Art and Design

Mark Ludak, MFA

Mark Ludak was selected for inclusion in the 2007 New Jersey Arts Annual exhibition at the Noyes Museum of Art. A catalog of the exhibition was published to accompany the show sponsored by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

Mark Ludak’s photographs from Louisiana are included in the recently completed video documentary *Voices for Justice*, produced by the Exchange Project at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Jing Zhou, MFA

Jing Zhou’s artwork was chosen as part of the following two invitational exhibitions in 2006: VII International Computer Art Biennale, Rzeszów, Poland; Inklandia—International Exhibition, Purdue University, Indiana.

In 2007, Ms. Zhou’s work was chosen by the following juried art exhibitions: 22nd Annual International Exhibition, The University of Texas at Tyler; Open Juried Photography Exhibition, Del Rio Council for the Arts, Firehouse Art Gallery, Del Rio, Texas.

Ms. Zhou’s two AIDS posters are posted on the website of the World AIDS Campaign (WAC) based in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Jing Zhou’s work was published as interior art on *The William and Mary Review*, Volume 44, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia in 2006 and *The Rambler Magazine*, January/February 2007 Issue, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Biology

Dr. James P. Mack

Dr. James P. Mack was highlighted (Alumni Highlight) in the *MST Times*, Department of Mathematics, Science and Technology Newsletter, Volume 2, Summer 2007.
Chemistry, Medical Technology & Physics

Jack Giannattasio

Jack Giannattasio presented a session entitled “Science Instruction Through Inquiry” at the National AP convention in Las Vegas, NV, July 2007. An inquiry approach to instruction through laboratory investigations and other problem solving activities allows students to acquire the necessary critical thinking skills for success on the AP science examinations.

Dr. Edward J. Kelsey


Dr. Robin Kucharczyk

Dr. Robin Kucharczyk gave an invited lecture entitled “Two Trials, Not Too Much Error: Introducing Process Oriented Guided Inquiry Learning (POGIL) Instruction into the Organic Chemistry Laboratory” at the 39th Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society on May 18, 2007 at Ursinus College, Collegeville, PA.

Dr. Kucharczyk presented her work at the 2007 Middle Atlantic Chemistry Discovery Project (MADCP) meeting at Washington College, Chestertown, MD on June 3, 2007.

Dr. Massimiliano Lamberto

Dr. Massimiliano Lamberto was awarded an NSF-ROA grant, Research Opportunity Award, Research in Undergraduate Institution NSF Program, to pursue summer research at the Department of Chemistry at the University of Miami. Funds provided by this award also included support for Monmouth University undergraduate student, Alexander P. Gorka.

Dr. Lamberto was awarded a Grant in Aid for Creativity by Monmouth University to work on a project involving the synthesis of novel chromophores for Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells.


Dr. William Schreiber

Dr. William Schreiber presented an invited lecture entitled “The Chemistry of Fragrance Ingredients” at Lehigh University on June 15, 2007 to students from various universities who were engaged in a project to develop a robot guided by an electronic nose. Dr. Schreiber's presentation was intended to help them understand the nature and amounts of materials that had to be detected.
Dr. Carolyn Supplee

Dr. Carolyn Supplee and her student research assistant, Ms. Kathleen Field, presented a poster entitled “Synthesis of Aspirin – A ‘Greener’ approach” at the American Chemical Society 39th Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting on May 17, 2007 at Collegeville, PA. This synthesis will be incorporated in future lab coursework at Monmouth University.

For the second consecutive summer, Dr. Supplee also served as a mentor for Project REAP/SEED student Henrique Schembry, a recent graduate of High Technology High School in Lincroft, NJ, who was selected to carry out “green chemistry” research at Monmouth University as part of a new summer research internship program in the Department of Chemistry, Medical Technology, and Physics. Henrique worked under the direction of Dr. Supplee, who is investigating the metal-mediated greener oxidation of polyol aldehydes. The program was jointly coordinated by Dr. Supplee and Dr. Robert Topper and was funded externally by the American Chemical Society’s (ACS) Project SEED, the Academy of Applied Science Research in Engineering and Apprenticeship Program (REAP) and the Monmouth County section of the American Chemical Society.

Dr. Tsanangurayi Tongesayi

Dr. Tsanangurayi Tongesayi presented a seminar entitled “A. Reduction of As(V) to As(III) by dissolved organic matter under natural water conditions; B. Analysis of As(III) in the presence of organic matter by square wave cathodic stripping voltammetry,” at the Department of Chemistry, University of Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe, August 9, 2007.

Dr. Tongesayi also published a research paper in Water SA, an international refereed ecology/environment journal, entitled “Antibiotic reduction mechanism of AS(V) by fulvic acid in the absence of light and the effect of Fe(III),” Water SA, 33 (5), 2007.

Dr. Robert Q. Topper


In April 2007, Dr. Topper and his colleague Olga Dmitrenko (Delaware) organized and steered the peer review of the online 11th Electronic Computational Chemistry Conference, which attracted nearly 250 participants. The authors of outstanding ECCC11 presentations were awarded thousands of dollars worth of software for molecular modeling and drug design donated by SimBioSys, Scientific Computing and Modeling (www.scm.com), and Synergix (www.molecular-conceptor.com). Peer review of the abstracts was carried out by an invited panel of respected computational and theoretical scientists: Noah W. Allen, University of North Carolina-Asheville; Thomas R. Cundari, University of North Texas; Walter M. F. Fabian, Karl-Franzens Universität, Graz (Austria); John McKelvey, McKelvey Computational Chemistry; Sudhakar V. Pamidighantam, National Center for Supercomputing Applications; and Jens Spanglet-Larsen, Roskilde University (Denmark).
Mark Grabowski, JD

Mark Grabowski published four articles:
1. “You’re the worst one I’ve ever interviewed, and other things I’ve picked up while interviewing for the job,” Grabowski, M., Quill, June 2007.

In May, 2007, Mark Grabowski’s journalism website, CubReporters.org, was named the #1 resource for soon-to-be graduates by the Society of News Design, and has been mentioned in the Online Journalism Review, Quill, MediaBistro and several other publications.

Dr. Sheila McAllister-Spooner

Dr. Sheila McAllister-Spooner recently published an article entitled “College Web Sites as Tools for Fostering Dialogue,” in Public Relations Review. The article, co-authored with Dr. Maureen Taylor, University of Oklahoma, reports findings from Dr. McAllister-Spooner’s doctoral research.

Dr. Deanna Shoemaker

Dr. Deanna Shoemaker’s article “Pink Tornados and Volcanic Desire: Lois Weaver’s ‘Femme(nini)tease’ in Faith and Dancing: Mapping Femininity and Other Natural Disasters,” was accepted for publication in Text and Performance Quarterly, 27 (4), October 2007, 317-333. This article was also selected as one of the 3 Top Contributed Papers in Performance Studies and presented at the National Communication Association conference in November 2006.

Dr. Shoemaker presented a paper entitled “Female Monsters of Color: Leslie Mah’s Queer Punk 'Macha Femme' Performance in Tribe 8” at the National Communication Association in November 2006.

Dr. Shoemaker delivered a paper at the Society for Cinema and Media Studies conference in March, 2007 entitled “Spectacular Trash or Feminist Sport? The Mixed Messages of and Responses to Roller girls as Reality TV.”

Dr. Don Swanson

For the third consecutive year, Dr. Don Swanson was an invited participant at the Aspen Conference on Engaging Communication Theory to Transform Organizations. He was reappointed to the advisory board of the Corporate Communication Institute and nominated to the board of the Monmouth County Arts Council.

Dr. Swanson published the following articles:
He published the following conference papers:
- “Teaching Argument and Debate to Students with a Jersey Attitude,” at the National Communication Association, November 17, 2006, San Antonio.

He gave the following presentations:
- “How the CEO Views Human Resources,” an interactive panel with executives at the Jersey Shore Human Resources Management, April 12, 2007,

Computer Science

Dr. Mohammad Obaidat


Dr. Obaidat was the keynote speaker at the 2007 IEEE ICETE Conference in Barcelona, Spain, Fall 2007.

Curriculum & Instruction

Dr. James Horn

Dr. Jim Horn has received a commission from Professor Chris Higgins, review editor of Educational Theory, for an 8000-word review essay to explore the implications and influence of the growing literature on “embodiment.” The manuscript will go out for review and comment on January 15, 2008, and it will be published later next year. Educational Theory is sponsored by the John Dewey Society and the Philosophy of Education Society, and it is published as a joint venture of the University of Illinois and Blackwell Publishing.
**English**

**Dr. Heide Estes**


Heide Estes presented a lecture “Eco-Criticism and Anglo-Saxon Landscape,” at the Graduate Seminar Lecture Series, Department of Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic, University of Cambridge, May 2007.

In July 2007, Dr. Estes presented a paper entitled “Constructing the Solomon and Saturn Dialogues” at the International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds.

**Dr. Risa P. Gorelick**

Dr. Risa Gorelick’s article entitled “Gone With Two Flashes” appeared on insidehighered.com. The piece described her nightmare upon the theft of her intellectual and other property.

**History and Anthropology**

**Dr. Katherine Parkin**

The Popular Culture/American Culture Association awarded Dr. Katherine Parkin’s “Food is Love: Food Advertising and Gender Roles in Modern America” the Emily Toth Award for the Best Book in Feminist Popular Culture for 2006. She received the award at the Association’s Annual Conference in Boston in April 2007, where she also presented a paper on her current research entitled, “Leap Year Proposals: “Glittering Mockery” or Women’s Privilege.”


Dr. Parkin gave two talks about her book, one at the University of Pennsylvania Bookstore in March 2007, and the other at the Long Branch Public Library in July 2007.

**Library**

**Ma Lei Hsieh**


Ma Lei Hsieh is invited to present a study entitled “Libraries and Laptops: What Students Think and Librarians Experience” with co-author Hugh Holden at the West Virginia Library Association Annual Conference in Morgantown, WV, October 2, 2007. This study is based on three surveys on Library lending laptop service in academic libraries. Beside the survey to academic librarians, two surveys were conducted in 2005 and 2007 of Monmouth University students on the
use of the University Library’s lending laptops. Findings of these surveys can be used to inform the assessment of or plans for laptop lending programs in other academic libraries.

**Beatrice Priestly**


**Dr. Ravindra N. Sharma**

Dr. Ravindra N. Sharma was the opening session speaker at the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) 2007 Pre-Conference Satellite Meeting held in Dakar, Senegal, August 14-16, 2007. The theme of the conference was “Managing Technologies and Library Automated Systems in Developing Countries: Open Source VS Commercial Options.” He spoke on the topic “Can Librarians Manage Technology in Developing Nations?”

Dr. Sharma was the speaker at the meeting of Reference Section of New Jersey Library Association held at the Monmouth University, June 14, 2007. He spoke on the “Development of International Librarianship and its Importance in the Twentieth Century.”

Dr. Sharma has been appointed co-chair of the International Relations Committee of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)/American Library Association for 2007-2008. He has been reappointed to the ACRL Committee on the Status of Academic Librarians for the year 2007-2008. Dr. Sharma has also been selected to serve as the ACRL (Dr. E.J.) Josey Spectrum Scholar Mentor to help and develop new minority academic librarians for 2007-2010.

Dr. Ravindra N. Sharma received a Special Recognition Award from the Asian, African and Middle Eastern Section (AAMES) of ACRL for his distinguished contributions to the Section. The award was presented to him at the Annual Conference of the American Library Association in Washington, D.C. in June 2007.

**Marketing and Management**

**Dr. Gwendolyn Yvonne Alexis**

Dr. Gwendolyn Yvonne Alexis has been appointed a Trustee of Assumption College for Sisters, Mendham, NJ. Dr. Alexis serves on the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees and was elected chair of this Committee at its first meeting of the academic year on September 5, 2007.

Dr. Alexis is co-author of the 2007-2008 Mock Trial Case that will be utilized throughout New Jersey by high schools entering teams in the annual Vincent J. Apruzzese Mock Trial Competition. The Competition, sponsored by the New Jersey State Bar Foundation, is in its 26th year and has won many national awards for excellence in educational programming. This year’s case “State of New Jersey v. Avery Fisher” is available at www.njsbf.org. Dr. Alexis is the author of “Statement of Lin Fennimore Richman.”
Mathematics

B. Lynn Bodner

As a follow-up to her two hour presentation at the Mathematical Association of American (MAA) Special Invited Session on Islamic Art, Lynn Bodner presented a 90 minute talk on “Creating Geometric Islamic Designs as another MAA special session in San Jose, CA, August 2007. This was the first talk sponsored by the newly formed special interest group of the Mathematical Association of America in the Arts (SIGMAA-Arts).

Nursing and Health Studies

Dr. Cira Fraser

Dr. Cira Fraser published the following six articles:

1. “Gait Disorder is the cardinal sign of normal pressure hydrocephalus: A case study,” Journal of Neuroscience Nursing, 39 (3), 132-134,192, Fraser, J.J. & Fraser, C., 2007. LT John J. Fraser, USS Enterprise, is Dr. Fraser’s son.

Dr. Cira Fraser was the recipient of the Hannelore Sweetwood Mentorship Award, Sigma Theta Tau International, Honor Society of Nursing, Lambda Delta Chapter, Monmouth University, May 9, 2007.

Dr. Laura Jannone

Dr. Laura Jannone published “Coping strategies used by adolescents during smoking cessation” in the Journal of School Nursing, Volume 23, June 2007. The article was co-authored by Kathleen A. O’Connell, PhD, RN, FAAN.

Dr. Jannone presented her research on “Coping strategies used by adolescents during smoking cessation” at the National Association of School Nurses 39th Annual Conference "Children’s Health Our Primary Investment" in Nashville, TN, June 29, 2007.

Dr. Jannone presented “Assessment and Management of Skin Disorders in Children” at the 23rd Annual National Association of School Nurses/American Health Institute Advances in School Nursing Regional Conference in Atlantic City, NJ, August 2007.
**Dr. Janet Mahoney**

Dr. Janet Mahoney presented a poster entitled “Nurses and Non-nurses Perceptions of the Elderly” at the 2007 Summer Institute on Evidence-Based Practice: Quality and Safety, San Antonio TX, July 12-14, 2007.

**Political Science**

**Dr. Kevin L. Dooley**


Dr. Dooley had another successful year as the director of the Governor’s School of Public Issues, a four week residential summer program for advanced high school seniors.

**Dr. Kenneth Mitchell**

Dr. Kenneth Mitchell’s article “Bridging the Convergence-Divergence Policy Diffusion Divide, Mid-range Theorizing and Devolving Food Aid in Mexico and the Dominican Republic” was accepted for publication in the summer 2007 edition of The Latin Americanist.

Dr. Mitchell presented a conference paper entitled “Convergence or Divergence: Institutional and Policy Change in the Dominican Social Sector during the 1990s” at the Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Conference in Chicago April, 2007.

Dr. Mitchell presented a conference paper entitled “Policy Diffusion and Social Policy in Mexico and the Dominican Republic” at the Southeastern Council of Latin American Scholars in San Jose, Costa Rica, April, 2007.

**Psychological Counseling**

**Dr. Alan Cavaiola**

Work from Dr. Cavaiola's books, “A Practical Guide to Crisis Intervention” (Houghton Mifflin, 2007) and “Toxic Co-workers” (New Harbinger, 2001) was featured in an article entitled “Handling Volatile Workplace Situations” which appeared in the July-August, 2007 edition of New Jersey CPA. The article was written by Stephen F. McCarthy, CPA.
Dr. Lisa Dinella

Dr. Lisa Dinella was awarded a contract by APA Books to edit a scholarly book entitled “Conducting Psychology Research in School-Based Settings: A Practical Guide for Researchers.” She will contribute a chapter in the volume entitled “Building and Maintaining Relationships with School Stakeholders,” co-authored with Gary Ladd, Ed.D.

Dr. Dinella presented the following at the national conference meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development:

Dr. Dinella presented a professional development on masculinity development, emotional development, and curriculum for the faculty of St. Peter’s Preparatory High School, Jersey City, NJ.

Dr. Gary Lewandowski

In May 2007, Dr. Gary Lewandowski took a group of nine Psychology Club students to Pace University's Undergraduate Research Conference in Manhattan. Several students presented their research:

Dr. Lewandowski published two chapters in The Psychology of Survivor” (a popular press book that applies psychological theory to the TV show):
Rapid Response Institute

The Rapid Response Institute held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for its new Joint Mobile Command and Training Center truck on Friday, July 6, 2007, on the Monmouth University campus. Among those in attendance were Congressman Frank Pallone; Freeholder Barbara McMorrow; Councilman Thomas DeBruin, West Long Branch; Deputy Mayor David Hiers, Ocean Township; John Sklinar, Director of the Northeast Regional Response Center, Fort Monmouth; and Dr. Ashok Bapat of CERMUSA, St. Francis University. Representatives from Homeland Intelligence Technologies, Haulmark Industries, State Emergency Management, and the Monmouth County Health Department attended as well. The attendees were addressed by Congressman Pallone, Monmouth University President Paul Gaffney and RRI Director Barbara Reagor.

In 2007, with federal sponsorship, the Institute, along with its academic partner, the Center of Excellence for Remote Medically Underserved Areas (CERMUSA) of St. Francis University, led the development and delivery of a Joint Mobile Command and Training vehicle. The vehicle serves as a mobile test, training and exercise center utilizing software applications and real-time database systems developed as part of the rapid response program. The mobile center has already been acclaimed for its performance in support of Trial 3.27 at CWID'07 (Coalition Warfighter Interoperability Demonstration), a major defense-wide communications exercise. It will be used to evaluate new software tools and emerging technologies, as well as train defense and civilian agencies in preparedness response and recovery using decision-support technologies.

Social Work

Dr. Golam M. Mathbor


Dr. Mathbor presented a paper on “Progress and Regress of Millennium Development Goals: South Asian Perspective” at the 15th biennial International Symposium of the International Consortium for Social Development (ICSD) held in Hong Kong from July 16-21, 2007.

Dr. Mathbor participated as a Panel Member for session on "Disaster Relief Sessions" organized by the 15th International Symposium on “Seeking Harmony and Promoting Social Development in a World of Conflict" organized by the International Consortium for Social Development (ICSD) held in Hong Kong, China from July 16-20, 2007.

Dr. Mathbor chaired a session on “Social Exclusion and Inclusion–Theories and Perspectives,” a concurrent session of 15th ICSD International Symposium on Seeking Harmony and Promoting Social Development in a World of Conflict held in Hong Kong, China from July 16-20, 2007.

Dr. Mathbor attended and successfully completed “Management Development Program” organized by Harvard Institute for Higher Education at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA from June 16-28, 2007.
Dr. James McDonald was a member of a panel at the Conference on Software Engineering Education and Training (CSEE&T) in Dublin, Ireland. The panel discussed the feasibility of teaching a variety of application topics, such as real-time software, game design, information systems design and human-computer interfaces in undergraduate software engineering programs. Where this is feasible the panel members interactively discussed with the audience how it should be done.

Dr. McDonald also served as a reviewer of several National Science Foundation (NSF) grant proposals in the areas of information security and computer forensics at a meeting in Alexandria, Virginia. The reviewers made recommendations about which proposals should be funded by the NSF.

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