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*A newsletter for the faculty and staff of the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University*

## *Visiting Professor Advances Gender Studies Agenda at CSB/SJU*

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Strategic Directions 2010 outlines the objectives for CSB/SJU to achieve national recognition as institutions for student learning and faculty scholarship in gender education. Those efforts are well under way.

This semester, Harry Brod, professor of philosophy and humanities at the University of Northern Iowa, is concluding a term as the first scholar-in-residence of the SJU Center for Men's Leadership and Service. His presence at CSB/SJU is a major step toward the greater infusion of gender studies throughout the campuses and marks the beginning of the establishment of a professorship in gender studies, as called for in the Gender Learning Design — one of several planning templates available online under Public Folders/All Folders/Strategic Directions 2010/2005-2006 Planning Templates.

During his residency, Brod has been co-teaching the course, "Approaches to Gender Theory," with Jean Keller, associate professor of philosophy, giving guest lectures to gender studies classes and providing expertise to the Gender Task Force, among other activities.

"Harry's wisdom and expertise have been invaluable to the Gender Task Force," said Mary Geller, CSB vice president of student development. "He was able to take our work to the next level

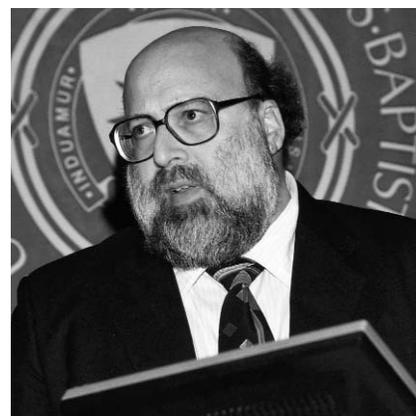
with great efficiency. He is an excellent observer and as a visiting scholar he can reveal us to ourselves in ways that we may no longer see ourselves. His unassuming nature engendered the trust of faculty, staff and students."

Recognized as one of the founding figures in the academic study of masculinities and the profeminist men's movement, Brod became interested in gender issues as an undergraduate in the years 1968-1972. "A common reaction by men to feminism was to feel threatened," he said. "But some of us felt men could benefit from this movement."

He believes gender studies at CSB/SJU benefits from how the gendered structure of these institutions makes them living laboratories to observe and learn from. "Gender is one of the most fundamental ways we inhabit the world," Brod said.

Brod first visited SJU 20 years ago. "Men's studies was very new," he said. "I was invited to give a talk here." He returned to SJU last year to speak at the first annual Conference on The College Male. At that time, conversations with Gar Kellom, SJU vice president of student development and director of the Men's Center for Leadership and Service, led to his appointment as scholar-in-residence for the 2005 spring semester.

CSB and SJU are on gendered paths and are successfully working toward their goal of incorporating gender studies further into their identity and mission,



**Harry Brod**

according to Brod. "The gender efforts of the institutions are clearly deep and ongoing," he said.

The discussion of gender at CSB/SJU sets the institutions apart from others, in his opinion. "Here, many people come with some sense that they should have an articulated world view or ideology," he said.

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## CSB/SJU Alcohol Policy Produces Positive Results

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Here's a little known fact about the CSB/SJU institutional policy to curb underage drinking and alcohol abuse: it's working.

In fact, the efforts of Jason Laker, SJU dean of campus life, and Jody Terhaar, CSB dean of students, have attracted the national attention of their peers in student life. The two have presented on the topic at national conferences, most recently this month at the national convention of the American College Personnel Association (ACPA), an organization for student affairs professionals. Entitled "Building an Effective and Comprehensive Response to Student Alcohol Abuse," their talk focused on steps the CSB/SJU campuses have taken to reduce high-risk and abusive drinking by students.

Laker and Terhaar also were recently featured in *Student Affairs Today* which recognized their coalition-building strategies as a national model.

The alcohol policy has the backing of the CSB Board of Trustees, the SJU Board of Regents, President MaryAnn Baenninger, President Dietrich Reinhart, administrative cabinets, as well as the Parents' Committees and Alumni Council. Its implementation relies on the cooperation of a network of local community members and CSB/SJU students and faculty, through the coordination of administrators in student development, residential life, campus life and housing, student activities and leadership, counseling, health advocacy, campus security and life safety.

The policy was initiated three years ago in response to what has become a national problem of binge drinking, underage drinking and alcohol abuse by students,

resulting, in several instances, in injury or death. Implementation has four components: enforcement, engagement, education and coalition.

Enforcement, which calls for clear and consistent application of the policy, has admittedly been unpopular with a number of students, Laker said. Some of these resentments have fed rumor, innuendo and misinformation. On occasion, critics have seen this joint institutional plan as the work of one or two people, at times vilifying individual staff members. For instance, Laker has described this experience as having "personal costs for me and there have also been significant rewards." He listed the following as examples of the rewards he has experienced.

Student leaders have told him privately they agree with the policy. Students have said the dorms are quieter and it is easier to study there.

"Most of the faculty and staff I've talked to have been quite supportive. I've had students who have been suspended for multiple incidents of alcohol abuse return from treatment and tell me it saved their life," he said.

Laker also told of an alumnus who called to say he wished the policy had been in place when he was a student. "He said his addiction was nurtured when he

was in school."

The alumnus had called to make amends as part of a 12-step program of alcohol recovery because, as a student, he had stolen \$400 from the bookstore to support his drinking. He made arrangements with Laker to repay the money and the bookstore agreed to use it to fund a late-night event for students.

A second component, engagement, focuses on increased late-night weekend programming to promote an alcohol-free environment. The educational component builds awareness about alcohol choices through orientation, floor meetings and classroom presentations, among other means.

The fourth component, coalition, seeks to achieve sustained systemic change through negotiations with such stakeholders as students, faculty, staff, monastics, parents, local residents, bar and liquor store owners, landlords, local law enforcement, local government and alumni. Using an incremental approach, the strategy defines specific problems each group faces and seeks solutions. For example, Laker and Terhaar have persuaded some local bar owners to use entertainment rather than aggressive drink specials to attract customers.

Faculty and staff can contribute to a

## *CSB Student Awarded First Place in Young Performers Competition*

CSB sophomore music major Stacy Woodle won first place in the collegiate division of the St. Cloud Symphony Orchestra Young Performers Competition on March 10. Nineteen people of college and high school age participated in the competition. Woodle performed "Concerto in G Minor" for piano and orchestra by Felix Mendelssohn.

She was awarded a \$500 scholarship for music study and gave a solo performance in the St. Cloud Symphony Honors Concert March 30, at The Paramount Theater in St. Cloud. Woodle studies piano at CSB under the direction of the Rev. Robert Koopmann, professor of music.

healthy campus community by challenging jokes and drinking stories, by recognizing alcohol abuse as a threat to academic achievement, by expecting solid academic work and safe choices — and holding them accountable to those expectations — and by educating themselves with the facts about alcohol abuse.

“It’s about moving from blame to invitation,” Laker said. “The reality is no one person or group is to blame for these issues. We all have a stake in it.”

### **Librarian of Congress Billington Receives Colman J. Barry Award from SJU**

SJU presented the 12th annual Colman J. Barry Award for Distinguished Contributions to Religion and Society to Librarian of Congress James Hadley Billington, for his love and devotion to books, history and cultural preservation. The award was presented in conjunction with Saint John’s Day activities on April 9, at The Historic Depot in Minneapolis. The program featured the performance of an original musical composition by internationally renowned composer Libby Larson, in honor of Billington. The award presentation also coincided with the opening of *The Saint John’s Bible* exhibit at the Minneapolis Institute of the Arts.

Billington was sworn in as the Librarian of Congress on Sept. 14, 1987, and is the 13th person to hold the position since the Library was established in 1800.

Born in Bryn Mawr, Pa., on June 1, 1929, Billington was educated in the public schools of the Philadelphia area. He was class valedictorian at both Lower Merion High School and Princeton University, where he graduated with highest honors in 1950. Three years later, he earned his doctorate from Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar at Balliol College. Following service with the U.S. Army and in the Office

of National Estimates, he taught history at Harvard University from 1957 to 1962, and subsequently at Princeton University, where he was a professor of history from 1964 to 1974.

He is the author of *Mikhailovsky and Russian Populism* (1956), *The Icon and the Axe* (1966), *Fire in the Minds of Men* (1980), *Russia Transformed: Breakthrough to Hope, August 1991* (1992) and *The Face of Russia* (1998), the companion book to the three-part television series of the same name, which he wrote and narrated for the Public Broadcasting Service. *The Icon and the Axe*, *Fire in the Minds of Men* and *The Face of Russia* have been translated and published in a variety of languages.

Billington has received 33 honorary degrees, as well as the Woodrow Wilson Award from Princeton University (1992), the UCLA Medal (1999) and the Pushkin Medal of the International Association of the Teachers of Russian Language and Culture (2000). Most recently, he was awarded honorary doctorates from the University of Tbilisi in Georgia (1999) and the Moscow State University for the Humanities (2001). He received an honorary doctorate from the University of Oxford in November 2002.

The Colman J. Barry Award for Distinguished Contributions to Religion and Society recognizes the contributions that the Rev. Barry, a Benedictine monk of Saint John’s Abbey and former president of SJU, made during his life of scholarship and teaching. The author of several books, including his three-volume *Readings in Church History and Worship and Work*, the Rev. Barry began his teaching career at Saint John’s in 1952. He died in 1994.

The Rev. Barry was responsible for the creation of the Jay Phillips Chair in Jewish Studies in 1969, the first such chair at an American Catholic college, and the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library in 1964. His creative leadership set the roots on the SJU campus for Minnesota Public Radio in 1967, which has grown to become one of the top public radio networks in the nation.

The Colman J. Barry Award for Distinguished Contributions to Religion and Society is given annually to those who believe and demonstrate that service to others, in its expansion of human understanding and extension of social justice, comprises the best in human achievement.

### *CSB/SJU Orchestra Completes 2005 Tour Schedule*

The CSB/SJU Symphony Orchestra recently completed its 2005 tour schedule. The orchestra, directed by J. David Arnott, assistant professor of music, opened the tour with a performance at CSB Petters Auditorium March 15, and continued through March 23, with stops in Des Moines; Lindsborg, Kan.; Tulsa, Okla.; Plano, Texas; Dallas, Texas; Kansas City, Mo; and Topeka, Kan.

The tour featured music by Peter Maxwell Davies, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Franz Joseph Haydn. The program included the “Mozart Clarinet Concerto,” featuring Bruce Thornton, professor of woodwinds and jazz, on clarinet, as well as “Haydn Symphony Number 101” and “Threnody on a Plainsong” by Davies.

## It's 11 a.m. Are You Reading?

Annette Atkins, professor of history and humanities division head, is on a mission. She wants to demonstrate, symbolically, how the power of reading can unite a community of scholars and learners behind a common purpose.

"I think part of the job of a college faculty is to demonstrate to students the importance and pleasures of the life of the mind. We do that in the classroom, of course. Outside of class, however, I'm afraid that we as a faculty more often demonstrate how much we are part of modern American society by being over-scheduled, rushed, frantic," she said.

To counter that hectic pace, she and her colleagues on 3rd Quad have decided to slow down, each day, for 10 minutes and read.

"We're holding a read-in from 11-11:10 every morning on third Quad. For 10 minutes we'll not be frantic, but will sit down to read, to do the work at the heart of the intellectual life," she said.

"All interested readers are invited to join us on third Quad or pull your chair out into your own hallway and read for 10 minutes. It seems a little wacky, maybe, but try it. It feels wonderful.

Atkins said her goal is to have a two-campus-wide read-in at 11 every morning for the rest of the semester.

## Sisters of Saint Benedict Elect Nancy Bauer, OSB, as 15th prioress

submitted by Katie Perry,  
OSB Monastery publicist

The sisters of Saint Benedict's Monastery elected Nancy Bauer, OSB, as the new prioress of their monastic community on Feb. 27. S. Nancy succeeds S. Ephrem Hollermann, OSB, who has served two terms as prioress (one six-year term and one four-year term) of Saint Benedict's Monastery since 1995. S. Nancy will serve a six-year term as the 15th prioress of Saint Benedict's

Monastery. She will be installed on Sunday, June 12.

According to *The Rule of Saint Benedict*, S. Nancy, as well as the previous prioresses, "is believed to hold the place of Christ in the monastery." The prioress attends to the overall leadership of the monastery and ensures the sisters are living their mission — to listen and respond to the needs of the Church and the world through their ministry of prayer, work and community living. By virtue of her office, the prioress serves on boards of the College of Saint Benedict, the St. Cloud Hospital, and the Queen of Peace Hospital in New Prague; three separately incorporated educational and health care institutions.

The monastic community's preparation for the election began in August 2004, when an election committee was established to guide the community in the discernment process leading to the election. The heart of the election process is the spirit of discernment, an openness to the Holy Spirit's movement within the community as a whole as well as within each individual sister. According to Chapter 64 of *The Rule of Saint Benedict*,

the guiding principle for choosing an abbot (prioress) should "always be that the person is placed in office by the whole community acting unanimously in the fear of God." Since August, prayer, study and community meetings have remained an important part of the discernment for the election.

S. Nancy was born in Miesville, Minn., and made her monastic profession at Saint Benedict's Monastery in 1978. As a Benedictine, Bauer is currently the vice chancellor for the Diocese of St. Cloud. Previously, she has worked at the *St. Cloud Visitor*, the newspaper for the Diocese of St. Cloud, for two decades, first as a photographer and reporter, then as editor. Bauer holds a B.A. in photo-journalism from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, as well as an M.A. in theology from Saint John's School of Theology and a doctorate in Canon Law from The Catholic University of America in Washington D.C.

Unlike the Benedictine male monastics, a Benedictine woman leader is called "prioress" rather than abbot.

## CSB Koch Chair in Catholic Thought and Culture Hosted John Thavis

The CSB Koch Chair in Catholic Thought and Culture hosted "Vatican II to the Blogosphere: Church and Politics Today" by John Thavis, March 14 on the SJU campus.

This presentation related Catholicism to politics, reflected on the happenings of the Vatican today as well as the Vatican's understanding of America's role in today's world.

Thavis obtained his bachelor's degree in English from SJU in 1973. He has covered the Vatican for 22 years and has traveled with Pope John Paul II on more than 30 foreign trips to more than 60 countries. He has received awards from the Catholic Press Association for reporting on the Vatican, Europe and the Balkans. Thavis was the first reporter in the United States to be elected president of the Vatican Journalists' Association and was a main contributor to the 2003 best-seller *John Paul II: A Light for the World*.

## ***The Saint John's Bible Presentations Set***

Ongoing presentations on *The Saint John's Bible* will take place beginning May 9, in the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library classroom. The presentations will be given each Monday through Friday at 1:30 p.m. through Aug. 12.

No reservations are necessary, but if you know of or plan to bring a large group, advance notice would be helpful. Please call Linda Orzechowski at 363-3514 or Tim Ternes at 363-3351 with advance notifications or questions.

Please share this information with interested guests or groups you may be hosting this summer.

## **Asian Studies Program Organizes May/June 2005 Study Tour of South China**

The Asian Studies and E-Scholars Programs are pleased to announce the second annual May/June Term study tour entitled "Economic Development and Social Change in China" (COLG280). During May-June, two dozen CSB/SJU students will immerse themselves in the historical, economic, political, social and cultural dimensions of South China's economic boom and experience first-hand the far-reaching consequences of mushrooming economic development. They will tour sites in Hong Kong, Macao, Guangzhou and other industrial cities springing up along the Pearl River Delta before heading west to the coastal enclave of Zhanjiang, a seaport where China meets Southeast Asia. At Zhanjiang Normal University (ZNU), the students will attend classes on trade and development and intercultural communication as well as Chinese language, history, culture, and martial arts courses taught by ZNU faculty. They will also take part in Chinese home stays.

Management professors John Hasselberg, Jane Kathman and Paul

Marsnik will direct the study tour.

Project sponsors include the Maryknoll China Service Project (which places CSB/SJU teachers in China) and ZNC, with whom CSB/SJU has conducted student and faculty exchanges in recent years. The project is also supported by several SJU Hong Kong alumni, especially Canning Fok, SJU '75, managing director of Hutchison-Whampoa, Ltd., who are generously opening their industrial and port facilities to our students.

Br. Dietrich Reinhart, SJU president, and Rob Culligan, SJU vice president of Institutional Advancement, will join the study tour for a gathering with CSB/SJU alumnae/i during their stay in Hong Kong.

## **Pope John Paul II 1920-2005**

The following quotes from Pope John Paul II were read during a memorial prayer service Monday, April 4, at Sacred Heart Chapel:

Social justice cannot be attended to by violence. Violence kills what it intends to create.

Science can purify religion from error and superstition. Religion can purify science from idolatry and false absolutes.

An excuse is worse and more terrible than a lie, for an excuse is a lie guarded.

The cemetery of the victims of human cruelty in our century is extended to include yet another vast cemetery — that of the unborn.

Do not abandon yourself to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah in our song.

## ***CSB/SJU Music Professor Inducted into State Music Educators Hall of Fame***

Axel Theimer, CSB/SJU professor of music, was inducted in the Minnesota Music Educators Association (MMEA) Music Educators Hall of Fame on Feb. 18.

The ceremony took place during the annual MMEA Midwinter In-Service Clinic at the Minneapolis Convention Center. During the ceremony, Theimer's lifelong commitment to excellence in teaching, effectiveness in the classroom and as director of choral ensembles, success in areas of specialization, involvement in the music and arts communities beyond the classroom and rehearsal (Kantorei, Amadeus Chamber Symphony, National Catholic Youth Choir and the VoiceCare Network) and his willingness to share his love for music with his students and colleagues received special mention.

Theimer has been on the faculty at CSB/SJU since 1969. Theimer is a native of Austria and received much of his early training in Vienna, where he was a member of the Vienna Boys' Choir, and earned a doctor of musical arts in voice performance from the University of Minnesota. Theimer is the director of the CSB/SJU Chamber Choir and the SJU Men's Chorus and teaches applied voice, vocal literature, diction for singers, vocal pedagogy and choral techniques, is in demand as a choral and vocal clinician throughout the U.S., serves on the faculty and as executive director of The VoiceCare Network and is founder and music director of Kantorei and the Amadeus Chamber Symphony.

## Faculty News

**Mary Harlander-Locke**, CSB Career Services, and **Heidi S. Harlander**, SJU Career Services, presented their invited talk, "Engaging First-Year and Sophomore Students in Career Services," to the Minnesota Colleges and University Career Services Association on April 1. They also presented "ATLAS: Reconsidering the Academic and Career Journey" on April 4 at the American College Personnel Association's (ACPA) annual convention in Nashville. Jason Kelly and Mark Shimota, Academic Advising and members of the ATLAS Committee, helped prepare the ACPA presentation.

**Jeanne Cook** and **Richard Ice**, associate professors of communication, will travel to Beijing and Yunnan province in June 2005. Cook will continue her research on Yunan's Moso people and female Chinese dialects. She will interview Moso and Chinese dialect scholars in Beijing, Yuxi, and Lijiang. Ice will meet with language scholars in Yunnan Province to research language and persuasion. He will also explore internship options for CSB/SJU students in China and will visit a language school in Beijing to explore the possibility of adding an intensive language immersion course to CSB/SJU's China study abroad program.

**Marina Martín**, MCL associate professor, has recently published an article on Spanish film director Carlos Saura: "C. Saura, lector de J.L. Borges: Ficción, realidad y transgresión en Tango." The article was published by Filmhistoria, sponsored by the University of Barcelona, and is currently available online at <http://www.pcb.ub.es/filmhistoria/>

**Richard Bohr**, professor of history and director of Asian studies, will lead a group of 15 social science professors from such U.S. liberal arts colleges as Augustana,

Colby, Dickinson, Gettysburg, Kenyon, Marietta and Occidental to South China during June-July. The faculty group will study the impact of rapid economic growth on business development, urbanization, migration, governance, the environment and culture in China's fastest-developing region. After the participants return home, they will integrate what they have learned into existing and new courses so that students can learn more about China's current rise as a global superpower. Bohr will then compile and edit participants' essays for book publication.

This project is organized and sponsored by ASIANetwork, a consortium of 163 American liberal arts colleges (including CSB/SJU), and the Hong Kong American Center, outreach arm of five Hong Kong-based universities. It is funded by a grant from the Fulbright-Hayes Group Study Abroad Program of the U.S. Department of Education. Bohr assumes the chair of the board of directors of ASIANetwork on April 22.

**Ernie Diedrich**, professor of economics, has been selected as the CSB/SJU faculty editor for the *Undergraduate Economic Review* (UER) at Illinois Wesleyan University. His duties will be to review and select student economics papers to be published in the UER. Ernie supervised 2004 graduate Michael Brakke's honors thesis which was published in the UER in 2004.

**Fr. Anthony Ruff, OSB**, assistant professor of theology, has been named chair of the Ad Hoc Standing Committee on Gregorian Chant of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. In this capacity, he will also serve on the association's national advisory board.

**Carole Coleman**, SJU vice president of finance and administration, co-presented "Managing a Complex Investment Environment with Limited Resources" with Michael Sullivan of the University

### *The Welcome Mat:*

We welcome the following to the CSB/SJU community:

Linda Orzechowski, HMML

Leslie Koshiol-Zimmer, Personal and Professional Development Center

Gregory Stein, IT Services

Denise Holstad, Institutional

Advancement

Kit Posch, Athletics

Stephanie Jussila, Institutional

Advancement

### *Farewell to Friends:*

Tamara Thomas, Health Center

Christopher Stanley, IT Services

Mary Lee Griebler, President's Office

Jaime Ramirez, Admission Office

Kelly Schmidt, Upward Bound

Doris Goebel, McGlynn's

Richard Burbach, Institutional

Advancement

Tom Kjenaas, Transportation

Lisa Johansson, Admission

of St. Thomas at the Endowment Management Forum, sponsored by the National Association of College and University Business Officers in Manhattan in January.

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**Karleen Nordquist**, assistant professor of management, co-authored a textbook, *Succeeding in Business with Microsoft Office Excel 2003: A Problem Solving Approach*, published March 15, by Thomson Course Technology. Debra Gross of The Ohio State University and Frank E. Akaiwa of Indiana University are co-authors. The textbook is designed to push the students “beyond the basic ‘point and click’ focus of most computer applications texts” by challenging the students “to use critical thinking and analysis to find efficient and effective solutions to real-life situations.” This is the first book in Course Technology’s new Succeeding series, which is designed specifically with tech-savvy business students in mind.

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An article entitled “Bully for Japan: TR’s False Perceptions of Japanese Culture and Its Impact on the Portsmouth Agreement,” written by Asian studies minor **Tom Craft** (SJU ’05), will appear in the next issue of *The Wittenberg East Asian Studies Journal*. Craft wrote the paper for History 399, taught by **Derek Larson**, assistant professor of history. **Richard Bohr**, professor of history, was the faculty advisor for the paper. Craft’s article traces Theodore Roosevelt’s support for Japan in his handling of the treaty to end the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-05 to the heroic image of samurai Japan instilled in him by a Harvard classmate from Japan. *The Wittenberg Journal* is America’s premier forum for the publication of undergraduate writing on East Asia.

## In the Media

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A recent talk by **Noreen Herzfeld**, professor of computer science, was featured in the latest issue of *Science and Theology News*. The article can be accessed at [http://www.stnews.org/news\\_al\\_0305.html](http://www.stnews.org/news_al_0305.html).

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**Fr. Columba Stewart**, executive director of HMML, and **Bill Cahoy**, dean of SOT, were guests on Gary Eichten’s “Midday” on Minnesota Public Radio Friday, April 1. They discussed the legacy of Pope John Paul II. The program can be accessed on the “Midday” archives at <http://news.minnesota.publicradio.org/programs/midday/listings/md20050328.shtml>

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**Rodger Narloch**, assistant professor of psychology and assessment director for the SJU Vocation Project, was featured in an interview about his research interests in the *Journal of College and Character*. The article can be accessed at <http://www.collegevalues.org/scholarships.cfm?id=1432&a=1>

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A book about Somali refugees, written and published by **S. Mary Jane Berger** and 11 CSB/SJU students, was featured in a Feb. 24, *St. Cloud Times* article. The book is the result of a unique class project that was completed in an English class

called “Writing Well” (English 211). Entitled *New Beginnings/Bilow Cusub*, it was released on Dec. 10, 2004. The book represents an attempt to help the broader community of St. Cloud, St. Joseph, Sartell, Sauk Rapids and Waite Park understand why approximately 3,000 to 3,500 Somali refugees have moved to this area.

In cooperation with the Service Learning Department, the students and S. Mary Jane partnered with Somali refugees in St. Cloud in order to collect and write their stories.

However, *New Beginnings/Bilow Cusub* not only tells the stories of 11 St. Cloud Somali individuals and their families, it also informs readers about the plight of Somalians for the past 13 years of civil strife in their country. The students researched the background, art, and education of Somalia as well as its post-colonial history.

The book has been distributed free of charge to many businesses, organizations and schools in the surrounding area. In addition, copies of the book are available for purchase at the CSB/SJU Bookstores or from the Service Learning Department.

## Asian New Year Celebrated

The CSB/SJU Asia Club and Asian Learning Community hosted the 2005 Asian New Year celebration Feb. 26, in the CSB Haehn Campus Center.

The annual event displayed the Asian countries represented on the CSB/SJU campuses and their New Year celebrations. The program included a buffet dinner of Indian and Chinese dishes, performances, martial arts demonstrations, dragon dance, a fashion show and countries’ display booths.

There was also an after party featuring the bands Hmong Rock Band and The Rice Channel at O’Connell’s. Donations were accepted for tsunami relief efforts.

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directly to *Community* at: [community@csbsju.edu](mailto:community@csbsju.edu).

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This makes it easier to discuss values at CSB/SJU, whether or not people agree regarding topics of gender.

Kellom considers Brod a great resource on campus. "Harry can talk about race and class, not just gender," he said.

The concept of gender to an upper class white man differs from that of a working class black woman, Brod said. For this reason, he enjoys studying and teaching gender in conjunction with race and class. He believes that integrating gender issues with those of race and class allows one to get closer to the issues.

Brod believes the country has moved to further embrace gender studies and that the study of gender should start as early as possible in people's lives. He thinks knowledge of gender helps people make choices and fight stereotypes. "Gender studies helps people look at what they are doing for reasons of which they're often unaware," he said.

Kellom credits Brod with giving the institutions an idea for a new gender topic. He has suggested looking at business ethics in relation to gender. "Business ethics and spirituality in business ethics is a hot topic right now, especially after Enron," Kellom said. "No one

is doing gender, spirituality and ethics in the workplace."

Well-versed on many topics, Brod has spoken about date rape prevention aimed at men, emphasizing men's ethical responsibility to take responsibility for consent. He also speaks about responsible fatherhood and to single moms raising sons. He recently co-authored the book, *White Men Challenging Racism: 35 Personal Stories*, with Cooper Thompson and Emmett Schaefer and has edited, co-edited or authored several other books including *The Making of Masculinities: The New Men's Studies* and *A Mensch Among Men: Explorations in Jewish Masculinity*.

Brod has held a Fellowship in Law and Philosophy at Harvard Law School and a Fulbright grant at the Ruhr-Universität Bochum in Germany. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Humanities Iowa and served on the Iowa Governor's Task Force for Responsible Fatherhood. Brod received a bachelor's degree in humanities from New York University in 1972 and a master's and doctorate degree in philosophy from the University of California at San Diego in 1975 and 1981.

## *CSB/SJU Hosted Khalil Dokhanchi in Global Awareness Lecture Series*

Khalil Dokhanchi, associate professor of political science at the University of Wisconsin at Superior, presented "Iran: Friend or Foe?" March 8, in the CSB Teresa Reception Center Board Room. The presentation was part of the Global Awareness Lecture Series, a program co-sponsored by the Learning Through Difference Learning Community.

Dokhanchi provided an historical account of the changing nature of the American-Iranian relations over the past 50 years, with particular reference to the Islamic Revolution of 1979 and its implications for the relationship between the two countries.