Dear Colleagues,

It is hard for me to believe that this is my eighth fall semester start at Westminster. I count myself as very fortunate to have had the opportunity to be associated with the terrific faculty of the School of Arts and Sciences and this newsletter is a reaffirmation of the many accomplishments of a very talented group. We also have some great new additions to the faculty for you to welcome this year. I am confident that they will add their own vitality and achievements to our School.

Have a fabulous semester!

Sincerely,

PROGRAMS

ART

In April 2006, David Baddley showed his work at the Salt Lake Art Center's BOLD, BAD, & DANGEROUS exhibit. He also showed at the invitational exhibit “Constructing Self: Thirty Self-Portraits,” which was presented by the City Library and the Utah Arts Festival.

Alex Caldiero joins Westminster this fall to co-teach Art 200FN, Experiencing the Arts. You might remember Alex from last year’s (2005-2006) Anne Newman Sutton Weeks Poetry Series, of which he was a featured poet. Alex attended Queens College in Flushing, NY, and is Poet/Artist in Residence at UVSC.

Dan Gerhart will teach Art 350, Methods of Teaching Art in Secondary Schools, this fall. Dan is currently the Director of a Salt Lake City youth arts education program, Global Artways. He holds his MFA in Sculpture from the University of Utah, where he has also been an adjunct instructor.

Laurel Hunter will teach a section of Art 110, Survey of Art, in Fall 2006. Laurel received her MFA from Arizona State University and her Bachelor of Arts from San Francisco State University. Her previous positions encompass a diverse range of skills, from carpenter/prop master at the Woodminster Amphitheater in Oakland, CA, to lecturer at the University of California at Santa Cruz.

BIOLOGY

Congratulations to Brian Avery on the arrival of his new baby boy, Kaelan, in April 2006.

Brian Avery, Bonnie Baxter, Paul Hooker, Robyn Hyde, and Judy Rogers had students present at the National Conferences for Undergraduate Research (NCUR) in Asheville, NC, in April 2006. Ashlee Allred’s project, which she conducted with Bonnie Baxter, was entitled Photoprotection in Halophilic Archaea: Correlation of Carotenoids and DNA Damage. Traci Anderson and Stephanie Goshorn worked with Paul Hooker and Robyn Hyde on their project, entitled Analyzing the Effect of a Brita Water Filter on the Ion Concentration of Local Water Samples. Rylan Larsen’s project, Characterization of the Artemia thioredoxin reductase gene, was presented at the NCUR and was awarded a Gore Math/Science Summer Research grant with Brian Avery. Harmony Smith’s project was entitled The Responses of Microglia to Deafferentation in the Adult Zebrafish Olfactory Bulb, and was conducted with Judy Rogers.
Larry Anderson conducted Gore Summer Research with students Kristen Haas and Christopher Glezos on their project, *Gene Expression in E. faecalis in Distinct Environmental Conditions*.


Bonnie Baxter and Ashlee Allred designed a website for the Woods Hole Marine Biology Education group. The site can be found at [http://serc.carleton.edu/microbelife/extreme/hypersaline/index.html](http://serc.carleton.edu/microbelife/extreme/hypersaline/index.html). Bonnie was also featured in a May 2006 Associated Press story about the successful undergraduate research she and Ashlee have done. The story ran in the *Salt Lake Tribune*, *Deseret News*, *Provo Daily Herald*, and the *Tri-City Herald* (Washington). The *Salt Lake Tribune*’s version, published May 28, 2006, was entitled “Extremophiles: Utah professors and students research UV protection and cleaning environment.” In addition, the extremophile discovered by Bonnie and Ashlee was recently named Salsosis (*Halorubrum salsosis*) by two school children in Maple Tree Press’ nationwide “Name a New Species” contest. An article about the contest was published in the news section of *Science Magazine*.

Paul Hooker, Bonnie Baxter, and Tenzin Norgyal carried out research on their Gore Summer Research project, *Carotenoid Analysis of Halophilic Bacteria from the GSL*.

Judy Rogers, Emily Rohn-Allemen, and Haverley Coy worked on their Gore Summer Research project, *Sequencing Avian DNA*.

Christian DiMaano will co-teach a section of BIOL 102, *The Natural World*, this fall. He has a Ph.D. in Oncological Studies from the University of Utah and his M.S. in Biological Studies from California State University.

Douglas Mackay will co-teach a section of BIOL 102, *The Natural World*. Doug holds a Ph.D. from the University of California in Irvine and has a postdoctoral fellowship at the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

**CHEMISTRY**

Robyn Hyde worked with Patricia Wayment on their summer research project entitled *Synthesis of West Nile Virus Inhibitor*.

Tricia Shepherd conducted research with Timothy Harden on their Gore Math/Science Summer Research Grant project, *MD and MC simulations of single-stranded PNA*. She also worked with Amberlyn Peterson on the Honors Summer Research Grant project *Free energy analysis of PNA-DNA nucleotide mismatches*.

Tricia attended the 5th Annual MERCURY Conference in Undergraduate Computational Chemistry in Clinton, NY, July 26–July 28 with chemistry majors Amberlyn Peterson and Amy Rogers. At the conference, each student gave a brief oral summary and a poster presentation of their summer 2006 research projects.

Finally, Tricia was invited by the Division of Chemical Education of the American Chemical Society to organize/preside over a symposium titled “Computational Chemistry Investigations for Undergraduates” for the ACS National meeting in San Francisco (September 2006).

Lori McCoy will teach the Intro to Chemistry labs this fall. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, British Columbia, and is a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Utah on a project studying viral triggers of Multiple Sclerosis.
**COMMUNICATION**

Helen Hodgson presented several workshops this summer. She held “Effective Paragraphing” and “Improving Comprehension: Theories and Research Findings” at ECRI, a nonprofit medical research firm. She also conducted two workshops at the American Medical Writers Association conference: “Advanced Writing” and “Punctuation for Clarity and Style.”

Christy Seifert did a freelance business writing project for BellMed Resources, a Colorado-Utah-based company that specializes in selling spinal implant technologies. Also, Christy and Helen participated in the Grant Institute’s grant-writing certification workshop at the University of Utah in May.

Kim Zarkin gave a presentation entitled “Clear as Mud” at the Broadcast Education Association (BEA) Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, in April 2006. The panel was the Annual Telecom Act Update. Kim was also the BEA 2006 Scholar to Scholar Poster Session Coordinator, and will be the BEA 2007 Convention Chair.


Linda Bult will teach COMM 201, Principles of Editing, this fall. She holds an MPC from Westminster and a B.A. in English from the University of Utah. She has experience as a professional editor and grant writer.

Ellen Fagg will teach The Art of the Review for the MPC program this fall. Ellen has an MFA in Notification Writing from the University of Iowa. She is a theatre critic and arts writer for the *Salt Lake Tribune*.

Katie Sullivan will teach Managing Conflict this fall (COMM 300X). She has an M.A. in Speech Communication from the University of South Dakota and is currently ABD at the University of Utah.

Roger Toll will teach Travel Writing to MPC students this fall. Roger holds an M.A. in Communications and Film from the University of Southern California and is currently a freelance travel writer. He was also recently the editorial director for *Alumni Magazine* at the Thunderbird School of Management in Phoenix, AZ.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE**

In August, Greg Gagne was interviewed by *Voice of America* concerning why US computer programmers are losing their competitive advantage to European and Asian computer students. Greg also finished work this past summer on the 7th Edition of *Operating System Concepts with Java*, scheduled for publication in November 2006.

**EARTH SYSTEMS SCIENCE**

Ingrid Weinbauer will teach Introduction to Geography this fall. Ingrid holds an M.A. in Geography from the State University of New York at Albany and is a Ph.D. candidate in Geography at the University of Minnesota. She has taught geography at Weber State, BYU, and the University of Utah.

**ENGLISH**

Please welcome Christopher LeCluyse to the Westminster English Department. In addition to teaching English, Chris will be the new
director for the Writing Center. Chris comes to us most recently from Austin, TX, where he held a visiting professorship in English at Southwestern University. Chris holds a Ph.D. in English from the University of Texas at Austin with concentration in English Language and Linguistics. Chris has also studied and taught on medieval manuscript culture and English linguistics. A professional singer, he also studied voice at the Oberlin Conservatory and specializes in choral and early music.

Georgi Donavin returns this fall from her 2005–2006 leave. In March 2006, Georgi chaired and organized the annual meeting of the Medieval Association of the Pacific, which was held at Westminster.

Peter Goldman’s essay, “The reforming of Reformation itself: The Public Versus the Private in Shakespeare’s Measure for Measure,” was accepted for publication in a book collection of essays entitled The Orignary Hypothesis: A Minimal Proposal for Humanistic Inquiry, which will be published by Davies Publishing Group in late 2006. In June 2006, Peter also gave a paper entitled “Shakespearean Romance and Sacrificial Form” at the annual conference of the Colloquium on Violence and Religion at St. Paul University in Ottawa, Canada.

Susan Gunter gave a paper at the American Literature Association Conference in San Francisco on May 26. The title of her paper is “Alice in Jamesland.”

Jeff McCarthy was awarded the Henkel’s Fellowship for Summer 2006 and researched experiential education. His essay, “A Place at the Table: Writing for Environmental Studies,” is forthcoming in the collection Writing the Bioregion from the University of Nevada Press. His essay “Stuck” appeared in Climbing Magazine, February 2006. In March, Jeff presented his paper “The Wilderness Debate and Ecocriticism: A Postcolonial Intervention,” to the American Comparative Literature Association Conference at Princeton University. His book review of Yvon Chouinard’s Let My People Go Surfing is in the 2006 American Alpine Journal. Also, you may have seen his article about arctic climbing and Westminster’s Environmental Studies major in the recent Westminster College Review.

Natasha Saje has two essays forthcoming this year: “The Telephone Interview” in the September issue of the Associated Writing Programs Job List, and “Rhythm and Repetition in Free Verse, or, the Poet as Witch,” coming in the Writer’s Chronicle. Poems are forthcoming in VOLT, Prairie Schooner, and the Beloit Poetry Journal.

David Stanley also returns this fall from his 2005–2006 leave. In addition to marrying this summer, David kept busy during 2006 by writing and publishing. “The Ritual Year and the Cycle of Work in the Life of the American Cowboy” was published in The Ritual Year, Proceedings of the First Annual Ritual Year Conference in Malta. “The Dynamics of Multi-Ethnicity in Twentieth-Century Carbon County, Utah,” was published in the Summer 2006 issue of Utah Historical Quarterly.

Gregory Jorgensen will teach a section of Composition and Research this fall. He holds an M.S. in English from Utah State University and has been an adjunct instructor at Salt Lake Community College.

Scott MacPhail will also teach a section of Composition and Research this fall. Scott holds a Ph.D. in Poetry and African-American Studies from Indiana University and an MFA from the University of Idaho.

Kelli Towers is another new English adjunct teaching Composition and Research this fall. Kelli has her M.A. in English Literature and Writing from Utah State University. Her areas of specialty include British Victorian Literature and creative writing in poetry and nonfiction.
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

KCPW interviewed Jeff McCarthy and Ty Harrison on April 17, 2006, about the new Environmental Studies Major and local environmental issues. Another KCPW interview with Jeff and Kerry Case, the new Director of Westminster’s Center for the Environment, was broadcast August 30, 2006.

In April 2006, Catalyst Magazine published an article about the Environmental Studies Major. The article is entitled “Education: Green Laurels. Westminster’s new major to improve green vision.”

The Environmental Studies Tour Web site received several awards. It was awarded the Summit International Award in the “Educational Institution Website” category. Entries for the Summit Awards are submitted from more than 50 countries across 5 continents. The site also received a bronze award in the College & University category of the 2006 Horizon Interactive Awards. Entries for this award are submitted from all over the world. Finally, the Admissions Marketing Report awarded the Environmental Tour Web site an Admissions Advertising Award in the category of “Internet/Website” for schools with 2,000 to 4,999 students. The Environmental Studies Tour was evaluated with over 2,200 entries from more than 1,000 colleges, universities, and secondary schools from all 50 states and several foreign countries. You can find the website at http://www.westminstercollege.edu/environmental_studies_tour/.

GENDER STUDIES

After attending two conferences last spring, Fatima Mujcinovic left for Europe to visit family and friends in Sarajevo, Dubrovnik, and Budapest. She was very happy to hear this summer from several former students, who had excellent news about their acceptance to graduate school: after having completed her M.A. in comparative literature at King’s College in London, Teresa Knight will study theater acting at Stephens College; Jamie Smith will pursue an M.A. in education at Sonoma State University; Morgan Zumaeta will attend the University of San Diego Law School; and Brittany Enniss has chosen the University of Utah College of Law out of six offers of admittance.

HISTORY


Academic Business World awarded Michael Markowski a Presentation Excellence Award for his presentation of “Web-Page Based Instruction vs the Packaged Software Mode” at the May 2006 Academic Business World International Conference in Nashville.

Jeff Nichols’ paper “‘The Boss of the White Slaves’: R. Bruce Johnson and Political Power in Utah,” was accepted for publication by the Utah Historical Quarterly.

Gary Daynes will teach a section of Western Civilization this fall. Gary holds a Ph.D. in American History from the University of Delaware. He is currently the new director of Westminster’s Center for Civic Engagement.

HONORS

Richard Badenhausen delivered a paper entitled “Eliot’s Chorus and the Traumatic Condition in Murder in the Cathedral” in May at the annual American Literature Association meeting in San Francisco. In June, he traveled to Lincoln, NE, for the three-day meeting of the National Collegiate Honors Council.
(NCHC) Board of Directors, on which he sits. In July, he returned to lovely Lincoln for a three-day NCHC Site Visitors Workshop, where experienced Honors administrators were trained how to conduct site visits of Honors programs and where Badenhausen received the best actor award for channeling a southern, good ol’ boy, womanizing president during the meeting’s mock site visit exercise. Finally, he was recently invited to become a consulting editor at *The Explicator*, the academic journal that has focused on close readings of literary texts for over sixty years.

**JUSTICE STUDIES**

Allan Patenaude contributed two sections to the *Handbook of Juvenile Justice: Theory and Practice*, edited by Barbara A. Sims and Pamela Preston. The first is entitled “The History and Effectiveness of Treatment for Children;” the second, co-authored with Megan Reynolds, is “Juveniles and the Death Penalty.”

Vickie Gregory will teach a Justice Studies course, Psychology and the Criminal Process, this fall. She holds her J.D. from the University of Utah’s College of Law and a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Iowa State University.

**LANGUAGES**

Deyanira Ariza-Velasco and Steve Haslam report that their May Term Trip to France and Spain, entitled “European Cathedrals,” was very successful. Westminster’s Spanish, French, and Chamber Singers students traveled by bus from Paris to Madrid. Spanish and French students also read cultural and literature readings, wrote journals, and discussed issues about France and Spain. Audiences gave the Chamber Singers many standing ovations. The students visited cities, museums, palaces, cathedrals, wineries, bull fights, flamenco dancing, and discos. Students really loved cathedrals like Notre Dame, Chartres and La Clerecia and cities like Bayonne, Biarritz, Salamanca, San Sebastian, Burgos and Toledo. At the end many students wanted to live there! Besides those wonderful and new experiences, Deyanira and Steve said that the best news was that students behaved very well and would like a second May Term trip, “European Cathedrals II.”

In April, Joy Woolf presented a paper at the annual conference of the Utah Academy of Arts and Sciences held at Snow College. The title of her paper (submitted to the foreign language division) was “The Feast of the Goat,” an analysis of Vargas Llosa’s historical novel dealing with the dictatorship of Rafael Trujillo in the Dominican Republic, 1930–1960. Joy also received a Gore grant to participate in a special program for non-native teachers of Spanish sponsored by the Spanish Ministry of Education and the Spanish Embassy. She spent most of July enrolled in continuing education classes at the University of Cádiz (in southern Spain). Her group studied language methodology and contemporary Spanish culture.

Congratulations to Brenda Lake, Spanish adjunct, on the June 2006 arrival of her new baby boy.

Weston Aoyagi will teach Japanese this fall. Weston is a Westminster MBA graduate and has taught Japanese at Westminster and BYU Hawaii.

**LEARNING COMMUNITIES**

Congratulations to Barb Smith and all the Learning Community contributors/supporters for Westminster’s acceptance onto the National Project on Assessing Learning in Learning Communities. Only a handful of institutions are accepted onto this project.

Leslie Robbins’ Learning Community course, “In Our Own Work—Landscapes of the Self,” was featured in the *Salt Lake Tribune* in March 2006. The class was also awarded the Utah
Service Symposium Jury’s Choice award in the personal narrative category. The group, headed by Barb Smith and Leslie Robbins, submitted a project titled “The Art of Service and Self.” They were honored March 23 at Salt Lake Community College.

**MATHEMATICS**

Please help us welcome Frank Lynch, the newest addition to Westminster’s Mathematics Department. He is about to complete his Ph.D. in Mathematical Biology from the University of Utah. Frank just returned from the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) summer meeting where he participated in Project NExT (New Experiences in Teaching). Project NExT is an MAA program for faculty members in their first or second year of appointment. In addition to his love of math, Frank enjoys mountain biking, skiing, and playing and officiating lacrosse.

Congratulations to Janine Wittwer, who had her baby girl, Brynne, in April 2006.

Bill Bynum presented his paper, “Mathematics and the Postmodern: An Incomplete Introduction to Godel’s Incompleteness Theorem,” at the MAA Rocky Mountain and Intermountain Joint Section Meeting in April 2006.

Carolyn Connell and Janine Wittwer both worked on running two AWE+SUM summer camps during Summer 2006. The camps, which teach eighth-grade girls about math and science, were featured in stories in the Deseret Morning News and the Salt Lake Tribune.

**MUSIC**

In May, Christopher Quinn directed the Westminster Chamber Singers on their European Tour. Chris is happy to report that “every concert was a success, with very enthusiastic audiences and comments on the group’s professionalism. Viewers shouted praise between numbers and gave many standing ovations. At one concert, the audience waited outside applauding as each member of the choir exited the building.”

Karlyn Bond hosted the Intermezzo Chamber Series at Westminster during the summer. The series consisted of weekly performances during June, July, and August. Music reviewers remarked on the intimacy and aptness of the Vieve Gore Concert Hall, where the performances were held, one calling it “tailor-made for chamber music.”

**PHILOSOPHY**


Bridget Newell gave a presentation, “Developing Philosophy-Oriented Learning Communities,” at the 16th Biennial International Conference on Teaching Philosophy in August 2006. She was also quoted in a May 2006 article about her teaching in the Utah Humanities Council Venture Course in the Humanities, which was part of a program for low income adults, jointly offered by the Utah Humanities Council and Westminster College. The Salt Lake Tribune’s article is entitled “A Venture Adventure Changes Hard-luck Lives.”

Michael Popich will host Alan Wolfe, Political Science professor from Boston College, as the Spring 2007 speaker for the Tanner McMurrin Lecture Series. Michael is part of the Faculty Advisory Committee for the Tanner Humanity Center at the University of Utah and is also serving on the University of Utah’s selection committee for the Sterling McMurrin Lecture on Religion and Culture.

Jason Combs will teach a section of Religions of the World this fall. Jason has an M.A. in Religion from the Yale University Divinity School and recently returned to the US from work in Germany.
Jeffrey Nielsen will teach two Philosophy courses this fall: Introduction to Philosophy, and Critical Thinking. Jeff holds an M.A. in Philosophy from Boston College, where he also taught courses in logic and critical thinking.

**PHYSICS**

Peter Conwell worked with Amy Rogers on a Gore Math/Science Summer Research Grant project entitled *The Evolvability of Totally Connected, Recurrent, Neural-like Networks near a Phase Transition*. Peter also conducted Gore Summer Research with Edwin Solak on the project *Phase Transitions in a Totally Connected Recurrent Network Due to Connection Weight Bias*.

Alison Lockman will co-teach Exploring Science and Society this fall. She has an M.A. in Astronomy from the University of Virginia and a B.A. in Astrophysics from Swarthmore College. She has been an adjunct instructor at Neumont University and Salt Lake Community College, and taught physics at Westminster School in Simsbury, CT.

Jennifer Eden will also co-teach a section of Exploring Science and Society. She holds an M.S. in Geophysics from the University of Washington in Seattle and a B.A. in Physics from Amherst College.

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Chuck Tripp’s editorial “The judiciary partakes of partisan politics, too,” was published in the *Salt Lake Tribune* in May 2006. Chuck was also in the June 26, 2006, *World Peace Herald*’s article entitled “Analysis: Azerbaijan Eyes the West” by UPI Energy Correspondent Leah Krauss. He was also quoted in an April 2006 article by Vincent J. Schodolski entitled “Academia Feels Shadow of Government,” which was run in 17 publications, including *The Chicago Tribune*. Finally, on August 28th Chuck had a letter-to-the-editor published in the *Salt Lake Tribune* entitled “A Futile Effort.” It concerns the Bush administration’s attempts to change the 1996 War Crimes Act so that the act cannot be used to punish administration officials.


**PSYCHOLOGY**

Please join us in welcoming three new members to Westminster’s Psychology Department: Angela Hicks, Cathleen Power, and Jennifer Simonds.

Angela Hicks holds a Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology from the University of Utah. She comes to us via Ohio and Arizona, but more recently Salt Lake City. Her experience includes a great deal of service in the Utah community, including volunteer work for SPLORE and the Wasatch Community Gardens. She likes Alta, trail running, music, and crème brulée, and quotes Edward Abbey on her e-mails.

Cathleen Power’s Ph.D. is in Social Psychology and Women’s Studies from the University of Michigan. She possesses a strong background in interdisciplinary approaches to research, service learning, and undergraduate research, and is part of the national Preparing Future Faculty project. She is very happy to be back in the mountains and at a liberal arts college; it reminds her of her undergraduate years in Colorado, where she obtained her B.A. in Psychology from Colorado College.
Jennifer Simonds comes to us via Bronxville, NY; Seattle, WA; and most recently Eugene, OR. She holds a Ph.D. in Developmental and Personality Psychology from University of Oregon. Her undergraduate degree in Liberal Arts, with concentrations in music and theatre, is reflective of her early goal of a career in musical theatre. Her music video on statistics can be found through a Google search and has earned her a mild notoriety in her field.

Jennifer Simonds also recently had an editorial published in the Salt Lake Tribune, entitled “A link is not a cause.” She discusses how the title of a recent Salt Lake Tribune article, “Study blames teen sex on songs’ suggestive lyrics,” was misleading.

Janine Wanlass presented a paper at the Second International Congress for Psychoanalytic Family Therapy in Montreal, Canada. Her paper was titled “A Psychosomatic Response to Trauma: Excluding the Bad Object.” She also presented her paper entitled “Theory Based Therapeutic Interventions for Family Trauma” at the Friday Forum of the International Psychotherapy Institute in February 2006.

SOCIOMETRY


Kristjane Nordmeyer will teach a section of Introduction to Sociology this fall. She holds an M.S. in Sociology from the University of Utah, where she is a Ph.D. candidate for Sociology with concentration in Gender, Family, and Criminology.

ARTS & SCIENCES OFFICE

You might have noticed some new faces in the Arts & Sciences Office this fall. We have four new work studies for you to meet:

Lindsey Carpenter is new to the office this fall. She comes from Eugene, OR, and is a Communications major here at Westminster.

Sara Herrmann, another new addition, is from Ely, NV. She is also a Communications major.

Merlin Hodobo started January 2006, but has not been formally introduced. She is originally from Zimbabwe, Africa, and has lived in the U.S. for several years. She is Communication major here at Westminster.

Robin Shea is new this fall. She joins us from Boise and is a History major.