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Welcome to PROFESS 2007!

Thank you for taking the opportunity to read and review PROFESS, Ferrum College's annual record of faculty scholarship and professional development. During the 2006-2007 academic year, many Ferrum College faculty members contributed to the academic life of the college through scholarship and service, in addition to their regular teaching responsibilities. The array of interests and professional development experiences continues to amaze me! The faculty's scholarship is apparent in many venues: the publication of peer-reviewed journal articles, books, book chapters, and poems; e-journal manuscripts; exhibitions of creative and artistic works; book reviews, scholarly presentations, participation in international seminars and conferences; editorial leadership; student/faculty research and scholarship; leadership in professional societies and organizations; hosting of prestigious academic events on Ferrum's campus. As you will see, Ferrum's faculty are in the vanguard of higher education professionals focused on becoming exemplary teacher/scholars. Examples of cutting edge scholarship, international exhibitions, high quality performances, and notable community engagement punctuate the pages of PROFESS.

Ferrum's faculty is uniquely devoted to creating an ethos where teaching and learning are highly valued and routinely practiced. Examples of this devotion are apparent as you review the work of our faculty across all three schools in our new academic organization: Arts and Humanities, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Social Sciences. As hoped, our new academic organization is fostering a strong disciplinary focus for our majors and minors and for our general education program. As important, however, is providing opportunities for cross disciplinary and interdisciplinary teaching, learning, and scholarship. Such opportunities among and between our faculty and students serve to break down unintended disciplinary barriers, providing more integrated and expansive ways to address the complex problems of our times (which do not present themselves in neat, disciplinary packages!). The faculty's focus on a central, interdisciplinary theme (the 2006-2007 theme being the environment), the Stratton House Colloquy, the Theory Group, and other periodic colloquy provide additional ways for continuing to enhance the intellectual discourse on our campus.

As you read, you will find evidence of our faculty members' commitment to disciplinary and interdisciplinary scholarship as well as to artistic and creative expression. As we continue to realize and live out the unique mission of Ferrum College, the same commitment will remain - a clear devotion to excellent teaching, significant service, and disciplinary and interdisciplinary scholarship, all aimed at undergirding and deepening our understanding of and commitment to engaging each student on his or her Pathway to Success at Ferrum College.

Dr. Leslie Lambert
Vice President and Dean of the College
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The Cheatham Fellowship

Annually, following an application process, the executive vice president and dean of Ferrum College identifies a faculty member or members to receive the Cheatham Fellowship. Cheatham Fellows receive a grant from the Willis P. and Mae C. Cheatham Endowment for Professional Development. A recipient must be a senior faculty member, at the rank of professor or associate professor, who has an excellent teaching record and is engaged in scholarly activities that enhance the college's reputation as well as his or her own.

Recent Cheatham Fellowship Recipients

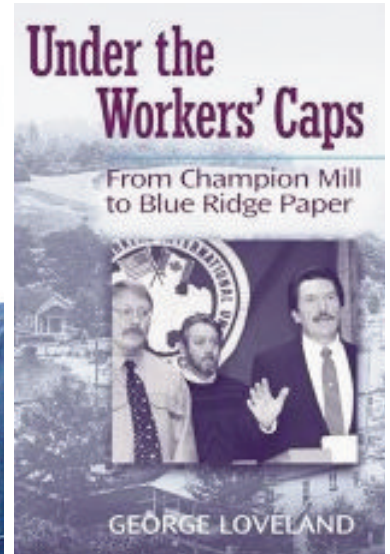
1993	Jerry L. Sumney (religion)
1994	Michael T. Mengak (wildlife biology)
1995	Sasha A. Saari (Russian)
1996	Rathin Basu (economics)
1997	John W. Leffler (biology)
1998	Jody D. Brown (English/drama) Joseph D. Stogner (environmental science)
1999	Tina L. Hanlon (English) Bob R. Pohlad (biology) R. Rex Stephenson (drama)
2000	Rathin Basu (economics)
2001	H. Wayne Bowman (drama) Peter G. Crow (English)
2002	R. Rex Stephenson (drama) Michael R. Trochim (history)
2003	Frédéric Belle Torimiro (political science)
2004	C. James Bier (chemistry)
2005	Richard L. Smith (history)
2006	Lana A. Whited (English)
2007	George Loveland (library science)

The 2007 Cheatham Fellowship:

George Loveland, Associate Professor of Library Science

Seven-year-old George Loveland stood in his family's yard staring across an imaginary line into a mill village in Belmont, North Carolina. On the other side, a little girl sat on the ground, eating dirt. He was puzzled. Why was the child eating dirt, and why had his own parents told him to stay on their side of the line?

Today, Loveland, associate professor of library science, traces his awakening to issues of poverty and social injustice to that image. As a teenager, he was watching a horror movie late at night when he saw an ad about children starving in Africa. One of them was shoveling dirt into her mouth. He remembered the image of little Deanna eating dirt, and something clicked: "It dawned on me right then," Loveland says, "that right across that imaginary line were people who were starving, just like those kids in Africa. I remember having illusions shattered, [thinking] that's not just over there. Nobody ever told me that children eat dirt in America."



At Brevard College a few years later, Loveland found theoretical underpinnings for his maturing social conscience in political philosophy class, when he discovered the work of Karl Marx. "Suddenly," Loveland says, "the basic philosophies, the way Marxism explains social inequities and social dynamics so clearly and so simply, helped me put into context all these things I had been thinking about since I saw Deanna eat dirt." One of Loveland's classmates, the son of Communists from Philadelphia, read *The Daily Worker* (the Communist party newspaper; now *The People's Weekly World*) and passed issues on to Loveland. Loveland constructed a fantasy world of heroism and villainy based on a Marxist paradigm: "I went to sleep at night and fantasized that I was one of those radical Communists running right into the class war and doing battle. It was real appealing to a 19-year-old."

Loveland went on to earn bachelor's and master's degrees in English from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master of library science degree from North Carolina Central University. He taught high school English briefly and then was hired at Ferrum, where he also serves as director of library public services. In the late 1990s, Loveland began to conceive his role in the social justice "war": as a chronicler of some of its battles.

His first book, *Under the Workers' Caps*, describes the successful campaign of a group of union workers in Western North Carolina to control their own economic destinies by staging an employee buy-out of their struggling paper mill. In 2007, that book won the Harry Caudill Award, given for "outstanding investigative writing about Appalachian issues similar to Harry Caudill's *Night Comes to the Cumberlands*: hard-hitting, 'against the grain' journalism or other published writing."

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Now, bolstered by a 2007 Cheatham Fellowship from Ferrum College, Loveland is working on another project that hits closer to home: a massive strike in 1929 at several textile mills in Gaston County, N.C., which, at the time of the strike, boasted more textile mills than any other county in the world. One of those, the Loray Mill, was one of the largest in the South. The strike drew the Communist Party to Loveland's hometown and focused international attention on Gastonia and the surrounding area. It was "the most significant event in the town's history" and the most famous of a series of violent strikes in Piedmont North Carolina, writes John A. Salmond, author of *Gastonia 1929: The Story of the Loray Mill Strike* (UNC Press, 1995).

In large part, the notoriety of the Gaston County strike was owing to the controversial deaths of two of its participants, now regarded by Loveland and many others as martyrs: police chief Orville Aderholt and mill worker Ella May (sometimes referred to as Ella May Wiggins, with Wiggins being the last name of her former husband). The scene of Aderholt's death was a mass of confusion, and 71 people, all members of the National Textile Workers Union, were initially detained; sixteen were tried and released when a mistrial was declared in September 1929. The same month, May was shot to death by anti-unionists while traveling to a rally, and no one was ever prosecuted in connection with her death. She was the leading balladeer of the strike, composing pro-worker songs set to the tunes of traditional

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ballads. The working title of Loveland's book, *For Our Little Children* (subtitled *The Legacy of Gastonia 1929*) is taken from May's ballad "The Mill Mother's Lament."

Several books have already been written about the Gaston County strikes, but Loveland sees his work filling a niche different from standard labor history. He believes that the journey of many people toward social awareness or even

activism begins the way his own did: with a compelling experience or a vivid image. He devotes his energy to examining and writing about how these experiences or images lead to the social, psychological, and cultural transformation of individuals first and foremost, then of the institutions or industries where they work and finally of the larger society. In *Under the Workers' Caps*, for example, Loveland focuses on the six union members of the committee that led the drive toward employee cooperative ownership of the Champion International Paper Canton system (now Blue Ridge Paper Products) in Canton and Waynesville, N.C. The buyout made those mills the largest employee-owned paper mills in the world and was, at the time, one of the ten biggest buyouts in U.S. history. The feat was accomplished, Loveland notes, by "six men who had maybe two years of college between them, and those [two years were] all in one guy," Loveland says. "Nothing on paper would say they could pull this off. They spent most of their days working on the line in the mill." Yet the men learned what they needed to know along the way, working with Frank Adams of the Southern Appalachian Center for Cooperative [Center] Ownership and applying a premise that Loveland learned at the Highlander Research and

Education Center in New Market, Tennessee: the notion that the people experiencing a problem are in the best position to solve it. At Champion, says Loveland, the paper mill workers had the most at stake when their mill was put up for sale in 1997; they also had the most experience and motivation to apply to solving the problem. Their progress in negotiating with environmentalists – almost unheard of in the paper industry – is a good illustration. Whereas the mill owners had traditionally spurned environmentalists' approaches, focusing on the profits lost in efforts to limit industrial waste, the mill workers were descendents of earlier employees who lost their swimming holes and watched fish try to swim back upstream when the mill began discharging foam waves several feet high into the river. Ultimately, the union consultation with environmental groups and experts led to those groups endorsing the union-led buyout, which, in turn, swayed the support of many North Carolina politicians keeping an eye on the environmentalist vote.

In his current project, Loveland is keeping the focus on the people at the heart of the problem. In particular, he is drawn to the story of Ella May, who became an activist out of her need to support her own nine children (five of whom died in childhood). An important resource has been Kristina Horton, Ella May's great-granddaughter, now a schoolteacher in the Charlotte area. Horton learned of her ancestor's involvement in the strike at six or seven, when her grandmother was invited by folk singer Pete Seeger to one of his shows. At that performance, Seeger described Ella May's courage and activism from the stage. Horton, a panelist at Ferrum's 2006 Women's Leadership Conference, moved to North Carolina as an adult to learn more about Ella May and is working on a biography of her great-grandmother. Loveland says his project will also include more biographical treatment of Fred Beal, a labor activist from Massachusetts who came to Gaston County and became lead organizer, than previous works on the strikes. Loveland recently received copies from Cornell University of some of Beal's letters relevant to the strike, and his Cheatham funding will support a visit to Lawrence, Massachusetts, to seek out Beal's family.

One thing that Loveland has definitely learned along the way is that the hero-villain paradigm he constructed in his adolescence is too simplistic. He cites the example of Reuben B. Robertson, the Champion Mill's early president and CEO; Robertson's policy of "cooperative goodwill" included driving employees without transportation to and from work and opening his own wallet to help workers pay medical expenses.

Loveland also feels he has learned something about writing a book, and the advice of his mentor Frank Adams, that such a project would be "the loneliest work you'll ever do," has turned out to be both true and false. Certainly Loveland has spent hours writing and researching, much of the time in solitude. But he has also made important contacts and friendships along the way, including his relationships with Kristina Horton, as well as the six-man organizing committee that struck the deal transforming Champion into Blue Ridge Paper.

It was, after all, those human relationships that, early on, pulled Loveland across the line between the haves and have-nots, from his family's merchant neighborhood into the mill village, into homes his parents had warned him to avoid. He might view his projects now as a sea of faces, beginning with that of a little girl, smudged with dirt.

Lana A. Whited

New Faculty

These faculty members have joined the Ferrum College faculty since the beginning of the 2007 - 2008 academic year.

SCHOOL OF ARTS & HUMANITIES

John Carey, Instructor of English

B.A., West Virginia University

M.A., Marshall University

Karen Duddy, Instructor of English

B.A., Boston College

M.A., Rutgers University

Dr. Helen Prien, Assistant Professor of Drama

B.F.A., George Mason University

M.A., Ohio State University

Ph.D., So - Southern Illinois, University at Carbondale

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Jasmine Goodnow, Assistant Professor of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management

B.S., Brigham Young University

M.S., University of Utah

Terri Knotts, Instructor of Accounting

B.S., Ferrum College

M.A., Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Dr. Samuel Olatunbosun, Assistant Professor of Computer Information

Post Graduate Diploma, Bournemouth University, Bournemouth, England

M.S., University of Bolton

D.Sc., Robert Morris University

Dr. William Osborne, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice

B.S., Maryville College

M.A., Union College

Ph.D., Virginia Commonwealth University

Dr. Gregory Soukup, Assistant Professor of Physical Education

B.A., University of Houston

M.Ed., University of Houston

Ed.D., University of Houston

SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS

Keith Cooley, Instructor of Mathematics

B.A., Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

M.S., Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Bryan Faulkner, Assistant Professor of Mathematics

B.S., Western Carolina University

M.S., Western Carolina University

Michaela Gazdik, Assistant Professor of Molecular Biology

B.S., Rutgers University

M.S., SUNY

Kathleen McWilliam, Instructor of Mathematics

B.A., Millersville University

M.A.T., Indiana University

Dr. Natalia Smelkova, Assistant Professor of Bio-Chemistry

B.S., Vologda State Pedagogical Institute, Vologda, Russia

M.S., Moscow State University

Ph.D., Sackler Institute of Biomedical Science, NYU

Tirtha Timsina, Instructor of Mathematics

B.S., Concord College

M.S., Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Brian Whitaker, Assistant Professor of Agriculture

B.S., University of Massachusetts

M.S., Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

2007 Fulbright Scholarship Grants Awarded

Rol Walters, Director of Career Services

David Sulzen, Associate Professor of Accounting

Rol Walters, director of Career Services, and David Sulzen, associate professor of accounting, have both been awarded prestigious Fulbright Scholarship grants during the 2007-2008 academic year, according to the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

Walters will travel in October to be part of a research and development project regarding the college student employment field in Germany. He is one of five career service practitioners from around the country who have been chosen to participate in this opportunity. Walters will be involved in a group seminar on German higher education and society designed for U.S. university, college, and community college administrators whose current responsibilities have a direct relation to international exchanges in higher education. The program includes briefings, selected government appointments, campus visits and cultural events. The group will travel to meetings in Berlin and other cities in eastern and western Germany and may also travel to a neighboring European country. Walters says, "I have been fortunate to have served in three different types of institutions over the past 35 years in this field, which will allow me to be an active participant in this Fulbright program."

Sulzen has been awarded a Fulbright Lecture Award to teach for a semester in Russia. He will be leaving in mid-August to teach accounting and/or finance at the Pskov Polytechnical Institute in Pskov, Russia. This is Sulzen's second Fulbright award. He traveled to the same institution in the fall of 1999, and he and his wife adopted two young girls from Pskov. The older of the two, Zoya, will be attending Augsburg College in Minneapolis this fall. The younger, Marina, will accompany David and his wife and their other daughter Jennifer to Pskov this fall. Pskov, located near the Estonia border, has a population of about 200,000 people and is a sister city to Roanoke. Pskov is the regional capital of the Pskov Oblast (similar to a state in the U.S.). It is one of the oldest cities in Russia, with center-city walls over a thousand years old still standing.

Faculty Activities

July 2006 – August 2007

Academic Support

MS. PEGGIE BARKER, Associate Professor of Library Science and Director of Library Technical Services, participated in two days of discussion and mentoring sessions on February 15-16, 2007, when Stanley Library hosted ACA member Ohio Valley University Library staff at Ferrum. She traveled to their library April 5-6, 2007, as a follow up to these sessions.

In March, Ms. Barker attended the Appalachian College Association (ACA) Technical Services Annual Conference held at the Tamarack Conference Center in Beckley, West Virginia. The conference is devoted to presentations, discussion, and participatory sessions in the areas of archives, digitizing, inventory, stack maintenance, etc.

On May 21, Ms. Barker participated in discussions during the Virginia Library Association College and Research Libraries Section meeting at the Darden School of Business, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va. The one-day session focused on the future of library catalogs.

Ms. Barker also attended the spring meeting of the Virginia Independent College & University Library Association (VICULA) in Richmond on June 1, 2007. During the afternoon session, there was a round table discussion of digital libraries and collection of management issues.

Ms. Barker is serving her second year of a three-year term as treasurer of the Virginia Humanities Conference and served as Ferrum's delegate in March during the Virginia Humanities Conference at Christopher Newport University in Newport News March 30-31, 2007. She moderated the session: "Literary Perspectives Redux" and presented a paper entitled: "The Virginia Humanities Conference: Our Web and Our Future" as part of the session devoted to the history of the conference.

Ms. Barker continues to be a member of several organizations including the Virginia Library Association, the Roanoke Valley Library Association, and Potomac Technical Processing Librarians.

DR. CY DILLON, Executive Director of the Stanley Library and Academic Center is co-editor of *Virginia Libraries* and published five articles in the journal this past academic year: "Dealing with Changes" (with C.A. Gardner, July 2006), "Ten Years of Publishing Good Writing: Tom Dooley and *Eclectica*" (July 2006), "Ten Years of Sunshine: Frosty Landon's Reflections on His Work with the Virginia Coalition for Open Government" (January 2007), "Openers" (January 2007), and "Richard Groover: A Filmmaker for Virginia's Fifth Century" (April 2007).

Dr. Dillon had five poems published during the same period: "April" and "Rising," in *Eclectica*, July 2006; "Reminder" and "To Ann," in *Red River Review*, May 2007; and "Today," in *Eclectica*, June 2007.

His 2006-07 presentations included: "Collaborative Projects in Higher Education: Five Steps to Shared Success," at a meeting of the development officers of the Virginia College Fund, at Ferrum College on August 15, 2006, and "Developing Information Mastery: The Ferrum Plan," at the Appalachian College Association Summit in Abingdon, Virginia on

October 6, 2006.

During the fall semester, Dr. Dillon collaborated with **Dr. Faye Angel, Dr. Rathin Basu, and Prof. David Sulzen** to team-teach BUS 151, Business Enterprises. This new course introduces students to the world of business and business research, exploring ways current events and issues shape the global business environment.

Also in fall 2006, Dillon was appointed Faculty Athletic Representative by President Jennifer Braaten. A grant from the USA South Athletic Conference underwrote his attendance at the FARA Fall Forum in New Orleans, November 16-18, 2006.

A grant from the Council of Independent Colleges helped Dr. Dillon, **Dean Leslie Lambert, Dr. Christine Stinson, and ARC Director Susie Crow** attend the 2007 CIC-NITLE Learning Spaces & Technology Workshop in Tacoma, Washington, March 23-25, 2007.

As a Watson Mentor for the Bowen Central Library of Appalachia, Dr. Dillon received a travel grant to cover expenses related to a consulting visit to Ohio Valley University Library for himself and **Peggie Barker**, Head of Library Technical Services.

In 2006, Dr. Dillon completed his term as president of the Virginia Library Association Foundation, but he remains on the Foundation Board of Directors. He also serves on the Virginia Library Association Council.

A long-time advocate of the Bowen Central Library of Appalachia, Dr. Dillon serves on the BCLA Council, and has been appointed by ACA President Alice Brown to the BCLA Transition Committee, which is charged with finding a replacement for founding director Dr. Tony Krug.

Also in 2006-07, Dr. Dillon serve the Virginia Coalition for Open Government as a member of the Board of Directors, Chair of the Nominations Committee, and a member of the Executive Director Search Committee.

School of Arts & Humanities

MR. WAYNE BOWMAN, Coordinator and Professor of Dramatic and Theatre Arts and Director of Performing and Visual Arts Operations, served since 2002 as Chair of the College Division of the Virginia Theatre Association. In 2006-2007 he was re-elected to Virginia Theatre Association board. He served as a respondent for the Secondary School Auditions. Mr. Bowman conducted a workshop entitled "Preparing the Actor" at the annual Virginia Theatre Association Conference in Richmond. He assisted with the Southeastern Theatre Conference Screening auditions for Virginia.

Mr. Bowman directed *The Long Christmas Dinner* and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* for the Ferrum College Drama Department. Two performances of the plays were presented as fundraisers for the Franklin County Family YMCA. Bowman also directed the 27th annual Ferrum College High School Drama Festival in November 2006. He also taught in the inaugural Ferrum College E-Term semester.

DR. JOHN BRUTON, Professor of English, attended the CCEDPS (Small Private College Economic Development Seminar) in April 2007 at Chapel Hill. He was a guest speaker for the Council of Independent Colleges Workshop for New Division Chairs at Chapel Hill in May 2007.

DR. ED CORNBLEET, Associate Professor of Spanish attended the South Atlantic Modern Language Association conference in Charlotte, North Carolina in November. Dr. Cornbleet gave a talk on Holocaust Remembrance Day to Maple Grove Methodist Church in Ferrum in April. As part of the adult education series at Temple Emanuel in Roanoke, Dr. Cornbleet gave a presentation on the Marranos in Spanish History. He continues to be an active member of the community by serving on the Worship Committee of Temple Emanuel as well as continuing his volunteering at the Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM) House in Roanoke.

DR. PETER G. CROW, Professor of English, had his book, *Do, Die, or Get Along: A Tale of Two Appalachian Towns*, published and released by the University of Georgia Press in February 2007. Through the voices of 26 local narrators, the book chronicles the interaction between past and present as the history of two very different Virginia coal country towns unfolds. Dr. Crow led several presentations on the book, including a session at the Franklin County Public Library in April, a program at Phoebe Needles Lifelong Learning in February, and at the Arts and Humanities colloquium at **Ms. Susie Crow's** house in March, 2007. Dr. Crow also read from *Do, Die, or Get Along* at Clinch River Days, Oxbow Center, in St. Paul, Va., and gave a speech about the book at a meeting of Southwest Virginia Historical Associations, in Wise, Va.

During the Appalachian Studies Association Conference at Maryville College in March, Dr. Crow presented at two sessions: "Who is Telling the Story? Blending Oral History and Academic Writing," with **Dr. Tina Hanlon, Mr. George Loveland**, and Wess Harris; and "Update on Grassroots Activism: The Stories Continue," with Roberta Campbell, Maureen Sullivan, and Rebecca Bailey.

Dr. Crow was a guest presenter at Ann Alexander's Appalachian History class at the Roanoke Continuing Education Center in April.

Along with **Ms. Beth Crow**, he designed and taught a new international course for e-term, HUM 333, Intercultural Conflict Mediation. At Ferrum, students studied deep cultural sources of international conflict, such as patriarchy and colonialism. They also learned some mediation strategies, focusing on listening and recording through photographic and video technology. Then the class spent a week in Bradford, England, which has a substantial Muslim population of Pakistani extraction. The Ferrum students paired with Bradford Muslim students and produced photos and video footage for a twenty-minute production reflecting their experience together.

Students in the Appalachian Cluster, taught by **Dr. Susan Virginia Mead, Dr. Carolyn Thomas**, and Dr. Crow, continued the four-year (so-far) project of collaborating with Hurley High School students and one of their teachers, Mae Broyles, to produce an oral history of the town. Once a booming timber and coal town, Hurley now struggles for survival against economic hardship and frequent flooding. Located in Buchanan County in southwestern Virginia, Hurley is Ferrum's Just Connections partner.

In July, Dr. Crow led a session during the Just Connections Conference, at Ferrum College called "The Shaping of Community in St. Paul and Dante, Virginia." During the Appalachian Writers Association conference at King College in July, Dr. Crow led a session called "Writing as Listening, Recording, and Editing."

Also in July, Dr. Crow led a session on Virginia coal country culture for Episcopal Appalachian Ministries work group at Grace House in St. Paul, Va.

MR. JEFFERY D. DALTON, Assistant Professor of Art, was selected as an artist-in-residence at the Guldagergaard International Ceramic Research Center in Skaelskor, Denmark for two months during the summer of 2006. The work that he produced during the residency was presented in a group show at the Apple House Gallery in Skaelskor. Mr. Dalton has shown his sculptural ceramic work in three juried national shows this year, including the 41st National Small Sculpture and Drawing Show in Corpus Christi, Texas, "Ceramic Abstractions," at the Creative Arts Center in New Haven, Conn., and "A Twist on Tradition" at the Virginia Artisan Center in Waynesboro, Va. For the New Haven exhibit, his work was also included in the catalog, and he received a Juror's Award for his work in the "Twist on Tradition" show. He also exhibited work in "From Copenhagen to Viterbo," the Ferrum art faculty show in fall 2006. For the summer of 2007, Mr. Dalton was selected to be an artist-in-residence at the Vermont Studio Center and received a partial fellowship to attend. A Ferrum College Faculty Development Grant provided additional support for him to research and develop work at the Studio Center.

DR. GARY EVANS, Professor of Music, performed piano solos and accompaniments in a joint performance with **Ms. Susan Spataro**, instructor of music, at Roanoke College in October 2006. The concert was part of a Sister Cities event recognizing their Russian exchange student program.

In December 2006, the Franklin County Community Chorus performed Dr. Evans' composition "Take a Star" in two holiday concerts.

In May 2007, the Franklin County Community Chorus performed Dr. Evans' arrangement of "Be Thou My Vision." Included in the two concerts were four pieces for flute and piano performed by **Susan Spataro** and Dr. Evans. Two pieces were Dr. Evans' original compositions: "Spring Song" and "Flutango."

DR. KATHERINE GRIMES, Associate Professor of English, taught the Cornerstone Seminar in the Boone Honors Program in fall 2006; in conjunction with the class's discussion of Bill Bryson's book *A Walk in the Woods*, she took some of her honors students on a day hike on the Appalachian Trail. She also worked with honors students in the class as they prepared a voter guide for the Ferrum community.

With George Loveland, she presented "Critical Thinking and the Web: a Collaborative Approach to Information Literacy" at the Appalachian College Association summit in Abingdon, Va., October 5-7, 2006.

Her essay "Harry Potter: Fairy Tale Prince, Real Boy, and Archetypal Hero" was reprinted in volume 217 of *Contemporary Literary Criticism*, edited by Jeffrey W. Hunter and published by Thomson Gale in 2006. The essay was written for *The Ivory Tower and Harry Potter*, edited by Ferrum College professor Lana A. Whited and published by University of Missouri Press in 2002; a paperback edition appeared in 2004.

In spring 2007, she advised *The Iron Blade*.

In May 2007, Dr. Grimes was named coordinator of the English program.

Also in May 2007, she assisted three students - Brandy Fralin, Drew Eary, and Kaitlin Peterson - with the revision of essays nominated for the Norton Essay Contest.

Throughout the year, Dr. Grimes served on the planning committee for the tenth anniversary Women's Leadership Conference, held March 21-22, 2007.

On July 3, 2007, Dr. Grimes was interviewed about the Harry Potter novels by a reporter from *The Arizona Republic*.

Throughout the year, she also served as a lector at St. Peter's-in-the-Mountains Episcopal Church, Callaway, VA.

DR. TINA L. HANLON, Associate Professor of English, is co-editor, with J. D. Stahl and Elizabeth Lennox Keyser, of *Crosscurrents of Children's Literature: An Anthology of Texts and Criticism*. Published by Oxford University Press in fall 2006.

Dr. Hanlon attended the 25th annual Emory and Henry Literary Festival in September 2006. In October 2006, she attended both the Appalachian College Association Summit in Abingdon and the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee. At the Jonesborough Repertory Theatre she observed a performance of Rex Stephenson's *Jack Tales* (directed by Kathleen Buttolph, who had learned the Jack Tales from Ferrum graduate **N. Todd Necessary**) and developed a web page on this production at <http://www.ferrum.edu/jacktales/jonesJT.htm>.

Dr. Hanlon developed a new Ferrum course in Appalachian Literature, English 207, and taught it in Fall 2006.

In fall 2006, she reviewed a book manuscript on children's literature for the University Press of Kentucky.

She presented "'Read my tales, spin my rhymes': James Still's Books for Children" at the Seventh Biennial Conference on Modern Critical Approaches to Children's Literature, Nashville in March 2007. This presentation was based on an essay forthcoming in James Still, *Appalachian Writer: Critical Essays on the Dean of Appalachian Literature* (McFarland, 2007).

Dr. Hanlon also wrote an entry on Virginia filmmaker Tom Davenport for the new *Greenwood Encyclopedia of Folktales and Fairy Tales* (forthcoming from Greenwood Press, 2008).

At the Appalachian Studies Association Conference in Maryville College in March, Dr. Hanlon served as chair and a panelist of the session, "Who Is Telling the Story? Blending Oral History and Academic Writing." The other panelists included **Mr. George Loveland** and **Dr. Peter Crow**.

For Ferrum's 10th annual Women's Leadership Conference, she served as a member of the planning committee.

She attended the ANGEL (course management software) User Conference in Indianapolis in May 2007.

As a Ferrum team member in the project Teachers for the 21st Century sponsored by the Council of Independent Colleges and Microsoft, she participated in a workshop in Reston, Va., with **Ms. Nancy Beach**, **Ms. Virginia Seale**, and **Dr. Lana Whited**, June 8-10, 2007.

Dr. Hanlon prepared a display on "May Justus, Appalachian Author Serving Children and the Community," for the Just Connections Conference held at Ferrum, June 8-10.

Dr. Hanlon organized two sessions for the Children's Literature Association Conference held at Christopher Newport University, Newport News, Va., on June 14-16, 2007. In the panel of Virginia writers, former adjunct instructor of English Becky Mushko was one of the speakers on the topic "Writing Books for Children about Virginia History." In the session Virginia Folktales and Fiction for Children, **Dr. Susan Virginia Mead** gave a paper on fiction. Dr. Hanlon's presentation, "'When they find the old songs and the tales, they'll delight in them': Virginia Folktales in Children's Literature," included discussion of dramatic adaptations by **Dr. Rex Stephenson** and a video prepared by Dr. Stephenson.

During the summer term 2007, Dr. Hanlon team-taught English 529, Children and Poetry, with Morag Styles from Cambridge University, in the Hollins University Graduate Program in Children's Literature. She attended the Francelia Butler Student Conference on Children's Literature and OzFest at Hollins June 29-July 1. In Fall 2006, she served as a reader for a Hollins M.A. thesis on Uri Orlev's Holocaust novels.

She continues to serve as director of the web site *AppLit: Resources for Readers and Teachers of Appalachian Literature for Children and Young Adults*. One of the new pages added this year is the essay "Childhood Dreams: Frank X Walker's 'Death by Basketball,'" written by Ferrum student Kerel Whitehead in Dr. Hanlon's American Literature class. Another new *AppLit* page she developed recently, an annotated bibliography on "*The Walking Catfish*" and *Other Fish Tales*, resulted from consultation with William Lewis, a researcher for *Folkstreams.net*.

Dr. Hanlon continues to visit local elementary school classrooms to read stories with the children, including a first grade class at Burnt Chimney taught by Ferrum graduate Jennifer Housman Walker ('96).

Dr. Hanlon received an Appalachian College Association Faculty Fellowship for a year-long sabbatical in 2007-08 to work on a folktale collection tentatively titled *Mutsmag and Other Heroines: Appalachian Folktales*.

MS. NANCY HART, Assistant Professor of Art, exhibited her drawings, collages and artist books during 2006-2007 in several group national and international juried exhibitions, including "From Copenhagen to Viterbo" at the E. Taylor Greer Gallery, Ferrum College; "Contained Art" in Zurich, Switzerland; the "4th International Artist Book Triennial" in Vilnius, Lithuania, and the Leipzig Germany Book Fair, Leipzig, Germany. The "4th International Artist Book Triennial" will also travel in the summer 2007 to the Oceanside Museum in California; in addition, her work is published in the exhibition catalogue. She had two solo exhibitions: "In Passato," Patrick Henry Community College, Martinsville, Virginia, and "Italy Drawings," Nelson Fine Arts, Lexington, Virginia. Professor Hart was also invited to participate in the permanent exhibition "Women Artists of Distinction," a collection that hangs in the Blue Ridge Mountain Room at Ferrum College. Her work has also been recently included in permanent collections in Lithuania, England, and Hungary.

With the assistance of a 2006 Ferrum College Faculty Development Award, Professor Hart studied Italian language and ancient Roman art and architecture in Italy and executed a series of drawings from a variety of locations. The drawings will be exhibited in Viterbo, Italy, in July 2007, and work from the exhibition is scheduled to be included in a Viterbo exhibition of American and British artists in November 2007. Ms. Hart's drawings will be included in "Not Far from Rome: Travel Essays By the People Who Live Here," edited by Mary Jane Cryan and published by Davide Ghaleb Editore/Etruria Editions, Vetralla, Italy. She returned to Italy in the summer of 2007 on another grant to further study Italian art and architecture and continue to work on her series of drawings and collages of Italy. Ms. Hart will also begin work on a collaborative book project on the Late Mannerist gardens in the Lazio region.

During the academic year 2006-07, Ms. Hart curated several exhibitions in the E. Taylor Greer Gallery in Stanley Library: "In the Garden" (Gerry Bannan), "The Impressions After" (Ferrum College art alumni P.J. Brown, George Masten, and Sandy Southard), "From Copenhagen to Viterbo" (Ferrum College Art Department Faculty), "Genus Loci" (Genesis

Chapman). In addition, she supervised the December 2006 Invitational Student Art Show and Sale, the 2007 Senior Art Majors Show, and the Spring 2007 Juried Student Art Show.

Professor Hart is a member of two professional art organizations: College Art Association, and Foundations in Art: Theory and Education (FATE).

In fall 2006, Ms. Hart attended the "ArtStor" conference held at Ferrum College.

DR. MARCIA HORN, Professor of English, received an ACA Fellowship for her sabbatical in Fall 2007.

She interviewed and videotaped 11 Holocaust survivors, liberators, veterans, former hidden children, second generation survivors, rescuers, and resisters in southwest Virginia and northern North Carolina. She worked with a videographer from WDBJ, who transferred the testimony to DVD. Copies are available at Stanley Library and have also been sent to the Virginia Holocaust Museum in Richmond and Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. Dr. Horn also provided summaries of each interview for Stanley Library and later presented a 40-page report of her sabbatical to Dean Lambert.

On August 8, 2006, Dr. Horn traveled to a special exhibit on "Searching for Shakespeare" at the Yale Center for British Art in New Haven, Conn. This visit and the materials purchased provided valuable resources for her spring 2007 Shakespeare class. On August 24, Dr. Horn saw *A Winter's Tale* at the Ashland, Oregon, Shakespeare festival.

When Mill Mountain Theatre in Roanoke presented the Anne Frank Holocaust drama *And Then They Came for Me*, on September 26, 2006, Dr. Horn contributed original Holocaust artifacts to the accompanying exhibit.

Throughout Fall 2006, Dr. Horn participated in Valley Character's faith-based initiative, to encourage dialogue between Jews, Christians, and Muslims

On November 1, Dr. Horn, along with Holocaust course faculty and students, coordinated the "Day of Remembrance and Promise" multimedia program in the evening at the Panther's Den. The theme was "Non-Jewish Victims of the Holocaust."

On November 10, Dr. Horn chaired "The Holocaust in Literature and Film" session at South Atlantic Modern Language Association (SAMLA) in Charlotte. **Dr. Lana Whited** presented a paper on "Harry Potter as Hidden Child." **Dr. Ed Cornbleet** also attended this session.

Dr. Horn served as a judge of a Shakespeare student regional competition at Virginia Western Community College on January 20, 2007. The following month Dr. Horn reviewed an essay on "Hamlet's Denmark: Ethnographically Speaking" for the *South Atlantic Review*.

For spring semester 2007, Dr. Horn received a \$1,750 grant from the Roanoke Jewish Community Council (RJCC) to finance the Holocaust class bus trip on February 20 to the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC. For the Holocaust class and community, Dr. Horn also invited Kindertransport Jack Hoffmann to speak (March 22) and Holocaust survivor Zohara Boyd (April 17) to address the Holocaust class.

From March 3-10, 2007, Dr. Horn, husband Jeff, and Dr. Ed Cornbleet joined Temple Emanuel on a trip to Israel. At Israel's Yad Vashem, Dr. Horn searched for the gravesite of a family who had saved Holocaust survivor Mark Strauss.

On April 11, Dr. Horn participated in Diversity Day, organizing a table with Holocaust materials and information and memorabilia from Israel. Later that evening, Dr. Horn, husband Jeff, and Chaplain Wes Astin helped organize the annual Community Seder in the Panther's Den.

Three days later, Dr. Horn organized a trip to Staunton, Va.'s Blackfriars Theatre to see *A Midsummer Night's Dream* with her Shakespeare class and a student from Franklin County High School. A special feature was the backstage tour!

Also in April, Dr. Horn also learned she had received a \$1,000 grant from the dean's Professional Development Fund to continue her Fall 2006 sabbatical work, interviewing and taping those living in Southwest Virginia and Northern North Carolina whose lives had been touched by the Holocaust.

In fall 2006 and spring 2007, Dr. Horn continued to volunteer, along with Dr. Ed Cornbleet at Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM) monthly to help prepare food for the needy. Dr. Horn also continued to serve as a Board member of Children's Advocacy Programs (CAPS) of the Blue Ridge.

In late spring 2007, along with Ms. Tammy King, Dr. Horn began planning a Holocaust outreach course, with all Holocaust faculty participating, for fall 2007. The course will be taught one evening a week in Rocky Mount and is intended primarily for public school teachers seeking certification or re-certification.

DR. DAVID HOWELL, Associate Professor of Religion, was one of fifteen participants selected for the 2005-2006 Colloquy on Teaching and Learning for Mid-Career Religion Faculty at Colleges and Universities in July 2006.

Dr. Howell was awarded a Mellon Foundation Fellowship and was appointed a Fellow of Salzburg Seminar Session 435: "The Rule of Law: Reconciling Religion and Culture in a Constitutional Framework." In Oct. 2006. The seminar met in Schloss Leopoldskron in Salzburg, Austria (the setting for *The Sound of Music!*).

He was a faculty leader in a Berger grant-supported study tour through the Appalachian College Association to Greece from May 29 to June 11, 2007. The theme of the course and tour was "Religion and Festivals in Greece: Ancient and Modern."

Dr. Howell attended the ACA Summit in Abingdon, Va., in October 2006, the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature in Washington, D.C. in November 2006, and the planning meeting for the Virginia Governor's School for the Humanities and Visual and Performing Arts at the University of Richmond, from March 30 to April 1, 2007.

DR. JOHN KITTERMAN, Associate Professor of English, published an op-ed piece in the *Roanoke Times* entitled "Engage in a Clear, Concise Argument, Please," on September 9, 2006. He also published an essay entitled "Love and Death in an American Story: A 'Vulgar' Reading of *Brokeback Mountain*," in *Paths to Brokeback Mountain: An Anthology of Perspectives*, which is due out in July 2007 from McFarland Publishing.

Dr. Kitterman developed and taught a new E-term course called "American Nature Writers." It involved building on campus a replica of Thoreau's cabin at Walden Pond.

During the 2006-07 academic year, Dr. Kitterman received tenure.

He co-chaired the Intercultural/International Task Force and wrote the final report.

In January of 2007, Dr. Kitterman attended the Fifth Annual Best Practices in Black Student Achievement Conference at Clemson University.

He organized meetings of the Ferrum Theory Group and was appointed to the Speech/Drama Search Committee.

Dr. Kitterman performed in Opera Roanoke's November 2006 production of *La Boheme*.

He was appointed to the Franklin County Library Foundation Committee.

DR. RICHARD SMITH, Professor of History, has been awarded the Williams Distinguished Teaching Professorship at Ferrum for 2007-08.

Dr. Smith is currently writing a book under contract for Routledge Publishing Company entitled *Premodern Trade in World History* as a volume in the series "Themes in World History." The first draft should be finished by the end of 2007.

Dr. Smith published several articles, including "Sidi al-Mukhtar al-Kunti: Kunta Religious Leader and Mediator" in *Great Lives from History: The Eighteenth Century, 1701-1800* (Salem Press, 2006) and "Exploration of West Africa, 1805-1830" in *Great Events from History: The Nineteenth Century, 1801-1900* (Salem Press, 2007).

Dr. Smith also conducted a book review entitled "Recherches archéologiques à Dia dans le Delta intérieur du Niger (Mali): bilan des saisons de fouilles 1998-2003" for *Journal of African Studies* (April 2007).

MS. SUSAN SPATARO, Assistant Professor of Music, performed a flute/piano recital with Gary Evans in September for the Sister Cities Banquet at Roanoke College.

Ms. Spataro participated in the Heart Walk held at Virginia's Explore Park in October, raising funds for the American Heart Association.

Ms. Spataro served as accompanist for the Franklin County Community Chorus for their Christmas concerts, which featured the Ferrum College Handbell Choir, of which Spataro is director. Student Sarah Weaver conducted one of the pieces on the program when the chorus and bells performed together.

Ms. Spataro served as musical director and keyboardist for the Ferrum production of *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way to The Forum*, which was performed at both Ferrum College and the Franklin County YMCA.

Ms. Spataro performed a 15-minute solo spot as flutist, with **Dr. Gary Evans** accompanying on piano, for the Franklin County Community Choruses Spring Concerts. Two of the pieces performed were "Spring Song" and "Flutango" both composed for Ms. Spataro by Dr. Evans

In June, Ms. Spataro served as accompanist for two performances of "How the West Was Sung" by the Lakeside Singers, held at Trinity Ecumenical Parish in Moneta.

Ms. Spataro attended the Music Director's Conference held by Helen Kemp, renowned choral director and children's music specialist. At the time of the conference, Ms. Kemp was about to turn 90.

DR. LANA A. WHITED, Professor of English, spent Fall 2006 and Spring 2007 on partial sabbatical, working on the manuscript of a book about the theme of race in the Harry Potter series. This project was funded, in part, by a Cheatham Fellowship awarded at Commencement 2006. In conjunction with the book project, Dr. Whited gave two conference presentations in 2006-07. In November 2006, she presented "Harry Potter as Hidden Child" at the South

Atlantic Modern Language Association (SAMLA) meeting in Charlotte. Her paper was part of the program of the discussion circle “The Holocaust in Literature and Film,” chaired by **Dr. Marcia Horn**. In June 2007 at the Children’s Literature Association Conference at Christopher Newport University, Dr. Whited presented “Harry Potter and the Postcolonial View.”

Dr. Whited published a review of the nonfiction book *Never Seen the Moon: The Trials of Edith Maxwell* in *Appalachian Journal* in Fall 2006.

In January 2007, Dr. Whited wrote an entry called “True-Crime Stores” for the forthcoming *Masterplots: Critical Survey of Mystery and Detective Fiction*, to be published by Salem Press.

In March 2007, Dr. Whited visited the sixth grade English class of **Michelle Vincent Pruitt (’06)** at Benjamin Franklin Middle School in Rocky Mount to talk with students about the Harry Potter books and about writing.

Dr. Whited served once again on the planning committee for the Women’s Leadership Conference (March 21-22, 2007), coordinating the visit of keynote speaker Sharon Mehdi, author of *The Great Silent Grandmother Gathering*.

In April 2007, Dr. Whited was named director of the Boone Honors Program. She and **Dr. Sharon E. Stein** taught a new honors course, Media and Violence (Honors 213), to 13 students in the college’s first May term.

In June 2007, Dr. Whited attended a Teachers for the 21st Century conference in Reston, Va., as a member of Ferrum’s Teach 21 team. Other team members are **Ms. Nancy Beach, Dr. Tina Hanlon, Ms. Virginia Seale, and Dr. Christine Stinson**. The project is sponsored by Microsoft Corporation and the Council of Independent Colleges.

In June 2007, during the media build-up to the release of the fifth Harry Potter film, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, and the seventh book in the series, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, Dr. Whited was interviewed by reporters from *The Baltimore Sun*, *The Desert News* (Calif.), *The Palm Beach* (Fla.) *Post*, *The Columbia Missourian*, *La Tercera* (the national newspaper of Chile), Roanoke television stations WSLs (Channel 10) and WSET (Channel 13), the Franklin County Cablevision “Mornin’” show, TV3 of Winchester (Va.), WVTF Public Radio, and the Associated Press. The Associated Press interview was reprinted widely by over 100 media organizations in many U.S. states and abroad, including MSNBC, CNN, *The Boston Herald*, *Lubbock Online*, *Florida Today*, *The Pensacola* (Fla.) *News-Journal*, *The Bradenton* (Fla.) *Herald*, *The Grand Island* (Neb.) *Independent*, *The York* (Penn.) *Dispatch*, *South Coast Today* (Mass.), *The Vail* (Colo.) *Daily News*, *News Times Live* (Danbury, Conn.), *The Brainerd* (Minn.) *Dispatch*, *The Rochester* (Minn.) *Post-Bulletin*, *The Charleston* (W.Va.) *Daily Mail*, *The Times Herald-Record* (of New York’s Hudson and Catskills Valleys), *The* (Rochester, N.Y.) *Democrat & Chronicle*, *The Holland* (Mich.) *Sentinel*, *The Shreveport* (La.) *Times*, *The El Paso* (Texas) *Times*, *The* (Wilmington, Dela.) *News Journal*, *St. Catherine’s Standard* (Ontario), *The Scotsman* (Edinburgh), *The Times of India*, *Taiwan News Online*, *CanadaEast.com*, and several Harry Potter fan sites.

On Aug. 9, 2007, Dr. Whited hosted a reader discussion of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* at the Franklin County Public Library in Rocky Mount.

Dr. Whited continues to volunteer as an usher at Mill Mountain Theatre and as a lecturer at St.-Peter’s-in-the-Mountains Episcopal Church in Callaway.

School of Social Sciences

DR. SHARON E. STEIN, Associate Professor of Psychology, presented a paper in May 2007 at the Fourteenth Annual American Psychological Society Institute on the Teaching of Psychology in Washington, D. C. The paper was entitled “Do weekly online chapter quizzes improve learning in child development courses?” The presentation covered the assessment of a pedagogical technique used and assessed in the fall of 2006. Students took weekly online chapter quizzes in two developmental psychology classes. Assessment revealed that these quizzes helped students learn the material and be better prepared for class. Students also felt that these quizzes were valuable and helped them learn.

Dr. Stein and Dr. Lana Whited developed and team-taught an E-term multidisciplinary honors seminar called Media and Violence. This seminar examined the multidimensional issues involved in media presentation of violence and its consequences for our society.

Dr. Stein also served as a member of the Title 1 Assessment Team for Rocky Mount Elementary School. This team evaluated current Title 1 funding activities and made recommendations for the 2007-2008 school year.

In July 2006, Dr. Stein continued her volunteer work at Kayitz, a two-week day camp located at Temple Emanuel for children from Pre-K through 11 years-of-age. In addition, Dr. Stein became a board member of the Jewish Community Preschool (JCP) that was established in 2005. This preschool provides a developmentally appropriate learning experience for families of all faiths. During the 2007-08 school year, the JCP will offer an all-day program for working parents as well as an after school program for families of the greater Roanoke community. Dr. Stein was also appointed the Chair of Financial Affairs for the JCP.

DR. CHRISTINE STINSON, Associate Professor of Accounting and Business and Director of Instructional Design and Technology, was given one of two Faculty Appreciation Awards for 2006-07 by the Ferrum College Student Government Association. She was also awarded a fellowship from the Appalachian College Association to attend the June-July 2006 Summer Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration at Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

During the academic year 2006-07, Dr. Stinson was asked to serve on the “Measuring Accounting Learning” committee of the American Accounting Association, the Technology Council of the Appalachian College Association, and the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Business and Leadership*.

Also during the 2006-07 academic year, Dr. Stinson and her co-authors gave twelve presentations at national conferences. With Dr. Cathryne L. Schmitz of Radford University, she presented “Rural Appalachia: The Overlap between Social, Environmental, and Economic Issues” at the 31st Annual National Institute on Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas in Bowling Green, Ky., in July 2006; “Teaching Leadership by way of Interdisciplinary Programs” at the Second Annual Business and Leadership Symposium of the College of Business and Leadership at Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas, held Sept. 27-28, 2006; and “Education at the Intersection of Business, Social Work, and Environment” at “Bridging Borders: Building Ties - Transforming Relationships,” the 24th Annual Conference of the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors, Inc. (BPD), October 25-28, 2006, in Los Angeles, and at “Environmental Symposium 06:

Environmental Partnerships for a Sustainable Future,” Nov. 8-10, 2006, at Ferrum. At the Appalachian College Association (ACA) Summit IX: Teaching, Technology, & Tradition: Creating our Appalachian Quilt,” held in Abingdon, Va., on Oct. 5-6, 2006, Dr. Stinson moderated a panel discussion called “Best practices/worst practices with ANGEL.” Also at the ACA Summit, Dr. Stinson gave three other presentations: “Designing an Assessment Tool for Accounting Undergraduates” (with Michelle Freeman and Tony Narkawicz of Tusculum College); “Teach Your Brother/Sister Well” (with Brad Marcum of Pikeville College, Tim Wiblin of Ohio Valley University, Susan Weaver of University of the Cumberlands, Theresa Swann of Tusculum College, and Terry Golightly of Kentucky Christian University); and “Enhancing and Evaluating Student Success: Integrating LMS and Assessment” (with **Dr. Delia Heck**). She and Dr. Heck also presented “Enhancing and Evaluating Student Success: Integrating LMS and Assessment” at the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) 2006 Annual Meeting in Orlando, Fla., in December 2006; at the ANGEL (course management software) User Conference 2007 Annual Meeting in Indianapolis in May 2007; and at the Association of Institutional Researchers 2007 Annual Meeting in Kansas City, Mo., in June 2007. Dr. Stinson also presented “Teaching Accounting 101 to Web 2.0 Students” at the Academic Business World 2007 Annual Meeting in Nashville in May 2007;

MS. JENNIE B. WEST, Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator of Social Work, has served since September 2005 as a member of Board of Directors of National Association of Social Workers’ Virginia chapter (NASW-VA). She also serves as a member of the Professional Social Workers Licensing Task Force as sub-committee of Legislative Committee.

Ms. West attended students’ presentation during the ACA Citizen Scholars conference in Abingdon in October of 2006. She supervised two Surdna Citizen Scholars who worked with the Henry Fork Service Center in summer 2006. She focused on conducting community research and worked with middle and high school students regarding substance abuse.

Ms. West served as Social Work club advisor and helped raise \$500 during the United Way Bowlathon in November 2006.

Ms. West also did some political campaign work at the polls on election day in November 2006.

In fall 2006, Ms. West served as a panel member on the campus-wide first-year reading. During the NASW-VA Annual Conference in March, Ms. West introduced several workshop leaders and assisted with registration.

During the Council on Social Work Education Reaffirmation Workshop in Alexandria, Va., in April, Ms. West attended workshops related to B.S.W. program reaccreditation.

She spoke in April on “GLBT Families” to the Marriage and Family class and reviewed and commented on the SOC 202 Social Problems Poster session.

Ms. West facilitated the Social Work Advisory Program Committee’s visit to campus in May 2007.

Ms. West serves on the college’s Assessment Team and Service Learning Committee and is a School of Social Sciences representative to Faculty Council. She chairs the Faculty Council sub-committee on faculty evaluation and the Boyer Model and helped write a campus statement on civility in the classroom. As a member of the Facilities Committee, she

helped plan the design for the Daniel-Bell Service Learning Center, a feature of the Roberts Hall renovation.

Ms. West is also a member of the Old Schoolhouse Management Team, which met with staff of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (VDHCD), held community meetings at Ferrum Elementary School, toured the old schoolhouse and met with Jon Morris ('94) and Jill Watson to discuss staffing and design issues.

Ms. West served as a Bonner Consultant and assisted with the Bonner Program planning. She taught a Bonner Gateway class and attended all Bonner meetings.

Ms. West is a member of the United Way Citizen Review Team and interviewed managers of Franklin Co. Chapter of American Red Cross and the Roanoke Valley Legal Aid Services. She assessed and reported orally and in writing to the United Way Board of Directors.

School of Natural Sciences & Mathematics

TODD FREDERICKSEN, Assistant Professor of Forestry and Wildlife, served as session moderator and presented a paper on logging impacts on wildlife at the Society of American Foresters National Convention in Pittsburgh. He also presented a paper on logging and wildlife at the Virginia Chapter of The Wildlife Society meetings. He was an instructor for two workshops on logging and wildlife management for loggers and landowners hosted by Virginia Cooperative Extension. Dr. Fredericksen also completed a course on the use of wildland powersaws for forest wildfire control at the Bedford Fire Academy.

Dr. Fredericksen continued research this year on the impacts of logging on wildlife on non-industrial private forestlands, relationships between woody debris and forest wildlife, the natural history of the eastern box turtle, and the control of the invasive exotic tree species *Ailanthus altissima*.

Dr. Fredericksen was named editor-in-chief of the international journal *Forest Ecology and Management*, for which he has been an editorial board member since 2000. He was also named to the editorial board of the *Open Forest Access Journal* and continues to serve on the editorial board of *New Forests*. He continues to serve as an adjunct associate professor with the School of Forest Resources and Conservation at the University of Florida. He also serves on the Scientific Advisory Board of the Bolivian Forest Research Institute, is a member of the Virginia Herpetological Society's Conservation Committee and the Blue Ridge and Southside Forest Landowner Education Committee, and reviewed the Virginia Deer Management Plan for the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. He is a member of several professional organizations, including The Wildlife Society, The Society of American Foresters, The Virginia Natural History Society, The Virginia Herpetological Society, The Virginia Society for Ornithology, The Virginia Forestry Association, and the Virginia Academy of Sciences.

Locally, Dr. Fredericksen serves on the coordinating committee for Blue Ridge Foothills and Lakes Master Naturalist Chapter, along with **Dr. Jim Bier, Dr. Carolyn Thomas, and Dr. Bob Pohlad**. He also serves on the Wildland forest firefighter strike team for Franklin County and is the organizer of the Ferrum Nature Society. He also served on the coordinating committee for Ferrum Environmental Symposium in November 2006.

In June 2007, Dr. Fredericksen was a co-leader for a trip to the Galápagos Islands

and mainland Ecuador for faculty members of the Appalachian Colleges Association.

Dr. Fredericksen and his students published six articles this year. He published “Logging and wildlife on non-industrial private forestlands in Virginia” in *New Research in Forest Ecology* and in *Virginia Forests*, both in 2007. With **Kyle Carter**, he published “Tree seedling and sapling density and deer browsing incidence on recently-logged and mature non-industrial private forestlands in Virginia, USA” in *Forest Ecology and Management*. Dr. Fredericksen and students **Ken Graves**, **Hannah Shively**, **David Ellington**, and **Tiffany Walker** published “A box full of surprises: the eastern box turtle” in “Virginia Wildlife” (2007). With **Ken Graves** and **Tim Pohlad-Thomas**, he published “Herpetofauna in logged and unlogged forest stands in south-central Virginia” in *Catesbeiana* (2006). With **Hannah Shively** and **J.D. Fiore**, he published “The effects of timber harvesting on the abundance and diversity of small mammals on non-industrial private forestlands in Southcentral Virginia” in *Banisteria* (2006).

Dr. DAVID JOHNSON, Professor of Chemistry and Environmental Science, was appointed associate dean for the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

Dr. Johnson served on the organizing committee for the 2006 Ferrum College Environmental Symposium, “Environmental Partnerships for a Sustainable Future,” held in November 2006.

Dr. Johnson was the co-author of three papers that were presented at the 2007 Virginia/West Virginia Water Research Symposium at Virginia Tech.

He led a travel abroad course, “Culture and Ecology of South Africa” at the Southern African Wildlife College in Hoedspruit, South Africa, and participated in the Salzburg Seminar, “China: The New Global Economic Engine?” at Schloss Leopoldskron in Salzburg, Austria.

Dr. Johnson continues as co-director of the Smith Mountain Lake and Claytor Lake Water Quality Monitoring Programs and serves on the Board of Directors of the Children’s Advocacy Center of the Blue Ridge, Inc.

DR. BOB POHLAD, Professor of Biology, presented and published “How to do Collaborative Teaching and Research Using Web Pages and Online Resources” along with **Dr. Carolyn Thomas**, Susan Monteleone, Richard Moyer and Mike Sonnenberg at a workshop at the Ecological Society of America 2006 Annual Meeting in Memphis, Tenn., in August 2006.

In October 2006, Dr. Pohlad and **Dr. Carolyn Thomas** conducted a presentation and workshop called “How to do Collaborative Teaching and Research Using Web Pages and Watershed Methods eManual” at the Appalachian College Association 2006 Summit in Abingdon, VA.

In November 2006 Dr. Pohlad and **Dr. Carolyn Thomas** conducted a presentation called “Ferrum Mountain Creek Watershed Project” at the Environmental Symposium at Ferrum College. Dr. Pohlad also conducted a presentation during the symposium on “*No Child Left Indoors: Ecologists Linking Young People to Nature.*”

Dr. Pohlad, along with Mark Castro, Keith Eshleman, Lou Pitelka, Goeff Frech (Univ. of Maryland, Appalachian Labs), Bill Currie (Univ. of Michigan), Karen Kuers (University of the South), Jeffrey Simmons, (West Virginia Wesleyan), **Dr. Carolyn Thomas**, and **Dr. David Johnson** published “Symptoms of Nitrogen Saturation in a Twenty-four-year-old Forested

Watershed in Western Maryland” in *Ecosystems*, an online journal published by SpringerLink of New York City.

Dr. Pohlاد, along with Jeffrey A. Simmons, Bill Currie, Keith Eshleman, Karen Kuers, Susan Monteleone, Tim Negley, and **Dr. Carolyn Thomas** wrote “Differences in Ecosystem Structure and Function Associated with a Land-Use Change from Forest to Reclaimed Mine Grassland,” a paper accepted by *Ecological Applications*, a publication of the Ecological Society of America, Washington, DC.

Dr. Pohlاد is co-principal investigator, (with **Dr. Carolyn Thomas**) of a National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Grant for \$ 220,000 funding the CAWS (Collaboration through Appalachian Watershed Studies) Project, with Susan Monteleone from Lindsey Wilson College, Columbia Ky.; Mark Lassiter and Mike Sonnenberg from Montreat College, Montreat, N.C.; Jeffrey Simmons from West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, W.V.; Karen Kuers from University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.; and Richard Moyer from King College, Bristol, Tenn. Together they set up watershed studies on the Ferrum campus for use by students at Ferrum College and at five other ACA colleges throughout the Appalachian region. They conducted joint sampling studies and attended joint faculty workshops at Montreat College, Montreat, N.C., in April 2006. Dr. Pohlاد prepared an online *Small Watersheds Methods eManual* and website for the project. The grant was funded for the period October 2004 to February 2007. A Phase II grant to continue this project was submitted to NSF during 2006. The CAWS project is also funded by an ACA/Mellon collaborative grant (\$50,000) project renewal grant (July 2006-June 2008), of which Drs. Pohlاد and Thomas are also the co-principal investigators.

Jointly with **Dr. Carolyn Thomas, Dr. Todd Fredericksen, Dr. George Byrd, and Dr. David Johnson**, Dr. Pohlاد continues to instrument and study the Ferrum College campus watershed, Ferrum Mountain Creek and Moonshine Creek Watersheds. This includes a Parshall stream flume and two Doppler stream gages in stream culverts on campus to measure water flow automatically monitoring water quantity flows through the Ferrum College campus. Dr. Pohlاد supervises students who are working on the project, including current students Josh Bernard, Brian Landes, Jessica Sott, and Charles Fachina. Studies include land use as GPS mapping of the Ferrum College campus and watershed. A variety of other monitoring is being conducted including mammal populations, herpeto-fauna populations, forest regeneration, stream macro-invertebrate studies and leaf decomposition studies. Materials for these studies continue to be used by numerous environmental and biology classes.

Dr. Pohlاد currently serves as the Director of the Ferrum College Community Arboretum and Heritage Tree Program. Through the efforts of faculty, staff, students and community members, the Community Arboretum has been established beside Wiley Drive on campus, below the Adams Lake Dam to provide demonstration and experimental gardens and experiential teaching facilities as well as to provide enjoyment and for the Ferrum community. Gazebos and gardens provide sites for weddings and other functions. A \$15,000 grant from the Virginia Department of Forestry, as well as donations from many of the local nurseries, has allowed the improvement of tree cover as well as fund riparian (stream bank) restoration to Ferrum Mountain Creek. In addition, a demonstration rain garden has been designed and will be installed in fall 2007. A heritage tree program is being established to allow sponsorship and dedication of trees throughout campus and the Arboretum.

Dr. Pohlad serves as a member and chair of the Maintenance Committee of the Rocky Mount (Va.) Beautification and Urban Design (BUD) Commission. The role of this commission is the establishment of roadway corridor garden enhancements in the town of Rocky Mount. Over 20 gardens have been design and will be installed through a sponsorship program in the right-of-ways at major entrances to the town.

Dr. Pohlad is an instructor in the Master Garden Program of Franklin County. He teaches one or two classes on botany and/or plant diseases are taught each year to participants seeking certification in the program. He also serves on the Celeste Park Planning Committee in Rocky Mount.

Dr. Pohlad is a member of the organizing committee and instructor for the newly developed Virginia Master Naturalist Program for the Blue Ridge Foothills and Lakes Chapter, Rocky Mount, Va.

He participates in the Instructional Technology Assistance (ITA) Program of the Appalachian College Association for the development of web pages and video training programs for class use and watershed study.

Dr. Pohlad is serving a two-year term as National Chair of the Education Section of the Ecological Society of America. The Ecological of America has 9,200 members. It is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization of scientists, which was founded in 1915 to promote ecological science by improving communication among ecologists, raise public awareness of the importance of ecological science, increase the resources available to conduct ecological science, and ensure the appropriate use of ecological science in environmental decision-making. The Education Section's major purposes include promoting and enhancing ecology education at all levels, disseminating ecology curricula and educational materials, and recognizing outstanding ecology educators. Dr. Pohlad is currently a member of the Education and Human Resources Committee of the Ecological Society of America and served as a member of the Ferrum College Environmental Symposium Planning Committee from January 2006 to December 2006.

Dr. Pohlad chairs the Ferrum College Technology Committee.

Dr. Pohlad is the past president of Ferrum Lions Club and has recently been elected to a three-year term as President of the Roanoke Convocation of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. In this capacity represent churches throughout the region as a member of the Executive Board of the Diocese.

DR. JASON POWELL, Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Physics, was awarded tenure by the Ferrum College Board of Trustees. While being considered for tenure, Dr. Powell has continued his professional work throughout the year. He published results of some of his work, attended many meetings, and continued his ongoing research projects while seeking funding for additional work. He also remained a very active member of the Ferrum College faculty.

Dr. Powell had three publications in the past year: a textbook solutions manual (for *Jobl's Investigating Chemistry*, published by Freeman), a technical report (the *Smith Mountain Lake Water Quality Monitoring Program 2006 Report*, prepared by **Dr. Carolyn L. Thomas, Dr. David M. Johnson, Ms. Carol C. Love, Dr. Delia R. Heck**, and Dr Powell), and a procedures manual (for the Ferrum College Water Quality Program). He also had two major presentations at professional conferences: "Creating a General Education Assessment Program from Scratch" at the 7th Annual Texas A&M Assessment Conference

(College Station, TX) and "Applying basic thermodynamics: An analytical approach to understanding Greek fire" at the 233rd ACS National Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 25-29 with Luke Dye (senior chemistry major). He attended six major conferences: AAC&U Institute on General Education (Washington, DC), ACA Teagle General Education Conference (Johnson City, TN), 2006 ACA Summit (Abingdon, VA), 7th Annual Texas A&M Assessment Conference (College Station, TX), 233rd ACS National Meeting, (Chicago, IL), and the 2007 ACA Teaching and Learning Institute (Brevard, NC).

Dr. Powell was one of several Ferrum faculty members who offered a course in the inaugural Experiential Term. His course, "Science of Crime," involved two weeks of on-campus work in studying forensic science field and laboratory methods and then a third week at the University of Tennessee Anthropology Research Facility (known in the popular media as "The Body Farm"). He also received an Appalachian College Association planning grant to continue the development of a summer research institute concept centered on nanotechnology. He and **Dr. Dan Bowman** have been using the summer months to begin the development of a laboratory manual for the physical science course they both teach. In addition, Dr. Powell has increased his involvement in the Ferrum College Water Quality Program. He now coordinates the analysis of samples from Smith Mountain Lake and Claytor Lake for total phosphorus, is in the process of adapting methods for measuring nitrogen speciation in fresh water, and coordinates the dissolved oxygen depth profiles for Smith Mountain Lake.

During the academic year, Dr. Powell has been heavily involved in the assessment initiatives for the college. He has continued as part of the Assessment Task Force (known as the "A-Team"), which is led by **Dr. Delia Heck**. He is also a part of the course pilot and program pilot assessment projects and has begun working on the Quality Enhancement Plan process to be implemented over the next few years.

Dr. Powell works with the students in Ferrum Christian Fellowship and helps lead weekly Bible studies. He is also a member of his church choir and a Sunday school teacher. He volunteers as a science judge for the Scholastic Competition for Academic Excellence League in Franklin County and as a judge for the Piedmont Regional Odyssey of the Mind competition. He and his wife recently became foster parents as well.

DR. CAROLYN THOMAS, Professor of Environmental Science & Biology, presented and published "How and Research Using Web Pages and Online Resources" along with **Dr. Bob Pohl**, Susan Monteleone, Richard Moyer and Mike Sonnenberg at a workshop at the Ecological Society of America 2006 Annual Meeting in Memphis, Tenn., in August 2006.

In October 2006, Dr. Thomas presented "The Case for Evolution" during a Ferrum College Christian Fellowship Program.

Also in October 2006, Dr. Thomas and **Dr. Bob Pohl** conducted a presentation and workshop called "How to do Collaborative Teaching and Research Using Web Pages and Watershed Methods eManual" at the Appalachian College Association 2006 Summit in Abingdon, VA.

In November 2006 Dr. Thomas and **Dr. Bob Pohl** conducted a presentation called "Ferrum Mountain Creek Watershed Project" at the Environmental Symposium at Ferrum College. Dr. Thomas served as chair of the symposium planning committee from January 2006 - December 2006.

Dr. Thomas, along with Mark Castro, Keith Eshleman, Lou Pitelka, Goeff Frech (Univ. of Maryland, Appalachian Labs), Bill Currie (Univ. of Michigan), Karen Kuers (University of the South), Jeffrey Simmons, (West Virginia Wesleyan), **Dr. Bob Pohl**, and **Dr. David Johnson** published “Symptoms of Nitrogen Saturation in a Twenty-four-year-old Forested Watershed in Western Maryland” in *Ecosystems*, an online journal published by SpringerLink of New York City.

Dr. Thomas, along with Jeffrey A. Simmons, Bill Currie, Keith Eshleman, Karen Kuers, Susan Monteleone, Tim Negley, and **Dr. Bob Pohl** wrote “Differences in Ecosystem Structure and Function Associated with a Land-Use Change from Forest to Reclaimed Mine Grassland,” a paper accepted by *Ecological Applications*, a publication of the Ecological Society of America, Washington, DC.

Dr. Thomas is co-principal investigator, (with **Dr. Bob Pohl**) of a National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Grant for \$ 220,000 funding the CAWS (Collaboration through Appalachian Watershed Studies) Project, with Susan Monteleone from Lindsey Wilson College, Columbia Ky.; Mark Lassiter and Mike Sonnenberg from Montreat College, Montreat, N.C.; Jeffrey Simmons from West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, W.V.; Karen Kuers from University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.; and Richard Moyer from King College, Bristol, Tenn. Together they set up watershed studies on the Ferrum campus for use by students at Ferrum College and at five other ACA colleges throughout the Appalachian region. They conducted joint sampling studies and attended joint faculty workshops at Montreat College, Montreat, N.C., in April 2006. Dr. Thomas prepared an online *Small Watersheds Methods eManual* and website for the project. The grant was funded for the period October 2004 to February 2007. A Phase II grant to continue this project was submitted to NSF during 2006. The CAWS project is also funded by an ACA/Mellon collaborative grant (\$50,000) project renewal grant (July 2006-June 2008), of which Drs. Thomas and Pohl are also the co-principal investigators.

Jointly with **Dr. Bob Pohl**, **Dr. Todd Fredericksen**, **Dr. George Byrd**, and **Dr. David Johnson**, Dr. Thomas continues to instrument and study the Ferrum College campus watershed, Ferrum Mountain Creek and Moonshine Creek Watersheds. This includes a Parshall stream flume and two Doppler stream gages in stream culverts on campus to measure water flow automatically monitoring water quantity flows through the Ferrum College campus. Dr. Thomas supervises students who are working on the project, including current students Josh Bernard, Brian Landes, Jessica Sott, and Charles Fachina. Studies include land use as GPS mapping of the Ferrum College campus and watershed. A variety of other monitoring is being conducted including mammal populations, herpeto-fauna populations, forest regeneration, stream macro-invertebrate studies and leaf decomposition studies. Materials for these studies continue to be used by numerous environmental and biology classes.

In February of 2006, Dr. Thomas was elected to the Virginia Water Monitoring Council (VWMC) Steering Committee. The VWMC seeks to foster cooperation among groups involved in all types of water monitoring activities. The VWMC is interested in physical, chemical, and biological monitoring, as well as the evaluation of those factors that affect changes in water quality and quantity. The interests of the VWMC include the full range of aquatic resources ground and surface waters, freshwater, estuarine, and marine environments and associated watershed characteristics in Virginia. The VWMC intends to work closely with the National Water Quality Monitoring Council and be recognized by



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