

**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL REPORT 2003-2004**

Membership, 2003-2004

John Brueggemann, Associate Dean for Faculty Development  
Steven Frey, Associate Professor of Chemistry  
Margaret Pearson, Associate Professor of History  
Viviana Rangil, Associate Professor of Spanish  
Peter Stake, Chair, Associate Professor of Art

Membership, 2004-2005

John Brueggemann, Associate Dean for Faculty Development  
Steven Frey, Associate Professor of Chemistry, Chair  
Kate Leavitt, Associate Professor of Art  
David Karp (replacement for M.P. 04-05)  
Margaret Pearson, Associate Professor of History (leave 04-05)  
Linda Simon, Associate Professor of English

The FDC met fourteen times during the academic year. The committee's primary responsibility is to solicit and consider applications and to make awards for various faculty development opportunities during the academic year. The list of awards for 03-04 is attached at the end of this report. Items of business for FDC this year included:

FDC discussed the number and distribution of grant applications over the past several years. This year we had no initiative grant applications, only one summer technology grant application, and fewer major project completion grant applications than last year. As a consequence, FDC opened a second round for the major project grant. Also, faculty research grant applications were much heavier in the spring round than in fall, and applications for faculty/student collaborative research grants increased considerably from last year.

FDC distributed an online faculty survey to gather opinion regarding Skidmore's support for faculty development. Questions addressed faculty support needs, the availability and suitability of support at Skidmore, and procedures and guidelines for requesting support. Sixty-four faculty responded to the questionnaire for a return of around 33 %, and returns were distributed fairly evenly across faculty rank and among disciplinary groups at the college. Not surprisingly, faculty focused on the need for more time and additional monetary support for scholarship as the two areas most critical to development. Faculty comments regarding the need for time focused on course release, enhanced sabbaticals, and release from committee/administrative responsibilities to free time for scholarship and student engagement. Most comments regarding monetary support focused on the need for more frequent and larger grants to support faculty/student collaboration and travel to conferences and for research, while others mentioned the need for more frequent, and more flexible grants for smaller amounts. Faculty also mentioned the need for a less cumbersome application process and more flexible timelines and guidelines for various grants. Faculty identified library resources and technological support as other areas critical to scholarship. In general, faculty voiced strong appreciation for the support they have received from Skidmore.

The College Faculty voted approval of a CFG motion to change the length of service on FDC from 2 to 3 years. The new term will be phased in '04-'05.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Stake, Chair

## AWARDS ADMINISTERED BY FDC DURING 2003-2004

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### THE RALPH A. CIANCIO AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

2004-2005

Tadahisa Kuroda  
Professor of History

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### THE EDWIN MOSELEY AWARD

2004-2005

Mary Zeiss Stange  
Associate Professor of Religion

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### COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Beau Breslin  
Associate Professor of Government

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### FACULTY/STUDENT COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH SUMMER 2004

- Team 1           Mao Chen, Associate Professor of Chinese  
                  Zhen Le '06  
                  Project: "China Encounters the West: Transnational Capital, Trade and Acculturation"
- Team 2           Mary Crone Odekon, Associate Professor of Physics  
                  Stephanie Waite '06  
                  Project: "Research and WEB Site for the Tang Exhibit *A Very Liquid Heaven*"
- Team 3           Thomas Denny, Associate Professor of Music  
                  Olivia Gawet '05  
                  Corinne Stevens '05  
                  Project: "Stories from the *Don Giovanni* Diaspora (London, 1817-77; Paris, 1811-67; Germany & Austria, 1789-1856): People, Institutions, and Ideas that Shaped the Variant Versions"
- Team 4           Pat Fidopiastis, Assistant Professor of Biology  
                  Adam Klein '05  
                  Project: "Biochemical characterization and role of superoxide dismutase in *Vibrio fischeri*, the light organ symbiont of sepiolid squid"
- Team 5           Michelle W. Frey, Assistant Professor of Chemistry  
                  Anna Gates '05  
                  Project: "Isolation, Purification and Characterization of a Novel Metalloprotease from *Vibrio fischeri*: *A Symbiotic Model for Pathogenic Associations*"
- Team 6           Roy Ginsberg, Professor of Government  
                  Joshua Hutchinson '06  
                  Project: "The European Union and the Logic of Integration"
- Team 7           Patricia Hilleren, Lubin Family Professor for Women in Science  
                  Rob Caiazzo '05  
                  Project: "Characterization of pre-mRNA metabolism in Yeast pre-mRNA splicing mutants"

- Team 8 David Karp, Assistant Professor of Sociology  
Jarrett Warshaw '05  
Project: "An Exploratory Analysis of the Role of Victim's Families in Capital Juror Decision-Making"
- Team 9 David Karp, Assistant Professor of Sociology  
Samantha Anderson '05  
Project: "Evaluating the Vermont Department of Corrections Offender Reentry Program"
- Team 10 Margo Mensing, Assistant Professor of Art  
Afshaan Rahman '04  
Project: "A Very Liquid Heaven"
- Team 11 Daniel Nathan, Assistant Professor of American Studies  
Peter Berg '06  
Erin Klemyk '05  
Project: "'The Truth Wrapped in a Package of Lies': Martin Scorsese's *Gangs of New York* and Popular Culture as Public History"
- Team 12 Kyle Nichols, Assistant Professor of Geosciences  
Thomas Arnold '07  
Project: "Drainage Basin Classification using GIS: The first step to determining the sedimentation of Lake Mead and Lake Powell"
- Team 13 Thomas C. O'Connell, Assistant Professor of Computer Science  
Andrew Matusiewicz '05  
Project: "Algorithms for Intelligent Game Playing"
- Team 14 Greg Goodwin, Assistant Professor of Psychology  
Bailey Sampella  
Michelle Avery '05
- Team 15 Michelle Frey, Assistant Professor of Chemistry  
Amy Griffiths '04

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**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT GRANT RECIPIENTS  
FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY – AUGUST 2004**

Lisa Aronson, Associate Professor of Art History

*Dressing to the Gods Among Vodun Worshippers in Ghana and Togo*

Barbara Black, Associate Professor of English

*A Room of His Own: A Literary-Cultural Study of Victorian Clubland*

Lenora de la Luna, Assistant Professor of Education

*Student Teachers and Cooperating Teachers Mentoring One Another: Is Bi-Directional Mentoring Possible? & The Emergence of Text and Activity Genres within Literature Discussions*

Alice Dean, Professor of Mathematics

*Visibility representations of polygons*

Patricia Fehling, Associate Professor of Exercise Science

*A Comparison of Bone Qualities Among Female Athletes in Impact Loading and Active Loading Sports*

Joseph Hodge, Assistant Professor of History

*The Triumph of the Expert: Science, Development and the Legacies of the Late British Colonial Empire, 1895-1960*

Margo Mensing, Assistant Professor of Art

*A Sense of Security & Common and Uncommon Occurrences*

Monica Raveret Richter, Associate Professor of Biology

*Tropical Field Biology On-Site Course Preparation*

Susan E. Rivers, Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology

*Development of a Peer Education Program to Increase Enrollment in Cardiac Rehabilitation*

Jay Rogoff, Lecturer

*The Long Fault*

Robert C. Turner, Assistant Professor of Government

*The Impact of State Institutions on the Targeting of State Economic Development Policies*

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**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT GRANT RECIPIENTS**

**JUNE TO DECEMBER 2004**

Tom Denny, Associate Professor of Music

*More Stories from the Don Giovanni Diaspora (London, 1817-77): People, Institutions, and Ideas that Shaped the Variant Versions*

Catherine Domozych, Senior Teaching Associate in Biology

*A study of biofilm formation in an Adirondack acid bog with special emphasis on algal taxonomy*

Giuseppe Faustini, Professor of Italian

*“Le Elegie Renane di Luigi Pirandello: Un’edizione critica con commento” a cura di Giuseppe Faustine*

Ray Giguere, Professor of Chemistry

*Tang Exhibition: “Molecules that Matter”*

Karen Greenspan, Associate Professor of English

*The Image of Christ as Fiddler in Medieval German Art and Literature*

Matthew Hockenos Assistant Professor of History

*The German Protestant Church and its Mission to the Jews after the Holocaust*

Regina Janes, Professor of English

*“Losing Our Heads: Beheadings in Literature and Culture”*

Penny Jolly, Kenan Professor of Liberal Arts

*Domestic and Courtly Arts of Early Renaissance France*

James Kennelly Associate Professor of Management & Business

*Better Farming, Better Business, Better Living: A Reappraisal of Sir Horace Plunkett*

Sven Larson, Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics  
*Textbook on European Economics Integration*

Doretta Miller, Professor of Art  
*One-Person Exhibit of Gouache Paintings at First Street Gallery*

Michael Mudrovic, Associate Professor of Spanish  
*Rock and Reel: Contemporary Spanish Film and Popular Music*

Dan Nathan, Assistant Professor of American Studies  
*The Baltimore Black Sox of 1929*

Margaret Pearson, Associate Professor of History  
*Article on Zhang Heng (78-139), Scientist, Poet, Administrator*

Patricia Rubio, Professor of Spanish  
*Olga Poblete: Pensadora feminista, Educadora y Activista por la Paz (Olga Poblete: Feminist Thinker, Educator, and Peace Activist)*

Paul Sattler, Assistant Professor of Art  
*Studio and Classroom Modes of Color Mastery*

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#### **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE GRANT**

No applications

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#### **FACULTY AWARD FOR MAJOR PROJECT COMPLETION SUMMER 2004**

Joseph Hodge, Assistant Professor of History  
*The Triumph of the Expert*

Rajagopal Parthasarathy, Associate Professor of English  
*One Hundred Poems from the Tamil*

Gregory Pfitzer, Professor of American Studies  
*The Unpopularity of Popular History: Studies in the Subversion of a Genre*

Pushkala Prasad, Zankel Professor of Management for Liberal Arts Students  
*Crafting Qualitative Research: Working in the Past-Positivist Traditions*

Viviana Rangil, Associate Professor of Spanish  
*Otro punto de vista: Mujer y cine en Argentina (Another point of view: Women and filmmaking in Argentina)*

Ric Scarce, Assistant Professor of Sociology  
*Social Construction of Wolves*

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**SABBATICAL LEAVES  
RECOMMENDED FOR 2004-05**

**FOR ENTIRE YEAR 2004-05**

Lisa Aronson, Associate Professor of Art History  
Thomas A. Denny, Associate Professor of Music  
Karen Greenspan, Associate Professor of English  
Margaret J. Pearson, Associate Professor of History  
Pierre von Kaenel, Associate Professor of Mathematics

**FOR FALL 2004**

Paul J. Arciero, Associate Professor of Exercise Science  
Robert Boyers, Tisch Professor of Arts and Letters, English  
Judith Ann Halstead, Associate Professor of Chemistry  
Kenneth G. McClure, Associate Professor of Management and Business

**FOR SPRING 2005**

Isabel Harper Brown, Associate Professor of Dance  
Mao Chen, Associate Professor of Chinese  
Mary Elizabeth Correa, Associate Professor of Management and Business  
Mary Ann Foley, Professor of Psychology  
William S. Fox, Professor of Sociology  
Mark E. Huibregtse, Professor of Mathematics  
Penny Howell Jolly, Professor of Art History  
Mehmet Odekon, Associate Professor of Economics

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**UNTENURED SABBATICAL LEAVES  
2004-05**

**FOR ENTIRE YEAR 2004-05**

\*Daniel E. Curley, Assistant Professor of Classics  
\*Pushkala Prasad, Zankel Professor in Management for Liberal Arts Students

**FOR FALL 2004**

Richard R. Hihn, Senior Artist-in-Residence, Music  
\*Joseph Morgan Hodge, Assistant Professor of History  
Bob Turner, Assistant Professor of Government [was to be 2003/04 but went on medical leave and was granted for fall 04]

**FOR SPRING 2005**

\*Pola Dobry Baytelman, Senior Artist-in-Residence, Music  
\*Alma Becker, Artist-in-Residence, Theater  
Joel W. Brown, Senior Artist-in-Residence, Music

\*Pending reappointment

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## **SUMMER TECHNOLOGY GRANTS**

Deborah Hall, Assistant Professor of Art  
*Flash I & II: Interactive Media Training*

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## **TANG EXHIBITION GRANTS**

Mary Crone, Associate Professor of Physics  
Margo Mensing, Associate Professor of Art  
*A Very Liquid Heaven*

Ray Giguere, Professor of Chemistry  
*Molecules That Matter*