



# News2Note

## November 2021

**Danna Agmon**, History, published "[Historical Gaps and Non-existent Sources: The Case of the Chaudrie Court in French India](#)," *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 63.4 (2021): 979–1006.

**Biko Agozino**, Sociology, published "[Obama's Presidency of the Harvard Law Review Board and His U.S. Presidency](#)," *African Journal of Criminology and Justice Studies* 13.1 (April 2020): i–xxii.

**Barbara Allen**, Science, Technology, and Society, gave the keynote presentation, titled "Citizen Participation for Environmental Knowledge Justice," at the virtual conference on communication on environmental and health in high-risk areas organized by the International Centre of Advanced Study in Environment, Ecosystem and Human Health and hosted by the Italian Ministry of University Research. In addition, Allen published "Equità conoscitiva: la partecipazione dei cittadini alle politiche ambientali," *Comunicare ambiente e salute. Aree inquinate e cambiamenti climatici in tempi di pandemia*, ed. Liliana Cori et al. (Pisa, Italy: Edizioni ETS, 2021), pp. 203–16; and "Interdisciplinary Community-based Participatory Health Research Across the Industrial Region of the Étang de Berre: The EPSEAL Fos Crau Study," *Journal of Epidemiology and Public Health* 69.5 (2021): 297–305, with Maxime Jeanjean, Johanna Lees, and Alison K. Cohen. The former publication was translated into Italian by Science, Technology, and Society doctoral student **Francesca Battista** and Liliana Cori.

The following CLAHS faculty and students gave presentations at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, which was held September 30 to October 3 in-person in Seattle, Washington, as well as virtually. Political Science faculty member **Karin Kitchens** and master's student **Kathryn Elizabeth Miller**, along with ASPECT doctoral student **Sabrina Harris**, presented "School Boards and School Reopening Plans." ASPECT doctoral student **Chayne Wild** presented "Ecopopulism: Antagonism for a Better World."

**Catalina Andrango-Walker**, Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures, published "[Saints and Sacred Relics as a Remedy for Epidemics in Colonial Quito](#)," *Early Modern Women and Epidemics* 16.1 (2021): 114–22.

**Amy Price Azano**, Education, co-edited [The Bloomsbury Handbook of Rural Education in the United States](#) (London, United Kingdom, and New York, New York: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2021), with Karen Eppley and Catharine Biddle. Her individual contributions to the volume were: "Introduction, Unsettling Rurality: Mapping a Third Space," pp. 1–4, and "Challenges and Innovative Responses in Rural Gifted Education," pp. 294–303, the latter with **Rachelle Kuehl**, Education, and Carolyn M. Callahan.

**Sweta Baniya**, English, published "[Local Users, Global Takeaways: Methodological Considerations for Audience Advocacy in Communication Design Research](#)," *Proceedings of the 39<sup>th</sup> Association for Computing Machinery International Conference on Design of Communication (SIGDOC '21)* (New York, New York: Association for Computing Machinery, 2021), pp. 269–76, with Allegra Smith and Nupoor Ranade.

**Julia Beamish**, Professor and Interim Head of the Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Housing Education and Research Association. The award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the association.

**Shannon Bell**, Sociology, was awarded a grant from the Niskanen Center for her project titled "Do Natural Gas Pipelines Affect Property Values? A Multi-Method Study."

**Laura Belmonte**, Professor of History and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, [assumed leadership of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations](#) for a one-year term, beginning November 1; she was elected Vice President and thus President-Elect in 2020. The society promotes the history of American foreign relations by sponsoring research, conferences, and publications for historians worldwide.

**Rosemary Blieszner**, Alumni Distinguished Professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Science, former Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, and Interim Dean of the College of Architecture and Urban Studies, [was named an Alumni Fellow by the Penn State Alumni Association](#). The Alumni Fellow Award, the most prestigious award given by the Penn State Alumni Association, recognizes alumni who are leaders in their professional fields.

**Kylie Call**, a senior Professional and Technical Writing major, was awarded second place in the Microsoft Student Research Competition for undergraduate students at the 39<sup>th</sup> Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) International Conference on Design of Communication (SIGDOC '21). She received a medal and a cash award. In addition, Call published a description of the e-poster she submitted for the competition and presented at the conference: "[Strategies for International Communication: Getting to Know Your Audience](#)," *Proceedings of the 39<sup>th</sup> ACM*

*International Conference on Design of Communication (SIGDOC '21)* (New York, New York: Association for Computing Machinery, 2021), pp. 391–93. Her faculty mentor is **Sweta Baniya**, English.

**Nicholas Copeland**, History, published "[Authoritarian Democracy, Extractive Development, and Indigenous Political and Environmental Imaginaries in Guatemala](#)," *Latin American Studies Association Forum* 52.4 (Fall 2021): 34–39.

Two School of Education Counselor Education faculty members were recognized with an award from the Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision. **Tameka Grimes** received the [2021 Outstanding Pre-Tenure Counselor Educator Award](#), which acknowledges an individual who shows exceptional progress in the early stages of an academic career in the areas of research, teaching, and service. **Gerard Lawson** received the [2021 Outstanding Tenured Counselor Education Award](#), which recognizes an individual who has established an ongoing career commitment to the field and an exemplary record in research, teaching, and service.

**Tom Ewing**, Professor of History and Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research, English doctoral student **Katherine Randall**, and History master's student **Kiana Wilkerson** published "Piedmont Tuberculosis Sanatorium (Burkeville, Virginia, 1918–1967)," *African American Historical Genealogical Society News* (August/September 2021): 5–8.

**Priyanka Ganguly**, a doctoral student in Rhetoric and Writing, published "[Rhetorical Style Analysis of the Statement of Purpose \(SP\) Genre: A Shared Understanding of Lexis in Successful SPs](#)," *Xchanges: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Technical Communication, Rhetoric, and Writing Across the Curriculum* 16.1 (Spring 2021); and "[Tweeting Reproductive Justice \(RJ\) Advocacy through #AbortionMaraHaq\\*](#)," *Proceedings of the 39<sup>th</sup> Association for Computing Machinery International Conference on Design of Communication (SIGDOC '21)* (New York, New York: Association for Computing Machinery, 2021), pp. 108–17.

Three CLAHS master's students were selected as [2021–2022 Graduate School Student Ambassadors](#); they are **Cameron Cabral**, Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures; **Amanda Peren**, English Education; and **Casey Polk**, Higher Education. Ambassadors assist with Graduate School sponsored events, mentor new graduate students in their departments or colleges, and promote the graduate student community; in addition, they answer questions and assist graduate students and applicants interested in their programs or in interdisciplinary research. The 2021–2022 cohort includes 23 students.

**Aarnes Gudmestad**, Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures, published the following chapters in *The Routledge Handbook of Variationist Approaches to Spanish*, ed. Manuel Díaz-Campos (New York, New York, and Oxon, United Kingdom: Routledge, 2021): "[A Cross-dialectal Analysis of Variable Mood Use in Spanish](#)," pp. 375–89, and "[Overlapping Envelopes of Variation: The Case of Lexical Noun Phrases and Subject Expression in Spanish](#)," pp. 437–49, the latter with Kimberly L. Geeslin.

**James Klagge**, Philosophy, published [\*Tractatus in Context: The Essential Background for Appreciating Wittgenstein's Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus\*](#) (New York, New York, and Oxon, United Kingdom: Routledge, 2022).

**Anina Kotian**, a third-year Spanish and Biological Sciences major, was named to the [Board of Student Advisers](#) of Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society, by the society's Executive Committee. Kotian's two-year term is effective immediately.

**Timothy Luke**, University Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science, gave the plenary presentation titled "Rethinking 'Alternative Futures' and 'Atrocious Presents' – Marcuse's Dialectic of Technology" at the 2021 International Herbert Marcuse Conference, "Alternative Futures: Marcuse's Dialectic of Technology," which was held October 8 at Arizona State University in Tempe and virtually. He also published "Environment and Risk," *The Routledge International Handbook of Contemporary Social and Political Theory*, ed. Gerard Delanty and Stephen P. Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (New York, New York: Routledge, 2021), pp. 260–68.

**Caitlin Martinkus**, Performing Arts, published "[Schubert's Large-Scale Sentences: Exploring the Function of Repetition in Schubert's First-Movement Sonata Forms](#)," *Music Theory Online* 27.3 (September 2021).

The Department of Religion and Culture inducted five undergraduates into the Alpha Mu Pi Chapter of the Theta Alpha Kappa Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology on October 22. The inductees are all Religion and Culture majors, with additional majors as noted: **Bailey Atkinson**, Humanities for Public Service and Political Science; **Sara Carter**, International Relations; **Madeline Fortner**, International Studies; **Katherine McArdle**, History; and **Helen Zak**, Clinical Neuroscience. Members are recognized for maintaining a 3.0 in-major GPA and substantially having completed the credits in the course designators RLCL or JUD.

ASPECT doctoral student **Shaun Respass** presented "Abandoning the Psychiatric Gaze: Resentment Towards the Medical Model of Mental Health" at the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, which was held virtually October 11–16.

**Patrick Ridge**, Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures, received the Adela Zamudio Prize from Feministas Unidas, Inc., for his article "[Thunder and Terror: Storm as Allegory in Tatiana Huevo's Tempestad](#)," *Screening the Indigenous Experience in Contemporary Latin American Cinema*, special issue of *Diálogo* 23.1 (2020): 69–84. The [prize](#) is awarded for the best published article by a member of Feministas Unidas, Inc., in the areas of feminist studies, gender studies, queer studies, and studies related to works of literature and cinema by female authors.

**Brett Shadle**, Professor and Chair of the Department of History, published "The Unity of Black People and the Redemption of Ethiopia: The Ethiopian World Federation and a New Black Nationalism, 1936–1940," *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 54 (2021): 193–215.

Dean **Laura Belmonte** presented the "[State of the College](#)" address on October 8. Featured were updates regarding numerous College initiatives and priorities: Center for Humanities; Academy of Transdisciplinary Studies; Center for Refugee, Migrant, and Displacement Studies; Kellogg Center for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics; Virginia Center for Civil War Studies; Food Studies Program; Juneteenth Scholars Program; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; School of Education; Naval ROTC; Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures; and Sports Media and Analytics. An update from the Undergraduate Academic Affairs stated that the College currently has 42 majors and an undergraduate enrollment of more than 4,000.

**Clara Suong**, Political Science, published "[Diplomatic Documents Data for International Relations: The Freedom of Information Archive Database](#)," *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 38.6 (2021): 762–81, with Matthew J. Connelly et al.

**Dan Thorp**, History, published "The Extraordinary Life of Zacharia Carr: Free People of Color in Antebellum Montgomery County," *Smithfield Review* 25 (2021): 35–57.

**Kelly Trogdon** [was appointed Chair of the Department of Philosophy](#). Trogdon earned his Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and joined the Virginia Tech community in 2013. Among his principal areas of research focus are metaphysics and the philosophy of mind.

Two CLAHS faculty are among the five individuals selected for the [2021–2022 VT Engage Faculty Fellows program](#); they are **Andrea Baldwin**, Sociology, and **Jessica Taylor**, History. The goal of the VT Engage Faculty Fellows program is to increase the prevalence of and quality of community engagement in the curriculum at Virginia Tech through curricular, faculty-led experiences in the areas of service learning, leadership education, and civic engagement. Baldwin will work with Robin Scully, Perspective Gallery, to develop transdisciplinary courses that focus on decoloniality and radical healing justice, particularly through the arts. Taylor is redesigning her graduate public history course around an oral and public history partnership with CCCC, a Black-run organization transforming a formerly segregated school building in Pulaski, Virginia, into a museum and functional community space.

**Rebecca Weaver-Hightower**, Professor and Chair of the Department of English, published "Botany and the Woman Colonizer in Catharine Parr Traill's *Backwoods of Canada* and Anna Brownell Jameson's *Winter Studies and Summer Rambles in Canada*," *Journal of Settler Colonial Studies* 11.2 (2021): 242–58, with Jody Jensen; and "[The Murder, the Flood, and Stories of Trauma](#)," *Open Space*, online publication of *North American Review*, April 20, 2021.

**Bonnie Zare**, Sociology, published "['We are Working for a Caste-free India': An Interview with M. M. Vinodini](#)," *Journal of International Women's Studies* 22.10 (2021): 8–16.

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