



## WELCOME FROM THE INTERIM DEAN

The College of Arts and Sciences has seen many transitions since the spring 2013 installment of *CAS Connections*. We said goodbye to our valued and long-serving dean Lynn Weiner, who has taken on a new role as University

historian. I began serving as the college's interim dean in July; and in August we welcomed into the college 11 new faculty and more than 600 new undergraduate and graduate students.

All of these new faces join us at a particularly exciting time in the college's history. Our existing programs are earning national recognition: For example, our PsyD program was reaccredited by the American Psychological Association through 2019, the longest accreditation time possible. New programs are building foundations for student success: English and math faculty offered a fully integrated 2013 Summer Bridge experience, which enabled underprepared incoming students to start the fall semester ready to succeed in college-level course work. We are quickly developing new partnerships in order to offer our students the richest possible educational experience: Recent international exchange agreements with universities in Australia and the Netherlands create global opportunities for the college's students and faculty, while new

collaborations with Northwestern Memorial Hospital put our undergraduate allied health students in the vanguard of medical technology.

We are also engaged in discussions about how best to prepare our students for an increasingly interdisciplinary world. The nature of knowledge and the world of work both demand that we train our students to think beyond narrow disciplinary frameworks, to synthesize specialized knowledge with key skills of communication, analysis, and problem solving. It is our mission and our privilege to prepare Roosevelt's students not only for successful careers, but also for lives of leadership and civic engagement. Enhancing our existing curriculum with new interdisciplinary opportunities will help us fulfill that aim.

I invite you to read our newsletter with its information on recent student, faculty, and alumni achievements. I am happy to discuss ways you can support the College of Arts and Sciences. Please contact me at [bgunzenhauser@roosevelt.edu](mailto:bgunzenhauser@roosevelt.edu) or at (312) 341-3670. I look forward to hearing from you.

With regards,

Bonnie Gunzenhauser, PhD  
Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

## CAS WELCOMES NEW FACULTY

### **Brent Barker**

Visiting Assistant Professor of Physics  
PhD, Michigan State University

### **Alecia Dantico**

Visiting Lecturer of Integrated Marketing Communication  
MA, University of Illinois-Chicago

### **Sarah Elliott**

Assistant Professor of Psychology  
PhD, University of California, Davis

### **Wanwan Huang**

Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Actuarial Sciences  
PhD, Florida State University

### **Philip Hultquist**

Assistant Professor of Political Science  
PhD, University of New Mexico

### **Carmen Kordick**

Assistant Professor of History  
PhD, Yale University

### **Joshua Mason**

Assistant Professor of Economics  
PhD, University of Massachusetts

### **Biswajit Saha**

Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry  
PhD, Northwestern University

### **Christian TeBordo**

Assistant Professor of English and  
Director of MFA Program in Creative Writing  
MFA, Syracuse University

### **Susan Weiner**

Assistant Professor of Biology  
PhD, Tufts University

### **Thea Wilson**

Visiting Post-Doctoral Fellow of Chemistry  
PhD, Northwestern University

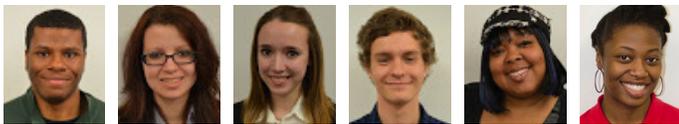
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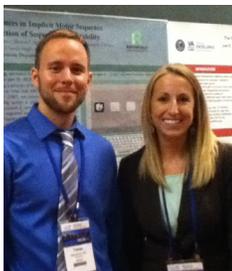
# CAS STUDENTS MAKE HEADLINES

## ALLIED HEALTH MAJORS CONTINUE TO EARN COMPETITIVE CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

**Meghan Minnion** entered the radiation therapy clinical training program at Northwestern Memorial Hospital; **Teodora Monoski, Japal Patel,** and **Larissa Severina** began the medical technology clinical training program at Northshore Evanston Hospital.



Under the leadership of their professor **John Fountain**, six journalism students (pictured above left to right: **Lamar Colyer, Meredith Dobes, Daria Sokolova, Christopher Sutter, Latricia Wilson,** and **Alesia Wright**) participated in a yearlong convergence project on murder in Chicago and published articles on the blog *Murder Was the Case*.



Along with their professor **Lisa Lu**, seven undergraduate, master's, and PsyD students (**Karolina Ash, Sheena Czipri** (pictured right), **Ingrid Haugen, Tobias Kaemmerer** (pictured left), **Dieuna Saturne, Chandni Singh,** and **Margaret Tunney**) presented posters at the 11th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology in

June. In addition, PsyD students **Amanda Lucchetti, Antu Schamberger,** and **Jamie Walter** presented posters.

**John Hassey** (economics) completed an internship in Washington, D.C., working as an intern at the Australia, New Zealand, and Pacific Islands Affairs Desk in the East Asia Bureau of the U.S. Department of State.

**Cherise Johnson** (mathematics) received \$30,000 from the Woodrow Wilson Ohio Teaching Fellows to complete a special intensive master's program at John Carroll University, which will prepare her to teach mathematics in a high-need Ohio school.

**April Quarles** (biotechnology and chemical science) was selected to participate as a Scholar for the 2013–2014 Scientist Mentoring and Diversity Program for Biotechnology.



**Tara Summers** (PsyD) was selected as the first department of psychology Drake Center Scholar. Tara's work supports the mission of Roosevelt's **St. Clair Drake Center for African and African**

**American Studies** by engaging in research with the center's affiliated faculty and by mentoring the center's undergraduate fellows. Her first research project is an examination of cultural competency training in clinical psychology.



**Alan Swartz** (chemistry) was awarded a \$4,000 scholarship from the American Council of Independent Laboratories. Alan was recognized for his academic achievement, career goals, and leadership.



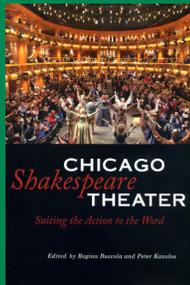
PsyD student **Ashley Wood** was awarded \$10,000 as a Spring 2013 Golden Key Graduate Scholar. Founded in 1977, the Golden Key International Honor Society is committed to a high standard of scholastic achievement, and an ethos of integrity, innovation, respect, collaboration, and diversity in graduate education.

## THREE CAS STUDENTS AWARDED GILMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Three College of Arts and Sciences students were each awarded a **Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship** for fall 2013. **Stephanie Khio** (English) received funding to study in Spain; **Patricia Mickey** (English) received funding to study in South Africa; and **Rachel Spaetti** (history) received funding to study in China. Each student was awarded more than \$3,000 to study abroad. The Gilman scholarship provides awards for U.S. undergraduate students receiving Federal Pell Grant funding at a two-year or four-year college or university to participate in study and intern abroad programs worldwide.

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

**Mairin Barney**, lecturer in English composition, gave presentations at Moraine Valley Community College and at Roosevelt University on the film *World War Z* and “zombie literature.” Barney explored the film and the literature and defined characteristics of the zombie genre.



**Regina Buccola**, associate professor of English, coedited *Chicago Shakespeare Theater: Suiting the Action to the Word* (Northern Illinois University Press, 2013). A collection of original essays, the book furthers the study of Shakespeare in performance and stagecraft through the exploration of the Chicago Shakespeare Theatre’s first 25 years.

**Celeste Chamberland**, associate professor of history, published “From Apprentice to Master: Social Disciplining and Surgical Education in Early Modern London, 1570–1640” in *History of Education Quarterly*.

**James Choca**, professor of psychology and department chair, has been invited to a visiting professorship at the University of Cadiz, Spain.

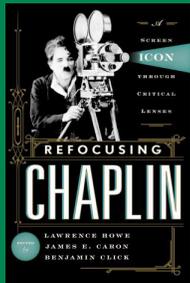


**Jill Coleman** (top), assistant professor of psychology, and **Catherine Campbell** (bottom), associate professor of psychology and associate dean, along with alumna Billie Cali (PsyD '12), published “Stranger danger? The continuing stigma of online dating and women’s self-protection intent” in *CyberPsychology, Behavior, and Social Networking*.



**Mike Ens Dorf**, professor of photography and associate dean, was a featured panelist in September at the Chicago Photography Center. The title of the panel was *The Future of Photography: Past, Present, and Future*.

**David Faris**, assistant professor of political science, published “Egypt’s President Morsi and Opposition Must Talk—and Fix the Constitution” in *The Christian Science Monitor*.



**Lawrence Howe**, professor of English and chair of the literature and languages department, coedited *Refocusing Chaplin: A Screen Icon Through Critical Lenses* (Scarecrow Press, 2013). The book features essays that analyze the tensions between the carefully constructed worlds of Chaplin’s films and their cultural contexts. It provides a unique view into the work of one of cinema’s most important and influential artists.

**Marjorie Jolles**, associate professor of women’s and gender studies, was awarded an Enduring Questions National Endowment for the Humanities grant on “What Is a Family?” Jolles is developing a new course on the family as part of the grant.



**Lisa Lu**, associate professor of psychology, coauthored “Time course of recovery showing initial prefrontal cortex changes at 16 weeks, extended to subcortical changes by three years in pediatric bipolar disorder” in the *Journal of Affective Disorders* and “Human Brain Mapping: Development of superficial white and its structural interplay with cortical gray matter in children and adolescents” in *Human Brain Mapping*.



**Steven Meyers**, professor of psychology and associate department chair and director of undergraduate psychology, was elected a Fellow of the Society for Family Psychology, Division 43 of the American Psychological Association. This marks the third APA division that has elected Meyers to this status.



**Robert Seiser**, associate professor of biology and assistant department chair, was reappointed co-director of the SENCER Center for Innovation in the Midwest. Our science and mathematics faculty have a long history of partnering with SENCER, which strengthens student learning in the sciences, technology, and mathematics.

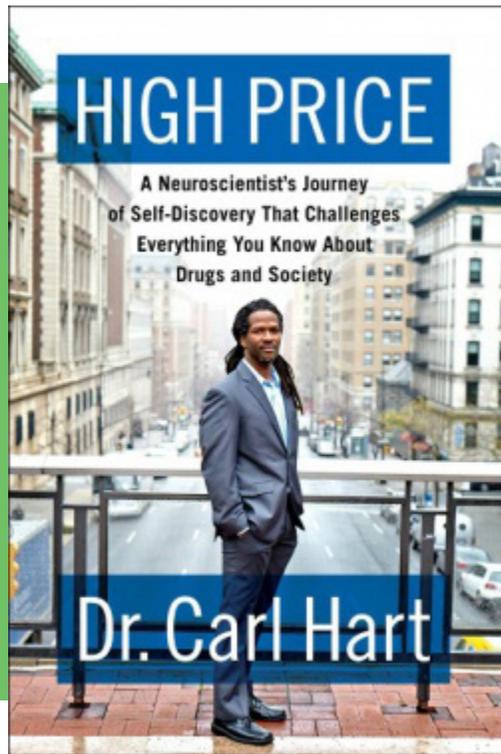
**Stuart Warner**, associate professor of philosophy and director of the Montesquieu Forum for the Study of Civic Life, was a featured panelist for *Moral and Political Philosophy of Adam Smith*, held at the Mercer University Inaugural Elliott Conference this summer.



**Jiwon Yoon**, assistant professor of media studies, published “North Korean Refugees in South Korea: Using Videos for Storytelling, Healing and Unification” in *Media and Information Literacy and Intercultural Dialogue Yearbook*, April 2013.



**Steve Ziliak**, professor of economics, addressed a group of scientists attending the summer Gordon Research Conference on Computer Aided Drug Design in Vermont. His talk was titled “The Cult of Statistical Significance and the Future Biometrics after Matrix v. Siracusano.” Ziliak also addressed the Joint Statistical Meetings in Montreal in August on “Guinnessometrics Against the Gold Standard: Randomization, Significance, and the Search for Validity.” Professor Ziliak was recently appointed to the Scientific Advisory Board of the Global Technology Community for his experience in Europe and for his scholarly contributions on the statistical analysis of drugs and adverse effects.



# SAVE THE DATE

## Mansfield Institute for Social Justice and Transformation Hosts *One Book, One University*

Author Carl Hart will present and discuss his book at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, at the Murray-Green Library at Roosevelt's Chicago Campus (10th floor, 430 S. Michigan Ave.). For more information, contact **Heather Dalmage**, professor of sociology and director of the MISJT, at [hdalmage@roosevelt.edu](mailto:hdalmage@roosevelt.edu). Or visit [roosevelt.edu/misjt](http://roosevelt.edu/misjt).

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## CAS APPOINTS INTERIM DEAN

**Bonnie Gunzenhauser** was appointed interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in July. Gunzenhauser succeeds Lynn Weiner, who stepped down to become university historian.

A native of Iowa, Professor Gunzenhauser received a BA in English, philosophy, and political science from Luther College, and an MA and PhD in English from the University of Chicago.

Gunzenhauser began her career at Roosevelt in 2003 as assistant professor of English and assistant director of the English composition program. Tenured and promoted to associate professor in 2007, she has also served as chair of the department of literature and languages, scholar-in-residence at Chicago's Newberry Library, and most recently as associate dean for the College of Arts and Sciences.

*“Bonnie brings a wealth of experience as a scholar, teacher, and academic leader to the deanship. She has an innate understanding of student learning and the role that a vibrant, innovative College of Arts and Sciences plays in advancing our University. Her focus on successful outcomes for students has brought a new spirit of collaboration across the University and I look forward to even greater achievements in the College of Arts and Sciences under her leadership.”*

- Douglas Knerr,  
Executive Vice President  
and University Provost

Gunzenhauser's teaching and research interests include 18th-century and British Romantic literature, early mass

media, the novel, Jane Austen, and revolutionary literature. She is the author of *Reading in History: New Methodologies from the Anglo-American Tradition* (Pickering & Chatto, 2010) and numerous scholarly articles. She is an expert on the way literacy shapes political identity in 18th-century Britain and today.

Go to [roosevelt.edu/rewritinghistory](http://roosevelt.edu/rewritinghistory) to read Gunzenhauser's essay in the *Roosevelt Review*.

## FUTURE PROFESSIONALS LEARNING COMMUNITY IN SCHAUMBURG

The Division of Professional Arts and Sciences in Schaumburg launched the **Schaumburg Future Professionals Learning Community** for Schaumburg Campus freshmen or early-career transfer students serious about pursuing careers in the sciences, allied health, computer science/IT, mathematics/actuarial science, psychology, or integrated marketing communications. Students take classes together during their freshman and sophomore years; enjoy career-oriented clubs and community activities to strengthen personal and professional networks; and discover internships, mentoring, career services, research, publishing, and lab assistantship opportunities that focus on real-world applications and career advancement. For more information about the Schaumburg Future Professionals Learning Community, contact Professor **Steve Cohen**, director of the division of professional arts and sciences, at [scohen@roosevelt.edu](mailto:scohen@roosevelt.edu) or (847) 619-8540.



## MFA PROGRAM IN CREATIVE WRITING WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR

**Christian TeBordo** (pictured above), noted experimental fiction writer, joined Roosevelt University this fall as director of the **Master of Fine Arts Program in Creative Writing**. TeBordo was the associate director of strategic communications at Drexel University in Philadelphia and has extensive experience teaching creative writing at Temple University, The University of the Arts, and Bryn Mawr College. TeBordo is the author of three novels: *We Go Liquid*, *Better Ways of Being Dead* and *The Conviction and Subsequent Life of Savior Neck*. His most recent book, *The Awful Possibilities*, was nominated as an American Library Association Notable Book and received accolades from *Publishers Weekly* and *Booklist*.

“Christian TeBordo brings experimentation and a new kind of creative direction to our program and our students,” said **Lawrence Howe**, chair of the department of literature and languages. “He takes creativity seriously and to new heights and also has a practical, resourceful side that will help grow our program and support our students.”

For more information about the **MFA Program in Creative Writing**, contact Professor TeBordo at [ctebordo@roosevelt.edu](mailto:ctebordo@roosevelt.edu) or (312) 341-2417.



## ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

College of Arts and Sciences alumni and students advance their careers, earn promotions, and secure admission to graduate and professional schools, many with full funding. Here are some examples:

**Carina Balan** (BS '13, actuarial science) secured a position as an actuarial scientist managing risk at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois. Balan also enrolled in the MS in Mathematics program at Roosevelt this fall.



**Ilma Gjini** (BA '13, integrated marketing communication) is interning for Chicago ad agency Monogram Unit, which was the winner of the fall season of AMC's reality show *The Pitch*.

**Curtis Hardman** (MA '13, economics) was awarded a teaching assistantship for the PhD program in economics at Southern Illinois University (Carbondale).



**Natalie Krusemeier** (MA '13, English) deferred admission to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's English PhD program to instead teach underprepared students in New Orleans. Krusemeier was accepted into TeachNOLA, a highly selective program that trains

accomplished professionals and recent college graduates to become high-impact teachers in New Orleans' highest-need schools. Natalie was inspired by her time in New Orleans spent doing hurricane relief work.

**Christa M. Marshall** (PsyD, '12) is working with the Veteran's Health Administration in Virginia. She works in the post-traumatic stress disorder clinic, serving veterans living in rural areas who often have difficulty accessing care. Dr. Marshall's private practice participates in "Give an Hour," a network of mental health providers who provide free psychotherapy services to military personnel, veterans, and their families.

**Ryan Moses** (MS '12, biology) was accepted into the University of Illinois at Chicago Medical School.



**Hans Zigmund** (MA '04, economics) was appointed chief economist and associate director in Governor Pat Quinn's Office of Management and Budgeting.

# RECENT FUND-RAISING SUCCESSES

**Robert and Rose Johnson** (BA, '58) contributed \$150,000 to fund faculty scholarship, partnership development, and community engagement initiatives for the **St. Clair Drake Center for African and African American Studies**. This important lead gift will be invaluable in encouraging others to join in keeping alive the legacy of St. Clair Drake.

**Joseph Hernandez** (BA, '73) and **Bernadette Ross** established the Esther Hernandez Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund with a \$25,000 pledge. The scholarship is named for Mr. Hernandez's mother, who was unable to complete her education. Preferred recipients will be first-generation college students studying philosophy.

**Jim Blinder** (BA, '57) contributed \$20,000 to the Jim Blinder Scholarship for English majors.

**The Douglas and Marjorie Stenerson Scholarship** was established through a gift of over \$16,000 from the estate of the late emeritus professor of English and American studies and his wife. The annual scholarship is to be awarded to a graduate student studying English, preferably with a focus on American literature.

Friends, alumni, faculty and staff contributed a total of \$10,304.66 for the **Dean's Fund for Excellence**. Dean Gunzenhauser is grateful for the generosity of the college's alumni and friends. These funds were used to provide support for student research and travel, faculty travel and development, and student events.

**Phillip F. Rimnac**, son of **George C. Rimnac** (BA, '49), donated \$1,958 to the George C. Rimnac Endowed Scholarship Fund.

**Lynn Weiner**, university historian and former dean, donated a collection of books on gender equality worth \$1,573 to the library of the new Gender Justice Space.

**The College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Council** established the Historical Legacy Fund with a \$1,450 gift. **Lynn Weiner** will use the fund to support her research relating to the comprehensive history of the first 50 years of the University.

**Dr. Nancy Bryan** (BA, '99) donated \$1,000 to the Department of Biology, Chemistry, and Physical Sciences in honor of Cornelius Watson, associate professor of biology.

**Andrea Adams**, formerly the director of development for the College of Arts and Sciences, has moved on to pursue a career in freelance writing. We wish her all the best and thank her for her work.

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Support for the college may be in the form of contributions to the Dean's Fund for Excellence, Departmental Funds for Excellence, scholarships, lectures, workshops, centers, institutes, the Gage Gallery, and more.

