patrick Moore Gallery in Salt Lake City, and the Westminster Faculty Art Exhibit. She also donated works to the Westminster Women's Board Annual Tea auction and the Westminster Annual Summer Fundraiser.

As of June 2, **Hikmet Loe** is in a newly created position with the Utah Humanities Council (UHC). There are many wonderful parts of her new job, including working only 30 hours per week, which leaves her more time to teach and write! Her library background will come in handy as she develops a statewide literature network through communities and libraries. A prominent feature of her position is directing the annual book festival, scheduled this fall to

take place on October 25<sup>th</sup>. She will also be the Art Historian accompanying a group as part of the "Friends of Great Salt Lake Member Field Trip" to Robert Smithson's Earthwork, Spiral Jetty, on October 4.

**Julie Dunker**, a new art adjunct, earned her B.S. in Applied Art and Design from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, in 1996. She followed that with a B.A. in Linguistics from the University of New Mexico in 2003. **Julie** went on again in 2004 to work on her Post-Baccalaureate in Art Education at the University of New Mexico and finished up with a M.F.A. in Painting from Claremont Graduate University in 2008. Most of her extra time is spent in her studio. When she's not making paintings, she enjoys hiking, reading, gardening, or learning about the computer. She also is building a collection of vases, paintings and Native American art.

##### BIOLOGY

**Larry Anderson** gave two talks this summer: "What I Have Learned Over the Years" at the Premedical Advisors Meeting, University of Utah Medical School, August, 2008; and "Studies of the Adherence of *E. faecalis* to Eukaryotic Cells" Seminar at Utah Valley University, September, 2008.

**Bonnie Baxter's** co-authored article, "Discovery of Abundant Cellulose Microfibers Encased in 250 Ma Permian Halite: A Macromolecular Target in the Search for Life on Other Planets," will be in the November 2008 issue of *Astrobiology*. She also co-authored an article entitled "Great Salt Lake Halophilic Microorganisms as Models

for Astrobiology: Evidence for Desiccation Tolerance and Ultraviolet Radiation Resistance.” In May 2008, **Bonnie** attended the International Society for Salt Lake Research where she gave a talk entitled “Salty Secrets of Ancient Brine: Cellulose Encased in 250 Ma Permian Halite.” In June, she went to Boston, Massachusetts, for the American Society for Microbiology. **Bonnie** and her students working at the Great Salt Lake will be featured in a Discovery Channel show called “Into the Unknown with Josh Bernstein.” The episode probes the idea of life on Mars through a lens of “extreme ecosystems on Earth.” The show will air in October. Also, **Bonnie’s** work from a New Mexico salt mine, which demonstrated the existence of ancient biomolecules in salt (published this past April), will be the subject of a NOVA special later this year.

**Christine Clay** was awarded her Ph.D. in December 2007. She also presented at the Evolution and Ecology of Infectious Disease Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the same month. **Christy** also co-authored two articles and is the first author of two manuscripts currently in review.

**Judy Rogers** taught at St. George’s University, Medical School April and May of 2008. She is working on developing a curriculum for a course in Art and Anatomy here at Westminster.

**Sarah Hutchinson**, a new biology adjunct, is currently a post-doctoral fellow at the Huntsman Cancer Institute where she uses zebra fish to study how abnormal immune system development can lead to diseases such as leukemia. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Oregon studying nervous system development. **Sarah** enjoys running and yoga in her spare time, and she just competed in her second half-marathon a few weeks ago.

Welcome new adjunct **Jeanny Wang Miles**, a native Utahn, educated at UC Berkeley and UC Davis in Environmental Sciences, Natural Resources and Civil/Environmental Engineering. **Jeanny** speaks several languages and has lived and studied in Germany, Austria, Taiwan, China and the Dominican Republic. Her primary interests are in all environmental topics, sustainable living, transboundary rivers, and wetland/aquatic ecosystems at home and internationally. She is also the mother of identical twin girls.

**Kelly Knutsen** works for Utah Clean Energy (UCE) by day and adjuncts for us by night. UCE is a nonprofit based in Salt Lake City that works on renewable energy and energy efficiency policies and programs for the state of Utah. Prior to moving to Salt Lake, **Kelly** was a post-doc at the National Renewable Energy Lab in Golden, Colorado, where he worked with lasers and solar cell materials. He received his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley, and his B.A. in Chemistry from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. He has played the drums since 5<sup>th</sup> grade and is currently the drummer for a local band called Joey Cougar and the Starfish. He is a Starfish.

## ***CHEMISTRY***

**Paul Hooker** presented at the local Rocky Mountain ACS conference in June. He was also an invited panelist for a University of Utah panel on toxicology and pharmacology in November.

**Robyn Hyde** presented at the Rocky Mountain Regional American Chemical Society this last June.

**Tricia Shepherd** gave a talk titled “Using computational studies to promote interdisciplinary learning” at the ACS regional conference in Park City, Utah, June 23-25. At the Bicentennial Conference in Chemical

Education in Bloomington, Indiana, July 27-31, she gave two talks titled “Emphasizing the P in POGIL!” and “Illustrating the statistical bridge between the microscopic and macroscopic worlds with MD simulations.” She also attended the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual MERCURY conference in undergraduate computational chemistry in Clinton, New York, August 3-5 with Jennifer-Lynn Demers and Danyal Floisand. She is a Co-PI for a \$229,000 grant awarded in August by the National Science Foundation’s Major Research Instrumentation (NSF-MRI) program titled “Acquisition of a High Performance Computer for the Molecular Education and Research Consortium in Undergraduate Computational Chemistry (MERCURY).”

**Shoeleh Assemi**, a new chemistry adjunct, is currently working with the Department of Metallurgical Engineering, University of Utah. She is interested in surface force measurements and detection and characterization of nanoparticles and their aggregates in environmental samples (e.g. water, blood, cells). She received her Ph.D. from Monash University in Australia, studying characterization of environmental macromolecules (humic substances) using field-flow fractionation and atomic force microscopy. **Shoeleh** enjoys reading and playing tennis in her spare time.

### **COMMUNICATIONS & MPC**

We welcome **Rulon Wood** as a full-time faculty member this year. **Rulon** has an extensive background in both education and filmmaking. He completed a bachelor’s in literature at Utah State University. Upon completion of his undergraduate studies, he worked as a film researcher on several network television programs. His graduate studies were also completed at Utah State University where he received a master’s degree in English with an emphasis in writing,

and an Ed.S. degree in Instructional Technology with an emphasis in interactive multimedia/learning technologies. During his studies at Utah State, **Rulon** was selected as the outstanding scholar (Ed.S.) in Instructional Technology (1999). He received an M.F.A. degree in Film Studies in 2003 from the University of Utah and he is currently working on a Ph.D. in the Department of Communication at the University of Utah.

**Helen Hodgson** presented two workshops, “Improving Comprehension: Theories and Research Findings” and “Advanced Writing”, at the Indiana chapter conference of the American Medical Writers Association (AMWA). She presented both workshops again, along with a breakfast roundtable on educational opportunities, at the annual conference of the AMWA in Atlanta.

**Christy Seifert** will have an article published June of 2009 in *Business Communication Quarterly*. She will also present at the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association (RMMLA) Conference in Reno this fall.

**Kim Zarkin** presented her paper “First Amendment Issues: How do you get Kevin Martin out of a Prada Purse?” on the “Telecom Update” panel at the Broadcast Education Association 2008 Conference. In February, **Kim** presented at the Mirror, Mirror: Body in the Mind’s Eye Conference. Her presentation “Why and How the Media Matters” was well received. This summer, she attended two conferences related to the future of media. The first was the National Conference for Media Reform in Minnesota. This gathering focuses on media justice and how to get it. Bill O’Reilly described the conference attendees as the “lunatic fringe” and a danger to America. She took that as a compliment. The second conference was the second annual Digital Media Summit

sponsored by the International Radio and Television Society and ABC/Disney. This competitively selected conference allowed her to spend 3 days on the Disney lot, learning about all their plans and innovations in new media. In October, she will be moderating a panel at the National Digital Policy Institute conference, "Digital Policy in the Information Age," at Ball State University.

### ***COMPUTER SCIENCE***

**Dan Byrne** was on sabbatical this past year and has returned full of ideas regarding sculptures, technology and computers. We look forward to his Brown Bag Lecture in January '09.

**Helen Hu** presented a paper on "A Summer Programming Workshop for Middle School Girls" at the Southwestern Region CCSC Conference. This paper was also published in the *Journal for Computing Sciences in Colleges*, Volume 23, Issue 6.

### ***EARTH SYSTEMS SCIENCE***

**David Goldsmith** presented a talk at the national meeting of the Geological Society of America.

**Danny Vaughn** is currently a member of a team of scientists contributing as a co-editor and author on a technology transfer project (Digital Earth Watch/Digitally Enhanced Learning Experience) with associations to Indiana State University, Boston Museum of Science and NASA. They are developing Earth and Environmental Science curriculum and materials that incorporate geographic information systems (GIS) and remote sensing (digital image processing) content for national distribution on the web (distance learning) and through printed copy.

### ***ENGLISH***

Welcome **Lance Newman** to the English department. **Lance** received his B.A. in English and Creative Writing from the New College of Florida. He completed his M.A. and Ph.D. in English at Brown University. Before coming to Westminster, he taught for six years at California State University San Marcos. On a side note he has also worked as a Grand Canyon River Guide for 18 years.

**Georgi Donavin** co-edited another of the Disputatio book series (Brepols Press) that went to press. She also had 2 articles published: "When reson torneth into rage: Violence in Book III of the *Confessio Amantis*" in *On John Gower: Essays at the Millennium* (Kalamazoo: Medieval Institute Publications, 2007, 216-234) and her essay "A Preacher's Identity: Allusions to Jonah in *The Seafarer*" that was reprinted by Thomson-Gale in a classroom edition of scholarship entitled *Classical and Medieval Literature Criticism*. During the summer, **Georgi** completed an essay entitled "Hearing Gower's Rhetoric" for the MLA Teaching Approaches volume on John Gower. She also presented two conference papers: "Hypertext and Gower's Twenty-First Century Readers" at a convocation of Gower scholars in London called "John Gower 1408/2008"; and "Meditations on the Virgin Mary in the *Mirour de l'Homme*" at the New Chaucer Society in Swansea. **Georgi** is also continuing work on a nearly completed book on the Virgin Mary in medieval English poetry.

**Peter Goldman** attended the Generative Anthropology Summer Conference in June at Chapman University in Orange, California, and presented a paper on "Blowup, Film Theory, and the Logic of Realism." An expanded version of this paper was accepted for publication in *Anthropoetics: The Journal of Generative Anthropology* and will appear in the

Spring/Summer issue appearing this month.

**Christopher LeCluyse** will present a paper at the International Writing Centers Association conference in Las Vegas as part of the panel “Consultant Training in a Post-Process Writing Center.” Chris also appears as a soloist with the choral ensemble Conspirare on the CD *Threshold of Night*, released September 9 on the Harmonia Mundi label. The recording features music of Tarik O'Regan, a young British composer whose works set texts by Edgar Allan Poe, Emily Dickinson, Kathleen Raine, and Pablo Neruda.

**Natasha Saje's** poetry manuscript-in-progress was awarded the Alice Fay di Castagnola Award from the Poetry Society of America. This summer for a Gore grant she read Middle Eastern literature and wrote the last two chapters of her critical book. She also has a brief essay on the novel *Mr. Mani* in the *New Ohio Review*. Poems are forthcoming in the *Antioch Review*, *Denver Quarterly*, and *Pool*.

Although **Dave Stanley** retired at the end of May Term, he kept busy over the summer giving papers at two folklore conferences in Ireland and hosting a group of 30 English teachers from abroad on a Fulbright grant. In July, he moved to Terre Haute, Indiana, to live with his wife Nan and work on more recording and publishing projects.

New English adjunct **Sally Asbell** is originally from Philadelphia but came to Utah to work on her doctorate at the U of U. Much to her surprise, she ended up staying here and is very glad that she did. She has a 22-year-old daughter who is currently backpacking through Europe. **Sally** enjoys spending free time with good friends, a good book or a football game. Go Eagles!

**Pam Balluck**, another new adjunct, has been teaching writing at the University of Utah

since 1998, where she earned her MFA in creative writing in 2000 and her Ph.D. in literature and creative writing in 2008. **Pam's** creative writing has appeared in the *Western Humanities Review*, *Quarter After Eight*, *Square Lake*, *The Jabberwock Review*, *The Southeast Review*, *Pank*, *Barrow Street* and elsewhere.

**Sara Creel** is joining us as a new adjunct to teach ENGL 110 and ENGL 220. She graduated from the University of Montevallo (a small liberal arts school in Alabama) in August '07. She got her MA in 18<sup>th</sup> Century British Studies and would like to return at some point and get her Ph.D. in 18<sup>th</sup> Century British Studies as well. **Sara** will be presenting at an 18<sup>th</sup> century conference in Montreal in October and is really excited about that. She also has a ninety-pound Great Pyrenees (read: extra large, white dog) who thinks it's her job to herd them around the house.

New adjunct **Zuzana Tomas** is teaching English as a Second Language (ESL). She also competed as a marathon runner in this year's Beijing Summer Olympics as part of the Slovakian Olympic team.

**Carolyn Wright** is joining us for the first time this year. She received her degrees from the University of Utah and Grand Canyon University in Phoenix. She taught junior high school for twenty years “so anything truly interesting was beaten out of her years ago.” **Carolyn** says some of the most interesting facts about her include that she won the eighth grade talent contest playing the violin, climbed Storm Mountain and lived and taught gymnastics in a private school when she was younger.

ENGL 110 is **Gail Klofstad's** favorite class to teach. She's especially enjoyed being a part of the aviation learning community that they have named “The Write Flyers” (pairing ENGL 110 and AVFL 100). It's been the

perfect way to bring together her work with the aviation program and her love for freshman composition.

### ***ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES***

**Jeff McCarthy's** essay "Modernism's Economy of Creation" was in the summer issue of *Twentieth Century Literature*. A second essay entitled "A Place at the Table: Writing for Environmental Studies" came out in *Writing the Bioregion*. In May, Jeff was the lead external reviewer and report writer for the College of Idaho's Environmental Studies major. His review of Stephen Venables "A Path to Everest" appeared in the *American Alpine Journal*. In early summer he climbed ice and granite in Alaska's Ruth Gorge. And in late summer, Jeff channeled Whitman and Kerouac to ride his motorcycle from Salt Lake to Portland, Maine. He is most proud of Environmental Studies senior Ashley Pedersen, who received a prestigious Udall scholarship for 2008-09.

### ***FILM STUDIES***

**Sean Desilets** received his B.A. in English, with a minor in women's studies, from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1992 and his Ph.D. in English Literature from Tufts University in 2007. He taught at Tufts University, Northeastern University, Simmons College, and Tulane University before coming to Westminster to head up the Film Studies program. His last place of residence was New Orleans, which he misses even as he enjoys exploring Salk Lake City, where the film culture is much livelier.

### ***GENDER STUDIES***

In July 2008, **Fatima Mujcinovic** attended a symposium on gender politics in the western Balkans as well as a workshop on intercultural education, both organized by and held at the

University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

### ***HISTORY***

In July, **Jeff Nichols** lectured a group of nearly 30 foreign English teachers as part of the Institute for Technical Development, a State Department initiative at Amherst College. The same month he was also part of a panel discussion on being non-Mormon in Utah at the First United Methodist Church, hosted by the religious scholar Jan Shipp.

**Jennifer Jacobson** is a new adjunct in the history department. She has been teaching high school and middle school for the past 15 years. Her last 8 years were spent as a teacher and part time administrator. **Jennifer's** bachelor's is in History and her master's is in Education. She is currently teaching the Methods of Teaching History and Social Studies in the MAT program. In addition, during the day she teaches at Horizonte Instruction and Training Center in the 11/12 grade program. In her free time she enjoys reading, travel, and outdoor activities with her eight year old son. She has travelled to Asia, Europe, Africa, Central America, the Caribbean, and throughout the U.S. **Jennifer** is very excited to teach at Westminster and finally work in her much beloved Sugarhouse neighborhood!

### ***HONORS***

In May, **Richard Badenhause**n delivered a paper, "I Was Neither Living Nor Dead": Trauma and Affect in The Waste Land," at the annual American Literature Association meeting in San Francisco. His essay, "Totalizing the City: Eliot, de Certeau, and the Evolution of The Waste Land," appears in a special issue of *Studies in the Literary Imagination* (40.1) entitled *Scripting Urban Culture*. His 2004 essay, "T. S. Eliot Speaks the

Body: The Privileging of Female Discourse in Murder in the Cathedral and The Cocktail Party,” which originally appeared in Cambridge UP’s *Gender, Desire, and Sexuality in T. S. Eliot*, has just been reprinted by Gale Cengage in *Drama Criticism*, vol. 28 (2008). He spent the summer yelling at his children and drafting an essay entitled “The Context of T. S. Eliot’s Drama” for an upcoming collection called *T. S. Eliot in Context* (Cambridge UP), a project supported by a Gore summer grant. He is on sabbatical for the academic year 2008-09 working on a book manuscript entitled *T. S. Eliot’s Traumatic Texts*.

### **JUSTICE STUDIES**

Welcome **Michael Scott** as our new temporary faculty member for Arts & Sciences. Michael received his B.S. in Social Science from Westminster in 1998. Later in 2003, he received his J.D. from Emory University. Prior to joining Westminster, he was the City Prosecutor for South Salt Lake City, so now he’s seen both the academic and practical side of criminal justice. An interesting fact about him is that he is obsessed with movies and is currently trying to watch 100 horror movies during the month of October.

### **LANGUAGES**

This past summer, **Alan Davison’s** book “El corno emplumado/The Plumed Horn: A voice of the Sixties” was selected to be included in the database publication of *Sixties: Primary Documents and Personal Narratives, 1960 to 1974*, a scholarly research collection in American social and cultural history for college and university libraries currently in development. This project will contain approximately 150,000 pages of primary source texts, providing for the first time a significant collection documenting the zeitgeist of the 1960s from the voices of the

leaders, participants and observers of the movements that shaped the decade.

**Eric Cheng** was the author of the chapter of Chinese in the book entitled *Asian American in Utah*, which was published by the State Asian Affairs Office.

In March **Brenda Lake** took part in the South East Coastal Conference on Languages and Literature in Statesboro, Georgia, and in April she presented at the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference in Lexington, Kentucky. In October she will present her paper “Monstrosity of Immoral Women in Spanish Literature: the Legend of La Cava as a Source for Cervantes’ Last Exemplary Novel” at METAMORPHOSES, an interdisciplinary colloquium organized by the Department of Comparative Literature at the University of Utah. **Brenda** is also currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Language and Literature at the University of Utah.

### **MATHEMATICS**

**Jonas D’Andrea**, originally of Saratoga Springs, New York, joins us from Boulder, Colorado. He completed his undergraduate work at the Air Force Academy where he played lacrosse for Mason Goodhand (our current Westminster coach). After serving some time in Italy and Wyoming, **Jonas** returned to complete both his M.A. and Ph.D. in Mathematics at the University of Colorado. This year he had his first piece published: “Fractal wavelets of Dutkay-Jorgensen type for the Sierpinski gasket space (with K.D. Merrill and J. Packer) in *Contemporary Mathematics* v. 451 (2008)”, *Frames and Operator Theory in Analysis and Signal Processing* from the American Mathematical Society in Providence, Rhode Island. **Jonas** and his wife Yvonne (whom he thanks for being so supportive during his Ph.D.) are both thrilled to be part of the Westminster community and

look forward to doing some climbing and skiing while here.

Welcome **Sean Raleigh**, who is joining us this year in Mathematics. He did his undergrad work at Vanderbilt University and both his graduate and Ph.D. at the University of California, San Diego. Not only does **Sean** have his degrees in math, but also in music. Perhaps we'll see him performing with one of our faculty bands at Shaw. He brings along his wife Kirsti, an audiologist, and his daughter Tasman, almost three. In March, they'll be adding a future Westminsterite to the fold as well.

In August **Bill Bynum** presented his paper on the East High tutoring program at a session on "Teaching Mathematics & Statistics Through Current Civic Issues" in Madison, Wisconsin. The talk was entitled "Global Consciousness, Social Responsibility, Ethical Awareness (and Math!)" at Westminster."

**Carolyn Connell** worked as part of the planning committee for the regional meeting of the MAA. She also served on the MAA task force that met in Washington, DC.

**Carolyn** was also on the 2008 UCUR planning committee that was held at UVU. In August she attended the Board of Governors meeting, various committee meetings, and a few sessions for the Math Conference "Mathfest" held in Madison, Wisconsin. She also enjoyed her tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's home while there.

**Liz Herrick** attended the MAA conference this year.

**Richard Wellman** wrote a paper that has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Operator Theory*.

**Janine Wittwer** attended a Wavelets Workshop in St. Paul, Minnesota, June 4<sup>th</sup> - June 7<sup>th</sup>. (Wavelets are a mathematical tool for

signal processing and compression.) The mathematical research paper "*Heating of the Beurling operator*," co-written by Stefanie Petermichl and **Janine**, was accepted for publication in the mathematical journal *Studia Math*.

We welcome a new math adjunct, **Hazel McKenna**, originally from Bo'ness, Scotland, who came to the US in 1986 looking for an adventure. She has a B.S. and M.S. in Math and a Ph.D. in Instructional Science. She was a professor at UVU for 20 years. Hazel loves to teach undergraduate math and stats and has authored textbooks in math. Her main research interests lie in educational measurement and evaluation. She lives in Sugarhouse with 2 big dogs. She loves to golf and spent the summer golfing across Scotland—lost the head of her pitching wedge in the rough on the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole at Carnoustie!

### *MUSIC*

**Chris Quinn** attended the Choral Director's Workshop at BYU in July.

### *PHILOSOPHY*

Welcome **Jason Goltz** to A&S. He is originally from Phoenix, Arizona, and has stayed in the West throughout his entire education, traveling first from Northern Arizona University, then to the University of Wyoming and finally to the University of Utah. Except for a minor in mathematics, all of his studies have been in philosophy. However, this wasn't ever because he thought he had some special gift of wisdom, but rather in pursuing a Ph.D. he would be able to teach at the college level. **Jason** is also an enormous fan of contemporary cinema with "Bright Lights, Big City," "The Fountain," and "Open Range" being among his favorite movies. And although reluctant to admit to it in front of a group of college professors, he also thinks of

himself as a fan and minor expert on heavy metal music.

**Mike Markowski's** article "Teaching in Early Christianity" was accepted for publication in *The Journal of Research on Christian Education*.

**Bridget Newell** attended the NAFSA: Association of International Educators Conference in May of '08. She immediately followed that with attendance at the NCORE (National Conference on Race and Ethnicity). In June, **Bridget** attended the ANAC (Association for New American Colleges) conference.

**Mark Olsen** joins us as a new adjunct this fall. He was raised in the Midwest, in Kansas City, Missouri, but with the exception of last year, has spent (roughly) the last 20 years in the West. Last year he was in Connecticut teaching at Central Connecticut State University. His research interests are in ethics of psychiatry. **Mark** finished his dissertation at the University of Utah in 2005. He enjoys hiking and reading and is the proud dad of an eleven year old daughter.

### ***PHYSICS***

**Chris Cline** earned a sabbatical for the Spring '08 Semester and during this time furthered his research on student understanding and misconceptions on Newtonian physics.

### ***POLITICAL SCIENCE***

**Chuck Tripp** had a letter published in the *Deseret News* on Friday, July 11, 2008, concerning the quality of its op-ed writers; a letter published in the *Salt Lake City Weekly*, on Thursday, June 26, 2008, about how to cut costs while visiting Ancestral Puebloan sites in the Four Corners region of Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah; a radio interview aired on KSL radio on Monday, June 23, 2008, regarding the role that spouses play in

the presidential election process; and an op-ed piece published in *The Salt Lake Tribune* on Sunday, May 11, 2008, outlining the political role of courts in America's governmental process.

**Michael Zarkin** presented his paper, "A Neither Autonomous nor Captured Regulatory Bureaucracy: The FCC and Telephone Regulation, 1934-1989," at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association in San Diego, California. He was also quoted recently on KSL Channel 5 on the bailout situation our economy is facing.

### ***PSYCHOLOGY & MSPC***

Welcome **Margaret Morris** in MSPC.

**Margaret** grew up in Oregon, Minnesota and Northern California. She received her bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from the University of Utah. She worked in Community Mental Health from 1988 to 2006 with a dually diagnosed substance abusing population. Her specialty is working with the profoundly personality disordered client. Milo Wilson Zrob, her 19 month old grandson, is the most wonderful baby in all the land. Margaret visits him in San Francisco as often as she can.

**Laura Bennett-Murphy** joint authored an article published in the *Journal of Pediatric Health Care* entitled "Fathers of children with cancer: Involvement, coping, and adjustment." She also co-authored a poster presentation, "The role of cognitive style in vigilance performance and workload in children," that was presented at the annual convention of the Association for Psychological Science in Chicago, Illinois. **Laura** also received a Gore Individual Research Grant for summer.

**Lesia Ellis** was an invited speaker at two

different regional conferences focusing on adolescent well being and outcomes. She also attended the Society for Neuroscience Conference. **Lesia** has also been invited to speak at the United Nations during a breakfast meeting on October 23. She and her son will be the focus due to an interview that they did for an international informational video on mental illness.

**Angie Hicks** presented her paper “Relationship security, positive emotions and adolescents’ ambulatory blood pressure reactivity in daily life” at the biennial conference for the Society for Research in Chicago. Her paper “How was your day?” also appeared in *Personal Relationships* – a premier psychological journal. **Angie** was later contacted by *Prevention Magazine* for a summary of the results from that paper to appear in their “Tips” section.

**Cassie Power** attended the Western Regional Campus Compact conference in Portland, Oregon, as well as the Utah Campus Compact conference on service learning in St. George. **Cassie** also presented a paper in June at the SPSSI conference in Chicago.

**Jennifer Simonds** is collaborating on a paper with Sebastian Lipina, our Distinguished Resident spring of ‘08. She also received IRB approval for data collection on temperament questionnaire research that began recruiting in July. Together with **Colleen Sandor**, **Jennifer** has also co-authored PowerPoint slides for a new textbook, *Personality Theories*, by Cengage Publishing.

**Barbara Smith** presented a paper along with **Bridget Newell** at the Learning Community Annual Meeting in Indianapolis. She also attended the AACU Annual meeting in Washington, DC. **Barbara** also attended the First Year Experience (FYE) Workshop in Charleston, South Carolina.

**Jonathan Amburgey** joins us from Kentucky. He moved to Utah in 2004 for Graduate School at the University of Utah. He’s currently working on a Ph.D. in Social Psychology with an emphasis in Environmental Psychology. He loves teaching, conducting research, and being involved in environmental issues. This is his first semester teaching at a small, liberal arts college, and he loves it here at Westminster College! **Jonathan** spends all his free time hiking, backpacking, and rock climbing in the many amazing landscapes here in Utah. One of his long-term goals is to eventually thru-hike at least one of the three long-distance hiking trails in the U.S., each of which spans over 2000 miles in length (The Appalachian Trail, The Continental Divide Trail, The Pacific Crest Trail).

Welcome **Stephanie Bair** who is teaching Introduction to Psychology this semester. She just graduated with her Ph.D. in Neuroscience from the University of Utah. Earlier she received her bachelor’s degree in Physics from the University of Prince Edward Island. She grew up on Prince Edward Island, and her full time job right now involves working with birds and studying how and why they sing.

**David Monobe** joins us for the first time this semester. He attended Weber State University for his undergrad, The University of Utah for his M.A., and The University of Northern Colorado for his Ph.D. An interesting thing that David has been involved with is his work with No More Homeless Pets of Utah to humanely trap, neuter/spay, and release feral cats in his neighborhood. So far, eleven cats have been humanely “abducted;” released; and provided with food, water, and shelter.

**Kris Robinson**, a new MSPC adjunct, is the director of the Children’s Behavior Therapy Unit (Valley Mental Health), where she’s worked for 17 years. Her most recent

publication is “Advances in School-Based Mental Health Interventions” (<http://www.civicrosearchinstitute.com/sbhm.html>). **Kris** is also a graduate of ‘87 from Westminster.

### ***SOCIOLOGY***

**Mark Rubinfeld** had his book chapter, “The Mythical Jim Thorpe: Re/presenting the Twentieth Century American Indian,” included in C. Richard King’s *Native Americans and Sports* from Routledge.

New adjunct **Rachel Eddington** was born and raised in Idaho. She went to BYU where she majored in sociology and minored in international folk dance. She earned her Masters in Sociology there. Later she worked for the Department of Defense in DC.

**Rachel** is currently in the Sociology Ph.D. program at the U of U. She’s interested in poverty and inequality, population health, and international development. As a student she lived in Romania working with orphans and in London doing interviews with prisoners.

**Rachel** also spent a few months teaching ballet in Tokyo and working on a remote island in Alaska.

### ***SPEECH***

A warm welcome to **James Hedges** who successfully defended his doctoral dissertation at the University of Utah. **James** hails from Sacramento, California, where he met his wife, who is an instructor at Weber State. They have been living in Salt Lake for the last 5 years along with their golden retriever. James, who is the last of 9 children, loves running, golf, bad movies and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

**Scott Gust** had his co-authored article “Naming Our Sexual and Sexualized Bodies in the Classroom: And the Important Stuff that Comes After the Colon” published in

*Qualitative Inquiry*. **Scott** also presented a paper at the Fourth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry in Champaign, Illinois. In October he presented at the American Educational Studies Association. **Scott** was also a panel respondent at the National Communication Association meeting held in Chicago last November.

### ***THEATRE***

**Michael Vought** presented a workshop on masks at the Utah Theatre Association Festival. He also trained in Watsu this summer. As an actor **Michael** found this very important as “Watsu develops that intuitional muscle and provides the ideal setting to study the practice of staying present,” which is a crucial skill in acting.

**Jennifer Rouse** is currently teaching both Modern and African-based Dance. She also choreographs for the Theatre Department and has been Michael Vought’s assistant director on several shows. She also enjoys creating short film projects, ranging from documentaries to cinnedance, which have been shown locally and internationally.

**Jennifer** holds a B.A. in Theatre and an M.F.A. in Modern Dance.

### ***ARTS & SCIENCES OFFICE STAFF***

**Jaime Glauser** recently moved to Salt Lake from Washington, DC, where her husband was attending law school. She graduated from Idaho State University in 2004 with a bachelor’s degree in English. She and her husband are avid hockey fans. Go Caps!

Please welcome our new workstudies to the office. They are a great group of students, willing to learn and willing to help out.

**Bonnie Boyle**, a freshman, moved here from Portland, Oregon, and is planning on majoring in psychology with a minor in art.

Her goal is to practice art therapy. Before going back to college she was also a hairstylist in Hollywood for a few years.

**Sofia Nystom**, a soon to be senior, is majoring in Economics. She is from Sweden and hopes to graduate in May or August of 2009. One of her favorite things to do is travel. Upon graduation, she and her boyfriend are planning to return to Sweden where he will attend graduate school. They're looking forward to "no tuition", as school is free.

**Josh Overdiek**, a freshman, is from Kingston, Arizona, and is studying Accounting. **Josh** is a great help to our other workstudies when they struggle with math. He also enjoys playing the bass.

**Rachel Silance**, a freshman, is a San Diego native and was raised in the same house her mother grew up in. When she was eight years old she decided to try Irish dance after watching Michael Flatley and just recently stopped when leaving for college. Her dreams of becoming a nurse were validated when she was in a bad car accident a year ago. She is now a nursing major here at Westminster.

We are losing two of our workstudies in December that have been with us for quite sometime. **Ashley Davis** will be graduating in Sociology and **Lindsay Carpenter** will be leaving to do her student teaching. Thankfully, **Sara Hermann** has promised not to abandon ship and will continue on with us.

### ***WELCOME CLASS OF 2030***

Lesa Ellis's new grandson, Christopher John (CJ) Ellis, was born May 23rd. He was a whopping 8' 13 oz!!

Carolyn Connell would like to announce the birth of her grandson, Peter Joseph Klehr, born September 27th. He was 8 lb 15 oz (a

whopping 2 ounces bigger than Lesa's grandson. Not that Carolyn wants to one up Lesa, but this is also her 2<sup>nd</sup> grandbaby!).

### ***NEW BEGINNINGS***

The former **Bonnie Ashby** is now **Bonnie Gee** as she got married this past May.

Congratulations to **Colleen Sandor** and her partner Candice Pitcher who celebrated their union with a commitment ceremony August 2<sup>nd</sup> in Salt Lake and a legal wedding August 7<sup>th</sup> in California.