

Faculty Achievements and Activities – Summer 2009

Our faculty were busy this summer with a wide range of research activities. Highlights include:

- **Jennifer Armstrong**, associate professor of biology, spoke at the West Coast Regional Development Biology Meeting in May. Her talk was titled “Functions of the CHD1 chromatin remodeling factor in development and chromosome structure.”
- **Sven Arndt**, Charles M. Stone Professor of Money, Credit, and Trade, spent time this summer teaching a course on international economic relations at the International Summer School Program at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He also completed a project on globalization and was one of three co-editors of a special issue on globalization for the *North American Journal of Economics and Finance*.
- **William Ascher**, Donald C. McKenna Professor of Government and Economics, delivered his paper, “The Psychological Bases of Resentment and Perceptions of Victimization Arising from Development Strategies,” at the annual research conference of the International Society for Political Psychology in Dublin. He also had two books accepted for publication: *Knowledge in the Environmental Policy Process* and *Physical Infrastructure Development in the Pacific Basin: Balancing Growth, Equity, and Environment*. In August, Professor Ascher’s chapter, “Economic Superpower Leadership in Asia: Lessons from the Japanese and U.S. Approaches,” appeared in *Leadership for Development: What Globalization Demands of Leaders Fighting for Change*.
- **Michael Shane Bjornlie**, assistant professor of history, published an article in the *Journal of Late Antiquity* titled “What Have Elephants to do with Sixth-Century Politics? A Reappraisal of the ‘Official’ Government Dossier of Cassiodorus.” In July, he presented his paper, “Assessing Decline and Fall in Ostrogothic Italy: The Fiscal Profile from Cassiodorus ‘Variae,’” at a conference hosted by the Classical Association of Scotland.
- **Andrew Busch**, professor of government and associate dean of the faculty, is on sabbatical this academic year at Princeton University. In June, he moderated a panel at a symposium of domestic policy advisors at the Miller Center for Public Affairs at the University of Virginia. “Moving from Campaigning to Government” featured representation from key officials from the George W. Bush, Clinton, Carter, Nixon, and Ford presidential administrations.
- **Roderic Camp**, Philip M. McKenna Professor of the Pacific Rim, gave a presentation and served on a plenary session at an international conference sponsored by the United Nations Research University on “Elites and Economic Development” in Finland. In June, he also made presentations at the Woodrow Wilson Center at the Smithsonian on security issues in the U.S.-Mexico relationship. Professor Camp has a number of publications which were published this summer or are slated to be published this fall: “Democracy Redux? Mexico’s Voters and the 2006 Presidential Race,” appeared in *Mexico’s Choice: The 2006 Presidential Campaign in Comparative Perspective* (2009); review of *Social Foundation of Limited Dictatorship: Networks and Private Protection During Mexico’s Early Industrialization* appeared in *Political Science Quarterly*; and a review of *Palace Politics: How the Ruling Party Brought Crisis to Mexico*, which appeared in *Hispanic American Historical Review*.
- **Marjorie Charlop**, professor of psychology, has been working with the Claremont Graduate University Special Education Department to form an Autism Certificate Program. She also is a member of an advisory board of the National Autism Center and is participating in the National Standards Project, which evaluates autism articles and treatment research and develops recommendations for scientists, practitioners, and parents.
- **Gaston Espinosa**, Arthur Stoughton Associate Professor of Religious Studies and chair of the religious studies department, wrote an article for online magazine *Religion Dispatches*, which examined Latino Protestant Evangelical support for Barack Obama in the 2008 Election. He also is preparing for the publication of a new book, *Religion, Barack Obama, and the 2008 Election*.
- **Bassam Frangieh**, professor of Arabic, was invited by the Modern Language Association to serve on the editorial board of the BLA’s Texts and Translations Series. This is a three-year term. Professor Frangieh’s first editorial board meeting is scheduled for October.
- **Lenny Fukshansky**, assistant professor of mathematics, was busy this summer leading a research project funded by the National Science Foundation. The project examined number theory and discrete geometry for undergraduate students and was part of The Claremont Colleges Mathematics Research Experience for Undergraduates program. He also had the opportunity to spend two weeks at the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore conducting research.
- **Gary Gilbert**, associate professor of religious studies, was awarded a fellowship to attend the Summer Institute for Israel Studies, hosted by Brandeis University’s Schusterman Center for Israel Studies. The program included two weeks of intensive lectures and discussions at Brandeis University and one-week in Israel to meet with leading Israeli (Jewish and Arab) academics, politicians, economists, and artists.
- **Diane Halpern**, Trustee Professor of Psychology and George R. Roberts Fellow, made several conference presentations this summer, including: the keynote presentation at the 11th European Congress of Psychology, Norway; the keynote presentation at the Southern California Teachers of Psychology Conference; the 14th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Education, United Kingdom; and the Fourth Annual Institute for Educational Studies Research Conference, Washington, D.C. Her new book, *Undergraduate Education in Psychology: A Blueprint for the Future of the Discipline*, was also released this year. In May, Professor Halpern presented Congressional testimony on “Supporting a Healthier Workplace: Workplace Flexibility and Wellness.” She also participated in an interview on *Martha Stewart Radio* discussing how to combine work and family.
- **James Higdon**, professor of physics, published two major peer-reviewed papers this summer: “The Galactic Positron Annihilation Radiation and the Propagation of Positrons in the Interstellar Medium,” which appeared in *Astrophysical Journal* in June; and “Is There a Dark Matter Signal in the Galactic Positron Radiation?” which appeared in *Physical Review Letters* in July. Both papers garnered significant media attention including MSNBC, *Scientific American*, and publications in France, England, India, Vietnam, and Malaysia, to name a few.
- **Wei-Chin Hwang**, associate professor of psychology, was the recipient of the 2009 Asian American Psychological Association Career Award and the 2009 American Psychological Association Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) Early Career Award.
- **Manfred Keil**, associate professor of economics, was a visiting fellow at the American Institute for Economic Research in July. He also had the opportunity to speak to alumni groups in Pacific Palisades and Palo Alto.

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■ **Adam Landsberg**, professor of physics, was an invited speaker at the Nordic Institute for Theoretical Physics (NORDITA) conference on game theory, which was held in Finland in May.

■ **Fred Lynch**, associate professor of government, completed a chapter on “Boomers’ Senior Power Potential” for the second edition of Robert Hudson’s *The New Politics of Old Age*, which is scheduled to be released in December. He also completed his new book, *One Nation Under AARP*, this summer. It will be published by the University of California Press later this year.

■ **Marc Massoud P’89**, Robert A. Day Distinguished Professor of Accounting, presented a paper, “Sustainable Management in Emerging Economies: The case of Central and Eastern Europe,” at Tallinn University in Estonia. He also presented a paper at the Ninth International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities, and Nations in Latvia. The title of Professor Massoud’s paper was “Diversity Management and Bottom Line Performance.”

■ **Ken Miller**, associate professor of government, plans to participate on a panel titled, “Same-sex Marriage, Courts, and Direct Democracy,” at the American Political Science Association annual meeting in Toronto. His book, *Direct Democracy and the Courts*, is scheduled to be published by Cambridge University Press this month.

■ **V. Samuel Nelson**, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science, was an invited speaker at the first Undergraduate Knot Theory (UnKnot) Conference in Ohio. His article, “The combinatorial revolution in Knot Theory,” was accepted and will be published in *Notices of the American Mathematical Society*, the most widely-read mathematical journals.

■ **Minxin Pei P’11**, Tom and Margot Pritzker ’72 Professor of Government and Roberts Fellow, was featured in several media outlets this summer, including: a podcast on the Council on Foreign Relations web site; NPR’s *All Things Considered*; *MarketWatch*; and PBS *NewsHour*.

■ **Jonathan Petropoulos**, John V. Croul Professor of European History, received a research grant from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and is a visiting scholar at the *Zentralinstitut fuer Kunstgeschichte* (Central Institute for Art History) in Munich. This summer he appeared in a documentary film on King Edward VIII that aired on national television in the U.K. and will air in the U.S. this fall. The documentary film, *The Rape of Europa*, for which Professor Petropoulos consulted and appears in, was nominated for two Emmy Awards, one for best research.

■ **John Pitney, Jr.**, Roy P. Crocker Professor of American Politics, wrote “Of Little Consequence,” which was featured on the opinion page of *The New York Times* in August.

■ **Kathleen Purvis-Roberts**, associate professor of chemistry, was awarded a National Science Foundation Grant for her work titled “Collaborative Research: Reactions and Fate of Amines in the Atmosphere Emitted from Animal Feeding Operations.” She collaborated with colleagues from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the University of California at Riverside.

■ **Ron Riggio P’10**, Henry R. Kravis Professor of Leadership and Organizational Psychology, made a presentation, “A virtue-based approach to ethical leadership,” at the New Directions in Leadership Research Conference held at Duke University’s Fuqua/Coach K Center on Leadership and Ethics. He also was appointed to the editorial board of *The Journal of Management, Spirituality, and Religion* and will be his second term as associate editor of *The Leadership Quarterly*. Professor Riggio also was appointed to the advisory board of the consulting organization, Leadership Worth Follow, LLC.

■ **John Roth**, Edward J. Sexton Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, received the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) 2009 Distinguished Service Award.

■ **George Thomas**, assistant professor of government, participated in a roundtable discussion on “Constitutional Identity” at the annual American Political Science Association meeting in Toronto in early September.

■ **Nicholas Warner**, professor of literature, completed an anthology of literary excerpts tentatively titled *In Vino Veritas: Literary Depictions of Drinking*. He also wrote an article, “Leadership in Literary Perspective,” that will be forthcoming in *The Research Companion to Leadership Studies: The Dialogue of Disciplines*.

■ **Emily Wiley**, associate professor of biology, organized an international conference in July for 120 scientists—many from Europe and Japan—on Ciliate Molecular Biology. She also attended “Transforming Undergraduate Biology Education,” a conference sponsored by the Association of the American Academies of Science, NSF, and HHMI. Professor Wiley was the representative from The Claremont College and will be taking a lead role in revising the biology curriculum and teaching approaches at the consortium.

■ **David Yoo ’85**, associate professor of history, organized a conference on campus for the scholarly organization, APARRI. The theme of this year’s conference was “Lost in Transnationalism: Pacific Asian North American Religions in a Globalized World.”

■ **Fan Yu**, associate professor of economics, presented a guest lecture on portfolio credit risk models at Caltech in May. He also is completing a project on liquidity and informed trading in the credit derivatives market with recent CMC graduate Tejas Gala ’09.