Dear Colleagues,

Once again, I am impressed by all the achievements of our colleagues. I hope that you will enjoy checking out their activities over the past few months and take the time to talk with them about their research. We have some wonderful opportunities to learn from our colleagues and this newsletter is one way we try to share what’s happening in our academic lives outside of the classroom. Coming soon are the Brown Bag seminars where Richard Badenhausen, Joy Woolf, Bill Bynum and Peter Goldman will talk about the work they did on their sabbaticals. See you there!

Brown Bag Series 2009-2010

Mike Zarkin, October 2nd, 2009
The FCC and Cable TV 1952-1980 or How a Regulatory Agency Got it Right after only Screwing It Up Three Times.

Richard Badenhausen, November 13, 2009
My Traumatic Sabbatical

Joy Woolf, December 4, 2009
“Argentina: A Journey of (Be)longing”

Bill Bynum, February 5, 2010
“Probability and Stats as a New Educational Paradigm or How Math Can Almost Destroy the World before then Saving It at the Last Minute, Woo-Hoo!!”

Peter Goldman, March 19, 2010
“Iconoclasm, Art, and Shakespeare”

PROGRAMS

ANTHROPOLOGY

Gretchen Siegler presented a paper at the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association National Meeting in New Orleans in April.

ART

Kay Kuzminsni had pieces in the Alvin Gitten Gallery in October 2009.

BIOLOGY

Bonnie Baxter was featured on NOVA this past June. The episode highlighted her and others’ discovery of ancient biological molecules in a 250 million year old salt formation. She will also be a participant of the Wasatch Forum on the Great Salt Lake this coming November.

Christy Clay attended the Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Disease meeting in Park City March 31-April 2, 2009. Christy also had several publications to her credit this past year, to include:


**Judy Rogers** represented Westminster at the Canyons Watershed Conference at Alta. She also set up a research agreement with the Tracy Aviary to allow students to use the birds as research subjects. It helped provide the Aviary with accreditation research requirements needed to maintain its license as a zoo. Judy is also an active member of Linking Communities. It is a cooperative group linking universities in Mexico and Canada with the Great Salt Lake, to monitor bird populations using the western flyway as their migratory route.

**CHEMISTRY**

In April, **Will Deutschman**, along with Blake Gillespie, presented their poster “A Laboratory Approach to the Metabolism of Simple and Complex Sugars in Glycolytic and Fermentative Pathways in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*” at the 2009 American Chemical Society meeting in Salt Lake City. Will also attended the Rocky Mountain regional meeting of the American Chemical Society in July.

**Paul Hooker** attended the national meeting for the American Chemical Society (ACS) held here in Salt Lake City. Paul made a presentation at the event as well as helped Westminster students lead the organization of the undergraduate social event while there.

This past spring, **Robyn Hyde** attended the national meeting for the American Chemical Society (ACS) and made both a poster presentation and authored a second poster. She also worked with the national coordinators and planned an outreach event at The Gateway. Robyn received a “Salute of Excellence” award from the ACS for her efforts.

**Tricia Shepherd** presented a poster entitled “Student Reflections on Learning in a POGIL Classroom” at the POGIL National Meeting held in St Paul, MN, May 30 through June 2, 2009.

**COMMUNICATION**

**Helen Hodgson** received the Excellence in Teaching Award of the Bill and Vieve Gore Endowment Trust at commencement this year.

**Christy Seifert’s** article “Writing for Business: A Graduate-level Course in Problem-Solving” was published in the June 2009 issue of *Business Communication Quarterly*.

**Rulon Wood** presented two papers at the National Communication Conference held in San Diego, CA. They were entitled “Oppositional Voices and Transnational Justice: The ‘Blood Diamonds’ Controversies in West Africa,” and “Unconventional Wisdom: Critical Rhetorics of Race.”

**Kim Zarkin** attended the National Conference on Media Reform. She also attended the Broadcast Education Association
Conference. Kim was selected as the first Free Press Faculty Fellow for the fall of 2009.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE**

Greg Gagne’s 8th edition of *Operating Systems Concepts with Java* is scheduled for publication late fall of 2009.

**ENGLISH**

Georgiana Donavin presented two different papers on John Gower, one on Gower and hypertext in London at the “Age of Gower” Conference in July and another on Gower’s Marian work, the *Miroir de l’Homme*, at the New Chaucer Society in Swansea that same month.

During the summer of 2009, Peter Goldman gave a paper on “Shakespeare’s Turn to Romance: *The Winter’s Tale*** at the Generative Anthropology Summer Conference at the University of Ottawa in Canada.


In August, Chris LeCluyse presented at the Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA) Council of Independent Colleges Consortium, sharing a critical thinking task on American dialects that he created for History and Structure of English. Chris was also elected as a regional delegate to the Modern Language Association and continues as president-elect of the Rocky Mountain Peer Tutoring Organization.

Lance Newman had two articles published this year: “Free Soil and the Abolitionist Forests of Frederick Douglass’s ‘The Heroic Slave’” as well as “How California State University Faculty United to Win.” The second article was a recipient of the NEA’s Excellence in the Academy Award for Democracy in Higher Education, which was presented at the NEA’s Higher Education Conference in March 2009. Also, three of Lance’s poems, “Fire Side,” “Baghdad Swing,” and “Subject: Horizon,” appeared in *Breadbox Parsons*, a small literary magazine.

Natasha Sajé has received a 2009 Merit Leave as well as a 2010 Camargo Foundation Fellowship. Her essay “Down to the Wire” appeared in the *New York Times* Style Section on April 19, 2009. In June, Writers at Work presented Natasha with the Educator of Excellence Award.

**ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

Jeff McCarthy’s book, *Contact: Mountain Climbing and Environmental Thinking*, was awarded this year’s faculty publication prize at commencement. His essay “The Foul System: The Great War and British Modernism” was published in the summer issue of *Studies in the Novel*. Jeff’s essay “A Choice of Nightmares: Nature in *Heart of Darkness*** is being published in *Modern Fiction Studies*.

**ESS**

David Goldsmith gave an invited talk on “case-based learning in introductory geology” at the University of British Columbia. He also represented Westminster College at the executive board meeting of the Western Regional Honors Council.

**HISTORY**

Jeff Nichols was awarded a position in a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, “Nature and History at the Nation’s Edge” A Field Institute in
Environmental and Borderlands History,” presented by the University of Arizona, from June 14 to July 11, 2009. Jeff was also awarded the Weyher Leave for spring 2009.

HONORS


MATHEMATICS

Bill Bynum contributed two papers: “Fractal Workshop: Iterations Between East High and Westminster” at the MAA Intermountain Region Section Meeting in March as well as “Growing a High School/College Partnership: Westminster + East High + Math” at the Utah Campus Compact Annual Conference on Civic Engagement last February.

Jonas D’Andrea attended the MAA sectional meeting at BYU this past spring. In June, he also attended the GPOTS 2009 (an international conference on operator theory) held in Boulder, CO. Jonas was also awarded a Gore Summer Research Grant to develop biology modules to be used in calculus.

Sean Raleigh was awarded a Gore Summer Research Grant to develop aviation modules for use in calculus.

Janine Wittwer attended the MAA sectional meeting in Provo, UT, this past spring.

MUSIC

Katlyn Bond performed a full chamber recital for the final event of the ’08-’09 season. She also performed with the Young Artist Chamber Players as well as with the Utah Symphony Orchestra and the University of Utah Players in an Intermezzo Chamber Music Concert Series.

Chris Quinn attended Choral Director’s Workshop at BYU in July. Chris also went to Yale University to attend the College Music Tour Association meeting in September.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Chuck Tripp was quoted and featured in a Green Party of Utah press release covering the May 6, 2009, Citizen’s Tribunal.

Michael Zarkin’s article “The Political Struggle to Organize the FCC” was published in Feedback, May of 2009.
PSYCHOLOGY

Laura Bennett-Murphy presented her paper entitled “When the Ghosts have Guns: Intergenerational Trauma among Refugee Families” at the Couples, Child, and Family Therapy Conference. She also attended the IPI conference.

Lesa Ellis presented a poster at the Society for Research in Child Development National Conference.

Angela Hicks received (as a co-investigator) a data collection grant from NCMR (National Center for Marriage Research). Her survey questions will be included in a large-scale national study focusing on the impact of the financial crisis on marital relationships.

Cassie Power presented “Collaborating in the Ongoing Evolution of a Service Learning Project: Perspectives of a Student, a Community Partner, and a Professor” at the annual Utah Campus Compact Conference with her service learning partner Maria Ponce and Westminster student Amanda Anderson. She also presented and facilitated a discussion for the Utah College Advising Corps on “Class, Race, and Privilege.”

Colleen Sandor gave a clinical presentation at the IPI conference in April in Bethesda, MD. She also gave a paper at the Child, Family and Couple Institute of IPI, which was hosted at Westminster. The paper was entitled “Love Is a Many Splendid Thing: The Mutative Effect of the Other.”

Barbara Smith attended the Learning Community Annual Meeting in Kansas City. She also attended the Students in Transition Conference in Columbia, SC, as well as the AACU Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA.

SOCIOLOGY

In August, Kristjane Nordmeyer presented her paper, entitled “The Intergenerational Transmission of Care Roles from Mother to Offspring: The Role of Family Structures and Ideologies,” at the American Sociological Association’s (ASA) annual conference held in San Francisco, CA.

SPANISH

Joy Woolf participated in several academic workshops in Buenos Aires, Argentina. In August she attended the Learning Educator Workshop at the University of Utah.

THEATRE

Michael Vought presented a workshop on masks at the Utah Theatre Association Festival. He also attended a campus sustainability workshop in Boulder, CO.

WORKSTUDY UPDATE

Katie Bonebrake
I am a neuroscience and pre-med major. I wanted to come to Westminster specifically because of the neuroscience program, which is not available at other colleges in Utah. I am interested in the brain and how it works. I am thinking about a math minor, because I have a penchant for Calculus. I like the smaller atmosphere of Westminster. It’s nice that the teachers know the students well enough to say “hi” outside of classes. I am enjoying working in the Arts and Sciences office; the people there are all very nice. I think that I probably have one of the best jobs on campus!

Bonnie Boyle
I am in my junior year this year. I am excited to start looking at graduate schools. I am focusing on schools in the Northwest because I
miss it up there. I am happy to have two more years here at Westminster, which has been an amazing experience! I am also hard at work planning my wedding which will be during spring break in Hawaii.

Sara Herrmann

I am finishing up my Bachelors of Art degree at Westminster College this year and am super excited to be graduating in the spring. I am looking forward to continuing my education at a graduate school for an MFA in Electronic Media, as I plan on becoming a professor. I have loved Westminster College and will never forget the friends and teachers that I have met here. Thanks for all the good times!

Graham Larson

I am a homegrown Utahan that enjoys the typical Utah activities of boarding, hiking, or practically anything outdoors. I live on campus and love all of the school meetings and activities that take place on campus. I am infatuated with the atmosphere of Westminster and love meeting new people. Currently I am working on an aviation major with a possible minor in political sciences or business. Aviation has always been a dream of mine and I have a passion for politics and debate.

Josh Overdiek

This year I am a sophomore on my way to graduating with a degree in accounting. Following that I hope to go back and get a masters degree also in accounting. Over the summer, I got engaged and am now in the process of planning my wedding.

Tiffany Wardle

One of my favorite things about Westminster is the environment. It is so mellow and easygoing, but at the same time everybody is passionate about what they are studying here. I am a sophomore majoring in environmental studies with a science emphasis and I absolutely love it. I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else. I also love how the professors are so involved with the students; you would not get that at a bigger college and it is very helpful to the students to be able to get to know their professors and receive guidance from them.