



College of Liberal Arts Newsletter

Spring 2010

Dean Delivers Twentieth Lecture in the Presidential Series

On a warm spring evening, April 15, 2010, Dr. Deanna Shields offered the twentieth lecture in the Presidential Lecture Series. The Ruth Ann Musick Library auditorium filled with listeners who grew quiet as Dr. Krepel, Fairmont's President, introduced Shields. Her talk was entitled, "Citizenship in the 21st Century: Fostering Educational Commitment." Shields emphasized the benefits of citizenship, including civil rights, protections and privileges.

She noted there are three categories of citizens—personally responsible, participatory, and justice-oriented—and that educators at Fairmont State have the responsibility to furnish students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes that lead to justice-oriented citizenship. Faculty can improve student understanding of citizenship by teaching across the curriculum, by including civic virtues as practice and discourse in classrooms, and by advising and encouraging students to take classes in history, foreign languages and culture, and global affairs. Above all, Dean Shields offered that faculty can be role models, involved on campus and in the wider communities of Fairmont, our state and our nation.



Celebration of Student Scholarship, 2010

Many Liberal Arts students participated in the Celebration of Student Scholarship, 2010. Nick Oliveto was awarded best research paper/project for his presentation, "The End of Social Justice: The Difficulty of Establishing Limits on Universal Jurisdiction." Nick and his mentor, Dr. Robert Baker, will attend the Undergraduate Research National conference next spring.

Other presentations included:

James Bright. "War's Little Brother: Tobacco and Trade in the Colonies"

Amanda Walker and Ivy Bartlett. "Family Histories: Private Matters of Public Importance"

Celi Oliveto and Samantha Huffman. "Stories in Your Own Backyard: Devising a Play about the 1968 Farmington Mine Disaster"

Michael Vozniak. "The Folkloric Aspects of Washington Irving: From an Appalachian Sense of Place"

Joe Barnosky, Floyd Conaway, Stacy Goff, Elizabeth Golden, Beth Reynolds, Bethany Rosser, and Dana Sayre. "Reynard's Ramblings: All Things 'Reynard' in Print and Elsewhere"

Megan Walters. "Social Norms: The Collision of Social Justice and Human Rights"

Kathryn E. Shields. "Glass Splinters in the Hands of Social Justice: Aung San Suu Kyii and the Fight for Freedom"

Dustin VanPelt. "Social Revolution: The Evolution of Social Justice through Governmental Intervention and Technological Rebellion"

Michelle Yost. "Gendered Punctuation: Examining the Subconscious through the Structure of Poetry"



Poster presentation at the Celebration.

Academic Awards Celebration

Award Recipients in the College of Liberal Arts, 2010

Katie Bennett	Criminal Justice Achievement Award
Candace Bonecutter	Kappa Delta Pi Outstanding Secondary Education Award William and Doretha Clayton Barnes Prize
Molly Born	Outstanding Student in Journalism
Deborah Green	Outstanding Student Achievement in Foreign Language and Culture Spanish Award
Sarah Elizabeth Haught	A. and L. Hawkins Graduate Student in English Award
Joseph R. McCarty	National Security and Intelligence Achievement Award
Daniel Miller	Outstanding Student Achievement in English Education Award
Jessica Nardo	Carolyn Coakley-Hicherson Memorial Award
Jessica Patterson	Mary Esther and Dr. Byron Jackson Endowed Scholarship Outstanding Student Achievement in English Award
Dominick Pellegrin	Political Science Achievement Award
Dana Sayre	Outstanding Achievement in a Foreign Language
Laura Sudlow	Haddon & Nettie Morgan Rhodes Endowed Scholarship
Erica Tonkin	Outstanding Sociology Student Award
Amanda Walker	Christiane Buck Sweeney Award
Megan Walter	Outstanding Student in Honors Leadership Program
Esther Wilson	Outstanding Senior Psychology Student Award
Michelle Yost	John Teahan Memorial Endowed Scholarship



Gathering for the Awards Celebration



Dr. Erin Hippolyte and Deborah Green



Dr. Clarence Rohrbaugh and Esther Wilson



Dr. Betsy Shaw and Joseph McCarty

Faculty, Student and Alumni News in the College of Liberal Arts

Student News

Robert Bolton and Dea Clayton received grants from the Undergraduate Research Advisory Council this spring. Bob is researching the history of the Berlin Wall, and Dea is working on an art history project that will apply the aesthetics of Hegel and Panofsky to da Vinci's "Virgin on the Rocks," Durer's "Self-Yuskaavage's Honeymoon," and Wall's "After Individual Man" by Ralph Ellison, the Preface. Bolton is working under Ken Millen-Penn in history and Clayton under Marian Hollinger in Art.

Nick Oliveto, a sophomore Honors student, double majoring in National Security and Intelligence and Political Science, has been selected to attend the Summer Law Institute sponsored by the West Virginia University College of Law 6-12 June. Nick was the only Fairmont State student selected for the inaugural run of this Seminar. At the Summer Law Institute, Nick won best brief writer, best job interview, best defense litigation, and best overall litigation.

Nick Oliveto, Robert Bolton, and Jay Cook were part of the Singleton Frazure Legislative Internship program and spent a week in Charleston in February working as interns for members of the House of Delegates. Nick Oliveto delivered the final speech in the House of Delegates.

Two winners of the Charles J. McClain Scholarship this year are students in the College of Liberal Arts. This is the full-ride scholarship. Sarah J. Queen has declared an English Education major. Queen is a National Honor Society member and has participated in many community projects. Lillian L. Gaylord has declared English and Theatre Education as her majors. Gaylord is also a member of the National Honor Society, and an ACE Team member.

Michelle Yost took third place at the Literary Symposium for Undergraduate

Students at WVU for her paper, "James Joyce and the Female Voice." The paper explored the subjugation of women to role of muse in James Joyce's *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*.

Faculty News

As part of the Inaugural Ceremonies for the thirteenth president of Fairmont State University, Dr. Thomas L. Krepel, two poems were read, one each from poets Elizabeth Savage and Donna J. Long of the Department of English. Long also presented a paper at the Shakespeare Association of America in Chicago in early April for a seminar on Gendering Childhood in the Early Modern Period entitled, "Qualities Befitting Their Sex: Learning Gender Identity." Long also who won the People's Choice Poetry Contest at the WV Writer's Symposium in June.

As the West Virginia Folklife Center evolves and work on refitting the Kennedy Barn continues, Dr. Judy Byers will be transitioning to full-time status as Director of the Center.

Mr. John Fitch and Dr. Dan Gurash attended a three day training session at WVU to learn geographic information systems (GIS) software, which is being integrated into several sociology courses.

Dr. Suzanne Heagy attended the annual Associate Writing Programs Conference in Denver in April where she promoted Fairmont State's literary journal, *Kestrel*. In May, she read poetry at Art Rage in Syracuse, NY to promote *say. you say.*, the annual anthology of Uphook Press. Her work appeared in *Chest Journal* and the *Philological Review* of the University of Arkansas-Monticello.

Congratulations to Dr. Matt Hokom who has received a sabbatical for next fall. There is a fine picture of the mace bearer in the graduation photo album on the University's home page.

Dr. Tadashi Kato attended the South Eastern Psychological Association's regional conference in Tennessee with Teresa Sestito, a student research mentee, to present, "Psychophysiological Effects of Coping Imagery and Its Implication." They also presented a paper entitled, "Differential Effects of Fractal Music on Electroencephalogram," at the 2010 Celebration of Undergraduate Scholarship. Dr. Kato continues to advise the International Student Organization, coordinating events like the "Taste of the World" and the "International Exhibition," and has had eight cultural presentations as a form of outreach multicultural education in Morgantown, Pittsburgh, & NYC since August 2010.

Dr. Adam Podlaskowski lectured on "The Notion of Universal Human Rights," at the Social Justice Workshop held at Fairmont State in March. He spoke in February at the APA Central Division Meeting in Chicago, IL on "Comments on Ersatz Presentism and Modal Sentences about Times." During his first year at Fairmont State, Podlaskowski has become the faculty advisor for two new student groups, the Philosophy Club and the group, 'i-cubed: intellect, ingenuity, inspiration,' whose members are devoted to broad intellectual interests. Critical articles appeared this *Spring in Theoria* 76(2) and *Philosophia* 38(1).

Many professors in the College of Liberal Arts received awards from Academic Affairs and the Faculty Development Committee. Dr. Matt Hokom received the Excellence in Academic Advising Award. Dr. Suzanne Heagy and Dr. Elizabeth Savage received Foundation Grants. Dr. Donna Long received a Regional Service and Engagement (RSEED) Grant.

Dr. Rhonda Sanford presented a paper at the Shakespeare Association of America in Chicago in early April that was entitled: "When all those legs and arms and heads, chopped off in battle, shall join together": The Blazon and Anti-blazon in Henry V."

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Sanford's watercolor of cherries was accepted for a national show at Arizona State University West. You may view a print of the watercolor in Jaynes Hall on the Language and Literature bulletin board.

Dr. Elizabeth Savage was the featured reader at Morgantown Poets in March.

Her poem, "The Rubric Does Not Account for Love," was featured at the Presidential inauguration.

Congratulations to our newest lawyer and former student and recent Interim Chair of Social Sciences, Betsy Shaw, who passed the Bar Exam in February

Criminal Justice Students at the NCJHS National Conference

The Epsilon Iota Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society, attended the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences(ACJS)/Alpha Phi Sigma National Conference in San Diego, California from Feb. 22 -26, 2010. Pam Wilson represented Fairmont State as the Alpha Phi Sigma National President, having been elected in Boston in 2009.

Students participated in a crime scene investigation competition, a general criminal justice knowledge test, a college quiz bowl competition, undergraduate and graduate research paper competitions, chapter goal competitions, and a yearbook competition. In addition they attended panel discussions and guest speaker presentations from experts in the field of criminal justice.



Mara Collins won 2nd Place in the undergraduate student paper competition, the chapter won the Outstanding Chapter Award for Community Service, and the crime scene team brought home a 1st Place prize. Graduate student Philip Wagner, whose paper was accepted for presentation in November, delivered his paper entitled Sentencing Female Offenders, during the ACJS portion of the conference. Deanna Shields serves as advisor with Betsy Shaw as assistant advisor. Pictured is the winning crime scene team. (Front row: Mara Collins, Tammy Walker, Dedra Hash, Kasaundra Sypolt, Lt. John McLaughlin of the Miami-Dade Police Department; Back row: Russell Stover, Joshua Brooks, Philip Wagner and Dan Patcher)

Year 2009-2010 College of Liberal Arts	
Faculty Members:	37
Undergraduate Students:	1080
Graduate Students:	42
BAs awarded this year:	198
MAs awarded this year:	11

I'd like to thank everyone who contributed to the newsletter. Special thanks to Dr. Donna Long for technical support. Please forward news of events/accomplishments or feature articles to hheagy@fairmontstate.edu. Some contributions were edited due to space limitations. Any errors are mine. HSH

In Memory

Mary Morgan, who had been a faculty member for many years, passed away on Friday, April 30, in Huntington. She was a graduate of Iaeger High School and also of West Virginia University, where she received both her bachelor's and master's degrees in history. In 1965, Mary became a professor of history at Fairmont State College where she remained until her retirement in 2002. She was a charter member of Fairmont State's Psi Omicron Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honor Society, and served as chapter advisor until her retirement.

Inaugural Poem

Donna J. Long

Why Be Here

where we choose to risk
our single selves, to measure whether
we grow good together. Consider how
confined the mind not shared,
like a drought-bitten pond glistens
when the sun appears to light only on
its waters and disappears. From center
to periphery what we see depends
not on what we see: we are
what we can envision. A blue-
glazed bowl, round and sure, shaped
by the potter's hands, shines against
the chef's tart, glistening with sweet
strawberries from the farmer's field to be
eaten, even greedily, by guests
at the next festivity, like
this one, greeting anew

as we look back, look forward.
Why be here: for those of us lately come, those
who will arrive, those here beyond memory
among these mountains and rivers, in
this town of steps and churches, for all
the promise of knowing more than the center
becoming more than can be measured
by our little instruments. We build with care
the bluebird's house to encourage, to please,
to make a place worth keeping, worth defending—

that charge in one small a realm is
our charge now: to build with care
this universe, this university,
to weather our single selves and sustain
the greater need beyond
what we can see no matter
how high
our house or
mind. If not you

with me, and her, and all of us
looking forward
and back and beyond
the lives we believe
we seek to this
fair universe,
each thriving in our desire
to need each other's
desire to make for those without
whom we would not be
here, our students, an idea.