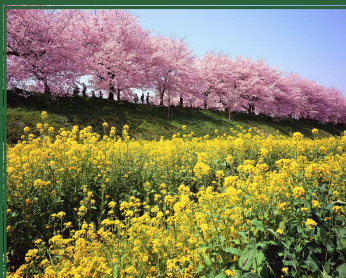


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CAS Connections

Your Connection to the College of Arts & Sciences at Roosevelt University

Welcome from the Dean

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to introduce the second issue of the College of Arts and Sciences newsletter - **CAS Connections**. I hope this communication will strengthen our growing community of students, faculty, staff, alumni, partners and donors.

This has been a year of great achievement for our college, marked by increased enrollments, student and faculty accomplishments, fund raising success and programmatic innovations. I hope you will enjoy reading some of the highlights of this past year in the following pages. This summer, a complete annual report for the college will be posted on our website at www.roosevelt.edu/cas. As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions.

With regards,

Lynn Weiner, Dean



CAS Grant Awards

The Mansfield Institute for Social Justice received a \$300,000 grant from the Albert and Anne Mansfield Foundation to further incorporate social justice concepts, practices and service-learning into the University's core curriculum.

Chemistry faculty Kristen Leckrone and Joshua Telsler received grants totaling \$175,000 from the National Science Foundation and the Goldenberg Foundation for gas chromatography and mass spectrometry instruments for the University's chemistry labs.

The Department of Communication received a \$40,000 grant from the McCormick Tribune Foundation to continue the department's outstanding work with high school journalists **and a \$12,500 grant** to develop a course to track the Illinois presidential primary. The course was developed and taught this spring by veteran journalist and Journalism faculty member, Charles Madigan.

The Center for New Deal Studies received an \$18,000 grant from the Illinois State Library to digitize the center's 4,000 rare artifacts and memorabilia from the life and presidency of FDR. The collection will be available online and is one of the largest collections of its kind outside the FDR Library in Hyde Park, New York.

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CAS Students and Student Organizations Make Headlines

Psychology major Noelany Clemente and Political Science major Kenny Donat each won the *Outstanding Service by a Student Award* for 2007-08. **Psychology doctoral student Brandon Kopald** will participate in the AIDS Lifecycle fundraiser (San Francisco to Los Angeles, June 1-7) riding a hand cycle. Kopald has completed this event twice before using a standard bicycle, but chose to train and ride a hand cycle to honor quadriplegic and paraplegic friends. **Megan Lee (BA Journalism '07)** interviewed Senator Barack Obama aboard his jet while covering the presidential campaign for the *Casper Star-Journal*.

Recently established student organizations include: **Activist Alliance, Black Student Union, Economics Club, Omicron Delta Epsilon-International Honor Society in Economics, Roosevelt Association for Marketing Communications, RU Green Club, RU Students for Social Justice and the Society for Future Health Providers**. These organizations (formed by CAS students and sponsored by CAS faculty) will enrich student life at the University and the communities we serve, and exemplify scholarship and social justice activism at its very best. The Roosevelt University chapter of **Psi Chi** (the National Honor Society in Psychology) celebrated the 60th anniversary of its affiliation with Roosevelt University in December 2007. The Roosevelt University chapter of **Students for a Sensible Drug Policy** won the outstanding chapter for 2007 from the SDDP's national office in Washington, DC. The student newspaper - **The Torch** - won four Illinois Press Association Awards in 2008.

The **Department of Psychology placed 100% of its internship-eligible doctoral students for 2008-09** (national match rate is 79%). Students will work throughout the United States and Canada with diverse populations including children, adolescents, prisoners, veterans and Hurricane Katrina survivors. **Twenty-one students from the Beijing Statistical Bureau earned the Executive Master of Public Administration degree** in December 2007 as part of a 12-month cohort program.

Professor Steven Meyers: 2007 Illinois Professor of the Year



Professor Steven A. Meyers
Illinois Professor of the Year

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching announced on November 15, 2007 that Roosevelt University **Professor of Psychology Steven A. Meyers** had been selected as the 2007 Illinois Professor of the Year. The Carnegie Foundation is the only national program that honors excellence in undergraduate teaching and mentoring at the collegiate level.

November 29, 2007 was designated *Steven Meyers Day* in the State of Illinois. The Roosevelt community celebrated the day with a reception in Meyers' honor. President Charles Middleton characterized Meyers' teaching as "engaging, innovative and thoughtful" and stated that Meyers "is truly deserving of this prestigious award." Lynn Weiner, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, added that Meyers' "passion for the art of teaching is inspiring and reflective of the college's emphasis on academic excellence and student success."

College Sponsors *Border Film Project* at Gage Gallery



The College of Arts and Sciences, the Mansfield Institute for Social Justice and the Department of Communication co-sponsored a powerful photography exhibit - ***The Border Film Project: Photos by Migrants and Minutemen on the U.S.-Mexico Border*** - at the University's **Gage Gallery** (January 28 - March 21, 2008). The exhibit made its Chicago debut at Roosevelt University to local, national and international acclaim. The exhibit features photos taken by undocumented migrants and minutemen along the U.S.-Mexico border. The creators of the project (Rudy Adler, Victoria Criado and Brett Huneycutt) distributed disposable cameras to migrants and minutemen to document their experiences. The three also created a short documentary film. Ms. Criado attended the opening on January 31, showed the film and spoke to a packed house at the Gage Gallery. Over 500 people (Roosevelt students, area high school students and visitors from Chicago, Houston, New York, France, Ireland and Mexico) saw the exhibit during its showing at

the Gage Gallery. **For more information about the Gage Gallery, please visit the gallery website at www.roosevelt.edu/gagegallery.**

CAS Faculty Research Leaves

Congratulations to the following College of Arts and Sciences faculty who were awarded one-semester research leaves for 2008-09:

Christian Erickson (Political Science) - *Representations and Realities of Terrorism and Counterterrorism in Contemporary Cinema and Television: A Comparison of the United States and United Kingdom, 1947-2008/9* (article)

Peter Fallon (Journalism) - *The Metaphysics of Media: Toward an End to Postmodern Cynicism and the Construction of a Virtuous Reality* (book)

Erik Gellman (History) - *Death Blow to Jim Crow: The National Negro Congress, 1936-1947* (book)

Michael Maly (Sociology) - *Housing the Conflict: Instructing and Protecting Whiteness on Chicago's Southwest Side* (article)

Svetozar Minkov (Philosophy) - *Bacon's Understanding of Human Life: The Human Sciences of Nature's Conqueror* (book)

Ozgur Orhangazi (Economics) - *Financial Dependence and Alternative Policy Options* (article)

Priscilla Perkins (English) - *An Examination of How Ideologies of Femininity, Paid and Unpaid Labor, Biological Reproduction and Cultural Production Shape U.S. Women's Participation in Online Discourses of "Do-It-Yourself" (DIY) Culture* (book)

Margaret Rung (History) - *Race, Ethnicity and the Politics of Fair Employment in North America* (article)

Dean Weiner Elected to CCAS Board of Directors

Dean Lynn Weiner was elected to a two-year term on the Board of the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences (CCAS) in January 2008. The CCAS is composed of 600 colleges and universities and Weiner is the sole representative of a private institution on the Board of Directors. Roosevelt President Charles Middleton characterized Weiner's election to the CCAS Board as "another indicator of Roosevelt University's growing national reputation for academic excellence."

CAS Faculty Publications

Congratulations to the following College of Arts and Sciences faculty who published books during the 2007-08 academic year:

Bethany Barratt (Political Science) - *Human Rights and Foreign Aid: For Love or Money*

Gina Buccola, editor (English) - *Marian Moments in Early Modern British Drama*

David Hamilton, co-editor (Public Administration) - *Urban and Regional Policies for Metropolitan Liveability*

Charles Madigan, editor (Journalism) - *30: The Collapse of the Great American Newspaper*

Ellen O'Brien (English and Women's and Gender Studies) - *Crime in Verse: The Poetics of Murder in the Victorian Era*

Ozgur Orhangazi (Economics) - *Financialization and the U.S. Economy*

Steve Ziliak (Economics) - *The Cult of Statistical Significance*

CAS Faculty & Staff Awards

Congratulations to the following College of Arts and Sciences faculty and staff who received Employee Recognition Awards for 2007-08:

Colleen Kennedy (Sociology) - *Excellence in Teaching*

Kristen Leckrone (Chemistry) - *Excellence in Teaching*

Mary Ellen Schiller (Communication) - *Excellence in Teaching*

Anna Marie Schuh (Public Admin.) - *Outstanding Service*

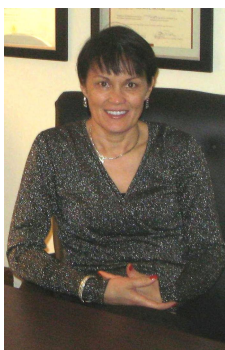
Jocelyn Yarbrough (Staff) - *Outstanding Service*

Ellen O'Brien Awarded Fulbright Grant

Ellen O'Brien, Associate Professor of English and Women's and Gender Studies, was awarded a Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad grant to study women and culture in Morocco this summer. She will visit the capital of Morocco (Rabat) as well as three other cities. O'Brien was previously awarded a Fulbright-Hays grant in 2003, where she studied women's issues in India. O'Brien is developing a graduate course for the fall semester on comparative feminism in the United States, India and Morocco.

CAS Welcomes New Director of Development—Dolores Metzger

Roosevelt University is proud to announce the appointment of **Dolores Metzger as Director of Development, College of Arts and Sciences and University Libraries**. Dolores brings to Roosevelt University 23 years of experience in fundraising, including three years as Director of Major Gifts for the College of DuPage, Illinois and six years as Director of Foundation and Alumni for Lake Land College, Illinois.



Through long practice working in development, Dolores brings excellent skills that will support and strengthen future Roosevelt University initiatives. Dolores is a graduate of Eastern Illinois University, with a Master of Arts specializing in Communication. Dolores is also certified in Fundraising Management from Indiana University.

Please join us in welcoming Dolores to Roosevelt University and to the College of Arts and Sciences. If you would like to meet with Dolores to discuss support that will enhance programs for the College of Arts and Sciences, she can be contacted at 312-341-2252 or via email at dmetzger@roosevelt.edu .

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