Dear Colleagues,

I hope that you will take a few minutes to read through some of the amazing things that your colleagues have accomplished this past year. As the School of Arts and Sciences grows, it becomes more difficult to keep track of everyone’s academic interests. This newsletter is designed to give you a brief glimpse into what’s going on outside of the classroom.

I hope you enjoy it and have a good remainder of your semester,

Mary Jane Chase

**ANTHROPOLOGY**

Gretchen Siegler attended The Freedom From Religion Foundation’s conference in October of 2010.

**ART**

Matt Kruback attended the College Art Association Conference in New York City in February.

Hikmet Sidney Loe will present a lecture on May 11, 2011, at the Utah Museum of Fine Arts, University of Utah, at 7pm. Her talk, entitled “Robert Smithson and the Spiral Jetty: The Center and the Circumference,” will focus on the multiplicity inherent in his work as found in the ways his iconic earthwork can be viewed and understood. This talk is being held on the occasion of the Museum’s exhibition “The Smithson Effect,” which is on view through July 3rd.

**BIOLOGY**

As part of the outreach efforts of Great Salt Lake Institute, Bonnie Baxter has been giving a lecture to high school students at various locations around the state, entitled “Life in Salt: From Earth to Mars.” The talk is meant to spark interest in science, recruit bright young students to Westminster, and bring Great Salt Lake research to the public.

Judy Rogers attended the Western Veterinary Conference in Las Vegas in February.

Christy Clay attended the American Association for Sustainability in Higher Education Conference this past August.

In October, Christine Stracey presented “Cats and Fat Doves: Resolving the Urban Nest Predator Paradox” at The Wildlife Society’s 17th Annual Conference held at Snowbird.

**CHEMISTRY**

In April, Will Deutschman was a presenter at the Experimental Biology Conference in Washington DC.

Paul Hooker presented at the National ACS Meeting in Anaheim, CA.

Robyn Hyde presented at the National Chemistry Society Spring Meeting in Anaheim, CA. The title of her presentation was “The Three R’s in Organic Chemistry: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.” The poster presentation highlighted the strategies used in the organic chemistry laboratory to reduce the amount of materials.
consumed and the amount of waste generated. The idea was well received, and Robyn has been asked to give a more formal presentation at the fall national meeting.

**COMMUNICATION**

Christy Seifert was interviewed by the *Salt Lake Tribune* about the show “Sister Wives.”

Rulon Wood successfully defended his dissertation at the University of Utah in April.

In April, Kim Zarkin attended the Broadcast Education Association meeting in Las Vegas.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE**

In March, Dan Byrne, Greg Gagne, and Helen Hu attended the SIGCSE in Dallas. Helen presented her poster: “A Java Ray Tracer for Introductory Computer Graphics Courses.”

**ENGLISH**

Georgi Donavin presented papers at two conferences this spring: “Mary: The Passable Gate” at the Medieval Academy of America meeting in Scottsdale, AZ, in April; and “Ave Adiectiva: Walter of Wimborne’s Marian Grammar” at the International Congress on Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, MI, in May. Her book *Scribit Mater: Mary and the Language Arts in the Literature of Medieval England* is due out next December.

Katy Evans presented at the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA) in Sacramento in May.

Peter Goldman chaired a panel on “Crises of Faith in Shakespeare” for the Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association annual conference held April 7-9 in Salt Lake City.

Susan Gunter has added to her list of publications a memoir book, titled *My Vacation at the Beach*. It concerns the four months she spent as a nanny in Southern California last fall with her granddaughter. Stay current with Susan on her website: www.susanegunter.com.

In January, Chris LeCluyse attended the Modern Language Association conference in Los Angeles to serve as a regional delegate. In December, he joined the San-Francisco baroque ensemble Magnificat for a concert of Marc-Antoine Charpentier’s *Messe de Minuit* and in March performed with the Texas Early Music Project in Austin in a concert of polyphony and chant from Notre Dame. He also organized the Rocky Mountain Peer Tutoring Conference that was hosted at Westminster April 1-2.

In February, Jeff McCarthy attended the Institute for Advanced Studies in Edinburgh, Scotland.

In March, Fatima Mujcinovic presented a paper at the 42nd annual conference of the College English Association held in St. Petersburg, FL. The paper identified and examined various revisions of the “American Dream” in United States minority literature.

The documentary Lance Newman co-produced with Rod Coover, titled *Canyonlands: Edward Abbey and the Great American Desert*, was screened recently at the following venues: University of Utah Environmental Humanities Center, Salt Lake City, UT; Western Literature Association Conference, Prescott, AZ; Hidden Cinema of the Southwest and Mexico Symposium, Tucson, AZ; Central School Project Art Center, Bisbee, AZ; Cinematek USF, Bergen, Norway; University of Idaho President’s Sustainability Symposium, Moscow, ID.
Natasha Saje’s poems appeared this winter or are forthcoming in The Kenyon Review, Drunken Boat, Literary Imagination, and Connotation Press: An Online Artifact. Her essay on the prose poem will appear in The Writer’s Chronicle. This winter she gave a talk at the Forum for Questioning Minds and appeared on a panel sponsored by the Rhetoric Society at the University of Utah. She looks forward to spending the summer revising her critical book on poetry and has taken up a new creative project, a memoir-cookbook.

**FILM**

Sean Desilets attended the Society for Cinema and Media Studies in New Orleans.

**HISTORY**

Gary Marquardt chaired a panel and presented a paper on the politics of space and segregation in Colonial Africa at the African Studies Association in San Francisco back in November of 2010. He also received a 2011 Gore Individual Summer Research Grant to visit the Center for Research Libraries and the Herskovits Library of African Studies in Chicago, where he will conduct research on two book projects in the works. One focuses on land settlement patterns in apartheid-era Namibia and the other involves collecting primary sources for a textbook on historical debates in Southern Africa. Most importantly, his family will be welcoming home Debesch, their new 2-year old son from Ethiopia, sometime later in 2011 or early 2012!

Jeff Nichols presented at the American Society for Environmental History conference in April.

**HONORS**

Cambridge University Press has just released T. S. Eliot in Context, which contains Richard Badenhausen’s chapter on Eliot’s drama. His essay on helping students in trouble appeared in the most recent issue of JNCHC: The Journal of the National Collegiate Honors Council (11.2). In the fall, he traveled to Kansas City with eight Honors students to the NCHC annual meeting, where he sat on two panels about faculty development.

**MATH**

In January, Bill Bynum attended the Joint AMA/MAA Meetings in New Orleans. His presentation was “Math Math Revolution: Summer Camp for ELL High School Students.” He presented again at the MAA Intermountain Section Meeting in March in Cedar City.

Carolyn Connell is a member of the Committee on Sections for the joint meetings for the MAA and AMS. She attended the annual meeting in New Orleans in January. In April, she also attended the Intermountain Section of the MAA held in Cedar City.

Jonas D’Andrea attended the Joint AMA/MAA meetings in New Orleans in January.

Liz Herrick attended Mathematical Association of America Intermountain Sectional at SUU in April.

Sean Raleigh presented at the 2011 Gathering of Pilgrims sponsored by the American Pilgrims on the Camino (March 25-27) in Santa Barbara, CA. His talk was titled “Early Music and the Codex Calixtinus.”

In January, Janine Wittwer attended the Joint AMA/MAA meetings in New Orleans and participated in the workshop “Mathematics outside the Book” on how to get mathematics majors ready for research, as well as in a focus group for directors of undergraduate programs. Her paper “User’s Guide to Bellman Functions” was accepted for publication in the Rocky Mountain Journal of Mathematics.
Jean Applonie guest conducted a clinic for Murray and Cottonwood High Schools on February 10, 2011, which culminated in a concert with the Westminster Chorale. She also attended the National American Choral Directors Association Convention in Chicago March 9-12.

In March, Chris Quinn attended the National American Choral Directors Association Convention in Chicago.

PHILOSOPHY

In November, Sabrina Hom was a moderator for the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy conference in Montreal, Canada. She also flew to London to present at the Sexuate Subjects: Politics, Poetics, Ethics conference at the University College London in December of 2010. Her presentation was “Mother–Daughter Relations.”

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Chuck Tripp was interviewed live by Park City TV in a 15 minute gabfest on March 16th regarding the ongoing political events in the world of Arab nations and North Africa. Chuck also helped rally non-Tibetans to attend the yearly March 10th demonstration and protest march commemorating the Dalai Lama’s flight from Tibet to avoid arrest and imprisonment at the hands of China’s communist government. Westminster College accounted for 90% of the non-Tibetan turnout at the rally.

In March, Mike Zarkin presented a paper at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting in Chicago.

PSYCHOLOGY

Angie Hicks has two papers in press: “Don’t go to bed angry: Attachment, conflict, and affective and physiological regulation” in the journal Personal Relationships and “Vagal regulation and attachment style moderate associations between daily affect and daily couple interactions” in the journal Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin.

Colleen Sandor is on the National Faculty and Chair Membership Committee for the Countertransference, Neutrality, & Analytic Field conference. She attended the meeting in April.

Janine Wanlass presented at the 2010 International Psychoanalytical Association meeting in Beijing, China. She also led a pre-conference workshop: “Psychoanalytic Couple and Family Therapy.” In April, she presented at the International Psychotherapy Institute in Washington DC.

SOCIOLOGY

In April, Mark Rubinfeld and Kristjane Nordmeyer co-organized and moderated a “Social Structure, Policy, and Movement” panel made up of the following three Westminster undergraduate sociology students: Jaimee Allred, Peter Schramm, and Robert Scott. They presented their papers at the Western Social Science Association Regional Meeting in April in Salt Lake City. Also in April, Mark and Kristjane co-organized and moderated an undergraduate session panel made up of the following four Westminster sociology students: Amy Arburn, Darien Hickey, Jaimee Allred, and Will Charles. They presented their paper at the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association National Meeting in San Antonio, TX.
**SPANISH**

Deyanira Ariza-Velasco is working hard on study abroad and internship experiences for students who will travel to Perú and Colombia this summer. Opportunities for study abroad programs in Piura, Perú, or internships in Perú or Colombia will be great for students who are registered in the Spanish and Latin American Studies major.

Alan Davison’s book, *The Blurtso Chronicles*, is a compilation of the first 400 episodes of his blog at http://blog.blurtso.com. It is now available at: http://www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/189747. He has also submitted it to be considered for the Manford A. Shaw Publication Award. His book is also now on sale in the Harvard Bookstore! Visit http://blog.blurtso.com to read a new Blurtso episode daily.

Luis I Prádanos (Iñaki) has two forthcoming articles in peer-reviewed journals in his field: “Constructivism and Multicultural Social Networks in Cosmofobia and Lo verdadero es un momento de lo falso by Lucía Etxebarria” in *CiberLetras: Journal of Literary Criticism and Culture* 25 (July 2011) and “Latin-American Women Immigrants in Recent Spanish Cinema: Toward a Relational Cultural Identity in Princesas (2005)” in *Confluencia: Journal of Hispanic Literature and Culture* 27.2 (Spring 2012). In October, Iñaki presented a conference paper “Multiculturalism and Globalization in Rosa Montero and Lucía Etxebarria,” in the AILCFH XX Annual Conference, University of Texas. In April, Iñaki also organized a panel in “Rioplatense Contemporary Cultural Studies” with three of his undergraduate students (Jessica Sears, Katrina Maurer, and Jessica Hawks), and they all presented their research in the graduate national conference “Céfiro: Diasporic Communities and Their Representation: An Interdisciplinary Conference” at Texas Tech University (October 2010). Iñaki also published several book reviews focusing on ecocriticism and contemporary Spanish literature.

**SPEECH**

In October, Scott Gust presented a paper at the American Educational Studies Association conference in Denver. His paper was titled: “Representations of Queer Life in High School.” He also attended the National Communication Association meeting in San Francisco in November.

James Hedges attended the Western States Communication Association Meeting in Monterey, CA. He is an officer for the association.

**THEATRE**

Michael and Nina Vought attended the Utah Theatre Association meeting in St. George in January. Michael presented while there.