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Efua Akoma, a doctoral student in Sociology, was selected to participate in the Summer Institute for Ph.D. Students sponsored by the National Council of Black Studies (NCBS) Ford Foundation. Ten students were selected nationally to take part in the program, which will be held June 10-13 at Georgia State University. The Institute enhances participants' knowledge of the foundations and trajectory of Africana Studies and provides mentoring and other support useful for completion of the degree.

John Ambrosone, Theatre Arts, won the 2008 Best Lighting Design award in the large theatre category from The Independent Reviewers of New England (IRNE). The award was made for his work on *Blithe Spirit* at Trinity Repertory Company in Providence, RI, and *A Delicate Balance* at the Merimack Repertory Theatre in Lowell, MA, and was presented at a ceremony at the Boston Center for the Arts Cyclorama on April 6. Details can be found on the [StageSource website](#).

The Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management (AHRM) conducted its Student Scholarship and Awards program on April 8 in Wallace Hall Atrium. The following AHRM students were recognized with awards and with scholarships for the 2009-2010 academic year. AHRM Outstanding Graduate Student Awards went to **Nicole Gerike**, **Sung Jin Lee** (Research), **Siwon Cho** (Research), and **RayeCarol Cavender** (Teaching). **William J. KcKay** was the recipient of the Settle Award. The winner of the Alfred and Shirley Wampler Caudill Scholarship were **Sheree Jones**. The Resource Management Scholarship was awarded to **Christopher M. Roessler**. The Oris Glisson Scholarship winner was **Young Jin Bahng**. **Kate Grace Burch** received the Sutherland-Purdy Scholarship. **Sheridan Tupman** was awarded the Belk Scholarship. The American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists (AATCC) Student Award was made to **Jessica German**. **Matthew Pittman** received the TOTO/National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA) Outstanding Student Award; the award was presented at the Center for Real Life Kitchen Design Advisory Board meeting on March 30. The James F. Kelly Outstanding Senior Award recipients were **Michael Davies** and **Yalda Ghamarian**.

The endowed Residential Property Management scholarships awarded are as follows. The Richard Bighinatti - Beacon Communities Scholarship was awarded to **John Tedona**. The Southern Management – Ed Paylor Scholarship went to **Nick Romanies**. **Allie Stone** was the recipient of the Dean Janet Johnson Honored RPM Student Scholarship. **Rachel Wirth** garnered the Joanne and Roby Monday Scholarship.

The AvalonBay Communities Scholarship went to **Michael Davies**. The Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) Hokie Memorial Scholarship was awarded to **Caroline Harris**.

The following are the annual Residential Property Management Scholarships. The Home Properties - Bozzuto Scholarship went to **Kaitlyn McClellan**. The Camden Properties - Roseland Property Scholarship was awarded to **Alexandra Bryant**. **Sean Bratton** was the recipient of the Equity - Associated Estates Scholarship. The Greystar - Stonemark Scholarship was awarded to **Carter Powell**. **Nick Romanies** was the recipient of the Drucker & Falk - Lincoln Properties Scholarship. **Chris Jenkins** received the Management Services - Colonial Properties Trust Scholarship. **Rachel Wirth** was awarded the JBG Companies Scholarship. **Caroline Harris** was recognized with the Kettler - Buckingham Scholarship. **Laura Mandeville** was the recipient of the Post Properties - HHHunt Scholarship. The Winn Residential Scholarship went to **Michael Davies**.

RPM Professional Development Travel Scholarships to support student attendance at the Annual Meeting and Exposition of the National Apartment Association (NAA) in Las Vegas, NV, went to **Amand Aunet, Sean Bratton, Michael Davies, Laura Mandeville, and Rachel Wirth**.

ArtsFusion 2009, "A Celebration of the Arts as Human Spirit," took place from April 19-25, generating arts awareness and highlighting arts experiences available throughout Southwest Virginia. The Kandinsky Beat Down, a multicultural concert experience, served as the headliner event; on stage at Squires Student Center for the eclectic and electric performance were a classical chamber music trio, a human beat box artist, hip hop dancers, and four soloists performing new music by four composers - John D'earth, **James Miley**, Music, Dan Cavanagh, and Brian Coughlin - writing in cross-genre styles. Featured performers were the Kandinsky Trio – including **Alan Weinstein**, Music - and beat box phenomenon Shodekeh with guitarist Cyrus Pace, soprano **Nancy McDuffie**, Music, trumpeter **John Adler**, Music, and trombonist **Jay Crone**, Music. Dancing throughout were hip-hop artists The Boogaloo Crew. A complete list of this year's events can be found on the [ArtsFusion website](#).

Jamie Bishop: A Retrospective presents graphic designs and photographs by **Jamie Bishop**, Foreign Languages and Literatures, who was killed while teaching German in Norris Hall on April 16, 2007. The exhibit starts with sketches from the early 1990s and ends with his last photo cycle, *South Main Series*, made the year he died. After being accepted to the art program at Virginia Tech, Bishop was looking forward to taking his first classes in summer 2007; he planned to earn an M.F.A. and to pursue a career in graphic design. The exhibit, presented by Stefanie Hofer, is taking place at the VTLS, Inc. Headquarters, 1701 Kraft Drive, Blacksburg, VA 24060, from April 15 to July 14; opening hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For the past two years Alumni Distinguished Professor of Human Development **Rosemary Blieszner** served as an editorial advisory board member for the three-volume *Encyclopedia of Human Relationships*, ed. Harry T. Reis and Susan K. Sprecher (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2009). Her responsibilities included soliciting authors and editing articles for 12 entries related to middle and old age, as well as writing the entry on "Aging Processes and Relationships," Vol. 1, pp. 68-72. Blieszner also published the chapter "Who are the aging families?" in *Aging families and caregiving*, ed. Sara H. Qualls and Steven H. Zarit (New York: Wiley, 2009), 1-18.

Marcie Boucouvalas, Adult Learning and Human Resource Development in northern Virginia, will serve as invited expert on adult learning to the UNESCO Inter-governmental assembly on “Living and Learning for a Viable Future: The Power of Adult Learning,” scheduled for May 2009 in Belem, Brazil. Held every 10-12 years, the assembly is the only global policy dialogue on adult learning.

Travis J. Cross, Music, was one of six young conductors from across the nation selected to participate in the West Point Conducting Workshop held in West Point, New York, on April 25-26. Participants received feedback in rehearsal from guest clinician Frank Wickes, director of bands at Louisiana State University, and then conducted the United States Military Academy Band in a public performance in the Eisenhower Hall Theater.

Three departments were recognized with CLAHS Departmental Diversity Awards for 2009-2010 to support diversity-related projects. Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management received support for “Diversity among Consumers: A Year of Study.” Music was the recipient of an award for “Imani Winds Guest Artist Residency.” Philosophy garnered an award for “Ethics and Democracy: A Lecture Series, Public Outreach, and Recruiting Program.”

The CLAHS Faculty and Student Recognition Reception and Program took place on April 21 in Owens Banquet Hall. Following words of welcome by Dean **Sue Ott Rowlands**, Associate Dean **Mary Ann Lewis** and Associate Dean and Faculty Award Committee Chair **Fred Piercy** presented student and faculty award recipients respectively, with Thomas Tillar, VT Vice President for Alumni Relations, **Diana Ridgwell**, CLAHS Director of Student Development, and **Joan Watson**, Interdisciplinary Studies, presenting awards in special categories.

Recognized as the CLAHS Outstanding Graduate Students were **Lindsey Newman**, History, at the master’s level, and **Hyuksoo Kwon**, School of Education/Teaching and Learning, doctoral level; both had received recognition from the Graduate School at the 9th Annual Graduate Education Week Awards Banquet on March 26. The CLAHS Outstanding Senior was **Kathleen Cooperstein**, English; she also was recognized at the Student Recognition Banquet on April 18 for this honor. **Amber Zoe Smith**, English, received the Phi Kappa Phi Award. The Outstanding Recent Alumna award went to **Caitlin McHale**, who graduated with a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies in 2006. Campaign Graduate Scholarships were awarded to **Bryce Jorgensen**, Human Development, and **Julie Leventhal**, Human Development. **Sung-jin Lee**, Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management, and **Chih-ling Liou**, Human Development, were recipients of the James D. Moran Memorial Scholarship. **Katherine Allen**, Human Development, **Penny Burge**, School of Education/Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, and **Toni Calasanti**, Sociology, were recognized with Faculty Excellence in Graduate Student Advising Awards. The Dean’s Roundtable Scholarship went to **Caitlin Laverdiere**, English and Economics. The Dean’s Rising Senior Scholarship was awarded to **Diana Campbell**, English; the Dean’s Rising Junior Scholarship to **Sophie Barrack**, International Studies and French; and the Dean’s Rising Sophomore Scholarship to **Katherine Vernet**, Sociology. **Cynthia Smith**, Human Development, and **Yannis Stivachtis**, International Studies, were the recipients of the Excellence in Undergraduate Advising Awards. **Emily Barry**, Spanish and Human Development, garnered the Hulick Scholarship for Leadership, Friendship, and Service. Mildred Crawford Weidemann Scholarships went to **Jarryd Mushatt-Valrie**, Sociology and Human Development, and **Lauren Rossi**, Communication.

A Moody, Pratt, Minor Scholarship was awarded to the following students: **Thomas Anderson**, International Studies and Spanish; **Daniel Faith**, Spanish, Finance, and Accounting and Information Systems; **Kelley Hower**, English; **Candice Hudson**, Political Science; **Annah Latane**, International Studies and Agriculture and Applied Economics; **Elizabeth Lyon**, History; **Lauren Moore**, International Studies; **Taylor Novak**, Political Science; and **Isabel Smith**, Sociology. The Nelson-Lehmann-Gold Family Scholarship was given to **Andre Sparks**, School of Education/Teaching and Learning. **Caty Gordon**, English, garnered the John Rathbone Scholarship. Ora Goodwin Roon Scholarships went to: **Joshua Anderson**, International Studies; **Makayla Greathouse**, Human Development and Psychology; **Gina Hale**, Communication; **Danielle Harris**, International Studies and Spanish; and **Chris Lautenschlager**, Communication and Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise. Recipients of the Robichaud Family Scholarship were: **Jamie Bradley**, International Studies; **Luka Cubrilo**, International Studies; **Kimberly Dobyons**, International Studies; **Kyleigh Fitzgerald**, Communication; **Whitney Fortin**, Communication; **Rena Glavas**, Classical Studies and History; **Sarah Han**, Interdisciplinary Studies and Geography; **Molly Holland**, Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management; **Maria Kim**, Political Science; **Megan Luck**, Interdisciplinary Studies; **Laura McCarthy**, Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management; **Kathlyn McConnell**, International Studies and Spanish; **Samuel Norman**, Political Science; **Sarah Over**, Music and Aerospace Engineering; **Krista Patrick**, Communication and Human Development; **Danielle Polen**, Interdisciplinary Studies; **Whitney Robinson**, Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management; **Grace Rollins**, Interdisciplinary Studies; **Amanda Smith**, Human Development; **Kestrel Smith**, Interdisciplinary Studies; **Travis Turpin**, History and Spanish; **Sabrina Wren**, Human Development; and **Ashlynn Wright**, Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management. Faculty Recipients of Niles Research Awards were: **Tracy Cowden**, Music; **Michael Evans**, School of Education/Learning Sciences and Technologies; **Patti Fisher**, Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management; **Matt Gabriel**, Interdisciplinary Studies; **Brett Jones**, School of Education/Learning Sciences and Technologies; **Kathleen Jones**, History; **Sara Kajder**, School of Education/Teaching and Learning; **Minjeong Kim**, Interdisciplinary Studies; **Ilja Luciak**, Political Science; **Heide Mesmer**, School of Education/Teaching and Learning; **Katrina Powell**, English; **Gary Skaggs**, School of Education/Educational Leadership and Policy Studies; **Andrea Wittenborn**, Human Development; **Laura Zanotti**, Political Science. CLAHS Staff Association Scholarships were awarded to: **Andrea Burcham**, English; **Natalie Naab-Levy**, Human Development; **Samuel Norman**, Political Science; and **Lauren Frye**, History.

In the past two years scholarships have established in honor and in memory of those lost or wounded on April 16, 2007. Mary Karen Read Memorial Scholarships were: **Morgan Alday**, Interdisciplinary Studies; **Sara Equi**, Interdisciplinary Studies; **Rochelle Jenkinson**, Interdisciplinary Studies; **Brittany Kessler**, Interdisciplinary Studies; and **Danielle Waters**, Interdisciplinary Studies. The six recipients of the Hokie Memorial Marathon Scholarship were: **Helen Broemmelsiek**, Communication; **Stephanie Connelly**, Sociology and Political Science; **Elizabeth DeHart**, International Studies and Sociology; **Molly Dickerson**, Theatre Arts; **John Myers**, Political Science and History; and **Amanda Wasmer**, Communication and Interdisciplinary Studies. Receiving the Jamie Bishop Memorial Scholarship was **Lisa Cotter**, German and International Studies. **Kathryn Steele**, French and International Studies, was recognized with the Jocelyne Couture-Nowak Memorial Scholarship.

Honored with a Faculty Excellence in Outreach Award were: **Samuel Cook**, Interdisciplinary Studies, **David Hicks**, School of Education/Teaching and Learning, and **Jay Wilkins**, School of Education/Teaching and Learning. Faculty Certificate of Teaching Excellence (CTE) Award winners were: **Tracy Cowden**, Music; **Peter Doolittle**, School of Education/Learning Sciences and Technologies; **William FitzPatrick**,

Philosophy; **Jessica Folkart**, Foreign Languages and Literatures; **Peter Graham**, English; and **Kee Jeong Kim**, Human Development. **Robert Leonard**, Theatre Arts, received the Diversity Award. The departments of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management, Music, and Philosophy were recognized with Departmental Diversity Awards; details regarding their awards are found on the second page of this newsletter. The Jerry Niles Alumni Scholarship was awarded to **Ethan Wechtaluk**, Political Science. Faculty Excellence in Research and Creative Scholarship awards were presented to **Roger Ekirch**, History; **Jim Garrison**, School of Education/Teaching and Learning; **Stephen Prince**, Communication; **Peter Wallenstein**, History; and **Thomas Williams**, School of Education/Teaching and Learning. **Rachel Holloway**, Communication, and **Ilja Luciak**, Political Science, garnered Excellence in Administration Awards. The winner of the inaugural Faculty Land Grant Scholar Award was **Susan Asselin**, School of Education/Teaching and Learning.

Also recognized for their contribution to the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences were the College Ambassadors. Ambassadors graduating this year are: **Sofiat Abdulrazaaq**, **Jessica Battle**, **Mary Boyle**, **Lindsey Bryant**, **Aimee Fausser**, **Arlane Gordon-Bray**, **Dylan Greenwood**, **Rachel Harris**, **Michael Hippchen**, **Kerry Kaleba**, **Michelle Kim**, **Jessica Long**, **Heather Meekins**, **Chris Midgley**, **Sara Musick**, **Nikki Najmyar**, **Jennifer Noble**, **Katherine Olson**, **Megan Petrine**, **Anika Swartz**, **Sara Taylor**, **Daniel Tinsley**, and **Bassil Zahr**. Continuing ambassadors are: **Marcy Crevonis**, **Daniel Faith**, **Ashley Hurst**, **Denise Kee**, **Chris Lautenschlager**, **Caitlin Laverdiere**, **Jillian Lyttle**, **Ellen Mendyk**, **Heidi Miller**, **Phillip Murillas**, **Krista Patrick**, **Nicholas Romanies**, **Isabel Smith**, **John Steger**, **Clinton Stevenson**, and **Morganne Tinsley**. New ambassadors for 2009-2010 are: **Thomas Anderson**, **Chrissy Beavers**, **Thomas Beckwith**, **Gabrielle Brown**, **Elizabeth Brucker**, **Kerri Butterfield**, **Kimberly Dobyns**, **Sara Equi**, **Lauren LeRosen**, **Adriana Maniere**, **John Myers**, **Amanda Nguyen**, **Samuel Norman**, **Scott O'Donnell**, **Daniel Sargeant**, **Kathryn Steele**, and **Erin Weiss**.

An impressive number of students received a 2008-2009 Education Abroad Scholarship: **Rebecca DeMars**, English; **Heather Fine**, English; **Rena Glavas**, Classical Studies; **Caty Gordon**, English; **Rebecca Greer**, International Studies; **Erin Heller**, Spanish and Animal and Poultry Sciences; **Azusa Inaba**, Music; **Spencer Jewell**, Political Science; **Anna Klele**, Communication; **Rachel Lamanna**, Interdisciplinary Studies; **Jordan Lobik**, Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management; **Laura Matthews**, Political Science; **Sherri Metzler**, International Studies; **Caitlin O'Boyle**, Music; **Charles Owen**, International Studies; **Danielle Pelton**, International Studies and Spanish; **Elizabeth Potter**, International Studies and German; **Megan Quigley**, English; **Alexandra Shourds**, Spanish; **Anouk Speek**, International Studies and French; **Alexandra Turner**, Spanish and German; **Nora Vitello**, Music; and **Rachel Ward**, Theatre Arts and English.

Included for recognition in the program were the Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 Undergraduate Research Institute grant recipients and faculty mentors as well as ACC Research Conference participants. The January 2009 issue of *News2Note* provides information about the fall winners of URI grants, and the April 2009 issue highlights the spring winners. Details about the participation of CLAHS students in the ACC conference are found in the March 2009 issue of *News2Note*.

The event program is posted [here](#) on the College website. Details about the 2009-2010 Niles Research Award Winners can be found [here](#).

Several graduate students in Communication made presentations at the Southern Communication Association Annual Meeting. Master's student **Daron Williams** and faculty member **Jim A. Kuypers** presented "Athlete as Agency: Motive in the Rhetoric of NASCAR" on the Top Papers Panel of the

Kenneth Burke Society Interest Group. Master's student **Adria Williams** and **Jim A. Kuypers** presented "Contrasts in News Coverage: A Qualitative Framing Analysis of 'A' List Bloggers and Newspaper Articles Reporting on the Jena 6" on the Top Paper panel of the Political Communication Division. Master's students **Stephen Daniel**, **Daron Williams**, **Nadezhda Sotirova**, and **Sarah Swedberg**, along with faculty member **Robert Magee**, presented "Media Frames of Global Warming: The Impact of Hurricane Season on Media Coverage" as part of a panel on environmental and economic considerations of media practices.

Megan L. Dolbin-MacNab, Human Development, and M.K. Keiley published "Navigating Interdependence: How adolescents raised solely by grandparents experience their family relationships" in *Family Relations* 58 (2009): 162-75.

At the School of Education Awards Celebration on May 6 in Owens Banquet Hall the following faculty members will be recognized for their accomplishments. **Jim Garrison**, Teaching and Learning, is receiving the Career Research Award. **Jennifer Brill**, Learning Sciences and Technologies, and **Heidi Anne Mesmer**, Teaching and Learning, are recipients of the Promising Scholar Award. **Jay Wilkins**, Teaching and Learning, will be recognized with the Teaching Award. The Advising Award will be given to **Gerard Lawson**, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. The P-12 Outreach Award winner is **David Hicks**, Teaching and learning. **David Alexander**, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, is the recipient of the International Outreach Award. The Diversity Award winners are **Susan Asselin**, Teaching and Learning, and **Virginia Reilly**, director of University ADA Services and an affiliate of the School of Education. **Nancy Nolen**, Office of Academic Programs in the School of Education, is the Outstanding Staff Award recipient. The Outstanding Graduate Student Award goes to **Matt Stimpson**, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. Congratulations to all faculty, staff, and student winners.

The Career and Technical Education graduate program in the School of Education tied for fourth place among vocational and technical specialties in this year's *U.S. News and World Report* survey of America's Best Graduate School, moving up a position from last year. The program currently has 100 master's students and 30 doctoral students in fields such as business and information technology education, family and consumer sciences education, marketing education, and agricultural education. It has consistently achieved high rankings in the survey, having placed among the top five seven times and in the top ten every year for the past 15 years.

A wide variety of service and volunteer projects by CLAHS majors were showcased at the Engagement Expo on April 15, sponsored by the Center for Student Engagement and Community Partnerships (CSECP) and held at The Inn at Virginia Tech. Featured were **Bryce Carter**, Humanities, Science, and Environment, **Danya Hakeem**, Communication, **Arielle Kohr**, Human Development, **Zach Landau**, Spanish, **Amy Lucas**, International Studies and Spanish, **Ellen Mendyk**, International Studies and French, **Chelsea Newman**, English, **Elizabeth Potter**, German and International Studies, **Andrew Raughley**, Sociology, **Adrienne Smith**, International Studies, and **Sher Vogel**, Communication and International Studies. **Emily Barry**, Spanish and Human Development, received special recognition with the "Outstanding Student" Award at the Gulf-South Summit on Service-Learning in Higher Education.

The 2008-2009 Virginia Tech Faculty/Staff Awards recently were announced and the following College faculty members were recognized for their accomplishments.

M. David Alexander, School of Education/Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, received the Alumni Award for Excellence in International Outreach. Alexander was recognized for his accomplishments in outreach programs in school systems, curriculum, program development, and research and international conferences that have established his position as a leader in the promotion of international education.

Carol A. Bailey, Sociology, was one of three recipients of the William E. Wine Award for teaching excellence. Bailey was recognized not only for her long-time teaching excellence in the classroom but also for her service on master's and Ph.D. committees, her efforts to engage undergraduates in research, her impact on the training of graduate teaching assistants, and her involvement with the McNair Scholars Program.

Roger Ekirch, History, was honored as one of two recipients of the Alumni Award for Excellence in Research; sponsored by the Alumni Association. Ekirch's international acclaim stems from his groundbreaking scholarship in American and European history, and his award-winning *At Day's Close*, which examines patterns of sleep in Western societies before the Industrial Revolution, has had a significant impact on the medical community as well.

Nikki Giovanni, University Distinguished Professor of English, was one of two recipients of the Alumni Award for Outreach Excellence. Giovanni is one of Virginia Tech's most visible professors due to her writing, social activism, and the time she spends sharing her love of writing with others. She embodies outreach because she not only inspires people, she actively urges them to get involved themselves.

Sara B. Kajder, School of Education/Teaching and Learning, received the XCaliber Award for excellence as an individual involved in teaching with technology. Kajder was recognized for her efforts in using Scholar and other Web 2.0 technologies to help students develop and apply new literacies that enable them to enrich their own learning and to prepare them for future careers.

Wayne Moore, Political Science, was honored with the Alumni Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Academic Advising; established in 1989 by the Alumni Association, the award is presented each year to a faculty member who has demonstrated outstanding advisement of undergraduates.

Amy Nelson, History, was recognized as one of two recipients of the Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching. Nelson's overall average student rating since 1998 is 3.82. She has served as a mentor or advisor to numerous undergraduate and graduate students, contributed to curriculum development, and fostered revitalization of the departmental honors advising and graduate programs.

Robert Siegle, English, received the XCaliber Award for lifetime achievement for excellence as an individual involved in teaching with technology. Siegle's contribution to excellence in technology focuses on his teaching innovations in the area of digital literary culture and his pioneering technological leadership in the Department of English. Special recognition was accorded his Digital Literary Culture course, which affords students the opportunity to participate in the creation of new forms of literature.

Matthew Vollmer, English, received the Sporn Award for Excellence in Teaching Introductory Subjects. The student and peer comments regarding his nomination emphasize the impact Vollmer has had on students and how he encourage them to value writing, not only in English classes but in all disciplines. Details regarding these 2009 award winners can be found on the [2009 University Awards website](#).

Center for Gerontology director **Karen Roberto**, **Jyoti "Tina" Savla**, a Research Methodologist at the center and a Human Development faculty member, and **Lauren S. Ermann**, a student in the Gerontology

Graduate Certificate Program, collaborated on the publication of “Older women’s assessment and management of chronic pain in their daily lives” in the *Journal of Pain Management* 1,4 (2009): 345-56.

The Gender, Religion, and Identity in Social Theory Symposium, coordinated by Tom Ewing, History, took place on April 3. Featured were papers by faculty members **Grace Yia-Hei Kao**, Interdisciplinary Studies/Religious Studies, **Minjeong Kim**, Interdisciplinary Studies/Women and Gender Studies, **Benjamin Sax**, Interdisciplinary Studies/Judaic Studies, and **Laura Sjoberg**, Political Science; and graduate students **Emily Bibby**, History, and **Lindsey Newman**, History. Support for the symposium was provided by ASPECT, Department of History, Multicultural Programs and Services, and the Women and Minority Artist and Scholar Lecture Series.

The Graduate School recognized the following CLAHS students at its 9th Annual Graduate Education Week Awards Banquet on March 26. Recognized as the College’s outstanding master’s student was **Lindsey Newman**, History; and the outstanding doctoral student was **Hyuksoo Kwon**, School of Education/Teaching and Learning. **Laura Levi Altstaedter**, School of Education/Teaching and Learning, received a Graduate Teaching Assistant Excellence Commendation Award. **Meredith Katz**, Sociology, was recognized with the Graduate Service Excellence Commendation Award. The Social Sciences, Business, and Humanities Outstanding Dissertation Commendation Award was given to **James L. Ford**, Human Development. The Graduate Man of the Year was **Tremayne Waller**, School of Education/Teaching and Learning. **Robert Paul Murray**, History, was the recipient of a William Preston Master’s Thesis Award. The Social Sciences, Business, and Humanities Outstanding Dissertation Award was presented to **Jonson Miller**, Science and Technology in Society. Science and Technology in Society faculty member **Daniel Breslau** was honored as the Outstanding Dissertation Advisor. **Tracey Cameron**, School of Education/Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, and **Michelle McLeese**, Sociology, were recognized as graduate student members of Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Jill Harrison-Rexrode, a doctoral student in Sociology, is the winner of the S. J. Ritchey Endowed Scholarship, a competitive dissertation support scholarship for students enrolled in the Gerontology Graduate Certificate Program at Virginia Tech.

On March 20 the Department of History’s Awards Reception honoring both undergraduate and graduate students was held in conjunction with the 12th annual Brian Bertoti Innovative Perspectives in History Conference. At the reception the following undergraduates were recognized for their achievements: **David F. Ellrod** was honored with the James W. and Martha N. Banks Award; **Nadine S. Gibson**, **David F. Ellrod**, and **Mallary Orrison** received Curtis Awards; **Patricia Ann Gallagher** was the recipient of the Patricia Ann Gallagher Scholarship; the History Prize was awarded to **Elizabeth M. Lyon**; and **Valerie S. Lotts Clay** received the Phoenix Award. Outstanding Graduate Assistant Awards were presented to **Lora E. Settle** and **Joseph A. Forte**. **Damion K. Blake**, **Thomas M. Casey**, **Emily K. Bibby Mitchell**, and **Lindsey Newman** received Exemplary Graduate Teaching Awards. Chair **Daniel B. Thorp**, **A. Roger Ekirch**, and **Helen M. Schneider** were the recipients of Faculty Excellence Awards; selections were made by the History Graduate Student Association.

Jihyun Kim, Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management, published "Gift shopping behavior in a multichannel retail environment: The role of personal purchase experiences" in *International Journal of Retail and Distribution Management* 37,5 (2009): 420-39, with Hyun-Hwa Lee.

Doris Kincade, Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management, published *Instructor's Manual for Merchandising of Fashion* (Saddle River, NJ: Pearson/Prentice-Hall, 2010). Along with F. Y. Gibson, she also published *Merchandising of Fashion Products* (Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson/Prentice-Hall, 2010).

Jennifer Lamb, a Political Science and Agricultural and Applied Economics major and History minor, has been named a 2009 Truman Scholar, receiving a \$30,000 scholarship for graduate study. The Truman Scholarship recognizes college juniors with exceptional leadership potential who are committed to careers in public service; scholars are selected on the basis of leadership potential, intellectual ability, and likelihood of "making a difference." Lamb is only the third Truman Scholar ever from Virginia Tech, the others having been selected in 1992 and 2002. The dual degree honors student was one of 60 students from 55 U.S. colleges and universities chosen this year from among 601 candidates nominated by 289 colleges and universities.

In her second year at Virginia Tech Lamb held three internship positions in the nation's capital, the third of which was during spring 2008 semester: she attended classes the first half of the week in Blacksburg and then commuted to Washington, D.C., the second half of the week. A research assistant in the Office of International Research, Education, and Development (OIREd), Lamb will pursue research this summer in western Kenya; the project is supported by the Austin Michelle Cloyd University Honors Scholarship for Social Justice and a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship through Fralin Life Sciences Institute.

Lamb hopes to earn a Ph.D. in resource economics and a law degree with a concentration in environmental law. In her career, Lamb plans to work in public service addressing international and local dimensions of rural poverty and agricultural sustainability.

Billie Lepczyk, School of Education/Learning Sciences and Technologies, was named the University Dance Educator of the Year by the National Dance Association. The announcement was made at the association's convention, which was held from March 31 to April 4 in Tampa, Florida. An interview with Lepczyk will appear in an upcoming issue of Dance Magazine.

Barbara Lockee, School of Education/Learning Sciences and Technologies, was elected President of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology, the professional association for the field of instructional design & technology.

Deborah G. Mayo, Philosophy, is hosting two Ph.D students from the London School of Economics, Bengt Auzen and Katrin Hohl. During April the students are attending the seminar Philosophy of Statistical Inference, Experiment, and Modeling, which is being taught by Mayo and Economics professor Aris Spanos. The seminar lectures continue Mayo's Research Seminar in Philosophy of Science at the LSE, presented there in Autumn 2008; Mayo is a Visiting Professor at the LSE Center for Philosophy the Natural and Social Sciences (CPNSS).

Brandy R. McCann, a doctoral student in Human Development and in the Graduate Certificate Program in Gerontology, is the recipient of the 2009-2010 Hettie Margaret Anthony Doctoral Fellowship. The award was made by Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society, a national honor society that represents specializations in the Human Sciences, for graduate work in human development and family studies. McCann is examining ways in which new generations of older adults construct their social selves.

Music faculty members and alumni were among the participants in the Blacksburg Master Choral's performance of Mozart's *Coronation Mass*, performed at Blacksburg Presbyterian Church on April 18. Faculty member **Theodore Sipes** was the bass soloist and **Brian Gendron** conducted the performance. Among the soloists was soprano **Danielle Talamantes**, a graduate of the Department of Music.

The Gamma Omega chapter of Phi Beta Delta, the Honor Society for International Scholars, welcomed a number of new members during academic year 2008-2009. Fall 2008 undergraduate inductees were: **Deborah Avance**, History and Political Science; **Traci Batla**, International Studies and History; **Lauren Brady**, English; **Matthew Cherneski**, International Studies and Spanish; **Robin Chidester**, Communication; **Lindy Cranwell**, International Studies; **Vincent D'Amico**, International Studies; **Anne Eady**, International Studies; **Jessica Earl**, International Studies and Spanish; **Aimee Fausser**, International Studies; **Caitlyn Fitzgerald**, International Studies; **Wade Gelbert**, Political Science; **Chez Hughes**, International Studies and Spanish; **Heather Jones**, Political Science; **Siri Kalburgi**, International Studies and Spanish; **Bridgette Kim**, Political Science and Communication; **MinKyung Michelle Kim**, Political Science and English; **Jennifer Leuck**, International Studies and Spanish; **Lauren Lickiss**, International Studies; **Kelly Mason**, Political Science; **Kelly Mathison**, International Studies; **Ellen Mendyk**, International Studies and French; **Sherri Metzler**, International Studies; **Lauren Mitchell**, Political Science; **Kyle Trott**, English; **Kristen Walker**, English; **Nicole Wattelet**, International Studies and Spanish; and **Jessica Wolfe**, English and History. Graduate student **Marina Falasca**, History, joined as well. Faculty inductees were **Peter Doolittle**, School of Education/Learning Sciences and Technologies; **Jennifer Hanratty**, Political Science; Dean **Sue Ott Rowlands**, Theatre Arts; **Joseph Pitt**, Philosophy; **Rachel Scott**, Interdisciplinary Studies; Associate Dean **Debra Stoudt**, Foreign Languages and Literatures; and **Laura Zanotti**, Political Science.

Spring 2009 undergraduate inductees were: **Julia Alspaugh**, French; **Katherine Dillon**, International Studies; **Ashley N. Estes**, Communication and French; **Sarah Greene**, Political Science; **Maureen Halsema**, Communication; **Kaelynn Kurtz**, Communication and International Studies; **Catherine Litteral**, International Studies; **Hayley Miler**, Communication; **Maana Parcham**, Political Science; **Carla Rood**, Political Science; **Emma Schlosser**, International Studies; **Adrienne Smith**, International Studies; and **Sara Taylor**, Political Science. New graduate student members were: **Tracy Cameron**, School of Education/Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, and **David Seay**, Political Science.

Kirstin Jensen, Foreign Languages and Literatures, received the 2009 Phi Beta Delta Faculty Staff Award for International Service; Jensen was recognized for her directorship of the English Training Program for the Humphrey Fellows, and her work in Japanese - study abroad program, film festival, mentorship of the Japanese Club and Japanese Table – as well as German - German Program at the Blacksburg High School – were noted as well.

The incoming Chapter President is Director of International Studies **Yannis Stivachtis**, Political Science.

The unveiling of *Philologia*, the undergraduate research journal in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, took place on April 13 in Owens Banquet Hall. Recognized for this accomplishment were members of the 2009 editorial board (with CLAHS students highlighted in bold): editor-in-chief **Dylan Greenwood**, Political Science; managing editor **David Grant**, Religious Studies and Political Science; associate editors **Keri Butterfield**, International Studies, **Caitlin Laverdiere**, English, **Cameron Lewis**, Political Science and Philosophy, **Jessica Martin**, International Studies, **Sara Musick**, English, **Lauren Ruiz**, Political Science, and **Audra Vasiliauskas**, Classics and English; layout and design editors Alek Duerksen, **Phillip Murillas**, Political Science, and Kate O'Connor.

The 2010 *Philologia* editorial board was introduced as well: **Caitlin Laverdiere**, editor-in-chief; **Katie Stitt**, English, managing editor; associate editors **Keri Butterfield**, **Katie Collins**, English, **Carol Davis**, Interdisciplinary Studies, Philipp Kotlaba, **Alex Orchard-Hays**, English, **Lauren Ruiz**, Communication and Political Science, **Audra Vasiliauskas**, and **Logan Vidal**, Political Science. Continuing as layout and design editors are **Phillip Murillas** and Kate O'Connor.

Thanks was expressed to the faculty advisory board: **Diana Ridgwell** CLAHS Director of Student Development; **Brian Britt**, Interdisciplinary Studies; **Eva Brumberger**, English; **Elizabeth Chancey**, Interdisciplinary Studies; **Kwame Harrison**, Sociology; **Karen Hult**, Political Science; **Nancy Metz**, English; **Terry Papillon**, Classics; **Joe Pitt**, Philosophy; and **Susanna Rinehart**, Theatre Arts. The contribution of the faculty reviewers - **Jay Crone**, Music; **William C. Davis**, History; **Thomas Gardner**, English; **Aaron Hale**, Political Science at the University of Florida; **Daniel Thorp**, History; **Charles Walcott**, History; and **Peter Wallenstein**, History – was recognized as well.

The 71 pages of the inaugural issue of *Philologia* include featured articles, research articles, and creative scholarship by ten CLAHS undergraduates. With support from the CLAHS Undergraduate Research Institute, the Office of the Dean, and University Honors, copies were printed for distribution not only campus-wide but to guidance counselors throughout the state of Virginia and to undergraduate research offices at colleges and universities in the region. The inaugural issue is available online [here](#). The journal already is accepting submissions for the Spring 2010 issue; the submission deadline is September 18, 2009. On the journal's website are [guidelines for submission](#) as well as [additional information about the journal](#) itself.

Karen Pica, who will graduate in May with a Ph.D. in ALHRD, is a 2009 recipient of the Federal 100 Award for her work as the Director of the Federal Acquisition Institute where she led the creation of a continuous learning management module to allow agencies to keep tabs on their acquisition employees' certifications. She also advanced a groundbreaking intern recruiting campaign, Be America's Buyer that affects the hiring of 500 to 1,000 new employees annually through streamlined recruitment. Pica recently accepted a position with the Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget in the Executive Office of the President.

Matthew Pittman, a graduating senior in the Housing Option of the Department of Apparel, Housing and Resource Management, was awarded the Outstanding Student Award at the Center for Real Life Kitchen Design Advisory Board meeting. The award is sponsored by Toto USA, Inc. and the National Kitchen and Bath Association.

Theodore Sipes, Music, and guest artist, Erica Sipes, performed New York premiers of Manly Romero's "Three Songs for a Wedding" in Queens on April 23 and in Manhattan on April 25. The song cycle,

settings of English translations of Pablo Neruda sonnets, was composed for Erica Sipes by Romero. Travel to New York for this premier was paid for by a Niles Research Grant from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Kevin Stainback, Sociology, along with Tricia McTague and Donald Tomaskovic, published "An organizational approach to understanding sex and race segregation in the U.S. workplaces" in *Social Forces* 87,3 (2009): 1499-1527.

"The Steger" poetry prize was awarded to **Morgan Cain Grim**, a senior Interdisciplinary Studies major. Cain Grim won first prize for her poem "Topless" in the competition for the Steger Award for undergraduate poetry and was recognized by University Distinguished Professor Nikki Giovanni and Virginia Tech President Charles W. Steger, the award's benefactor. The second place prize went to **Hayley Dodd**, a junior English major, for "Metastaseize." Other CLAHS awardees were Honorable mentions to: "The Certainty of the Future" by **Mandy Atkinson**, a first-year English major; "Memo from Yesteryears" by **Caty Gordon**, a first-year English major; "Graduation" by **Jacqueline Lamb**, a senior in Psychology and Spanish; "unfinished projects" by **Hannah Pierce**, a junior Music and English major; "The Whirling Dance" by **Katherine Swett**, a senior in Math and English; and "Walking Below Anne's Secret Annex" by **Joselyn Takacs**, a senior in English. The student authors read their work publicly at a celebration event on April 21, along with offerings from faculty members in the English department's creative writing program. Details about the competition can be found [here](#).

Award winners from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences abounded at the Student Recognition Banquet: A Celebration of Student Success. Among the 30 "Who's Who Award Winners" selected to represent Virginia Tech this year, ten were from our College: **Nancy Ballhagen**, Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management; **Justin Chalkley**, Political Science; **Robin Chidester**, Communication; **Susan Estep**, Interdisciplinary Studies; **Heather Gomez**, Communication; **MinKyung Michelle Kim**, English and Political Science; **Jeremiah Peter**, Political Science; **Carla Rood**, Political Science; **Jarreau Williams**, Theatre Arts and Psychology; and **Candice Wilson**, Music. **Kathleen Cooperstein**, University Honors student and English major, was the recipient of the CLAHS Outstanding Senior Award; details about Cooperstein can be found [here](#). **David Grant**, Religious Studies and Political Science, was recognized as Undergraduate Man of the Year, and **Carla Rood** as the Undergraduate Woman of the Year; additional information about them is available [here](#). **Tremayne "Trey" Waller**, a doctoral student in the School of Education/Teaching and Learning, was selected as Graduate Man of the Year. The award celebration took place on April 18.

Disciplines in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences were very well represented by students participating in the Virginia Tech 7th Annual Undergraduate Research and Prospective Graduate Student Conference, which was held on April 7 at The Inn. CLAHS had eight presenters in 2005, 15 in 2006, and 37 in 2007, but this year there were 51 CLAHS majors representing the College and an additional 22 presenting on topics within CLAHS disciplines. Oral presentations were made by these CLAHS majors: **Maxwell Brooks**, English; **Kathleen Cooperstein**, English; **Alexandria DeSio**, Classical Studies; **Rana Fayez**, Communication; **Nadine Gibson**, Political Science; **Caitlin Grady**, Humanities, Science, and Environment; **Christine Hagerup**, English/Linguistics; **Ellen Mendyk**, International Studies and French; **Lisa Minner**, English/Literature; **Tom Minogue**, English/Literature; **Amanda Mouser**, Political Science;

Mallary Orrison, History; **Shyam Patel**, English/Literature; **Trevor Snelling**, English; **Alex Tardiff**, Classical Studies and History; and **Audra Vasiliauskas**, English. The following CLAHS majors gave poster presentations: **Sofiat Abdulrazaaq**, Political Science; **Lindsey Bryant**, Communication; **Melissa Burgess**, Political Science; **Megan Byrne**, International Studies; **Shannon Cummings**, English/Creative Writing; **Karla Delgado**, Sociology; **Emily Duda**, Human Development; **Heidi Dull**, Human Development; **Erika ErkenBrack**, Human Development; **Allie Gazmarian**, English; **Kristin Grinnel**, English; **Lindsey Harris**, Human Development and Spanish; **Imran Hashmi**, Political Science; **Karen Kirk**, English; **Allessandra Rivera**, International Studies; **Nicole Santangelo**, Communication; **Laura Stack**, Human Development; and **Rebekah Torcasso**, Sociology.

Tremayne “Trey” Waller, a doctoral student in the School of Education/Teaching and Learning, was the recipient of the Minority Engineering Program Director of the Year Award from the National Society of Black Engineers. He received the award at the 35th Annual National Convention of the National Society of Black Engineers in Las Vegas, Nevada, in April. Waller directs the College of Engineering’s Pre-College Initiative and Student Transition Engineering Programs in its Center for the Enhancement of Engineering Diversity. His dissertation advisor is **Susan Magliaro**, director of the School of Education.

Janell Watson, Foreign Languages and Literatures, published *Guattari's diagrammatic thought: writing between Lacan and Deleuze*. London and New York: Continuum, 2009.

Alumni Highlights

Featured this month are alumni from Human Development, six of whom were students in the Adult Learning and Human Resource Development Program in Northern Virginia.

Mike Beckmann, who earned his Ph.D. in 2003, is Director of Talent Acquisition for Freddie MAC. He presented “Talent acquisition during periods of transformational change” at the Fall 2008 ERE Expo, in Hollywood, Florida, on October 30, 2008; the expo recruits speakers who are experts and practitioners in corporate, government, military, or nonprofit recruiting. Prior to assuming his current position, Beckmann was the director of the Presidential Management Fellows Program for the U.S. Government.

Margaret A. Eggleston, who earned her Ph.D. in 2007, presented the session “I’ll Take Storytelling for \$500, Alex!” at the 57th National Adult and Continuing Education Conference in Denver, Colorado, November 11-14, 2008.

Gale Kamen, a 2004 Ph.D. recipient, presented “Fundamental Hinduism’s role in the conversions of many Dalits of India to other faiths” at the Commission on International Adult Education (CIAE) of the AAACE International Pre-Conference, November 9-11, 2008.

Marianne Mount, a 2008 Ph.D. alumna of the Adult Learning/HRD Program, was promoted to President of the Catholic Distance University.

Linda Morris, who earned her Ed.D. in 1990 from the Adult and Continuing Education program - renamed Adult Learning and Human Resource Development in 1996 – and currently is a part-time ALHRD faculty member, presented “Visioning knowledge societies from a global perspective: Challenges for education and adult educators” at the Commission on International Adult Education (CIAE) of the AAACE International Pre-Conference, November 9-11, 2008.

Lori Ann Roth, who was awarded her doctoral degree in 2003, was selected to serve as a team lead for the Delivering Training and Designing Learning competency, a component of the Certified Professional in Learning and Performance (CPLP) training certification awarded by the American Society of Training and Development (ASTD). As team lead, Lori is recognized by ASTD and its membership as a national leader in the Training and Learning industry.

Daniel Traster, who earned his M.S. in 2005, published *Welcome to Culinary School: A Culinary Student Survival Guide* (Prentiss Hall, 2009), designed to help culinary school students get the most out of their time in school. Traster is the Culinary Director for the Metropolitan Cooking and Entertaining Show and a freelance food writer who writes a monthly article for Frederick Magazine. He is former dean of Stratford University School of Culinary Arts and Hospitality.

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