

# Profiles

## Faculty and Staff Professional Activities

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### School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

**DR. JASON BEST**, associate professor of astrophysics, coauthored (along with four Observational Astronomy Seminar students and one recent Shepherd graduate) two papers presented at the 2006 West Virginia Academy of Science meeting held in April at Shepherd University: "The Establishment of a Solar Cycle Data Archive for the Shepherd University Observatory" and "An Initial Light Pollution Map for the Area Surrounding the Shepherd University Observatory."

Dr. Best gave an invited talk for the Shenandoah Astronomical Society in October, presenting an overview of astronomy research results and the development of the new observatory at Shepherd.

**DR. RUTH A. CONLEY**, associate professor of biology, presented three posters with undergraduate collaborators at the West Virginia Academy of Science held at Shepherd University in April. The posters presented included Sharon Mason and Ruth A. Conley "Photoreceptor density, visual acuity, and visual streak in parr of rainbow trout, *Oncorhynchus mykiss*"; Alexandra Mertz-Myers and Ruth A. Conley "Behavioral modulation by octopamine in *Gromphadorhina portentosa*, the madagascar hissing cockroach"; and Emma C. Bowers and Ruth A. Conley "Signal diversity of acoustic communication in madagascar hissing cockroach *Gromphadorhina portentosa*," which won the outstanding poster award.

Dr. Conley participated as a mentor at the Pacific Crest Teaching Institute held at the University of the District of Columbia (U.D.C.) in Washington, D.C., June 11-14; she also conducted a consulting session on active learning in the classroom at U.D.C. on June 15 and participated as an assistant coach at the Pacific Crest Learning to Learn Camp June 19-23, also at U.D.C. Dr. Conley also participated in the Great Teachers Seminar held June 26-29, in Cairo, West Virginia.

**PETER GROEN**, adjunct faculty instructor and undergraduate research coordinator, Department of Computer Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering, published the following articles: "Medical Informatics 20/20: Quality and Electronic Health Records through Collaboration, Open Solutions, and Innovation," [www.jbpub.com/catalog/0763739251](http://www.jbpub.com/catalog/0763739251); "Wireless Strategies for Healthcare Provider Organizations," Peter Groen and Marc Wine, *Virtual Medical Worlds*, [www.hoise.com/vmw/06/articles/vmw/LV-VM-03-06-12.html](http://www.hoise.com/vmw/06/articles/vmw/LV-VM-03-06-12.html); "Sharing Means Caring," *Healthcare Informatics*, March 2006, <http://healthcare-informatics.com/issues/2006/03/38/>; "Value Measurement and Return on Investment for EHRs," *Virtual Medical Worlds*, [www.hoise.com/vmw/06/articles/vmw/LV-VM-08-06-19.html](http://www.hoise.com/vmw/06/articles/vmw/LV-VM-08-06-19.html); and "Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) and Electronic Health Records," *Virtual Medical Worlds*, [www.hoise.com/vmw/06/articles/vmw/LV-VM-03-06-11.html](http://www.hoise.com/vmw/06/articles/vmw/LV-VM-03-06-11.html).

In April **DR. JOHN C. LANDOLT**, professor of biology, attended the annual meeting of the West Virginia Academy of Science (WVAS) hosted by Shepherd University where he co-authored one oral presentation and a poster presentation, chaired an oral presentation session and, as WVAS president, convened and moderated the WVAS business meeting. Dr. Landolt completed his two-year term as WVAS president and continues on the WVAS executive committee as past-president for two more years. Dr. Landolt also edited the 2006 *Abstracts Proceedings* issue of the WVAS Shepherd meeting.

In August Dr. Landolt attended the Eighth International Mycological Congress in Cairns, Australia, where he made an invited oral presentation on his slime mold research as part of a congress symposium on Eumycetozoa Global Biodiversity. There were more than 700 registered participants from 50 different countries at the meeting. He also coauthored two poster presentations at this meeting and one additional oral presentation. The text of the invited paper will appear in the *Proceedings of IMC8* published by Medimond International Proceedings. Dr. Landolt received travel support to attend this meeting from professional development resources of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and a mini-grant from the Shepherd University Alumni Association.

Since April Dr. Landolt served as a peer reviewer for several research papers submitted to the journals *Mycologia* and *Mycological Progress* and has been informed of acceptance for publication a paper he coauthored that is scheduled to appear in a 2006 volume of *Mycologia*.

**DR. CLARISSA MATHEWS**, assistant professor of environmental studies, was awarded funding through the West Virginia EPSCoR Instrumentation Grants Program to acquire an Entovision imaging system for use in her biological control research and to enhance classroom instruction. The equipment creates composite digital images of microscopic taxonomic features and enables video recordings of insect behaviors and microscopic soil organisms.

Dr. Mathews coauthored a publication in *Biocontrol* titled "Effect of Floral and Extrafloral Resources on Predation of *Aphis spiraeicola* by *Harmonia axyridis* on Apple."

## School of Education and Professional Studies

**DR. DAWNE RAINES BURKE**, assistant professor of education, has written *An American Phoenix: A History of Storer College from Slavery to Desegregation, 1865-1955*, the first comprehensive narrative of Storer College, a post-Civil War institution located in Harpers Ferry. Dr. Burke began her investigation into the history of Storer College in 1999 as part of her doctoral research at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Storer College was the first institution of higher education and the first normal teacher's college to which African-Americans could be admitted. The book is available at the Shepherd University Bookstore, [www.shepherdbook.com](http://www.shepherdbook.com).

Dr. Burke was appointed to the West Virginia Human Rights Commission by Gov. Joe Manchin. Her term runs until June 30, 2007.

**LAURA CLAYTON**, associate professor of nursing education, had a manuscript published in the July 2006 edition of *Nursing Education Perspectives* titled "Concept mapping: An effective active teaching-learning method."

She completed an 18-month leadership mentorship experience through the West Virginia Nursing Leadership Institute. Clayton's leadership project focused on developing a second degree B.S.N. program track. In May she gave the following professional presentations: "What is evidence-based practice?" to RNs and medical staff at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Martinsburg and "Use of evidence-based practice in nursing education" to West Virginia University doctoral students enrolled in a nursing education class.

Clayton attended the Nursing Education Conference in the Rockies held in Breckenridge, Colorado, July 18-22.

**KATHY B. DILLEY**, associate professor of nursing education, presented "Truths and Myths about Documentation" to Panhandle Home Health, September 26.

**DR. KATHLEEN B. GABERSON**, professor of nursing education and chair, Department of Nursing Education, was recertified in perioperative nursing practice (CNOR) by the Competency and Credentialing Institute.

She was the coauthor of an opinion column titled "A matter of degree" in *AORN Journal*, 83, 723-725, Gaberson, K. B., and Chappy, S. L. (2006). She presented "The Challenge of Clinical Teaching in Contemporary Academic and Healthcare Environments," at Baker University School of Nursing, Topeka, Kansas, August 11, and "We All Are One: An Alternate View of Diversity," at the 53rd Annual AORN Congress, Washington, D.C., March 23. Dr. Gaberson attended the West Virginia Association of Deans and Directors of Nursing Education meeting, May 25-26, Flatwoods.

**LINDA F. RHONE**, visiting assistant professor of education, is preparing for a late fall 2006 or early spring 2007 doctoral dissertation defense. Rhone's dissertation is titled "School Bullying: A Freirean Perspective." On May 20 Rhone presented a paper titled "Bullying in American Schools: A Freirean Perspective" at the Pedagogy and Theater of the Oppressed 12th Annual Conference at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Rhone presented a paper titled "Victims, Bullies, and Bystand-

ers" at the Rethinking and Relearning Diversity: From Conflict to Inclusion Fourth Annual Conference at the University of Maryland, University College.

**CAROLYN THOMAS**, visiting assistant professor of health, physical education, recreation, and sports, was invited to attend the first conference on Children and Nature held September 7-9 at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown. Sponsored by the Conservation Fund, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and best-selling author Richard Louv, the conference brought together 350 educators, developers, health professionals, and conservationists to address the disturbing increase in children's health issues, including obesity, diabetes, and attention disorders addressed in Louv's book, *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder*.

Conference participants including Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dale Hall, the Conservation Fund's President Larry Selzer, Executive Director of the North American Montessori Teachers' Association David Kahn, and Yale University's Stephen Kellert focused on identifying key disconnects between children and nature within four areas: health, media and culture, education, and the urban and built environment.

**DR. J.B. TUTTLE**, assistant professor of education, is in his second year as director (principal investigator) for the Shepherd Professional Development Schools (PDS) initiative. The PDS has organized pairs of instructors at each of the six PDS schools in Jefferson and Berkeley counties: **DR. DAVID GONZOL** and Marsha McDaniel at Jefferson High School; **DR. LIZANN MILLER** and Cathie Burke at Ranson Elementary; **DR. MILLER** and Carol Whittington at South Jefferson Elementary; **DR. TAUNA COLE** and Penny Cave at Eagle Intermediate; **DR. DAWNE BURKE** and Ginnie Molnar at Tuscarora Elementary; and **DR. TUTTLE** and Jason Hoffman at Harpers Ferry Middle School. Jefferson County PDS work is coordinated by Keri Mahoney (South Jefferson Elementary), and Berkeley County PDS work is coordinated by Sonia Knipe (Hedgesville Elementary). Each team has completed the FIPSE NAPDS database, producing baseline data for the ongoing assessment and evaluation of the organization and organizational programming. These data provide teams with a foundation for projects designed to enhance collaboration and improve K-12 and teacher candidate learning outcomes at each school. The implementation, monitoring, and assessment of PDS quality using national standards is an innovation among schools, colleges, and departments of education, and it responds to mandates from bodies politic to provide research-based evidence of the effectiveness of the immersion of teacher candidates in carefully designed placements in local schools.

## School of Business and Social Sciences

**KAREN A.K. GREEN**, associate professor of social work, was the invited speaker at the September 14 meeting of the Eastern Panhandle branch of the state chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. She spoke about social work in the criminal justice system, including her personal experiences providing clinical social work services in institutional and community settings.

**DR. HANG YUL RHEE**, Distinguished Professor of International Relations, presented the paper "Challenges of North Korea: Nuclear Issues and Beyond," May 18 at a conference organized by the Korean Embassy in Washington, D.C. Dr. Rhee was interviewed by both BBC World News and National Public Radio on the North Korean missile crisis on July 6 and by the BBC World News on

October 9 about North Korea's nuclear weapons test. He contributed an article titled "Missile Crisis on the Korean Peninsula" to the *Korean Times*, August 30, Op Ed Section.

He was invited by the American Political Science Association (APSA) to be the chair of the panel at the 102nd Annual Conference of APSA, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 31-September 3. He chaired the panel "New Security Environment in the Korean Peninsula." Five papers were presented on China's Grand Strategy and the six-party talks, paradigm fallacies, and current issues on Korean national strategy.

Dr. Rhee organized the International Council on Korean Studies Annual Conference, October 6-9. The conference was sponsored by George Washington University's Sigur Center for Asian Studies. He delivered the opening speech and chaired the panel "U.S.-ROK Alliance in the New Century." The keynote speakers were Ambassador Tae Sik Lee of Korea and Thomas Hubbard, former U.S. Ambassador to Korea. There was a total of five panels and 128 scholars from the U.S. and Asia participating in this annual conference.

**DR. STEPHANIE A. SLOCUM-SCHAFFER**, assistant professor of political science, and coauthor Robert E. Bohrer II of Gettysburg College presented a paper titled "Elite of the Elite? Power and Women's Appointment to Cabinet in Post-Industrial and Recently Democratized Nations" at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 30-September 3.

**DR. PATRICIA STEALEY**, associate professor of family and consumer sciences, served as a facilitator for the West Virginia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Meeting held in Morgantown, March 31-April 1. Six students attended this event with her.

Dr. Stealey was installed as state president of the West Virginia American Association of University Women at the joint convention of AAUW-WV and AAUW-VA held in Winchester, Virginia, in April. She participated in the Southeast Central/South Atlantic Joint Regional Convention of AAUW held in Birmingham, Alabama, and attended the Leadership Conference sponsored by the AAUW held in Washington, D.C., in June. The theme of these meetings was Expanding a Legacy of Leadership. She held a summer board meeting for the AAUW-WV officers at Lakeview, Morgantown, in July.

Dr. Stealey attended the Second Annual Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers' Conference for West Virginia held at James Rumsey Technical Institute and NCTC on August 2-3. She assisted with registration.

**DR. DENIS WOODS**, professor of political science and chair, Department of Political Science, had an article titled "Forty Million Uninsured: the Ethics of Public Policy," published in the spring 2006 issue of the peer-reviewed journal *Public Integrity*.

## School of Arts and Humanities

**DR. MICHAEL AUSTIN**, associate professor of English and dean of graduate studies, published two books this semester: *A Voice in the Wilderness: Conversations with Terry Tempest Williams*, which Dr. Austin edited, was published by Utah State University Press, and *Reading the World: Ideas that Matter*, a textbook of which Dr. Austin is the author/editor, was published by Norton books.

**DR. SCOTT BEARD**, associate professor of music and coordinator of keyboard studies, has been named Music Teacher of the Year by

the West Virginia Music Teachers Association, the state affiliate of Music Teachers National Association (MTNA). Nominees for this honor were chosen for their commitment to innovative teaching and creative musicianship.

Dr. Beard, a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music (NCTM), has been a member of WVMTA since 1998, and first joined MTNA as a founder of the Richmond VAMTNA student chapter in 1981. He is currently first vice president of WVMTA and collegiate competitions chair for the Eastern Division MTNA. A published author, he has written articles and reviews for the *American Music Teacher* and has a series of musical anthologies and a textbook dealing with ensemble music published by Alfred International Publishing Company. His students both in high school and at the college level have won top prizes at the state, regional, and national level, including MTNA National Junior High Piano Competition, Ithaca Piano Competition, and Frederick Optimist Club and have been selected to participate in international competitions such as the Gina Bachauer, Oberlin, International Institute for Young Musicians, and Beethoven Society.

Dr. Beard has been working with Opera Camerata in Washington, D.C., a company that specializes in opera rarities. He performed in concert with the company at the Metropolitan Club in Washington, D.C., and will perform in an upcoming concert of "banned" composers (entarte) at the Historic Eye Street Synagogue in Washington, D.C. Dr. Beard also will be a featured panelist in a forum discussing teaching gifted children at the World Piano Pedagogy Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, in October.

**DR. DENIS JORGE BERENSCHOT**, assistant professor of Spanish, started implementing the bachelor of arts degree in Spanish and the bachelor of arts degree in Spanish education this fall semester after the foreign language committee members—**DR. RACHEL RITTEBUSH**, **DR. MICHAEL AUSTIN**, **DR. SYLVIA SHURBUTT**, and **DR. BERENSCHOT**—worked to get the programs approved.

**SONYA EVANISKO**, professor of art and chair, Department of Art, organized an art and culture trip to Peru this summer. Fifteen students spent three weeks exploring the culture of Ollantaytambo, Cusco, and Machu Picchu. The students participated in exploring many Inca structures and ruins as well as working in wood carving, pottery, weaving and brick oven breadmaking workshops. There is currently an exhibition in the Frank Center showcases with photography, sketches, examples of weavings, and images documenting the sites visited.

In October Evanisko organized a trip to Washington, D.C., for art and French students to see the Henri Rousseau exhibition at the National Gallery of Art. She is working on completing a body of work for a solo exhibition scheduled for February 2007.

**DR. DAVID J. GONZOL**, assistant professor and director of music education, was the guest conductor for the 20th annual Frederick County Elementary Honors Chorus, on March 29, at the Weinberg Center in Frederick, Maryland. The chorus featured 141 students, the top five percent of all 5th-grade students in the county. On March 28 and 29, he presented an in-service workshop to the county's elementary music educators titled "The Orff Process: Adaptability Plus." In October 2005, Schott Music of Mainz, Germany, published a collection of his Orff Schulwerk-style arrangements, "Round the Corner and Away We Go." It is part of Schott's Music for Children series as founded by the German composers Carl Orff and Gunild Keetman.

**DR. ANDERS HENRIKSSON**, professor of history and chair, Department of History, has published three article-length entries—"Feliks Cielens (1888-1964) Latvian Socialist," "Janis Cimze (1814-1881): Latvian Educator," and "Aleksandrs Dauge (1868-1937): Latvian Writer"—in the *Supplement to the Modern Encyclopedia of Russian, Soviet and Eurasian History*, vols 6-7. His review of Valters Nollendorfs and Erwin Oberländer's *The Hidden and Forbidden History of Latvia under Soviet and Nazi Occupations, 1940-1991* has appeared in *Russian Review*, 65 (2006), 148-9.

**KRISTIN KAINEG**, assistant professor of art and co-coordinator of graphic design, was elected to the American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA) Blue Ridge Board of Directors and is the faculty advisor for Shepherd's AIGA student group.

This fall semester she was awarded a mini-grant from the Center for Teaching and Learning to organize and facilitate Flux, a student design competition open to students majoring in design or visual communications in the Mid-Atlantic area. The selected work will be exhibited in the Frank Center Gallery from October 19 to November 10. An award reception with special guest Dave Plunkert, graphic design alumnus and owner of Spur Design studio, will take place on Thursday, October 19, 6-8:30 p.m. in the gallery.

Kaineg's work is currently on display through November 5 at the Ice House Gallery in Berkeley Springs for Visual Language, Artistic Expression in the Graphic Arts.

**REBECCA MIRSCH LAUGHLIN**, adjunct instructor of art, is a participating artist in the 7 on 75 Contemporary Artists Studio Tour, Frederick and Carroll counties, Maryland, November 4 and 5. She had her painting exhibited in the Shepherd University Art Department Faculty Exhibition, Frank Center, September 12-October 13, and received an honorable mention prize for two paintings selected by juror Susan Isaacs, curator of the Delaware Center for Contemporary Arts and professor of art history at Towson University, in the Regional Juried Art Exhibit, Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, Frederick, Maryland, June 3-July 23.

Her painting titled *Whirl* was exhibited in the Hyattstown (Maryland) Mill Art Project Members Exhibition, May 7-June 3.

**DR. JIM LEWIN**, associate professor of English, has written an encyclopedia article about Chicago-based novelist Willard Motley for publication in an upcoming volume of Scribners *American Writers: A Collection of Literary Biographies*. He has also proposed a conference paper on "Dreiser's *American Tragedy* and the Scott Peterson Case" which has been accepted for presentation at the next meeting of the Modern Language Association.

An article by **DR. TIMOTHY K. NIXON**, visiting assistant professor of English, titled "Quantum Leap? Queering Melville's *Mardi*" has been accepted for publication by the journal *Harrington Gay Men's Literary Quarterly*. The essay is slated to appear in volume 9 to be published in 2007. The premise of the essay is that Herman Melville's third, and not very well known, novel, *Mardi and a Voyage Thither*, basically queers itself.

Dr. Nixon was selected to present a paper titled "English as a Counter-Offensive in Arturo Islas's Fiction" at the Mid-Atlantic Popular Culture/American Culture Association Conference in October. The paper demonstrates how Islas defamiliarizes English in his novels, so that mono-lingual English speakers here in the U.S. experience, even if just briefly, life on the linguistic margins.

**JODI PATTERSON**, assistant professor of art and coordinator of art education, had a one-person show titled "Service" at Women's Hall of Fame Museum in Lansing, Michigan, this summer and has been part of recent group show exhibitions in New York, Michigan, West Virginia, and Texas. Patterson was a featured educator in the book *Interdisciplinary Approaches to Teaching Art in High School*, by Pamela G. Taylor (2006) ISBN 1-890160-35-0. She published "Dear Peter" in the peer-reviewed *Visual Arts Research Journal* (Vol. 32, Issue 62, 2006).

**DR. LAURA RENNINGER**, associate professor of music and interim dean of teaching, learning and instructional resources, had her paper, "The Processing of Pitch and Scale: An Event-Related Potential Study of Musicians Trained Outside of the Western Musical System," accepted for publication in the October issue of the journal *Empirical Musicology*. Dr. Renninger has also recently co-authored a book chapter, with **SHANNON HOLLIDAY** of the Center for Teaching and Learning and **DR. MARIE CARTER**, titled "Initiating a Support Initiative for Adjunct Faculty: The First Year." This will appear in the book *Best Practices for Supporting Adjunct Faculty*, edited by Dr. Richard E. Lyons and published by Anker later this year. An interview where she discusses adjunct success strategies has also recently appeared in the August 2006 edition of *Inside Higher Ed*.

**STEPHANIE ELAINE ROBBINS**, assistant professor of art in photography and computer imagery, was recently awarded an Individual Artist Grant in Visual Arts, Installation, and Other Genre from the Maryland State Arts Council. This past spring her work was included in the 26th Annual Juried Exhibition at the School 33 Art Center in Baltimore, Maryland. The exhibition, titled "Memory: Fantasy, Escape, Shelter," was curated by Tosha Grantham, an assistant curator at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

Robbins is preparing an installation for the upcoming group exhibition "Out of Place" at the University of Maryland, College Park to be exhibited January 2007. Her sound installation *Beyond the Image* is on exhibit at the Niagara Gallery in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. In addition, Robbins recently attended Conflux 2006, the annual New York festival for contemporary psychogeography, the investigation of everyday urban life through emerging artistic, technological, and social practice.

**DR. SYLVIA BAILEY SHURBUTT**, professor of English, presented the following papers: "Words, Actions and 'Resurrecting Home': The Fiction of Denise Giardina and the Ethical Imperative" at the Appalachian Studies Conference, Radford, Virginia, March 20, 2005; "Denise Giardina and Southern Appalachian Writing" at the Southern Women Writer's Conference, Berry College, September 22, 2005; "Fred Chappell and the Art of Story Telling" at the American Culture Association in the South Conference, Atlantic Beach, Florida, October 8, 2005; and "A Roadmap for Becoming an Artist: Unstopping the Story Jug in the Work of Fred Chappell and Listening to the Female Voice," at the Appalachian Studies Association Conference, Dayton, Ohio, March 18. Dr. Shurbutt published "Words, Actions, and 'Resurrecting Home': The Fiction of Denise Giardina and the Ethical Imperative" in *The Journal of Kentucky Studies* 22 (September 2005): 110-115.

Dr. Shurbutt and the Appalachian Heritage Writer-in-Residence Committee (WIR) were notified by the West Virginia Humanities Council of the approval and full funding of their grant application for the 2006 Appalachian Heritage Writer-in-Residence—The Valley of Light: the Film and Fiction of Terry Kay. The grant brought award-winning Georgia fiction and screen-

writer Terry Kay to the Eastern Panhandle during the week of October 2-6, where he accepted the Appalachian Heritage Writer's Award (sponsored by the West Virginia Humanities Council and the Shepherd University Foundation), interacted with local writers, students, and community members, and selected the winners of the West Virginia New Writers Fiction Competition.

Members of the Appalachian Heritage WIR are **MONICA LINGENFELTER**, executive vice president of the Shepherd University Foundation; **DR. ALAN TINKLER**, assistant professor of English and creative writing specialist; **ETHAN FISCHER**, *Antietam Review* senior editor and fiction competition committee chair; **JOHN SHERIDAN**, dean of libraries and information sciences; Dave Hoffman, residency Web master; Charlotte Henning, community member; David Porterfield, Martinsburg librarian; and Judy Spence, English education major.

**DR. JOHN E. STEALEY III**, Distinguished Professor of History, delivered an address on March 23 titled "Virginia's Extremity, West Virginia's Opportunity" to open the exhibition, "Born of Rebellion: West Virginia Statehood," at the Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies, Shepherd University.

Dr. Stealey published an editorial titled "Quiet Revolution in Hampshire County" in the *Sunday Gazette-Mail* (Charleston, W.Va.), March 26, 2006, pp. 1C, 4C. The piece surveyed the historical context of West Virginia constitutional provisions pertaining to county government as applied to a modern problem.

He also attended two professional meetings in the spring: the Virginia Forum at Shenandoah University, Winchester, Virginia, April 7-8, and the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians in Washington, D.C., April 19-22.

Entries written by Dr. Stealey for two different encyclopedia projects appeared during the summer. In Sara B. Bearss, ed., *Dictionary of Virginia Biography* (Richmond: Library of Virginia, 2006): Volume 3, pp. 302-303, the biographical sketch of George Clendinen (ca. 1746-18 May 1797), founder of Charleston, W.Va., appeared. Ken Sullivan, ed., *The West Virginia Encyclopedia* (Charleston: West Virginia Humanities Council, 2006) contains several Stealey pieces: "Constitutional Convention of 1872," p. 165; "Freedmen's Bureau," p. 264; "Kanawha Salines," pp. 393-94; "Kanawha Salt Company," p. 394; "The Rending of Virginia," pp. 611-12; "Salt Industry," pp. 636-37; "Slavery," pp. 660-61; and, "Traveller" [Gen. Robert E. Lee's horse], p. 712.

On October 3 the printer is scheduled to deliver to the Kent State University Press the bound copies of *Porte Crayon's Mexico: David Hunter Strother's Diaries in the Early Porfirian Era, 1879-1885*. More about Dr. Stealey's significant professional milestone will appear in the next issue of this publication.

**DR. JOYCE WEBB**, associate professor of communications, has been nominated for the 2006 Cyrus R. Vance Award for International Education in West Virginia. She and other nominees will attend the awards ceremony in Charleston as special guests of the Office of the Secretary of Education and the Arts on November 13, at which time the Vance Award winners will be announced.

**DR. BOB WILLGOOS**, professor of history, was a participant at the Popular Culture Association (PCA) conference in Atlanta in April. Also in April he delivered a talk on the state of America's security situation to the Daughters of the American Revolution, Shepherdstown Chapter.

In August he delivered a paper titled "The Two Faces of Janus: America's Changing Views of China" at the Oxford Round Table and was a commentator for two papers at Oxford University.

## Administrative Staff

**DR. MARIE CARTER**, vice president for enrollment management, received a retention grant from the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC). The grant was used by **DR. LAURA RENNINGER**, interim dean of teaching and learning, to provide training to adjunct faculty members for three days in August. As part of the grant process, Dr. Carter and Dr. Renninger made a poster presentation describing their project at the annual HEPC retention conference. Dr. Richard Lyons, a national expert on adjunct faculty issues, was the guest speaker for the adjunct faculty workshop. Dr. Carter and Dr. Renninger's work will be featured in Dr. Lyons's upcoming book *Best Practices for Supporting Adjunct Faculty*.

**RACHELLE DAVIS**, admissions counselor, was named 2006 West Virginia Admissions Counselor of the Year at the annual meeting of the Potomac and Chesapeake Association of College Admissions Counselors (PCACAC) held in Virginia Beach, Virginia. PCACAC is a regional affiliate of the National Association of College Admissions Counselors.

Each year PCACAC presents 10 Counselor of the Year awards to recognize outstanding secondary school counselors and college admissions counselors. The award is given to one high school counselor and college counselor from Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

**ANN W. HENRIKSSON**, coordinator of reference and government documents, presented the session "Smokey the Bear, Canine Heroes, and Ben's Birthday: Collection Development for Web-based Reference Sources" at the spring meeting of the West Virginia Library Association (WVLA) in Flatwoods in April along with Peggy Turnbull, Glenville State College. As chair of WVLA Government Documents Roundtable, she organized its annual meeting in May at WVU. Also in May she and **JOHN SHERIDAN**, dean of libraries and information sciences, were among the five West Virginia librarians who participated in the American Library Association's annual Legislative Day. They met with Representative Capito and Congressional staff from the offices of Senators Byrd and Rockefeller and Representatives Mollohan and Rahall. Along with Sheridan and **NANCY COWHERD**, library public services coordinator, Henriksson presented the poster session "Personality Counts in Teamwork" at the annual WVLA conference in Huntington, October 3.

As Study Abroad director, Henriksson coordinated the completion of a state survey on internationalizing higher education in preparation for a two-day conference in Charleston in April titled "Internationalizing Higher Education in West Virginia." The Shepherd contingent included **DR. MARK STERN**, **DR. LAURA RENNINGER**, **DR. MAX GUIRGUIS**, **DR. SYLVIA SHURBUTT**, and Henriksson. In May she attended the annual NAFSA: Association of International Educators Conference in Montreal. She organized Shepherd's first Study Abroad Fair in September that attracted more than 115 students.

**SARA MAENE**, coordinator of institutional research, attended an Association for Institutional Research conference on July 18-22, at DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois. The conference was designed to provide a focused, intensive, and structured learning environment that supports institutional research practitioners seeking to extend skills in core areas of institutional research. Instructional modules included survey evaluation, data management, IR statistics, and national data set analysis.

Maene also coauthored a paper on scientific visualization which was presented at the 2006 West Virginia Academy of Science meeting at Shepherd University on April 22.

**JACK SHAW**, director of dining services, was interviewed for an article published in Campbell's online internal magazine <http://www.campbellawayfromhome.com/latesttrends.asp?page=2222&nav=17>. Dining Services was also mentioned in the summer 2006 issue of *Concessions Profession*, the magazine for the National Association of Concessionaires.

**DR. RICHARD STEVENS**, assistant vice president for student affairs and program coordinator for the College Student Development and Administration Program, has been invited to lecture at Iowa State University on gay identity development. This course will be offered as part of the curriculum for master's and doctoral education students. Dr. Stevens has also been appointed General Programs chair for the 2008 national convention of the American College Personnel Association–College Student Educators International.

## **Athletics**

**MONTE CATER**, football coach, was honored by Shepherd and the WVIAC for becoming the winningest football coach in WVIAC history last season. Cater continues to serve on the NCAA Division II Football Committee that oversees all aspects of football at the Division II level.

**WAYNE RISER**, baseball coach, has been appointed the national chair of the NCAA Division II Baseball Committee that oversees all aspects of baseball at the Division II level. Riser became the winningest coach in Shepherd history on May 6, surpassing former basketball coach Bob Starkey for the most wins by a Shepherd coach. A presentation was made to him by President David L. Dunlop at the annual Dinner on the Diamond in September.

**KARL WOLF**, athletic director, along with assistant athletic directors **JOAN POPE** and **KEN TYLER**, compliance officer **MONTE CATER**, and athletic academic advisor **ERNIE MCCOOK** attended the NCAA Regional Compliance Seminar in San Diego, California, in May. Faculty athletic representative **DR. MATT MCINTOSH** and registrar **TRACY SEFFERS** attended the Regional Seminar in Dallas, Texas, in June. The compliance seminars present new NCAA regulations and review data submission requirements for the NCAA.

Wolf was appointed to the NCAA's new Academic/Eligibility/Compliance and Academic Requirements Committee (Student Records Review Group) that serves as an appeal body for athletes who are denied freshman year eligibility for Division I and Division II institutions. The nine-member committee meets weekly by telephone conference call to review cases that have been denied by the NCAA Membership Services staff and to decide if the cases' decision should be upheld or overturned. Wolf has chaired the meeting when the elected chair has not been on the calls.