

Faculty Achievements and Activities – Summer 2010

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

■ **Asuman Aksoy**, Crown Professor of Mathematics and Roberts Fellow, received a grant from the Fletcher Jones Foundation to fund her research through the Claremont Center of Mathematical Sciences. She will be collaborating with four faculty members, three graduate students, and nine undergraduate students. Professor Aksoy also recently had her paper, "Some Results in Metric Trees," accepted for publication by Banach Center Publications.

■ **Amir Barnea**, assistant professor of economics, recently had an article he co-authored, "Corporate social responsibility as a conflict between shareholders," accepted for publication by *The Journal of Business Ethics*.

■ **Audrey Bilger**, associate professor of literature, was invited to participate in a program sponsored by Ms. Magazine, the Ms. Writers Workshop for Feminist Scholars. The workshop provides media training for Women's Studies and Gender Studies scholars. Professor Bilger also is taking part in the newly-launched Ms. Magazine blog as a regular contributor.

■ **Shane Bjornlie**, assistant professor of history, was selected as a recipient of the Andrew Heiskell Post-doctoral Rome Prize Fellowship at the American Academy in Rome. While in Rome next year, Professor Bjornlie will continue researching and working on his manuscript of his book, *Politics and tradition in Sixth-Century Italy: A Study of Cassiodorus and the Variae*.

■ **Roderic Camp**, Philip M. McKenna Professor of the Pacific Rim, made several presentations this semester: "Violence and Drug, Mexico's National Security and Democracy" at the University of Northern Arizona, Flagstaff; "Violence and Democracy: Which Altered Mexican Leadership Most?" at the Stone Center for Latin American Studies at Tulane University; and "Will Governors be the Future Leaders of a Democratic Mexico?" at the Rocky Mountain States Conference of Latin Americanists in Colorado.

■ **Gabriel Cook**, assistant professor of psychology, had his article, "A Comparison of Activity-Based to Event-Based Perspective Memory," accepted for publication by *Applied Cognitive Psychology*. He also is serving as the consulting editor for *The Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition*, a journal of the American Psychological Association.

■ **Henrik Cronqvist**, associate professors of financial economics, presented his paper—co-authored by CMC colleague **Amir Barnea** and Stephan Siegel from the University of Washington—"Nature or Nurture: What determines Investor Behavior?" at several conferences this spring, including a Wharton Impact Conference on Household Finance and a behavioral finance conference at Queen's University in Canada.

■ **Mary Evans**, associate professor of economics, gave a seminar in January at the University of California, San Diego. She also had three papers published this spring; her papers appeared in the *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, the *Journal of Risk and Uncertainty*, and the *Environmental and Resource Economics*.

■ **Lenny Fukshansky**, associate professor of mathematics, completed and submitted for publication a new paper, the result of a joint project with three undergraduate students who worked in a National Science Foundation-funded Claremont Research Experience for Undergraduates program during summer 2009. Professor Fukshansky is scheduled to speak

at the Combinatorics Seminar at UCLA in May and the First International Meeting of the American Mathematics Society and the Sociedad de Matematica de Chile in December.

■ **Gary Gilbert**, associate professor of religious studies, was named president of the Pacific Coast Region of the Society of Biblical Literature, the oldest and largest international scholarly membership organization in the field of biblical studies.

■ **Dianna Graves**, head women's volleyball coach and assistant professor of physical education, was honored with the "Excellence in the Study of Higher Education Award" from the Claremont Graduate University in February. This award recognizes "excellence in academic studies, scholarly writing, and unusual service to colleagues and students."

■ **Gary Hamburg**, Behr Professor of Intellectual and Cultural History, recently published a book and several book chapters: *A History of Russian Philosophy, 1830-1930* from Cambridge University Press; "Russian Intelligentsias" in Derek Offord and William Leatherbarrow's *A History of Russian Thought*; and "Tolstoy's Spirituality" in Donna Tussing Orwin's *Anniversary Essays on Tolstoy*.

■ **Tomoe Kanaya**, assistant professor of psychology, recently received a faculty fellowship from the John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation to continue his work on examining the cognitive development of bilingual, Latino children from Los Angeles.

■ **Myung-Koo Kang**, Korea Foundation Assistant Professor of Public Affairs, is on academic leave this semester and is a visitor to the Institute for Advanced Study, one of the leading centers for theoretical research in Princeton, New Jersey. He recently published a book review of Christopher Dent's *East Asian Capitalism* in *The Journal of East Asian Studies*, and had his article "Creating A Capable Bureaucracy with Loyalists: The Internal Dynamics of the Korean Developmental State, 1948-1979" accepted for publication by *Comparative Political Studies*.

■ **Jamaica Kincaid**, Josephine Olps Weeks Chair and professor of literature, was the recipient of the 2010 Clifton Fadiman Medal for her book, *Annie John*. The award is sponsored by The Center for Fiction.

■ **Amy Kind**, associate professor of philosophy, presented her paper, "Simulation and Imagination," at the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology in Atlanta in April.

■ **Nita Kumar P'10**, Brown Family Professor of South Asian History, made two presentations to the Princeton University Gap Year program in India: "Gender and Class in development in India" and "Modernity and Development in India." She also attended and spoke at the Conference of The Irish Society for the Study of Children's Literature in Ireland and a conference titled "Nationalism(s) and Cultural Memory in Texts of Childhood" at the University of Worcester, United Kingdom.

■ **Marc Massoud P'89**, Robert A. Day Distinguished Professor of Accounting, presented a paper at the Decision Sciences Meeting in April on "U.S.GAAP Versus IFRS: A Cost/Benefit Analysis." Also in April, his paper, "Accounting for Pollution Credits," was published by *The Journal of Accounting and Public Policy*.

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■ **Donald McFarlane**, professor of biology, received a grant from the National Science Foundation (Geoscience Division) to study the sedimentology and tephrochronology of caves in the Malaysia. He also had three articles published this spring in such publications as *Herpetological Bulletin*, the *African Journal of Ecology*, and *Studies in Speleology*.

■ **James Morrison**, professor of literature and film, is a finalist for the LAMBDA Prize for Fiction for his collection of stories, *Said and Done*. This same book also is a finalist for another award, the *ForeWord Reviews*’ Book of the Year Award in Short Fiction.

■ **V. Samuel Nelson**, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science, will make a presentation at the Knots Conference in Washington in May. This summer, Professor Nelson, a graduate student, and three undergraduate students will be working on a project titled “Rack module invariants” funded by the Claremont Center of Mathematical Sciences and the Fletcher Jones Foundation.

■ **James Nichols**, Dr. Jules Whitehill Professor of Humanities and Ethics, gave a talk, “Tacitean Reflections on Republic and Empire,” to the School of Politics and Economics at The Claremont Graduate University on March 23.

■ **Suzanne Odrzalek**, assistant professor of philosophy, recently presented at the Fifteenth Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy Conference at the University of Arizona, Tucson.

■ **Minxin Pei P’11**, the Tom and Margot Pritzker ’72 Professor of Government and director of the Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies, was selected as a research associate with the National Asia Research Program (NARP), a national research and conference program designed to promote the policy-relevant study of Asia.

■ **Jonathan Petropoulos**, John V. Croul Professor of European History, recently released a new book, *Memory, History, and Responsibility: Reassessment of the Holocaust, Implications for the Future*. He co-authored the book with **John Roth**, Edward J. Sexton Professor of Philosophy Emeritus, and Professor Lynn Rapaport from Pomona College. The book contains highlights for the “Lessons and Legacies” conference held at Claremont McKenna College in November 2006.

■ **John J. Pitney Jr.**, Roy P. Crocker Professor of American Politics, had his article, “Organ Transplants,” accepted for the book *Governing America: Major Policies and Decisions of Federal, State, and Local Government*. This April, he presented “Autism Politics: A Research Agenda” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago.

■ **Eric Puchner**, assistant professor of literature, recently released his first novel, *Model Home*, which was profiled by the *Los Angeles Times* on February 28. He also had several essays published, including: “Living with Music: A Playlist” in the *New York Times* Papercuts Book Blog in January; “Juvenilia: A Bibliography” with The Daily Beast in February; “Chrome Dreams” in the *Wall Street Journal* Speakeasy Blog in February; and “Something Is Out There,” a book review in The San Francisco Chronicle in March.

■ **Ricardo Quinones**, Josephine Olps Weeks Professor of Comparative Literature Emeritus, held a discussion and book signing for his new book, **Erasmus and Voltaire: Why They Still Matter**, on April 8 at Huntley Bookstore.

■ Catherine Reed, professor of psychology, was elected as a 2010 fellow in the Western Psychological Association. Currently, she has four publications in process, including articles in *Attention, Perception & Psychophysics*; *Emotion*; *Human Factors*, and *Visual Perception of the Human Body in Motion: Findings, Theory, and Practice*. This spring, Professor Reed made presentations at an academic conference in Spain; for the department of psychology at the University of California, Santa Barbara; at the Fuller Graduate School of Psychology in Pasadena; and for the CMC Alumni Chapter in Denver. In August, she is scheduled to speak at the University of Queensland, Brisbane and Macquarie University in Australia.

■ **Ralph Rossum**, Salvatori Professor of Political Philosophy and American Constitutionalism and the director of the Rose Institute of State and Local Government, recently delivered a lecture on Justice Scalia to the Lawyers Chapter of the Cincinnati Chapter of the Federalist Society and to the Institute of Intercollegiate Studies chapter at Miami University of Ohio. In addition, Professor Rossum completed his book, *The Supreme Court and Tribal Gaming: California v. Cabazon Band of Mission Indians*, which will be published by the University Press of Kansas.

■ **Janet Smith**, Von Tobel Professor of Economics and dean of the Robert Day School of Economics and Finance, had her book, *Entrepreneurial Finance: Strategy, Valuation, and Deal Structure*, accepted for publication in 2011 by Stanford University Press. She also was awarded an Honorary Life Membership to the CMC Alumni Association in February.

■ **Zhaohua Irene Tang**, associate professor of biology, spoke at the Life Sciences’ 3rd Annual Protein and Peptide International Conference in Beijing, China, in March. The title of her presentation was “Systematic Analysis of Response Pathways to Phenol Derivatives as Environmental Factors at the Kinomic and Genomic Scales,” and she also chaired a session on protein kinases and kinome as drug targets.

■ **Keri Walsh**, assistant professor of literature, recently edited and published *The Letters of Sylvia Beach*, a book featuring letters from Sylvia Beach to friends, customers, and family members. Her book, published by Columbia University Press, was profiled and reviewed by the *New York Times* in April.

■ **Nicholas Warner**, professor of literature, completed an anthology of literary excerpts dealing with the topic of drink and alcoholism. He submitted the book to University Press for consideration.

■ **Anna Wenzel**, assistant professor of chemistry, had a paper, “Electron-Withdrawing Biphenyldiol Compounds for Asymmetric Catalysis,” accepted for publication by the *European Journal of Organic Chemistry*. Four CMC students contributed to the paper and are credited as co-authors: Elisa Gutierrez ’09, Eric Moorhead ’08, Laura Ackerman ’09, and Sharday Grant ’11. Professor Wenzel also chaired a session, “Total Synthesis of Complex Molecules,” at the American Chemical Society national meeting in San Francisco in March.

■ **David Yoo ’85**, associate professor of history, had his book, *Contentious Spirits: Religion in Korean American History, 1903-1945*, published by Stanford University Press in April.