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

CSB and SJU Conclude Capital Campaigns

The College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University each have announced the successful conclusion of their capital campaigns, one year early.

CSB hosted a campaign celebration Sept. 20 to thank campaign supporters for their belief in the Saint Ben's experience.

SJU held its celebration during Homecoming/Reunion weekend, Sept. 26-28.

CSB Raises \$82.7 Million in Historic Campaign

When CSB embarked on the public phase of its \$80 million capital campaign three years ago, organizers fittingly picked a theme: *Our Place in the World: A Campaign to Inspire and Transform*.

To say that a transformation has taken place would be an understatement.

President MaryAnn Baenninger announced the campaign had raised \$82.7 million and has concluded one year before the June 30, 2009 target date. This was nearly three times the amount of money that was raised in the last capital campaign, which was concluded in 1996 and raised \$30.5 million.

"What this campaign has accomplished is nothing short of remarkable," Baenninger said. "There has been a significant transformation in the appearance of the campus and the learning that is taking place both on and off campus. We feel

the educational experience of our students has truly been enhanced."

The following campaign priorities were funded:

- \$47.5 million for annual giving and scholarship endowment;
- \$20.4 million for enhanced academic excellence;
- \$14.8 million for capital improvements.

More than 17,600 alumnae, parents, friends, corporations and foundations contributed to the campaign, including 23 gifts of \$1 million or more. Here are some additional highlights of those gifts:

- Among the top donors are Ben and Dorothy Gorecki who provided \$8.25 million for the Gorecki Dining and Conference Center, the Gorecki Family Theater and the fitness center;
- Nearly 60 percent of alumnae donated;
- The first center of excellence along with academic chairs and professorships were established;
- Two new buildings and two major renovations were completed.

"We are so pleased with the outpouring of support from our alumnae and friends. Whether from lifelong philanthropists or first-time donors, every gift made a difference and propelled the College of Saint Benedict past our historic goal," said Stuart Lang, vice president of Institutional Advancement at CSB.

SJU Concludes Historic Campaign

Saint John's concluded the most ambitious capital campaign in its history, One Generation to the Next, bringing unprecedented support and new opportunities for current and future generations of students, faculty and scholars.

"The Saint John's capital campaign has been an extraordinary success," declared Dan Whalen '70, chair of the campaign. "We set forth to raise \$150 million, and I am extremely pleased to say that we raised \$168 million – \$18 million over goal and a full year ahead of schedule. To put this in perspective, this is nearly four and one-half times more than any previous Saint John's capital campaign."

"This was a great way to commemorate the Saint John's Sesquicentennial," remarked Joe Mucha '66, vice chair of the campaign. "As a result of this campaign we have strengthened the foundations of

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Saint John's Abbey, University, School of Theology and the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library, and we have positioned Saint John's to better serve the needs of a new generation of undergraduate Johnnies and graduate theology students."

"The Saint John's community is profoundly grateful to those who contributed to the success of this campaign," said Br. Dietrich Reinhart, SJU president. "It is particularly impressive to know that more than 23,000 alumni, parents and friends made gifts to the campaign over the past seven years. This speaks volumes to the loyalty and generosity of our alumni and friends, and it is a resounding endorsement of our educational mission."

Funding for the College of Arts & Sciences totaled \$117 million, including the following priorities:

- \$51 million for endowed scholarships
- \$34 million for endowed and non-endowed academic programs
- \$16 million for direct student support from the Annual Fund
- \$11.5 million for other endowed programs
- \$4.5 million for facilities and land acquisition.

Additional funding highlights include the following:

- Saint John's Abbey — \$23 million
- School of Theology-Seminary — \$14 million
- Hill Museum & Manuscript Library — \$14 million.

CSB and SJU Report Strong Enrollment

CSB and SJU together enrolled 3,965 students, marking the third straight year total combined undergraduate enrollment has exceeded 3,900 students. It was the second largest combined enrollment at CSB and SJU, behind the 2007 total of 3,966 students.

CSB's enrollment was 2,068, its highest enrollment. SJU had an enrollment of 1,897. New student enrollment totaled 519 at CSB and 461 for SJU, for a combined first-year class of 980.

The academic profile of the new class

improved from last year's entering class and is more racially and ethnically diverse. In total, American students of color and international students make up nearly 12 percent of the new entering class this fall, the highest number and percentage in the colleges' history.

"We have an exceptionally strong academic program and welcoming culture here at Saint Ben's and Saint John's that is conducive to the needs and desires of very strong students. This is the highest achieving class we've ever enrolled and we're thrilled they are here," said Jon McGee, vice president of enrollment, planning and public affairs at CSB and SJU.

Overall retention of continuing students remained very high. Retention of students from the first year to the second year totaled 90 percent, a retention rate that ranks among the highest in the country.

Julian Bond to Deliver McCarthy Lecture

Julian Bond, lifelong social activist and chairman of the board of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), will deliver the second annual Eugene J. McCarthy Lecture at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, in the Stephen B. Humphrey Theater at SJU. The lecture is a centerpiece of the Eugene J. McCarthy Center for Public Policy and Civic Engagement at CSB and SJU.

From his student days to his current chairmanship of the NAACP, Bond has been an active participant in the movements for civil rights and economic justice. As an activist who has faced jail for his convictions, as a veteran of more than 20 years service in the Georgia General Assembly, as a university professor, and as a writer, he has been on the cutting edge of social change since 1960.

As a student at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Bond helped found the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). From 1965 to 1975, he served as a Democratic member in the Georgia House for four terms. He was a strong opponent of the Vietnam War. He went

on to serve six terms in the Georgia Senate from 1975-1986. Bond was the first president of the Southern Poverty Law Center, and, since 1998, he has served as chairman of the board of the NAACP, the oldest and largest civil rights organization in the United States. In 2002, he received the prestigious National Freedom Award. Bond is Distinguished Professor at American University in Washington, D.C., and serves as professor of history at the University of Virginia.

The annual public lectureship carries McCarthy's deep commitment to the ideals and principles of democratic self-government. It seeks to inspire a new generation of young people to pursue fresh ideas, to challenge the status quo, to effect positive change in their communities and, like McCarthy himself, to lead with honesty, integrity, and courage.

Peace Studies Conference Focuses on Educating for Peace and Justice

The CSB/SJU 21st annual Peace Studies Conference focused on "Educating for Peace and Justice: From Minneapolis-St. Paul to Johannesburg" Sept. 22, at SJU.

The conference highlighted a few of the many people who work for peace and justice both very near and very far away and featured three main speakers:

- C. Ford Runge, Rhodes Scholar and Distinguished McKnight University Professor of Applied Economics and Law at the University of Minnesota, presented "The Human Cost of Biofuels: Malnutrition and Mortality Among Children in Poor Developing Countries, 2000-2015." The presentation looked at how young children in poor, developing countries are especially vulnerable to food insecurity resulting from rising grain prices induced by the diversion of food and feed to fuel use.

- Photographer and physician David Parker presented "Before Their Time: The World of Child Labor," a topic explored in his 2007 book of the same name. He also published *Stolen Dreams: Portraits of Working Children* in 1997.

• Linda Biehl gave a presentation. Biehl is the mother of Amy Biehl, who was killed 15 years ago while on a Fulbright Fellowship in Guguletu, South Africa. Linda and Peter Biehl, her husband, founded the Amy Biehl Foundation in the wake of Amy's death to work in Guguletu. The foundation provides music, art, tutorials and other programs that provide students with the preparation to pursue a higher education or to acquire marketable skills. Linda and Peter Biehl received the Hesburgh Award from the University of Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business in 2000, and were presented one of South Africa's highest honors this year by South Africa President Thabo Mbeki. The family went through the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa and supported the granting of amnesty to Amy's killers. In the video, *Long Nights Journey Into Day*, her case is one of four Truth and Reconciliation cases documented in the film (copies are available at the SJU Library).

McCarthy Center Hosts Panel on Politics and Justice

A panel of judges, lawyers, politicians and professors discussed judicial independence and judicial selection Sept. 23, at the CSB Gorecki Dining and Conference Center.

"Politics and Justice: Judicial Independence Panel" featured seven persons who addressed whether judges should run for office like other politicians, or be appointed. Their remarks followed a welcome by CSB President MaryAnn Baenninger, a member of the Minnesota Commission on Judicial Selection.

The panel was chaired by retired Justice John Simonett, who graduated from SJU in 1948. Simonett served as an associate justice on the Minnesota Supreme Court from 1980-94. He was awarded the 2006 *Fidelis Apparitor* Award at the annual Red Mass at Sacred Heart Chapel, Saint Benedict's Monastery. The award, which means "faithful servant" in Latin, is given

to individuals who have been good and faithful servants of the law.

The panel also included:

• Former Minnesota Gov. Al Quie, who served Minnesota for nearly 30 years in the Minnesota State Senate (1954-58), the U.S. House of Representatives representing the First Congressional District (1958-79), and as governor (1979-1983);

• Anoka (Minn.) County District Court Judge Sharon Hall, a CSB alumna (class of 1976) who has served on the bench since 1993, first with the Sherburne (Minn.) District Court (1993-2001) and, since 2001, in Anoka County;

• Michael Ford, a 1970 SJU graduate, former president of the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association and the Stearns/Benton County Bar Association, now president of the Minnesota State Bar Association (MSBA), and partner and shareholder at Quinlivan and Hughes, St. Cloud;

• Karna Peters, chair of the MSBA Judiciary Committee, partner in the firm Peters and Peters in Glenwood, Minn., and a 2005 recipient of the President's Award from the MSBA;

• Minnesota State Senator and attorney Julianne Ortman (R-Chanhassen), who serves on the Judiciary Committee;

• CSB/SJU political science professor Philip Kronebusch, a 1981 SJU graduate;

The discussion was presented by the Eugene J. McCarthy Center for Public Policy and Civic Engagement at CSB and SJU.

Ana Trišić Babić speaks on Bosnia-Herzegovina during Global Awareness Lecture Series

Ana Trišić Babić, deputy minister of foreign affairs of Bosnia-Herzegovina, spoke on "Bosnia and Herzegovina: Thirteen Years After the War" Sept. 17, at SJU.

The program was co-sponsored by the Global Awareness Lecture Series and the Office of Academic Affairs.

Ron Schara Gives Talk on the Outdoors

Outdoor writer and television personality Ron Schara spoke on "How's Fishing? Or Don't You Care?" on Sept. 22, in the SJU Pellegrine Auditorium, focusing on caring for the outdoors and the environment.

Schara has been sharing the great outdoor experience with readers and viewers for over four decades. He's a storyteller who often relays the wonders of nature through the lives of others. Over the seasons, Schara's stories have been enjoyed by millions of outdoor enthusiasts who share his passion for the outdoor lifestyle.

Chef, Author Featured at 2008 Heritage Day

Author, environmentalist and chef Jay Weinstein spoke on sustainable foods at the annual Heritage Day festivities Sept. 24 at CSB. This year's theme was "Stewardship and the Family Table."

Weinstein, who most recently wrote *The Ethical Gourmet* (Broadway, 2006), spoke on "Serving up a Brighter Future: Sustainable Foods for the Family Table," at the Benedicta Arts Center of CSB.

A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America with a degree in journalism from New York University, Weinstein is a protégé of restaurateur and author Jasper White. He has written two cookbooks, and his articles have appeared in *The New York Times* and *Travel and Leisure* magazine.

Weinstein's *The Ethical Gourmet*, with 100 recipes, is a handbook for finding and cooking environmentally friendly and ethically-produced foods that taste good.

Following his speech, an outdoor Festival of the Family Table included booths of local growers and organizations that support local stewardship of the land and goods.

Leading up to Heritage Day, a community dialogue on "What's for Dinner? Stewardship of Local Foods" was presented Sept. 23 at the Haehn Campus

Center. Panelists included Mary Jo Forbord, Sustainable Farming Association of Minnesota; S. Pat Ruether, OSB; S. Phyllis Plantenberg, OSB, Common Ground Garden; and Charles Wright, CSB/SJU associate professor of philosophy.

Heritage Day was sponsored by the president's offices at CSB and SJU; CSB and SJU Student Development; and Companions on a Journey, CSB.

Gift Honors Fr. Columba Stewart

Fr. Columba Stewart was presented with a gift totaling \$825,000 at the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library (HMML) Annual Millennium Club event Sept. 10. The gift was part of a \$1 million fund that has been established to support HMML's manuscript preservation initiatives over the next five years.

Contributed by HMML friends, the surprise gift paid tribute to Stewart and his successful five years as HMML's executive director. In June 2009, Stewart will leave his post at HMML to spend more time teaching and writing.

As executive director, Stewart has seen HMML's preservation fieldwork increase from two sites to 22 digital studios located in nine countries. He has earned acceptance and trust from many Eastern Christian communities, who know him both as a modern Benedictine monk and as a recognized expert on the history of early Christianity and monasticism. His leadership has made HMML widely recognized as the world's premier resource for photographic preservation of manuscripts.

Under Stewart's direction, HMML has become the largest resource for the study of Eastern Christian manuscripts in the world, followed only by the Vatican Library in Rome and the British Library in London.

"These funds will play a critical role in completing the preservation of these diverse, threatened and difficult-to-access manuscript collections," Stewart said after receiving his gift. "They will be secure for future generations and available for researchers today. Given the rise of intoler-

ance in our world today, surely the study of these manuscripts, with their variety of perspectives on the meaning of human life, can deepen our understanding of the experience of others and enrich our appreciation of our own history."

In addition to developing HMML's extensive manuscript digitization projects in the various terrains of Eastern Christianity, Stewart has directed the expansion of HMML's mission to include care and exhibition for *The Saint John's Bible* and Saint John's University's special collections of rare books and art. He also continues to write extensively on monastic topics at both popular and scholarly levels.

Since its inception 40 years ago, HMML has built the world's largest collection of manuscript images, having photographed almost 100,000 manuscripts totaling more than 30 million pages.

History Professor Juan Cole Speaks on Iraq

Juan R.I. Cole, Richard P. Mitchell Distinguished University Professor of History at the University of Michigan, spoke on "An Assured Peace' or 'A Victory Hoped For?' Iraqi Realities and American Politics" Sept. 29, at SJU. The presentation was part of the CSB/SJU Global Awareness Lecture Series.

For three decades, Cole has sought to put the relationship of the West and the Muslim world in historical context. He also writes on current events and has written extensively about Egypt, Iran, Iraq and South Asia. He has given numerous media and press interviews on the War on Terrorism since Sept. 11, 2001, as well as concerning the Iraq War and the building conflict with Iran from 2003. He has a regular column at Salon.com. He continues to study and write about contemporary Islamic movements, whether mainstream or radical, Sunni, Salafi or Shi'ite. Cole speaks Arabic, Persian and Urdu and reads some Turkish, knows both Middle Eastern and South Asian Islam and has lived in a number of places in the Muslim world for extended periods of time.

The program was co-sponsored by the Islamic Studies Task Force and the University Chair in Critical Thinking.

State Department Chief Official speaks at SJU

Brian Gunderson, State Department chief of staff to Secretary Condoleezza Rice, gave an overview of U.S. foreign policy during a campus visit Sept. 16 at SJU.

A native of Minnesota, Gunderson became chief of staff under Rice on Jan. 28, 2005. He came to the State Department from the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), where he served as chief of staff to Robert Zoellick. In that capacity, he helped manage USTR as the agency completed free trade negotiations with 10 countries and launched negotiations with 12 others.

Before joining the Bush administration, Gunderson held many senior positions on Capitol Hill. He was chief of staff for House Majority Leader Richard Armey (R-Texas), and advised the Congressional leadership on foreign policy, defense and international economics.

His visit was sponsored by the Eugene J. McCarthy Center for Public Policy and Civic Engagement, in conjunction with Mark Kennedy's Frontiers of Freedom Lecture Series and Students Fostering Conservative Thought at CSB and SJU. Kennedy, who served Minnesota in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2001-07, is a 1979 graduate of SJU.

Wendt Receives SJU Alumni Award

Dave Wendt, a 1963 SJU graduate, received the Fr. Walter Reger Distinguished Alumnus Award at the Alumni Association Homecoming Banquet Sept. 26 at SJU.

The award is the highest honor presented by the Alumni Association and recognizes one alumnus each year for his outstanding volunteer service to the Saint John's community. Wendt was the 39th alumnus to receive the award.

Saint John's also presented eight Alumni Achievement Awards at various reunion celebrations on Saturday, Sept. 27. Recipients for 2008 included: Roger Scherer, business and civic leader (SJU class of 1958); Art Froehle, educator (SJU class of 1963); Greg Scherer, business partner and volunteer (SJU class of 1968); John Thavis, journalist (SJU class of 1973); Matt Stergios, teacher and coach (SJU class of 1978); Bernie Dan, president and board chair (SJU class of 1983); and Rob Fairbank, political consultant (SJU class of 1988). Russel Reiter, scientist and professor (SJU class of 1958), who was selected for an award previously but didn't receive it, also received his award with the 2008 recipients.

The Alumni Association board of directors selected Wendt as this year's recipient in recognition of four decades of loyal service to his alma mater.

Wendt has been his class agent since 1984 and is among the most responsible class agents for the Saint John's Annual Fund. He has also served as vice president of the SJU Alumni Association Board, a career networking volunteer and a member of the National Consultation Team for the Campaign for Saint John's and other campaign committees. He and his wife, Karin, miss very few alumni functions in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area or at Saint John's. They have been members of the Benedictine Legacy Society, which recognizes alumni and friends who include Saint John's in their estate plans, since 2004.

Wendt is a successful independent insurance professional and teaches a series of professional lectures at the Carlson School of Business at the University of Minnesota.

The Fr. Walter Reger Award is named after the long-time secretary of the Saint John's Alumni Association. Known as "Mr. Saint John's," Reger, OSB, who died in 1971, was a dean, history professor, prefect, member of the university orchestra and purveyor of Johnnie Bread. He befriended hundreds of Saint John's students and kept up personal corre-

spondence with many of them after they graduated.

Wangari Maathai Receives SOT's Dignitas Humana Award

Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai received the 10th Dignitas Humana Award from Saint John's School of Theology-Seminary Sept. 30, at SJU and gave a lecture, "Environment, Democracy, and Peace: A Critical Link" in the Humphrey Theater.

Maathai, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004, is an environmentalist and advocate for human rights around the world. The first African woman to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, Maathai was recognized for her holistic approach to sustainable development that embraces democracy and human rights and women's rights in particular. Born in Kenya, Maathai is internationally recognized for her ability to draw attention to oppression and for the inspiration she offers to many, particularly women, in the fight for democratic rights and better living conditions.

Since the late 1970s, Maathai has championed the concept of planting trees as a part of environmental conservation, which is critical to peace. This activity grew into the Green Belt Movement, whose main focus is helping women's groups plant trees to conserve the environment and improve quality of life. Maathai has addressed the United Nations on issues of debt elimination for poor African nations, peace in the Sudan and Burma, human rights violations and environmental conservation.

The Dignitas Humana Award annually recognizes and encourages the efforts of individuals who do exceptional work on behalf of the poor and disenfranchised. It honors those who exemplify the Judeo-Christian values of service, respect, kindness and compassion in their work to advance the dignity of human persons.

The Dignitas Humana Award is made possible by the generosity of M. George and Gloria Allen.

Clemens Lecturer Addresses Women's Status and The Power of TV

Emily Oster, assistant professor of economics at the University of Chicago, spoke on "The Power of TV: Women's Status in India and the Role of Cable Television" at the 20th Clemens Lecture Oct. 6, at SJU.

Her speech dealt with a three-year study on how the introduction of cable television in India was associated with improvements in women's status.

Oster received her bachelor's in economics, *magna cum laude*, from Harvard College in 2002 and her doctorate in economics from Harvard University in 2006. Her current work focuses primarily on HIV in Africa.

Founded in 1987, the Clemens Lecture Series brings to Saint John's outstanding economists noted for their abilities to address the economic dimensions of social issues and to sustain dialogue with the other fields of the liberal arts.

The Clemens Chair in Economics and the Liberal Arts and the Clemens Lecture Series have been made possible by the generosity of William and Virginia Clemens.

New Leadership Team on Board at CSB/SJU FAP

Brian Jose has been named CSB/SJU executive director of Fine Arts Programming (FAP), effective Aug. 29. His arrival completes a new leadership team for FAP. Brooke Horejsi joined FAP on Aug. 4, as the CSB/SJU deputy director of FAP.

Jose is responsible for building collaborative arts programming for both campuses, while finding new and vital ways for students, faculty and community to experience the transforming power of the arts in their daily lives. In addition, Jose is responsible for supervising the booking, scheduling and management of both campuses' fine arts series, gallery exhibitions, along with planning and implementing the promotion and marketing of the Benedicta Arts Center

of CSB, the SJU Stephen B. Humphrey Theater, the SJU Art Center and the CSB Gorecki Gallery and Gallery Lounge at the BAC.

"I'm thrilled to be appointed executive director," Jose said. "As you know, FAP has such a strong national profile, and on such storied campuses and in idyllic communities. This is a dream come true."

Jose brings more than 20 years of experience in creative leadership, marketing, public relations, development and finance experience with universities and arts organizations.

Since 2000, he served as director of marketing and communications for the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland, College Park, one of the country's largest university presenters. Prior to that, he held positions with the College of Fine Arts at Arizona State University, the Phoenix Art Museum, the Buffalo (N.Y.) Philharmonic Orchestra and the Columbus (Ohio) Symphony Orchestra.

He replaces Anna Thompson, who was appointed executive director of the Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts and the Judd and Mary Lou Leighton Director of Performing Arts at the University of Notre Dame in July 2007.

Horejsi spent a total of 10 years in several positions, most recently as director of booking, with VEE Corporation in Minneapolis. She served as general manager of the Lord Leebrick Theatre Company in Eugene, Ore., and also has varied experience in design and production. Horejsi has bachelor of arts degrees in Spanish, English and theater from the University of Minnesota, and received her master of arts degree in arts administration from the University of Oregon, Eugene.

As the internal representative of the executive director, Horejsi will direct all operational and production staff at all FAP venues, perform contractual work with outside performers, and oversee all facets of FAP programs including stage performances and residency activities.

Tomhave Blauvelt Receives Best First Book Honor

Martha Tomhave Blauvelt, CSB/SJU professor of history, received the James Broussard Best First Book award from the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR).

The award was presented at SHEAR's annual meeting July 19 in Philadelphia for her book, *The Work of the Heart: Young Women and Emotion 1780-1830* (2007, University of Virginia Press). Among the members of the audience at the presentation was MaryAnn Baenninger, president of CSB.

"It was a pleasant surprise," Tomhave Blauvelt said of the award, which included a \$500 check and a certificate. "As an author, I was happy to know that my peers judged my work to have communicated effectively and made a difference to the scholarship in my field."

In the book, Tomhave Blauvelt looked at how 50 young American women constructed and expressed their emotions between 1780 and 1830. Using diaries written by young women in America's early republic, she concluded that the continuous, demanding and often unnoticed emotional labor of women exemplified their uneasy position in society.

"There is no question that this deeply scholarly, well-researched book provides us with an important new framework through which to see the lives of women in history – a framework that can be used in other contexts as well," said Annette Gordon-Reed, chair of SHEAR's Book Prize committee, in the citation recognizing Tomhave Blauvelt's book. "One of the hallmarks of excellent scholarship is that the work provides readers with a new way to think about important issues. Tomhave Blauvelt has done that with great elegance, nuance and fine sifting of her material. This is a richly deserved award."

Tomhave Blauvelt is working on her second book on the relationship between fathers and daughters between 1780 and

1850. In this work, she is using not only diaries but letters between daughters and their fathers.

Koch Lecture Announced

Dr. Mary Bednarowski, professor emerita of religious studies at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, Minneapolis and Saint Paul, will speak on "Discovering the Obvious: Religion and Theology as Ever-Renewing Arenas of Human Creativity," at the Koch Chair Lecture on Monday Nov. 17, 7:45 p.m., Gorecki Center, room 204AB. Through her teaching, research and writing interests, she has focused on encounters between religion and culture in American religious history, with particular interest in theological creativity and innovation in women's religious writings, new religions, literature, and religious autobiography.

S. Telan Hu Scholarships Awarded

Hannah Nelson (CSB '11) and Phuong Pham (CSB '10) have been awarded the S. Telan Hu Scholarship in Asian Studies for the 2008-09 academic year. Members of the campus Asian Studies community have contributed to this scholarship, which is available to students with a concentration in Chinese language, a commitment to service and demonstrated financial need.

Hannah, a double-major in management and political science, has been an active participant in Asian Studies events and plans to study abroad at Southwest China Normal University in Beibei, Sichuan province.

Phuong is pursuing her studies with a double major in economics and management. She has a strong dedication to learning the Chinese language and plans to study abroad in China in fall 2009.

This scholarship was established by Margaret Man-Hwa Wang in memory of her parents, Mr. Jung-Chun Wang and Mrs. Jui-Chin Liao Wang, who devoted themselves to helping needy students by providing scholarships to numerous high schools and colleges on Taiwan.

Presser Foundation Scholarship Awarded

Tyler Tholl (SJU '09) is the recipient of the Presser Undergraduate Scholar Award for the 2008-09 academic year. Tholl, a senior music major with a concentration in composition, was selected by the CSB/SJU music faculty in recognition of excellence and merit. He received a certificate and a \$4,800 scholarship for his senior year, and was designated a Presser Undergraduate Scholar. Funding for the scholarship was provided by The Presser Foundation, in recognition of the quality of the CSB/SJU music department.

A student of music since the age of 8, Tholl began with piano, later adding jazz drumming and voice lessons. In college, he has studied with Axel Theimer and Fr. Bob Koopmann, along with one semester studying jazz piano with Twin Cities pianist Laura Caviani. As a composition student, he has studied with Greg Walker and Brian Campbell.

Tholl has been a member of many ensembles, including community jazz bands, show choirs, the CSB/SJU Chamber Choir, the SJU Men's Chorus, musical theater (both onstage and in the orchestra), the CSB/SJU Jazz Ensemble and the Opera Workshop. A large amount of his time with music has been spent writing and performing in different bands ranging from electronic/experimental, Latin, pop and ska. Tholl has been a part of four independent albums and he wrote the entire music for three of them. He is also the music director for CSB Campus Ministry.

Tholl spent a summer writing and recording music for his senior composition capstone project, which was a collection of songs and short instrumental pieces that draw from many of his greatest influences – Icelandic pop, French minimalism and European folk music. He used a variety of instruments including mallet percussion, toy pianos, accordions, strings and experimental tape sounds.

The Presser Foundation was established in 1916 by Theodore Presser for the purpose of promoting music education

in institutions of learning. Presser also founded the Theodore Presser Company, the oldest continuous music publisher in the United States.

Faculty/Staff News

Gary Prevost, CSB/SJU professor of political science, participated in August in an international seminar in Guadalajara, Mexico, entitled "The Americas on the Eve of the U.S. Elections." His presentation was entitled "The Bush Administration and the Americas: A Preliminary Balance Sheet." The presentation will be published in Spanish in 2009 in a book with the same title as the conference.

The revised Third Edition of Professor Prevost's Latin American politics textbook, *Politics in Latin America – The Power Game* (co-authored with Harry Vanden), was published in July by Oxford University Press.

Professor Prevost's article, "Challenges to U.S. Hegemony in the New Century," will appear in the *Annual Edition of the Network on Regional Integration in Latin America and the Caribbean*, published in Spanish in Mexico at the end of 2008.

The CSB/SJU Human Resources Department has announced the following reassignments:

Effective May 19, **Jan Jahnke** has relocated from CSB/SJU Human Resources to the new Abbey Business Office, as the HR manager for the Abbey, Prep School and Liturgical Press. Her duties as SJU compensation and benefits manager have been reassigned as follows:

Julie Straka has been appointed as CSB/SJU benefits administrator. **Judy Bednar** will assume compensation responsibilities for CSB and SJU.

Ken Jones, CSB/SJU professor of history, discussed recent United States diplomacy and national security in a presentation at the Whitney Senior Center entitled, "9/11...Seven Years Later."

John Clarkson, associate director of CSB/SJU Career Services, and Beth Feine, assistant director of CSB/SJU Career Services, presented "Who Packed Their Bags? Three Generations, One

Workshop, What you Need to Know" to the Minnesota Association of Financial Aid Administrators on April 2, and to the Minnesota Association of Colleges and Employers (MN-ACE) on May 2. At the May 2 conference, Beth was elected secretary of MN-ACE, a statewide organization of career professionals and employment representatives who are involved in the career development and employment of college students and alums.

Bob Alpers, SJU head golf coach and assistant athletic director, made remarks at Saint Mary's University's commencement in June.

Kelly Kraemer, CSB/SJU associate professor of peace studies, presented "Mothers and Others: Family Based Anti-War Organizing Since 9/11" at the annual meeting of the Peace & Justice Studies Association in Portland, Ore., in September. She published "Don't Call Me Hawaiian-at-Heart: Self-determination and Identity Theft" in the Summer 2008 issue of *Taiwan International Studies Quarterly*.

The Project for Under-Told Stories director **Fred de Sam Lazaro** and producer **Nikki See** spent the summer on reporting trips to India, Thailand and Cambodia. Their reports for "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" and "Religion and Ethics Newsweekly" covered a wide range of current topics, including the promise of rice research that will create food security in Cambodia, the impacts of rapid motorization in India and a faith-based organization in Northern Thailand that is fighting human trafficking of ethnic minority girls, among others.

In September, they helped cover the Republican National Convention in St. Paul for "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer."

In August, De Sam Lazaro was fill-in anchor for "Religion and Ethics Newsweekly" for two weeks.

He was the featured speaker at the spring 2008 commencement ceremony at the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota.

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Events Calender

FALL 2008

- Oct. 22**, Lisa Zass Saragoza, a co-founder of the Minnesota Network of Latinos in Higher Education, will speak on Minnesota Latinos organizing for social change. Sponsored by the Latino/Latin American Studies Program (Campus contact: Bruce Campbell), 7 p.m., SJU, Quad 264.
- Oct. 22**, 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? (Campus contact: Ozzie Mayers) 7 p.m., CSB/Alumnae Hall, HCC.
- Oct. 29**, Julian Bond, McCarthy Lecture (Campus contact: Matt Lindstrom), 7:30 p.m., SJU/SBH (dinner 5 p.m., location TBA).
- Nov. 6**, Mark Conway, Literary Arts Institute, "A Reading" (Campus contact: Scott Richardson), 5:30 p.m., SJU/Alumni Lounge.
- Nov. 8**, Red Mass and Reception (Campus contact: Matt Lindstrom), time TBA, CSB/Chapel and Main Building.
- Nov. 11**, Professor Morris Fiorina, senior fellow at the Hoover Institution and the Wendt Family Professor of Political Science at Stanford University, "2008 Presidential Election and the Culture War Myth." (Campus contact: Matt Lindstrom) 7:30 p.m., SJU/Alumni Lounge.
- Nov. 12**, Annie Griffiths Belt will talk about her new book, *A Camera, Two Kids, and a Camel: My Journey in Photographs*, Renaissance Speakers' Series (Campus contact: Ozzie Mayers), 7 p.m., CSB/Gorecki 204.
- Nov. 12-13**, Laurence Thomas, Ethics Common Seminary Faculty Development Series (Campus contact: Tony Cunningham), time and location TBA.
- Nov. 13**, Chip Mitchell, a journalist with Chicago Public Radio, will speak on the topic of Latinos, politics, and journalism. Sponsored by the Latino/Latin American Studies Program (Campus contact: Bruce Campbell) 7 p.m., SJU/Quad 264.
- Nov. 17**, Dr. Mary Bednarowski, professor emerita of religious studies at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, "Discovering the Obvious: Religion and Theology as Ever-Renewing Arenas of Human Creativity" (Campus contact: S. Ephrem Hollermann), Koch Chair Lecture, 7:45 p.m., CSB/Gorecki 204A & B.
- Nov. 18**, Lorna Landvik, Book Lovers' Night (Campus contact: Tina Streit), 6-6:45 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. reading, CSB/Bookstore.
- Nov. 19**, Linda Gregg, Warner reading (Campus contact: Mark Conway), 7:30 p.m., CSB/Gorecki 204C.
- Nov. 20**, Linda Gregg, reading (Campus contact: Mark Conway), 7:30 p.m., downtown Minneapolis Public Library.

SPRING 2009

- Feb. 9-13**, Dave Durenberger, former U.S. senator, 2nd Annual McCarthy Residency, Eugene J. McCarthy Center for Public Policy and Civic Engagement (Campus contact: Matt Lindstrom).
- Feb. 11-14**, Jack Zipes, well known author, presentation and classes (Campus contact: Lisa Ohm), time and location TBA.
- Feb. 13-14**, The Seventh Annual Conference on the College Male (Campus contact: Gar Kellom), SJU.
- Feb. 19-20**, Women's Spirituality Conference, Companions on a Journey Conference (Campus contact: Marian Diaz), CSB.
- Feb. 20**, The Harlem Gospel Choir (Campus contact: Gwen Schimek), 8 p.m., CSB/Petters Auditorium, BAC.
- March 11**, Sasan Javadi, adjunct professor, Global Awareness Speaker (Campus contact: Manju Parikh), time and location TBA.
- March 18**, Dr. R. Stephen Humphreys, King Abdul Aziz Al Saud professor of Islam studies and professor of history, University of California, Santa Barbara, "Prosperity in Adversity: Adaptations of the Christian Communities of Syria and Mesopotamia to Muslim Rule During the Early Islamic Centuries" (Campus contact: S. Ephrem Hollermann), Koch Chair Lecture, 7:45 p.m., CSB/Gorecki 204 A & B.
- March 22-27**, Dwight Pitcaithley (Campus contact: Annette Atkins), time and location TBA.
- April 2**, Virgil Elizondo, Changing Faces Conference (Campus contact: Marian Diaz), Intercultural Ministry and Hospitality Series, time TBA, SJU.
- April 6**, Professor Faegheh Shirazi, University of Texas, Global Awareness Speaker (Campus contact: Manju Parikh), time and location TBA.
- April 17**, Eddie Phillips, Colman Barry Award (Campus contact: Doris Matter), Saint John's Day, time TBA, SJU.
- April 17-18**, Professor Joe Gallion, Pi Mu Epsilon Conference (Campus contact: Kris Nairn), SJU/Pellegrine Theatre and surrounding classrooms.
- April 18**, Dr. Laura King, social psychologist, U of M, Columbia, keynote speaker at Minnesota Undergraduate Psychology Conference (Campus contact: Pam Bacon), 11 a.m., CSB/Alumnae Hall, Haehn Campus Center.