



Fall 2009 Faculty Activities

Awards:

Roland Thorstensson will be awarded H.M. the King's Medal by the King and Queen of Sweden when he travels to Stockholm in late January.

Doug Huff (philosophy) has won the 2009 Mario Fratti-Fred Newman Political Playwriting Contest. Doug's winning play, *A Far Shore*, was given a staged reading in New York in August. The play is based on the life and work of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, who was one of modern India's founding fathers and surely its most famous untouchable.

Presentations:

On Nov. 15 and 22 **Darrell Jodock** (religion) gave two presentations to the adult forum at Bethel Lutheran Church in Rochester, Minn., on the topic "What's at Stake for Lutherans in the Controversies about Evolution?"

Julie Gilbert and **Anna Hulseberg** (both library) presented at the 9th annual "Brick and Click" Libraries Symposium on Nov. 6 in Maryville, Mo. Their presentation, "Collection Development in Tight Economic Times: A Homegrown Workflow Analysis Program," explored the changing nature of library work and presented two projects the Gustavus library has undertaken to meet those challenges. Their paper was also published in the conference proceedings.

On Nov. 8, **Darrell Jodock** (religion) spoke about "The Ongoing Task" at a dinner celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa. He was also honored as the founder of that institute and for serving ten years as the chairman of its board. With a staff of three the institute has an extensive program for college, high school, and junior high school students, for clergy, and for Jewish and Christian congregations. Much of its programming includes Muslims and gives attention to Islamic-Christian and Islamic-Jewish relations. On Nov. 9 Jodock led a workshop for adults from the Allentown area on "Surprising Similarities in Jewish and Christian Thought."

María Isabel Kalbermatten (MLLC) presented a paper, titled "¿Por qué los hombres son más irónicos que las mujeres? Diferencias de género en el uso de la ironía en la conversación" (Why are men more ironic than women? Gender differences in the use of verbal irony in conversation), at the Hispanic Linguistics Symposium and The Conference on the Acquisition of Spanish and Portuguese as First and Second Language, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Oct. 24.

Mark Bjelland (geography) presented a paper, titled "Urban Change and Congregational Diversity," at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Denver on Oct. 24. The textbook he co-authored, *Human Geography: Landscapes of Human Activities*, has just been released by McGraw-Hill Companies.

Mary Solberg (religion) was the featured speaker at the Professional Leadership Conference of the Saskatchewan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC), held in Manitou Springs, Sask. During the three-day event (Sept. 22-24), she made four different presentations on Martin Luther's life, theology, and legacy.

Debra Eckerman Pitton (education) was an invited speaker at "The Edge" Conference at Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, Oct. 14-16. Debra gave two talks to participants at the conference, one describing ways to enhance teacher education through the use of mentors and processes for mentor development, the other describing the components of effective middle-level education, a concept new to the provincial educational system. In addition, Debra taught a class of graduate and undergraduate students about middle school philosophy and methodology.

Florence Amamoto (English) presented a paper titled "Seeing Horizontally: The Prairie Eyes of Linda Hasselstrom and Bill Holm" at the annual Western Literature Association Conference at Spearfish, SD, Sept. 30-Oct. 3. She was also elected to WLA's Executive Council.

Bob Douglas (geography) gave a power-point presentation on "World Regional Geography and ESL Learners" at the National Council of Geographic Education on Sept. 25 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

María Isabel Kalbermatten (MLLC) and Shirley Nieto, from the University of St. Thomas, presented a paper titled "Podcasts for Second Language Learning" at the 11th biennial Northeast Regional Meeting of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese held in Regis College and Wellesley College, Weston, MA, Oct 9-12.

On Tuesday, Oct. 13, **Steve Mellema** (physics) gave an invited lecture on "Islam and Human Rights" at the University of Minnesota's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in the Twin Cities.

Don Scheese (English) presented a paper titled "The Chacoan Outliers: A Still-Inhabited Wilderness" at the annual meeting of the Western Literature Association held in Spearfish, S.D., Oct. 1-4.

On September 28, **Lisa Heldke** (philosophy) presented two talks at Indiana University/Purdue University of Indiana (Indianapolis), as part of that university's 2009-10 Common Theme, "Deep Economy." Her talks were sponsored by the departments of philosophy and American studies, as well as several community food organizations.

Yurie Hong (classics) delivered her paper "Collaboration and Conflict: Discourses of Maternity in Hippocratic Gynecology and Embryology" on Sept. 28 at Washington University (Mo.) and at the University of Minnesota's annual colloquium series on Oct. 2.

Brian O'Brien (chemistry) presented a paper titled "Preparation of Fluorous Ponytail Primary Phosphines via Phthaloylphosphide Ion" at the 19th International Symposium on Fluorine Chemistry, held at Jackson Hole, Wyo., August 23-28. Co-authors were current student Jason Schultz '10, Alexander Burum '07, and Karrie-Ann Kubatko (Alex's Ph.D. adviser at the Ohio State University). Burum and Kubatko are collaborating with O'Brien and his students on crystal structure determination.

Jill Locke (political science) presented a paper, "Diogenes and the Death of Shame," at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Sept. 3-6, in Toronto.

Barbara Fister, Julie Gilbert, Anna Hulseberg, and Michelle Twait (all library) attended the American Library Association's annual conference in Chicago in July 2009. Fister and Gilbert presented a session, "Reading Matters: Examining the Role of Recreational Reading in Academic Libraries." Fister also participated in a panel sponsored by the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) Intellectual Freedom Committee, speaking on the "Academic and Intellectual Freedom Climate on Campus." Gilbert and Hulseberg presented a poster session, "From Workflow to Information Flow: Collaborating for Effective Collection Development," and Twait chaired the ACRL Instruction Section's Professional Education Committee.

Several members of the library faculty and staff participated in the Minnesota Library Association's annual conference in St. Cloud on Oct. 15. **Anna Hulseberg** and **Jeff Jenson** presented a session (prepared with **Michelle Twait**) on "Libraries as Mentoring Communities." **Anna Hulseberg** and **Sarah Monson** participated in a session on "Strategic Planning for Electronic Resources Management: Views from the Field."

On Oct. 3, **Darrell Jodock** (religion) delivered a keynote address on "What Should We Expect When We Read the Bible?" at the Southeast Minnesota Synod Book of Faith event, held in Owatonna, Minn. He also led two workshops on "The Power of Story: The Witness of Biblical Narrative."

Darrell Jodock (religion) delivered a plenary address on "The New Perspective on Paul and Jewish-Christian Relations" during the ELCA Convocation of Teaching Theologians, August 12-14. The convocation was co-sponsored by Gustavus and St. Olaf and held this year on the St. Olaf campus. Jodock also gave three presentations at the Lakeside Theological Convocation, held Sept. 8-10 in Lakeside, Ohio. The topics were "Culture Wars and the Vocation of the Church," "Theological Underpinnings for a Response to the Culture Wars," and "Culture Wars in the Church."

Darrell Jodock (religion) gave a presentation on "Collaborative Models and Methodologies for Developing Innovative Curricula" during a consultation on "Multidisciplinary Collaboration in Science, Religion, and Culture: Preparing Community Leaders for the Twenty-First Century" held at the Collegeville Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research in Collegeville, Minn., July 28-August 2. The participants in the collaboration came from Russia and the United States. The consultation was funded by a Metanexus Global Network Initiative Catalyst Grant awarded to Dr. Natalia Pecherskaya, rector of the St. Petersburg School of Religion and Philosophy in St. Petersburg, Russia. Jodock also planned and organized two days of taping for a DVD on Jewish-Christian relations, done August 25 and 26 in St. Paul. Jodock conducted eight of the interviews and was interviewed by Rabbi Barry Cytron for the ninth. The nine segments of the DVD are correlated with the chapters in the book Jodock recently edited and co-authored, *Covenantal Conversations: Christians in Dialogue with Jews and Judaism* (Fortress, 2008).

Presentations with students:

Rebecca Fremo (English) and Writing Center staff members **Debi Lasswell** (graduating December '09), **Kaitie O'Bryan '10**, **Rebekah Schulz '10**, and **Alison Oppenheimer '10** presented a series of "lightning talks" at the Midwest Writing Centers Association Conference in Rapid City, S.D. Their panel was titled "All Things to All People: Writing Center Work at a Small Liberal Arts College." The Gustavus delegation to MWCA also made sure to visit the Corn Palace, Wall Drug, Mount Rushmore, and the Badlands along the way.

Mimi Gerstbauer (political science and peace studies) and **Geoffrey Alexander** (senior economics major) presented a paper titled "The United States and War in Vietnam: Lessons for Forgiveness in International Relations" at the annual meeting of the Peace and Justice Studies Association held at Marquette University in Milwaukee Oct. 8-10. Their research was made possible by a Presidential Faculty/Student Collaboration Grant in summer 2009.

Brenda Kelly (biology and chemistry) and students **Colin Boettcher '09** and **Chelsea Koepsell '10** presented the results of their research at the 23rd Symposium of the Protein Society in Boston, Mass., in July 2009. Colin and Chelsea presented a poster titled "Allosteric behavior of monomeric E. coli gamma-glutamylcysteine ligase in the presence of non-substrate analogs." Colin was one of five undergraduate students selected to give an oral presentation at the Undergraduate Student Research session.

Articles/papers published:

Barbara Fister (library) has published an article in *Library Issues* titled "The Glorious Study Hall: How Libraries Nurture a Life of the Mind."

Lisa Heldke (philosophy) has had two papers published this fall: "Three Social Paradigms for Access: Charity, Rights and Coresponsibility," in the volume titled *Critical Food Issues: Problems and State-of-the-Art Solutions*; and "Cultivating Cosmic Patriotism by Cultivating Cosmos: Urban Gardening and the Creation of Community," in *Culture/Nature: Art and Philosophy in the Context of Urban Development*.

María Isabel Kalbermatten (MLLC) had an article titled "Análisis discursivo de la ironía y la parodia verbal como formas de humor conversacional" ("Discursive analysis of verbal irony and verbal parody as forms of conversational humor") published in the book *Ironizar, parodiar, satirizar. Estudios sobre el humor en la lengua, la literatura y la cultura*, edited by Eduardo Parrilla Sotomayor, México, Eón.

Jeff Jeremiason (chemistry/environmental studies) recently had an article titled "A Comparison of Mercury Cycling in Lakes Michigan and Superior" published in the *Journal of Great Lakes Research* (<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/03801330>). Co-authors are **Linda Kanne '09** and **Tara LaCoe '06**.

Anna Hulseberg and **Sarah Monson** (both library) co-authored an article, "Strategic Planning for Electronic Resources Management: A Case Study at Gustavus Adolphus College," in the April-June 2009 issue of the *Journal of Electronic Resources Librarianship*.

Sidonia Alenuma (education) published two journal articles this summer. "Making modest strides: The story of Downtown Elementary School (DES)" appeared in *International Electronic Journal of Elementary Education (IEJEE)* and "Downtown Elementary School (DES): The unique school that juxtaposes both magnet and professional development school programs" was published in *US-China Education Review*.

Barbara Fister (library) wrote the cover story for the Oct. 1 issue of *Library Journal*, "The Dewey Dilemma," on a trend in public libraries to drop or modify the Dewey Decimal System.

Books published:

Sidonia Alenuma's (education) new book, *Race and Educational Reform in America: History, Strategies and Ethnography* (Libertyville, Ill.: David Publishing Company, 2009) was published in October and will be available at the Book Mark and on various websites. It is also available as an e-book.

Paschal Kyoore (MLLC – French) has published a collection of folk tales titled *Folk Tales of the Dagara of West Africa*, Vol. 1 (Legon-Accra, Ghana: Qolyns-Skan Publications, 2009).

Book reviews published:

Denis Crnković (Russian) has had a book review of David M. Goldfrank's *Nil Sorsky: The Authentic Writings* (Cistercian Studies Series, 221. Cistercian Publications: Kalamazoo, Michigan, 2008) published in the October issue of *The Medieval Review*.

Seán Easton (classics) published a review of Gideon Nisbet's *Ancient Greece in Film and Popular Culture* in the *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*. The review is available online at <http://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2009/2009-08-43.html>.

Performances:

Chad Winterfeldt (music) performed a noontime organ recital at St. Barnabas Lutheran Church in Plymouth on Thursday, Nov. 12. The half-hour recital was sponsored by the St. Barnabas Center for the Arts, a ministry of the church. Part of the half-hour program featured works by Dr. Paul Manz, who died Oct. 28. Chad will return to the Twin Cities on Tuesday, Nov. 24, to perform a noontime recital at the Church of St. Louis, King of France, in downtown St. Paul. The program will feature selected movements from *La Nativité du Seigneur* (The Birth of Our Lord) by Olivier Messiaen; this program is especially suited to the French-style instrument housed in the historic space.

Douglas Nimmo (music) served as guest conductor for the Bloomington Medalist Concert Band in a performance at the Lake Harriet Band shell in Minneapolis in June. Featured as soloist on two pieces was euphonium player Lee Dummer, a St. Peter native and Gustavus alum (1975) who is a former euphonium soloist with the United States Army Band (Pershing's Own) in Washington, D.C. Nimmo was also a participating artist (as a builder of art furniture) in two recent fine art shows in the Twin Cities: the Edina Art Fair (June 5-7) and the Excelsior Art on the Lake Fair (June 13-14).

Doug Huff (philosophy) will have a staged reading of his new play, *The National Endowment*, at the Arts Center of Saint Peter on Friday, Oct. 16, and Saturday, Oct. 17, at 7:00 p.m. each night. *The National Endowment* is a comedy/farce about a small liberal arts college in the Midwest. The cast includes many people from the Gustavus and St. Peter community, but Doug assures us, on advice from his attorney, that any resemblance to actual events or people, living or dead, is purely coincidental.

Exhibits:

Nicole Roberts Hoiland (art & art history) will be exhibiting her sculptures at the Minnesota Women Ceramicist's annual juried show in the Mill District, Minneapolis, Oct. 24-Nov. 15.

NEH-sponsored seminar:

Denis Crnković (Russian) was one of 15 college instructors and librarians selected nationwide to participate in the NEH-sponsored seminar "The Re-formation of the Book, 1450-1650." The seminar, which examined how changes in book production, content, and form affected the spread of ideas in early modern Europe, met for a five-week period in Antwerp and Oxford.

Other:

John Lammert (biology) was recently elected to the board of directors of Minnesota Life College, Richfield, Minn. The not-for-profit school prepares young adults with autism spectrum disorders and learning disabilities for independent living. The curriculum emphasizes development of social skills and attaining financial self-sufficiency.

Haiku by **Horst Ludwig** (MLLC - German) appeared on the Asahi Shimbun Network of April 17, May 29, and June 5, 2009. (Asahi Shimbun is a major daily newspaper in Japan.) One of his haiku was also used by Uwe Wenzel, Hamburg, as an introduction to Wenzel's review of the exhibition catalog accompanying the art exhibition *Der Mond (The Moon)* at the Cologne Wallraf-Richartz-Museum. Also, at a poetry event (an "Aktion") as part of the exhibition *ExtraSchicht [extra shift/layer] 2009 Henrichshütte Hattingen* at the Industrial Museum Henrichshütte Hattingen, a haiku by Ludwig was one of 24 exhibited to publicize the art of German haiku writing.