WELCOME FROM THE DEAN

I am delighted to launch the inaugural electronic issue of the College of Arts and Sciences newsletter, CAS Connections. In order to save paper and reduce expenses, we are now delivering the newsletter in this format to your inbox. We are proud to report the achievements of our community of students, faculty, alumni and donors. I invite you to read the college’s annual report for 2009–10 at www.roosevelt.edu/cas/annual_reports.

This fall we welcomed 13 new professors to help us meet the needs of our growing student population. This remarkable group of faculty includes scholars of forensic psychology, egyptian politics, ecology, cross-cultural communication and other engaging and important fields. We are planning a new PhD program in industrial/organizational psychology based at our Schaumburg campus, directed by professor Adrian Thomas. We are preparing an innovative general education curriculum for undergraduate students to begin next fall.

I welcome your ideas and suggestions, and I am happy to discuss ways in which you can support the College of Arts and Sciences. Please contact me at lweiner@roosevelt.edu or (312) 341-2134. I look forward to hearing from you.

With regards,

Lynn Weiner, Dean

RECENT FUNDRAISING SUCCESSES

The PsyD Program, under the direction of CAMI MCBRIDE, associate professor of psychology, received a $150,000 grant award from the United States Health Resources and Services Administration to fund scholarships for doctoral psychology students.

JOSEPH LOUNDY (BA, ’66) has continued his support of the Joseph Loundy Human Rights Project with a $100,000 gift for 2011 through 2013. The project, founded in 2008 by a generous donation from Mr. Loundy and led by BETHANY BARRATT, associate professor of political science, enables students to engage in social justice research and international travel.

A donation of lab equipment valued at $27,500 was made to Roosevelt’s Department of Biological, Chemical and Physical Sciences by Baxter Healthcare Corporation. The high-pressure liquid chromatography system will be used by the faculty and students in both research and teaching labs.

The Max Goldenberg Foundation awarded $20,000 to the Department of Biological, Chemical and Physical Sciences for installation of an electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) spectrometer. The spectrometer was donated by the University of Houston thanks to the efforts of SERGIY ROSOKHA, Roosevelt University assistant professor of chemistry. It will be used for teaching in upper-level chemistry laboratory courses and for research on free radicals and transition metal compounds.

Presidential Writer in Residence CHARLES MADIGAN has been awarded $12,000 by the McCormick Tribune Foundation to support publication of a student authored book emerging from his course on political rhetoric.

To discuss support for the College of Arts and Sciences, contact Dolores Metzger, senior director of development, at dmetzger@roosevelt.edu or at (312) 341-2252.
CAS WELCOMES NEW FACULTY

The College of Arts and Sciences welcomed 13 new full-time faculty members in August:

Shari Berkowitz
Assistant Professor of Psychology; PhD, University of California–Irvine

Alfred DeFreece, Jr.
Assistant Professor of Sociology; PhD ABD, University of Michigan

Jacqueline Deuling
Assistant Professor of Psychology; PhD, Wayne State University

David Faris
Assistant Professor of Political Science; PhD, University of Pennsylvania

Nasar Javaid
Assistant Professor of Political Science; PhD, Stony Brook University

Jeannine Love
Assistant Professor of Public Administration; PhD, George Washington University

Amy Roberts
Assistant Professor of Psychology; PhD, University of California–Santa Cruz

Aaron Schoults-Wilson
Assistant Professor of Environmental Sciences; PhD, University of Georgia

Adrian Thomas
Professor and Founding Director of the PhD Program in Industrial/Organizational Psychology; PhD, Georgia Institute of Technology

Wilfredo Urbina-Romero
Assistant Professor of Mathematics; PhD, University of Minnesota

Neil Voss
Assistant Professor of Biology; PhD, Yale University

Sheldon Walcher
Assistant Professor of English and Director of the English Composition Program; PhD, University of Utah

Jiwon Yoon
Assistant Professor of Communication; PhD, Temple University

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

SCOTT BLACKWOOD (left), assistant professor of literature and director of the MFA in Creative Writing program, was a finalist for the 2010 PEN USA Literary Award in the fiction category for his novel, We Agreed to Meet Just Here. The Mansfield Institute for Social Justice and Transformation, directed by HEATHER DALMAGE, professor of sociology, hosted the Cradle to College Pipeline Summit at the University on October 15 and 16. More than 400 community activists, educators, youth leaders and students from the Chicago metropolitan area attended. KIMBERLY DIENES, assistant professor of psychology, is working with eight psychology students in the University’s Stress Sensitivity Lab to sample cortisol levels in “stress sensitive” people and to study the links between stress and depression. MIKE ENSDORF, professor of communication and associate dean, was a portfolio reviewer for the Filter Photo Festival at the Chicago Photography Center. PETER FALLON, associate professor of journalism, won the 2010 Lewis Mumford Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Technology for his publication, The Metaphysics of Media.

BÁRBARA GONZÁLEZ, assistant professor of mathematics, was featured in the September issue of The Feminist Press: Under the Microscope, where she discussed her teaching, research and experiences as a woman academic. STEVEN MEYERS, professor of psychology, has earned board certification in clinical child and adolescent psychology from the American Board of Professional Psychology. Professor Meyers is one of six clinical psychologists in Illinois with this specialty certification. PRISCILLA PERKINS, associate professor of English and associate dean, was a guest on Extension 720 with Milt Rosenberg to discuss American literary classics.

STEPHEN ZILIAK (below), professor of economics and faculty trustee, was appointed to the United States Economics Curriculum Committee Task Force at the Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET). The purpose of the committee and INET–founded and sponsored by investor-philanthropist George Soros–is to revise, reshape and improve economics education and research practices in the United States and elsewhere. In addition, Professor Ziliak and his longtime co-author, UIC Professor Deirdre McCloskey, have filed an amicus brief with the U. S. Supreme Court, which will be argued in January. The case involves a drug that causes some users to permanently lose their sense of smell. The clinical trials claimed the adverse effect was not “statistically significant” and thus the maker claimed, incorrectly, that the adverse effect–loss of smell–was not “important.” Ziliak’s research informs the center of the debate about this case which is expected to be one of the most important of the year.
**SPECIAL EVENTS FROM 2010**

The College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Board (above) comprises distinguished alumni, community leaders and friends of the college. The board meets biannually to advise the dean and Institutional Advancement about fundraising and community engagement. Pictured (at the April 2010 meeting) are (seated, left to right): Kathleen Kuntzman (chair), Lena Dobbs-Johnson, Leroy Martin, Erwin Acox, Susan Rubnitz and Mike Ensdorf; and (standing, left to right): Dolores Metzger, Joseph Loundy (vice chair), Katherine Boho, Lynn Weiner, Troy Ratliff (past chair), Arlene Crandall, Peri Arnold, Madlan Mckernan, Mallory Umar (student), Juli Rowen, Priscilla Perkins, Lois Backas and Lee Swanson (student).

Roosevelt University hosted the first annual *Summer Teachers’ Academy on the History and Principles of the American Founding* in July. The program brought together 20 high school teachers for a one-week series of lectures, workshops and seminars designed to foster effective teaching of the U.S. Constitution. The summer academy was developed in partnership with Roosevelt University’s Montesquieu Forum for the Study of Civic Life and the Jack Miller Center’s Chicago Initiative. The curriculum was developed by Associate Professor of History **SANDRA FRINK** and Assistant Professor of Philosophy **SVETOZAR MINKOV** at Roosevelt University, and Director of Academic Initiatives Pamela Edwards at the Jack Miller Center. “The resources provided will help keep my curriculum interactive and relevant to my students and will prepare them for post-secondary education,” said Melissa Rubio of Curie Metropolitan High School, Chicago.

On September 13, the Center for New Deal Studies of Roosevelt University and the Roosevelt Institute of Hyde Park, N.Y., sponsored the 17th Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Distinguished Lecture, *Health Reform, Public Health and the Surgeon General’s Priorities*, with Vice Admiral Regina M. Benjamin, Surgeon General of the United States. Dr. Benjamin discussed health care and youth violence with an engaged audience of students, faculty, staff and members of the community.

**SAVE THE DATES FOR 2011**

- **The Working-Class Eye of Milton Rogovin**, the spring Gage Gallery show, opens Thursday, January 20, 2011, with a reception from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Roosevelt University Gage Gallery, 18 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago. For more information, visit the Gage Gallery at [www.roosevelt.edu/gagegallery](http://www.roosevelt.edu/gagegallery).

- **One Book, One University**, lecture, book signing and reception with Michelle Alexander, author of *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* on Thursday, March 17, 2011, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt University Murray Green Library, 430 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago. For more information, visit the Mansfield Institute for Social Justice and Transformation at [www.roosevelt.edu/misjt](http://www.roosevelt.edu/misjt).
The Actuarial Science program announced that 14 students successfully completed the recent professional exam of the Society of Actuaries. SHANNON BEAUDRY (BA, ’10), a current MA in sociology student, received the University’s Bronze R Award for her work with the Roosevelt University Sociological Society, where she lobbied to restore $200 million in Illinois Monetary Award Program Grants to 138,000 low-income students.

Undergraduate psychology student AMY BOLIN has published an article, “The Invaluable Research Experience: A How-To for Undergraduates,” in the Association for Psychological Science’s Fall Update. Undergraduate biology/psychology student EMMA CARROLL was selected as Roosevelt University’s student laureate of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois. Emma was recognized for her academic achievement and overall excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities at a November 6 ceremony at the State of Illinois House of Representatives.

RENEE FARWELL (above, upper right), a senior sociology major, played a key role in starting and building a school in a small village in Accra, Ghana, during her study abroad at the University of Ghana. The school is a registered NGO and provides education to orphans and disadvantaged children. Biotechnology and chemical sciences student ALEXANDER FLOWERS is working with biologist David Glover and post-doctoral researcher Helene Rangone at the University of Cambridge in England, investigating how enzymatic proteins affect cell division. Computer science students LEAH KANE and KRISTIE ZILLIS won awards from the prestigious Illinois Technology Foundation’s Fifty for the Future program in technology leadership potential.

The Department of History and Philosophy is starting a study abroad exchange program with the University of Sussex in England. History student DAVID MUIRHEAD will be the department’s first student in the program for six months beginning in January.

GUY PATTERSON (right), a sophomore international studies major, won the Young Ambassador Competition sponsored by the German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst). As a DAAD young ambassador, Guy will encourage fellow students to study abroad in Germany by volunteering at study abroad fairs. MA in I/O psychology student BEN SHER is writing for I/O at Work (ioatwork.com), where he will contribute one to two articles each month. MEGAN ANN DeSAINT GERMAIN, a sophomore psychology student, was awarded a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to study abroad at the University of Granada in Spain during the spring 2011 semester.

For an updated listing of CAS EVENTS AND NEWS, visit www.roosevelt.edu/cas.