



## *College of Arts & Sciences: Dean's Report*

*May 1 2005 - May 1 2006*

The College of Arts & Sciences remains the heart and soul of Roosevelt University. Our mission is to provide students a comprehensive, innovative liberal arts and science undergraduate and graduate curriculum, along with state-of-the-art programs in such technical fields as marketing communication, biotechnology, and computer science.

- Enrollment increased for the third year in a row – up 8 percent since Fall 2002. Since last year we have seen a rise of seven percent in majors and five percent in credit hours of instruction. We also have the largest average class size in a decade -- up 17.7 from 15.8 last year.
- The Roosevelt Scholars Honors program grew to an all-time high of 170 students, recruited from around the nation.
- This past fall we successfully reorganized from 6 schools into 10 departments. Chairs were appointed, each department held organizing meetings to discuss departmental goals, budgets were reconfigured, and a new Chair's Council began to meet twice monthly.
- College Development Officer Joan White led the establishment of our first college alumni advisory board, and organized meetings with alumni in Nashville, San Diego, and Phoenix, as well as metropolitan Chicago.
- Our doctorate in psychology – the Psy.D.- received the highest accreditation from the American Psychological Association.
- Over a third of our faculty have been hired since 2000. This year's new class of professors included:

Creative Writing:

*Mary Ann Mohanraj, Ph.D., University of Utah*

English Composition:

*Emily Tedrowe, Ph.D., New York University*

English Composition:

*Julie Sanford, M.A., Roosevelt, Kent State*

Philosophy:

*Svetozar Minkov, Ph.D., University of Chicago*

Psychology:

*Catherine Campbell, Ph.D., University of North Texas*

Psychology:

*Chu-Hsiang (Daisy) Chang, Ph.D., University of Akron*

Psychology:

*Megan Kozak, Ph.D., Harvard University*

Spanish:

*Sandra Maria Benedet, Ph.D., Stanford University*

Joining us in August 2006 will be another class of new professors. As of this writing they are:

Biology:

*Kelly Wentz-Hunter, Ph.D. Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Sciences*

Chemistry:

*David Spuznar, Ph.D, University of Chicago*

English Composition and Writing Center Director:

*Carrie Brecke, MA, University of Illinois at Chicago*

Economics:

*Ozgur Organhazi, Ph.D., University of Massachusetts*

History:

*Eric Gellman, Ph.D., Northwestern University*

Journalism:

*Anne-Marie Cusac, MA, Washington University, MFA, University of Wisconsin*

Mathematics:

*Barbara Gonzalez, Ph.D., Cornell University*

Psychology:

*Cami McBride, Ph.D, University of Miami*

Psychology:

*Susan Torres-Harding, Ph.D, DePaul University*

Public Administration:

*Lin Ye, Ph.D, University of Louisville*

Also joining the faculty in visiting positions will be:

Chemistry:

*Ray Bishop, Ph.D., Notre Dame*

Computer Science and Telecommunications:

*Jen Tang, Ph.D., Georgia Tech*

Integrated Marketing Communication

*Tom Marnell, MA, Drexel University*

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*James Prendergast, MSJ, Northwestern University*

Finally, the College welcomes two administrators coming to us from University College September 1: Juli Rowen, who will be Project and Outreach Manager, and Shanon Ehmke-Reedy, Program Manager in Psychology.

## **PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**

During Summer 2005 consultants examined the status of our science and language labs and submitted proposals for renovation at a cost of some \$5 million for both campuses. For the science labs, a comprehensive plan proposed modernizing several biology labs and increasing space for student and faculty research.

The Executive Masters of Public Administration program has been developed as a series of Saturday courses for the Schaumburg campus. The MPA program has also developed a cohort program for Chinese students, which may begin as early as next October.

Responding to a changing industry, the undergraduate telecommunications degree was revised and renamed Network Computing. In addition, a certificate program was developed in Network Computing and Security.

The Department of Literature and Languages developed a plan for a new Academic Writing Center, which will be organized during the fall semester for an opening in spring 2007.

Two programs underwent academic review. The Honors program was praised highly by reviewers, who recommended that the growth and increased excellence of this university-wide program be recognized by moving it from the college to the Provost's office. The psychology program review will be completed this summer.

International partnerships expanded. The Dean and President Middleton traveled to China in November, signing "sisterhood" agreements with Shenyang University and Shijiazhuang Posts and Telecommunications College (SPT). As a result of these agreements, work is proceeding on a computer science program with SPT, and four scholars from Shenyang arrived in the spring to visit for six months: Ling Han (English), Jinchao Wang (Hospitality Management), Hong Sun (Chemistry), and Li Sha (Economics). A letter of intent has been signed to bring cohorts of students from Beijing to Roosevelt to study for a Masters of Public Administration, beginning in Fall 2006.

In October, the Dean traveled to London to visit London Metropolitan University, and arranged for an expansion of that partnership to include graduate as well as undergraduate students. One graduate student from London has since studied at Roosevelt, and two Roosevelt undergraduates will be studying in London during 2006-2007.

## **ENROLLMENT**

Most of our growth continues to be centered at the downtown campus, where enrollments are nine percent higher than last year. Graduate students now comprise 41 percent of CAS enrollment. Our retention rate has exceeded our goal for the second year in a row. For full-time, first-year students entering Fall 2005, the retention rate is 70.1 percent – the second highest of all colleges at Roosevelt. For transfer students entering in Fall 2004, the

retention rate is 77.2 percent. At the college level, we have been working to improve retention with such programs as on-line Advisor Finder, the honors program, more student activities such as clubs and honorary societies, and increased participation in orientation events. Programs which have grown significantly since last year include undergraduate biology, communications, history and psychology, and graduate integrated marketing communication and psychology.

## **FUNDRAISING AND EXTERNAL SUPPORT**

- The Eiserer Newsletter Internship Program was initiated, funded by a three-year, \$60,000 grant from alumnus Leonard Eiserer.
- Progress was made on establishing student prize and scholarship awards honoring former professors John Barry (Spanish), Frank Untermeyer (Political Science), Richard Hooker (History), and Abba Lerner (Economics).
- A donation to the college from advisory board member Joe Loundy supported student travel to conferences in Venezuela and Mexico City.
- The College received a bequest from Ronald and Jane Anderson to establish a scholarship fund for students of English.
- We were awarded \$16,000 from Xomix, Inc., as a subcontractor for a summer biotechnology training course for high school students
- The Gage Gallery was granted \$25,000 from the Tribune Foundation for support of the exhibition and publication of *The Journey: The Next 100 Years from the Chicago Alliance of African-American Photographers*.
- The Center for New Deal Studies received substantial contributions to the Lepawsky Fellowship Fund and David MacLaren Memorial Book Collection.
- The Illinois Cooperative Collection Management Program funded the purchase of materials in the area of GLBTQ global studies, in partnership with our program in Women's and Gender Studies and our library.
- We received a variety of other donations including science equipment from Dr. Norman Frankel, and funds from Chicago Chromatography Society, Goldenberg Foundation, and Trustmark Insurance Company.
- The Institute for Metropolitan Affairs continued to work on projects funded at over \$1 million, raised from such institutions as the Fry Foundation, Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, Chicago Housing Authority, City of Chicago, League of Women Voters, and others.

## **FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENT NEWS**

I am pleased to report the following:

CAS faculty continued to be productive, publishing some 90 journal and book articles, presenting 110 conference papers in the U.S and abroad, producing book reviews, newspaper and magazine articles, poetry and performances, exhibitions and catalogs, and 5 books. These include:

--Peter Fallon, *Printing, Literacy, and Education in Eighteenth Century Ireland: Why the Irish Speak English* (Mellen Press)

--Svetozar Minkov (ed.), *Enlightening Revolutions: Essays in Honor of Ralph Lerner* (Lexington Press)

--Mary Ann Mohanraj, *Bodies in Motion* (HarperCollins)

--Christopher Reed, *Black Chicago's First Century, 1833-1900* (University of Missouri Press)

--Jonathan Smith, *God Speaks! The Flying Spaghetti Monster in His Own Words* (Lulu Press).

Our faculty mentorship program continued to connect junior faculty with senior colleagues. Thirty faculty received college funds to travel to academic and professional conferences. Other highlights include:

- Alex Wolpert (Computer Science) was promoted to full professor. Steve Ziliak (Economics) was tenured and promoted to full professor. Regina Buccola (English), Andy Carter (Mathematics), Peter Fallon (Journalism), Ellen O'Brien (English), and Janet Wondra (English and Creative Writing) were tenured and promoted to associate professor. Shiva Achet (Geography and Environmental Science), Mickey Brazeal (Communications), Sathees Chandra (Biology), and LaVonne Downey (Public Administration) were awarded second three-year contracts.
- Retiring this year were John McClelland (Journalism), Leon Stein (History), Christopher Reed (History), Awatif Soliman (Chemistry), and Martin Weinstein (Psychology).
- Faculty on research leave included Bethany Barrett (Political Science), Judith Boruchoff (Anthropology), Linda Jones (Journalism), Leslie Schwartzman (Computer Science), and Larry Howe (English).
- The University awarded the following faculty research leaves for 2006-2007: Priscilla Archibald (Spanish), Sandra Frink (History), Pamela Robert (Sociology), Stuart Warner (Philosophy), and Steve Ziliak (Economics).
- 18 Arts and Sciences faculty received summer research grants for Summer 2006.

- Steven Meyers (Psychology) received the Faculty Outstanding Teaching Award, and Senior Secretary Laura Anderson the “Employee of the Year” Award, both at the Employee Recognition Ceremony in March.

We are proud to report national and regional recognition accorded our faculty. Among these are:

- David Hamilton (Public Administration) taught in Ontario, Canada, on a Fulbright during Spring Semester 2006.
- Christian Erickson (Political Science) has been awarded a Fulbright to teach next spring in Kagazstan.
- Heather Dalmage (Sociology) received a National Endowment for the Humanities grant to participate in a seminar at the Newberry Library during Summer 2006.
- Anna Marie Schuh was elected President of the Greater Chicago Chapter, American Society for Public Administration.
- Janet Wondra’s creative nonfiction piece, “The War at Home” (*Bellingham Review*) was nominated for a Pushcart Prize.
- Linda Jones (Journalism) was awarded a grant from the McCormick Tribune foundation to support her survey of Chicago area high school journalism teachers and advisors.
- Michael Ens Dorf (Communications) was named Visiting Artist at the New School University’s Parsons School of Design.
- Ann Brigham (English & Women’s and Gender Studies) has been appointed co-chair of the local arrangements committee for the 2007 National Women’s studies Association Conference.
- In December, History professor Christopher Reed was named one of the 25 most influential Chicagoans by the *Chicago Tribune*.

## **Students**

Our students continue to be admitted into medical, law and dental schools. Ten students passed the notoriously difficult actuarial exam. Three graduated from the Nuclear Medicine and Radiation Therapy Technology clinical programs at Northwestern Memorial and Hines Veterans Hospitals. The College supported the participation of students at conferences, including the American Psychological Association, John Hogg Society, National Women’s Studies Association, World Social Forum in Venezuela, and Model United Nations conference in Mexico City.

Student staff members on the student newspaper, *The Torch*, collected a total of seven awards from the Illinois College Press Association. Arts and Sciences students held internships at dozens of sites, including the *Chicago Tribune*, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Spertus Museum, Chicago Conservation Center, Johnson Publishing, *Chicago Sky* WNBA franchise, and WTTW.

Student clubs and organizations continued to proliferate. A Model United Nations society was established, as was a social justice club (RU4SJ), and a sociology honors society, Alpha Kappa Delta. Students were inducted into honorary societies in history, communications, and psychology.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

The College co-sponsored numerous lectures, workshops, meetings, and other special events.

The Gage Gallery staged four exhibitions downtown, featuring the Chicago Alliance of African-American Photographers, Eugene Richards show on 9/11, Illinois Women Artists 2005 exhibition, and four Chicago women photographers. Shows at Schaumburg included the photographs of Antonio Perez, “Community Without Borders.”

The MFA creative writing program brought poets and novelists to campus, including Audrey Niffenegger, author of *The Time Traveler’s Wife*, and Judith Kitchen, editor and writer. The Department of Literature and Languages also co-sponsored the Kriti Festival, a four-day event celebrating South Asian and diaspora literature. Students published the *Oyez Review*. Many other programs provided notable guest lecturers, including philosophy, economics, women’s and gender studies, and political science. One political science class was invited to observe the Chicago City Council meeting and then met with Mayor Richard Daley.

We also co-sponsored numerous meetings and programs with Chicago organizations such as the Biotechnology Teacher Institute Day, Landmine Workshop, Chicago Foodways Roundtable, Chicago Metro History Education Center, and Working Women’s History Project.

Four of our professors - - Paul Green, Mickey Brazeal, LaVonne Downey, and Steve Ziliak—participated in a speaker’s series at Elgin Community College.

The Department of Communication hosted a sectional meet for the first Illinois High School Association journalism competition, the annual convention of the Scholastic Press Association of Chicago, a Dow-Jones Urban Journalism Workshop, and a panel discussion on media coverage of Islam and the Muslim world. The department also published the fifth annual issue of *IMC Review*.

***The Center for New Deal Studies*** presented a panel discussion on “The FCC and the Media” featuring former commissioner Newton Minow; other programs throughout the year included a birthday celebration of social security featuring U.S. Representatives Jan Schakowsky and Danny Davis. ***The St. Clair Drake Center for African-American and African Studies*** continued its partnership with the Chicago Housing Authority’s

Wentworth Gardens, providing internships, scholarships, and special events (such as a fundraiser with the Chicago White Sox) for residents. *The Mansfield Institute for Social Justice* continued the One Book/One University project with workshops on Ira Shor's book *Pedagogy for Liberation*, followed by a lecture by Shor in the spring. The MISJ also sponsored programs on Middle-Eastern politics, the freedom school movement, hip-hop culture, AIDS, and Agent Orange. Many of the programs were screened on CAN TV. Last June they hosted a book signing with Victor Navasky, publisher of *The Nation* magazine.

### **Goals for Next Year**

Our goals for next year include:

- Continuing or exploring program accreditation efforts in journalism, computer science, chemistry, and public administration.
- Better defining program feasibility at both campuses.
- Expanding partnerships – to include more degree completion programs with community colleges, the Adler Planetarium, Alexian Hospital, and institutions in China, England, Brazil, and other places around the world.
- Developing additional certificate and online programs.
- Improving faculty diversity.
- Contributing to the planning for general education reform.

For more details, see the individual reports posted on department and program websites at [www.roosevelt.edu/cas](http://www.roosevelt.edu/cas).

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