



WELCOME FROM THE DEAN

In the College of Arts and Sciences, we continually examine our curriculum to refresh and revise our course offerings for changing populations of students. This fall, we launched our new general education program, Academic Communities of Practice, with a

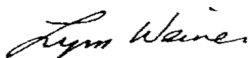
revamped First Year Seminar course. In addition, we have recently developed a fast-track bachelor's/law degree with John Marshall Law School,* a PhD program in Industrial-Organizational Psychology, and new or revised international partnerships with Sussex University, the Economic University of Krakow, London Metropolitan University, and the Shijiazhuang Post and Telecommunications College in China.

In our new First Year Seminar, more than 400 freshmen are reading Rebecca Skloot's book, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*. Our students will learn about a poor tobacco farmer whose cells were taken from her during a medical procedure in Baltimore in 1951—without her knowledge—and then used in astonishing ways by medical researchers around the world to develop the polio vaccine, cloning, gene mapping, cancer treatments and so much more. Henrietta's cells continue to contribute to great medical innovations, yet her descendents cannot afford health insurance today. Our students will grapple with issues of ethics, medicine, race, gender, social class and discovery. They will—we hope—make a smooth transition to university life and begin with the opportunity to read, think, argue and write about things that matter.

As you read our newsletter, you will learn more about our changing curriculum, productive faculty, remarkable students and generous donors.

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

With regards,



Lynn Weiner
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

*Pending approval from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools

CAS WELCOMES NEW FACULTY

Kyle Beachy

Assistant Professor of English and Creative Writing
MFA, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Vania De Paoli

Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow and
Coordinator of Science Initiatives
PhD, University of Sao Paulo

Guy Di Spigno

Clinical Assistant Professor of Industrial Psychology and
Director of the Industrial-Organizational Psychology
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PhD, Northwestern University

Thomas Farmer

Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychology and
Associate Director of Training
PsyD, Roosevelt University

Melissa Sisco

Assistant Professor of Psychology
PhD, University of Arizona

SAVE THE DATE



Institute for Politics: Herb and Eileen Franks Seminar on Politics

Join us on November 7 at noon when Professor Paul Green will moderate "2012 Election Preview," a panel discussion with Clarence Page, Rick Pearson and Bruce Dold of the *Chicago Tribune*. The event will be held at Maggiano's Banquets, 111 W. Grand Ave., Chicago. For tickets and information, contact Paul Green, pgreen@roosevelt.edu.

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

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RECENT FUNDRAISING SUCCESSES

The **National Science Foundation** awarded \$110,000 to the **Department of Biological, Chemical and Physical Sciences** for a project titled RUI: Halogen Bonding Between Organic Acceptors and Transition-Metal Complexes, submitted by Assistant Professor of Chemistry **Sergiy Rosokha**. Professor Rosokha's research provides for the rational design of new pharmaceuticals.

Joseph Loundy (BA, '66) continued his support of the **Joseph Loundy Human Rights Project**, directed by **Bethany Barratt**, associate professor of political science, with a \$100,000 gift for 2011 to 2013. Mr. Loundy serves as vice chair of the College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Board.

The **Mansfield Foundation** awarded \$75,000 to the **Mansfield Institute for Social Justice and Transformation**, directed by **Heather Dalmage**, professor of sociology, for service-learning education and to endow the Hopmayer Scholar-Activist Workshop.

The **Institute of Metropolitan Affairs** and the **Illinois Consortium on Drug Policy**, directed by **Kathleen Kane-Willis**, were awarded \$72,360 by the **Robert Crown Center for Health Education** in order to begin a heroin use prevention project. In addition, the **Chicago Community Trust** donated \$40,000 to the **Illinois Consortium on Drug Policy** to continue its work on educating ex-offenders about background check information and to create a process for felony review of drug cases in Cook County. The **Drug Policy Alliance** awarded \$25,000 in operating support to the **Illinois Consortium on Drug Policy**.

The **Jack Miller Center** awarded \$65,000 to the **Montesquieu Forum for the Study of Civic Life**, directed by **Stuart Warner**, associate professor of philosophy, for the High School Teachers Summer Academy; \$10,000 for a student essay contest; and \$2,000 for a 2011 U.S. Constitution Day lecture.

The **British Council** awarded the **MFA in Creative Writing program** £20,000 (\$30,000) to support a partnership program with **London Metropolitan University**, enabling students at both institutions to cooperate in a writing course and to visit both campuses in summer 2011. The course was co-taught by **Scott Blackwood**, assistant professor of English and director of the MFA in Creative Writing program. This project is part of a larger initiative planned for a variety of other disciplines that will involve the exchange of faculty, students and resources between the two universities.

To discuss support for the College of Arts and Sciences, contact **Mirna Garcia Holton**, associate vice president for development and operations, at mtgarcia@roosevelt.edu or (312) 341-2309.

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 and more.

ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY AND THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP



Roosevelt University and the John Marshall Law School formalized an agreement in May allowing Roosevelt students to pursue the dream of getting a law degree through a 3+3 degree program. During their senior year, students will complete their bachelor's degrees while attending their first year of law school at John Marshall. "With this arrangement we are strengthening our ties to the John Marshall Law School, and we are enriching the possibilities for our students to obtain accelerated advanced degrees," said **Lynn Weiner**, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. This summer, 11 Roosevelt University undergraduates participated in the Pre-Law Summer Institute at John Marshall. The 3+3 program is anticipated to begin once it is approved by the Higher Learning Commission.

For information about the 3+3 program, contact Assistant Professor of Political Science and Coordinator of the Legal Studies Program **Naser Javaid** at njavaid@roosevelt.edu.

STUDENTS MAKE HEADLINES

The **Clinical Professional Psychology MA** students earned an average score exceeding that of all comparison groups for the National Counselors Exam. The mean score for Roosevelt students was 117 (compared to 108) for CACREP-approved programs. Six **College of Arts and Sciences** students were among a group of Roosevelt University students who spent their spring break performing community service by refurbishing the 104-year-old, not-for-profit Benton House in Chicago. **Mooni Abdus-Salam (English)**, **Stephanie Corcilus**



(English and journalism), **Yesenia Hernandez (psychology)**, **Justin Kohls (social justice studies)**, **Hannah Pilla (honors student in English and**

SCHAUMBURG CAMPUS BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE BRIDGE PROGRAM

The Elgin Community College–Roosevelt University Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program welcomed 10 students from Elgin Community College (ECC) to Roosevelt's Schaumburg Campus for a month-long, intensive internship program in biomedical science. Activities included discussion on current topics in science, student presentations on health disparities issues, laboratory exercises, and career exploration through field trips and invited speakers. The new cohort joined seven returning ECC students who conducted individual research with Roosevelt faculty in chemistry, biology and psychology, culminating in a poster session in August. The program is funded by the National Institutes of Health and is directed by Associate Professor of Biology and Chemistry **Robert Seiser** and Associate Professor of Biology and Department Chair **Cornelius Watson**.



Photo, left to right: Dr. Shara Compton, a Biological, Chemical and Physical Sciences postdoctoral teaching fellow, with ECC students Kim Miller, Emma Turkson, Jennifer Campos, Eneida Acevedo and Matt Garcia at the NIH Scholars summer picnic at the Schaumburg Campus in June.

psychology) and **Jeff Zoline (sociology)** remodeled Benton House's kitchen, pantry and dining room, where low-income seniors receive subsidized lunches. The students raised \$1,000 for Benton House, which serves 700 needy families in Chicago's Bridgeport community.



Renee Farwell (sociology) was recognized by former President Bill Clinton's Clinton Global Initiative University for her work in building a school for poor children in a small village outside

Ghana's capital city of Accra. **Michelle Fashandi (economics)** received a full scholarship for summer study at the highly selective Arabic Persian Turkish Language Immersion Institute at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. **Hannah Pilla (honors student in English and psychology)** worked with Assistant Professor Norbert Cordeiro (biology) to develop a first draft of a plant guide

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Associate Professor of History and Department Chair **Chris Chulos** was named a short-term scholar at the Kennan Institute at Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C., to conduct research at the Library of Congress on early Russian cinema (1908–1919). Assistant Professor of Biology **Norbert Cordeiro** was the academic chair and liaison of the inaugural conference between the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation and the Society for Conservation Biology–Africa Section in Tanzania in June. The conference was attended by 500 delegates from more than 60 countries. These two global organizations focus on the study of tropical biology and the conservation of natural resources. Professor of Sociology and Director of the Mansfield Institute for Social Justice and Transformation **Heather Dalmage** was elected program chair for the Society for the Study of Social Problems for 2011–2012. Dalmage (coauthor with Barbara Katz Rothman of *Race in an Era of Change: A Reader*, Oxford University Press, 2011) and Associate Professor of Political Science **Jeff Edwards** will lead students on a two-week trip to South Africa this spring as part of the course SOC 329/429: Whiteness in a Global Society.

Assistant Professor of Psychology **Jacqueline Deuling's** article, "A Comparative Test of Work-Family Conflict Models and Critical Examination of Work-Family Linkages," was selected as one of the Top 20 nominated articles in 2010 in the annual competition for the Rosabeth Moss Kanter Award for Excellence in Work-Family Research. Associate Professor of Public Administration **LaVonne Downey** was awarded the National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems Safety New Award for her research on *Improving the Handoff Process* and was selected as an editorial board member of *International Emergency Medicine Journal*. Associate Professor of Psychology **Judith Dygdon** co-authored "Conditional Emotional Responses in Racial Prejudice" (published in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*) and "Examining the Nature of Fear of

of the Eastern Arc Mountains in Tanzania. The guide, *Seedlings Guide to Trees, Shrubs and Lianas of the Eastern Arc Mountains*, is written in English and Swahili and will be used by local research institutions and villagers working in reforestation and conservation



in this region of Africa. **Patrick Michael Ryan (BA in political science, '10)** is pictured on the right with Mayor of Chicago Rahm Emanuel (center) and **Alexander Sewell (political science)** at

Mayor Emanuel's election celebration. Patrick interned for Mayor-elect Emanuel and is currently pursuing his MBA at Roosevelt University. Alexander (featured in the spring 2010 issue of *CAS Connections*) is completing his studies at Roosevelt for his BA in political science and was named one of the *Windy City Times* newspaper's "30 under 30" award recipients for his contributions to LGBTQ causes.

Flying," soon to be published in *Aviation, Space, and Environmental Medicine*. Both papers apply the science of emotional learning to these widespread human issues.

Professor of Communication **Mike Ens Dorf** was a panelist at the July 14 Chicago Museum Exhibitors Group 2011 Summer Meeting on *Telling Difficult Stories: Exhibit Design and Marketing of Challenging Topics*. Ens Dorf is the founding director of the Roosevelt University Gage Gallery, a documentary photography gallery. Assistant Professor of Political Science



David Faris had several articles published on the revolutions in the Middle East, including "Watching Egyptians Find Their Footing" (featured on NPR.org), "Why Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood Isn't the Islamic Bogeyman" (*The Christian Science Monitor*) and "The Arab

Spring: U.S. Democracy Promotion in Egypt," with Erin A. Snider (*Middle East Policy*). Faris presented talks this spring at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. ("What Is Happening in Egypt and Why") and at Princeton University ("Social Media Revolutions") and was quoted in the September 12 edition of *The Nation*, in an article titled "Democracy 101 for Egypt."



Professor of Journalism

John Fountain was awarded the Peter Lisagor Award for Exemplary Journalism. Fountain is a *Chicago Sun-Times* columnist and the author of *Dear Dad: Reflections on Fatherhood* (WestSide Press, 2011). Assistant Professor of History **Erik Gellman** was

awarded a NEH grant, Landmarks of American History, which provides K-12 educators the opportunity to engage in intensive study and discussion of important topics in American history and culture. He is coauthor of *The Gospel of the Working Class: Labor's Southern Prophets in New Deal America* (University of Illinois Press, July 2011). Assistant Professor of Chemistry **Tasneem Islam** was the keynote speaker at the Department of Pharmacy of ASA University Bangladesh seminar on Selective Biological Application of Organic Chemistry.



Assistant Professor of Women's and Gender Studies **Marjorie Jolles** provided expert commentary on Oprah Winfrey's retirement for the *Washington Post* and Australia's *The World Today*. When asked to characterize Winfrey's greatest contribution, Jolles said that "above all, Oprah has mainstreamed the

concept of female empowerment and female authenticity." Jolles is coeditor of a new book, *Fashion Talks: Undressing the Power of Style*, an anthology that will be published in 2012 by SUNY Press. Presidential Writer in Residence **Charles M. Madigan** published an article, "How Rahm Emanuel Might Reinvent Chicago Politics," in the May 16 edition of *The Christian Science Monitor*. Professor of Psychology **Steven Meyers** was elected a fellow of the Society of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology (a division of the American Psychological Association). He was recently quoted in the *Huffington Post* in an article about ADHD in childhood and provided commentary in a related interview on 101.9 FM Chicago.

Associate Professor of Economics **Ozgur Orhangazi** was awarded a fellowship for his research from the Turkish Sciences Academy. Assistant Professor of Mathematics **Melanie Pivarski** was named a Project NEX T Fellow of the Mathematical Association of America and was elected director at large for the Illinois State Mathematical Association of America. Assistant Professor of History **Fabricio Prado** was selected as the sole U.S. junior scholar for the International Conference on Military History: War and Decolonization in Brazil. Professor Emeritus of History **Christopher Reed** received the 2011 Annual *Timuel D. Black Jr. Fund Award* in September, in recognition of his scholarship on African-American history. Associate Professor of English **Janet Wondra's** collection of poems, *Bad Attitude*, was published by Finishing Line Press and her piece of creative nonfiction, "My Mother, the Card," will be published in the fall issue of *Connecticut Review*.

Professor of Economics **Stephen Ziliak's** article, "Field Experiments in Economics: Comment on an Article by Levitt and List," was published in July by the Center for Research in Econometric Analysis of Time Series at the University of Aarhus, Denmark. Ziliak's article, which criticizes the "randomization" approach to experimental economics, was listed by *The Economist* magazine as "recommended economics writing." Ziliak's work on statistical significance and a recent United States Supreme Court case (featured in the winter 2010 issue of *CAS Connections*) were featured at the annual meeting of the American Statistical Association in August and in a BBC Radio interview in April; his lecture on the Supreme Court case was published as an article in *Significance*, a magazine of the Royal Statistical Society, in September.

The College of Arts and Sciences congratulates the following recipients of 2011-12 Faculty Research Leaves:

Scott Blackwood (creative writing): *See How Small* (novel)

Sathees Chandra (biology): "Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) DNA Test and Cervical Cancer" (article)

Norbert Cordeiro (biology): "Consequences of Deforestation on Reproduction of an African Species: Can Trees Change Sex to Counter Effects of Deforestation" (article)

LaVonne Downey (public administration): "Effectiveness of Australian Psychiatric Triage System in the Emergency Department—How Changing the Triage System Will Impact Patient Outcomes" (article)

Lawrence Fisher (integrated marketing communications): "Exploring the Boundaries between Academic and Applied Ethnography" (article)

John Fountain (journalism): "Exodus of Faith: Renewing Social Justice" (article)

Jie Yu (mathematics): "Optimal Trading Rules under a Three-State Regime Switching Model" (article)

Stephen Ziliak (economics): "An Empirical Illustration of the Randomization Impossibility Theorem: Comparison of Balanced and Random Design of Experiments" (article)