Dear Colleagues,

This fall we began the semester with the largest and possibly the most talented faculty in Westminster College’s long history. This newsletter covers only a fraction of the creative and exciting endeavors that you are all engaged in. I encourage you all, both the new and the old faces, to reach out to each other and help forge new friendships and connections. The new Strategic Plan proposal also offers us some challenges and opportunities for the future—and one of these challenges is to distinguish ourselves by our active, experiential, collaborative, and cross-disciplinary distinctive educational programs. As we continue our cycle of program review and development, I encourage you to think about new ways to meet our learning goals—both for our academic programs and for the College as a whole. The participation of the School of Arts and Sciences is critical in all of the initiatives and I hope you found areas that you will want to be involved with in the coming months and years.

Have a great semester!

STAFF

We sadly said “good-by” to Brighton Miller who has been such an integral part of our staff and wish her well with her plans to move to Reno, Nevada where her husband is planning to start his own business. Our three veteran workstudy students, Brad Ankrum, Sarah Maestas and Marie Tueller have returned from busy summers and they’re ready to provide the support we’ve grown to count on in the office. The beginning of school was especially exciting for Michelle who is returning to school to finish her degree. We have hired two new freshman student workers who will need some time adjusting to our office routine. Please stop by and say hello to Jill Hartsen from Grand County High School in Moab, and Jill Carr from Taylorsville High School. They’re friendly, outgoing young women who are anxious to get to know everyone.

ART

Kay Kuzminski invites everyone to see the pottery display on the first floor of Converse Hall featuring the work of alumni Sulin Santee (’84), Amy Stanton (’98) and Karen Sander (’98), who all continue to work in clay. If anyone is interested in purchasing any of the pieces, please call 832-2331 or 2332 and leave a message. The exhibit will be there until November 15.
David Baddley’s work is included in the exhibit, “The Utah Environment: Opening A Dialogue.” This exhibit is presented by The Great Basin Foundation and will be shown at Art Access Gallery, 339 West Pierpont Avenue and will run from October 17 through November 14. Everyone is invited to the artist’s reception on October 17 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., which is part of the monthly gallery stroll.

Craig Glidden’s multimedia work is part of the Interior Exterior Spaces Distinguished Alumni Art Exhibition at the University of Utah, College of Fine Arts. One of our art adjuncts, Lenka Konopasek’s work is also part of the show which will run through October 24. Lenka teaches our printmaking class. The artist’s reception is on October 7 at 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Angela Banchero-Kelleher is teaching Experiencing the Arts with Suzanne Simpson this fall. Angela has a B.A. in History and an M.F.A. in Modern Dance from the University of Utah. She currently dances with the Repertory Dance Theatre and Contemporary Danceworks and teaches part-time at Weber State University.

BIOLOGY

Ty Harrison spent this past summer doing field research in Albion Basin with two Westminster students, Michael Clifford and Charles Kuehn. The Friends of Alta are funding a two-year cooperative project with Utah State University Remote Sensing Laboratory called The Albion Basin Eco-Geography Project. Using a digital camera and laptop computer they were able to take over 5,000 images (video and stills) of plants, animals and rocks. Using a device to map where things are by satellite, the photos and “ground truth” data are being assembled into both a web page and a CD-ROM to help the general public and teachers to use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and interactive web pages to learn about the natural history of Albion Basin in their own backyard. The project should be finished and accessible this year. If anyone wants a checklist of Albion Basin plants (with notes), please contact Ty at x2349.

Under Ty’s direction two other biology undergraduates, Shawn Larsen and Brent Woodsen, have been using the summer to gather information on the drought tolerance of two native grasses in Dimple Dell Regional Park in Sandy. One of these grasses, Sand Dropseed, is physiologically active during the hottest part of the summer and we don’t understand exactly how or why. These students are using funds from past Gore equipment purchases as well as Gore grants for undergraduate research. Preliminary results look publishable.

During three weeks at the end of July and first of August Ty and his wife Judy toured Scandinavia (Denmark, Sweden and Norway) searching their emigrant ancestor’s roots. They ended up in Paris, France for several days with record-breaking and death-dealing temperatures! It was so hot (104F.) that half of un-air conditioned Paris was outside at night on the banks of the River Seine. The fjords, glaciers and waterfalls of Norway were spectacular. Ty took six rolls of 36 exposure slides and plans to share them soon.
Scott Knight is a new adjunct instructor in biology team teaching Principles of Biology with Brian Avery. Scott has a B.S. in Biology from Linfield College and a Ph.D. in Biochemistry/Microbiology from the University of Montana. He has taught at Linfield College and the University of Montana, and is currently a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Dept. of Biochemistry and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, University of Utah.

Robert Willson is team teaching The Natural World this fall. He has a B.A. in Biology from Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon and an M.S. in Biology/Ecology from Utah State University. Robert is a professional wildlife biologist currently working on winter populations of Bald Eagles on the Great Salt Lake and teaching part-time at Rowland-Hall St. Marks.

CHEMISTRY

Paul Hooker worked this summer with students Ike Morgan and Chris Gallatti studying the effect of selenium on brine shrimp from the Great Salt Lake. Paul explains, “Excess selenium has been the cause of several environmental disasters resulting in the birth of deformed birds and fish that end up devastating the local wildlife population.” While there have been reports of elevated selenium levels along the Green River in Utah, Paul says there has been no hard evidence that selenium is a concern in the Great Salt Lake. However, this may be about to change as there is a plan to dump selenium from a group water clean-up project into the Jordan River. This will ultimately make its way into the lake. As grebes typically eat 20,000-30,000 brine shrimp per day, it is important to access the impact that raised Se levels could have as it enters the food web.

COMMUNICATION

Fred Fogo is a “peer reviewer” for Journalism and Communication Monographs having just completed a review of a manuscript for that journal.

Helen Hodgson joined Jeff McCarthy, Gaylen Bunker, and Michael Mamo in June at the summer institute of the Associated New American Colleges in Hampton, Virginia. She says lots of interesting ideas were presented, which were particularly timely in light of the ongoing work on the Strategic Plan. She just returned from the annual conference of the American Medical Writers Association, held in Miami during hurricane Isabel (fortunately, it decided to go farther north). She completed her term as Immediate Past President at this conference and participated in a number of other ways: introduced the keynote speaker, presented two 3-hour workshops, gave a breakfast roundtable and a 1-hour “how-to”, and co-chaired a session on communication theory. Once she gets her 92-year-old mother settled in Salt Lake City, life should become a bit calmer, allowing more time for escapes to Torrey.

Kim Zarkin joined the faculty this fall as an Assistant Professor of Communication. She has a B.A. in Mass Communications from James Madison University, an M.A. in Mass Communications/Radio from Emerson College and a Ph.D. in Mass Communications from the University of Florida. Kim’s book, Anti-Indecency Groups and the Federal Communications Commission: A Study in the
Politics of Broadcast Regulation, was recently published by The Edwin Mellen Press (www.mellenpress.com). This work is her doctoral dissertation written at the University of Florida. It looks at the influence of two organizations from the Religious Right: the American Family Association and Morality in Media, and their efforts to “encourage” the FCC to enforce the regulations banning indecent material from the broadcast airwaves. After combing through FCC documents, Congressional hearings and complaint files, Kim discovered that the groups were only influential when someone more powerful (member of Congress in particular) had the same agenda. While both of these groups have worked for decades to clean up broadcasting, Kim says Howard Stern is still going strong.

Kim Grob is teaching Professional Writing this fall. Kim has a B.A. in Communication from Loyola University and an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from the University of Arizona. Kim taught at the University of Arizona, and is currently Senior Writer, Euro RSCG Interaction where she develops and writes for interactive communications projects including Websites, Webvertising, and HTML e-mails.

Dallyn Zundel is teaching Principles of Layout and Design. He received his B.F.A. in Illustration from the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena California and an M.A. in Education, Curriculum and Technology from the University of Phoenix. Dallyn works as a graphic artist, Qwest Dex, as a freelance illustrator, and teaches part-time in the Department of Visual Arts, Salt Lake Community College.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE**

Helen Hu joins the computer science faculty as Assistant Professor, Computer Science this fall. She has a B.S.E. in Computer Science from Princeton University and a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Utah. Helen says teaching has been a life-long passion for her. Before starting graduate school, she lectured for a year for the Centre for Computer Studies at Singapore’s Ngee Ann Polytechnic, and since 1996 Helen has been a tutor with the Literacy Action Center.

Greg Gagne reports a new edition of Operating System Concepts Using Java, a computer science text he co-authored and which will be published in October.

**EARTH SYSTEMS SCIENCE**

David Goldsmith and his student Jonathan Newman will be going to this year’s Geological Society of America meeting in Seattle. They will be presenting the results of last summer’s research. The title of the talk is “Multiple Competitive Displacement Events in Two Species of the Neogene Gastropod Pyrgulopsis.” David is also chairing a session at the meeting.

**ENGLISH**

Georgi Donavin was married this summer and says her husband Bob King’s dowry included installing a new air conditioner in the old house just in time for the hottest summer on record. On a more professional note, Georgi gave a presentation at a symposium at University College in London, entitled, “Rhetorical Links in the Confessio Amantis.”
The purpose of the symposium was to consider how hypertext could bring the 14th century poet John Gower to the 21st century, so her project demonstrated what an online edition of a part of the Confessio Amantis would look like, complete with hyperlinks to major resources and contemporary criticism.

With the support of a Gore Summer Grant, Peter Goldman started writing and researching his book on Shakespeare and the Problem of Iconoclasm. In conjunction with his book project, he presented a paper entitled “The Public versus the Private in Measure for Measure” at the Wooden O Symposium in Cedar City on August 5th. This conference was sponsored by the Utah Shakespearean Festival, so he was also able to attend productions of several Shakespeare plays.

Susan Gunter’s paper, “Post Cold War Liberal Arts Education: The End of Metanarratives?,” will be published in the Bulgarian Fulbright Newsletter this fall. Also this fall, Susan will be giving a talk in Bulgaria at a conference honoring ten years of the Bulgarian Fulbright Commission on “Henry James, Edward Hopper, and Urban Realism.”

Elree Harris enjoyed the summer at her sister’s house in northern Montana, relaxing and reading murder mysteries until the Glacier National Park fires drove her back to the relatively clean air of Salt Lake City.

Jeff McCarthy had the usual big helping of climbing, reading, writing and conference going, but this Summer’s grandest challenges came in the form of house renovation instead of mountain ranges. One enjoyable activity to report is that in July he ran the Maine state triathlon with his mother and father.

Fatima Mujcinovic spent her summer in Santa Barbara doing research at the University of California and visiting with friends from graduate school. She is happy to report that she has completed her projects that were awarded a Gore Summer Grant last semester. This semester, Fatima travelled to the University of Colorado, Boulder, to present at the Mid-America Conference of Hispanic Literatures (October 2-5, 2003). Her paper is entitled: “Julia Alvarez’s Novels How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents and Yo: Negotiations of Diasporic Identity.”

Natasha Saje took a month-long trip to Europe mostly with her parents, visiting Bavaria, Austria, Slovenia, and Italy. One highlight was seeing cousins she hadn’t seen in 26 years, and another was the Venice Biennale. Her book of poems, *Bend*, is coming out in November, and lots of poems from that book are in magazines this fall: *Paris Review, Tar River Poetry, Virginia Quarterly Review*, and *Quarterly West*. In July she read at Poets in the Park in Loveland, Colorado, as well as gave a lecture on literary evaluation.

David Stanley hosted another group of 30 English teachers from 22 countries this summer. He also went backpacking in Idaho and New York, attended a trail crew reunion in a very smoky Glacier National Park, and spent two weeks at the family farm in the Adirondacks. He is finishing editing a book on the history of folklore studies in Utah and will chair a panel on public dimensions of folklore at the American Folklore Society meeting in Albuquerque in October.
Stephen Fellner is teaching Composition and Research this fall. Steve has a B.A. in Rhetoric, from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, an M.F.A. in Creative Writing-Fiction, from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, and is A.B.D., Literature and Creative Writing, at the University of Utah. Steve’s writing appears in publications such as Mid-American Review, Flyway Literary Review, Poet Lore, River City, and Seattle Review among others.

Karina Kerr is a new adjunct instructor teaching Children’s Literature this fall. She has a B.A. in English from Iowa State University and an M.A. in English (Children’s) Literature from Eastern Michigan University. Karina’s teaching experience includes Henry Ford Community College, University of Michigan, Brigham Young University and Utah Valley State College. She also does freelance work for Gale Publishing.

Laura Ann Manning is teaching Composition and Research. She received her B.A. in English from Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts, and an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from Mills College, Oakland, California. Rebecca is currently on the Faculty Committee for Writers at Work and is a freelance writer, editor and documentation manager for Ovid Technologies, Inc.

Rebecca Thornley is a new adjunct this fall teaching Introduction to Writing. She has a B.A. in English, from the University of Utah and an M.A. in English from the University of California, Irvine. Rebecca is currently an English teacher in the Davis County School District and tutors for the Western Governors University.

Marlene Vernon is also a new adjunct this fall teaching Introduction to Writing. She has a B.A. in English and Speech/Theater, from the University of Utah, and an M.A. in English and World Literature from Utah State University. She’s just returned to Salt Lake after teaching in the Rhetoric Department at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul.

HISTORY

Jeff Nichols spent a week in June at Columbia University on a Council of Independent Colleges/Gilder Lehrman seminar, where he “learned a ton about the political history of the Early Republic under the direction of the great Joyce Appleby.” During the summer, he worked on editing and annotating the memoir of Ann Gordge Lee Kennedy, last wife of John D. Lee for eventual publication in Arthur H. Clark’s Kingdom in the West series, edited by Will Bagley. On September 13, Jeff participated on a panel discussing polygamy along with Dorothy Allred Salomon and Judith Freeman at the Salt Lake Book Festival.

HONORS

Richard Badenhausen was an invited participant in the three-day Liberty Fund colloquium, “Imagining the Possibilities of Liberty with the Discovery of the New World,” held in Portland, Oregon last May. Along with Jim Duban of the University of North Texas, he presented the findings of a national survey of fellowship advisors at the National Association of Fellowship Advisors convention in Denver in August.
LANGUAGES

Joy Woolf had a very productive and challenging nine weeks in Spain (May, June, July) traversing the country initially (Barcelona, Madrid, Granada, Cordoba, Nerja, Malaga), then establishing temporary residency in the beautiful seaside Basque city of San Sebastian. There she engaged in advanced language and cultural seminars while cultivating local friendships and idealizing the Cantabric coast. Regional highlights included a trip to Bilbao to tour the spectacular Guggenheim Museum, jaunts into southern France, and visits to wineries and popular culinary centers.

Chris Davison has returned to teach part-time for us this fall teaching Spanish I. Chris has a B.S. and an M.A. in Hispanic Language/Culture from the University of Utah. As a flight attendant for seven years, Chris traveled extensively to Mexico, Spain, France and Italy. He is fluent in Spanish and French. He has taught at the Berlitz Language School and the University of Utah.

MATHEMATICS

Doug Norris is the newest member of the Math Program for this year. He has a B.S. in Mathematics from Western Washington University and a Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of Colorado, Boulder where he recently taught. He worked as a programmer/researcher at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, CO and taught at the University of Colorado. On a personal note, Doug coached both the women’s and men’s ice hockey teams at the University of Colorado and was goaltender on the men’s team for two years.

Bobby Hansen is a new adjunct instructor in math this fall teaching Elementary and Intermediate Algebra. He has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Arizona and an M.S. in Math from the University of Utah. He is currently enrolled in a Math Ph.D. program at the University of Utah where he regularly gives graduate colloquium talks and organizes seminars.

MC NAIR SCHOLAR PROGRAM
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Debby Curry has been hired as the Director of the McNair Scholar Program at Westminster. She has a B.A. in Liberal Arts from Sarah Lawrence College, an M.A. in Political Science and Public Policy from Rutgers University and, a J.D. in Law and a Ph.D. in Education Policy, Planning and Administration from the University of Maryland. Debby has a varied background in research, teaching, consulting, developing programs and as an attorney for the Federal Election Commission in Washington, D.C. While not technically housed in the School of Arts and Sciences, the benefits that the McNair program offers have a direct impact on many of the students who are majors or minors in Arts and Sciences. Debby will be on campus on Monday, Oct. 6 in Gore 223 and everyone is encouraged to stop by and say “hello” and welcome her to Westminster College.
MUSIC

**Karlyn Bond** collaborated with members of the Utah Symphony (Erich Graf, Lisa Byrnes, James Hall and Steve Kostyniak) and other local musicians (Vedrana Subotic, Lou Pfeil and Carl Jackson) in two of the four concerts of the Intermezzo Chamber Music Series’ 2003 summer season, held in the Libby Gardner Concert Hall at the University of Utah.

PHILOSOPHY

**Michael Popich** presented a paper entitled “Is there a collective moral duty to intervene in genocide?” at the 5th Biennial Meeting of the International Association of Genocide Scholars, National University of Ireland-Galway, June 7-10, 2003. He also presented a paper entitled “Is there distributive justice without violence?” at the annual meeting of the Colloquium on Religion and Violence, June 17-21, 2003, the University of Innsbruck, Innsbruck, Austria. Michael participated in a three-day working conference at the University of Virginia, (August 17-21, 2003), hosted by the University’s Center on Religion and Democracy. The time was devoted to discussions of contributed papers by he and eleven other participants in a 2001 United States Holocaust Memorial Museum seminar on ethics after the Holocaust. The twelve participants assembled a set of their essays dealing with various aspects of western cultural reaction to the Holocaust.

**Doug Wright** will give a presentation on “Global Citizenship Curriculum” at the American Association of Colleges and Universities “Network for Academic Renewal” Conference March 4-6 in Long Beach California. **Georgia White** from the Gore School of Business will be presenting with Doug.

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

**Peter Conwell** joins the physical science faculty as Assistant Professor, Physics. He has a B.S. in Physics from Sonoma State University and a Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Utah. Peter has been an adjunct instructor at Westminster since Spring 2000 and also taught at the University of Utah. Peter says, “I like to teach. It is a calling and a curse. Research, with all the pleasure I derive from it, seems empty without human interaction. There is just the plain-old good feeling I get from making physics accessible to students who possess the desire to learn, especially the timid.”

**Bruce Richter** is a new adjunct instructor this fall teaching two Organic Chemistry labs. He has a B.S. in Chemistry and a Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry from Brigham Young University. Bret works full-time for Dionex Corporation as their senior staff chemist.

**Tonia Torrence** is teaching Explorations in Science. She has a B.S. in Forest Management from Utah State University, an M.S. in Mined Land Rehabilitation from Montana State University, and is presently in a Ph.D. program in Arid Land Studies at the University of Arizona. Tonia’s interesting background includes working and/or volunteering in Ecuador, Trinidad, Dominican Republic, Madagascar, and Mozambique.
**POLITICAL SCIENCE**


Michael Zarkin is the new Assistant Professor of Political Science. Michael has a B.S. in Political Science from the University of Minnesota and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Florida. He recently had his article “Telecommunications Policy Learning: The Case of the FCC’s Computer Inquiries” published in the journal *Telecommunications Policy*. Michael’s book *Social Learning and the History of US Telecommunications Policy, 1900-1996* is being published later this year by Mellen International Press.

**PSYCHOLOGY**

Colleen Sandor was hired as Assistant Professor of Psychology this year. She has a B.A. Psychology from Canisius College, Buffalo, New York and an M.S. and Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Utah. She brings a unique perspective to the psychology department given her work in the addictions field. Colleen says she “has the opportunity to shift the focus of her expertise in addictions from clinical work to teaching students about substance abuse and the associate behaviors.” In May she presented a clinical paper at a meeting of the International Institute of Object Relations Therapy in Bethesda, Maryland entitled “A Case of True Grit.”

Paul Presson had a paper published this summer in *Social Behavior and Personality: An International Journal*. The paper is titled “Are depressive symptoms positively or negatively associated with the illusion of control?” The paper examined the apparently contradictory findings that depressed people demonstrate more accurate contingency judgments than non-depressed people (“depressive realism”) on the one hand, and the findings that depressed people often exhibit a higher illusion of control on the other hand. We found that when the judgment task involved magical thinking, depressed people showed a higher illusion of control. When the task involved a straight contingency judgment, the depressive realism phenomenon occurred.
Bret Hicken is teaching Introduction to Psychology this fall. He has a B.S. in Psychology from the University of Utah, an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Clinical/Medical Psychology from the University of Alabama, Birmingham. Bret currently works at the Veterans Administration Medical Center.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Mark Rubinfeld joins the social sciences as an Assistant Professor, Sociology. Mark has a B.A. in English from the University of Hartford, an M.S.W. from the University of Connecticut and an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Massachusetts – Amherst. Mark says, “I truly enjoy working with students and, in addition to my scholarly activities, view this work as the most important part of my job.”

Natalie Jensen is teaching Introduction to Geography. She has a B.A. in Near East Studies and an M.S. in Geography from Brigham Young University. She recently worked as a Content Editor for Axiom Press where she created a standardized geographic assessment for college-level students.

SPEECH/THEATRE

Brian Pilling has been part of Westminster College since he came here as a freshman several (?) years ago. Brian was hired this year as Assistant Professor of Speech. He has a B.A., Communication from Westminster College, an M.A., Speech Communication from the University of Washington, and is completing his Ph.D. in Communication from the University of Utah next year. He and his wife Nicole had a second daughter, Ella Kathryn, born May 16. Brian’s May Term class produced and performed in a festival of original one-act plays in June. Brian invites everyone to visit him over in Gore – his 4th office in 4 years.

Shawnda and Bradley Moss are team teaching the Theatre Methods class for theatre teaching minors this fall. Shawnda has a B.S. in Secondary Theatre Education and an M.A. in Theatre for Young Audiences from Brigham Young University. She teaches part-time at the University of Utah and is a teacher and chair of the Theatre Department at Riverton High School. Bradley has a B.A. in Secondary Theatre Education from Brigham Young University and was the chair of the Performing Arts Department at Bingham High School. He is now a senior research analyst for Primary Intelligence in Draper and a board member of the Utah Theatre Association.

Jennifer Rouse is teaching Beginning Modern Dance this fall. She has a B.S. in Theatre Performance from Northern Arizona University and is currently in the Master of Fine Arts program at the University of Utah. Jennifer has many talents which she has shared with Westminster’s Theatre program for the past several years as costume designer, producer, choreographer and actress playing one of the leading roles in Man of LaMancha as Aldonza.