Dean's Report

May 2012 - May 2013

The College of Arts & Sciences reports another year of excellent achievement by faculty, staff 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, paired with innovative programs in professional fields such as clinical psychology, actuarial science, integrated marketing communications, and biotechnology.

After 12 wonderful years as Dean I am stepping down to become University Historian. The growth in college enrollment, numbers of full-time faculty, academic quality, and student/faculty success over the past decade has been gratifying. Above all I believe that the commitment and talent of the faculty and staff will continue to secure a successful future for continuing generations of students.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Psychology department reports an extraordinary year. The first class in our new PhD in Industrial-Organizational Psychology matriculated at the Schaumburg campus in Fall 2012. In Chicago, the PsyD program was awarded full accreditation until 2019 from the American Psychological Association, and a new masters degree in Clinical Psychology (Counseling Practice) was initiated.

- College events, faculty accomplishments, gallery exhibitions, student achievements, and courses received a multitude of notices during 2012-13 in various media outlets, including CNN, WTTW, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Chicago Sun-Times*, the *New York Times*, and more.

- College outreach included sponsorship of three student research conferences, a summer bridge program for incoming freshmen, the National Student Leadership Conference, and a summer Math and Chemistry Camp. We co-sponsored numerous meetings bringing professionals and scholars to campus, including the Association of Writers and Writing Programs, the International Association of Black Actuaries, high school science and history teacher training, and the Illinois chapter of the Mathematical Association of America.

- Faculty published 87 book chapters and journal articles and 10 books, and presented their research at over 96 conferences in the U.S. and around the world.

- The work of the Mansfield Institute for Social Justice and Transformation was recognized with a 2012 Higher Education Civic Engagement Award by the Washington Center, citing dramatic growth in service learning and community engagement.

- Almost complete at this writing are new student exchange/study abroad agreements with Tilburg University (The Netherlands) and the University of Sydney (Australia). An exchange has also been finalized with Kadir Has University in Istanbul (Turkey).

- Study Abroad classes continued, with faculty taking students to learning about ecology in Tanzania, history in Scandinavia, and marketing communication in Madrid.

- We welcomed several new faculty and staff members to the College:

  Creative Writing & English
  Peggy Shinner, Warren Wilson College (visiting)
  Chemistry
  Laura Kopff, University of Wisconsin (visiting)
  Composition
  Melissa Walker, School of the Art Institute (visiting)
  Psychology
  Joseph Mazzola, University of South Florida

Retiring are Jonathan Green (Biology), Andy Carter (Mathematics), Leo Vinakos (Computer Science) and David White (Physics). Resigning for other opportunities are Scott Blackwood (Creative Writing), Ozgur Orhangazi (Economics) and Vanya DePaolo (sciences).

We have had a very successful recruiting year and will welcome the following new professors in Fall 2013:

Biology
Susan Weiner, PhD, Tufts University
Chemistry
Laura Kopff, PhD, University of Wisconsin (visiting)
Communication
Alecia Dantico, MA, Colorado/UIC (visiting)
Composition
Melissa Walker, MFA, School of the Art Institute

Creative Writing
Christian TeBordo, MFA, Syracuse
Economics
Josh Mason, PhD, University of Massachusetts-Amherst
History
Carmen Kordick, PhD, Yale University
Mathematics
WanWan Huang, PhD, Florida State University
Physics
Brent Barker, PhD, Michigan State University (visiting)
Political Science
Philip Hulquist, PhD, University of New Mexico
Psychology
Sarah Elliott, PhD, University of California-Davis

ENROLLMENT

College headcounts fell, according to Fall 2012 numbers, by 3.7 %, reflecting the general downturn in university enrollment. But bright spots remain -- full time undergraduate enrollments grew significantly in Chicago. Biology undergraduates increased to the highest number in memory - 273 - a remarkable 30 % increase since last fall. Communications undergraduates (media studies, journalism, and communications), increased by 6 %, and clinical psychology graduate students increased by 8 %. The College will continue to work with the Office of the Provost on strategies for improving both retention and enrollment of new students. This past year we launched a dean and faculty mail, phone and email campaign to encourage continuing students to register, and to welcome those newly admitted . We worked with enrollment staff to develop new recruiting strategies including sending lab goggles for admitted science students and squeezable brains for admitted psychology students. We recognize the good work of our college department chairs, staff and faculty who have for the past two years become centrally engaged in the tasks of reaching out to current and prospective students, both virtually and through a slate of face-to-face events such as campus visit days and open houses.

CURRICULUM

New programs were initiated in undergraduate Media Studies, Data Analytics, graduate counseling, and a doctoral degree in Industrial Organizational Psychology. We finalized two new clinical allied health programs at Northwestern Hospital: Radiography and Sonography. Novelist China Mieville, internationally known for his award-winning speculative fiction, served as Writer-in-Residence for the MFA program in creative writing. Several innovative new courses were created by professors, such as a journalism special topics class – "Murder was the Case," taught by Professor John Fountain and resulting in a multimedia website on violence in Chicago – www.murderwasthe case.rujcp.com.

FUNDRAISING

Guided by Director of Development Andrea Adams, the College received grants, pledges and donations of nearly $400,000. The College Advisory Council met twice.

Highlights of donations include:

- The Montesquieu Forum received funding from the Jack Miller Center for a summer 2012 teachers' academy and Constitution Day lectures, funding from the Apgar Foundation to support activities in a core curriculum honors course, and funding from Alton Harris.

- The Center for New Deal Studies received a donation from Don and Susan MacLaren for the David MacLaren Memorial Book Collection.

- Drs. Joshua Freeman and Cathy Kallal donated $75,000 to endow a lecture series in memory of their son, Matthew Freeman, to the Mansfield Institute for Social Justice.

- Scholarships were established with gifts from Jim Blinder, the family of Joseph and Florence Hackman, Drs. Charles and Dona Hamilton, the estate of Douglas and Marjorie Stenerson, and Joseph Hernandez & Bernadette Ross.

- The Goldenberg Foundation awarded $24,930 to Assistant Professor of Environmental Science Aaron Shoults-Wilson for a "lake-to-lab" toxicology initiative to improve science education.

- Faculty, staff, alumi and friends contributed over $30,000 for the Dean's Fund for Excellence; these donations supported student and faculty research and travel, and student events.

FACULTY

Our faculty continues to be productive in their disciplines, publishing some 87 journal articles and book chapters, and presenting 96 academic conference papers. They served on editorial and professional society boards, reviewed manuscripts, had readings, and were interviewed in the media. They also published ten books:

<u>Bethany Barratt (Political Science)</u>

The Politics of Harry Potter (Palgrave, 2012)

Human Rights in the Post 9/11 World (edited volume: International Debate Education Association, 2013)

James Choca (Psychology)
The Rorschach Inkblot Test: An Interpretive Guide for Clinicians (American Psychological Association, 2012)

Peter Fallon (Media Studies)
Cultural Defiance, Cultural Deviance (CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2013)

David Faris (Political Science)
Dissent and Revolution in a Digital Age: Social Media, Blogging and Activism in Egypt (I.B. Taurus, 2013)

Paul Green (Political Science & Public Administration)
The Mayors: The Chicago Political Tradition (fourth edition; Southern Illinois University Press, 2013)

D. Bradford Hunt (Joint appointment in History and College of Professional Studies)
Planning Chicago (American Planning Association, 2013) (co-author)

Marjorie Jolles (Women's and Gender Studies)
Fashion Talks: Undressing the Power of Style (SUNY Press, 2012) (co-editor)

Bruce Kraig (History Emeritus)
Man Bites Dog: Hot Dog Culture in America (AltaMira Press, 2012) (co-author)

Kimberly Ruffin (English, and Associate Provost for Graduate Studies and Director of the Center for Teaching & Learning))
American Studies, Ecocriticism and Citizenship: Thinking and Acting in the Local and Global Commons (Routledge, 2012) (co-editor)

Faculty on research leave were: Priscilla Archibald (Spanish), Stephanie Farmer (Sociology), Jeanine Love (Public Administration), Melanie Pivarski (Mathematics), and Sergiy Roshoka (Chemistry).

Awarded leaves for 2013-14 are: Shari Berkowtiz (Psychology), Ann Brigham (English), Kimberly Dienes (Psychology), Erik Gellman (History), David Faris (Political Science), Naser Javaid (Political Science), and Joshua Telser (Chemistry).

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

- Bethany Barratt, Associate Professor of Political Science, was elected Secretary of the American Political Science Association's Human Rights Section.

- Regina Buccola, Associate Professor of English, served as a Scholar-in-Residence at Chicago Shakespeare Theater.

- Chris Chulos, Associate Professor of History, has been appointed Ambassador for Doctoral Programs in Europe , by the European Commission.

- Jill Coleman, Assistant Professor of Psychology, was awarded a Mamie Phipps Clark Grant from Psi Chi, the national psychology honorary society, to study perception , race, and behavior in dating situations.

- Norbert Cordiero, Associate Professor of Biology, was named an official member of the Red List Authority for birds and the IUCN Species Survival Commission.

- Jackie Deuling, Assistant Professor of Psychology was elected President of the Chicago Industrial Organizational Psychology Society.

- Jeff Edwards, Associate Professor of Political Science, has been named Chair-Elect of the Board of Directors, Illinois Safe Schools Alliance.

- John Fountain, Professor of Journalism was awarded the "best commentary" prize from the Chicago Journalists Association this fall, for his *Chicago Sun-Times* columns.

- Erik Gellman, Associate Professor of History, won the H.L. Mitchell Prize – the Southern Historical Society's best book prize for working class history for *The Gospel of the Working Class: Labor's Southern Prophets in New Deal America* (U of Illinois Press, 2011, co-authored with Jarod Roll). He was also accepted to the Humanities Summer Institute on African American history at the W.E.B. Du Bois Center at Harvard University.

- Barbara Gonzalez, Associate Professor of Mathematics & Actuarial Science, and Melanie Pivarski, Assistant Professor of Mathematics & Actuarial Science, have been designated SENCER Leadership Fellows by the SENCER organization, a group dedicated to teaching civic engagement in the STEM disciplines, initiated by the National Science Foundation.

- Paul Green, Professor of Policy Studies, published articles in the *Chicago Sun Times, Daily Herald*, and was a political analyst for WGN Radio. In addition he continues to serve as Chairman of the City Club of Chicago

- Joanne Howard, Lecturer in Public Administration, was named Faculty of the Year by the Chicago chapter of the American Society for Public Administration.

- Professor of English Larry Howe was awarded a summer 2013 residential fellowship at the Twain Quarry Farm in Elmira, N.Y. -- a home for visiting Mark Twain scholars. He also served as a 2013 Scholar-in-Residence at the Newberry Library.

- Marjorie Jolles, Associate Professor of Women's and Gender Studies, has been awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities grant to develop and teach an undergraduate course on "What is a Family?" – through the NEH "Enduring Questions" initiative.

- Kathy Kane-Wiillis, Interim Director of the Institute for Metropolitan Affairs, received the CARRE Visionary Award from the Safer Foundation's Council of Advisors to Reduce Recidivism through Employment.

- Sam Rosenberg, Professor of Economics and Vice Provost for Faculty & Academic Administration, has been invited to present a paper on labor market segmentation at the "Regulating for Decent Work" Conference of the International Labour Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, in July. He has also been appointed Series Editor of the Palgrave Studies in American Economic Development for Palgrave Macmillan publishers, and was a member of the external review team for the economics department at the University of Missouri-Kansas City in April.

- Kimberly Ruffin, Associate Professor of English and Associate Provost for Graduate Studies and Director, Center for Teaching and Learning, was an invited speaker at the Princeton Environmental Institute conference in March. Last August she presented the keynote address at the First Brazilian Congress on Literature and Ecocriticism.

- Robert Seiser, Associate Professor of Biology, received the award for Outstanding Contribution to Citizen Science from the National Center for Science and Civic Engagement (SENCER).

- Kelly Wentz-Hunter, Associate Professor of Biology, was accepted into the American Physiological Society's Archive Vision and Change Scholars Program, which promotes online educator communities and the utilization of digital libraries.

- Assistant Professor of Media Studies Jiwon Yoon was featured in the March edition of the *National Association for Media literacy Education,* with an interview focused on her work at Roosevelt.

- Professor of Economics Steve Ziliak was a visiting professor at Arts et Metiers Paris Tech this fall, and a visiting professor at Katholieke Universiteit in Leuven, Belgium in May 2012. His article "Junk Science Week: Unsignificant Statistics" was featured in Toronto's *Financial Post* in June 2013.

STUDENTS

15 PsyD students were successfully matched with internship placements at such sites as the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Purdue University, the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, and other sites around the country. For the second year in a row, we had a match rate this year of 100%, much higher than the national average.

The student-run radio station – *WRBC-The Blaze* –completed its fourth year on the air with nearly 18,000 unique listeners in over 35 countries around the globe. Twenty Roosevelt students served as DJs.

The student newspaper, *The Torch*, produced 22 issues with 14 staff members and contributors, and was recognized with four awards by the Illinois College Press Association: **Nick Davison** (third place for best headline), **Giacomo Luca** (second place for best editorial cartoon), **James Risley** (third place for best photo story), and the Torch staff (third place for best half-page ad).

Three of our students won prestigious Gilman scholarships, sponsored by the Department of State for study abroad. They include **Stephanie Khio (BA, English, '15),** who will study in Spain; **Patricia Mickey (BA, English, '16)** who will study in South Africa, and **Rachel Spaetti (BA, History, '14)** who will study in China.

Twelve CAS students studied abroad in Korea, England, Italy, Spain, Poland, Malta and Ireland, in addition to the students taking study abroad courses traveling to Tanzania, Spain, Finland and Sweden.

Students were inducted into honorary societies, including Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology) Lambda Pi Eta (Communications), Phi Alpha Theta (History), and Psi Chi (Psychology). They were also active in such departmental organizations as the Roosevelt I/O Psychology Association, Psychology Club, Philosophy Club, Economics Club, RU Historical Society, and Math Club.

Students interned in a variety of institutions; a sample includes: the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, Alzheimer's Association, State of Illinois Office of Management and Budget, Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, DuSable Museum, Chicago History Museum, Unite Here Labor Union, Chicago Innocence Project, WBEZ Public Radio, Planned Parenthood, *Time Out Chicago*, WMAQ NBC Channel 5, and the U.S. State Department.

Three allied health students (**Teodora Monoski**, **Japal Patel**, and **Larissa Severina**) have been accepted into the Northshore Evanston Hospital Medical Technology program for Fall 2013.

Eleven students this year passed the competitive actuary exams.

Other examples of student achievements include:

- Diana Akmajian (BA,'12) was accepted into the PhD program in political science at New York University.

- Seth Cohen (BS, '13) and Arielle Fujiwara (BA, '13) presented posters in January at the Joint Mathematics meetings in San Diego.

- Sean Espinosa (MA,'13) has been hired as an analyst at Apple's Cupertino, California headquarters.

- Kwame Everett (MA, expected December '13) is a research assistant at Rand Corporations headquarters in Santa Monica, California.

- Andrew Gilbert (MA, '13) and Liz Stigler (MA, '12) have enrolled in the PhD in Women Gender and Sexuality Studies at the University of Kansas.

- Cherise Johnson (BA,'13) has been awarded a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship for graduate studies leading to a career in secondary education mathematics.

- Betty Khilevich (BS'13**) and** Zack Bannor (BS '13) will begin studies at the University of Illinois-Chicago PharmD program in September.

- Biology graduates Sagar D. Patel, Sagar J. Patel, and Sergio Aguilera have been accepted into the PharmD program at Roosevelt University.

- April Quarles (MS, '14) was selected for the Scientist Mentoring and Diversity Program sponsored by the Center for Professional Development, Washington, D.C.

- Journalism graduate James Risley will attend the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University this fall.

- Jeremy Ritzert (BS, '13) will begin the Ph.D program in Life Sciences at Northwestern University.

- Phylicia Robins (MS, '13) has been accepted into the PhD program in Microbiology at the University of California-Davis.

- Ari Shroyer-Stokes (BA, expected 13) has been awarded a competitive internship with the Illinois Legislative Staff Intern Program in Springfield.

- Clay Stambaugh (BA,'14) has been accepted in the fast-track BA/JD program with John Marshall Law School and will begin his law classes in September.

- Emily Wilke (BA, '13) will be working with Teach for America in Fall 2013.

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

- Christina Bivian (BTCS '12) is a Research Associate at Baxter Health Care Corp.

- Micheal Erkkila (MA '11) was Associate Director of Research for President Barack Obama's Inaugural Committee.

- Nathaniel Gladden (BA, '12) has been accepted into the International Relations graduate program at the New School in New York City.

- Ryder Moses (MS '12) has been accepted into the University of Illinois-Chicago Medical School.

- Jessica Palek (BA '11**)** is an Employment & Training Associate at the Sargeant Shriver National Center on Poverty Law.

- Mark Partain (BA '12) will begin his studies at Brooklyn Law School.

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 nearly 100 lectures, workshops, meetings and other events with the goals of enhancing academic programs and reaching out to the larger community.

The Gage Gallery, directed by Associate Dean and Professor of Media Studies Michael Ensdorf, staged two exhibitions of documentary photography focused on

the American criminal justice system, collaborating with the Mansfield Institute for Social Justice and Transformation, and Loundy Human Rights Project: *JUVENILE-in-JUSTICE: Photographs by Richard Ross, and Guantanamo: If the Light Goes Out.* Press for these shows came from such outlets as *The Chicago Tribune*, *Slate*, *Chicago Maroon*, and *Medill Reports.*

The Center for New Deal Studies, directed by Associate Professor of History Margaret Rung, hosted Roosevelt Institute scholar Jeff Madrick, who presented his "Rediscovering Government" initiative for the 19th Annual Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt Distinguished Lecture. Other programs this year included co-sponsorship with the Roosevelt Institute of a program designed to inspire the next generation of progressive leaders, a program on the Union movement featuring AFSCME speaker Roberta Lynch, and development of digital media for the Center. In addition the Center is developing a study abroad course for spring of 2014 focused on World War Two and including a visit to the Roosevelt Institute in Middleburg, the Netherlands.

The Institute for Metropolitan Affairs, directed by Kathie Kane-Willis, provided research opportunities for students, operated the Illinois Consortium on Drug Policy, and received funding from the Drug Policy Alliance and Chicago Community Trust for work on drug education/prevention. The IMA also worked at the request of the Governor's office on prison closures, and on evidenced-based treatment for individuals on Medicaid. The Roosevelt chapter of Students for Sensible Drug Policy won the Outstanding Chapter Award from the national organization SSDP.

The Institute for Politics
Director Paul Green gave numerous 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 annual Herb & Eileen Franks Lecture featured *Chicago Tribune* reporters analyzing the 2012 Presidential election. The Institute also published voting analyses of state and local elections.

The Joseph Loundy Human Rights Project under the leadership of Associate Professor of Political Science Bethany Barratt organized a number of lectures and workshops on the topic of wrongful convictions with the Northwestern University Center on Wrongful Convictions, the Chicago Innocence Project, and a variety of speakers.

The Mansfield Institute for Social Justice & Transformation, led by Professor of Sociology Heather Dalmage, continued for the fourth year to focus on the topic of the "Cradle to College Pipeline" that included activist training, workshops, and lectures. The annual Mansfield Lecture this year featured University of Pennsylvania Professor Dorothy Roberts on "The New Biopolitics of Race, Crime and Justice." The Institute also oversaw transformational learning courses throughout the university, supporting 151 courses enrolling over 1,400 students.

The Montesquieu Forum on Civic Education, directed by Associate Professor of Philosophy Stuart Warner, hosted a High School Teachers Academy last summer, as well as a Constitution Day lecture on "The Promise of Representative Government" with Professor David Lieberman (University of California, Berkeley), the Montesquieu Forum Lecture on the subject of "Kant on Positive Freedom" by Professor Andrew Morris, University of California-Santa Barbara, and a student essay contest.

The St. Clair Drake Center, led by Director Al Bennett, Professor of Policy Studies and Education, and Assistant Director Erik Gellman, Associate Professor of History, hosted a celebration of Drake featuring alumna and Northwestern University Professor Darlene Clark Hine (BA, '68). The Center also held receptions for students and faculty, and a lecture series that included talks on the Illinois Black Panther Party, activism and race, and the Haverford Group of African American intellectuals. In August 2013 the Center will work with the Chicago White Sox to endow the Hallie Amey Scholarship Fund.

The Calendar for next year is in process – watch for confirmation and dates in the Roosevelt Broadcast Emails. A sample of events so far for 2013-14 include:

- August 28: Montesquieu Forum Celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Martin Luther King's "I have a Dream" speech, featuring Professor Peter Myers, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

- September-December, 2013: Gage Gallery exhibition: *Jessica Dimmock's The Ninth Floor*. Photography on drug addiction in New York City.

- September 19: Montesquieu Forum Constitution Day Lecture featuring Nicholas Capaldi, Professor at Loyola University-New Orleans, on "The Liberty Narrative: From the Founders to John Stuart Mill."

- September 26: Mansfield Institute program on "Youth Stories of Incarceration."

- October 17: Center for New Deal Studies, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Distinguished Lecture will feature Roosevelt Institute Scholar and Columbia University professor Dorian Warren speaking on the U.S. labor movement.

- February 2014-May 2014: Gage Gallery exhibition: *Carry Me Ohio: Photographs by Matt Eich.* Photographs of 20th century poverty.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2013-2014

- Welcome Interim Dean Bonnie Gunzenhauser as Dean Weiner steps down after 12 years to become University Historian.

- Continue discussions for partnership/consortia agreements with Columbia College, The John Marshall Law School, and the Illinois Institute of Technology.

- The College will work with university administration to put the directives of the new Strategic Plan into action

- Continue curriculum revisions including developing professional Masters degrees in Schaumburg (beginning with a Masters degree in Biotechnology management), new 3+2 BS/MS dual degree programs in Perfusion Technology and Respiratory Therapy, and new programs in Psychology.

- Inaugurate a lower division learning community in the Schaumburg Division of Professional Arts & Sciences

- Establish a new Gender Justice space for students in the Auditorium Building (Room 670), overseen by the program in Women's and Gender Studies.

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

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