Faculty Activities 2008-2009

May 2009

Debbie Kasper

- Review Essay, invited to review:
  
  


  “Finding Coherence in Contemporary Sociology: A Relational Process Approach.”


Tony Lilly

- Attended the annual meeting of the Shakespeare Association of America at which he presented a paper entitled “(En)gendering Confessions: Law, Speech, and Feminine Identity in Four Plays of Webster and Ford” to the Theatrical Law seminar, chaired by Barbara Kreps.

- Received an invitation and grant to participate in the National Humanities Center’s summer seminar “Shakespeare in Slow Motion,” led by Marjorie Garber.

Jonathan Green

- Chaired the Annapolis Group meeting at the Council of Independent Colleges Chief Academic Officers meeting

- Guest conductor for the Winter Concert of the Danville Symphony

- New compositions
  o Gate of the Year for SATB choir
- *Crimson Petal* for flute and harp

- **Premieres**
  - *The Butcher’s Canticle to the Earth*: Jon Metzger, percussion, Elon University Orchestra, conducted by Tom Erdmann
  - *Hagiophony*: James Quartet at SBC
  - *Gate of the Year*: SBC choir and Hampden-Sydney Glee Club in Richmond
  - *Haphaestian Fall*: J.W. Turner, cello at UNC-Charlotte

- **Other Recent Performances**
  - *Hagiophony*: Randolph College and Roanoke
  - *Haphaestian Fall*: Winston-Salem State University
  - *When We Were Giants*: UNC Greensboro, University of Central Florida, University of Georgia, and University of Tennessee

**April 2009**

**Debbie Durham**

Article Published: “Dress, Identity, and the Democratic Subject: Ethnic Dress in Democratic Botswana.” Ege Universitesi Basim Evi, Sosyoloji Dergisi 19 sayi (In English, with a translation into Turkish by Pelin Onder Erol)

**February 2009**

**Christian Carr**

Gave a talk at the Women’s National Republic Club in New York City commemorating Sweet Briar Day for the city’s alumnae chapter entitled “Tusculum: Its Past, Present and Future.”

**Debbie Durham**

Published a review essay on recent anthropological work on youth: 2008 “New Horizons: Youth at the Millennium.” *Anthropological Quarterly* 81 (4): 945-957. Includes review of:

**Sonia Olivera**
Two books have been published during this academic year:


Narremas (Narration and Poemas) are poems that narrate the august national tragedy in Paraguay, in which a fire killed hundreds of people, most of them children who were getting ready to celebrate “The National Child Day”. Narremas, are poems that try to document this tragedy from the inside. The voice of the victims are strong in the “Himno de los Huesos en el canto de las almas”. The book was presented with “Una lectura del concepto de Narremas: La tragedia de Ycuá Bolaños” at the Fourth International Congress of the Hispanic Poetry of Europe and the Americas” of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver-Canadá; and will be presented in Paraguay on the anniversary of the tragedy.


Presentation:

She will present her study: “The Matrix of the Cosmic Canticle, Philosophical Anthropology of Ernesto Cardenal” / “La matriz del Cántico Cósmico, una antropología filosófica de Ernesto Cardenal”, an analysis of the most outstanding characteristics of the extrovert style of awarded Nicaraguan poet Ernesto Cardenal presented in his magna opus Cosmic Canticle at the VII International Congress of Hispanic Literature (March 9-12).

Janet Steven
Manuscript in Press

Penny, Rebecca H. (’08) and Janet C. Steven. in press. Sexual Dimorphism in Pollen Grain Size in Cryptically Dioecious Thalictrum macrostylum. Plant Systematics and Evolution.

December 2008

Christian Carr
• Presented a paper titled "The Palladian Double Portico in Virginia: Williamsburg, Jefferson, Sweet Briar House, and Beyond" at the 16th Annual Symposium on Architectural History and the Decorative Arts. This symposium, titled "Palladianism and Its Alternatives," was held at the Virginia Historical Society and commemorated the 500th anniversary of Palladio's birth.

• Her article "Life at Tusculum in the Nineteenth Century" was published in the Fall/Winter 2008 issue of Lynch's Ferry magazine.

Brent Shea
• Participant, Civil Society Forum, United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Commission on Social Development; NGO Observer, 46th Session of the UN Commission for Social Development of the Economic and Social Council, "Full Employment and Decent Work for All" (Member, NGO Committee on Mental Health and Committee for Social Development), New York Headquarters, March 2008

• Accepted invitation to review research grants proposals for the European Union-United States Atlantis Program, U.S. Department of Education, May 2008

• Accepted invitation to join a delegation of nine U.S. sociologists that represented the American Sociological Association at meetings in China with sociologists at universities in Beijing and Shanghai, June 2008


• Program vice-chair, International Conference of The Social Capital Foundation: Perspectives on Social Capital and Social Inclusion; also presented the critique of the keynote speech, "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Social Mobility and Social Capital", Republic of Malta, September 2008

• "From a Tenured to a Contingent Faculty: Challenges and Solutions for Faculty Governance," plenary panel: "Who Are the Stakeholders?", Faculty Governance in Higher Education Conference, University of Mary Washington (Respondent: Mary Burgan, Former General Secretary of the AAUP), October 2008


November 2008

Kay Brimijoin
Book Published

Article
Brimijoin, K. and Alouf, J. (2008, September). Building Differentiated Learning Communities. Teachers and Administrators in Frederick County Schools, Winchester, VA.

Presentations

**Christian Carr**
Presented a refereed paper, "East Meets West in the South: Sweet Briar House as Aesthetic Retreat, 1875-1900" at the 12th Annual Conference on Cultural Studies and Historic Preservation at Salve Regina University. The conference theme was "Creating and Preserving the American Home."

**October 2008**

**Debbie Durham**

The book includes among its chapters:


2) Spent 2007-2008 doing field research in western Turkey on aging, class, and modernity, with the aid of a Fulbright Research Grant.


During last year, also wrote an encyclopedia entry on “youth” for an encyclopedia of anthropology (Routledge), and a sustained essay on dress in Botswana for an encyclopedia of dress and fashion (Berg).

4) Was invited to give the keynote address at two conferences last year:

- “Youth: Agents of the Future.” Invited keynote address, workshop on “Emerging Perspectives on the Anthropology of Childhood.” C-FAR (Centre for Child-Centered Research), Brunel University, May 15, 2008.

5) Gave four lectures at Ege University in Izmir, Turkey, to varying audiences:
• “Youth and Agency.” Lecture presented to advanced students at the Department of Sociology, Ege University, May 26, 2008.
• “Youth and Social Deixis.” Lecture presented to lower-level students at the Department of Sociology, Ege University. May 20, 2008.
• “Youth, Generations, and Globalization.” Lecture to the general university public at Ege University, Izmir, Turkey, March 12, 2008.

Gene Gotwalt
“Wet and Dry Counties in Virginia” has been accepted for publication in the Virginia Journal of Economics, Spring, 2009.

September 2008

John Casteen
His poem “Night Hunting” has been included in The Best American Poetry 2008 has just been released, edited by Charles Wright.

Other recent publications include three poems in the Spring issue of New Orleans Review, two poems in 2008 issue of Electronic Poetry Review, and two poems in the Winter issue of Meridian.

He will be reading at The Bridge PAI in Charlottesville September 17th with Lisa Russ Spaar & Debra Nystrom (UVa), Bob Hicok (VPI), and Rod Smith (W&L).

Claudia Chang
On July 1, 2008, Claudia Chang and Perry Tourtellotte were awarded medals by the Ministry of Higher Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan for their contributions to the development of science in the Republic of Kazakhstan at the opening of an international scientific conference celebrating the 10th anniversary of the new capital of Astana. That same day, they were also presented silver medallions from the L.N. Gumilov Eurasian National University.

Cathy Gutierrez
Monograph in Press

Articles
• “Spiritualism,” The Cambridge Handbook of Western Mysticism and Esotericism, Glenn

**Review**


**Presentations**

- “Somebody Up There Loves Me: From Telegraphs to Tivo in American Religion,” Alumna Guest, Syracuse University Department of Religion annual retreat, Syracuse, NY, 2006.

Hank Yochum

**Refereed Articles**


**Presentations**

- Teaching Engineering and Science by Inquiry—Answering Questions through Experimentation and Data Analysis, Lynchburg City Schools Best Practices Conference, March 2008

**Other Activities**

He is now the physics and astronomy editor for the *Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) Quarterly*.

Bill Kershner

Directed Romeo and Juliet for the Blue Ridge Summer Theatre Festival