Welcome back to campus for the beginning of the 2009/2010 school year. I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge those long-familiar faces that won't be around this Fall—or at least not around as much as we're used to. At the same time, I'd like to introduce the new faculty we're welcoming to campus. I hope this special issue of the newsletter will become an annual tradition.

Faculty Retirees

Gary Asleson

Dr. Gary Asleson joined the College of Charleston faculty in 1975. He is a former holder of the Mebane Teaching Chair in Chemistry & Biochemistry, received the 2004 Ronald T. Pflaum Award as the National Chapter Advisor of the Year for Alpha Chi Sigma, and was a recipient of the Distinguished Advising Award of the College of Charleston.

Robert Dukes

Dr. Robert Dukes was tremendously active during his 35 years at the College. He was among the first active research scientists in the department, involving the College in the Automatic Photoelectric Telescope in Arizona for many years and bringing in hundreds of thousands of grant dollars. He mentored dozens of students in his research projects, and helped set the standard for guiding student research projects; his students have gone on to successful careers by way of outstanding graduate schools. Bob also performed tremendous service for the Department and the institution, having served as Physics and Astronomy department chair, School of Sciences and Mathematics associate dean, and chair of countless College committees. Bob was department chair when the State awarded the Department a Commendation of Excellence, and was honored with the College's Teacher-Scholar award.

Laney R. Mills

Dr. Laney Mills served on the Physics and Department faculty for 38 years. He set the standard for teaching in the department: he was one of the College's most popular instructors and he won the College's Outstanding Teaching award. Laney had a wide variety of interests in which he taught and mentored students, including the physics of sound and music, chaos theory, and climate change. He was always available to help students outside of class, was always willing to mentor student researchers, and his office was generally filled with students.

Duncan Munro

After 18 years of service to the college, Duncan Munro retired with emeritus status. He received his H.N.C. from the Paisley College of Technology and both his M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. Some of Dr. Munro’s research interests...
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include Gastric physiology: acid barriers, role of the ECL cell, control of histidine decarboxylase rate within the ECL cell/ control of H secretion in isolated, separated parietal cells. During his time here, he fulfilled many roles -- as a primary advisor for Biology students (though he frequently advised students from all disciplines), as an exceptional instructor, and as associate chair of his department.

Herb Silverman

Dr. Silverman began teaching at the College of Charleston in 1976, and he recently retired as a distinguished professor of mathematics. During his tenure at the College of Charleston, Dr. Silverman has been Visiting Scholar at the University of Michigan, Visiting Professor at the University of Papua New Guinea and Visiting Scholar at the University of California, Davis. Before coming to Charleston, he taught at Clark University and the University of Delaware. He also served the College as Speaker of the Faculty 1980-82, and he founded the local chapter of Pi Mu Epsilon, the national honorary mathematics society.

Larry Carlson

During Dr. Carlson’s time at the College, he chaired the English Department and directed the M.A. program in English from its implementation in 1993 to 2002. He has taught 39 different courses and has directed over 50 undergraduate and graduate tutorials, master’s theses, and bachelor’s essays. In recognition of his special individual work with undergraduates, he received an Undergraduate Research Initiative Award in 2002, and he is a recipient of the College’s Distinguished Teaching Award and the Distinguished Advising Award. His talents as a teacher have been recognized beyond the walls of the College: he was awarded the South Atlantic Association of Departments of English “Outstanding Teacher Award” in 1993, and three times he has been designated a South Carolina Governor’s Distinguished Professor.

George Hopkins

Dr. George Hopkins has taught in the history department for 32 years, cultivating a variety of interests. His service to the College has long been exemplary: he has chaired the History department and directed the Urban Studies program. He always agrees to serve on any committee involving questions of inter-disciplinarily and faculty welfare. And he has been a long-standing member of the college chapter of the AAUP.

Anne Fox

Anne began her work at the College in 1993 in what was then the Department of English and Communication. Later, she was a founding member in 1999 of the Department of Communication. For her entire career Anne has been active in amateur and professional theatre and has taught courses in public speaking and the oral interpretation of literature. In her most recent work, Anne Fox developed her own one-woman show, “Fanny,” based on the Georgia Sea Island diaries of Francis Anne Kemble--famous British actress and abo-
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Susann Gurganus

Susan Gurganus was a full professor in special education with a specialty in learning disabilities. She wrote a seminal mathematics education textbook for students with learning disabilities. She worked for and advocated for students with disabilities. She taught special education teachers in the learning disabilities area for years and is a highly rated professor.

Joe Benich

Joe Benich, a Professor of Management and Entrepreneurship who received his Ph.D. from Kent State University, retired at the end of the 2008 fall semester. His department head, Kelly Shaver, said that Joe had been a valuable member of the faculty since there was a School of Business and Economics (indeed, back then, it was only a department).

Tom Gilson

Tom Gilson began working in the library over 20 years ago as a part time graduate assistant from the MPA program. After earning that degree, he then joined the reference department. He next became head of Interlibrary Loan and ultimately the Head of the Reference Department. Under Tom, the Department has thrived, not just keeping up with technology but staying at the forefront. But more than anything Tom has led the department by his example—to maintain its extraordinary commitment to service for faculty and for students.

Sylvia Gamboa

Sylvia Gamboa has distinguished herself in the classroom, though she is also well-known for the many interdisciplinary events she has coordinated. In 2004, she won the Distinguished Service Award for her tremendous range and quality of service. The final sentence in her award presentation said “In all of her service activities, she has been unselfishly generous of her time and energy, always with an eye toward creating special learning opportunities for faculty and students.” She has most recently been serving as Dean of Summer Sessions and is leaving the program as solid and as organized as it has ever been.

Elise Jorgens

June 2009 also brought the retirement of Elise Jorgens, the College’s Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. Elise joined the College in 2003 and her academic career spans 32 years. We are most fortunate that she chose the College as the capstone to her career. Following her retirement, Elise will continue working with the College on a reduced schedule. She is looking forward to a gradual transition from the demands of a campus, to the demands of two grandchildren.
New Hires

Jose Casas
Theater
B.A., Dramatic Arts, University of California; M.A., Theatre Arts, California State University; M.F.A., Creative Writing, Arizona State University
Areas of Specialization: Playwriting

Brian Fisher
Political Science Department and Environmental Studies
B.A., Auburn University; J.D., Loyola University-New Orleans; Ph.D., University of California

George Chartas
Physics
B.S., Physics, University of Patras-Greece
Ph.D., Physics, University of Wisconsin
Areas of Specialization: Accretion and Outflows of Black Holes, Imaging the Environments of Supermassive Black Holes, Quasar Evolution, Gravitational Lensing, X-ray Astronomy and Instrumentation.

Jarod Charzewski
Studio Art
B.A., University of Manitoba; M.F.A., University of Minnesota
Areas of Specialization: Sculpture and Technology

Susan Flynn
Teacher Education
B.S., Bridgewater State College; M.A., University of South Florida
Areas of specialization: Sport Pedagogy and Adapted Physical Education

Joshua Davis
Marketing and Supply Chain Management
B.S., Computer Information Systems, College of the Ozarks; M.S., Computer Information Systems, Missouri State University; Ph.D., Business Administration, University of So. Carolina
Areas of Specialization: Enterprise System Implementation Success; Organizational IT Competence; User Factors in System Success.

Michelle Garceau
History
B.A., Washington University; M.A., University College-London; Ph.D., Princeton University
Areas of Specialization: Medieval European History, particularly the religious and social histories of the Mediterranean, Catalunya, and the Crown of Aragon.

Anne Gutshall
Teacher Education
B.A., Gettysburg College; M.A., Towson University; Ph.D., University of South Carolina
Areas of Specialization: Educational Psychology, Ethics of Care in the Teaching Relationship, Relationship Variables of Effective Teaching and Teacher Perceptions of Bullying.
New Hires

Devon Hanahan
Hispanic Studies
B.A., Spanish, College of Charleston; M.A., Spanish, University of South Carolina
Areas of Specialization: New Teaching Techniques and Language Acquisition.

Bo Kai
Mathematics
B.S., Mathematics and M.S., Probability and Statistics, Nankai University-China;
M.S., Statistics, Pennsylvania State University; Ph.D., Statistics, Pennsylvania State University

Kevin Keenan
Political Science
B.A., Political Science and Philosophy, State University of New York-Stony Brook; M.A., Political Science, City University of New York;
M.A., Geography, Hunter College; Ph.D., Geography, Clark University
Areas of Specialization: Urbanization and Urban Geography, Terrorism, Qualitative Research Methods

Adam Mendelsohn
Jewish Studies
B.A., University of Cape Town; M.A., University of Cape Town;
Ph.D., Brandeis University
Areas of Specialization: History of the Atlantic World, American and Southern Jewish History.

William Russell
English
B.A., Columbia University; M.A. and Ph.D., University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
Areas of Specialization: Renaissance Literature and Culture; Sixteenth- and Seventeenth-Century England; Rhetoric, Poetics, and the History of Criticism; Classical Reception.

David Moscowitz
Communication Department
B.A., English, Indiana University.; M.A., Speech Communication, Miami University-Ohio; Ph.D., Communication and Culture, Indiana University
Areas of Specialization: Critical/Cultural Studies; Rhetorical and Film Criticism; Postmodern Identity and Memory Politics; (Post) Assimilation; Whiteness; Gender and the Body; Jewish Identity and Representation.

Amy Kolak
Psychology
B.A., University of Michigan; M.S., and Ph.D., Penn State University
Areas of Specialization: Social Emotional Development During Infancy and Toddlerhood, Family Relationships, including parent-child interactions, Sibling Relationships, and Marital Interactions.

Anh-Dung “Yum” Nguyen
Health and Human Performance
B.S., Physical Education and Sports, Indiana University of Pennsylvania; M.S., Education, Old Dominion University; Ph.D., Sports Medicine, University of North Carolina-Greensboro
Areas of Specialization: Sports Medicine, Athletic Training
New Hires

David Parisi
Communication
B.A. and M.A., University at Albany; Ph.D., New York University
Areas of Specialization: Emerging Media, Media Archaeology, Digital Media Interfaces, Touch and Tactility, Electronic Gaming.

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International & Cultural Studies
B.S., University of Passau-Germany; B.S., University of London; M.A., Political Science, University of Heidelberg-Germany; Ph.D., Political Science, University of Heidelberg-Germany

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International & Intercultural Studies
LL.B., University of West Indies; L.L.M., University of Miami; Ph.D., Philosophy, Florida International University
Areas of Specialization: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Global Governance; International Law and Ethics; Small Developing States in the WTO; Justice in Global Economic Governance.

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History
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Areas of Specialization: Colonial America, Gender, Atlantic World

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B.S., Anthropology & African Studies, James Madison University; M.S., Applied Sociology, Virginia Commonwealth University; Ph.D., Sociology, Washington State University
Areas of Specialization: Urban, Rural, and Community Sociology, Theories of Social and Technological Change, Digital Inequality, Survey Research Methods, Social Capital Formation, Social Networks and New Media

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Music
B.M., University of Utah; M.A. and Ph.D., Music History, Stanford University
Areas of Specialization: French Baroque Opera, Baroque instrumental music, History of Music Aesthetics.

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Biology
B.A., Rutgers University; M.S. and Ph.D., University of Maryland-College Park
Areas of Specialization: Sensory Neurobiology, Neural Control of Behavior, Neuroethology of Predator-Prey Interactions, Focus on Invertebrate Systems.

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Addlestone Library
B.A., Winthrop University; M.L.I.S., University of South Carolina
Systems Librarian
Areas of Specialization: Technology Literacy, Digital Libraries
New Hires

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Theatre
B.Arch., The American College-London; B.A., University of Hawaii; M.F.A., University of Iowa
Areas of Specialization: Scenic and Lighting Design, Traditional Drafting, Rendering and Modeling Techniques, Computer Aided Design, and 3D Modeling

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History
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Areas of Specialization: Pre-modern Europe, Cultural Encounters in Early Modern World focus on religious culture, Trade and Travel, Women’s Gender History

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Teacher Education
B.A., English, University of Virginia-Charlottesville; M.A.T., Secondary Education; University of Virginia-Charlottesville
Ph.D., Educational Studies, Teacher Education; University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Areas of Specialization: School Reform as it relates to the Achievement Gap, Literacy Instruction and Learning in Diverse School Populations, Teacher Learning, Action Research and Culturally Responsive Theory and Practice.

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Studio Art
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Biology
B.S., Fisheries Biology, San Marcos University-Peru
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Ph.D., Biology, Texas Tech University

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Undergraduate degree, Kunming University-China; M.A. and Ph.D., Comparative Literature, Purdue University
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