Dear Colleagues,

Another exciting semester is coming to a close. It’s hard to believe everything that has been happening. Seven new faculty to start this fall. A confirmed start date for the new Science Center. And all the while the work of the College continues in classrooms, labs, and libraries. I hope you will take a moment to celebrate the achievements of your colleagues. If we have missed you in this issue, please let Chalice know and we’ll make sure you are included in the fall newsletter.

Please enjoy the remainder of your semester!

Mary Jane Chase

PROGRAMS

ART

David Baddley was quoted in a February 2008 KCPW broadcast, “Art Lovers Up In Arms over Possible Oil Wells near Spiral Jetty.”

Jimmy Lucero’s work, “Invisible no More,” which was composed of paintings about immigration, was displayed in Westminster’s 17th-Street Gallery as part of the Beyond Borders and Fronteras event.

Amanda Moore joins us this spring to teach two sections of Photography. Amanda has her MFA in Photography from the University of Utah, where she is also currently an adjunct.

Marsha Pabalis will co-teach a section of Experiencing the Arts this spring. She holds an MFA and BFA from the University of Michigan and adjuncts at Salt Lake Community College.

BIOLOGY

Bonnie Baxter received the Governor’s Medal for Science and Technology (Science Education) in November 2007 for her research on the Great Salt Lake. She was also featured in December 2007 in an unrelated article from the Burlington Times News entitled “Life in the Deep.” The article examined the possible connection between life in the Great Salt Lake and potential life on Mars.

CHEMISTRY

Will Deutschman co-authored a paper entitled “A Theory of Protein Dynamics to Predict NMR Relaxation,” which was published in the Biophysical Journal in 2007.

COMMUNICATION


**COMPUTER SCIENCE**

**Greg Gagne** is finishing up the 8th edition of *Operating System Concepts* that is to be published early summer 2008.

**Helen Hu** moderated and participated on a panel, Improving Diversity in Computer Science through Summer Camps, at the SIGCSE Symposium in March 2008.

**ENGLISH**

**Georgi Donavin** received a 2008 Gore Individual Summer Grant to begin writing the final chapter for her book on the Virgin Mary in medieval English poetry.

**Peter Goldman** was awarded a merit leave to work on researching and writing a book on William Shakespeare. The working title of the book is *Shakespeare and the Program of Iconoclasm*.

**Susan Gunter** gave a paper, “Henry James’s Deathbed Forays,” at the Midwest Modern Language Association in Cleveland on Nov. 6, 2007. She has completed her biography of William James's wife, titled “A Vocation for Jameses: The Story of Alice Howe Gibbens James.” It is due out with the University of Nebraska Press in fall 2008.

**Elree Harris** is working on a project involving some Victorian prints (1888) currently housed in the Giovale Library archives. They are signed by famous Victorian artists and are part of a series limited to 50 in the US and 100 in Europe. She also received a 2008 Gore Individual Summer Grant to work on the print project.

**Jeff McCarthy’s** book, *Contact: Mountain Climbing and Environmental Thinking*, was released this spring by the University of Nevada Press.

**Fatima Mujcinovic** attended two international conferences this year. In November 2007, she traveled to St. Lucia to give a paper entitled “Judith Ortiz Cofer’s Silent Dancing: Recreating the Past Through Diasporic Storytelling” at the Ninth International Conference on Caribbean Literature. In March 2008, she presented her analysis of the text and film versions of *The Motorcycle Diaries* at the Seventh International Congress of Hispanic Literature in Cuzco, Peru.

Congratulations to **Natasha Sajé** for winning the Poetry Society of America’s Alice Fay Di Castagnola Award! Natasha also received a 2008 Gore Individual Summer Grant to write two chapters of a book and prepare for teaching Middle Eastern Literature.

**Natasha** also organized a panel, “The Politics of Translation,” at the Associated Writing Programs Conference. She has two essays forthcoming, “Poetry and Narrative” in *The Writer’s Chronicle*, and one on the prose poem in a book titled *Justify This: Contemporary American Poets on the Prose Poem*. Her poems are forthcoming in *POOL, The Antioch Review*, and an anthology of contemporary American women’s poetry. Some of her poems were translated into Slovenian and appear in the current issue of *Poetikon*, a literary journal there.


**Nance Van Winckel** is our Spring 2008 Visiting Poet. She taught for many years at Lake Forest College in Illinois and was a professor in the Graduate Creative Writing Program at Eastern Washington University. She now teaches in Vermont College’s MFA in Writing Program. She is the author of three books of fiction and six books of poems, most recently *Curtain Creek Farm* (stories) and *No Starling* (poems). Her honors in both poetry and fiction
include a National Endowments for the Arts fellowship, a Pushcart Prize and the Paterson Fiction Prize.

**GENDER STUDIES**

The **Gender Studies Program** was pleased to co-sponsor with the English and Film Studies programs a multimedia lecture on January 25, 2008. Dr. Song Yunfeng, an associate professor at Beijing Foreign Studies University and a visiting Fulbright scholar at UNLV, presented on the change of women’s images in contemporary Chinese films.

**HISTORY**

Susan Cottler was a panelist for one of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) committees that evaluates grants that seek funding for films and documentaries (e.g., for PBS). She received proposals in late November, read and evaluated them, then went to Washington in January to meet with five other reviewers (scholars, media people, and producers). They made recommendations to the NEH about which of the projects should be funded.

Michael Markowski’s article, “Teachers in Early Christianity,” has been accepted for publication in *The Journal of Research on Christian Education*. The article discusses the nature and foundations of higher education and liberal arts. Also, two of Michael’s past articles are being re-published in the Routledge Publishers’ book *Critical Concepts in History: Crusades*. The articles are “Richard Lionheart: Bad King, Bad Crusader?” and “Crucesignatus: Its Origins and Early Usage.”


**HONORS**

Richard Badenhausen took ten Honors students to the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) convention in Denver, Oct. 31-Nov. 4. All of the students presented papers or sat on panels. He presented in three different sessions—on Honors technology, on Honors core curriculums, and on Honors student achievement—and served as a member of the conference planning committee and co-chair of the NCHC’s Student Interdisciplinary Research Panel thread. At the convention, Westminster’s Honors website won second place in the inaugural small college website competition.

Richard also received a merit leave for the 2008–2009 academic year to compose the first draft of a book entitled *T.S. Eliot’s Traumatic Texts*, for which he also received a 2008 Gore Individual Summer Grant.

**JUSTICE STUDIES**

Annalisa Steggell will teach Conflict Resolution Methods this spring. Annalisa has her JD from the University of Utah and a Bachelor’s degree in Business Management from Westminster.

**LANGUAGES**

Deyanira Ariza-Velasco presented a paper about Law and Literature in Cuzco, Perú, for the International Congress of Hispanic Literature in March 2008. Also, she and a group
of faculty, staff, and students worked on the 2008 event Beyond Borders and Fronteras, which has garnered national media attention.

Joy Woolf was awarded a sabbatical leave for Spring 2009. Her intention is to travel to Argentina and enroll in a special Language and Culture program for Teachers of Spanish at the Ortega y Gasset Foundation in Buenos Aires.

**MATHEMATICS**

The Math Department has seen two successful tutoring projects this year, ongoing all year: tutoring by Westminster calculus classes at East High, and tutoring by some Westminster College algebra students at Hawthorne Elementary.

Bill Bynum was awarded a sabbatical for Fall 2008. He will spend his time honing his skills on probability and statistics for the benefit of his statistics classes.

Carolyn Connell, Frank Lynch, and several Math faculty attended the 2008 Intermountain Section Meeting of the Mathematical Association of America in March 2008. Carolyn is the Governor of the Intermountain Section. Both she and Frank served on the program planning committee for the March 2008 meeting.

Jennifer Cluff has joined us to teach a section of Trigonometry this spring. Jennifer has her MA in Mathematics Education from BYU and her Masters of Education from the University of Utah.

**PALEONTOLOGY**

David Goldsmith presented a paper at the GSA Annual meeting in October 2007. David’s paper was entitled “Case-Based Education and Higher Order Thinking in Introductory Geology Classes.”

David was also awarded a 2008 Gore Summer Research grant to develop a textbook proposal for a case-based introductory geology course.

**PHILOSOPHY**

Michael Popich coached the Westminster Ethics Bowl Team and took them to the National Competition in San Antonio, TX, in February 2008, which featured 32 teams from 10 regional competitions. For the second year in a row, Westminster made it to the “final four” of the competition. They won matches against the University of Florida, Seattle University, the U.S. Military Academy (West Point), and Texas A&M (Corpus Christi) before losing to Clemson by 2 points in the semifinal rounds. The team consisted of Conor Walline, Nissa Roper, Blakely Neilson, Cooper Henderson, and Ali Jahromi.


**PHYSICS**

Congratulations to Chris Cline for winning the 2008 Excellence in Teaching Award!

Sylvia Torti joins us this spring to co-teach a section of Exploring Science and Society. Sylvia has her PhD in Biology from the University of Utah, where she has also taught as an adjunct instructor.

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Chuck Tripp had three letters-to-the-editor published during December and January, one each in the Desert Morning News, the Salt Lake Tribune, and the City Weekly. He was also interviewed twice on KSL radio during
December, once regarding Mitt Romney’s speech on religion and once regarding general political topics. Finally, for the third year in a row the Tibetan community invited Chuck to be a featured speaker at their yearly March 10th demonstration and march protesting China’s continuing repression in Tibet.

Michael Zarkin’s article “Organizational Learning in Novel Policy Situations” was published in March 2008 in the journal Policy Studies. Michael was also awarded a merit leave to complete a book on U.S. cable television regulation.

**PSYCHOLOGY**

Laura Bennett-Murphy was the recipient of a 2008 Gore Summer Research Grant. Her study will focus on stress reactivity and adaptation of children of refugees and immigrants.

Angela Hicks was awarded a 2008 Gore Individual Summer Grant. She plans to study the “extent to which the non-conscious activation of representations of relationship partners facilitates emotional and physiological stress regulation.” In simpler terms, it is the study of the potential physiological benefits of “feeling loved.”

Cassie Power received a Gore Individual Summer Grant for Summer 2008. Cassie will study the affective experiences of clothing and class on poor women.

Sebastián Lipina will visit Westminster March 30–April 6 as the Arts & Sciences Distinguished Resident. Sebastián has presented internationally on the effects of poverty on children’s cognitive development. He is an Argentinian cognitive neuroscientist and a Full Professor for the Department of Psychology at the National University of San Martin, Argentina.

Claire Stoecker will teach a section of Child Development this spring. Claire has an MSW with a concentration in family from the National Catholic School of Social Service in Washington, DC. She also has a BA in Sociology from Goucher College in Baltimore, MD.

Patrice Duvernay joins us this spring to teach Neuroanatomy. She holds an M.D. from Dartmouth Medical School and a Bachelor’s degree in Chemistry from Boston College. She is a clinical instructor at the University of Utah Medical Center Department of Neurology.

**SOCILOGY**


Mark was also awarded a 2008 Gore Individual Summer Grant to continue work on his next book, *America Pop: Embracing the Sociology of Popular Culture.*

Jason Singh will teach a section of Introduction to Sociology this spring. Jason holds a Masters of Philosophy in Economic Sociology from the University of Oxford. He is also an adjunct in Utah Valley State College’s Behavioral Sciences Department.