

Faculty Activities

2006-2007

May 2007

Stephen Bragaw

"Conquest and Frontier in American Political Development" Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 13, 2007.

"Democratization and Development" Panel discussant, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 13, 2007.

"Making New Americans: From Frontier to Melting Pot and Beyond" Lecture presented as part of the Liberty Lecture Series, America: A Nation of Immigrants, Gunston Hall Foundation, Mason's Neck, VA, March 4, 2007.

"Project Citizen and the Virginia Standards of Learning" Presentation to the Virginia Council of Social Studies District Coordinators Meeting, Red Hill VA, March 30, 2007.

Led day long Project Citizen District Coordinators Retreat at Sweet Briar, March 31, 2007.

Debbie Kasper

- Presented a paper at the annual Eastern Sociological Society meeting in Philadelphia, PA March 2007. "Toward Paradigm Shift: Ecovillages and Reconceptualizing Community."

- Paper accepted for publication

Kasper, Debbie Van Schyndel. 2007. "Redefining Community in the Ecovillage." *Human Ecology Review* 14, 2:forthcoming.

April 2007

Marie-Thérèse Killiam

- Chosen to be a Senior Reviewer for the AP examination and an AP reader.
- Invited on a panel at Washington and Lee to discuss Language Teaching in the future. The discussion was filmed and recorded for possible use by the MLA.

Barbara Perry, in March,

- Met with President George Bush for a seminar with McConnell Center Scholars and Fellows in Louisville;

- Organized and chaired, as well as presented for, the panel "The Work of Henry J. Abraham," Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas;
- Presented a lecture, "'No Irish Need Apply': The Role of Immigration, Religion, and Ethnicity from President Kennedy to Justice Kennedy," for the 2007 Liberty Lecture Series, "America: A Nation of Immigrants," Gunston Hall, Home of George Mason, Mason Neck, VA;
- Presented a lecture, "Pioneers on the Court: The Leadership of Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg," for Women's History Month, University of Louisville;
- Presented a lecture, "'May It Please the Court': Reflections on Oral Argument from a Veteran Spectator," Brandeis School of Law, University of Louisville;
- Served as a panelist for "Reflections on the Harriet Miers Nomination" panel, for the conference, "Legally Female: What Does It Mean to Be Ms. JD?" Yale Law School;
- Organized the 2007 Abraham Distinguished Lecture, delivered by Jan Crawford Greenburg, Legal Affairs Correspondent, ABC News, University of Virginia Law School;
- Judged the 2007 McConnell Center Essay Contest on "Women Leaders."

Lynn Rainville

- Gave a paper at the Society for Historic Archaeology Conference in January on African-American Mortuary Variability
- Gave a paper at the Mid-Atlantic Archaeology Conference over spring break on Slave Cemeteries in Amherst and Albemarle County
- Was sponsored by the American Anthropological Association to participate in the annual Humanities Advocacy Day (to argue for increased humanities funding)
- Was invited to be a national lecturer for the Archaeological Institute of America for 2007-08
- Was invited to give a lecture at Radford University in March on Public Outreach and Research into African-American Cemeteries
- Gave a tour of the Sweet Briar Slave Cemetery and lectured on Amherst Cemeteries as part of the on-campus celebration of Black History month
- Will give a paper in mid-April at the second annual Virginia Forum on Historic African-American Cemeteries

Raina Robeva

- Published an article:
Penberthy, J.K., Cox, D., Robeva, R., Kovatchev, B. & Merkel, L. The EEG Consistency Index as a Psycho-Physiological Marker of ADHD and Methylphenidate Response: Replication of Results. (2007) *Journal of Neurotherapy*, Vol. 10, No. 1, 48-58.
- Delivered a paper "*An undergraduate course in biomathematics at Sweet Briar College with an accompanying textbook*" at the [Joint Mathematics Meeting of the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of America, January 5-8, 2007, New Orleans, LA.](#)
- Delivered invited lectures at:

Benedictine University, Mathematical Biology Colloquium: Mathematical Models of Glucose Variability and Risk Assessment in Diabetes. February 22, 2007.

Chicago State University, Mathematical Sciences Colloquium: Modeling of Hormone Feedback Networks (Understanding of Endocrine Oscillators). February 23, 2007.

- Participated in the Spring Mathematical and Computational Biology Workgroup, Shodor Education Foundation, March 18-21, 2007, Durham, NC.
- Participated as panelist in the discussion “Teaching in Different Environments.” University of Virginia, Rotunda Dome Room, March 26, 2007.

March 2007

Ronald Horwege

- 2006 UVA German Teachers Workshop, March 28, 2006 Organizer and Director
- Summer in Münster Program May 28-July 12, 2006 Assistant Director
- TPRS Coaching with Colleagues Workshop
- Sweet Briar College, July 23-28, 2006, Organizer and Director
- Sweet Briar Immersion Weekend, October 6-8, 2006, Organizer and Director
- Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference, James Madison University, October 12-14, 2006, Paper: A Younger Austrian Writer: Daniel Kehlmann
- Foreign Language Association of Virginia, Annual Conference in Richmond, October 13-14, 2006, Participation in annual business meeting of Virginia Chapter of AATG
- Trainerseminar USA: Neue deutsche Popmusik im Unterricht, Goethe-Institut Washington, November 10-11, 2006
- American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee November 16-19, 2006, Member of Panel for Delta Phi Alpha German Honor Society. Annual Officers Meeting for Delta Phi Alpha
- Phi Beta Kappa Meeting at Lynchburg, College. December, 2006, Election to office of Secretary for a Central Virginia Phi Beta Kappa group
- Trainerseminar USA: Werbung in Deutschland, Goethe-Institut Chicago December 8-10, 2006
- Upcoming activity: UVA German Teachers Workshop April 28, 2007, Organizer and Director

February 2007

Steve Bragaw

- "John Marshall and the Cherokee Nation" Lecture delivered for the John Marshall Foundation Conference on "The Legal and Political Legacy of Chief Justice John Marshall", Virginia Supreme Court, Richmond, VA, Oct. 29, 2006.
- Attended meetings of the Virginia Commission on Civics Education, Richmond, VA, in September and December; chaired subcommittee on civic education curriculum and materials. With Barbara Perry, proposed and awarded a contract (\$27,000) to put on a series of professional development conferences for teachers in Wise, Portsmouth, and Danville this spring, and co-drafted legislation introduced this session of the General Assembly to create Civics Education Week in the Commonwealth to coincide with federal Constitution Day (legislation introduced and sponsored by Robert Tata in the House and Roscoe Reynolds in the Senate).
- Co-led Virginia Delegation to the Fourth Congressional Conference on Civic Education, Washington, DC, November 18-20.
- Invited by the state Department of Education to be a speaker at professional development institutes in Roanoke, Richmond, and Glen Allen in November and December.
- Attended the Project Citizen national meeting in Denver, CO, in October. Along with assistant state-coordinator Katie Niemeier '05, planned for state Project Citizen coordinator retreat to be at Sweet Briar in March.

Deborah Durham

Deborah Durham and Jennifer Cole's second edited book, titled *Figuring the Future: Childhood, Youth, and Globalization*, has been accepted for publication by the SAR Press. (The first, *Generations and Globalization*, appeared with Indiana University Press in November.)

Rebecca Massie Lane

I will participate in Artworks for Virginia, Wed, Jan. 24 as a member of the Curator's Roundtable discussion, "Creating a Strategic Plan for Exhibitions."

Barbara Perry

- Delivered lectures at two Sweet Briar Day alumnae events (New Orleans and Anchorage, KY) on her book *Jacqueline Kennedy: First Lady of the New Frontier*;
- Presented a seminar on the topic "Dead or Alive? Reflections on Constitutional Interpretation" to McConnell Scholars;
- Spoke on "The Supreme Court's Image in the American Mind" to Daviess County High School students;
- Delivered a paper, "Dolley Madison and Jacqueline Kennedy: Two Eras, Two First Ladies, and the Role of Presidential Spouse," at the James Madison Conference, sponsored by Louisiana State University--Shreveport;
- Moderated a panel on the Kentucky Supreme Court for the Federalist Society;
- Co-led, with Steve Bragaw, the Virginia Delegation to the Congressional Conference on Civic Education in Washington, DC;
- Attended the fall meeting of the ABA's Public Education Division Advisory Commission;
- Appeared on WAMU's "Koyo Nnambi Show" twice and WFPL's "State of Affairs";

- Coached the University of Louisville moot court team at the Upper Mid-West Regional and National tournaments.

December 2006

Christian Carr

Gave a paper at the symposium "Architectural Masters and Masterworks" at the Virginia Historical Society titled "Charles Rennie Mackintosh and the Aesthetic Movement: The Taming of the Interior" and was invited to comment on the exhibition "Cosmophilia" at the McMullen Art Museum at Boston College as part of the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting

Deborah Durham

- Served as discussant on the invited panel "Kids at the Crossroads: Global Childhood and the Role of the State" and
- Read a paper, "Games and Culture: Performance and Being Herero in a Liberal Democracy" on the panel "The Culture in Cultural Festivals" both at the American Anthropological Association annual meetings in San Jose, California, November 15-19.

November 2006

Deborah Durham

- Book just published:
Generations and Globalization: Youth, Age, and Family in the New World Economy, ed. Jennifer Cole and Deborah Durham.
 Includes: "Age, Regeneration, and the Intimate Politics of Globalization," by Jennifer Cole and Deborah Durham "Empowering Youth: Making Youth Citizens in Botswana." by Deborah Durham

Blurb on book: Globalization is not only a large-scale phenomenon: it is also inextricably bound up with intimate aspects of personhood, care, and the daily decisions through which we make our lives. Looking at sub-Saharan Africa, Madagascar, Mexico, the U.S., Europe, India, and China, *Generations and Globalization* investigates the impact of globalization in the context of families, age groups, and intergenerational relations. The contributors offer an innovative approach that focuses on the changing dynamics between generations, rather than treating changes in childhood, youth, or old age as discrete categories. They argue that new economies and global flows do not just transform contemporary family life, but are in important ways shaped and constituted by it.

- Book review:

Review of *The Body Impolitic: Artisans and Artifice in the Global Hierarchy of Value*, by Michael Herzfeld (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2004). *Political and Legal Anthropology Review* (PoLaR 29 [2] 2006).

- In Press:
"Herero Revolt." Entry for the *Encyclopedia of the Modern World*, ed. Peter Stearns. Oxford University Press.

Lynn Laufenberg

- Presented paper, "Domestic Crimes and Legal Reforms in Post-Plague Florence," for session on Italy and the Black Death at the 41st International Congress on Medieval Studies (Western Michigan University), 5 May 2006.
- Presented paper, "The Physical Language of Defamation and Defiance in Medieval Florence," for session on Defiant Women at the International Medieval Congress (University of Leeds, England), 12 July 2006.
- Article, "More than Words: Gender, Gesture, Insult, and Assault in Post-Plague Florence," accepted for publication in the *Virginia Social Science Journal*, forthcoming March 2007 issue.
- Received Fellowship from Ettore Majorana Fondazione per la Cultura Scientifica to participate in the 26th Seminar of the International School of Ius Commune (Erice, Sicily), 5-11 October 2006.

Rebecca McCord

President of the Central Virginia Music Teachers and a member of the President's Council for the Virginia Music Teachers Association.

October 2006

Karl Tamburr

Karl Tamburr's book, *The Harrowing of Hell in Medieval England*, has been accepted for publication by Boydell & Brewer.

Christian Carr

- Gave a paper, "Creating Tomorrow's Curators Today: Student-curated exhibitions at the Sweet Briar Museum" at the International Council of Museums meeting of the university museums and galleries subgroup in Mexico City.
- Curated the exhibition artifacts "Domestic Service in the Gilded Age," an NEH-funded show at the Sweet Briar Museum through December 2006.
- Interviewed by Blue Ridge Public Television at the Sweet Briar Museum for a segment on the college's history.

September 2006

Steve Bragaw

- "Indian Removal and American Political Development: Jeffersonian Antecedents" Paper delivered to the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 3, 2006.
- "Presidential Moments: Jefferson and the Barbary Corsairs" Round table presentation, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 1, 2006.
- "The Supreme Court and Public Opinion" Panel Chair, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia PA, September 2, 2006.
- "The Law of Conquest in the Empire of Liberty" Paper presented to the biannual Policy History conference, sponsored by the Journal of Policy History, Charlottesville, VA, June 3, 2006.
- Graduate Fellowship application reader, Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, June 14-16, 2006.
- Project Citizen Curriculum Training Session, Spotsylvania County Public Schools, Aug. 21.
- Attended meeting of the Virginia Commission on Civics Education, Richmond, VA, June 5, 2006.

Tracy Hamilton

Delivered a paper entitled, "Poetry, Politics, and Play: Text and Image of Arsenal 3142 and the Patronage of Marie de Brabant" at the 41st International Congress on Medieval Studies in May, 2006.

Barbara Perry

- Served as instructor and consultant for the annual two-week Supreme Court Summer Institute, held at Georgetown University Law Center and the U.S. Supreme Court;
- Briefed McConnell Scholars at the Supreme Court Historical Society;
- Delivered the keynote address to the Maine Annual Law Conference, at the University of Maine Law School in Portland;
- Provided commentary on the 2005-06 Supreme Court Term for Wisconsin Public Radio.