

Newsworthy Faculty, Staff & Students (noted in the order in which they were received)

In early October, **Becky Jo McShane** (Associate Professor of English) traveled to the University of Minnesota to participate in an invited panel titled, "Challenges, Complexities, and Strategies: A Conversation with Leaders in Technical Communication Program Review and Assessment," at the 2008 conference of the Council for Programs in Technical and Scientific Communication (CPTSC). The panel's comments were based on the articles published in a 2007 /Technical Communication/ special issue on program assessment, which included Shelley Thomas and Becky Jo's article, "Skills and Literacies for the 21st Century: Assessing an Undergraduate Professional and Technical Writing Program." CPTSC conferences provide an intimate and collaborative atmosphere for scholars to discuss programmatic issues within the technical communication field. The sessions are non-traditional: each participant is limited to a five-minute presentation with the majority of time devoted to general discussion of the topic. Becky Jo finds this format intellectually rewarding and has participated in three previous CPTSC conferences.

The Dean's Office received several very meritorious faculty development proposals for funding in academic year 08/09. Congratulations to the following faculty, recommended by external reviewers for funding up to \$1000:

Jim Christian (DPA): To train with faculty of "Broadway Experience" in choreographic repertoire

Larry Clarkson (DOVA): To bring Visiting Artist Robert Carter for a workshop at WSU

Colleen Garside (COMM): To attend National Communication Association convention to present three papers and respond to three others

Sheree Josephson (COMM): To present two papers at two conferences

Don Keipp (DPA): To bring guest artists to WSU's Percussion Festival for 5th-12th graders

Becky Jo McShane (ENGL): To participate in panel at technical communication conference

Angleika Pagel (DOVA): To attend Escalante Art Festival to present paper and visit museums

Victoria Ramirez (ENGL): To attend Stony Brook Southampton College Writers' Conference

Amanda Sowerby (DPA): To conduct a Dance for Camera workshop with Guest Artist Ros Warby

Viktor Uzur (DPA): To perform at the Western Arts Alliance Booking Conference

Shi-Hwa Wang (DPA): To teach, research, and perform at Haydn Konservatorium in Austria

Amanda Åkebrand (senior, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Painting) is exhibiting her work "Sommarvals-A Dialogue between Swedish Landscape and Song" in the Shepherd Union Gallery through November 1st. This exhibition is a visual response to her summer travels to the land of her birth, Sweden. The show combines on-location and studio paintings as well as sound samples to create a portrait that fuses physical and cultural landscape with childhood impressions and memories.

To celebrate Arts & Humanities Month, the WSU Library has mounted a display of books by A&H faculty members. Please stop by to see what your colleagues have produced: 2nd floor, north of the central staircase.

Mikel Vause (Professor of English) presented a paper titled: "Sir Arthur Conan Doyle The Righter of Wrongs, Or, Exposing the Crimes of the Mormons" at the Utah Symposium of the Baker Street Irregulars in Salt Lake City over Labor Day weekend 2008. The paper was selected to be placed in BSI Archives housed in the Houghton Library at Harvard University as well as included as a Book chapter in "The Tangled Skein: A Companion Volume to the Baker Street Irregulars Expedition of the Country of the Saints" edited by Leslie S. Klinger and published by the Baker Street Irregulars: new York, 2008.

College & University Information

All faculty and staff in the College of Arts & Humanities are invited to attend a college meeting on Monday, October 20th, from 4 – 5:00 PM in the Hoetzel-Hollein Room (Special Collections) of the Stewart Library. We will discuss recent and upcoming budget cuts, consequences of these cuts for the college, and any other issues of importance to attendees. Questions, concerns, ideas welcome.

You've probably received notices about renting faculty caps and gowns for commencement. There's no need to rent! The Dean's Office has some caps and gowns available for loan. If you are interested, please contact Janneca at ext 6424.

If you are coming up for 3rd-year, tenure, or promotion review, please attend "Organizing Your Professional File," a session featuring **Provost Mike Vaughan** and **Honors Program Director Judy Elsley**. Sponsored by the Teaching & Learning Forum, "this workshop is essential for any faculty member preparing to be formally reviewed for rank and/or tenure." October 28, 2-3:30 PM, Union Building 404A.

If you look up to the second-floor mezzanine of the Student Union as you walk north, you will see a banner sponsored by our college, advertising Arts & Humanities Month.

Funding Opportunities

See the last issue for on going opportunities— www.weber.edu/CAH/College_Pages/news.html

Please Announce to Students—

The McCarthy Family Foundation is sponsoring an essay contest to encourage dialogue about "the role a free press should or should not play during presidential election campaigns in a democracy." Students at colleges and universities in Utah are invited to write an original essay of 500 words or fewer, typed and double-spaced about this topic. The winning essayist will receive a cash award of \$2,500 and two tickets to a lecture featuring Anderson Cooper.
DEADLINE: October 20, 2008.

For more information, please click on the email link lectureseries@mklpr.com at www.mklpr.com

A&H Caucus

No submissions in this category for this issue.

College & University Committee Notes

No submissions in this category for this issue.

Conference Highlights

Our college's academic advisor, **Debbi Murphy**, attended the National Academic Advising Association's (NACADA— www.nacada.ksu.edu) national conference held in Chicago, IL, October 1-4, 2008. NACADA is an international association comprised of over 10,000 members whose higher education roles include professional/staff advisors, faculty advisors and advising administrators.

At the conference, Debbi attended sessions and participated in workshops which covered the following:

- Academic Probation Issues
- Retention
- Liberal Arts Education (it's not just a checklist)
- Study Abroad – pre and post advising issues
- Open Door Admission Policies and Underprepared Students
- Advising Manuals
- Importance of connecting first-year students to their college
- Identifying at risk students
- Advising Technology
- Career Resources
- Advising Fine Arts Students
- Critical Thinking Strategies for Students

For more in-depth information on any of the above, please see Debbi Murphy (BC312).

Teaching Tips

No submissions in this category for this issue.

Save the Date

- October 21, 7:30 PM, **Faculty Forum Concert 2008**, Eccles Theater, free
Work created or performed by the following folks will be featured:
David O. Akombo, Karen Brookens, Jim Christian, Marta Gutierrez, Don Keipp, Mark Maxson, Deja Mitchell, Michael Palumbo, Thom Priest, Amanda Sowerby, Erik Stern, Viktor Uzur, Shi-Hwa Wang, and Lydia Wu.

Reviews, Critiques & Recommendations

Recommendation—

There's a new series of interesting films playing at Perry's Egyptian Theatre. Peery's Independent Cinema Series (PICS) is showing contemporary foreign films on the first and third Mondays and Tuesdays of each month. For more information look on the Egyptian's calendar for films under the PICS heading— <http://www.peeryegyptiantheater.com/calendar.html>

Feed Your Students

No submissions in this category for this issue.

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