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Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management chair **Julia Beamish** and doctoral student **Hyunjoo Kwon** presented “Boomers lifestyle, housing satisfaction and intention to move at retirement” at the 45th Annual Conference of the Housing Education and Research Association held October 12-15 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management faculty member **Doris Kincade** and **Peggy P. Quesenberry**, an AHRM doctoral student and staff member, presented the poster “Using Artifact Analysis for an Examination of Textile Mills and Apparel and Furniture Plants,” co-authored with Elizabeth H. Dull and Alice E. Dull, as well as the paper “Investigation of the Training Adjustment Assistance and Implications for Current Economics” at the International Textiles and Apparel Association (ITAA) Annual conference in Philadelphia on November 2-6.

Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management faculty member **Irene Leech** and doctoral student **Chungwen Hsu** presented a poster titled “Higher Education Burden” and a paper titled “Peer mentoring for personal Finance Budgeting Assessment” at the Association for Financial Counseling, Planning and Education annual conference in Jacksonville, Florida, on November 16-18. Co-authors of the paper were AHRM faculty member **Ron Gibbs** and undergraduates **Patrick Herndon** and **Abigail Smith**.

ASPECT student **Ryan Artrip** participated in the panel “Radically Existential” at the 4th Biennial Herbert Marcuse Society Conference at the University of Pennsylvania on October 26-30.

Dwight Bigler, Music, published his piece, “Miss Mackenzie,” in the National Collegiate Choral Organization Choral Music Series. The text is an excerpt from Anthony Trollope’s novel of the same name; it is set for women’s chorus and chamber orchestra. Bigler presented the work on November 5 at the NCCO national conference in Fort Collins, Colorado; more than 40 compositions were submitted, and Bigler’s was one of four winners. A link to “Miss Mackenzie” can be found [here](#).

The Blue Ridge Writing Project’s College/Scholarship Essay Outreach Event took place on November 1-2 with the goal of meeting high school students from five school districts in the area. Participating were the following English Education MAED students from the School of Education: **Shawn Adams**, **Katy Eller**, **Emily Love**, **Elizabeth Phelps**, **Marilea Showalter**, and **Brittany Werner**; they were led by

Katie Dredger, School of Education and interim program leader in the English Education MAED program. From the Department of English faculty members **Charlene Eska**, **Bernice Hausman**, **Jenny Lawrence**, **Penny Livesay**, **Suzanne Reisinger**, **Vanessa Ruccolo**, and **Matthew Vollmer** took part as well as M.A. candidates **Kaitlin Clinnin**, **Cassandra Hockman**, and **Elizabeth Phelps**, and M.F.A. students **Andy Hobin**, **Christopher Pruitt**, **Robert Uren**, and **Amanda Zubillaga**. Participating from the Blue Ridge Writing Project were Carrie Honaker, Paige Horst, Barbara Scheid, and Rebekah Woodie. The event was coordinated by **Aileen Murphy**, English and Director of the Blue Ridge Writing Project. The participants already are looking forward to engaging in this outreach project again next year.

Marcie Boucouvalas, Human Development, served as a theme editor for a special double issue (Fall 2011/Spring 2012) of *Adult Learning* that focused on the global reach of the adult lifelong learning movement. It highlighted two international bodies: the governmentally-based UNESCO and the civil society based International Council for Adult Education (ICAE). Her lead article was titled "Our Global Reach: UNESCO and ICAE as Catalysts," pp. 4-8.

Sociology Post-Doctoral Student **Carson Byrd** published "Conflating Apples and Oranges: Understanding Modern Forms of Racism," *Sociology Compass* 5.11 (2011): 1005–17.

David P. Cline, History, co-authored "Mountain Feminist: Helen Matthews Lewis, Appalachian Studies, and the Long Women's Movement," *Southern Cultures* 17.13 (Fall 2011): 48-65, with Jessica Wilkerson.

"Memento" by **Travis J. Cross**, Music, was premiered by the Twelfth Annual All-District Honor Band Festival in eight sites across Indiana on November 13. Cross was commissioned by the Indiana Bandmasters Association to write a work for concert band.

Francois Debrix, Political Science and Director of ASPECT, presented the keynote address titled "Against Interdisciplinarity as a Panacea" at the first Annual Interdisciplinary Research Symposium at Virginia Tech on November 4.

The following students in the Department of English MFA (Creative Writing) program were recognized for their writing achievements. **Rob Kenagy** was awarded the Virginia Tech/Poetry Society of Virginia Award for his poem "End Notes"; the prize was sponsored by the Academy of American Poets. "My Two Cents" by **Michael Roche** was first runner-up, and **James Stolen's** poem, "The Problem of Describing Clouds," was second runner-up. Kenagy's piece earned him a cash award determined by the Academy of American Poets and a nomination for the 2011 edition of *Best New Poets*. Roche's poem garnered him a nomination by the University of Virginia Press to *Best New Poet* - nominated poets are permitted to submit two poems each to *Best New Poets*, which describes itself as "an annual anthology of 50 emerging writers." The three winning poems will be nominated by Virginia Tech for the 2012 Intro Journals Project, an annual competition from the Associated Writing Programs. Winners of the Intro competition receive an award letter, publication, and a \$100 honorarium. **Kedon Willis** was awarded the Virginia Tech Fiction Prize for his story "Sat'day." **Mark Derks** was first runner-up for his story, "Hunched Shoulders of Giants"; and **Sandra Yee's** "Step Right Up" was second runner-up. Kedon's story has earned him a cash award equivalent to the Academy of American Poets award,

and his story will also be nominated by Virginia Tech for the 2012 Intro Journals Project, described above.

Tara Frank, a doctoral student in the School of Education/Higher Education, presented “Outcomes Assessment for Graduate Program in Higher Education” with Educational Leadership and Policy Studies faculty members **Joan Hirt** and **Steve Janosik** at the Association for the Study of Higher Education Conference, in Charlotte, North Carolina, on November 16-19.

Three master’s students in Higher Education in the School of Education presented papers at the Virginia Student Services Conference, in Wintergreen, Virginia, on November 14-16. **Heather Harding**, along with Matt Grimes, presented “Creating a Strengths-Driven Community.” **Kaitlin Heenehan**, along with Matt Grimes, presented “iTeach,” which was honored as “top program of the conference.” **Samantha Mills** presented “Hokie Camp + Slusher = Slusher Camp 2011-2012” with Donald Walker; it was named a top-3 program of the conference.

Human Development faculty members **Karen A. Roberto** and **Rosemary Blieszner**, along with department and Center for Gerontology program alumnae **Brandy Renee McCann** (Ph.D. 2010) and **Marya McPherson** (M.S. 2007) published “Family triad perceptions of mild cognitive impairment,” *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 6 (2011): 756-68.

Doris Kincade, Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management, received a Recognition Award from the Korean Society of Marketing Scholars (KSMS) for her service on the Editorial Review Boards of both the *Journal of Global Fashion Marketing* and the *Journal of Global Scholars of Marketing Science*.

ASPECT student **Lyusyena Kirakosyan** presented a poster at the 1st Interdisciplinary Research Symposium, held in the Graduate Life Center on November 4. The title of the poster was “Entrepreneurship and disability in Brazil.”

ASPECT student **Robert Kirsch** presented “Minskian Instability: Possibilities for Political Theory” at the International Confederation of Associations for Pluralism in Economics Third Triennial Research Conference at the University of Massachusetts Amherst on November 11-13.

Chad Lavin, Political Science and ASPECT, with Chris Russill, published “From Tipping Points to Meta-Crises: Media, Management, and Hurricane Katrina,” *The Neoliberal Deluge: Hurricane Katrina, Late Capitalism, and the Rebuilding of New Orleans*, edited by Cedric Johnson (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2011), pp. 3-31. In addition, his article “The Year of Eating Politically” was reprinted in *Taking Food Public: Redefining Foodways in a Changing World*, edited by Psyche Williams Forson and Carole Counihan (New York: Routledge, 2011), pp. 576-91.

Irene Leech, Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management, was elected as an At-Large Board Member of the Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education, representing the Education and Government portion of membership at its annual meeting in Jacksonville, Florida, on November 16-18.

Barbara Lockee, School of Education/Learning Sciences and Technologies and Associate Director of Educational Research and Outreach, was recognized with the International Contributions Award at the convention of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) in Jacksonville,

Florida, on November 8-12. The award was for work in educational technology initiatives in Africa (Malawi USAID project, NEPAD expert group member), involvement in establishing AECT affiliations with Taiwan, China, and Hong Kong, and participation as an AECT representative and featured speaker at conferences in Korea and China. In addition, Lockee was inducted into the Society of Past Presidents for AECT and will serve on the ECT Foundation's Board of Directors, which supports student scholarships and internships for the AECT.

Heidi Anne Mesmer, School of Education/Teaching and Learning was awarded a grant from the federal Improving Teacher Quality State Grants (Title II, Part A) Professional Development Program, administered by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, for "Leading in Reading: Capacity Building for Literacy Education." Mesmer, as the PI, along with colleagues at Radford University, received \$169,673 for 2011-2012 to conduct a series of five full-day professional development workshops for more than 164 administrators, teachers, and reading specialists in 30 schools in Region 7 of the Commonwealth, a traditionally underserved area of the state.

The Montgomery Floyd Regional Libraries featured the biography, "Edgar A. Long, Principal of Christiansburg Institute: A Life Devoted to Education," written by **Katherine A. Goins**, a senior History and Biology double-major; **Erin M. Lord**, a master's candidate in History and School of Education/Curriculum and Instruction; and **Mallory Orrison**, a History alumna (B.A. 2011) enrolled as a master's student in the School of Education/Curriculum and Instruction; and **E. Thomas Ewing**, Associate Dean and Department of History. As part of American Education Week, November 14-20, the Christiansburg Public Library featured a book display and a public presentation by the co-authors.

The following CLAHS students were inducted into the Gamma Omega chapter of Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society on November 8: undergraduate students **Katherine Armistead**, Communication; **Maxie Keeler**, Human Development; **Shilla Kwon**, Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management; **Allison Riggs**, International Studies and Philosophy; **Kevin Shedlick**, International Studies; **Kellie Tucker**, Communication; **Olivia Twiddy**, Communication; and **Megan Wright**, French and International Studies; as well as graduate student **Casey Gresham**, History and Urban and Regional Planning.

Joseph C. Pitt, Philosophy and Science, Technology, and Society, was an invited keynote speaker at the Workshop on Philosophical Foundations of Engineering and Engineering Education sponsored by the University of Illinois on October 10-11. The title of the presentation was "Philosophical foundations before curriculum design."

The documentary film, *Rothstein's First Assignment*, by **Katrina Powell**, English and Director of Women's and Gender Studies, and directed by Richard Knox Robinson, was part of the Virginia Film Festival lineup on November 5 at the Vinegar Hill Theatre in Charlottesville, known for its cutting-edge presentations. A panel discussion followed the screening. Details of the event can be found [here](#).

Dennis Priebe, a master's student in the School of Education/Higher Education, won honors as Virginia Association of College and University Housing Officers (VACUHO) Graduate Student of the Year.

Department of Religion and Culture faculty members **Matthew Gabriele** and **Benjamin Sax** hosted a one-day symposium at Virginia Tech, "Revisiting the 'Judeo-Christian' Tradition." A keynote was

offered by Mark Silk, Trinity College; other invited guests from Harvard, the University of Pittsburgh, the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, the University of British Columbia, and the Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies attended. The symposium was made possible by a CLAHS Jerome Niles Faculty Fellowship Award.

History Professor Emeritus **James “Bud” Robertson, Jr.**, published *The Untold Civil War: The Human Side of War* (National Geographic Books, 2011), an adaptation of his popular radio broadcasts. For more on this work, see the recent [Roanoke Times article](#).

Eric Schwartz, a doctoral student in the School of Education/Higher Education, published “Relevance of Utility Maximization in Student University Choice: A Consumption-Based Model for Higher Education,” *Review of Economic and Business Studies* 4.1 (2011): 157-77.

Don Shoemaker, Sociology, was awarded a grant from the Provost Course Development Fund, administered through Distance Learning and Summer Sessions to develop and offer SOC 3414 Criminology as an online course beginning Spring 2013. The award was for \$8,188.

Stephanie Stanard, a doctoral student in the Adult Learning and Human Resource Development (ALHRD) program of the Department of Human Development presented “Why Do Adults Quit on Themselves” at the 2011 American Association for Adult and Continuing Education (AAACE) Annual Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, held from October 30 to November 4.

Sarah Surak, an instructor in Political Science and a graduate student in the College of Architecture and Urban Planning, presented “Pollution, Production, and Protection: The normative foundations and resulting implications for and of the international management of waste electronics” at the 3rd Annual Graduate Conference organized by the Cluster of Excellence in the Formation of Normative Orders at the Goethe University in Frankfurt, Germany, on November 19th.

The conference “Whiteness Beyond the West,” organized by **Brett Shadle**, History, and **P.S. Polanah**, Sociology, took place in Torgersen Museum on November 4-5. The keynote speaker was Ira Bashkow, University of Virginia. Among the presenters were the following ASPECT students: **Komal Dhillon**, “A Postcolonial Intersectional Feminist Analysis of Pigmentocracy and Women of India”; **Christian Matheis**, “The Legend of the White-ness Monster: Getting ‘the West’ Beyond ‘Whiteness’”; and **Marc Thomas**, “Apartheid in Jamaica: An examination of white supremacy and its limits from slavery to 1970.”

Alumni Highlights

This month alumni from the departments of Communication and History are featured.

Eric Heinze, who earned his M.A. in Political Science in 2001, was the recipient of the Gary B. Cohen Distinguished Faculty Award at the University of Oklahoma in recognition of his commitment to international and area studies. Heinze received his Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska in 2005 and currently is Assistant Professor of Political Science and International and Area Studies at the University of Oklahoma.

The Rev. Canon **C. K. Robertson**, Ph.D., a 1985 graduate of the Department of Communication, published *A Dangerous Dozen: 12 Christians Who Challenged the Status Quo*, with a Foreword by Archbishop Desmond Tutu (Woodstock, VT: SkyLight Paths, 2011). Robertson, who serves as the Canon to the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, also was recently named Series Editor of a new books series for Peter Lang Publishing entitled “Studies in Episcopal and Lutheran Theology.”

Michael Magee Taylor, Sr., who earned his B.A. in Communication and History in 1994, joined Americom Government Services, Inc. d/b/a SES WORLD SKIES, U.S. Government Solutions, with headquarters in McLean, Virginia, as the company's General Counsel.

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