

Faculty Activities 2008-2009

May 2009

Debbie Kasper

- Article accepted: "Ecological Habitus: Toward a Better Understanding of Socioecological Relations." *Organization & Environment*. Forthcoming, 2009.
- Review Essay, invited to review:

The Privacy Advocates: Resisting the Spread of Surveillance, by Colin J. Bennett. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2008.

Privacy: A Manifesto, by Wolfgang Sofsky, translated by Steven Rendall. Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2007.

"Advocating Privacy." Forthcoming in *Contemporary Sociology*. 38(3): pp. tbd, 2009.
- Paper presented at Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting: Baltimore, MD, 2009. "Finding Coherence in Contemporary Sociology: A Relational Process Approach."
- Chapter published: "Putting It All Together: Toward Increasing Sociology's Relevance to Ecological Research." Pp. 39-54 in *Bureaucratic Culture and Escalating World Problems: Advancing the Sociological Imagination*, edited by J. David Knottnerus and Bernard Phillips. Boulder: Paradigm Publishers, 2009.

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
 - *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:

Anne Allison, *Millennial Monsters: Japanese Toys and the Global Imagination* (University of California Press, 2006)

Vanessa Fong, *Only Hope: Coming of Age Under China's One-Child Policy* (Stanford University Press, 2004)

Cindi Katz, *Growing Up Global: Economic Restructuring and Children's Everyday Lives*. (University of Minnesota Press, 2004)

Henrik Vigh, *Navigating Terrains of War: Youth and Soldiering in Guinea-Bissau*. (Berghahn Books, 2006)

Sonia Olivera

Two books have been published during this academic year:

They Locked the Doors! Narremas of the Ycuá Bolaños Tragedy. / ;Cerraron las Puertas! Narremas de la Tragedia de Ycuá Bolaños. Spanish. Asunción: Amambay Editorial. ISBN: 978-0-615-24168-5. <http://www.merelesolivera.com/Books.htm>

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.

Angel Skin / Piel de Ángel. Spanish. Asunción: Amambay Editorial. ISBN: 978-0-615-22363-6. The book is a collection of poetry that talks about a mother's loss for all those who need to heal, and all those who seek to understand the wonder of life.

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 *exteriorista* 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
- Review of Peter Conrad, *The Medicalization of Society: On the Transformation of Human Conditions into Treatable Disorders*, forthcoming, *International Review of Modern Sociology*, Fall 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
- "An Unplanned Journey from the Italian Ministry of Health to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations: From Work and Mental Health to Human Rights", Association for Humanist Sociology Annual Conference: Public Sociology in Politics and Practice, Boston, November 2008.

November 2008

Kay Brimijoin

Book Published

Tomlinson, C., Brimijoin, K., and Narvaez, L. (2008). *The Differentiated School: Making Revolutionary Changes in Teaching and Learning*. Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Article

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

Presentations

Alouf, J., Brimijoin, K., and Gould, H. (2008, June) *Overview of the Sweet Briar College Teacher Education Program and Differentiation through Learning Contracts* – Presentations at a Clinical Faculty Institute sponsored by a Virginia Department of Education grant awarded to Lynchburg College, Randolph College, and Sweet Briar College in partnership with six Central Virginia school divisions.

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

1) Edited book published: *Figuring the Future: Children, Youth, and Globalization*, ed. Jennifer Cole and Deborah Durham (SAR Press, 2008).

The book includes among its chapters:

- "Apathy and Agency: The Romance of Agency and Youth in Botswana," by Deborah Durham pp. 151-178.
- "Introduction: Children, Youth, and the Temporalities of Globalization," by Jennifer Cole and Deborah Durham, pp. 3-23.

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

3) "Herero Revolt." Entry for the Encyclopedia of the Modern World, ed. Peter Stearns. Oxford University Press, published.

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.
- "Youth: A Politics of Liberation." Invited keynote address, conference on "The Politics of Youth Mobilization," University of Copenhagen and Danish Institute for International Studies, Copenhagen, Denmark, February 21-23.

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.
- “Dress and Subjectivity: Ethnic Dress in Democratic Botswana.” Lecture to Ege (Aegean) University Sociology Department, Izmir, Turkey, December 2, 2007.

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

Plato's Ghost: Spiritualism in the American Renaissance, Oxford University Press, 2009.

Articles

- “Deadly Dates: Bodies and Sex in Spiritualist Heavens,” in *Hidden Intercourse: Sexuality in Western Esotericism*, Jeffrey Kripal and Wouter Hanegraaff, eds. Brill Publishers, 2008: 309-332.
- “A Mirror with a Memory: Spirit Photography and the Future of Ghosts,” in *Esotericism, Art, and Imagination*, Arthur Versluis *et al.*, eds., Michigan State University Press, 2008: 275-288.
- “Spiritualism,” *The Cambridge Handbook of Western Mysticism and Esotericism*, Glenn

Magee, ed., Cambridge University Press, 2009.

Review

John B. Buescher, *The Other Side of Salvation: Spiritualism and the Nineteenth-Century Religious Experience*, *Aries* 8:1 (2008): 101-103.

Presentations

- “Selected, Not Chosen: The Darwinian Theology of John Humphrey Noyes,” Nineteenth-Century Theology Group, American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL, 2008
- “A Democracy of the Dead: Cremation, Green Burials, and the Future of the Spirit,” Death, Dying, and Beyond Consultation, American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL, 2008
- “A Mirror with a Memory: Spirit Photography as Anti-Art,” *Esotericism, Art, and the Imagination*, Association for the Study of Esotericism, University of California at Davis, CA, 2006.
- “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

- The Use of Hands-on Science Kits to Develop Interest in the Engineering Program at Sweet Briar College, Hank Yochum, Dorsa Sanadgol, Tim Loboschewski, Scott Pierce, Scott Hyman, *Proceedings of WEPAN* (Women in Engineering Program Advocates Network) National Conference, May 2008.
- Millisecond Switching in Solid-State Electrochromic Polymer Devices Fabricated from Ionic Self-Assembled Multilayers, V. Jain, H.M. Yochum, R. Montazami*, J.R. Heflin, *Appl. Phys. Lett.* 92, (2008) 033304:1-3.
- Solid-state Electrochromic Devices via Ionic Self-Assembled Multilayers of a Polyviologen, V. Jain, H. Yochum, H. Wang, R. Montazami*, M.A.V. Hurtado, A. Mendoza-Galvan, H.W. Gibson, J.R. Heflin, *Macromol. Chem. Phys.* 209, (2008) 150-157.

Presentations

- Teaching Engineering and Science by Inquiry—Answering Questions through Experimentation and Data Analysis, Lynchburg City Schools Best Practices Conference, March 2008
- Layer by Layer Assembly of Nanostructured Electrochromic Devices – James Madison University Physics Seminar Series, February 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