

Faculty Achievements and Activities – Fall 2009

I am pleased to announce that on October 10, **Jamaica Kincaid, the Josephine Olp Weeks Chair and Professor of Literature** was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences 229th class of new members. The 212 new Fellows and 19 Foreign Honorary Members are leaders in research, scholarship, business, the arts, and public affairs. This year's group included Nobel laureates and recipients of the Pulitzer and Pritzker Prizes; MacArthur Fellowships; Academy, Grammy, and Tony Awards; and the National Medal of Arts.

CMC's faculty members continue to distinguish themselves in their respective academic fields. Following are highlights of current faculty activities:

■ **Asuman G. Aksoy P'08**, professor of mathematics, completed two research papers and submitted them for publication: "Some results in Metric Trees" and "Rudings projections in various norms." Her book, *A Problem Book in Real Analysis* was published in November and will be on display at the annual meeting of the American Mathematical Society in January.

■ **Audrey Bilger**, associate professor of literature, joined the advisory board of the non-profit foundation Songbird Sings. The foundation organizes songwriting workshops for survivors of trauma and abuse.

■ **Brock Blomberg P'13**, Peter K. Barker '70 Professor of Economics and Roberts Fellow, received a \$100,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. He also co-authored several articles and chapters, including: "Estimating the Macroeconomics Consequence of 9/11" in *Peace Economics, Peace Science, and Public Policy 2009*; "Terrorism and Returns to Oil" in *Economics and Politics*; and "Perspective Paper on Transnational Terrorism Policies for the Copenhagen Consensus" in *Global Crises, Global Solutions*.

■ **Roderic Camp**, Philip M. McKenna Professor of the Pacific Rim, made several presentations this fall: "Drugs, Guns and Violence, Mexico's Path to National Security" at the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum; "Democracy Versus Violence, Which Produced the Greatest Change Among Political Elites?" at the Latin American Studies Center in Tucson, Arizona; "Leadership in Mexico, Has Democracy Made a Difference?" and "Latin American Studies and the Liberal Arts, Reflections of a Mexicanist" at St. Olaf College in Minnesota; and "Research Model for the Armed Forces and the Drug Mission in Mexico" for the Woodrow Wilson Center. On October 15 Professor Camp was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from St. Olaf College.

■ **Rick Candaele**, associate professor of physical education and head football coach, was appointed to the NCAA Football Public Relations Committee for 2009-2010.

■ **Gabriel Cook**, assistant professor of psychology, has been busy reviewing submissions for the upcoming Western Psychological Conference. He also is an Ad hoc reviewer for the *Journal of Experimental Psychology, Learning, Memory, and Cognition*.

■ **Stephen Davis**, Russell K. Pitzer Professor of Philosophy, presented his paper, "The Metaphysics of Kenosis," at a philosophy of religion conference at Oxford University in September. He was one of seven speakers.

■ **Gaston Espinosa**, Arthur Stoughton Associate Professor of Religious Studies, recently completed a whirlwind speaking tour in Europe. During his trip, Professor Espinosa spoke at the University of Paris, CERI, Linköping Universitet, and Uppsala University in Sweden. He also presented his talk, "Religion, Barack Obama, and the 2008 Election," at a seminar at the Parliament Building in Stockholm with Members of the Swedish Parliament in attendance. In France Professor Espinosa discussed "Religion, Barack Obama, the 2008 Election, and the Cairo

Speech" at a meeting at the French Foreign Ministry attended by French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner and Director of Religious Affairs Joseph Malia.

■ **Mary Evans**, associate professor of economics, recently published her article, "Bridging the Gap between the Field and the Lab: Environmental Goods, Policy Maker Input, and Consequentiality," which appeared in *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*.

■ **Robert Faggen**, Barton Evans and H. Andrea Neves Professor of Literature and director of the Gould Center, participated as a panelist at the 2009 Milosz Festival in Krakow, Poland. The theme was "The Captive Mind." A paperback edition of his book, *The Notebooks of Robert Frost*, was recently released by the Harvard University Press. Professor Faggen's essay, "The Counter-Culture Novel from the Beats through the 1960's" will be published in the *Cambridge History of the American Novel*. In September, he also had the opportunity to present a talk, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest: The Making and Unmaking of a Great Novel," at the Barbur Institute in Jerusalem. Professor Faggen's book review of Edward Connery Lathem's *Robert Frost: Speaking on Campus* was featured in the *Los Angeles Times* in November.

■ **Lenny Fukshansky**, assistant professor of mathematics, is currently serving as the organizer of The Claremont Colleges Algebra/Number Theory/Combinatorics Seminar. He also had two articles recently published, one in the *Journal of Number Theory* and the other in the *American Mathematical Society Contemporary Mathematics Series*.

■ **David German**, assistant professor of mathematics, submitted two papers for publication: "Hedging in an equilibrium-based model for a large investor" was sent to *Mathematical Finance*; and "Pricing in an equilibrium-based model for a large investor" was submitted to *Annals of Finance*.

■ **Gary Hamburg**, Behr Professor of Intellectual and Cultural History, had his article, "Marc Raeff as Correspondent: Letters to Isaiah Berlin, 1950-1973," accepted for publication by the *Journal of Modern Russian History and Historiography*. The manuscript for his co-edited book, *A History of Russian Philosophy, 1830-1930*, is in production at Cambridge University Press and is scheduled to be published in this spring.

■ **David Hansen**, professor of chemistry and dean of the Joint Science Department, received a grant of \$191,867 from the National Institute of Health Academic Research Enhancement Award Program for his research on self-assembling nanostructures.

■ **Mary Hatcher-Skeers**, professor of chemistry, along with co-principal investigators **Thomas Poon**, **Anna Wenzel**, and **B. Scott Williams**, received a grant from the National Science Foundation for \$483,521 to purchase a new nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrometer. All are members of the faculty in the Joint Science Program: Professor Poon is an associate professor of chemistry; Professor Wenzel is an assistant professor of chemistry; and Professor Williams is an associate professor of chemistry.

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■ **Greg Hess**, Russell S. Bock Professor of Public Economics and Taxation and dean of the faculty, recently edited a new book *Guns and Butter: The Economics Causes and Consequences of Conflict*. His book review of *SuperFreakonomics* also appeared in the *Los Angeles Times* in October.

■ **Paul Hurley**, Edward J. Sexton Professor of Philosophy, had his book, *Beyond Consequentialism*, published in October by Oxford University Press. In November he presented his talk, “Happiness, Goodness, and The Meaning of Life,” at One Day U at the Mosconi Convention Center in San Francisco.

■ **Tomoe Kanaya**, assistant professor of psychology, co-authored “What does it mean to be Autistic? Inter-state variation in special education criteria for Autism services,” which appeared in the *Journal of Child and Family Studies*.

■ **Amy Kind**, associate professor of philosophy, presented at the 12th Southern California Philosophy Conference. She and **Alex Rajczi**, assistant professor of philosophy, participated on the Program Committee and were heavily involved in the organization of this conference. Held on November 7, the conference featured more than 20 speakers discussing a wide range of philosophical topics.

■ **Dan Krauss**, associate professor of psychology, recently became board certified in forensic psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology. This represents the highest level of clinical practice certification available.

■ **Jay Martin**, Edward S. Gould Professor of Humanities, recently completed *The Tontine: A Novel*, which has been submitted for publication in 2010. He also is in the process of researching and writing a new book, *A History of Baseball in Hawaii*, which is slated to be published by the University of Hawaii Press.

■ **J. Emil Morhardt**, Roberts Professor of Environmental Biology and director of the Roberts Environmental Center, recently published “General disregard for the details of GRI human rights reporting by the largest corporations” in *Global Business Review* and “Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting on the Internet” in *Business Strategy and the Environment*.

■ **V. Samuel Nelson**, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science, organized a special session at the 2009 American Mathematical Society (AMS) Fall Western Sectional Meeting on “Algebraic Structures in Knot Theory.” In addition he completed a paper, “Rack shadows and their invariants,” which he co-authored with Claremont High School student Wesley Chang. In October Professor Nelson presented a talk at the University of South Florida and at the 2009 Fall AMS Southeastern Section Meeting in Florida.

■ **Minxin Pei P’11**, Tom and Margot Pritzker ’72 Professor of Government and Roberts Fellow and director of the Keck Center, published an op-ed on the People’s Republic of China’s 60th anniversary for *Financial Times*’ web site. His review of Stephen Roach’s *The Next Asia* was also featured on ForeignPolicy.com. Professor Pei recently appeared on CNN and PBS NewsHour discussing U.S.-China relations.

■ **John J. Pitney, Jr.**, Roy P. Crocker Professor of American Politics, completed “The Culminating Point: Democrats versus Republicans in the Bush Years,” which appeared in the book *Ambition and Division: Legacies*

of the George W. Bush Presidency. He also reviewed Andrew Wroe’s *The Republican Party and Immigration Politics: From Proposition 187 to George W. Bush* for the summer edition of *Political Science Quarterly*. Professor Pitney also made two presentations at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association.

■ **Marion Preest**, professor of biology, was elected to the Board of Governors and the Nominations Committee for the American Society for Ichthyologists reelected secretary for the Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles. She published several papers, including: “Considerations and recommendations for Raising Live Amphibians in Classrooms,” in *Herpetological Review*; and “Corticosterone treatment has subtle effects on thermoregulatory behavior and raises metabolic rate in the New Zealand common gecko, *Hoplodactylus maculatus*,” in *Physiological and Biochemical Zoology*.

■ **Alex Rajczi**, assistant professor of philosophy, recently published “Abortion, Competing Entitlements, and Parental Responsibility,” which appeared in the *Journal of Applied Philosophy*.

■ **Ron Riggio P’10**, Henry R. Kravis Professor of Leadership and Organizational Psychology and director of the Kravis Leadership Institute, presented a workshop on “Fear and Communication Strategy” to officers at the School for Advanced Military Studies in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He also made a presentation titled “Transformational and Ethical Leadership” to faculty and graduate students at Indiana Wesleyan University. Professor Riggio recently published an entry on “Adult Social Skills” for the *Encyclopedia of Human Relationships*.

■ **Ralph Rossum P’01 P’08**, Salvatori Professor of Political Philosophy and American Constitutionalism and director of the Rose Institute of State and Local Government, recently published “‘Common-Sense Constitutionalism’: Why Constitutional Structure Matters for Justice Scalia,” which appeared in *Ourselves and Our Posterity: Essays in Constitutional Originalism*. He also was selected as chairman of the Board of Trustees for the American Academy of Liberal Education, a national accrediting agency.

■ **Elizabeth Tandy Shermer**, visiting professor of history, organized a major conference on Barry Goldwater in November. She also was asked to submit an essay on the nature of Sunbelt capitalism for the forthcoming volume of *Sunbelt Rising*. Her essay will describe the emergence of conservative Sunbelt politics out of the rapidly changing political economy that transformed the mid 20th century South and Southwest.

■ **Diane Thomson**, assistant professor of biology, presented her paper, “Tree demography and carbon fixation in a regenerating tropical secondary forest,” and a poster, “The roles of seed limitation and competition in limiting native annual forb abundance in an invaded California grassland,” at the Ecological Society of America annual meeting in New Mexico.

■ **Catherine Wall**, visiting assistant professor of modern languages, had her book, *The Poetics of Word and Image in the Hispanic Avant-Garde*, accepted for publication by Juan de la Cuesta Hispanic Monographs.

■ **Keri Walsh**, assistant professor of literature, published “Sylvia Beach’s *Inturned*” in the *Publication of the Modern Language Association*.

■ **Jungmo Yoon**, associate professor of economics, published “Parametric links for binary choice models: A Fisherian-Bayesian colloquy” in the October issue of *Journal of Econometrics*.