Dean’s Report

May 2010-May 2011

The College of Arts & Sciences is happy to report on another year of extraordinary achievement by our faculty and students. 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 sciences undergraduate and graduate education, along with innovative programs in professional fields such as clinical psychology, actuarial science, marketing communication, and biotechnology.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The trend of increasing student enrollments downtown, and decreasing enrollments at the Schaumburg Campus, continued. Downtown undergraduate headcount grew nearly two per cent, and has increased 40% since 2006. The proportion of Arts and Sciences students studying downtown grew from 64% in 2006 to 80% in 2010.

- The Creative Writing MFA program won an award from the British Council to enable a writing class held with students from both Roosevelt University and London Metropolitan University in summer, 2011.

- Student research accelerated, with numerous on-campus student conferences highlighting student work, funding for student travel to academic meetings, publication of student and faculty research, and growing undergraduate and graduate research opportunities.

- The College sponsored a host of professional and scholarly meetings, including the Society for Community Research and Action, Talent Sparks (biotechnology training for high school teachers), McCormick Foundation High School Media Awards competition, the Rio de La Plata Working Group, and many more.

- Initiatives in the STEM fields of math and science included summer camps, faculty involvement in the federal NSF/SENCER program, and the continued bridge programs with Harold Washington College and Elgin Community College, funded by the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation.
• Faculty published 67 chapters and articles, and 8 books, and presented their research at over 200 conferences in the U.S. and around the world.

• Fulbright Scholar Richard Ballard – an expert in the subject of race and urban change -- visited the sociology department in the fall semester from the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa. Fulbright scholar Gabriel Di Meglio from the Universidade de Buenos Aires visited the history department’s annual “Rio de la Plata” workshop on Latin American Studies. Professor Sara Perez, from The Universidad Complutense in Madrid visited the psychology department this summer.

• We welcomed a talented new group of professors. The class of 2010-2011 includes:

  **Biology**  
  Neil Voss, Yale University

  **Communication**  
  Jiwon Yoon, Temple University

  **English**  
  Sheldon Walcher, University of Utah

  **Environmental Science**  
  Aaron Shoult-Wilson, University of Georgia

  **Mathematics**  
  Wilfredo Urbina-Romero, University of Minnesota

  **Political Science**  
  David Faris, University of Pennsylvania  
  Naser Javaid, Stony Brook University

  **Psychology**  
  Shari Berkowitz, University of California-Irvine  
  Jacqueline Deuling, Wayne State University  
  Guy DiSpigno, Northwestern University  
  Amy Roberts, University of California-Santa Cruz  
  Adrian Thomas, Georgia Institute of Technology

  **Public Administration**  
  Jeanine Love, George Washington University

  **Sociology**  
  Alfred DeFreece, University of Michigan

Michael Newsom, University of Chicago, also joined the College as our new science laboratory manager on the Chicago Campus.

Leaving the University are Ted Gross (President Emeritus and Professor of English), Pamela Davies (Communication), Nicole Gravina (Psychology), Matt Pavesich (English), and Eliza Wicher (Psychology). Moving from the College to the Provost’s office is Kimberly Ruffin (English) for a post as Interim Associate Provost for Research and Graduate Studies. Finally, also leaving is Senior Director of Development Dolores Metzger.
This coming fall our new professors include:

*Creative Writing*
Kyle Beachy, School of the Art Institute

*Psychology*
Melissa Sisco, University of Arizona
Thomas Farmer, Roosevelt University

We also have a new visiting postdoctoral teaching fellow in the Department of Biological, Chemical and Physical Sciences: Dr. Vania DePaoli, who holds a Phd in chemistry from the University of Sao Paolo in Brazil.

And finally we welcome Kathleen Rooney, poet, creative nonfiction writer, and co-founder of the Rose Metal Press, as Writer-in-Residence for the MFA program.

**ENROLLMENT**

The trend towards rising undergraduate enrollment at the downtown campus continued. New freshmen in the college have risen by 186% since 2000. At the same time, the average ACT score has grown from 20.1 in 2010 to 22.4 last fall (The average score in Illinois was 20.7 in 2010). Average class size continued to rise, from 19.8 in Fall 2009 to 21.4 in 2010. The proportion of Arts and Sciences classes taught by full time faculty also has increased to 53% (an increase of 15% since last year, and an increase of 47% since 2000-01.) Growing programs include the PsyD, Integrated Marketing Communication, Mathematics and Actuarial Science, Social Justice Studies, and Sociology.

**CURRICULUM**

A number of initiatives in curriculum took place this past year.

A doctoral program in Industrial-Organizational Psychology was developed under the leadership of Psychology Professor Adrian Thomas and at this writing is in the middle of the accreditation process with the Higher Learning Commission.

An international study agreement was initiated with Sussex University (in history) and a renewed agreement in computer science was signed with Shijiazhuang Post and Telecommunications College in China. 65 students took study abroad courses with course work in Chicago and visits to China, France, London, Guatemala, Uruguay, and Argentina. Economics major Max Morrison was accepted as the inaugural exchange student at the Economic University of Krakow, Poland.

A new agreement was signed with John Marshall Law School to enable a joint BA-JD degree and also a joint Master of Public Administration-JD degree (pending Higher Learning Commission approval). This summer 11 students were invited to participate in a John Marshall pre-law camp.
We renewed a clinical affiliation agreement with Hines Veterans Hospital in Maywood, which accepted three Roosevelt students this summer to begin allied health training in Nuclear Medicine Technology. We now have clinical affiliations with Hines, North Shore (Evanston), Rush, and Northwestern Hospitals.

The Writing Center continued to expand, with a 91% increase in student use since 2008-2009 and over 1,500 tutoring sessions this academic year. Writing Center tutors also traveled each week to the Social Justice High School in Little Village to work with students there, and this fall will establish a “Roosevelt University Writing Center” at the high school campus.

A new course on museum studies was held at the Field Museum of Natural History, where two students were also offered summer 2011 internships.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education approved a minor in Hispanic studies.

The core general education program revision was completed, and is now being scheduled for a fall 2011 start for the first year seminar, and a spring 2012 start for the “Primary Text” course.

Program review was conducted in Sociology and the undergraduate program in Psychology.

**FUNDRAISING**

Guided by Senior Director of Development Dolores Metzger, the College received grants and donations of over $5 million from 2008 through summer 2011. The College Advisory Board met twice, and alumni groups were formed in Chicago, Florida, New York and elsewhere throughout the U.S.

Highlights of this year’s donations include:

- The British Council awarded the creative writing program 20,000 British pounds to support a partnership program with London Metropolitan University, enabling students from each campus to travel for a joint summer 2011 course.

- The Institute for Metropolitan Affair’s Illinois Consortium on Drug Policy received awards from the Robert Crown Center for Health Education, and from the Chicago Community Trust.

- The Max Goldenberg Foundation awarded $20,000 to the science programs for installation of an electron paramagnetic resonance spectrometer.

- Presidential Writer-in-Residence Charles Madigan was awarded funds from the McCormick Tribune Foundation to support the publication of a book by students in his course on political rhetoric: *Mad Tea: The 2010 Midterm Election*.

- Advisory Board Vice Chair Joseph Loundy (BA, 66) continued his support of the Joseph Loundy Human Rights Project with a $100,000 gift for 2011 through 2013.
The Jack Miller Center awarded $65,000 for the High School Teachers Summer Academy, and $10,000 for a student essay contest.

The Mansfield Foundation awarded $75,000 to the Mansfield Institute for service learning education, and for the Hopmayer Scholar-Activist Workshop.

Individual donors provided some $25,000 to the Dean’s Fund for Excellence, departmental chair’s funds, the campaign and scholarships. The Dean’s Fund was used to support student research and travel, faculty travel, and special events.

FACULTY

Our faculty continues to be productive in their disciplines, publishing 67 journal articles and book chapters, and presenting 212 conference papers. They served on 47 editorial and professional society boards, reviewed papers, and were interviewed in the media. They also won 21 grants and awards and published 8 books. These include:

Priscilla Archibald
*Imagining Modernity in the Andes* (Bucknell U Press 2011)

Anne Marie Cusac

Heather Dalmage
*Race in An Era of Change: A Reader* (Oxford U Press 2010)

John Fountain
*Dear Dad: Reflections on Fatherhood* (Westside Press 2011)

Bonnie Gunzenhauser
*Reading in History: New Methodologies from the Anglo-American Tradition* (Pickering & Chatto 2010)

Svetozar Minkov
*Francis Bacon’s ‘Inquiry Touching Human Nature’: Virtue, Philosophy, and the Relief of Man’s Estate* (Lexington 2010)


Kimberly Ruffin
Professors on research leave were Bethany Barrett (Political Science), Larry Howe (English), Tasneem Islam (Chemistry), and Marjorie Jolles (Women’s and Gender Studies). Awarded leaves for next year are Scott Blackwood (Creative Writing), Sathees Chandra (Biology), Norbert Cordeiro (Biology), LaVonne Downey (Public Administration), Lawrence Fisher (Integrated Marketing Communication), John Fountain (Journalism), Jie Yu (Mathematics) and Steve Ziliak (Economics).

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

- MFA director and Assistant Professor of English Scott Blackwood was Distinguished Writer-in Residence at Wichita State University during fall semester 2010. He was also one of four finalists for the 2010 PEN USA Award in fiction.

- Associate Professor of English Regina Buccola was named the Chicago Shakespeare Theatre Scholar-in-Residence.

- Associate Professor of History Chris Chulos was named a Short-term Scholar at the Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

- Associate Professor of Biology Norbert Cordiero received grants for his research in forest regeneration and bird conservation from the Rainforest Conservation Fund, Bird Life International, and Council for Africa. He has also been named a Species Guardian by Bird Life International.

- Assistant Professor of Political Science David Faris was recognized for his timely work on Egyptian politics and social media with an article in the Christian Science Monitor, interview on NPR, and an invited talk at the U.S. Naval Academy.

- Journalism Professor John Fountain won the Peter Lisagor Award for Exemplary Journalism for his columns in the Chicago Sun Times.

- Associate Professor of Journalism Peter Fallon received the 2010 Lewis Mumford Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Technology for his 2009 publication, The Metaphysics of Media. He continued as editor of the journal Explorations in Media Ecology.

- Professor of Policy Studies Paul Green has been elected Chair of the City Club of Chicago. He also this year published articles in the Chicago Sun Times, Chicago Tribune, Daily Herald, and Crain’s Chicago Business, and was a political analyst for WGN Radio.

- Chicago Magazine interviewed Associate Professor of Economics June Lapidus as one of four economists surveyed in their article “40 Reasons to Love Chicago” (December 2010).

- Presidential Writer-in-Residence Charles Madigan continued to write op-ed columns for the Chicago Tribune, and wrote the lead article for the Christian Science Monitor on Chicago’s mayors, the day Rahm Emanuel was sworn in as Chicago’s newest mayor.
• Associate Professor of Economics Ozgur Orhangazi was awarded a fellowship from the Turkish Sciences Academy, funded by the European Union.

• Assistant Professor of Chemistry Tasneem Islam was the keynote speaker at a seminar at ASA University of Bangladesh.

• Assistant Professor of Women’s and Gender Studies Marjorie Jolles provided commentary on Oprah Winfrey’s retirement for the Washington Post and Australia’s The World Today.

• Assistant Professor of Mathematics Melanie Pivarski was named a SENCER Leadership Fellow, and also a Project NExT Fellow of the Mathematical Association of America.

• MFA Instructor Peggy Shinner was a finalist for a PEN emerging Writer Award.

• Associate Professor of English & Film Studies Janet Wondra was awarded an Artists Residency at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, and also won two prizes for poetry from the Ina Coolbrith Circle – the oldest poetry organization in California.

• Professor of Economics Steve Ziliak’s research on statistical significance in a recent U.S. Supreme Court case was featured at the annual meeting of the American Statistical Association.

Also, hot off the press are awards this summer to two faculty:

• Jacqueline Deuling, Assistant Professor of Psychology, had an article on work-family conflict models selected as one of the top 20 articles in 2010 by the Rosabeth Moss Kanter Award for Excellence in Work-Family Research.

• Steven Meyers, Professor of Psychology, has been elected a Fellow of the Society of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology.

STUDENTS

Our students presented their research at professional meetings hosted by such groups as the American Psychological Association, American Society for Cell Biology, Argonne Undergraduate Symposium, Society for Industrial Organizational Psychology, National Association of Neuropsychology, and the Popular Culture Association. Many were co-authors with their professors on conference and journal papers.

Student research was also presented on campus at such events as Brain Awareness Week, the Women’s and Gender Studies Undergraduate Symposium, Science and Math Research Symposium, Math X-Position, and the Third Annual Undergraduate and Graduate Student Social Justice Conference.
13 PsyD students successfully matched with internship placements at such sites as the Navy Medical Center, University of Florida Health Sciences Center, Iowa State University Counseling Center, and Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. We had a match rate this year of 93%, compared to the national average of 79%.

In addition, the Psychology department placed 62 clinical MA and 54 PsyD students with community training partners for the upcoming year. These students will be training in clinical assessment and therapy in settings including community mental health centers, neuropsychology units in hospitals, university counseling centers, and psychiatric hospitals—meeting the mental health needs of thousands of underserved people in the Chicago area.

The student-run radio station – WRBC-The Blaze – completed its second year on the air with more than 19,000 listeners worldwide. Thirty-two students acted as DJ’s or radio commentators.

13 mathematics students passed the competitive actuary exams.

Other examples of student achievements include:

- Renee Farwell (Sociology 2011) was recognized by the Clinton Global Initiative in Washington, D.C for her work founding a school in Ghana.

- Economics undergraduate Michelle Fashandi received a full scholarship for summer study at the selective Arabic Persian Turkish Language Immersion Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.


- Zachary Kremian (BA journalism 2010) was named a finalist from among 3,500 entries in the nationwide Photographer’s Forum competition.

- PsyD student Vanessa Salvato presented a poster at the International Conference on Child and Adolescent Psychopathology in London.

- Garret Sweetwood (Biology 2012) has illustrated a scientific article on Ascospores – a result of his internship at the Field Museum of Natural History.

Student clubs and honorary societies included the Actuarial Club, Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society, Math Club, Philosophy Club, Pre-law Club, Psi Chi Psychology Honors Society, Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honors Society, and the Kappa Chi chapter of the National Communications Honors Society.

Roosevelt University students founded a new chapter of the Roosevelt Institute’s Campus Network, joining some 80 universities around the nation that encourage student activism and political engagement.
Our students held internships at a multitude of sites, including the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, Planned Parenthood of America, the City of Chicago Department of Family & Support Services, Adler Planetarium, The Art Institute of Chicago, MTV network, the Poetry Foundation, Federal Reserve Bank, Illinois Holocaust Museum, Pritzker Military Museum, Weiss Hospital, WBBM CBS Radio, and many more.

And the success of our students continues after graduation. Here is just a sample

Rasheed Sanyaolu was accepted at the UIC College of Medicine, Johara Veal and Michael Boyd were awarded Baxter Minority Fellowships to attend the International BIO Conference, Michael Lovda was accepted at the University of Oklahoma Dental School, Gregory Kozeny at the Roosevelt Pharmacy School, Rita Svendsen at the Rosalind Franklin Pharmacy School, Andrew Baker to the PhD program in biology at Loyola, and Rafeda Khan to several pharmacy schools. Jennifer Short (MS journalism 2011) is a writer for Real Chicago Magazine, Stephen Franklin won a full scholarship to Kent College of Law, Amanda Fisher (BA Math, 2011) has been accepted into the PhD program in Learning Sciences at UIC, and Kenisha Staine (BA Math 2011) has been offered an internship with the Department of Commerce.

Caitlin Archer-Helke received full funding for doctoral studies in Spanish at Indiana University. Raji Shyam was accepted with a full tuition scholarship to the PhD program in biology at the University of Utah. Liam Lair (MA WGST 2010) will begin the PhD program in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies at the University of Kansas, Mario Perez will begin the MFA program at George Mason University, Kyle Garmes (MS Journalism 2010) reports on sports for The Daily Journal in Chicago, Megan Green (MS journalism 2010) is an editorial recruiter for Groupon, and Megan Lee Craig (BA Journalism 2007) is now a metro reporter for the Chicago Tribune.

From the IMC program Dana Huestis (MS 2009) works at the RBC Royal Bank in Toronto, Brian Litke (MS 2010) for Groupon, and Stacie Manes (BA 2010) is Research Analyst and Media Planner with Trungale, Egan and Associates in Denver.

Ricardo Trachtman (BS Mathematics, 2002) has been named a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries. Elizabeth Ricks (MA WGST 2006 earned her JD at DePaul University and now works on the Transformative Justice Law project of Illinois.

We continue to be proud of our alumni now serving in the U.S. Congress: Rep. Mike Quigley (BA, ’81) and Rep. Bobby Rush (BGS ’74).

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

The Gage Gallery, curated by Associate Dean Mike Ensdorf, staged two exhibitions: Crisis & Opportunity: Documenting the Global Recession, and The Working-Class Eye of Milton Rogovin. Both shows attracted students, faculty and staff, and many visitors, as well as
tremendous press coverage, including WBEZ, NewCity Art, the New York Times, The Nation, and WTTW.

The Center for New Deal Studies, directed by Associate Professor of History Margaret Rung, hosted the U.S. Surgeon General – Dr. Regina Benjamin – for the 17th Annual Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt Distinguished Lecture. Other programs this year included a presentation on the 100th anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire (and subsequent labor reform laws), and a program with the Hon. John Conyers (D-Michigan) on “the New New Deal,” as well as a symposium on Foodways During the Great Depression.

The Institute for Metropolitan Affairs, directed by Kathie Kane-Willis, provided research opportunities for students, operated the Illinois Consortium on Drug Policy, organized the Chicago “War on Drugs” rally this summer, and advocated successfully for related legislation in the State House.

The Institute for Politics was directed by Professor of Policy Studies Paul Green, who presented over 100 talks related to the Illinois elections, moderated political debates, and hosted symposia and round tables throughout the city focused on urban budgets and politics. The Institute also published voting analyses of state and local elections.

The Loundy Human Rights Project, under the leadership of Associate Professor of Political Science Bethany Barrett, sponsored a comparative social justice study-abroad course to London, established a human rights resource center, and focused a number of lectures and workshops on issues of wrongful convictions. This summer the Institute hosted the first collaborative scholarly conference on human rights, cosponsored by the American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, and Human Rights Research Committee.

The Mansfield Institute for Social Justice & Transformation, led by Professor of Sociology Heather Dalmage, organized events this year on the topic of the “Cradle to College Pipeline” that included activist training, workshops, and lectures. A highlight was the “One University-One Book” program featuring The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color Blindness, culminating with a standing-room-only lecture by author Michelle Alexander. The Institute also organized a Social Justice Summer Institute, promoted service-learning courses throughout the university, and is planning a mentoring program -- with other programs at Roosevelt -- to work in the Chicago Public Schools.

The Montesquieu Forum on Civic Education

Directed by Associate Professor of Philosophy Stuart Warner, the Forum sponsored several lectures, hosted a reading group for undergraduates, an essay contest for high school students, a summer program for high school teachers, and organized a Constitution Day lecture.

The St Clair Drake Center on African American Studies

Directed by Professor of Sociology and Education Albert Bennett, the Drake Center presented a lecture on commemorating Drake that featured University of Massachusetts Professor and RU
alumnus Dr. John Bracey, and co-hosted a presentation by the authors of *The Almighty Black P
Stone Nation*.

The calendar for next year is in process – selected events so far for 2011-12 include:

**September 12.** Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Distinguished Lecture: Dean Baker, Co-
Director of the Economic and Policy Research Center, on “The Great Recession: How
We Got Here and Prospects for Recovery.”

**September 14-October 29.** Gage Gallery exhibition: *The Innocents: Photographs by
Taryn Simon*. Opening night lecture by Rob Warden, Executive Director, Center on
Wrongful Convictions, Northwestern University, and Randy Steidl, exonerated in 2004.

**September 15.** Montesquieu Forum Constitution Day lecture: Professor William Allen,
Michigan State University, “Montesquieu’s Constitutional Legacy.”

**October 13.** Mansfield Institute Annual Lecture: Marian Wright Edelman, founder of the
Children’s Defense Fund, on the Cradle to Prison Pipeline.

**November 7.** Institute for Politics Herb & Eileen Franks Seminar: Preview of the 2012
Presidential Election.

**February–May 2012.** Gage Gallery exhibition: *Prison: Photographs by Lloyd Degrane.*

**LOOKING AHEAD TO 2011-2012**

- Implement the new general education program for undergraduates and initiate discussion
  of the next step in general education reform – evaluation of distribution requirements.

- Address enrollment concerns on both campuses through the new college retention
  committee, a heightened focus on advising and student affairs, and expanded recruiting
  efforts.

- Complete accreditation procedures for a new PhD program in Industrial-Organizational
  psychology to begin in 2012 on Schaumburg Campus, and continue activities that will
  lead to accreditation applications for public administration and journalism, and the re-
  accreditation cycle for the PsyD.

- Continue international collaborations, including providing the EMPA to a third cohort of
  students from the Beijing Statistical Bureau, expanding partnerships with universities
  abroad, and offering new study abroad opportunities.

- Plan for student and faculty space and lab allocations as the downtown campus expands
  with the Wabash Building in 2012.
Survey changing technology needs in the college and create a cloud-computing lab at Schaumburg campus.

We thank the faculty and staff for their dedication to our students and their hard work this year as the College continues to grow and respond to the challenges of university-wide expansion. For many more details, please see the individual reports posted on department and program websites at www.roosevelt.edu/cas.

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