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Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management faculty member **Eunju Hwang** and senior **Cara Davis** presented "The Built Environment and Walkability for Older Adults" at the Housing Educators and Research Association Annual Conference, held October 27-30 in Tulsa, OK.

ASPECT student **Ryan E. Artrip** presented "The Digital Fog of War: Baudrillard and the Violence of Representation," co-authored by ASPECT Director **François Debrix**, at the International Journal of Baudrillard Studies' Colloquium on "Baudrillard and War," held October 11 in Stockholm.

Lane Clarke, a junior majoring in English and Sociology, was the CLAHS Ambassador of the Month for October. Clarke volunteers her time each week in the main office of the Department of English as well as the Writing Center.

Zach Dresser, Religion and Culture, co-edited *Apocalypse and the Millennium in the American Civil War Era* (Baton Rouge, LA: Louisiana State University Press, 2013), with Ben Wright. Included in the volume is Dresser's own contribution, "Providence Revised: The Southern Presbyterian Old School in the Civil War and Reconstruction," pp. 129-53.

School of Education/Educational Leadership and Policy Studies doctoral student **Sumeyra Sahbaz** and faculty member **Penny Burge** presented "Analysis of Grounded Theory Use in Higher Education Journals" at the European Conference on Educational Research, held September 10-13 in Istanbul, Turkey.

Roger Ekirch, History, was featured on the public radio show "With Good Reason" the week of October 6 on its program titled "Let There Be Night." Ekirch discusses his book, *At Day's Close: Night in Times Past*, in which he sheds light on how pre-Industrial Revolution farmers, tradesmen, and laborers spent their nights. The program is available [here](#).

An interdisciplinary team of Virginia Tech faculty and researchers from the departments of English, History, and Computer Science as well as colleagues from University Libraries, who comprise the university's "Digging into Data" project team, hosted the research symposium "[An Epidemiology of Information: New Methods for Interpreting Disease and Data](#)" at the Virginia Tech Research Center in Arlington on October 17. The symposium explored how methods relying on computational

strategies to mine data archives can be used for both practical and research purposes. During the last two years the team has applied data mining tools to digitized historical newspapers in the Library of Congress's "Chronicling America" database. Principal Investigators for the "Digging into Data" team are **Tom Ewing**, History and Associate Dean, and **Bernice Hausman**, English. The symposium, which brought together policy makers, public health experts, and scholars, was co-sponsored by the National Institutes of Health's National Library of Medicine and the National Endowment for the Humanities' Office of Digital Humanities.

Patti Fisher, Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management, published "Future Orientation and Saving for Medium-Term Expenses," *Family and Consumer Sciences Research Journal* 41.4 (2013): 393-412, with Sophia Anong.

Thomas Gardner, Alumni Distinguished Professor of English, published "Dickinson's Influence" in *Emily Dickinson in Context*, ed. Eliza Richards (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013), pp. 332-42.

Maryclaire Gibson, a junior majoring in Religion and Culture as well as French, was selected as the CLAHS Undergraduate Research Scholar of the Month for September. Gibson's research project explores the literary reception of the Bible; her faculty mentor is **Brian Britt**, Chair of the Department of Religion and Culture. She describes her work on this [video](#) on the URI website.

Kwame Harrison, Sociology, published "Thick Description" in *Theory in Social and Cultural Anthropology: An Encyclopedia*, ed. R. Jon McGee and Richard L. Warms (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2013), pp. 860-61; and "Black Skiing, Everyday Racism, and the Racial Spatiality of Whiteness," *Journal of Sport and Social Issues* 37.4 (2013): 315-39. An interview based on the latter publication appeared on the [Cooler Magazine](#) website.

Matthew Heaton, History, published [*Black Skin, White Coats: Nigerian Psychiatrists, Decolonization, and the Globalization of Psychiatry*](#), New African Histories (Athens, Ohio: Ohio University Press, 2013).

Ann Kilkelly, School of Performing Arts/Theatre, conducted a workshop performance at the Imagining America National Conference on October 4 in Syracuse, New York, with Theatre alumnus **Jon Catherwood-Ginn** (MFA, 2013) and Elise Witt. Imagining America focuses on the role of Public Scholarship in the Arts, Humanities, and Design, and the workshop engaged choral directors and academics interested in the role of singing in social justice movements and in community-based art.

Minjeong Kim, Sociology, published "Weaving Women's Agency into Representations of Marriage Migrants: Narrative Strategies with Reflective Practice," *Asian Journal of Women's Studies* 19 (3): 7-41.

Irene Leech, Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management, gave a plenary presentation titled "Consumer Protection and the Challenges for the Future" at the International Seminar on Family and Consumer Sciences: Strengthening Family in the Globalization Era, sponsored by the Bogor Agricultural College on October 29 in Bogor, Indonesia.

Timothy W. Luke, University Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science, published "Working towards critical realism: Scientific man, power politics, and democratic decline" in the special issue on "Realism Reconsidered: New Contexts and Critiques," ed. Hartmut Behr and Sean Malloy, of *International Politics* 50.6 (November 2013): 880-94; and "[The Anthropocene and Freedom: Terrestrial Time as Political Mystification](#)," *Platypus Review* 60 (October 1, 2013). His book chapter, "Environmentality," was republished in a new paperback edition of *The Oxford Handbook of Climate Change and Society*, ed. John S. Dryzek, Richard B. Norgaard, and David Schlosberg (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013), pp. 96-112. Another book chapter, "Greening Political Science," along with those of the other contributing authors to *Greening the Academy: Ecopedagogy Through the Liberal Arts*, ed. Richard Kahn, Samuel Fassibinder, and Anthony J. Nocella II (Rotterdam: Sense Publishers, 2012), won a 2013 Critics Choice Award from the American Educational Studies Association.

Elizabeth Struthers Malbon, Religion and Culture, served as the area editor for articles on literary approaches included in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Biblical Interpretation*, 2 volumes, Steven L. McKenzie, editor in chief, which was recently published (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2013). There were five area editors for these volumes; Malbon's responsibilities were to solicit and edit the 20 articles in her area.

Jeff Mann, English, published: the novel excerpt "Fugitives," *Jonathan: A Journal of Gay Male Fiction* 3 (2013): 63-71; the short stories "Penthouse" in *Anything for a Dollar*, ed. Todd Gregory (Valley Falls, New York: Bold Strokes Books, 2013), pp. 81-101, and "Tommy Cleburne" in *Shades of Blue and Gray: Ghosts of the Civil War*, ed. Steve Berman (Gaithersburg, Maryland: Prime Books, 2013), pp.173-96; poems "Dublin Coddle" and "I Looked for You" in *Queer and Celtic: On the Irish LGBT Experience*, ed. Wesley J. Koster (Minneapolis, MN: Squares and Rebels/Handtype Press, 2013), pp. 92 and 7 respectively; and the essay "Ireland" in *Queer and Celtic: On the Irish LGBT Experience*, pp. 40-54. In addition, Mann's novel *Purgatory: A Novel of the Civil War* has been released as an Audiobook, narrated by Mikael Naramore (Audible Audio Edition, August 2013, 12 hours and 1 minute).

ASPECT student **Christian Matheis** presented "Fitna and Nur, Chaos and Light: Political Theory and the Chaos/Order Paradigm in Pre-Modern and Modern Islamic Thought" at the annual meeting of the Association for Political Theory, held October 10-12 at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Kelly Parkes, School of Education/Teaching and Learning, published "Motivations impacting upon music instrument teachers' decisions to teach and perform in higher education," *British Journal of Music Education* 30.3 (November 2013): 397-414, with Ryan Daniel.

Anthony Peguero, Sociology, is the winner of the American Society of Criminology (ASC) Division on People of Color and Crime's (DPCC) Coramae Richey Mann Award. The award recognizes a member of the DPCC who has made outstanding contributions of scholarship on race/ethnicity, crime, and justice. In addition, Peguero published "An Adolescent Victimization Immigrant Paradox? School-Based Routines, Lifestyles, and Victimization across Immigration Generations," *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* 42.11 (2011): 1759-73.

The Department of Political Science was recognized as [one of the top-20 programs in the U.S.](#) in terms of return on investment for its undergraduate majors by AffordableCollegesOnline. The department, which offers undergraduate degrees in Political Science as well as International Studies, has the largest number of majors in the College. AC Online website ranked Virginia Tech 13th as an institution.

No Right to Remain Silent: What We've Learned from the Tragedy at Virginia Tech (Three Rivers/Random House), authored by **Lucinda Roy**, Alumni Distinguished Professor in English, was selected by Columbus State University (CSU) in Georgia as the 2013-2014 common text for the university's 1,100 first-year students. Roy visited CSU on October 15 to give a campus-wide talk and signing and meet with faculty and students in honors, creative writing, and composition. She also met with CSU's Behavioral Assessment and Recommendation Team and was made an honorary member of the team. An account of Roy's [campus-wide address](#) can be found in the *Columbus Ledger-Enquirer*. Earlier this year, Audible.com released an audio version of [No Right to Remain Silent](#), read by Roy.

Tana Schiewer, a doctoral student in Rhetoric and Writing in the Department of English, presented "Mission Statements and Open-Handed Engagement: Nonprofit Collaboration at Work" at the 78th Annual International Association for Business Communication Conference held October 23-26 in New Orleans, LA.

Science and Technology in Society faculty member **Ashley Shew** and doctoral student **Keith Johnson** presented "The Use of Companion Animals in Biotechnology," some of the work they have engaged in related to the Interdisciplinary Graduate Education Program (IGEP) on Regenerative Medicine, at the meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Technology in Lisbon on July 4-6.

Ashley Shew, Science and Technology in Society, published: "[To the Cloud: Loss in the Age of Digital Memory](#)," *Token and Talismans in Digital Spaces, The New Everyday Media Commons* (October 1, 2013); and "Every Breath You Take" in *Ender's Game & Philosophy: Genocide is Child's Play*, ed. Lucinda Rush and D. E. Wittkower (Chicago: Open Court, 2013), pp. 135-43.

Richard Shryock, Foreign Languages and Literatures/French, and his book, *Gustave Kahn. Un écrivain engagé*, were featured as the [October Visible Scholarship Initiative](#), a monthly celebration of research and creative scholarship in the liberal arts and human sciences, sponsored jointly by the College and the University Libraries. A reception on October 1 featured remarks by Shryock about the book and his research.

Tamia Spells, a senior majoring in Political Science, was chosen as the CLAHS Ambassador of the Month for September. Spells volunteers her time each week with Ryan Rideau, Director of Undergraduate Diversity Initiatives.

The College's Staff Association's Scholarship Committee, chaired by **Brenda Husser**, Sociology, held a raffle at the College's Faculty/Staff Fall Meeting on October 9 to benefit the Staff Association's Scholarship Fund; \$325 was raised through this event. At the October 18 Staff Association's Fall Retreat, the committee raised \$151 from the sale of raffle tickets and another \$60.50 from a 50/50 drawing, for a total of \$211.50 for the Scholarship Fund. In addition, the College's Staff Association's

Special Projects Committee, chaired by **Sally Wieringa**, English, held a food drive to support Micah's Backpack. Items were collected at the CLAHS Faculty/Staff Fall meeting on October 9. The committee delivered 162 food items to be packed and delivered to school-aged children who participate in the free lunch program in the public schools. A second food drive was held on October 18 at the Staff Association's fall retreat. The project will continue indefinitely; donation containers have been placed in CLAHS departments and all faculty, staff, and students are invited to contribute.

Robert P. Stephens, History, was named [Associate Dean for Undergraduate Academic Affairs](#) in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Yannis A. Stivachtis, Political Science and Director of International Studies, served as the keynote speaker for the 2013 Millennium Annual International Conference, sponsored by *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* and held October 19-20 in London.

ASPECT student **Tyler Suggs** represented the ASPECT program on the CLAHS Graduate Student Panel event for students interesting in applying to graduate school on October 16 in the Graduate Life Center.

Congratulations to the following CLAHS students, who received a Fall 2013 Undergraduate Research Institute (URI) grant for research expenses and/or conference travel. **James Flanagan**, International Studies senior, was awarded support to present "Bringing Social Development Out of the Shadows" at the 2nd International Conference on Social Sciences at the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka; his faculty advisor is **Robert Siegle**, Director of the Center for 21st Century Studies. **Anna Isserow**, a junior in Political Science, received a grant to make presentation at the International Conference on Food Studies in Austin, Texas; her faculty advisor is **Courtney Powell Thomas**, History. **Rachael Kim** and **Rachel Ellena**, seniors in Political Science, received support to present "Teaching the Large First Year Experience Class: Evaluating How Clickers can Create a Seminar Experience for Hundreds of Students" at the American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference in Philadelphia with their faculty advisor, **Craig Brians**, Political Science. Human Development senior **John Wall** received support for the presentation of his paper, "The Forgotten Kin: Aunts and Uncles in the Lives of Queer Young Adults," at the 6th Annual Conference on Emerging Adulthood in Chicago; **Erika Grafsky**, Human Development, is his faculty advisor. In addition, the following departments were awarded URI grants in support of their undergraduate research initiatives: Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management; Religion and Culture; and Sociology.

Vinodh Venkatesh, Foreign Languages and Literatures/Spanish, published "Challenging Global Masculinities in Jaime Bayly's *El cojo y el loco*," *Revista Canadiense de Estudios Hispánicos* 37.2 (2013): 279-96.

Alan Weinstein, Music, released the CD [On Light Wings](#) with the Kandinsky Trio on October 15; the CD is on the OmniTone label and features three premieres: "On Light Wings," a piano quartet by Gunther Schuller; and two works by John D'earth, "Silent Faustus" and "Natural Bridge." which features jazz artists Kurt Rosenwinkel on guitar and Paul Langosch on bass. Musical America provides [additional information about the CD](#).

Alumni Highlights

This month alumni of the School of Education are featured.

Rebecca Eastwood, a 2012 Ed. D. graduate in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, was appointed Director of Human Resources by the Roanoke County, Virginia, School Board in June; she assumed her position on September 1. Eastwood served as Director of Elementary Education in Roanoke County prior to her appointment.

Stanley Jones, a 2011 Ed. D. alumnus with a degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, was named Division Superintendent of the King and Queen, Virginia, County Public Schools in July; he assumed his position on August 1. Jones held the position of Executive Director of Instruction in Spotsylvania County Public Schools for the past year; from 1998 to 2012 he served as director of school safety and disciplinary hearing review officer, principal, and assistant principal in Hanover County Public Schools.

Patricia Melise, who earned her Ed. D. degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies in 2011, was named Executive Director of Elementary Schools in Norfolk, Virginia, this past spring; she began work in her new capacity on July 1. Previously she served as Principal of Larchmont Elementary School in Norfolk. Melise is also a graduate of the Aspiring Superintendents Program, which is a partnership of the Virginia Tech School of Education, the Virginia Tech Center for Organizational and Technological Advancement, and the Virginia Association of School Superintendents.

Juliette Myers, who earned a Ph. D. degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies in 2008, was named Director of Curriculum and Instruction for Chesterfield County in April; she began her new duties on July 1. Previously Myers worked as Principal of Robious Middle School in Chesterfield County, Virginia, and prior to moving to Chesterfield as Principal of Glenvar Middle School in Roanoke County, Virginia.

Four Educational Leadership Program graduates are serving as leaders of the Virginia Association of School Superintendents (VASS) in 2013-14: **Patrick Russo**, Ed. D. in 1980 and Henrico County Division Superintendent, is the current VASS President. **Alan Seibert**, Ed. D. in 2000 and Salem City Division Superintendent, is President Elect. **Rosa Atkins**, Ed. D. in 2008 and Charlottesville City Division Superintendent, is serving as Secretary-Treasurer. **Steve Staples**, Ed. D. in 1990, is the VASS Executive Director.

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