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

## *Caritas Award Recognizes Commitment to Service and Justice*

CSB and SJU presented the Caritas Award to Maya Main, CSB class of 2008; Ben DeMarais, SJU class of 2008; Christine Kustelski, CSB class of 1996; and Paul Conroy, SJU class of 2005, on April 14 at SJU.

The award recognizes their commitment to service and justice. Bernie Evans, a CSB/SJU faculty member in the theology department, gave remarks.

The Caritas Award was established in 1995 with support from an anonymous donor. Two students (one from each campus) each receive \$500, and the alumna and alumnus each receive \$1,500 to donate in support of an organization's service.

Main, a CSB peace studies and psychology double major, pledged her donation to the Southside Boys and Girls Club in St. Cloud. Throughout her college experience, Main has worked with the youth at the Southside Club. While studying abroad in Guatemala as a junior, she facilitated a women's self-esteem group in Cantel, a Mayan pueblo. In her final year at CSB, Main has volunteered with Casa Guadalupe, Fast Forward Youth Program and the St. Cloud Correctional Facility.

DeMarais, an SJU physics major, pledged his donation to the Winona Catholic Worker. He has been involved in various campus ministry activities throughout his college years. He plans to volunteer internationally through the Saint John's Benedictine Volunteer Corps in the coming year.

Kustelski directed her donation to the Boys and Girls Club of Central Minnesota. Kustelski is currently the unit director for the Boys and Girls Club of Central Minnesota at its Southside location in St. Cloud. Kustelski has been particularly effective at guiding the children of Somali immigrant families to be successful in school and in their many adjustments to life in the United States.

Conroy has pledged his donation to Hanga Abbey in Tanzania. Conroy traveled to Tanzania, in east Africa, as the first volunteer with the Saint John's Benedictine Volunteer Corps (BVC) to serve in the remote Benedictine Abbey of Hanga.

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## CSB Commencement Set for May 10

Ahna Skop, assistant professor of genetics and medical genetics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, delivered the commencement address during the 93rd annual commencement ceremony at CSB at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 10, in the Clemens Field House, Haehn Campus Center.

Skop also received an Honorary Doctorate of Science degree from CSB.

During the commencement ceremony, CSB presented its President's Medal to Nancy Judd Ehlen, an artist, nature enthusiast and philanthropist who resides in Peoria, Ariz., and formerly lived in the St. Cloud area. Natalia Calderon, a communication and Spanish double-major from Mahtomedi, Minn., was the student commencement speaker, as selected by this year's CSB senior class.

The 2008 CSB graduation class included 446 women, which is the 10th largest in school history. When combined with SJU's 458 undergraduate men, this year's combined graduating class was 904.

Skop received the National Science Foundation (NSF) Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) November 1, 2007 — the nation's highest honor bestowed upon scientists in the early stages of their careers. She was one of 58 scientists honored at a ceremony at the White House in Washington, D.C.

"These are the 'Golden Globe Awards' for the Albert Einsteins and Marie Curies of tomorrow — our nation's most promising scientist and engineering educators," said Rita Colwell, director of the NSF.

Skop is recognized for her innovative research defining the mechanisms required for cytokinesis in animal cells, and for identifying molecular links between the ways in which animal and plant cells divide.

Art also plays an important part in Skop's life. Her father, Michael, is a classically trained artist who also taught

anatomy, drawing bone structures by hand. Her mother, Kathy, is a ceramicist and art educator who teaches high school art classes.

Skop has designed magazine covers and conference logos for her field, and curates an art show at the biannual meetings of C. Elegans scientists (a group of researchers who study this common experimental organism).

Ehlen, the President's Medal honoree, has captured the wonders of the natural world. Her photography has graced the CSB campus through art exhibitions and donations of framed artwork for Renner House, the residence of CSB President MaryAnn Baenninger. She has strengthened the fine arts experience at CSB with generous gifts for annual scholarships, programming and facilities enhancement. And, for more than a decade, she has been a strong voice for the importance of art education and the value of public engagement in fine arts.

The President's Medal is awarded to those members of the CSB community who have demonstrated extraordinary loyalty, dedication and service to the college and its mission of liberal arts education in the Benedictine tradition. Recipients receive a symbolic representation of the President's Medal that exhibits the seal of the college.

Past winners of the award have included Dorothy Gorecki, who, along with her husband, Benedict, founded Gorecki Manufacturing in Milaca, Minn., and contributed the lead financial gift to the Gorecki Dining and Conference Center, their second major gift to CSB; and Barbara Koch, a business, community and philanthropic leader.

Last year, the medal was presented to the Sisters of Saint Benedict's Monastery, who were celebrating their sesquicentennial in 2007, and Jacquelynn and Sylvester "Shorty" Haehn, long-time supporters and benefactors of CSB. The S.L. Haehn Campus Center was named in his honor after they made a generous gift to help with the center's construction.

## Saint John's Commencement Activities May 11

William Green, superintendent of Minneapolis Public Schools, delivered the commencement address at SJU at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 11, in the Saint John's Abbey Church.

Green received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree, and Eric Jolly, president of the Science Museum of Minnesota, also received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Also during the commencement ceremony, Saint John's Abbey and University presented its Pax Christi Award to the Most Reverend Elias Chacour, archbishop of Akka, Haifa, Nazareth and All of Galilee.

Tom Connelly, an environmental studies and Spanish double-major from Omaha, Neb., was the student commencement speaker, as selected by the Saint John's senior class.

The 2008 Saint John's graduating class included 458 undergraduate men, the second-largest in school history, and 45 School of Theology•Seminary graduates. When combined with CSB's 446 graduates, this year's combined undergraduate graduating class was 904.

Green, as superintendent of Minneapolis Public Schools, is directly responsible for overseeing the district's business functions and academic achievement for all students. Green served on the Minneapolis Board of Education from 1993-2001 and was board chair from 1996-1998. Green has taught at Augsburg College, CSB and SJU, and Vanderbilt University. A native of New Orleans, Green is the author of *A Peculiar Imbalance/The Rise and Fall of Racial Equality in Early Minnesota*, and has contributed more than 30 articles to scholarly and popular press publications.

Jolly is president of the Science Museum of Minnesota, which is among the nation's largest and most-esteemed science museums. Prior to joining the Science Museum in March 2004, Jolly was senior scientist and vice president for Education Development Center in Newton, Mass. He is known for his con-

tributions to mathematics and science education, frequently working with such groups as the American Association for the Advancement of Science, National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, National Council for Teachers of Mathematics, and the National Science Teachers Association. He is a life member of the Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science.

Chacour, of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church, is a Palestinian Israeli and an Arab-Christian. Chacour is the first Israeli to be ordained a Catholic bishop and the first Hebrew-speaking Archbishop of Galilee. He has devoted his life to education and peace, particularly peace between Israelis and Palestinians, and is known worldwide for his work on behalf of nonviolent social change. Chacour is the noted author of numerous articles and two books, *Blood Brothers* and *We Belong to the Land*. He has been nominated three times for the Nobel Peace Prize and has been awarded the World Methodist Peace Prize, the Niwano Peace Prize, the Dante Alighieri Human Rights Award, the Mediterranean Peace Award and the International Award from the Council of America's First Freedom Award. He is the recipient of honorary doctorates from Emory University and the University of Indianapolis.

As the highest honor awarded by Saint John's, the Pax Christi Award recognizes those who have devoted themselves to God by working in the tradition of Benedictine monasticism to serve others and to build a heritage of faith in the world. The award has been presented to 52 individuals. Past recipients include the late Cardinal Leo Jozef Suenens of Belgium; the former representative of the Holy See in the United States, Archbishop Jean Jadot; the late former senator and presidential candidate Eugene McCarthy; the late Archbishop John Roach of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis; Mary Jo Copeland, founder and director of Minneapolis' Sharing and Caring Hands; Amy Grant, a contemporary Christian singer; and

the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of the Chicago Archdiocese.

### Sharing *The Saint John's Bible* Worldwide

A Saint John's delegation presented His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI with a rare, full size, fine art reproduction of the St. Peter Apostles Edition of *The Saint John's Bible* on April 4. The Pope called it "a work for eternity."

Members of the delegation included Abbot John Klassen, Saint John's Abbey; SJU President Dietrich Reinhart; Fr. Columba Stewart, executive director, HMML, and vice president of religion and culture; and Donald Jackson, artistic director of *The Saint John's Bible*.

For video coverage of this historic moment as well as more about the Apostles Edition of *The Saint John's Bible*, go to [www.csbsju.edu/alum/news/2008/04/Bible.htm](http://www.csbsju.edu/alum/news/2008/04/Bible.htm)

The presentation at the Vatican was possible through the generosity of the Gerald and Henrietta Rauenhorst Foundation and was one of three presentations SJU made in April. On April 12, the Prophets Edition of *The Saint John's Bible* was presented to John Carroll University from SJU. The gift was made possible through a donation by Target in honor of John Pellegrine, a retired Target executive and member of John Carroll's class of 1958, and a long-time supporter of *The Saint John's Bible*.

On April 24, Saint John's University and Abbey and the Frey family of Minneapolis presented Archbishop Harry Flynn with the first completed volume of the Heritage Edition of *The Saint John's Bible*. The full-size reproduction, signed by Donald Jackson, was presented at a ceremony at the Cathedral of Saint Paul in honor of Flynn's upcoming retirement.

The Heritage Edition of *The Saint John's Bible* was a gift to Flynn from SJU, made possible through the generosity of the Eugene and Mary Frey family as a token of their high regard and esteem for the Archbishop, and in celebration of his more than 11 years of pastoral service and leadership as the Archbishop of the

Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

Through The Heritage Program, individuals and artistic, religious and cultural institutions can experience and share the only full size, limited edition, signed and numbered reproductions of *The Saint John's Bible*. Each set is available for subscription in pre-publication for \$115,000.

Proceeds from the sales of *The Saint John's Bible* Heritage Program will help fund the continuing preservation of endangered medieval manuscripts worldwide, a permanent home for *The Saint John's Bible* and scholarly work related to this monumental masterpiece.

### Environmental Historian Receives Colman Barry Award from SJU

SJU presented the 16th Colman J. Barry Award for Distinguished Contributions to Religion and Society to William Cronon, in honor of his service as one of our nation's foremost environmental historians and thinkers.

The award was presented in conjunction with Saint John's Day activities April 18, in the Stephen B. Humphrey Theater on the SJU campus.

Cronon has devoted his career to understanding the history of human interactions with the natural world: how we depend on the ecosystems around us, how we modify the landscapes in which we live and work, and how our ideas of nature shape our relationships with the world.

Cronon is a Vilas Research Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the university's most distinguished chaired professorship. He is also the Frederick Jackson Turner Professor of History, Geography and Environmental Studies at UW-Madison. Prior to this, he was a member of the Yale University history department. He is the author of two award-winning books, *Changes in the Land* (1983) and *Nature's Metropolis* (1991), and has edited two influential essay collections, *Under an Open Sky* and *Uncommon Ground*. In addition, he is the general editor of the Weyerhaeuser

Environmental Books Series for the University of Washington Press. Cronon serves on the Governing Council of The Wilderness Society and on the National Board of the Trust for Public Land.

Cronon holds a bachelor's degree from UW-Madison; a master's degree, master of philosophy and doctorate from Yale University; and a doctor of philosophy from Oxford University. He was elected to the American Philosophical Society in 1999 and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2006.

The Rev. Colman J. Barry was president of SJU from 1964 to 1971. He left an enormous legacy at Saint John's, including the creation of Minnesota Public Radio, the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library and the Jay Phillips Center for Jewish-Christian Learning. The Colman J. Barry Award for Distinguished Contributions to Religion and Society is given annually to those who, like Barry, have made significant contributions to human knowledge, understanding or communication in religion and society.

## Women's Walk raises \$39,000

The second annual CSB Women's Walk raised \$39,000 on April 27. This amount includes all cash and in-kind donations and is a 30 percent increase over last year's event, when \$30,000 was raised.

Despite the dreary weather, the number of participants grew as well. About 350 walkers were able to choose between walking an outdoor route through the campus, or the indoor track at Clemens Field House. This number was up from 300 walkers last year.

The proceeds will benefit CSB athletics and recreation. There are 12 varsity sports at CSB, and more than 80 percent of CSB students use the facilities and services provided by campus recreation.

## Schug Awarded McKnight Fellowship

Larry Schug, recycling coordinator at CSB, was awarded one of four \$25,000 awards in the 2008 McKnight Artist Fellowships for Writers for his work in poetry.

Seventy-six submissions were received for the Poetry/Spoken Word competition. Schug was one of four winners selected by esteemed Spanish poet Martín Espada.

Schug is the author of four collections of poetry, including *The Turning of the Wheels* (2001), *Obsessed With Mud* (1997), *Caution: Thin Ice* (1993) and *Scales Out of Balance* (1990). He has worked at CSB the past 30 years, and lives with his wife, cat and dog on 55 acres of tamarack bog in St. Wendel Township.

A reception honoring the four winners will be Sept. 13 at the Target Performance Hall, second floor of the Open Book Building, 1011 Washington Ave. S., Minneapolis, following a reading by Espada.

The Loft Literary Center announced the awards in early March. The Loft is a comprehensive literary center based out of Minneapolis that prides itself on supporting the artistic development of writers, fostering a writing community and building an audience for literature.

Schug also was recently awarded a Central Minnesota Arts Board individual artist grant for his poetry.

## Students Honored at Inspiring Leadership Recognition Banquet

Twelve students from CSB and SJU were honored at the Inspiring Leadership 2008 recognition banquet April 20 at the Gorecki Dining and Conference Center, CSB.

The event, sponsored by Student Activities and Leadership Development at CSB and SJU and attended by over 220 people, featured a keynote message from Carliene Quist, a 2007 CSB alumna who received the 2007 "Excellence in Leadership Award" from the organization. Quist is currently conducting research

through a Fulbright U.S. Student scholarship in Juarez, Mexico.

The 2008 "Excellence in Leadership Award" was presented to CSB graduate Alexa Gallet, who graduated from CSB in December 2007.

Gallet also shared the "Model the Way" award with SJU senior Brett Saladin.

The "Emerging Leader" awards were presented to SJU junior Joe Daly and CSB sophomore Kristina Seslija.

The "Challenge the Process" award was presented to SJU senior Luke Fisher and CSB senior Ashley Davenport.

The "Inspire a Shared Vision" award was presented to CSB senior Gretchen Enninga and SJU senior Jonathan Keilor.

The "Enable Others to Act" award was presented to SJU senior Benjamin Nelson and CSB senior Kelly Smith.

The "Encourage the Heart" award was presented to CSB senior Elizabeth Sturlaugson and SJU senior Thomas Connelly.

Gar Kellom, vice president of student development at SJU, was presented with an honorary "Excellence in Leadership" award.

In addition to the awards, 80 students were presented certificates of leadership from the Inspiring Leaders Certificate Program (ILCP) in six levels, including 35 members of the CSB Residential Life staff.

## Presidents Request Feedback on Self-Study Draft

A draft of the self-study document is now available for review, and Presidents MaryAnn Baenninger and Dietrich Reinhart, OSB, have requested feedback from the CSB and SJU campus communities.

"We would like to thank all who worked on this document, especially the subcommittees for each criterion, the self-study steering committee, and Carie Braun, the coordinator of the self-study," they said in a joint statement. "The development of this self-study document is a critical step in preparation for continued accreditation."

In anticipation of a visit by the Higher Learning Commission consultant-evaluator team Oct. 13-15, 2008, faculty and staff are asked to review the self-study draft and provide input to help complete the document by identifying any gaps and offering constructive feedback. The document is now posted on the accreditation web site for CSB/SJU at <http://www.csbsju.edu/2008accreditation/SelfStudyDrafts.htm>. Each chapter is presented separately for review and comment. Input will be compiled and integrated into the final draft starting May 15.

## CSB to Sponsor CUR Conference

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June is a quiet time on many college campuses. But that won't be the case this June at CSB.

The Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) sponsors its 12th national conference June 21-24 at CSB. The theme of the conference is "Frontiers and Challenges in Undergraduate Research."

Approximately 400 faculty, administrators, policy makers, representatives of funding agencies and others with an interest in doing and promoting undergraduate research will be on campus, according to Marcus Webster, director of undergraduate research at CSB and SJU, who is involved in the local plans.

"This is one of the first and biggest conferences we've held that is focused on faculty development and science," Webster said. "We hope to do more such meetings in the future."

The conference includes over 100 workshops and presentations by representatives of funding agencies. About 50 poster presentations are also expected to take place, Webster said.

"I hope (attendees) come away with a greater understanding of the current conditions and future possibilities in undergraduate research," said Lydia Fox, chair of the department of geosciences and director of the environmental studies program at the University of the Pacific

and a co-chair of the conference. "We will have sessions that will appeal to a broad cross-section of people interested in undergraduate research."

Keynote speakers include:

Isiah Warner, Boyd professor of chemistry and vice chancellor of strategic initiatives at Louisiana State University, speaks on "Research as an Important Tool for Promoting and Maintaining Undergraduate Students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics," at 8:30 a.m. June 22;

Paul Apostolidis, Judge and Mrs. Timothy A. Paul, Chair of Political Science at Whitman College, speaks on how Community-Based Research (CBR) projects can help promote a vigorous and widely democratic culture by actively stimulating public knowledge and debate regarding CBR findings, at 11:30 a.m. June 23;

Jennifer Blackmer, assistant professor in theatre and dance at Ball State University, speaks on the role of undergraduate research in the humanities with a talk entitled, "The Gesture of Thinking: The Role of Undergraduate Research in the Humanities," at 9 a.m. June 24.

More information on the conference can be found at the CUR Web site: [www.cur.org](http://www.cur.org), and clicking on the "Meetings" link.

## CSB and SJU Hold Celebrating Scholarship and Creativity Day

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and best-selling author Natalie Angier delivered the plenary address at the eighth annual CSB/SJU Celebrating Scholarship and Creativity Day April 23.

Angier's gave her address, "Paparazzi, Madonna and the Beautiful Basics of Science," in the Stephen B. Humphrey Theater, SJU. She is the senior science writer for the *New York Times* newspaper, and is currently the Andrew D. White Professor-At-Large at Cornell University. She won her Pulitzer Prize for beat reporting with the *Times* in 1991.

An outspoken proponent of science literacy and education, Angier has written widely about the wonders of the natural

world. She is the author of *Natural Obsessions* (1988), *The Beauty of the Beastly* (1995), *Woman: An Intimate Geography* (2000) and *The Canon: A Whirligig Tour of the Beautiful Basics of Science* (2007).

That afternoon at various locations on both campuses, students representing nearly every discipline displayed posters or spoke about their research and creative work.

Student performances and activities included "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)" in the Humphrey Theater; a "Poetry Slam and Improvisational Comedy Show" in Brother Willie's Pub, Sexton Commons, SJU; and a film festival in Pellegrine Auditorium, SJU.

Celebrating Scholarship and Creativity Day recognizes and honors the achievements of the many student scholars engaged in independent and creative work or research projects at CSB and SJU.

## CSB and SJU Honor Student Employees/Teams of the Year

Gretchen Enninga, Chris Gabiou and the CSB Student Campus Ministry Alternative Break Experience student coordinators have been named Student Employees/Team of the Year at CSB and SJU.

The winners were announced at a reception April 15 at the Alumni Lounge, SJU, during National Student Employee Appreciation Week April 13-19. The winners received an engraved plaque.

Enninga, a CSB senior psychology major, has been a site coordinator for the Fast Forward Youth Program (FFYP) for four years. She was nominated by her supervisor, Erin Truhler, director of the program.

"I work with at least 50 college students every semester, and I am always thrilled to witness their budding professionalism. Rarely, however, can another student compare to the polished set of talents that Gretchen brings to Fast Forward and the CSB and SJU communities," Truhler said.

Enninga also was named the Minnesota Student Employee of the Year. She

received a certificate and a \$75 check from the Midwest Association of Student Employment Administrators for that honor. She was part of the FFYP student team which won the 2006 and 2007 Team of the Year awards at CSB and SJU.

Gabiou, a senior communication and Spanish double-major at SJU from Arden Hills, Minn., has been the lead student bus driver for the CSB/SJU Transportation Department and has been employed for four years. Gabiou works with other student drivers on their job performance and work responsibilities, and provides transportation for students commuting between the two campuses.

“Chris was ready, willing and able the first day of the fall semester (his first year) and has been in the driver’s seat setting the standards for other students for the past four years,” said Jim Cossairt, assistant director of the transportation department, and Mike Juntunen, director of transportation, in their nominating letter.

The CSB Campus Ministry Alternative Break Experience coordinators team consists of CSB students Andrea Schiebe (first year), Teresa Capecchi (senior), and Kari Barber (senior), and SJU student Chris Morgan (first year).

As a team, they helped send 150 CSB and SJU students on nine spring break trips, one May term trip and one winter break trip. They developed leadership and logistics training for student and staff co-leaders, and coordinated campus-wide fundraising events.

“There is no question as to the quality of work these students do,” said Jessica Guentzel, assistant director of CSB Campus Ministry, who nominated the team for the award. “The ABE student coordinators this year are exceptional because they have developed a ‘team spirit’ in the truest sense of the phrase.”

Exceptional student employees are nominated for the awards by their supervisors. The students complete a nomination letter. The five-person Student Employee/Team of the Year committee reviews all applications and makes the decision based on the criteria of the

program — reliability, quality of work, initiative, professionalism and uniqueness of contribution.

### **UTS Explores U.S. Food Policies, Other Global Issues for Public Broadcasts**

Fred de Sam Lazaro, director of The Project for Under-Told Stories at SJU, and producer Nikki See will produce two reports based on a recent two-week trip to Malawi and Kenya. One will examine U. S. food aid policies in the developing world, and the second will report on one Peace Corps-like effort to offset the exodus of medical doctors from Africa to developed countries. These reports will be broadcast on PBS’ “NewsHour” with Jim Lehrer, and “Religion and Ethics Newsweekly.”

In January, de Sam Lazaro and See were in Bangladesh producing stories for National Public Radio and the “NewsHour.” One story focused on a model TB control program and aired on NPR on March 25. Another story on climate change in the country aired March 28 on PBS’ “NewsHour.”

A screening of one Bangladesh segment on climate change kicked off a well-attended panel discussion at Alcuin Library at SJU on March 31. It featured Jean LaVigne, environmental studies professor, John Smith, environmental studies major and TEAM leader, and special guest Fr. Anthony Dias, S.J., a professor at St. Xavier’s University in Bombay, India, where his social justice activism is also channeled through street theater.

The UTS team will visit India in May, on assignments related to a number of development, climate and social justice issues.

De Sam Lazaro and See interviewed a number of CSB and SJU students to work as desk assistants for PBS’ “NewsHour” at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, in September. Six have been chosen.

On May 16, de Sam Lazaro will moderate the annual meeting of the Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans, in Bloomington.

On May 18, he will be the keynote speaker at graduation ceremonies of the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota.

### **CSB/SJU Computing Team Takes Top Honors**

Four teams of students representing the CSB/SJU computer science department recently took first-, fourth-, fifth- and sixth-place honors in a programming competition at the Midwest Instruction and Computing Symposium (MICS) 2008 in La Crosse, Wis. The winning team was awarded \$500; team members are Eric Bavier, Sean Landman and Nate Stocker.

All of the teams are coached by Imad Rahal, CSB/SJU assistant professor of computer science. They competed among approximately 40 teams from the five-state area of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota. This is by far the best performance ever of CSB/SJU teams. Students who competed are listed as follows:

Fourth place: Jon Walz, Peter Ohmann, and Yi Zhang; fifth place: Dave Harrison, Matt Lietzke and Jared Meyer; sixth place: Heather Akerson, Karla Schommer and Cam Christensen.

In addition, two students published and presented papers at MICS. Joe Degiovanni presented “A tutorial on Source Code Plagiarism Detection.” This was based, in part, on his thesis which he is pursuing under Rahal’s direction. Matt Lietzke presented “Automated Process for Classifying Text Documents using kMeans and kNN.” This work was a term-long project in Rahal’s Data Intelligence class in Spring 2007.

### **Faculty/Staff News**

**Imad Rahal**, CSB/SJU assistant professor of computer science, published and presented a paper, “Undergraduate Research Experiences in Data Mining,” at the Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE) 2008 held March 12-15, in Portland, Ore. The paper outlines Rahal’s experience teaching an undergraduate course

in Data Intelligence and Mining at CSB/SJU in Spring 2007 as an upper-division "Topics in Computer Science" course entitled "Data Intelligence." One of the main objectives of this pedagogical research work was to study how the engagement of students in experimental computing research through a number of carefully planned research activities can result in better understanding of the course contents and deeper insights into the challenges faced by the data mining community.

**Annette Atkins**, CSB/SJU professor of history and division head of humanities, has received word that her book, *Creating Minnesota*, has won the Western Writers of America 2008 Spur Award in the Western Nonfiction Historical category.

**Suzette Ehlinger**, natural science office coordinator, and **Miranda Novak**, library technology support specialist, were recently selected as the Spring 2008 recipients of the Extraordinary Performance Awards. They will be recognized at a luncheon held in their honor. Please congratulate Suzette and Miranda for the contributions they make to our community!

**Rick Saucier**, CSB/SJU associate professor of management, has published a book manuscript, *Marketing Ethics*. The manuscript, published by The Edwin Mellen Press, examines the most current ethical concerns facing the marketing profession.

**Terence Check**, CSB/SJU associate professor of communication, published an article, "Environmental Devils," in *Environmental Communication: A Journal of Nature and Culture*, 2.1 (2008). He also presented his essay, "The Rhetoric of Impairment and Addiction: Defeasibility in Political Apologia," at the 2008 meeting of the Central States Communication Association in Madison, Wis., on April 11.

**Parker Wheatley**, CSB/SJU assistant professor of economics, and Terry L. Roe had published "The Effects of the Internet on U.S. Bilateral Agricultural Trade" in *the Journal of International Agricultural Trade and Development* (Vol. 4. No. 2)

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**Willene Mangham**, CSB/SJU associate professor and chair of theater, designed the costumes for Ten Thousand Things Theater Company's Twin Cities production of "Once Upon this Island."

**Janet Hope**, CSB/SJU professor of sociology, delivered the address at the 2008 Adult Scholars Induction Ceremony at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga on April 6.

**Marina Martín**, CSB/SJU associate professor of Hispanic studies, has recently published the following: *Introductory Study*. Myriam Bustos Arratia. *Esto no tiene nombre*. Micorrrecurrencias. Estudio crítico de Marina Martín. San José, Costa Rica: Tecnociencia, 2007; Article: "Perspectivas irreverentes de España en su historia: El silencio como agresión." *Palabra y persona*. *Tiempo de violencia*. Buenos Aires. II, 2 (2007) 105-116; book review: Myriam Bustos Arratia. *Microvagancias*. Estudio crítico de Jaques Sagot. San José, CR: Tecnociencia, 2005. *Hispanic Journal*. Indiana. 2008.

Her forthcoming publications are: *Essay in philosophy*: "Razones, desazones y fundamentalismos." *Palabra y persona*. *Razón y fundamentalismo*. Buenos Aires, II, 3 (2008); Article on film: *Los laberintos del simulacro: Técnicas del suspense* en A. Amenábar y F. Bielinsky. *Filmhistoria Online*, Universidad de Barcelona, 2008; Article on poetry: "Voz y morada en la lírica de Ana María Fagundo." *Actas del Congreso de la Asociación Hispánica de Humanidades (AHH)*, Madrid, 2008; Article on history: *Juan Goytisolo's Count Julian: A Vindication of Muslim Spain*. *Studies in Honor of Juan Cano Ballesta*. Eds. C. Gala & AS. Hardcastle. Bucknell University Press, 2008.

She has also given the following talks: "La medida del suspense en *Abre los ojos* y *Nueve reinas*". *Diálogos trasatlánticos e interamericanos en el cine hispano*. SAMLA, Nov. 9-11, 2007; "Crimen, sueño y realidad en *Carlos Saura*." *Twentieth- and -Twenty-First-Century Spain: Dialogues in Peninsular Hispanism*. University of Ottawa, March 27-29, 2008.

Her forthcoming talk is: "Fantasía y cotidianidad en *El viajero perdido* de

José María Merino." ALDEEU. Córdoba, Spain, July 5-8, 2008.

**Tom Sibley**, CSB/SJU professor of mathematics, has had his textbook, *Foundations of Mathematics*, published by John Wiley and Sons. The textbook aims to help sophomore mathematics majors make the transition from problem-based courses, like calculus, to proof-based courses. Courses aiding this transition to upper division mathematics have become common in the past 15 years. Students have had increased difficulty in courses involving proofs, perhaps as a result of lower expectations in high school. Sibley's text institutes a number of pedagogical innovations to foster student understanding and success without lowering expectations.

**Jenny Miller**, psychologist, CSB/SJU counseling and health promotion department, presented information on the CSB/SJU Walk-in Wednesday screening program at a poster session at a national conference, "Depression on College Campuses: Creating Healthy Communities." The conference was held March 18-19, at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

## Heritage Day to Focus on Stewardship

"Stewardship and the Family Table" is the theme for Heritage Day 2008, which will feature keynote speaker Jay Weinstein, author of *The Ethical Gourmet*, on Sept. 24.

The day will focus on the Benedictine value of stewardship by prompting conversation and reflection on issues of food sustainability, production and consumption. Organizers want to explore these issues from a variety of perspectives. Heritage Day will include a keynote lecture, a local foods luncheon and a cooking demonstration. Organizers also are working with student development to engage students in the planning process to enhance their ownership of and participation in Heritage Day. In addition, a variety of activities will be held to facilitate conversation in advance of Heritage Day.

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If you are a part of a department or club that would like to address these questions from a particular perspective in a different venue, your ideas are welcome. (Differing conversations might focus on environmental, economic, political, cultural and/or nutritional issues.)

“We are looking forward to celebrating this day with our campus communities and welcome your insights as to how we can make this a rewarding and valuable experience for all,” said Marian Diaz. Please email your suggestions to Marian at [journey@csbsju.edu](mailto:journey@csbsju.edu).

The colleges established Heritage Day in 2006 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. The goals of Heritage Day are:

- To celebrate and continue the Catholic and Benedictine identity and heritage of CSB/SJU and to build up the community through this celebration;
- To provide communal reflection time on our CSB/SJU mission statement relative to stewardship and the common good.
- To activate a cross-campus conversation among all campus constituencies in service of the common good.

For more information please visit the Web site at <http://www.csbsju.edu/heritageday/>.

## Events Calendar

**Sept. 18**, Latino/Latin American Studies: Dr. Matt Barreto from University of Washington will speak on Latinos in U.S. Politics, (Campus contact: Bruce Campbell).

**Sept. 24**, Heritage Day 2008 Stewardship and the Family Table, with keynote speaker Jay Weinstein, author of *The Ethical Gourmet*, (Campus contact: Marian Diaz).

**Oct. 6**, Clemens Lecture: Emily Oster of the University of Chicago, (Campus contact: Dan Finn).

**Oct. 22**, Women’s Lives/Men’s Lives: Jim Sterba, professor of philosophy, and Warren Farrell, international author and speaker on contemporary gender issues, will discuss their opposing perspectives on the question: Does Feminism Discriminate Against Men? 7 p.m., Alumnae Hall, HCC, CSB, (Campus contact: Ozzie Mayers).

**Oct 16**, The Eugene J. McCarthy Center for Public Policy and Civic Engagement presents the Second Annual Mark Kennedy Frontiers in Freedom Lecture: Dr. Liam Fox, a member of the British Parliament and Shadow Defense Minister, (Campus contact: Matt Lindstrom).

**Nov. 10-12**: The Eugene J. McCarthy Center for Public Policy and Civic Engagement hosts a public lecture, “The Culture War Myth,” and visit by Stanford Professor Morris Fiorina, (Campus contact: Matt Lindstrom).