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Dear Colleagues,

I hope that you will take a few minutes to read through some of the amazing things that your colleagues have accomplished this past year. As the School of Arts and Sciences grows, it becomes more difficult to keep track of everyone's academic interests. This newsletter is designed to give you a brief glimpse into what's going on outside of the classroom.

I hope you enjoy it and have a good remainder of your semester,



PROGRAMS

BIOLOGY

Brian Avery co-presented at the Plant and Animal Genomes Conference held in San Diego this past January. His paper was entitled "Cot-based Cloning and Sequencing of Single and Low Copy Number Artemia Genomic DNA Fragments."

Bonnie Baxter is the recipient of the 2008 Distinguished Alumna of the Year award from Elon University.

Judy Rogers attended the Western Veterinary Conference in Las Vegas in February.

CHEMISTRY

Paul Hooker and **Robyn Hyde** attended a four day workshop at the JEOL institute in

Massachusetts to learn about the DART Mass Spectrometer.

Tricia Shepherd presented two talks at the National American Chemical Society (ACS) meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, March 22-26: "Exposing students to the successes and challenges of molecular modeling and simulation" and "Integrating the use of technology to enhance the implementation of POGIL."

COMMUNICATION

Helen Hodgson presented two workshops at the American Medical Writers Association's meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, this past October. The first was "Indian Cuisine" and the second "Improving Comprehension: Theories and Research Finds (ED/EW)."

Christy Seifert, along with Shelley Thomas of Weber State, presented the paper "We Are What You Teach: A Comparative Study of Advanced Technical Writing" at the RM-MLA in Reno, Nevada, in October of 2008.

Rulon Wood presented his paper "Oppositional Voices and Transnational Justice: The 'Blood Diamonds' Controversies in West Africa" at the National Communication Association's Conference held in San Diego last November.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Helen Hu attended the Alice & Media Computer workshop in Las Vegas, Nevada, July of 2008. She also attended the SIGGRAPH Conference in Los Angeles this past August.

ENGLISH

Georgi Donavin attended the New Chaucer Society XVIth International Congress, held at Swansea University in London, England, this past July. **Georgi** hosted the meeting for the editorial board of *Disputatio* (the book series she co-edits) in our own faculty lounge, and she has nearly completed the editing of a festschrift for Dhira B. Mahoney (internationally known scholar of Arthurian literature) for the same series. In March, she attended a meeting of the Medieval Association of the Pacific in Albuquerque as the group's vice president and is looking forward to a four-year term (the last two years as president).

Susan Gunter will be giving a paper on her recently published biography, *Alice in Jamesland: The Story of Alice Howe Gibbens James*, at the American Literature Association in Boston on May 21.

Chris LeCluyse has had a busy year. His "Medieval Literacy in the Writing Center" is forthcoming in the *Writing Lab Newsletter* and his review of Robert Bartlett's "The Natural and the Supernatural in the Middle Ages" appeared in *H-Net: Humanities and Social Sciences Online*. He continues to ghost-write the "Merciless Grammarian" column in *Praxis: A Writing Center Journal*. Chris was also nominated for two Grammys for his work with the choir *Conspirare* based out of Austin, Texas. He was a presenter at the International Writing Center's Association Conference in Las Vegas this past October.

Nick More was honored by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as the 2008 Utah Professor of the Year. The Council for Advancement and Support of Education administers the U.S. Professors of the Year Awards Program, and they selected

More as Utah's winner. He was selected from nearly 300 top professors from around the United States.

Fatima Mujcinovic presented at the 2009 National American Culture Association Conference held on April 8-11 in New Orleans. Her paper was entitled "The Primacy of Male Homosexuality in *A Streetcar Named Desire*."

In December 2008, **Lance Newman** attended the Modern Language Association Convention in San Francisco as a presenter for two separate talks.

Kent Quaney had a short story accepted by the *SoMa Literary Review*. It is entitled "Robert De Niro's Waiting" and will be in their next issue.

Natasha Sajé published one essay, "Narrative and Poetry," in the September issue of *The Writer's Chronicle*; another, "Poetry and Ethics: Writing about Others," is forthcoming in that journal. She also published an essay, "Metonymy: The Necessary (but Neglected) Trope," in the *American Poetry Review* in January. Her poems appear or are forthcoming in the *Antioch Review*, *New Ohio Review*, *Western Humanities Review*, *Cerise Review*, *Denver Quarterly* and elsewhere. An essay of hers will appear in the *New York Times* in April. In conjunction with an anthology of American women poets (from Autumn House Press) she will give a reading at a bookstore in Corte Madera, California, and has another scheduled for Washington, D.C., in May.

Zuzana Tomas had two items published: Tomaš, Z., Farelly, R., & Haslam, M. 2008. "Designing and Implementing Practicum Abroad" in *TESOL Quarterly* 42, 4, pp. 660-665; and Tomaš, Z. in press. "Increasing Authenticity of Academic Source Use Practice through Paraphrase Integration Tasks" in M. Pennington and P. Burton (Eds.) *College Writing Toolkit: Tested Ideas*. (Equinox: London.) **Zuzana**

also presented at two different conferences this year: “New Pathways in TESOL Programs: Preservice Teacher Exchange” with co-presenter Anna Fichman and “Voices in the TESOL Practicum” at TESOL 2009 in Denver, Colorado, along with co-presenters Rebecca Richardson, Korrin Ebira, Andy Ferunik, and KyungHae Choi; and “A Collaborative Approach to Materials Design” at the International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation 2009 in Honolulu, Hawaii, along with co-presenters Kristen Lindhal, Rai Farelly, Yelena Markovic, and Naomi Fox.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Jeff McCarthy’s article “The Foul System: The Great War and Instrumental Rationality in *Parade’s End*” is forthcoming in *Studies in the Novel*. Jeff has also joined the board of the environmental organization Utah Open Lands.

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David Goldsmith contributed a chapter on the history of evolutionary theory to a new book on intelligent design. The book is called *For the Rock Record: Geologists Respond to Intelligent Design* and was released in February to coincide with Charles Darwin’s 200th birthday.

FILM

Sean Desilets presented his paper “Death Alive: *Jaws*” at the Popular Culture Association conference in New Orleans, April 8-11.

HISTORY

Jeff Nichols was on the host committee for the Western History Association meeting this past

October held here in Salt Lake City. **Jeff Nichols** and **Bill Bynum’s** discussion group, “The War Room,” was mentioned in *Deseret News*, October 20th.

HONORS

Richard Badenhausen and 10 Honors students attended the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) Convention in San Antonio in October. All of the students presented papers or sat on panels. At the presidential luncheon, Westminster’s Honors newsletter received the award for third place in the national newsletter competition. The Westminster contingent also ran the annual conference auction, which raised \$3,667 for the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center Youth Dancers, a program that introduces low income children to native dance. **Badenhausen** chaired a session on “Honors Admissions Models that Work” and sat on two other panels, on Honors Community and on student research; he chaired the student research paper strand at the conference and served as an Honors consultant in the consultants’ lounge.

MATHEMATICS

Bill Bynum and **Jeff Nichols’** “The War Room” was mentioned in *Deseret News*, October 20th. **Bill** also attended the MathFest 2008 Conference in Madison, Wisconsin.

In September, **Carolyn Connell** attended a meeting of the JCW (Joint Committee on Women) in Chicago, a committee made up of representatives from all the major math associations. She also attended this year’s MathFest in Wisconsin as the Governor of the Intermountain section of the MAA. In January, **Carolyn** went to math meetings in Washington, D.C., where she attended the MAA Board of

Governors meeting and a few other meetings, as well as several math talks. She also hosted the reunion for this year's AWE+SUM campers on February 7, with 31 ninth-grade girls attending. Lastly, **Carolyn** co-chaired the Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research (UCUR) with Tim Dolan. This was Westminster's first time to host.

Jonas D'Andrea attended the AMS and MAA meetings held in Washington, D.C.

PHILOSOPHY

Judy Shi participated in the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division meetings in Vancouver, Canada, April 8-12, 2009. **Judy** read commentary papers at the session entitled "Confucianism, Daoism, and Trans-Nationalism Confronting Gender Issues." This session is sponsored by the APA Committee on International Cooperation.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Chuck Tripp had an op-ed piece published in *The Salt Lake Tribune* on January 4, 2009, and a letter-to-the-editor published in the *Tribune* on March 11, 2009. **Chuck** also helped with increasing the turnout at this year's March 10th Tibetan demonstration, which commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of the Dalai Lama's flight from Tibet to avoid imprisonment by an invading Communist Chinese army in 1959.

PSYCHOLOGY

Angela Hicks presented a merit poster entitled "Positivity and negativity in adult attachment relationships and day-to-day emotional and physiological regulation" at the annual conference of the American Psychosomatic

Association in Chicago, April 4–7th, 2009. In addition, the abstract will be published in a special issue of the society's journal *Psychosomatic Medicine*. Also, **Angela's** 2008 paper was written up last year in *Prevention Magazine*, *Self Magazine*, *Men's Health Magazine*, and *The Greater Good Magazine*, published by University of California, Berkeley.

Colleen Sandor attended the International Psychotherapy Institute (IPI) Conference in Washington, D.C., in October. She is the National Faculty Membership Committee Chair.

Jennifer Simonds presented her paper "The Role of Reward Sensitivity and Response Execution in Childhood Extraversion" at the Occasional Temperament Conference in San Rafael October 17–18th.

SOCIOLOGY

Mark Rubinfeld presented his paper, "Sixties Sensibilities in a Post-Obama America," at the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association National Meeting in New Orleans in April.

SPANISH

In March, **Deyanira Ariza-Velasco** attended a conference in Costa Rica and presented her a paper entitled "Derecho (Law) y la Historia como discurso predominante en las modernas novelas ambientadas en el Siglo de Oro español (Spanish Golden Age)."

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.

SPEECH

Dr. Scott Gust participated in the panel “A Critical Conversation on Scholarly Kinship and the Interdisciplinary Foundations of Education” at the conference of the American Educational Studies Association in Savannah, Georgia (October 2008). He also chaired the panel “Aesthetics, Performance, and Education.” Dr. Gust continues to serve on the editorial board of *Liminalities: A Journal of Performance Studies* (www.liminalities.net).

James Hedges successfully defended his doctoral dissertation last semester at the University of Utah. **James’** dissertation has been nominated for the W. Charles Redding Dissertation Award given by the International Communication Association for the best dissertation in Organizational Communication for 2008. He also attended the National Communication Association’s Conference in San Diego last November, was an invited lecturer for the Department of Communication at the University of Utah, and provided speech training for the President of Kenworth Sales Company. James will also be chairing a panel at the Western States Communication Association’s conference in Phoenix, Arizona, in 2009.

WELCOME.....

Jaimi Butler is excited to join us as Coordinator of the Great Salt Lake Institute. From birds and brine shrimp to algae and flies,

she has been studying the salty environment for almost 10 years. **Jaimi** has her B.S. in Fisheries and Wildlife from USU and is currently enrolled in a M.S. program at the University of Utah.

FUTURE WESTMINSTERITES.....

Helen Hu and her husband Dave welcome Ellie (short for Elise), who was born in March on Friday the 13th at 6 pm! She’s a tiny baby—5 lb, 9 oz—but still a pound heavier than Evan was!

March 1st, 2009, **Sean Raleigh** and his wife Kirsti welcomed Laelia Raleigh who arrived at 1:35 p.m. on a Sunday afternoon. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and is 19 1/2 inches long. She is healthy and happy and they’re really excited.