Dear Colleagues,

This fall I’ve been struck by the number of new faces on campus, many of whom you’ll read about in this newsletter. I realized again that in academe we are called upon to recreate our world—hopefully keeping what we value and changing it for the better—and that we do this every fall as a new group of people. Whether we are brand new or have years of experience at Westminster, we approach each year with something that has changed from last year—ourselves and our community. I am very happy to begin again and I wish each of you a very enjoyable and creative year.

Best wishes,

Mary Jane Chase

Brighton has spent a good part of the summer working with faculty to get their academic web pages on line. If you have thought about getting a web page up but just didn’t know where to begin, be sure to check with Brighton. She is very creative and can help you with the design—the copy will still be your responsibility.

Barbara has accepted the position of Arts and Sciences Office Manager which really only means one thing—she now gets to sign the office staff timesheets. You’re welcome to bring any suggestions on how we can improve the way we conduct the office to her. (Compliments regarding the office are also accepted!)

PROGRAMS

Art

David Baddley has been invited to participate in the Utah Arts Council’s Recent Artist Grantees Traveling Exhibit. Several of his photographs will spend a couple of years traveling to venues throughout the state as a part of the UAC’s traveling exhibit program. He has also been chosen to be a featured artist in the University of Utah Fine Arts Alumni Council’s exhibit NonAlignment. This exhibit will open on September 23rd (reception 5:00-8:00 p.m.) and run through October 11th in the Alin Gittins Gallery in the University of Utah Art Building. David has a solo exhibit coming up at the Walk of Shame gallery, and he is included in the Great Basin Foundation’s upcoming exhibit Utah Environment: Opening a Dialogue. This year David’s photography graces the cover of Westminster’s Cultural Events brochure.
Anthony Siciliano is a new adjunct in Art this semester and teaches Photography. He has a B.F.A. in Art/Photography from Weber State University and an M.A. in Photography from Arizona State University. In addition to teaching at Westminster and Salt Lake Community College, Anthony restores and retouches photographs and has numerous exhibitions throughout Utah, California, Arizona, and New Mexico.

Biology

Larry Anderson supervised three of his students—Jeff Nicholes, Charlie Jones, and Michelle Regeruto—over the summer working on the enterococcus research project. They are submitting an abstract to the 17th National Conference on Undergraduate Research at the University of Utah, and a student poster session to the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Denver, Colorado.

Robert Brinkman is the new lab manager for the sciences. He has a B.S. in Chemistry and an M.S. in Engineering from the University of Utah, and an M.B.A. from Westminster College. Bob started and directed the State of Utah Crime Laboratory as Bureau Chief and was responsible for the general operation of the lab. He has also taught Criminal Justice and Inorganic and Organic Chemistry at Utah Valley State College and Salt Lake Community College.

Barry Quinn participated in a National Science Foundation Chautauqua short course June 9-13 entitled “The Geology and Ecology of the Colorado Western Slope.” The study sites included Grand Mesa and Colorado National Monuments near Grand Junction, and Canyonlands and Arches National Parks near Moab. Some twenty-four teachers from across the country were participants.

Brian Avery joined the faculty this fall as a full-time Assistant Professor of Biology. Brian has a B.S. in Biology from Tufts University, College of Arts and Sciences and a Ph.D. in Biology from the University of California, Berkeley. Brian feels “that all college graduates should have a basic knowledge of biology and the scientific method so that they are prepared to understand new technologies, and the environmental and genetic issues that we are currently facing.” Brian is co-teaching Principles of Biology I with Bonnie Baxter.

There are several new adjuncts this fall teaching the Science LE courses. Robert Bossard and William McCarvill are team-teaching The Natural World.

Robert has a B.S. in Biology from the University of Utah, an M.S. in Zoology from the University of Oklahoma, and a Ph.D. in Entomology from Kansas State University-Manhattan. Bob attended the annual workshops of the Association of Biology Laboratory Education in June at Louisiana State University (next year it will be in Reno), and has papers appearing in the Journal of Entomological Science, Journal of Medical Entomology, and Journal of the Utah Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters.

William has a B.S. in Chemistry from St. Francis College in Pennsylvania, an M.S. in Material Science, and a Ph.D. in Polymer Chemistry from the University of Connecticut at Storrs. William has a private chemical and composite consulting business in Salt Lake.

Adrienne Cachelin is teaching one of the Environmental Biology labs. She has a B.A. in Environmental Studies/Political Science from Northern Arizona University and an M.Ed. in Outdoor Science Education from the University of Utah. Adrienne is currently the Director of Education, Ecology Programs at Red Butte Garden and Arboretum.

Danielle Downey is teaching The Natural World. She has a B.S. in Biology from the University of Minnesota and an M.S. in Biology from Simon Fraser University, British Columbia. Danielle has
been a research scientist in France and education coordinator in British Columbia, where she designed and taught beekeeping classes.

**Chemistry**

Robyn Hyde is a new full-time Assistant Professor of Chemistry this fall. She has a B.S. in Chemistry and Biology from Northwest Nazarene University, and a Ph.D. in Medicinal Chemistry from the University of Utah. In Robyn’s philosophy of teaching statements she says, “I can only expect the mastery to occur if the students and I enter a relationship and establish that they are committed towards the study of the material and I am committed to be their teacher.” Robyn is teaching two sections of Organic Chemistry I.

Tricia Shepherd joined the physical science faculty this fall as an Assistant Professor of Chemistry. She did her undergraduate work at the University of Idaho with a B.S. in Professional Chemistry, and her Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Tricia says, “I hope to teach students not to take for granted information they have gained through experience, but to build on this knowledge, to probe deeper, to ask questions, and to seek answers from a variety of different sources.” She is teaching Principles of Chemistry I and Principles of Physics I.

Steffen Soller is a new adjunct this fall, teaching one of the labs to Organic Chemistry. He has a B.A. in Chemistry/Biochemistry and an M.S. in Organic Chemistry from the University of Utah.

**Computer Science**

Robert Erickson worked with five students this summer exploring robotic techniques, supported by a Gore research grant. Their goal was to produce a small population of four autonomous and communicating rover robots that would explore and map their immediate surroundings and share with each other, the maps they were building via a wireless network. Their robotic rovers each had an RF transceiver (for which they designed their own wireless networking protocol), an electronic compass, an ultrasonic range-finder, and a collision detection system. Motion control was produced by a dead-reckoning servo-drive system. One of the most challenging parts of the project was the development of an internal map representation on each rover that maintained a compact two-dimensional map using a one-dimensional array of bytes. This made maps fast to transmit and consumed only a small part of the limited embedded RAM on the microcontroller platforms. Additionally, the software they used, while being object-oriented (good), did not support floating-point math (bad). They also struggled with inherent variability in servo motors that complicated dead-reckoning calculations (ugly). Encountering these types of problems (and others) made Bob realize that this summer project was equivalent to a real-world engineering experience for students. Bob said, “I especially enjoyed working with the students as a project team, their interest and energy levels were high. The summer flew by, and it was the most fun I have had in years.”


**Communication/MPC**

Kathy Girton has B.S. in Geography, an M.S. in Educational Studies, and a Ph.D. in Education Leadership and Policy from the University of Utah. She is currently the Assessment, Grants, and Communications Coordinator at the Office of Undergraduate Studies at the University of Utah. Kathy is teaching Professional and Technical Writing.

Rebecca Raybould is teaching Research and Grant Writing. She has an M.Ed. in Educational Studies and a Ph.D. in Education Leadership and Policy from the University of Utah. Rebecca is currently a research associate at the University of Utah, Genetic Science Learning Center.
Jon Weisberg was one of ten people asked by PR Week magazine to judge entries for the twenty “greatest PR campaigns” in history. Jon reports, “The twenty selected campaigns give an excellent overview of what good PR does best. They influenced public opinion by using available communications techniques to educate people about ideas and products.” Jon teaches International Public Relations in our MPC program.

Fatima Mujcinovic spent the entire summer in Sarajevo, Bosnia, visiting family and friends and doing some traveling in the region. She reports “It was great to be back in Europe but also very nice to come back here!”

Natasha Saje’s essay “Roots in Our Throats: A Case for Etymology,” is forthcoming in the Writers Chronicle. A group of her poems won the 2002 Campbell Corner Poetry Prize. Her panel, “Translating Poetry/Translating Culture,” was approved for the 2003 Associated Writing Programs Conference. Her book of poems has been accepted for publication by Tupelo Press.

David Stanley took a group of twenty students (thirteen of them from Westminster) to China during May Term. The last week in July found him hosting a group of thirty high school English teachers from twenty-one countries—with help from Jeff Nichols, Gita Rakhsha, Jeff McCarthy, alumnae Loa Niemeitolu and Rachel Phomsouvong, and student Rebecca Parker. Dave traveled to Massachusetts in August for the wrap-up to this Fulbright/USIA program. A week of folklore fieldwork on Cape Breton Island allowed him to explore the fiddle music and step-dancing traditions of the Scots-Canadians.

Three new adjuncts are teaching in the English program this fall.

Shannon Castleton has a B.A. and an M.A. in English from Brigham Young University. In addition to teaching Introduction to Writing at Westminster, Shannon also teaches at Salt Lake Community College and is a published writer with articles in Kansas Quarterly/Arkansas Review, Northwest Review, and Inscape.

Karin Jacobson is also teaching Introduction to Writing. She has a B.A. in Economics from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and an M.A. and a Ph.D. in English from Ohio State University. Karin has several years teaching experience at The Ohio State University, Viterbo College and the University of Minnesota-Duluth.
Samantha Ruckman has a B.A. in French from the University of Michigan, and an M.F.A. in Creating Writing from the University of Washington. She is currently working on her Ph.D. in Creative Writing at the University of Utah, and for the past two years has been the Managing Editor for Western Humanities Review. Samantha has an article published this month in Salt Lake magazine entitled “Salt Lake Magazine’s 2002 Guide to Eternal Youth.” Samantha is teaching Composition and Research this fall.

History

Jeff Nichols’ book, Prostitution, Polygamy, and Power: Salt Lake City, 1847-1918 will be published in October. He will present a paper called, “These Waters Were All Virgin: Finis Mitchell and Wind River Wilderness,” at the Western History Association in October. He calls it his “fish paper” that he’s been working on this summer.

Honors

Richard Badenhausen attended the National Association of Fellowship Advisors conference in June in Portland, OR. While there, he managed to talk the President and Vice-President of NAFA into doing an on-campus workshop for Westminster faculty, staff, and administrators on how to help students apply for the major fellowships such as the Rhodes, Truman, Goldwater, etc. They will be here on Wednesday, October 30, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. You can contact Richard if you are interested in attending.

Richard and three other Westminster faculty members, along with eleven Westminster Honors students will be giving papers or sitting on academic panels at the upcoming National Collegiate Honors Council national convention in Salt Lake City from October 31-November 3.

Languages

Alan Davison was in Madrid from late May to late June doing research for a paper entitled “Sevillanas para conquistar.” During the month of July he put together a new class which he is teaching this semester in Spanish IV. The class is a complete grammar review, along with an introduction to Hispanic literature. He has chosen selections from the Cervantes novel Don Quijote de la Mancha as the primary reading material. Class discussions will focus on the different elements that go into creating individual personality, as well as the personality of a nation or culture. On a more personal note, Alan and his wife bought a house at the end of July and spent the month of August making it into a home.

Anabel Pinero will be attending the first annual National Foreign Language Conference held in Salt Lake City, November 21-24. You can preregister online at www.ACTFL.org or call 301-694-5243 prior to October 11. After that date registration will be at the Salt Lake Convention Center.

Takashi Ebira attended two annual conferences in April. One was for the American Association for Applied Linguistics and the other one was for Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages. Also, in April he was awarded “Most Devoted Graduate” by the Department of Linguistics at the University of Utah where he did his undergraduate and graduate work. Takashi stayed in Hawaii from the middle of May to the beginning of July to take the “Summer Intensive Interpreter Training Program from the Center for Interpretation and Translation Studies at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He was trained as an English-Japanese interpreter (both consecutive and simultaneous interpreting). Takashi is also proud to announce that he and his wife Korrin are expecting their first baby this coming April.
Brenda Lake is a new adjunct this fall teaching Spanish I. She completed an intensive ESL program at Brigham Young University, and has a B.A in Spanish and an M.A. in Spanish Literature from the University of Utah. Brenda also teaches part-time at the University of Utah, and is an interpreter at the Third District Adult and Juvenile Courts.

Mathematics

Paul Bernhardt joined the math faculty as a half-time instructor this fall. Paul has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology, an M.S. in Psychology and id A.B.D. in Educational Psychology at the University of Utah.

Aldo Bernasconi is a temporary full-time instructor this year. He has a B.S. in Math from the Universidad Tecnica Federico Santa Maria, Valparaiso, Chile and a Ph.D. in Math from the University of Utah. Aldo is fluent in English, French, and Spanish with a knowledge of Italian.

Tariq Mughal taught as an adjunct several years ago and is returning this fall to teach Intermediate Algebra. He has a B.S. in Math, an M.S. in Mechanical Engineering and an M.B.A. in Management of Technology and Finance from the University of Utah. Tariq also teaches in the Gore School of Business.

John Ogilvie is teaching Discrete Math. He has a B.A. in Math and an M.S. in Computer Science from the University of Utah and a J.D. from the University of Michigan. In addition to teaching, John is a practicing attorney who has been a professional computer programmer and author.

Richard Oliver has a B.S. in Math from George Washington University and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Math from the University of Maryland. He is teaching Elementary and Intermediate Algebra.

Revellie Sant is a Westminster graduate. She has a B.S. in Math and an MPC in Communication Management. She is teaching Elementary Algebra and is the full-time Administrative Assistant in the School of Education.

Music

Chris Quinn reports the Chamber Singers were invited and performed for the American Red Cross Memorial Service commemorating the tragedy of Sept. 11 a year ago. Represented in the ceremony were the Salt Lake City Fire and Police Departments, the American Red Cross, rescue volunteers, search and rescue dogs, Governor Leavitt, Mayor Rocky Anderson, and Native American spiritual leaders. The Chamber Singers sang “Prayer of the Children” by Kurt Bestor and “America the Beautiful.” Chris said they were very proud to be part of this ceremony and “it will stay with all of us for a very long time.” The ceremony was shown on television later that day and watched by a large portion of the student body in Shaw Center.

Karlyn Bond helped launch and is on the board of a new summer chamber music series, Intermezzo, which offered three chamber music concerts during July and August, involving several local musicians. She performed Brahms’ Piano Quartet in G-minor in the July 29 concert with three members of the Utah Symphony with whom she’s formed a quartet called Quattro Amici. Lun Jiang, Roberta Zalkind, and Pegsoon Whang are her string playing co-horts. In June she recorded a CD (available later this fall) of interesting encore pieces with the principal trombone player of Utah Symphony, Larry Zalkind. Karlyn says the CD will be a stunning collection of virtuoso pieces never performed or recorded before on an orchestral trombone.
**Physical Sciences**

**David Goldsmith** spent the summer polishing up the science LE courses and doing research on snail evolution with a student. He said they obtained good results from the research, and they’re looking forward to presenting them at the Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Research Fair in April. David also has a paper in press in the *American Biology Teacher* (which he knows is sort of weird for a geologist) based on an exercise that he developed for the Physics LE Exploration in Science. The paper is entitled “The Great Clade Race: Presenting Cladistic Thinking to both Biology Majors and General Science Students.”

Cladistics is a method of classifying organisms by common ancestry, based on the branching of the evolutional family tree and is a topic that applied to both biology and paleontology. He will also be giving a presentation on a similar subject at a geoscience education symposium at this year’s Geological Society of America meeting in October in Denver, CO.

**Geoffrey Goellner** is a new adjunct in Physics this fall co-teaching Explorations in Science. He has a B.A. in Biology from Luther College in Iowa and a Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences from Mayo Graduate School. In addition to teaching at Westminster, Geoffrey is a postdoctoral research fellow working in genetics at the University of Utah.

**Cherie Anderson** is also new this year and is co-teaching Explorations in Science. She has a B.S. in Biology (Ecology) and an M.S. in Biology from the University of Louisville. Cherie is currently an environmental education intern working with HawkWatch International in Salt Lake.

**Philosophy/Religion**

**Doug Wright,** along with students Chris Averill and Leslie Owen, will present a discussion panel entitled, “Minds, Morality, and Monstrosity in Shelley’s *Frankenstein*” at the National Collegiate Honors Council Convention in Salt Lake City on November 2 at the Grand America Hotel.

**Susan Downs** is teaching Introduction to Ethics for the first time at Westminster this fall. She has a B.A. in Philosophy from the University of Vermont and an M.S. in Philosophy from the University of Utah. In addition to teaching philosophy, Susan has five years of athletic teaching and coaching experience in alpine skiing.

**Karen Mottola** has been hired to teach Introduction to Philosophy. She has a B.A. in Liberal Arts from the University of Notre Dame and an M.A. in Philosophy from the University of Texas.

**Political Science**

**Chuck Tripp** and his family spent the summer traveling through the United Kingdom and France to Azerbaijan (it took twelve days) and two and one-half months living in Azerbaijan’s capital, Baku. They traveled around inside Azerbaijan as well. They then returned to the United States through Belgium and the United Kingdom. One of the main purposes of this trip, Chuck says, was to conduct a research project into the attitudes of average Azerbaijanis regarding conditions in their country since the demise of the Soviet Union and the Azerbaijan Soviet Socialist Republic. The results of this research are quite interesting, reports Chuck, and will be written within this year. He also interviewed people who have emigrated from Azerbaijan to the United Kingdom and Belgium.

Chuck says one of the high points of the trip was his interview which appeared in the *Yeni Musavat* (New Equality) newspaper. It has the largest circulation of any newspaper in Azerbaijan. You can access the interview online at [www.yenimusavat.com/1763/gundem.htm](http://www.yenimusavat.com/1763/gundem.htm) (scroll to page five). Of course, it’s in Azerbaijani, so let Chuck know if you need a translation. The picture might be enough.
Stephen Nelson returns to Westminster as an adjunct instructor. Steve has a B.A. in Economics from Westminster College, and is a Juris Doctor candidate at the University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law. Steve is teaching Constitutional Law this fall and works as a law clerk in the Utah Attorney General’s Office.

David Murphy is a new adjunct this fall teaching American National Government. He has a B.S. in Criminal Justice from Truman State University, an M.A. in Criminal Justice and a Ph.D. A.B.D. in Political Science from Washington State University.

Psychology

Lesa Ellis left Westminster with a B.S. in Psychology and went on to receive her M.S. and Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology from the University of Oregon. Along the way Lesa gained valuable teaching and research experience and is now teaching full-time as an Assistant Professor of Psychology.

Pat Gay spent two months this summer in the Galapagos Islands touring and observing bird behavior (as well as that of iguanas, giant tortoises, and sea lions).

Paul Presson was involved this summer in the Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) program at the University of New Hampshire. He received his Ph.D. from the University of New Hampshire and he says “it was great to be able to return and participate in this program.” Paul worked with Victor Benassi, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies at UNH; Jim Korn, Professor Psychology at St. Louis University; Cecilia Shore, Professor of Psychology at Miami, Ohio; and Paul Nelson, who is the Director of Graduate Education and Training for the American Psychological Association. After spending the first day preparing the course, they then attended a one-day seminar with five third-year graduate students from various schools and another day evaluating the previous day and brainstorming a plan to distribute the PFF program to other colleges and universities. Paul hopes that Westminster can become involved in the program as a partner institution for a PFF school.

Colleen Sandor has joined the faculty on a one-year full-time contract as a psychology instructor. She has a B.A. from Canisius College, and an M.S. and Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Utah. Colleen taught part-time at Westminster several years ago and she currently maintains a part-time private practice in Salt Lake.

Kitty Roberts is a new adjunct this fall teaching Introduction to Psychology. She received her B.S. in Medical Technology and an M.A. in Clinical Psychology from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas. She has a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of North Texas.

Josh Magleby is teaching Introduction to Psychology this fall. Josh has a B.S. in Psychology from Westminster College, an M.S. in School Psychology and a Ph.D. (in progress) in School Psychology from the University of Utah. In addition to teaching, Josh is working at the Psychoeducational Clinic and Tourette Clinic at the University of Utah Medical Center.

Sociology

Mike Gaschler is on long term disability beginning this fall after thirty-three years. It seems very peculiar to begin an academic year without his presence on campus. We all miss him and wish him well.

Frank Page has joined the social science program as an instructor on a temporary one-year contract. Frank has a B.S. in Sociology, an M.A. in Education, and a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Utah. Frank has taught at the University of Utah and Salt Lake Community. Frank says, “In my classes, I always underscore the way in which social psychology and symbolic interactionism can be used to illuminate the nature of many social and moral problems such as racism, sexism, speciesism, crime, poverty, and alienation.
In order to understand themselves and make good decisions, students need to understand the society that they live in.”

Speech/Theatre

Brian Pilling performed in and produced *The Compleat Wrks of Wllm Shkspr* (abridged) for Wasatch Theatre Company. The show featured thirty-seven of Shakespeare’s plays performed in under two hours by three actors. He helped stage and starred in their second annual “Short Shorts” festival, which showcased the talents of local playwrights by producing their original one-act “short.” He also worked on a research project about the identities of communication (speech/debate) teachers in local high schools and has submitted a paper about this to The Western States Communication Association Conference.

There are four new adjuncts this fall in the Speech/Theatre Program.

Karen Alexander is teaching Methods of Teaching Theatre in Secondary Schools. She has a B.A. and teaching certificate and an M.A. in Comparative Literature from the University of Utah. Karen is currently teaching French, Theatre, and Dance at Union Middle School.

Kristi Burns has a B.A. in Modern Dance from Brigham Young University, an M.A. in Dance Education from the University of California at Los Angeles and expects her M.F.A. in Modern Dance next year from the same university. She is teaching Beginning and Intermediate Modern Dance this fall.

Michael Burns is teaching History of Theatre and Dramatic Literature. He has a B.A. in Theatre Arts from Brigham Young University and an M.F.A. in Acting from Southern Methodist University.

Robert Leonard has a B.S. in Communication Studies from Wright State University, an M.A. in Speech Communication from the University of Maine, and is expecting his Ph.D. in Communication next year. Robert currently teaches full time at Salt Lake Community College. He is teaching Public Presentations for us this fall.

In Memoriam

Marilyn Scharine—wife, mother, mediator, advisor, colleague, and friend—is deeply missed by those of us who were fortunate to have known her and spent time with her. To quote Brian Pilling, “No one else so completely, genuinely, and thrillingly lived life.