CSB/SJU to Celebrate Heritage Day Sept. 26

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Marilynne Robinson will be the keynote speaker for the 2007 CSB/SJU Heritage Day Sept. 26, at Petter’s Auditorium in the Benedicta Arts Center of the College of Saint Benedict.

Over the past 25 years, Robinson has established herself as a distinguished and unique voice among American writers, displaying both a breadth of interest and a depth of inquiry. Her most recent novel, *Gilead* (2004), explores the value and struggle of issues such as belief, family and age through the eyes of an elderly preacher in Iowa. This work has elicited enormous critical praise, winning the Pulitzer Prize for fiction and a National Book Critics Circle Award.

Last year, the colleges established Heritage Day in celebration of their 1,500-year Benedictine heritage, and 150 years of Benedictine education in central Minnesota. Its purpose is to gather the CSB/SJU communities to explore and celebrate the legacy of their Catholic and Benedictine identity and heritage, thereby ensuring that the colleges’ history and tradition of faith, learning and community are made known to students, faculty and staff, said Marian Diaz, director of the CSB Companions on a Journey and SJU Vocation Project and chair of the Heritage Day steering committee.

This year’s theme is “Community: Creating a Future Together.” After a social at 9:30 a.m. in the atrium of the BAC, activities will begin at 10 a.m. with a brief reflection featuring various CSB/SJU musical talents. Robinson’s address, “The Gift of Community,” will set the tone for the day’s events, Diaz said.

In the afternoon session, CSB President MaryAnn Baenninger will facilitate a panel discussion, “Creating a Future Together,” on the coordinate mission from 1-2 p.m.

“We want to start a conversation in an open and imaginative way to think about the future of these two colleges,” Diaz said. “As we approach the end of the sesquicentennial celebrations, we want the panelists to address where they see us moving forward to create community, not just on the campuses, but within the local and global communities as well.”

Musician Carrie Newcomer will give a different twist to the conversation on community, with a concert/workshop at 2:15 p.m., Diaz said. “Carrie will use music to prompt us to think about community and our vocation as an institution. We are looking for fun and festive ways to engage people in the topic.”

After a closing reflection, scheduled for 3:30-4 p.m., there will be a social at O’Connell’s at CSB. For students, there will be a heritage dinner and dance, with details to be announced.

Diaz said she and other members of the steering committee encourage faculty to integrate aspects of the day’s activities into their course materials. Interested faculty may e-mail her for suggestions. Copies of Robinson’s books are on sale at the bookstores at a reduced rate. Free copies are available for faculty and staff who are interested in using the texts in class or for facilitating a reading group. Companions on a Journey and the Vocation Project will be offering book discussions in mid-September.

Other members of the steering committee are: Mary Geller, Michael Connelly, Mary Reuter OSB, Ephrem Hollerman OSB, Mark Conway, Patricia Cespedes-Schuller, Andrew Floerke, Molly Renslow, Patty Epsky, Jodie Peschl and Tom Mix. Heritage Day is sponsored by the President’s Office of the College of Saint Benedict, the President’s Office of Saint John’s University and the CSB Literary Arts Institute.

Additional information about Robinson, including links to reviews and interviews, is available at http://www.csbsju.edu/journey/everyone/Heritage%20Day%202007.htm.
CSB and SJU Presidents Commit to ‘Climate Neutral’ Campuses

CSB President MaryAnn Baenninger and SJU President Br. Dietrich Reinhardt have joined over 300 college and university presidents in signing the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment.

The document formally commits each school in both separate and joint efforts to minimize emissions and to find alternatives to those emissions which cannot be eliminated in order to achieve carbon neutrality. The Presidents’ Climate Commitment is the first such effort by any major sector of society to set climate neutrality – not just a reduction – as its target.

CSB and SJU are charter signatories of the document. A total of 343 university and college presidents have signed the document as of Aug. 15, and the ACUP, which unveiled the commitment June 12 in Washington, D.C., hopes to have 1,000 signatures by the end of 2008.

“Being conscientious stewards of the environment has always been an important part of our mission as a college,” said Baenninger, who was one of 103 presidential signatories in the Leadership Circle who have agreed to help lead the initiative, promote it and recruit colleagues to join. “The challenge of global warming makes that work more vital than ever, and the College of Saint Benedict is committed to leading efforts to attain climate neutrality and live responsibly.”

Commenting on the initiative, Br. Dietrich said, “The President’s Climate Commitment is deeply congruent with the Benedictine values of our community and enhances initiatives that we have long been undertaking at Saint John’s. Making this formal commitment will help us prioritize our future efforts and focus our energies on effective and sustainable stewardship of our environment.”

CSB is in the process of formalizing its plan for the future, including adopting green standards for buildings; requiring ENERGY STAR certification for products purchased by the college; offsetting emissions due to air travel; encouraging public transportation; purchasing energy from renewable sources; and supporting climate and sustainability shareholder proposals through its endowment.

Consistent with its Benedictine tradition of stewardship of natural resources, CSB’s long-term planning will reflect the best attempts to reduce the environmental impacts of building construction and operation, while minimizing the loss of green space and other encroachments on the local environment.

These efforts build on the school’s ongoing commitment to sustainability, including:

• During February 2007, CSB reduced electrical consumption on campus by 2.1 percent, during the “Energy Wars” competition involving other Minnesota private colleges. That reduction came despite a month that was, on average, 12 degrees cooler than the past three years;
• Baenninger asked CSB environmental studies students to advise her on the selection of a new fuel-efficient, environmentally friendly vehicle for her own use. She intends to make the vehicle decision later this year;
• CSB uses environmentally-friendly electronic ballast lighting with no PCBs and that use less energy than the old-style ballasts. Also, motion sensors in some buildings have proven to be very efficient in saving energy on campus;
• CSB plants trees and shrubs that are native to the area. Over the past eight years, over 600 trees have been planted on campus;
• A campus-based recycling system plays a key role in reducing the campus waste stream;
• In 2004, CSB was awarded the “Energy Conservation Award” from the National Wildlife Federation for its outstanding management and utilization of energy resources.

In accordance with SJU’s commitment, Saint John’s is establishing a plan for compliance that will build on existing efforts to reduce global warming pollution, including:

• Multiple proposals have been discussed to erect two wind turbines at Saint John’s. The school is currently doing a one-year study capturing wind data from its radio tower to provide data for analysis;
• Saint John’s is investigating alternative fuel options for its power plant to reduce coal consumption, including biomass and other renewable fuels;
• Ongoing conservation efforts include retrofitting many campus lights with high efficiency bulbs, and experimenting with compact fluorescent light bulbs in some locations with hopes that it may eliminate incandescent bulbs from the remaining fixtures. Thermostats were also turned down last winter and up this summer to save on heating and cooling;
• The CSB/SJU environmental studies department is beginning a carbon audit of each campus. This summer, students and staff started collecting data for a geographical systems analysis of employee commuting patterns that will be used to estimate total carbon emissions related to automobile use as well as proposed carpool and possible shuttle routes.

You can learn more at www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org.

Knuesel and DesJardins Appointments Announced

Rita Knuesel has been appointed as provost and Joe DesJardins appointed as associate provost/academic dean for three-year, renewable terms. The appointments, which took effect July 1, were announced in a joint statement by CSB President MaryAnn Baenninger,
CSB/SJU Faculty Honored at Academic Affairs Awards and Recognition Ceremony

CSB/SJU faculty were honored at the Academic Affairs Awards and Recognition Ceremony Tuesday, May 8, at the Alumni Lounge, SJU.

In addition to recognition for years of service, promotions, contributions as department chairs and leaders, the following awards were presented:

S. Mary Grell Teacher of Distinction Award – Pamela Bacon, assistant professor of psychology. S. Mary, a noted biologist, served students at CSB/SJU for more than 35 years with intelligence, dedication and genuine affection toward them. The difference S. Mary made in her lifetime of teaching at Saint Benedict is celebrated through the recognition each year of a faculty member who represents the best teaching and learning at CSB/SJU. She served as president of CSB from 1963-68.

Bacon received her bachelor of arts degree from Carleton College, and her master’s and doctorate degrees from Iowa State University in social psychology. She taught at St. Olaf College for two years before coming to CSB/SJU in 2003. She has published three works and has five manuscripts in preparation, and has over a dozen posters and presentations to her credit. Bacon has been particularly active in including students in her research. Her ability to get students excited about research in the classroom has resulted in her taking several students to the next level as co-investigators in her own program of research. Bacon’s teaching extends far beyond the classroom into the heart of scholarship.

Robert L. Spaeth Teacher of Distinction Award – The Rev. Rene McGraw, associate professor of philosophy and peace studies. This award is named in honor of Spaeth, who served as dean at SJU for nine years in addition to lengthy terms of service as professor of liberal studies and director of freshman symposium from 1979 until his death in 1994. Each year, Spaeth’s commitment to excellent teaching is remembered by honoring a faculty member who brings a special passion and mastery to the classroom and the learning community.

McGraw is a 1958 SJU graduate. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1962, following his study at Saint John’s Seminary, and received a master’s in philosophy from Duquesne University and a doctorate from the University of Paris. McGraw regularly teaches courses in both the philosophy and peace studies departments, as well as courses in the Common Curriculum. He is a philosopher who pursues philosophy – thinking about deep and difficult ideas – in communion with others, as teacher. Known as a “quiet legend” among his decades of students, his classes are demanding and fascinating. He is also recognized as a friend and advisor to countless students.

Linda Mealey Teacher-Scholar Award – Larry Davis, professor of geology and biology. The Linda Mealey Teacher-Scholar Award is given annually to a faculty member who exemplifies demonstrated excellence in scholarship as well as teaching, conducts student/faculty collaborative research or creative work and excels in the mentoring of students.

In recognition of the late Linda Mealey’s contributions to the CSB/SJU community, this award is named in honor of Mealey, who received the award in 2002.

Davis received his bachelor’s degree in marine biology from Western Washington University, a bachelor of science degree in geology from Boise State University, and his master’s and doctorate from Washington State University. He also served in the Army for 12 years. He joined the CSB/SJU faculty in 1998. In 2002, he received the S. Mary Grell Teacher of Distinction Award. Davis has published three books, 45 journal articles, five essays and more than 50 abstracts of conference presentations. In the classroom, he said he wants his students to experience the excitement of discovery. He sees learning and teaching as a collaborative process between student and teacher, and believes it is his role to model the attributes of learning.
Recognition was given as follows:

**Advising awards:** Virginia Arthur, professor of education; Philip Chu, natural sciences, associate professor of management; Philip Chu, natural sciences, associate professor of biology; Jackie Hampton, cross divisional, continuing studies and liberal studies adviser; Br. David Paul Lange, OSB, fine arts, assistant professor, art; Joan Steck, humanities, professor of communication.

**Tenure and promotion to associate professor:** David Arnott, music; Carie Braun, nursing; Donald Fischer, physical education; Kelly Kraemer, peace studies; Br. David Paul Lange, art; Ed McIntee, chemistry; Rachelle Parsons, nursing; Lu Ann Reif, nursing; Rick Saucier, management.

**Promotion to professor:** Virginia Arthur, management; Michael Livingston, psychology; Madhu Mitra, English; Manju Parikh, political science; Stephen Wagner, philosophy.

**Professor emerita and professor emeritus:** Joan Steck, communication; Martin Andrews, psychology; Charles Thornbury, English.

**CSB Koch Chair in Catholic Thought and Culture:** S. Ephrem Hollermann, OSB, associate professor of theology.

**Michael Blecker Professor of Humanities:** Scott Richardson, professor of classics.

**Outgoing department chairs:** Meg Lewis, associate professor of economics; Andrea Shaker, professor of art; Joan Steck, professor of communication; Charles Villette, assistant professor of French.

**Service as acting department chair:** Sheila Nelson, associate professor of sociology; Jim Schnepf, associate professor of computer science.

**Outgoing director of gender and women’s studies:** Martha Tomhave Blauvelt, professor of history.

**Outgoing division head:** Joe Friedrich, professor of economics.

**Outgoing learning enhancement service director:** Ken Jones, professor of history.

**Outgoing first-year symposium director:** Karen Erickson, professor of French.

**Outgoing interim director of international education:** Katie Johnson.

**Outgoing Joint Faculty Assembly chair:** Richard Albares, associate professor of sociology.

**10 years of service:** S. Mary Jane Berger, adjunct instructor, first-year symposium; Mani Campos, associate professor of biology; Katie Johnson, associate professor of communication and interim director of International Education; Louis Johnston, associate professor of economics; Michael Reagan, associate professor of biology; Gregory Schroeder, associate professor of history; Charles Wright, assistant professor of philosophy.

**15 years of service:** Jeffrey Anderson, associate professor of peace studies; J. Scott Johnson, professor of political science; Camilla Krone, professor of French; Vincent Smiles, professor of theology.

**20 years of service:** Karen Erickson, professor of French; Jan Holtz, professor of education; Dean Langley, professor of physics; Kathy Ohman, professor of nursing.

**25 years of service:** Thomas Kirkman, associate professor of astronomy and physics; Jean Ochu, associate professor of accounting and finance; Amy Olson, professor of nutrition; Lu Ann Reif, assistant professor of nursing.

**30 years of service:** Daniel Finn, professor of economics and theology; Clemens Chair; Kim Kasling, professor of music; the Rev. Robert Koopmann, professor of music; John Merkle, professor of theology; Gary Prevost, professor of political science; Edmund Sass, professor of education; Charles Thornbury, professor of English; Kathy Twohy, professor of nursing.

**35 years of service:** S. Nancy Hynes, professor of English; Michael Opitz, professor of English.

**40 years of service:** Joseph Friedrich, professor of economics; Charles Villette, assistant professor of French.

**Retirement:** Martin Andrews, associate professor of psychology; Joan Steck, professor of communication; Charles Thornbury, professor of English.

**BAC Wins More Design Awards**

The reviews keep coming in, and critics continue to rave about the Benedicta Arts Center of the College of Saint Benedict.

The BAC has received two additional architectural and interior design awards for its upgraded visual and performing arts facility affirming CSB’s leadership in the fine arts. That brings to three the number of awards the project has earned since its opening in September 2006.

- The Society for College and University Planners (SCUP), in partnership with the American Institute of Architects-Committee on Architecture for Education, has given the project an “Honor Award for Excellence in Architecture for a Building Addition.”
- The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) Northland Chapter has given the project an FAB (Fresh, Artistic and Brilliant) Award for 2007 for brilliant interior design created by a local design community.

Those two awards go along with the Honor Award presented by the American Institute of Architects Minnesota in December 2006.

The 2007 SCUP/AIA-CAE Award was presented at a ceremony July 9 at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers, Chicago, during SCUP’s annual conference.

“This project has phenomenal vigor and is restrained yet powerful,” the awards jury reported. “There is a wonder-
ful relationship to the exterior and it is playful with the interior vertical space. In the absence of external references, it engages the visitor more directly with the forms and the materials of composition.”

Over 100 projects were submitted for evaluation in 14 different categories.

The expansion was designed by Hammel, Green and Abrahamson – the same firm that designed the original BAC (the firm was then known as Hammel and Green).

The BAC project was named the “Government/Institutional Award Winner” over nine other projects by the IIDA’s Northland Chapter at its fourth annual awards ceremony April 19 in St. Paul, Minn.

“What a nice piece of architecture,” said contest juror Bob Blaha, interior design director of HOK’s St. Louis and Chicago offices. “There is nothing in the interior design that does not have purpose, program or architecture – a wonderful project.”

“(It is) a beautifully restrained yet rich project,” added Shashi Caan, chair of the Interior Design Program at Parsons School of Design and founder of her own interdisciplinary design collective, the Shashi Caan Collective. The project has a “wonderful use of special volumetrics. Very clear architectural moves with excellent choice of color and texture, which reinforce the deliberate and intelligent decisions. A superb project.”

The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) is a professional networking and educational association of more than 10,000 members in eight specialty forums, nine regions and more than 30 chapters around the world.

SJU Presents Presidential Citation to President of Bunkyo Gakuin University in Japan

Akiko Shimada, president of Bunkyo Gakuin University in Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, Japan, received a Presidential Citation from SJU May 24.

The presentation, which honored Shimada for her extraordinary contributions to higher learning and her profound commitment to international education, understanding and goodwill, took place during the Saint John’s Sesquicentennial Celebration in Tokyo. The citation was presented by Br. Dietrich Reinhart, SJU president.

Also participating were Joe DesJardins, CSB/SJU academic dean and associate provost; and David Bennett, CSB/SJU professor of history and founder, with Shimada, of the relationship between CSB/SJU and Bunkyo Gakuin. Several members of the SJU Board of Regents, CSB/SJU faculty and administrators were also part of the delegation.

The collaborative agreement between Bunkyo Gakuin and CSB/SJU has been in existence for almost 20 years. Bunkyo Gakuin has sent students to CSB/SJU every summer to study American culture and English. The school hosts CSB/SJU’s study abroad Japan program, and there is a faculty exchange program. Two CSB/SJU graduates are hired annually to spend a year working at Bunkyo Gakuin University.

Under Shimada’s leadership, Bunkyo Gakuin has grown from a junior college for women to a university for women to a coeducational university, in 2005.

National Symposium on Lay Ministry at SJU SOT: Watershed Event for Catholic Ministry

The SJU School of Theology hosted an historic symposium on lay ministry that produced recommendations and organizational commitments for improving and sustaining lay ecclesial ministry.


The symposium explored areas of formation, pathways to ministry, authorization and the ministerial workplace. The gathering was a response to the call by the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord to review the reality of lay ecclesial ministry across the country and “refine [Co-Workers] in the light of our experience.”

Bishop David Zubik, chairman of the U.S. Bishops Committee on the Laity, noted in his keynote address that the “vision of the Church must embrace lay-clergy collaboration.”

Jeffrey Kaster, of the SJU SOT, chaired the event. He pledged that the steering committee composed of representatives from over 15 co-sponsoring organizations in partnership with departments of the Bishops’ Conference would synthesize the proceedings and ensure the continuation of the development of lay ecclesial ministry in parishes, dioceses and chaplaincy locations across the country.

CSB Graduates Earn Fulbright Scholarships

Two CSB May graduates have received Fulbright commissions to work in Thailand and Mexico.

Eve Vang has been awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student scholarship to Thailand in Teaching English as A Foreign Language.
Carliene Quist has been awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student scholarship to conduct research and an internship project in Mexico.

A political science major at CSB, Vang will teach English to middle school students outside Bangkok for six months starting in mid-September. While there, she hopes to have time to conduct a "small research project on the side" that will focus on Hmong students who have traveled from their villages to Bangkok to pursue higher education.

A Spanish and peace studies double major, Quist – a grantee of the Fulbright “All (Academic) Disciplines Award” – receives funding for nine months to carry out her proposed project in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

Quist will combine coursework pertaining specifically to gender, social intervention and the U.S.-Mexico border region with research on effective community social programming in order to develop a report on best practices for promoting gender equity and violence prevention on the local community level.

**U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge to be Honored at Annual Red Mass**

Judge Diana Murphy of the Eighth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will be honored with the *Fidelis Apparitor* Award during the sixth annual Red Mass at 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at Sacred Heart Chapel, Saint Benedict's Monastery. The event is hosted by CSB and open to the public.

The award, which means “faithful servant” in Latin, is given to individuals who have been good and faithful servants of the law.

Honorees are chosen by virtue of their exemplary service, outstanding competence and leadership and their adherence to the directive in the *Rule of Saint Benedict*: “No one is to pursue what is judged better for oneself, but instead, what is judged better for someone else.”

Murphy received a bachelor’s degree from the University of Minnesota, and her law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School. She was in private practice from 1974-76 in Minneapolis, then served as a judge on the Hennepin County Municipal Court from 1976-78 and as a judge on the Minnesota District Court Fourth Judicial District from 1978-80.

In 1979, she was nominated by President Jimmy Carter to a new seat created in U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota. She was confirmed by the Senate in 1980, and served as chief judge from 1992-94. In 1994, she became a judge in the Eighth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals following a nomination by President Bill Clinton. Murphy also served as chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission from 1999-2004.

Murphy served for 19 years on the SJU Board of Regents, chairing the board from 1995-98. She is now a Regent Emerita. She is currently a member of the Board of Trustees at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul.

The celebrant and homilist for the Red Mass is Abbot John Klassen of Saint John’s Abbey.

The judicial year in many jurisdictions around the world is traditionally opened with a Red Mass. The celebration of the Mass is designed to provide judges, lawyers, civic leaders and academics of all faiths the opportunity to reflect on the powers and responsibilities that are part of their offices. The Red Mass name comes from the red vestments and garments that early legal participants wore on this occasion.

A reception follows the Red Mass at Teresa Reception Center, Main Building, CSB. Those who wish to attend the reception must register by Sept. 7. The cost is $25. RSVP by contacting Maurreen Opitz at mxopitz@csbsju.edu or by phone at 320-363-5020.

**Reassignments of Responsibilities Announced for Student Human Rights and Diversity**

Gar Kellom, SJU vice president for student development, and Mary Geller, CSB vice president for student development, have announced the reassignment of the responsibilities of the student human rights and diversity director to other staff members within the Division of Student Development.

Judy Bednar, interim director of human resources, will continue to serve as the faculty/staff human rights officer.

The reassignments of responsibilities related to student human rights and sexual assault took effect July 1, and are listed as follows:

**Student Human Rights**

BernaDette Wilson, director, Intercultural Center

- Responsible for the administration of the Student Human Rights Policy and Procedures
- Responsible for educational program and initiatives related to Student Human Rights

**Joint Sexual Assault Policy and Procedures**

Primary contact for CSB students: Jody Terhaar, CSB dean of students

Primary contact for SJU students, Prep School, SOT, Lit Press and HMML:

Michael Connolly, SJU dean of students

- Responsible for administration of Joint Sexual Assault Policy and Procedures
- Responsible for distribution of information regarding the Joint Sexual Assault Policy and Procedures
Sexual Assault Education & Information for CSB and SJU

Lori Klapperich, health promotion coordinator

- Responsible for educational programs and initiatives related to sexual assault

Academic Affairs Updates

The following Academic Affairs updates have been announced by Rita Kneusel, provost, and Joe DeJardins, academic dean and associate provost.

Gender and women's studies – Meg Lewis has been appointed director of gender and women’s studies, replacing Martha Tomhave Blauvelt, who has stepped down as director to focus more on her scholarly writings. (Her book, Work of the Heart: Young Women And Emotion, 1780-1830, was recently published by University of Virginia Press.)

LES – Ken Jones stepped down last spring as director of LES to accept the position as director of the common curriculum. Based on discussions with the four division heads and several faculty, the appointment of a full-time director of LES will be delayed until next spring, to allow time for Michael Livingston to conduct a needs-assessment/review of LES and make recommendations about future directions.

In the interim, Bob Fulton has assumed responsibility for the mentoring programs for new faculty. Also, the modest budget that LES has used to support faculty travel to pedagogical conferences and workshops will be administered through the dean’s office for next year.

New Service Learning director – Marah Jacobson-Schulte has been appointed service-learning coordinator, replacing Cindy Peterson who resigned last spring.

International Education and Asian studies personnel changes – Kristi Kremers has stepped down as global education coordinator in the Center for International Education in order to begin graduate studies, and has assumed a part-time role as coordinator of Asian studies, replacing Joe Rogers. Michele Monson has joined the staff in International Education as office coordinator, replacing Judy Johnson who resigned last spring.

Honors Program – The position of coordinator of competitive fellowships and awards has been integrated within Richard White’s responsibilities as honors director. John Lloyd had previously filled that role as part of his position within the CSB President’s Office. Richard and Mary Tamm, Honors Program coordinator, have recently returned from a conference for new honors advisors sponsored by the National Association of Fellowship Advisors meeting in Washington, D.C.

Office relocations – The SJU Writing Center has moved to Quad 266 and 263. The SJU Math Skills Center has moved to Peter Engel 232.

The Faculty/Staff Lounge (formerly Quad 263) has moved to Quad 268. This will be a lounge from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and booked by Special Events for meeting space the rest of the time.

With the relocation of the Communication and Marketing Department’s SJU offices from New Science to Quad 151, environmental studies faculty offices have been consolidated on the first floor of New Science, adjacent to the Arboretum offices. Derek Larson, Diane Veale Jones, Larry Davis, and Jean Lavigne will now have offices together; in addition, an adjacent room will serve as a GIS lab to support course work and research in environmental studies.

Faculty/Staff News

Kathleen A. Cahalan, SJU SOT associate professor, recently presented two papers: “Beyond Pastoral Theology: Why Catholics Should Embrace Practical Theology,” at the International Academy of Practical Theology in Berlin, Germany last April, and “Why Catholic Theological Education Should Embrace Practical Theology and Forget Pastoral Theology” at the Catholic Theological Society of America in Los Angeles last June. Her chapter, “Creating Space to Listen to God’s Call: Discernment in Youth Ministry,” has appeared in Growing Souls: Experiments in Contemplative Youth Ministry, ed. Mark Yaconelli (Zondervan, 2007).


Fr. Douglas Mullin was ordained a Catholic priest Aug. 4, by the Most Rev. Richard Pates, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, in Saint John’s Abbey Church in the presence of Abbot John Klassen, the Saint John’s monastic community, family members, friends, colleagues and students. Fr. Doug serves as a CSB/SJU associate professor of education. He celebrated his First Mass on Aug. 5, in the Abbey Church.

Jerome Tupa, SJU chaplain, presented a paper on art and the aging process at an annual conference on aging for health professionals at the Mayo Clinic May 9. He also led a retreat March 15-16 for the staff and administration of Woodside Priory School in California on the topic of Benedictine life and art in the workplace.
Thomas Sibley, CSB/SJU professor of mathematics, will serve as president of the North Central Section of the Mathematical Association of America for this academic year.

Scott Richardson, CSB/SJU professor of classics, performed with hand music June 2, at “Vaudevillian Stages,” an MPR production at the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul.

Imad Rahal, CSB/SJU assistant professor of computer science, served as a panelist on the Computing Research Infrastructure (CRI) program panel which convened last March on the National Science Foundation site in Arlington, Va. His participation was at the invitation of the NSF. The CRI program is organized by the Directorate for Computer & Information Sciences and Engineering (CISE).

Proposals received by NSF are reviewed by a scientist, engineer or educator serving as an NSF program officer, and usually by three to 10 others outside NSF who are experts in the particular fields represented by the proposal. These reviewers are selected by program officers charged with the oversight of the review process and are especially well qualified to review proposals.

Rahal and Jim Schnepf, associate professor of computer science, are preparing a large NSF proposal and Rahal’s reviewer experience will help guide how they prepare their proposal. Work on this project, “Detecting Plagiarism in Computer Programs,” began this summer with the aid of a student research assistant hired by the computer science department.

Brendon Duffy, SJU SOT director of admission, served as a panelist at the Fund for Theological Education’s Conference on Excellence in Ministry at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill., June 20-24. He advised the 50 Undergraduate Fellows on things to consider when choosing a graduate theology school or seminary, and presented Saint John’s approach to ministry formation.

Ryan Klinkner, SJU sports information director, was elected chair of the MIAC sports information director committee, at the MIAC sports information director summer seminar at Augsburg College in Minneapolis.

Heidi S. Harlander, CSB/SJU director of career services, co-presented “Minnesota Career Services Benchmarking Survey 2007” at the Minnesota College and University Career Services Association summer meeting. Twenty-nine institutions, including the 17 Minnesota private colleges, participated in the survey. The presentation highlighted initial data analysis.

Fred de Sam Lazaro, director of the Under-Told Story project at SJU and a 1981 graduate of The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, was awarded the college’s Sister Timothy Kirby Benedictine Spirit Award June 23 at St. Scholastica’s annual alumni reunion.

The award recognizes a St. Scholastica graduate who has been a credit to the college for his/her professional achievement and who exemplifies the values of the Benedictine Sisters who founded the college.