The College of Arts & Sciences recorded the largest enrollment gains in recent history this year, charting a remarkable increase in full-time undergraduate students at the Chicago campus. We continue to deepen our commitment to civic engagement, global understanding, student research, and community partnerships. Our mission is to provide students a comprehensive liberal arts and science undergraduate and graduate education, paired with innovative programs in such professional fields as clinical psychology, actuarial science, biotechnology, and creative writing. Our planning is guided by the twin goals of fostering academic excellence and student success.

- Enrollment increased for the seventh fall semester in a row, with a rise of 12 percent in student head count, and a rise of 19 percent in credit hours. The greatest gains were posted at the downtown campus, where the undergraduate population grew by 25 percent, with the proportion of full time equivalent enrollment up by 34 percent.

- The Roosevelt Scholars honors program enrolled 170 students. Many participated in the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, and honors students excelled in leadership activities as well as academics.

- With the publication of eight books, 70 journal articles and book chapters, and over 100 conference publications, our faculty’s scholarly productivity reached new heights. Faculty also won awards and prizes from the Fulbright Program, National Endowment for the Humanities, McCormick Tribune Foundation, American Psychological Association, National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, and Association of Writing Programs.

- The College Advisory Board met twice and successfully hosted the first annual college fundraiser, featuring Chicago Archbishop Francis Cardinal George. Monies raised were designated for the Dean’s Discretionary Fund, which provides support for faculty and student initiatives.

- We welcomed an outstanding class of new professors. The class of 2007-2008 includes:

  Biology
  Norbert Cordiero, PhD, University of Illinois-Chicago

  Creative Writing
  Scott Blackwood, MFA, Texas State University

  Mathematics
Joining us in August 2009 will be one of the largest groups ever hired at one time of new full time faculty. They include:

**Chemistry**
Sergie Rosokha, PhD, National Academy of Sciences, Kiev

**Computer Science & Telecommunications**
Michael Ruth, PhD, University of New Orleans

**English**
Mairin Barney, MA, Northern Arizona University
Ji-Hyae Park, PhD, University of Michigan
Matt Pavesich, PhD, University of Illinois-Chicago
Amanda Wornhoff, MA, Roosevelt University

**History**
Nicole Anderson-Cobb, PhD, University of Illinois
Fabricio Prado, PhD, Emory University

**Journalism**
Billy Montgomery, MA, Roosevelt

**Mathematics**
Jie Yu, PhD, University of Georgia
Melanie Pivarski, PhD, Cornell University
Cathy Evins, MA, Georgia State University
MA, DePaul University

**Psychology**
Jill Coleman, PhD, University of Illinois
Kimberly Dienes, PhD, UCLA
Robyn Oliver, PhD, University of Pennsylvania
Eliza Wicher, PhD, Wayne State University

**Sociology**
Stephanie Farmer, PhD, Binghamton University

Joining us in visiting positions for the year will be:

**Anthropology**
Christine Malcolm, MA, University of Chicago

**Biochemistry**
Shara Compton, PhD, University of California-Davis

**Political Science**
Mark Kaplinsky, JD, Tulane University

**Sociology**
Laurie Cooper Stoll, MA, Loyola University
Leaving the university are Karen Cullota (Journalism), Cherise Harris (Sociology), Jim McHugh (Political Science), Ben-Roy Do (Psychology), and Sandra Benedet (Spanish). We wish them well in their future endeavors.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Through the work of the Mansfield Institute for Social Justice and Transformation the University expanded service-learning opportunities for Roosevelt students, sponsored by donations from the Mansfield Foundation and the Illinois Campus Compact. Examples include a writing course that created public service announcements, and classes focused on public housing garden projects, youth violence, and web site development for non-profit agencies. Professor Kelly Wentz-Hunter’s Cancer Biology course formed a student chapter of the American Cancer Society’s Colleges Against Cancer.

International study programs continued to develop. The College offered “study abroad” courses where students took classes in Chicago that included spring break trips to China and London. The London trip was part of a class in urban human rights supported in part by the newly established Loundy Human Rights Project. The University also signed an agreement with Hebei North University in China to establish an articulation agreement for computer science majors; three more students arrived to study computer science through our partnership with Shijiazhuang Post and Telecommunication Technical College, also in China.

The College funded the revival of the student-run radio station -- WRBC-The Blaze -- which was re-launched in January after five years off the air, largely thanks to the efforts of journalism student Ashley Mouldon. The station is now streaming live on the Internet 24 hours a day. In the first three months, the station reported listeners from as far away as Florida, California, Washington, Canada, Mexico, England and Singapore. (See www.roosevelt.edu/wrbc/) 

The Department of Computer Science & Information Technology piloted the use of the teaching tool Elluminate to improve student’s learning experiences in courses teleconferenced between our two campuses.

ENROLLMENT

The College of Arts & Sciences taught nearly 3,000 undergraduate and graduate majors this past fall – the largest number in the past decade. We have gained 22 percent in headcount over the past five years, and 30 percent in credit hours taught.

The largest numbers of majors in undergraduate programs study Psychology, Biology & Allied Health, Communication, Political Science & International Studies, and English. The largest graduate programs include Psychology, Integrated Marketing Communication, Public Administration, and Biotechnology & Chemical Science.
FUNDRAISING, ALUMNI, AND EXTERNAL SUPPORT

The Senior Director of Development for the College, Dolores Metzger, visited with alumni, students and donors, tended gift agreements and special events, and oversaw the activities of the College Advisory Board. Vice Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate School Janett Trubatch, along with Paula Carlin, Director of Foundations and Corporations, worked successfully with faculty to increase grant activity. As a result of their efforts, the College received grants and donations of over $2 million this year. These gifts included the following highlights:

- The National Science Foundation awarded a five-year STEP grant of $967,000 to Roosevelt and Harold Washington College to fund efforts to increase the participation of students in math, science and technology. This grant was initiated this past summer with a math enrichment camp for Roosevelt students.
- The National Institutes of Health awarded Roosevelt and Elgin Community College a $891,000 bridges grant to encourage more minority students to prepare for sciences and health careers.
- Graduate Lawrence Heltern pledged an unrestricted bequest of $100,000.
- The Department of Communication was awarded a two-year $100,000 grant from the McCormick Foundation to continue the high school journalism project directed by Professor Linda Jones.
- The Institute for Metropolitan Affairs, directed by Kathy Kane-Willis, received over $90,000 in foundation grants to support research into drug policy.
- The Mansfield Institute for Social Justice and Transformation, led by sociology professor Heather Dalmage, was awarded $50,000 from the Albert and Anne Mansfield Foundation to enhance service-learning education.
- The Jack Miller Center donated $50,000 as a challenge grant to support the Montesquieu Forum led by Professor Stuart Warner.
- Alumnus and CAS Advisory Board member Joe Loundy donated $34,000 to further support the activities of the Joseph Loundy Human Rights Project, directed by Professor Bethany Barrett.
- The Max Goldenberg Foundation approved $24,000 to purchase science software.
- The CNA Foundation awarded $3,000 in support of the Actuarial Science program.
- Economics Professor Samuel Rosenberg received funding from the Institute for Latino Studies, University of Notre Dame, for a study of Latino engagement and mobility in the Chicago metropolitan labor force.
- Advisory Board members donated funds in support of the Dean’s Discretionary Fund, scholarships, and the Gage Gallery.
FACULTY NEWS

CAS faculty published 70 journal articles and book chapters, participated in over 100 academic conferences in the U.S. and abroad (including meetings in Venezuela, South Africa, Beijing, Canada, and Japan), produced book reviews, encyclopedia articles, newspaper, radio and television interviews, poetry and performances, exhibitions and catalogs, and eight books. These include:

- Marian Azzaro (co-editor), *Building Customer-Brand Relationships* (M.E. Sharpe)
- Scott Blackwood, *We Agreed to Meet Just Here* (New Issues Press) (novel)
- Mickey Brazeal, *RFID: Improving the Customer Experience* (Paramount)
- Regina Buccola, *Conjuring* (Finishing Line Press) (poetry)
- James Choca (co-author), *The Computer Category Test* (3rd edition)
- James McHugh (editor), *Jeremy Bentham, Rationale of Punishment* (Prometheus Books)
- Svetozar Minkov (co-editor), *Man and His Enemies* (Bialystok University Press)

Other highlights include:

Faculty on research leave were Christian Erickson (Political Science), Peter Fallon (Communications), Erik Gellman (History), Michael Maly (Sociology), Svetozar Minkov (Philosophy), Ozgur Orhangazi (Economics), Priscilla Perkins (English), and Margaret Rung (History). Awarded research leaves for next year are Regina Buccola (English), Jim Choca (Psychology), Heather Dalmage (Sociology), Bonnie Gunzenhauser (English), David Szpunar (Chemistry), Kelly Wentz-Hunter (Biology), and Janet Wondra (English).

Kelly Wentz-Hunter (Biology) received the Roosevelt University Employee Recognition Award for Outstanding Service. Adjunct professors David Howe (Chemistry) and Jacqueline Trussell (Sociology) received Excellence in Teaching Awards.
Mickey Brazeal (Integrated Marketing Communication), La Vonne Downey (Public Administration), and Cami McBride (Psychology) were promoted to Associate Professor with tenure. Associate Professor Chris Chulos (History) was granted tenure.

Anne-Marie Cusac (Journalism), Erik Gellman (History), Barbara Gonzalez (Mathematics), Ozgur Orhangazi (Economics), David Szpunar (Chemistry), Kelly Wentz-Hunter (Biology), and Lin Ye (Public Administration) were awarded second three-year contracts.

Associate Professor Linda Jones (Journalism) was appointed Associate Graduate Dean.

We are proud to report national and regional recognition accorded our faculty. Among these are:

- Scott Blackwood (Creative Writing) won the annual best book prize from the Association of Writing Programs.

- Heather Dalmage (Sociology) was awarded a Fulbright Scholar Award and spent Spring Semester 2009 at the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal in South Africa.

- Pamela Davies (Communication) was awarded a fellowship to participate in the Indiana University School of Journalism Teaching Fellows program.

- John Fountain (Journalism) was selected as a Fellow of the University of California-Berkeley Multimedia Reporting and Convergence Program.

- Larry Howe (English) co-taught the Newberry Library Undergraduate Seminar this spring, a program for honors students from Roosevelt, UIC, DePaul, and Loyola.

- Steven Meyers (Psychology) received the 2009 Action Teaching Award from the Social Psychology Network of the American Psychology Association.

- Svetozar Minkov (Philosophy) was appointed Visiting Fellow of Philosophy at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology during spring 2009. He was also awarded a grant from the “Enduring Questions” initiative of the National Endowment of the Humanities to develop a course on happiness.

- Ozgur Orhangazi (Economics) was appointed Visiting Scholar at the Venezuelan Central Bank.

- Sam Rosenberg (Economics) was the only invited U.S. speaker to present at the Japan Institute for Labour Policy and Training Conference in Tokyo in January 2009.
• Margaret Rung (History) was interviewed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation about FDR’s and Obama’s first 100 days in office.

• Mary Ellen Schiller (Communication) has been awarded a Fulbright Award to teach at the University of Lodz in Poland during Spring Semester 2010.

• Robert Seiser (Biology) was named a SENCER Leadership Fellow by the National Center for Science and Civic Engagement.

• Janet Wondra (English) was awarded a 2009 Ragdale Foundation Artist’s Fellowship to work on her creative nonfiction.

STUDENTS

During the past year some 35 Arts and Sciences students studied abroad, in Costa Rica, France, the United Kingdom, Argentina, Thailand, Italy, China, and Guatemala.

Our students presented their research at professional conferences including the Popular Culture Association, National Women’s Studies Association, American Psychological Association, Argonne National Labs, International Neuropsychological Society, Midwest Psychological Association, American Society for Cell Biology, and UCLA.

Alex Limenowski was chosen from among hundreds of applicants to receive a full multi-year fellowship to work on a doctorate in philosophy at Tulane University. English student Aaron Corn received a full scholarship to Indiana University law school. Students were accepted into law, medical, pharmacy, and dental schools, such as Case Western, Illinois, and Midwestern Medical School, and to graduate programs at the University of Washington, UIC, Bowling Green, Syracuse University, Johns Hopkins University, Florida State University, Northwestern University, the University of New Hampshire, Loyola University, Notre Dame, the University of Arizona, the New School, and not least, into the Peace Corps.

PsyD student Joanna Thome won the 2009 American Psychological Foundation national grant for her dissertation that will analyze same-sex partners who seek to adopt. PsyD student Kyle Kittleson won the 2009 national GLB Student award from the National Council of Schools of Professional Psychology. We had a 100 percent match rate for our PsyD students who have pre-doctoral internships in such places as the Indian Health Board in Minneapolis, Southern Illinois University Counseling Center, Federal Correctional Complex in North Carolina, and Citrus Health Network in Miami. The national match rate was 72 percent.

Student journalists on the university newspaper – The Torch – took three awards at the Illinois College Press Association competition, including a first place award in photography for Communications major Christina Bruzek, second place for headline writing for Alex Hernandez, and third place for front page layout for Tyler Tessman.
Sixteen actuarial science students passed a total of 18 national certifying exams.

Twelve undergraduates were inducted into the Kappa Chi chapter of Lambda Pi Eta, the national Communications honor society. Fourteen students were inducted into Alpha Kappa Delta, the international honor society for Sociology. Students were also inducted into Psi Chi (the psychology honorary society) and Phi Alpha Theta (the history honorary society).

The Women’s and Gender Studies Program sponsored or co-sponsored a number of student events including “Integrating Feminism in the Non-Profit World,” the “Third Annual Feminist and Queer literary Reading,” and, with the Chicago Area WGS Consortium, “Using Difficult Dialogues to Identify Silences, Build Coalitions, and Enact Transformation.”

The Roosevelt University Computer Association sponsored a number of student events, including the Chicago New Media Summit and the Rapid Response Team for Obama America.

Our students won internships at a multitude of sites; the Department of Communication alone placed 90 students in for-credit internships during the year. Internship sites included the Gene Siskel Film Center, Du Sable Museum, San Jose Group (multicultural marketing), Chicago Storm Indoor Soccer Team, Chicago Children’s Advocacy Center, Museum of Contemporary Art, Auditorium Theatre, Chicago International Film Festival, WGN-TV, Coventry Insurance, Allied Benefit Systems, and the Field Museum of Natural History. Political Science major Gabrielle Worley interned at the Democratic National Convention last summer.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The College co-sponsored numerous lectures, workshops, meetings and other events, with the goal of enhancing academic programs and reaching out to the community.

The Gage Gallery hosted two major photography exhibitions: “War is Only Half the Story: The Aftermath Project,” and “Nina Berman: Homeland Photos of American Life after 9-11.” Both shows were well attended and received extensive press coverage, including from National Public Radio, the Chicago Tribune, and Chicago Sun Times.

Science Day was held on both campuses, featuring presentations on topics including medicine in underserved communities, immunology, personality disorders, primary medical care, nanomedicines, and science in the parks.

The MFA creative writing program brought poets, screenwriters, playwrights, editors, novelists and non-fiction writers to campus, including Yaphet Smith, Kathryn Lang, Miles Harvey, and Janet Burroway. The program sponsored the national meeting of the
Association of Writing Programs, which this year featured the graphic novelist Art Spiegelman. Our literary journal, the Oyez Review, was launched with readings at Quimby’s Bookstore and 57th Street Books.

Speakers visiting Arts and Sciences classes or presenting lectures included University of Chicago economist Arnold Zellner, urban gang expert John Hegedorn, Bloomberg News correspondent Mario Parker, Washington Post reporter Hamil Harris, several scientists from the Lincoln Park Zoo, and many others. The College also hosted meetings of the Chicago Art Deco Society, the Labor and Working Class History Association Conference, the Chicago Chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery, and the Newberry Conference on Labor History Across the Americas. Our faculty also provided academic support for the Chicago debut of Toni Morrison and Richard Danielpour’s opera about a fugitive slave, Margaret Garner, at the Auditorium Theater.

The Center for New Deal Studies presented a lecture by William Leuchtenburg, Professor Emeritus, University of North Carolina, on the topic of “The FDR Coalition: 1936-2008.” The Center also introduced a new database featuring photographs of our Roosevelt archives, funded by the Illinois State Library, and hosted events celebrating the 75th anniversary of the New Deal and the 60th anniversary of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The St Clair Drake Center for African and African-American Studies sponsored the Black Graduate Student Union, and hosted programs on the 2008 Presidential election.

The Mansfield Institute for Social Justice and Transformation continued the One Book/One University project with a lecture by national political columnist Katha Pollit, hosted a Crime and Social Justice Lecture Series, and co-sponsored a student research conference, “Social Justice in a Changing World,” with over 30 student presenters coming from close to home in Chicago and from as far away as Uganda and Puerto Rico. The Institute for Metropolitan Affairs continued to focus on drug policy, and also collaborated on a report on the Employment of Persons with Previous Criminal Convictions which generated over 18 bills in the state legislature. Six students received publication credit on IMA research reports. The newly funded Joseph Loundy Human Rights Project hosted a speaker series on “Criminal InJustice”(with the Mansfield Institute) bringing lecturers to campus including Israeli human rights lawyer Sharon Sionov and a panel discussion on the John Burge police torture case. The Project also sponsored the Second Annual Chicago Conference on Human Rights.

The Montesquieu Forum brought speakers from Tulane University, Mercer College, and the University of Toronto in a series on the American founding, and co-hosted a conference on “Tocqueville and the Frontiers of Democracy” with the University of Chicago. The Institute for Politics published an analysis of the 2008 Presidential election and hosted a seminar on state budgets.

Summer programs in 2009 included the Summer Biotech Institute for high school juniors and seniors, Chicago Metro History Education Center workshops for high school teachers, RU Glamorous summer science camp for middle school girls, the NSF-co-

Upcoming events this next academic year will include two major shows in the Gage Gallery – Violent Realities: Photographs by Jon Lowenstein and Carlos Javier Ortiz (September-January 2010) and Eugene Richards: A Procession of Them (February-May 2010). The Loundy Human Rights project will host the first collaborative International Human Rights conference next summer. In November the Institute for Politics will present the third annual Franks Seminar on the topic of the 2010 Illinois Primary and General Election.

GOALS FOR NEXT YEAR

During the coming year we plan to:

- Continue to grow enrollments, provide adequate class scheduling to meet the needs of the increasing numbers of daytime students, and provide more class coverage by full-time professors.

- Continue international collaborations, including providing the Executive Masters of Public Administration degree to a second cohort of students from the Beijing Statistical Bureau, developing new programs with Chinese universities in computer science and economics, and expanding our partnership with London Metropolitan University to include joint graduate degrees.

- Continue to revise the curriculum, including developing on-line programs in program evaluation and urban policy. We will be working on collaborations with the new pharmacy program at Schaumburg campus, and plan to develop a five-year BS/MA in biology. We are also developing a new PhD program in Industrial Organizational Psychology at the Schaumburg campus. We will continue to sharpen the focus of our offerings on both campuses, and complete our proposed revision of the general education core courses.

- Broaden fund-raising efforts and alumni development in support of academic programs and scholarships.

- Conduct program reviews for the Department of Economics and the Department of Biological, Chemical and Physical Sciences.
For many more details, please see the individual reports posted on department and program websites at www.roosevelt.edu/cas.

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