

## **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2008-2009**

### *Membership 2008—2009*

Roy Ginsberg, Professor of Government

Kate Leavitt, FDC Chair, Associate Professor of Art

William Lewis, Associate Professor of Philosophy & Religion (sabbatical replacement)

Monica Raveret Richter, Associate Professor of Biology

Patricia Rubio, Associate Dean of the Faculty

### *Membership 2009-2010*

Barbara Black, Associate Professor of English

Roy Ginsberg, FDC Co-Chair, Professor of Government

Monica Raveret Richter, FDC-Co-Chair, Associate Professor of Biology

Peter Stake, Associate Professor of Art

Paty Rubio, Associate Dean of Faculty

### *Summary of Activities, Responsibilities, & Decisions*

The FDC met weekly during the fall and spring semesters with few exceptions. The purpose of these meetings included the development of new initiatives in support of faculty development; the evaluation and revision of some FDC practices for reviewing proposals; the review of research proposals; the selection of the annual Edwin Moseley Faculty Research Lecturer and the Ralph A. Ciancio Award for Excellence in teaching; assisting the student body in the selection of the faculty speaker for commencement; and reviewing applications for sabbaticals. In addition, Mary Ann Foley represented FDC in conversations with members of CEPP and others regarding the establishment of a new Center for faculty excellence and development and reported regularly to the FDC.

### *New Initiatives*

The functions of the FDC include advising the Dean of the Faculty on faculty development policies and recommending new initiatives in support of faculty development and professional growth. In October the FDC recommended to the Dean of Faculty and the Vice President for Academic Affairs an increase in sustained funding for Faculty/Student Collaborative Research Projects. Muriel Poston joined the committee during initial discussions regarding funding for collaborative research. The number of research teams dropped from 49 in the summer of 2008 to 29 in the summer of 2009 due in part to the conclusion of outside grant funding. The Strategic Action Agenda calls for developing additional resources for student/faculty collaborative research and the FDC recommended that this be a budget priority.

### *Changes in Guidelines & Practices*

FDC introduced some minor changes in our guidelines and practices that will help facilitate the process of reviewing and awarding grants. Updated applications and guidelines will be available on-line at the beginning of the fall 2009 semester.

### *FEC's Charge to Examine Faculty Involvement*

At FEC's request, FDC discussed faculty representation on the committee. Members of FDC were in agreement that the four faculty seats on FDC were indeed of great importance, and that the committee does not recommend lowering the number of faculty on FDC. The distribution of the four faculty members with tenure, one each from the areas of the humanities, the natural sciences, the pre-professional programs, and the social sciences are necessary to review applications that are submitted from all academic areas of the college. FDC discussed in length the committee's responsibilities at the request of FEC to see if we could determine any work not deemed critical to faculty development. FDC discussed the annual review of sabbatical proposals. As a recommending body to the Dean of Faculty the process of reviewing applications for sabbatical has provided transparency. The committee decided to continue this process due to the fact that the committee has continued to request that the administration commit to enhanced sabbatical funding as a budgetary priority. The application review helps to guide the committee for future rationale for new initiatives for funding.

### *Expressions of Appreciation*

FDC invited Bill Tomlinson, our Sponsored Research Officer, to join in discussions of FDC grant proposals. Bill's contributions to these discussions have been very helpful to the committee. Bill will continue to join the FDC meetings when reviewing faculty grant proposals.

FDC would also like to thank Mark Hofmann who has volunteered to coordinate the Summer Faculty/Student Research Program. Mark reviewed the applications and joined the committee during discussions but did not take part in the final selection. Mark is responsible for planning the schedule of events for the students and faculty during the 10-week summer program.

Associate Dean Paty Rubio joined FDC as the representative of the Dean of Faculty Office. Paty's insight and commitment to faculty development was greatly appreciated by the members of the committee.

Once again the committee extends true appreciation for the vast amount of work that Jill Jones and Sue Blair attend to for the Faculty Development Committee.

Respectively submitted,  
Kate Leavitt, Chair of FDC

## **2008-09 Faculty Development Grants & Awards**

### **Edwin M. Moseley Faculty Lectureship**

Reginald Lilly, Professor, Philosophy & Religion

### **The Ralph A. Ciancio Award for Excellence in Teaching**

Mary Lynn, Professor, American Studies

### **Faculty Research Initiative Grants**

#### **Rubén Graciani, Assistant Professor, Dance**

*Travel to Represent – Centre National de Danse – Paris and Symphony Space –  
NY Present: Company Stefanie Batten Bland May 2009*

#### **Marla Segol, Assistant Professor, Philosophy & Religion**

*Word and Image in Medieval Kabbalah*

#### **Shirley Smith, Associate Professor, Foreign Languages & Literatures**

*Women's Travel Journals in China: Gendered Hybridity*

### **Faculty Development Grants**

#### **Paul Arciero, Associate Professor, Exercise Science**

*Seniors Cybercycling with a Virtual Team: Effects on Plasma Hormones and  
Other Biomarkers*

#### **Lisa Aronson, Associate Professor, Art History**

*Landscape as Metaphor in Contemporary Nigerian Art*

#### **Diana Barnes, Visiting Assistant Professor, Foreign Languages & Literatures**

*Research for book in Mexico*

#### **Alma Becker, Senior Artist-in-Residence, Theater**

*Developing Script, Music and Choreography for Pillows and Sheets*

#### **Joerg Bibow, Assistant Professor, Economics**

*Keynes as an Investor*

#### **Will Bond, Artist-in-Residence, Theater**

*Suzuki Method of Actor Training Symposium*

#### **Donna Brent, Visiting Assistant Professor, Education Studies**

*Using Narratives to Assess Psychological Development*

**Regis Brodie, Professor, Art**

*Pueblo Pottery Making: Construction and Firing Methods Both Old and New*

**Carlton Campbell, Visiting Assistant Professor, Chemistry**

*Preparation of Antioxidant Vitamin E Analogs with Potential Pharmaceutical Application*

**Mao Chen, Associate Professor, Foreign Languages & Literatures**

*Bing Xin in the Legacy of May Fourth: Nationhood and Women's Writing*

**Daniel Curley, Associate Professor, Classics**

*Reading and Writing Rome: Logistical Study for a Short-Term Travel Seminar*

**Jennifer Delton, Associate Professor, History**

*Racial Transformation at Boystown, USA*

**Giuseppe Faustini, Professor, Foreign Languages & Literatures**

*Lectura Dantis: Paradiso XIII*

**Kristie Ford, Assistant Professor, Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work**

*The Invisibility of Whiteness: A Comparative Assessment of the Educational Benefits of Interracial and Intra-Racial Curricular Dialogues on White Racial Identity Development*

**Benjamin Given, Assistant Professor, Music**

*A Book Entitled "The Music of Django Reinhardt"*

**Catherine Golden, Professor, English**

*Posting It: The Victorian Revolution in Letter Writing*

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*The Victorian Revolution in Letter Writing*

**Kate Greenspan, Associate Professor, English**

*The Golden Litany of the Holy Mawdlen: The Transformations of a Text from Medieval to Modern, German to English, Catholic to Anglican*

**Barbara Gulan, Lecturer, Theatre**

*The Actors Center Teaching Development Program, Acting Intensive Workshop*

**Matthew Hockenos, Associate Professor, History**

*Converting Jews in the Third Reich: The Berlin Jewish Mission, 1930-1950*

**Anthony Holland, Associate Professor, Music**

*Potential Affects of Frequency-Specific Pulsed Electromagnetic Fields (PEMF) on Human Cancer Cells; Collaborative Research and Experimentation at the Thomas Jefferson University Medical College (Philadelphia, PA)*

**Masako Inamoto, Visiting Instructor, Foreign Languages & Literatures**

*From "Ghost" to "Dr. Manbo": The Fiction and Essays of Kita Morio*

**Echo Leaver, Visiting Assistant Professor, Psychology**

*Effect of Lifestyle on Cognition in Aging*

**Kathleen Leavitt, Associate Professor, Art**

*Framing for Exhibition at the Southern Vermont Arts Center*

**Elzbieta Lepkowska-White, Associate Professor, Management & Business**

*Attitudes Toward Smoking Among Young Consumers in Poland and the US: Can They be Changed*

**Hassan Lopéz, Assistant Professor, Psychology**

*The Effect of Juvenile Cannabinoid Exposure on Female Sexual Motivation and Estrous Cyclicity*

**Doretta Miller, Professor, Art**

*"Town and Gown" Paintings: Works on Paper, and Works on Canvas*

**Daniel Nathan, Associate Professor, American Studies**

*History, Heritage and Re-Imagining Baltimore's Sporting Past*

**John Nazarenko, Senior Artist-in-Residence, Music**

*Follow-up CD to "John Nazarenko Trio, with Eric Harland & Reuben Rogers"*

**Tillman Nechtman, Assistant Professor, History**

*Monograph: Nabobs: Identity and Empire in 18<sup>th</sup> Century Britain*

**Mary-Beth O'Brien, Professor, Foreign Languages & Literatures**

*National History and Political Idealism in Post-Wall German Cinema*

**Victoria Palermo, Visiting Assistant Professor, Art**

*To Design a Structure That Will Function as a Bus Shelter*

**Gregory Pfitzer, Professor, American Studies**

*Monosyllabic History: The Debate Over How Children Read and Learn History*

**Bernard Possidente, Professor, Biology**

*Biochemical Analysis of Brain Function in DISC1 Mutant Mouse Model for Schizophrenia*

**Monica Raveret-Richter, Associate Professor, Biology**

*Wildbranch Writing Workshop*

**Linda Simon, Professor, English**

*Theodora Bosanquet and Her Circle*

**Timothy Stablein, Lecturer, Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work**

*Trans-local Music Based Subculture Involvement: Peer Group Participation  
Among Followers of Touring Music Acts*

**Timothy Stablein, Lecturer, Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work**

*Ethnographic Research on Homeless & Non-Homeless Street Youth & Young  
Adult Populations*

**Mary Stange, Professor, Philosophy and Religion**

*Women's Activism in the African Lutheran Churches*

**Marc-Andre Wiesmann, Associate Professor, Foreign Languages & Literatures**

*Inquiry into the Emblematic Construct "Dead Tree/Live Plant," in Sixteenth and  
Seventeenth Centuries European Emblem Book*

### **Summer Faculty/Student Research**

**Paul Arciero, Associate Professor, Exercise Science**

**Naoko Okuma '10**

*Project: Seniors Cyber-Cycling with a Virtual Team: Effects on Exercise  
Behavior, Neuropsychological Function and Physiological Outcomes*

**Catherine Berheide, Professor, Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work**

**Joelle Sklaar '11**

**Tara Kelley '10**

*Project: The Climate for Women Faculty in STEM at Skidmore and Union  
Colleges*

**Jennifer Bonner, Assistant Professor, Biology**

**Michael Letko '11**

**Alexandria Cooper '10**

*Project: Analysis of Genes Required for Spinal Cord Development*

**Beau Breslin, Associate Professor, Government**

**Matthew Rothenberg '12**

*Project: Echos of the Founding: Examining America's Constitutional Birth*

**Tonya Dodge, Assistant Professor, Psychology**  
**Carly Goldstein '10**

*Project: Legal and Illegal Performance Enhancing Substances and Adolescent Males in the Sporting Context*

**David Domozych, Professor, Biology**  
**Dawn Harfmann '10**

*Project: Optimizing Lignin-Degrading Specificity of Selected Basidiomycete Fungal Species*

**Michael Eckmann, Assistant Professor, Math & Computer Science**  
**Mihaela David '10**

*Project: Content-Based Image Retrieval*

**Rubén Graciani, Assistant Professor, Dance**  
**Elissa Nadworny '10**  
**Emily Sferra '09**

*Project: Dance on Video and Video Dance, Summer 2009 - "From the Outside In"*

**Katherine Graney, Associate Professor, Government**  
**Katherine Morton '09**

*Project: Re-Orienting Europe: Legacies of Orientalism and the Future of Europeanisation in the Post-Soviet World*

**Rebecca Johnson, Assistant Professor, Psychology**  
**Chelsie Cushman '09**

*Project: Exploring the Parafoveal Preview Benefit as a Function of Word Length*

**James Kennelly, Associate Professor, Management & Business**  
**Trevor Mengel '11**

*Project: Royal Dutch Shell in Ireland: The Great Corrib Gas Controversy*

**Echo Leaver, Visiting Assistant Professor, Psychology**  
**Alexandra Wennberg '10**

*Project: The Effect of Lifestyle on Cognition in Aging*

**Sylvia McDevitt, Assistant Professor, Biology**  
**Corrina Stoddart '10**

*Project: Cloning of Genes Possibly Involved in Copper and Silver Resistance in Cupriavidus metallidurans CH34*

**Sylvia McDevitt, Assistant Professor, Biology**  
**Sonate Gandonu '10**

*Project: Deletion of Copper and Silver Resistance Genes in Cupriavidus metallidurans CH 34*

**Rajesh Nagarajan, Assistant Professor, Chemistry**  
**Huazhen Chen '11**

*Project: Biochemical Assay for P. aeruginosa LasI AHL Synthase*

**Thomas O'Connell, Associate Professor, Math & Computer Science**  
**Ari Morse '09**

*Project: Computational Evolution of Thought*

**Mehmet Odekon, Professor, Economics**

**Xanthe Burton '10**

**Evan Warshaw '10**

*Project: Political Economy of Global Food System*

**Bernard Possidente, Professor, Biology**

**Molly Kidder '10**

*Project: Does Genetic Rescue of Alzheimer's Normalize Biological Clock  
Function in Drosophila*

**Pushkala Prasad, Professor, Management & Business**

**Kelly Baker '10**

*Project: Surviving Public Outrage and Disapproval: Legitimation Strategies of  
Big Tobacco and the Gun Industry*

**Thomas H. Reynolds, Assistant Professor, Exercise Science**

**Maria DiSanto-Rose '11**

**Erin Merrell '10**

*Project: Effects of Aging and Isoform Specific PKB Activity on Skeletal Muscle  
Proteolysis and Muscle Mass*

**Robert Turner, Associate Professor, Government**

**Nick Hara '11**

*Project: The Politics of Sprawl in Reno, Nevada*

**Rachel Roe-Dale, Assistant Professor, Math & Computer Science**

**Emese Lipcsey-Magyar '10**

*Project: Modeling Time Dependent Electroosmotic Flow*

**Sue VanHook, Senior Teaching Associate, Biology**

**Gordon MacPherson '12**

*Project: Synthesis of Fungal Fabrics to Replace Expanded Polystyrene Foams*



### **Schupf Scholar Program**

**Thomas H. Reynolds, Assistant Professor, Exercise Science**

**Megan Gaugler '12**

*Project: The Effects of Type 2 Diabetes on PKB Signaling to Muscle Atrophy  
Related Bio-Markers*

**David Domozych, Professor, Biology**

**Korena Burgio '11**

*Project: Pectin Dynamics in the New Biological Tool Organism, Penium  
margaritaceum*

**Catherine Gibson, Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies**

**Evan Caster '11**

*Project: Linking Nitrogen and Phosphorus Uptake Through Organic Matter  
Stoichiometry in a Headwater Stream*

**Mary Odekon, Associate Professor, Physics**

**James Turner '11**

*Project: Gas and Dark Matter in Galaxies: A Dynamical Perspective*

### **Scribner-Mellon Scholar Projects**

**Sarah Goodwin, Professor, English**

**Stephen Bissonnette '12**

*Project: Researching and Planning an Intergroup Dialogue on Sexual  
Orientation and Gender Identities*

**Aiwu Zhao, Visiting Instructor, Management & Business**

**Alexander Brehm '12**

*Project: The Impacts of Cumulative Voting on the Approval of Shareholder-  
Initiated Proposals*