

Faculty Activities

2007-2008

May, 2008

Christian Carr

Christian Carr has been appointed a Research Fellow-in-Residence at Winterthur Museum and Library in Delaware for the month of June.

Ronald Horwege

June, 2007

Participant in Seminar on Contemporary German Literature in Berlin

July, 2007

- German Academy at Virginia Commonwealth University: Lecture on the German Film: *Sonnenallee*
- Organizer and administrator of German TPRS Workshop at Sweet Briar College

September, 2007

Organizer and administrator of German Immersion Weekend at Sweet Briar College 2007. Topic: Jugendliteratur

October, 2007

- Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference in Roanoke
- Presentation of Paper on Daniel Kehlmann's *Die Vermessung der Welt (Measuring the World)*
- Foreign Language Association of Virginia Presentation of lecture on the Works of Daniel Kehlmann

November, 2007

- ACTFL-AATG Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas: Member of Panel Discussion with Delta Phi ALPHA: German Honor Society
- Annual Meeting of Officers of Delta Phi Alpha

April 17-19, 2008

Organizer and Facilitator of German Teachers Workshop at College of William and Mary as a part of the celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the First Germans in America at Jamestown. Topic of Workshop: Teaching about Germans in America and German-Americans

David Orvos

- During April, he attended the Annual Meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologists in Spartanburg, SC, and attended an educational session on digital microscopy imaging and analysis that we will apply to our introductory laboratory.
- Gave a presentation titled 'Environmental and Human Health Risks of Biosolids - Fact or Fiction' at the South Central Regional Office of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality in Lynchburg. The presentation was broadcast live to all DEQ regional offices and their Richmond headquarters office. The SBC approach to involving colleges in biosolids projects using a task order project management format was well received.
- Entered into negotiations with Nelson County to develop a memorandum of understanding for SBC to offer environmental consulting and analytical services with regard to various biosolids issues in the county. This will be our third agreement locally. The agreement allows a task order approach to project management and gives our students and faculty the opportunity to provide expertise, gain experience, and to observe controversial issues firsthand while providing appropriate liability protection for them and the college. Dave continues to serve as the biosolids monitor for Amherst County.

April 2008

Gene Gotwalt

- Chosen to be the Feature Editor for the fall 2009 edition of *Academic Exchange Quarterly*. The issue will have the special topic of dealing with Business Programs at traditional liberal arts colleges. Information may be found at <http://www.rapidintellect.com/AEQweb/6bus.htm>.
- Presented a paper, "Social Capital and the Voluntary provision of a Public Good," on March 27, 2008 at the annual Virginia Association of Economists convention held jointly at W&L and VMI this year.

March 2008

Lynn Rainville

- Feb 2008, Designed a new website to enable descendants to search the J.F. Bell Funeral Home Records (Charlottesville, Virginia) in an on-line, database: <http://douglass.vcdh.virginia.edu/jfbell/index.shtml>
- Feb 2008, Submitted an article titled "Social Memory and Plantation Burial Grounds: a Virginian Example." To the *African Diaspora Archaeology Newsletter* for publication in the Spring Volume. Hosted on-line by the University of Illinois: www.diaspora.uiuc.edu/newsletter.html
- Feb 2008, Gave a lecture at Sweet Briar for Black History Month, titled, "Sweet Briar Founders: Archaeo-Historic Evidence for the African-American Community"
- Jan 2008, Worked with Karenne Wood (Program Director of Virginia Indian Heritage at the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities) to transfer the fall exhibit, *Family Portraits:*

Virginia Indians at the Turn of the 20th Century, to the University of Virginia for Spring term 2008. Co-curators of the exhibit: Lynn Rainville and Rebecca Massie-Lane.

- Jan 2008, Gave a paper at the annual Society for Historic Archaeology Meeting, titled “Remembering the Dead: working with descendant communities to learn from historic Virginian cemeteries”
- Jan 2008, Appointed to the Advisory Board of the *Thomas Jefferson Historical Context Management System* (as part of a grant submission to the IMLS National Leadership Program: Advancing Digital Resources). PI: Jack Robertson, Librarian, Thomas Jefferson Library.
- Jan 2008, Appointed to the Advisory Board of a granted-funded, on-line database of the Diuguid Funeral Home Records, managed by the Old City Cemetery in Lynchburg. PI: Ted Delaney, curator.
- Dec 2007, Gave a paper at the annual American Anthropological Association Meeting, titled “From Slave Graveyards to Segregated Cemeteries: Inequality in 19th- and 20th-Century American Burial Practices”
- **Dec 2007, Appointed to the Executive Board of the Albemarle Charlottesville Historical Society**
- **Nov 2007, Gave a lecture at the University North Carolina – Asheville (as an invited Archaeological Institute of American national lecturer) titled, “Micro-artifacts and Everyday Lives in Ancient Mesopotamia”**
- Nov 2007, Gave a lecture at Duke University (as an invited Archaeological Institute of American national lecturer), titled “Urban Life in an Assyrian City: results from Ziyaret Tepe (Turkey)”
- Nov 2007, Gave a lecture at the Booker T. Washington National Park for Virginia Archaeology Month, titled “ Learning from African-American Deathscapes”

February 2008

Christian Carr

Three entries published in the book *Material Culture in America: Finding Meaning in Everyday Things* (2008; ABC-CLIO). These included essays on the Chippendale, Rococo Revival, and Art Nouveau decorative styles.

Jonathan Green

Has a new book, *A Conductor's Guide to Nineteenth-Century Choral-Orchestral Music*, published by Scarecrow Press, 2008.

His *Sisyphian Summer*, for solo cello, was selected by the Mid-Atlantic Chapter as the representative composition from the region for the 50th-Anniversary Conference of the College Music Society in Salt Lake City this past November.

December 2007

Christian Carr

Attended "Rivers of Paradise: Water in Islamic Art and Culture" conference in Doha, Qatar, as a junior fellow.

Gave a paper titled "Sweet Briar House, 1800-1900: Palladian Plantation, Italianate Villa, Aesthetic Retreat" at the Virginia Historical Society as part of Virginia Commonwealth University's 15th annual symposium on architectural history.

Interviewed by WSET-News 10 about Sweet Briar history; segment ran on "Good Morning Virginia" program as well as the 6:00 news.

Pam DeWeese

Presented the paper, "Colometa/Natalia y Scarlett O'Hara: El retrato narrativo de dos mujeres en tiempos difíciles," as an invited guest speaker at the XV Simposio Internacional sobre Narrativa Hispánica Contemporánea. The topic of the symposium was comparative literature in memory of the well-known comparatist Claudio Guillén, Professor Emeritus of Princeton University.

November 2007

Pam DeWeese

Presented a paper, "Authors and Readers in Rosa Montero's *La loca de la casa*," on October 12th at the Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference in Roanoke, VA.

Brent Shea

Reviewed manuscripts submitted to the International Scope Review as a member of its Editorial Executive Board.

Represented Ius Primi Viri International Human Rights Association as IPV Vice President and Representative to the UN in New York at briefings for NGO's at UN Headquarters on recent and ongoing work of the General Assembly. (IPV is a Rome-based Non-Governmental Association in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the UN.)

Served on a Peer Review Panel, 2007 International Research and Studies Grants Program, US Department of Education.

Invited to serve on a Technical Review Panel for grant proposals submitted to the Atlantis Program of the US Dept. of Education for innovative policy-oriented projects involving collaboration of the US and EU through transatlantic consortia.

Steve Wassell

Publication:

(Available as of August 2007) Mitrović, Branko and Stephen R. Wassell. *Andrea Palladio: Villa Cornaro in Piombino Dese*. New York: Acanthus Press, 2006.

October 2007

Kay Brimijoin

Publications:

Completed while on sabbatical:

Tomlinson, C., Brimijoin, K., and Narvaez, L. (Off-press projection: June 2008). *Making Change for Schoolwide Differentiation: Changing Teaching for a Changing World*. Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Presentations:

Brimijoin, K. (2007, June). *Building Differentiated Learning Communities*. Teachers and Administrators in Frederick County Schools, Winchester, VA.

Brimijoin, K. with Alouf, J., Gould, H., and Reynolds, T. (2007, February). *Differentiation and Teacher Preparation: From Conceptual Framework to Classroom Practice*. Association of Teacher Educators Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.

Other:

Launched an Internship Abroad program for the Education Department and supervised four interns in Grafenwoehr, Germany who successfully taught for three weeks in an English-speaking school in Grafenwoehr.

Christian Carr

August 2007: Presented a paper titled "Heritage Matters: Tusculum at Sweet Briar College" for the University Museums and Collections group at the International Council of Museums conference in Vienna, Austria.

September 2007: Presented a lecture on the Tusculum project to the volunteers and of the Lynchburg City Museums.

September 2007: Hosted the annual meeting of the Sarah Winston Henry Branch of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities.

September 2007: Organized the Tusculum symposium as part of the Homecoming 2007 weekend and gave paper titled "Life Within Tusculum."

Sonia Olivera

"Reflejo de circunstancias: Victoria Ocampo, mujer testimonio". *Cuadernos Americanos*. 120 Vol. 2. 21 (Abril-Junio 2007): 173-186.

En tu mundo deshabitado. Madrid: Torremozas ISBN: 978-84-7839-383-1

Raina Robeva, Jim Kirkwood, and Robin Davies

Published the books:

1) Robeva, R., Kirkwood, J., Davies, R., Johnson, M., Farhy, L., Kovatchev, B. & Straume, M. An Invitation to Biomathematics. Academic Press, 2007.

2) Robeva, R., Kirkwood, J., Davies, R., Johnson, M., Farhy, L., Kovatchev, B. & Straume, M. Laboratory Manual of Biomathematics. Academic Press, 2007.

August 2007

Rob Alexander

Refereed Articles

Lindsey, P.A., L. G. Frank, R. Alexander, A. Mathieson and S. S. Romañach. "Trophy Hunting and Conservation in Africa: Problems and One Potential Solution," *Conservation Biology*, 21 (3), 2007.

Lindsey, P. A., Alexander, R. R., Mills, M.G.L, Romanach, S.S.R., Woodroffe, R. "Wildlife Viewing Preferences of Visitors to Protected Areas in South Africa: Implications for the Role of Ecotourism in Conservation," *Journal of Ecotourism*, 6 (1), 2007.

Lindsey, P.A., R. R. Alexander, L. G. Frank, A. Mathieson and S. S. Romañach. "Trophy Hunting has the Potential to Create Incentives for Wildlife Conservation in Africa Where Alternative Wildlife-based Land Uses may not be Viable," *Animal Conservation*, 9 (3), 2006.

Presentation

Alexander, Robert R. "Ivory and Bone: Conservation and Trade in Elephants and Tigers," invited paper presented at the International Workshop on Strategies for Tiger Conservation, Harbin, China, July 2007.

Pam DeWeese

Signed a contract with Peter Lang Publishing for the publication of her English translation of the Spanish novel, 360° Diary, by Luis Goytisolo. The book is due to come out in the early spring.

Lisa Johnston

Presented a paper at the Collectors and Collecting Conference held at Chawton House, Alton, UK that was sponsored by Goucher College and the English Department of the University of Southampton. "'Our Chinese Culture': The Irene Vongher and John B. Vincent Collection at the SBC Library." July 18-20, 2007

Participated in the Association of College and Research Libraries Immersion seminar for information literacy at the University of Manitoba. August 5-10, 2007.

Marie Thérèse Killiam

— Presented a paper entitled “The Death Drive in Poussin’s Arcadian Shepherds (Et in Arcadia Ego) at the International Humanities Conference in Paris, on July 17th 2007.

— Gave 3 presentations during the Alumnae tour to the Dordogne August 3-10, 2007:

1. “Aliénor d’Aquitaine”
2. “The Man in the Well of Lascaux”
3. “The Poussin connection in *The Da Vinci Code*”

Barbara Perry

— Published her eighth book, *The Michigan Affirmative Action Cases*;

— Lectured on “Grutter, Gratz, and Affirmative Action in Higher Education” at the Brandeis School of Law, University of Louisville;

— Co-led the annual Supreme Court Summer Institute for Teachers at the U.S. Supreme Court and Georgetown Law School;

— Co-led, with Steve Bragaw, the McConnell Center Institute for Teachers, on “The Rivalry That Shaped America: Thomas Jefferson v. John Marshall,” in Charlottesville and Richmond;

— Directed the Young Leaders Academy on “Vote or Die? Tackling the Debates of 2008,” at the University of Louisville's McConnell Center;

— Lectured on “The Supreme Court's Public Image” at the Supreme Court Historical Society, for McConnell Scholars;

— Was interviewed on WVTF, Virginia Public Radio, about the Seattle and Louisville race-based school assignment cases decided by the U.S. Supreme Court in June 2007.