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Dean's Message

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Dear Folks,

We've just passed the mid-point of the fall semester and homecoming rapidly approaches.

Enrollment is strong. A total of 721 freshmen reported to campus in August. To date, the attrition rate among them (11 percent) is slightly above what it was for the fourth class at this time last year (10 percent). But the size of the Corps of Cadets is still at one of its highest levels ever. Majors in the Humanities and Social Sciences continue to be the most popular. The current rankings of The Citadel's five academic schools by number of undergraduate majors are:

Humanities and Social Sciences:	803
Business:	584
Science and Math:	389
Engineering:	333
Education:	30

Enrollment in our graduate programs is also healthy. The number of students currently enrolled in those programs is approximately 1500 which represents an increase of about 10 percent over this time last year. Of the five academic schools at The Citadel, Humanities and Social Sciences is currently producing the most graduate credit hours.

As many of you know, we've recently made efforts to expand our study abroad and service learning programs—both of which promote greater interaction between our students and the members of the broader world community. The International Study programs are developing at steady pace. A total of fifty students (thirty in Spain, eleven in England, nine in France) participated in our programs last summer. Five are currently overseas at universities in Germany, Australia, New Zealand, and Spain. Thirty-five have expressed tentative interest in going abroad in the spring. And early planning is underway for programs in China, Mexico, Spain, England, France, and possibly Vietnam next summer.

Completing one of these programs often has a profound effect on cadets. "Before I went to study abroad I was skeptical of the value of such programs," one wrote, "but since I have returned I have urged anyone who will listen to explore the possibility...The program was a life-changing experience and I feel that any student of any background would benefit from such a program."

Unfortunately, a lot of our very good students do not have the financial means to take advantage of these programs. With that in mind, we've launched efforts to raise funds that will be earmarked to assist talented students with economic need who want to study abroad but would not otherwise be able

to do so. Through those efforts we anticipate being able to provide some financial aid to at least two or three such students next summer.

Our internship and service learning programs are also growing. More than fifty students have engaged in academic internships since last I wrote to you. Sponsoring agencies include: Family Literacy Program of MUSC's Children's Care Clinic ; Gloucester County (MA) Prosecutor's Office; Jabbar (Spanish Language Radio Station) Communications in Charleston; the U.S. Marshall's Service; and the Sixth District Court of Virginia. A much larger number of students have participated in a variety of service learning activities. They include preparing meals at the homeless shelter at Crisis Ministries, tutoring students in reading and math at James Simons Elementary School, and working on various Habitat for Humanity Projects. In the spring, several students, both undergraduate and graduate, will be participating in "alternative spring break" projects that take them to do community service both here in the South Carolina low-country and in New York City. Several are also training to run as "Team Citadel" in the Myrtle Beach Marathon to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Students also find these experiences in service to be exceptionally rewarding. "Education," one wrote, "is meant to serve more than just yourself. An institution of higher learning is meant to provide students with the skills and the knowledge to go out into the world to help others. Education is about opening your eyes to how you can help others and giving you the tools to do it... in order to thoroughly understand your community, you have to be involved in it."

Finally, we think you'll interested to learn that cadets in Adjunct Professor Tiffany Silverman's Art History class at The Citadel are learning firsthand about the art world as they open the institution's first cadet-curated exhibition in the Capers Hall Lobby on Friday, October 23rd during Parents' Weekend with support from The Citadel Foundation, the Gibbes Museum of Art, and The Citadel's School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Focused on painted interpretations of the familiar streets, glorious sunsets, and mysterious marshlands of the South Carolina Lowcountry, the show features works by local artists such as Johnson Hagood, Lese Corrigan, Gary Grier, Christopher Murphy, Amelia Rose Smith, and Gordon Nicholson. The exhibition debuted with a reception on the afternoon of Friday October 23rd and will continue through December 4.

If you have questions about any of these initiatives, or the other current projects and activities of our students and faculty that are outlined below, don't hesitate to let me know. And, of course, any time you may be on campus please stop by Capers Hall 104 for a visit.

Happy Homecoming!

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Winfred B. Moore, Jr.
Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences

Recent and Upcoming Events

Recent Events:

John Shelton Reed

John Shelton Reed discussed “The Balkans of Barbecue: Pit-cooked Meats in the Carolinas” on Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 7:00 PM in Bond Hall Room 165.

David Stewart

David Stewart discussed his new book “Impeached: The Trial of President Andrew Johnson and the Fight for Lincoln's Legacy” at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8 at the Holliday Alumni Center. The event was jointly sponsored by the South Carolina Historical Society.

Shannon Meehan and Roger Thompson

Shannon Meehan and Roger Thompson discussed “Beyond Duty: Life on the Front Line in Iraq” on Monday, October 19, 2009 at 6:30PM in Bond Hall Room 165.

Upcoming Events:

SHSS Art Exhibition

On Friday, October 23, 2009 in the Capers Hall Lobby, an art exhibit coordinated by art instructor Tiffany Silverman will be held from 1-2:30PM.

Alex Macaulay

Alex Macaulay will discuss “Marching in Step: Masculinity, Citizenship and The Citadel in Post-World War II America” on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Duckett Hall Auditorium.

Jack Bass and Scott Poole

Citadel Fellow Jack Bass and History Professor Scott Poole of the College of Charleston, will discuss “Fritz Hollings as a Transformative Force in S.C. History” on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at 6:30 PM in Bond Hall Room 165.

Spotlight On:

Cadet Attends Humanitarian Crisis Exercise

Cadet Jessica Maas has returned from her experience representing the Department of Political Science/Criminal Justice and The Citadel at a humanitarian crisis exercise in Macedonia. Each year, one student from Dr. Terry Mays' multinational peacekeeping course is selected to participate in an international internship or exercise in order to apply what he/she learned in the classroom. The Citadel has an excellent reputation in the Multinational Peacekeeping community.



Ms. Maas (in green safety vest) briefing her humanitarian team in the field.



Ms. Maas overseeing a river rescue operation.

Many thanks to The Citadel Foundation which covered Ms. Maas' tuition and living expenses for the program!

The Poets' Prize Committee

Professor Margaret Lally of The Department of English is now in her twentieth year of serving on The Poets' Prize Committee. This small group, founded by Robert McDowell, Louis Simpson, and the late Frederick Morgan, founder and editor of *The Hudson Review*, awards

\$3000 each year at a ceremony in New York City to the American poet who has written the book they deem to have been the best of that year. The founders said, “We believe there is no greater honor than to be awarded a prize by a jury of one’s peers.”

All twenty members serve at the invitation of others (Mr. Simpson was the one who extended the invitation to Professor Lally). Each personally contributes \$150 annually to the prize and nominates two books. In November, December, and January, each reads as many as forty books of poems that come in from across the country. During the rest of the year, they gather in more; they read throughout the year, looking for the ones they will nominate.

Among the twenty poets serving at this time are Louis Simpson, Claudia Emerson, Natasha Trethewey, and Ted Kooser, all winners of The Pulitzer Prize. A former member is Dana Gioia, who went on to chair The National Endowment for the Arts.

In her first year at The Citadel, 1987, Professor Lally thought, “Louis Simpson should come here.” Professor Simpson had served in World War II, from Normandy to Berchtesgaden, in the 101st Airborne Division. Mr. Simpson was awarded the Bronze Star and was twice awarded the Purple Heart; several departments on campus, including the Army, Navy, and Air Force, were pleased to be asked to contribute to his honorarium. In April of 1989 Professor Simpson came to the college; ours was one of the few invitations he accepted that year.

At one point during his reading in Jenkins Hall, the poet stopped reading and looked up at the wall above his audience, where he had noticed an insignia. He said quietly, “That’s my outfit.” The room went silent.

The next morning he taught Dr. Lally’s class; he met in the afternoon in the Rare Books Room with nine student poets, telling them what it had been like to land on the beaches of Normandy, and talking to them about writing and life. Later, one said to Dr. Lally, “Do you realize that I will never forget this?”

Dr. and Mrs. Simpson stayed in Charleston for a long weekend. After they left, Dr. Lally wrote an article about his work for *The Post and Courier*. They enjoyed their visit so much that the next year he suggested to Dr. Lally that she invite Mr. Morgan to the Citadel. Mr. Morgan, a brilliant poet himself, who had been his close friend since the post-war years at the beginning of both their careers, also stayed a long weekend. During that time his wife, Paula Dietz, an expert on landscape gardening and many other subjects, visited Charleston plantations and wrote an article about them for *The New York Times*. Ms. Dietz is now the Editor of *The Hudson Review*.

Those who have read Paul Fussell’s book *The Great War and Modern Memory* will remember Professor Simpson’s having been asked there what life was like for the soldier in World War II, and the Daniel Library has a good number of Simpson’s books in its collection. *A Dream of Governors* and his *Selected Prose* focus, in large part, on his wartime experiences. The latter contains correspondence between him and his family during those years. One striking element of it, to Dr. Lally’s mind, is its loving pretense: no matter what the young soldier was going through, he wrote as though he was just having a good time, some travel, and another cigarette or two. Later books—and they are many—take up a host of diverse subjects: the reputations and influences of poets, the craft of writing, suburban life, travel. They are characterized by Simpson’s distinctive tone of crisp irony and a “fit-audience-though-few” sense of disappointed urbanity.

Professor Lally met Professor Simpson when she was a graduate student at Case Western Reserve University. He had come to Cleveland’s University Circle to give a reading, and since she had been researching his work, she was invited to be part of his visit. For her, some of the

most notable among his poems are “The Runner” (a long poem about a soldier-messenger in The Battle of the Bulge), “The Heroes” (a soldier’s redefinition of the word), “The Bird” (about a singing Nazi prison guard), “Chicken Soup” (about an underfed German girl upon whom the speaker-soldier reflects), and “I Dreamed That in a City Dark As Paris” (where an American soldier contemplates a statue of a World War I *poilu* on a city street and feels more kinship with that figure than he does with the world around him).

Thanks, in greatest measure, to the inspiration and efforts of its three founders, The Poets’ Prize is now in its third decade. Professor Lally feels privileged to be poised between the Greatest Generation and its heirs.

National Day on Writing

Sponsored by The Citadel’s Lowcountry Writing Center, local students and teachers joined professional writers at public reading from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 19 at the Riviera Theater at Charleston Place. The Lowcountry Writing Project hopes this event will kick off similar readings in schools across the Lowcountry, said Tom Thompson, associate professor of English at The Citadel and director of the Lowcountry Writing Project. The celebration started with students and teachers “Celebrating the Lowcountry through Writing” in August and September. They were able to submit their work to the National Gallery of Writing, a website that will publish student and community writing from all over the country. The Lowcountry Writing Project’s section of the national gallery will be unveiled at the Oct. 19 event. Charleston Mayor Joe Riley opened the public reading, with local poet Jim Lundy serving as emcee. The program included readings and audio-visual presentations by Lowcountry students and teachers, plus readings by local author and Post and Courier columnist Ken Burger and South Carolina Poet Laureate Marjory Wentworth.

Professor Knapp Participates in Silk Road Foundation seminar

This summer I was selected to participate in an on-site seminar, which was sponsored by the Silk Road Foundation. The seminar explored the archaeological remains of China’s traditional northern frontier. It began in the northwestern city of Lanzhou, which is 1100 miles west of Beijing. We then traveled 6500 kilometers by bus through the provinces of Gansu, Ningxia, Inner Mongolia, Liaodong, to Ji’an, which is a city on the Yalu River that demarcates the border between China and North Korea. Along the way, we visited archaeological sites, current excavations, museums, and numerous historical sites. Both experts who were part of the seminar and local archaeologists presented lectures to the group. The seminar underscored the important role that both the frontier and pastoral nomads who inhabited it had in shaping China’s history and culture.

Photo 1: Interior of a Liao Dynasty (907-1125) mural tomb.

Photo 2: Liao dynasty pagoda outside of Balin zuoqi in Inner Mongolia.



Lowcountry Writing Project offering new classes this fall

The Lowcountry Writing Project at The Citadel will conduct two classes this fall to improve the writing and storytelling skills of area teachers. Professional Writing (ENGL 551) will help teachers learn how to write grants for their classrooms and other professional purposes. This course, which will be taught by Lauren Rule, assistant professor of English, also includes a focus on grammar and rhetoric, so teachers can be more confident teaching these concepts to their own students. Digital Storytelling (EDUC 587), taught by Emily Elliott, a Charleston County School District educational technology specialist, will help teachers learn how to create and edit images and audio files for digital narratives to use in their classrooms. Teachers can also teach their students these skills so students, too, can create digital presentations for class.

Criminal justice professor brings the world to the classroom

Criminal Justice Professor William P. Bloss is making a mark as a leader in the field of international criminal justice through his work with the Kosovo Police Service and the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime.

Bloss traveled to Ohrid, Macedonia, for the 2009 International Police Executive Symposium where he was selected to conduct a study of the new Kosovo Police Service. Bloss is focusing his analytic skills on police leadership practices during the post-independence transition period of the Republic of Kosovo. The Kosovo study joins a larger research project investigating crime and justice issues in the Balkan region.



Bloss also joined international researchers and police officials in March to study new developments in crime measurement in Santiago, Chile. The United Nations Economic Commission for Latin American and the Caribbean hosted representatives from dozens of countries to analyze juvenile and adult crime reporting methods with the goal of developing improved universal measures. Bloss hopes to continue using his international experiences to broaden classroom learning and encourage students to be more involved as leaders in international affairs. The Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice began offering a minor in international criminal justice in 2007 to provide students with the option to focus on international crime topics.

Teaching American History Grant

A second [Teaching American History Grant](#), entitled *Foundations of American History*, has been awarded to Berkeley County School District (BCSD) with The Citadel as its higher education partner. The over-all grant program is designed to improve US History instruction in elementary and secondary schools by improving teachers' content knowledge. The new \$936,000 award will focus on kindergarten through fifth grade teachers. The previous grant was awarded to provide training for secondary teachers. The Citadel will maintain its partnership with BCSD established through the initial grant, and will serve as the primary higher education partner for the new grant. The new Foundation of American History grant also partners with Charleston Southern University as well as other historic organizations, including the Avery Research Institute, Berkeley County Museum and Old Santee Canal Park, the Charleston Museum, the Gibbs Museum of Art, the National Park Service, the Old Exchange Building, Patriots' Point Naval and Maritime Museum, Drayton Hall, and the South Carolina Historical Society. "The Teaching American History grants are highly competitive," said Bo Moore, dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at The Citadel. "The awarding of a second grant to the same team of educators is an extraordinary expression of confidence in the past work completed by the Berkeley County School District and its higher education partner, The Citadel's Department of History."

Grant Award to Support the Study of Chinese

More than \$200,000 in grant money is coming to The Citadel to support Chinese language instruction and create study abroad opportunities in China for cadets who will be commissioned military officers upon graduation. The Citadel is a recipient of a \$201,726 Project Go grant from the Institute of International Education. The money will support an additional course in Chinese language instruction, tutorial programs and scholarships for ROTC cadets to study in China. The Citadel's Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures began offering a course in elementary Chinese in 2007, followed by an intermediate Chinese class in 2008. Beginning in the spring of 2010 two courses of Chinese language will be offered in the same semester. Courses in Chinese are open to all cadets while the scholarship opportunity to study in China is intended for cadets who will enter the military upon graduation. The grant was a collaborative effort of Mark P. Del Mastro, head of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures and primary grant writer; Col. Richard C. Townes, commanding officer of Army ROTC; Zane U. Segle, director of the Modern Languages Resource Center; and Robert Pickering, director of International Studies.

Political Science professor earns international peacekeeping certification

Terry M. Mays of the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice has completed the highest level of formal certification offered in the field of United Nations Peace Support Operations.

The training program, managed by the Peace Operations Training Institute, is offered through a consortium that also includes the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations and several peacekeeping training centers. The training is a demanding 24-month program that only a few people complete each year. Eleven people, all non-Americans, graduated in 2008. Mays is one of four and the only American to complete the program so far in 2009. The program includes an in-residence peace support operations course at an international center, 12 distance courses, and an original thesis.

An associate professor in the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice, Mays said working on his certification has helped him in the classroom where he teaches multinational peacekeeping and international



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organizations. Support from The Citadel Foundation allowed Mays to complete his certification.

Criminal Justice Conference

On September 17, 2009, Dr. Martha Hurley, Dr. Catherine Burton, and three criminal justice students: Zachary Hayth, Christopher Page, and Tony Nelson conducted a roundtable at the Southern Criminal Justice Association (SCJA) conference held in Charleston, SC at the Doubletree Hotel. The title of the roundtable was "Cults and Gangs: A Rose by Another Name?" SCJA is the largest regional criminal justice academic association in the country. These students were the only undergraduates presenting at the conference.

The Citadel's Americorps V.I.S.T.A. Program 2009-10

Under the leadership of Professor Conway Saylor, the services of a full-time V.I.S.T.A. Worker, Kimberly Parkhill, were secured for The Citadel via competitive process through the South Carolina Campus Compact for AY 2009-2010. The mission of VISTA workers is to “build the organizational, administrative, and financial capacity of organizations that fight illiteracy, improve health services, foster economic develop, and otherwise assist low-income communities. Develop programs to meet a need, write grants, and recruit and train volunteers.” Ms. Parkhill will work with SHSS Service Council and Krause Leadership Initiative to coordinate existing service learning projects (e.g. “Buddy Dance” for children with disabilities, blood drives, “big brother” projects, etc) at The Citadel and to develop new ones. Tentative new plans at Citadel for AY 2009-2010 include: (1) “Team in Training” run to raise money for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (2) Alternative Winter and/or Spring Break, (3) Charleston Crisis Ministries and James Simons Elementary School.



Kimi Parkhill, The Citadel's V.I.S.T.A. worker for 2009-10

Workshop Co-Sponsored by the Department of Political Science & Criminal Justice

In May 2009, over 50 enthusiastic ACLU supporters took part in a grassroots activism training session held at The Citadel. Jeani Murray, National Field Director, and Cyndi Lucass, Regional Organizer, from the ACLU Legislative Office in Washington, DC, conducted the full-day hands-on session designed to help individuals bring about positive change on important civil liberties

and civil rights issues. The Political Science and Criminal Justice Department co-sponsored the workshop, which focused on media outreach and advocacy skills.

Dr. Urroz Participates in 14th Annual WordFest

Eloy Urroz, Associate Professor of Spanish in the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures, was invited participant in the 14th Annual WordFest festival in Calgary, Alberta, October 13-18, 2009.

Dr. Nida Appointed Associate Provost & Dean of CGC

Provost Samuel M. Hines, Jr. recently announced that Psychology Professor and Department Chair Steve Nida has been appointed Associate Provost for Graduate and Professional Education and Dean of The Citadel Graduate College. Dr. Nida has served as Head of the Psychology Department since August 2002. The School of Humanities and Social Sciences joins in congratulating Dr. Nida on this appointment.

Dr. Politano Appointed Psychology Department Head

The School of Humanities & Social Sciences congratulates Dr. Michael Politano on his appointment to replace Dr. Nida as Interim Head of the Psychology Department for 2009-2010.

News from the School of Humanities & Social Sciences Departments

English Department:

Sean Heuston

Sean Heuston traveled to London, England from May 12-June 29, 2009 to direct and teach in The Citadel Summer in London program.

James Hutchisson

James Hutchisson attended an NCTE/NCATE Program Review Workshop in Newberry, South Carolina in May 7, 2009. From Jun 11-14, 2009, Professor Hutchisson conducted research in Chicago, Illinois and from May 1-4, 2009 he conducted research in Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Hutchisson attended a conference and workshop in Newberry, South Carolina from April 24-25, 2009.

James Leonard

James Leonard attended the State of Mark Twain Studies Conference in Elmira, New York August 5-9, 2009. While at the conference, Dr. Leonard presented a paper and chaired a

conference. Dr. Leonard attended the American Literature Association Conference as Vice President of the Mark Twain Circle of America in Boston, Massachusetts from May 20-24, 2009.

Scott Lucas

The University of Massachusetts recently published Dr. Lucas's book *A Mirror for Magistrates and the Politics of the English Reformation*. Dr. Lucas attended the Sixteenth Century Society and Conference Annual Meeting in Geneva, Switzerland from May 26-June 1, 2009. While at the conference, Dr. Lucas presented the paper "The Creation of a Conspirator: Thomas Wolsey in Holenshed's *Chronicles*." Dr. Lucas traveled to England from July 11-25, 2009, where he presented a paper at the Henry VIII and the Tudor Court conference at Hampton Court Palace and following the conference, he conducted research at libraries in Britain.

Lauren Rule

Lauren Rule presented a paper entitled "Teaching Gatsby's Lessons about Self-Fashioning and Military Dress" at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Conference in Baltimore, MD.

History Department:

Michael Barrett

Michael Barrett traveled to the USNA 2009 Naval History Symposium in Annapolis, Maryland from September 9-12, 2009, where he presented the paper "The Danube Flotilla in the 1916 Romanian Campaign." Dr. Barrett attended the 8th International Conference on Military Geosciences in Vienna, Austria from June 15-19, 2009. While at the conference, Dr. Barrett presented a paper.

Katherine Grenier

Katherine Grenier participated in a workshop at the North American Victorian Studies Association/British Association for Victorian Studies Joint Meeting in Cambridge, England from July 12-15, 2009. Dr. Grenier conducted research in the National Library of Scotland, Thomas Cook archives and British Library during her travels from July 6-18, 2009.

Keith Knapp

Keith Knapp participated in the workshop "Contesting Boundaries: Environments and Interdependence in Asian Perspectives" in Nashville, Tennessee. While in Nashville, Professor Knapp lectured a class on Asian philosophy at Belmont University. Dr. Knapp gave two lectures as part of the Asia-Pacific Orientation Course at the Special Operations School at Hurlburt Field in Florida May 18, 2009. Dr. Knapp attended the Midwest Conference in Chinese Thought in Carbondale, Illinois from April 17-19, 2009. While at the meeting, Dr. Knapp presented the paper "Filial Utopias: Early Medieval Confucian Conceptions of Local Governance". Dr. Knapp participated in the China's Northern Frontier On-site Seminar July 12-August 10, 2009. Through a trip organized by the Silk Road Foundation, the group traveled through China's northern provinces and visited archaeological and historical sites and heard lectures from Western and Chinese experts.

David Preston

The University of Nebraska Press recently published *The Texture of Contact: European and Indian Settler Communities on the Frontiers of Iroquoia, 1667-1783*, authored David Preston. Dr. Preston was an invited speaker at the National Endowment for the Humanities "Landmarks Workshop" at Niagara University and Old Fort Niagara in upstate New York July 13-14, 2009. Dr. Preston presented a lecture on Iroquois diplomacy in the 18th century. Dr. Preston conducted research for his book project "From Braddock's Defeat to the Siege of Boston: Personal Transformations on the Road of Revolution" at libraries and archives in Boston, Massachusetts and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from May 18-31, 2009.

Joseph Renouard

Joseph Renouard attended the 2009 Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Annual Meeting in Falls Church, Virginia from June 24-27, 2009 where he presented the paper "Universal Standards or Special Interests?: The Ethnic Effect on Human Rights Policy Making." Prior to the meeting, Dr. Renouard conducted research for a book manuscript and an academic article at Columbia University's Rare Book and Manuscript Library and New York University's Tamiment Library.

Kyle Sinisi

Kyle Sinisi attended the Historicon conference in Lancaster, Pennsylvania from July 14-18, 2009.

Kerry Taylor

Kerry Taylor attended the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Labor and Working Class History Association (LAWCHA) in Chicago, Illinois May 26-31, 2009. While at the meeting, Dr. Taylor chaired the Urban Slums and Desperate Workers panel and participated in the Oral History and Labor History workshop. Following the meeting, Dr. Taylor spent time in Chicago conducting research.

Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures Department:

Juan Bahk

The book *Savia de las Antipodas*, published by Editorial Verbum, includes a Korean translation of the Spaniard A.P. Alencart's poetry by Professor Juan Bahk. Dr. Bahk was granted a military promotion to Colonel effective August 16, 2009.

Mark P. Del Mastro

Mark P. Del Mastro attended the 59th Annual Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference (October 8-10, 2009) at Furman University where he discussed the topic of e-journals as an invited panelist in the roundtable session "The State of Academic Publishing Today"; he also presented his paper "The Unsettled Search: Identity in Carmen Laforet's Novels" in the session "Questions of Identity in 21st Century Spanish Narrative." The 10th issue of *Decimonónica* was published in September 2009. Prof. Del Mastro is founding Co-Director of this refereed, online journal of 19th century Hispanic cultural production. Dr. Del Mastro accepted an invitation to join the Editorial Board of *Juan de la Cuesta Hispanic Monographs* on August 19, 2009. Professor Del Mastro conducted a 40-minute presentation on "The Generation of 1898 and the

Spanish Civil War" on June 24, 2009 for the "Lowcountry Scholars" series hosted by the Lowcountry Senior Center on James Island. Dr. Del Mastro conducted the annual Sigma Delta Pi Executive Committee Meeting in Charleston, S.C. on June 12-13, 2009. Professor Del Mastro spent May 20-27 in Madrid, Spain writing and conducting research on Carmen Laforet at the Biblioteca Nacional. In May 2009, the 70th anniversary edition of Entre Nosotros, the official national journal of Sigma Delta Pi, was published. Professor Del Mastro is Director of the annual.

Amy Emm

Amy Emm recently presented a paper and moderated a panel at the German Studies Association Annual Conference in Washington D.C.

Sara Fernandez-Medina

Sara Fernandez-Medina conducted research on Rosa Montero's work in Madrid, Spain from May 20-August 14, 2009. Dr. Fernandez-Medina traveled to Madrid, Spain from May 19-July 16, 2009 to oversee the study abroad program conducted there. Dr. Fernandez-Medina, conducted research on Rosa Montero from May 7-11, 2009 in Madrid, Spain. On July 1, 2009, Dr. Fernández Medina began a three-year term as new Spanish Section Chief. The department thanks her predecessor, Dr. Juan Bahk, for his past exemplary service.

Albert Gurganus

The Fall 2009 issue of the annual publication of The Citadel includes an article by Professor Al Gurganus titled "Competing in the Global Village: Preparing Cadets for Fellowships" on pages 22-25. The Executive Board of the Philological Association of the Carolinas (PAC) has invited Dr. Al Gurganus to deliver the keynote address at next year's PAC convention, to be held March 11-13, 2010 on the campus of The College of Charleston. In preparation for another round of cadet applications for nationally and internationally competitive scholarships (Fulbright, Marshall, Rhodes, Truman, et al), Professor Gurganus attended the biennial National Association of Fellowships Advisors conference July 15-18 in Seattle. During the summer of 2009, Professor Gurganus arranged and cataloged the personal papers of Professor James C. O'Flaherty (including correspondence with Bertrand Russell, Thomas Mann, and Isaiah Berlin), part of the O'Flaherty Collection housed in Daniel Library and the Citadel Archives. Dr. Gurganus' letter to the editor on "North Carolina Art" was printed in the travel section of the New York Times on Sunday, June 28. In April 2009, The Institute of International Education invited Dr. Gurganus to serve a three-year term on the National Screening Committee for English Language Teaching Assistantships in Germany. Professor Gurganus chaired the nominating committee for Delta Phi Alpha national officers in the spring of 2009.

Cathy Jellenik

On Friday, August 28, 2009 in the Sottile Mezzanine, Dr. Cathy Jellenik lead a roundtable discussion on education after the 7:30pm showing of THE CLASS (Entre les murs) during the College of Charleston French Film Festival. Professor Jellenik's article "Le Corps de la femme chez Ernaux" will be published in 2009 in the book Annie Ernaux. Perspectives critiques (Ottawa: Legas, 2009).

Katya Skow

The article "Of Superbroads, Rented Men, and Champagne Diets: Hera Lind and the New German Women's Novel," written by Dr. Katya Skow was just published in the journal *Popular Culture Review*. Professor Skow recently contributed to the following volume <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=25205>. In September 2009, a review of the book German Literature in a New Century. Trends, Traditions, Transitions, Transformations (eds. Katharina Gerstenberger and Patricia Herminhouse. New York and Oxford: Berghan Books, 2008) was published at H-Net. With Julia Karolle-Berg, Dr. Skow co-authored "From *Frauenliteratur* to *Frauenliteraturbetrieb*: Marketing Literature to German Women in the Twenty-First Century," which appears in the aforementioned book. Dr. Skow's article "Of Superbroads, Rented Men, and Champagne Diets: Hera Lind and the New German Women's Novel," has been published in the winter 2008 issue of Popular Culture Review.

Zane Segle

Zane Segle's article "(Re)imagining Ramadan: The Significance of Festival Discourse in Pérez de Hita's *Guerras civiles de Granada*" has just been published in the spring 2009 issue of Letras Hispanas: http://letrashispanas.unlv.edu/index_files/Page414.html.

Guy Toubiana

The Summer 2009 issue of Romance Quarterly published the article "Casanova magicien ou la fabrication d'un mythe" written by Guy Toubiana.

Eloy Urroz

A fine review of Dr. Eloy Urroz's latest novel Fricción was published in the fall 2009 issue of the Mexican journal Estudios.

General News from the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures & Cultures

On October 19, 2009 at 4:00pm in Buyer Auditorium, an informative session for ROTC-contract students was held regarding The Citadel's Chinese language program and the 2010 Chinese study abroad scholarships (<http://www.citadel.edu/mlng/chineseschol.htm>).

Modern Languages, Literatures & Cultures is now on Twitter, a real-time short messaging service that works over multiple networks and devices. From your mobile phone, you can follow our department's most recent activities and related news. This webpage will still publish the most up-to-date information on the department, but Twitter gives us one more way of staying in touch with our graduates, current students, colleagues and friends. Visit the Twitter website to learn how to sign up for this service.

Are you a member of Facebook? Join our department's Facebook group page and stay in touch with your alma mater, past professors and class mates.

The Institute of International Education of the U.S. Department of Defense awarded The Citadel \$201,726 to bolster its Chinese language and culture program. See the official press release for further details: http://externalaffairs.citadel.edu/grant_to_teach_chinese. Thanks to this grant, The Citadel is pleased to announce its 2010 Chinese study abroad scholarship program for qualifying ROTC-contract students.

The Citadel's chapter of Sigma Delta Pi is pleased to announce the finalists of its 5th Annual South Carolina Spanish Teacher of the Year Award (see www.scspanishteacheroftheyear.org). The 2009 winner will be announced during an awards ceremony to be held on campus the evening of November 12.

In July 2009, The Citadel's chapter of Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society, published its 21st issue of *El Cid* (www.citadel.edu/elcid), a national, refereed journal in Spanish dedicated to original works of undergraduate and graduate students. Louis Richard Doelling (Spanish, '09) served as Editor for this issue; Dr. Mark P. Del Mastro is the journal's founding Director.

On July 8, 2009, the S.C. State Board of Education officially approved the department's foreign language teaching certification program effective for the fall of 2009. In cooperation with the School of Education, the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures now has three new tracks under its current B.A. program: K-12 certification in French, German and Spanish.

The May 2009 issue of *Le Gaulois Litteraire*, the official student journal of the French Section, is now available online: <http://www.citadel.edu/mlng/LeGauloisLitteraire.htm>. Thanks to Drs. Guy Toubiana and Cathy Jellenik, the journal's directorship, for their exceptional work in preparing this issue. Dr. Toubiana founded the journal in 1995.

Upcoming Events

The 18th annual Modern Languages Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday, April 15, 2010 from 6-8:00pm. All Modern Languages majors and minors will be encouraged to attend this important event. Further details forthcoming...

Alumni & Current Students

Luis Barredo (Spanish & East Asian Studies minors, '09) is currently working in South Gate, CA as a distribution center manager for MAERSK, the largest marine shipping company in the world.

In June 2009, The Citadel's Tau Iota Chapter of Sigma Delta Pi was one of only 9 chapters nationwide to be selected as "Honor Chapters" by the National Executive Committee. This is the 17th consecutive year that The Citadel's group has earned this distinction. There are 564 total chapters in the U.S. and Canada. Cadets Richard Doelling, Alexander Johnson and Valentín Boza served as the chapter President, Vice-President and Secretary respectively for the 2008-09 academic year. Dr. Mark P. Del Mastro founded Tau Iota in January 1993, and he still serves as Chapter Adviser along with Dr. Sara Fernández Medina.

Bradford C. Greer (B.A., Spanish, '00) is a Spanish teacher at the Upper School of Christ Church Episcopal School in Greenville, South Carolina.

Mr. Javier Yudice (Spanish '06) is currently a Spanish teacher at Brashier Middle College Charter High School in Simpsonville, S.C.

Political Science/Criminal Justice Department:

William Bloss

William Bloss presented the results of research and attended the Southern Criminal Justice Association 2009 annual meeting in Charleston, SC from September 17-19, 2009. Dr. Bloss attended the 2009 Annual Meeting of the International Police Executive Symposium in Skopje, Macedonia from June 7-15, 2009.

Jack Porter

Jack Porter attended the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association held in Toronto, Canada. Dr. Porter also presented two academic papers at the conference titled "Can Authoritarian Regimes Apply Tactical Smart Power? South Africa's Counterinsurgency Campaign in Namibia (1966-1989)" and "Smart Power and Counterinsurgency: American Military Policy in the 21st Century." Dr. Porter traveled to NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium in order to conduct research on counterinsurgency and stabilization operations in Afghanistan, the Balkans, and Iraq, paying special attention to the role of the German armed forces in the context of wider NATO alliance operations, at the NATO HQ library from May 28-June 23, 2009.

Sarah Tenney

Sarah Tenney attended the Ninth International CISS Millennium Conference in Potsdam, Germany from June 11-19, 2009. While at the conference, Dr. Tenney presented a paper.

Psychology Department:

Al Finch

Al Finch attended the annual convention meeting of the American Psychological Association in Toronto, Canada from August 4-9, 2009. Dr. Finch recently published *Becoming Board Certified by the American Board of Professional Psychology*, co-authored with C.M. Nezu and N. Simon and published by Oxford University Press.

William Johnson

William Johnson participated in a Multivariate Statistical Analysis Workshop at the American Psychological Association Convention in Toronto, Canada from August 5-8, 2009.

Steve Nida

Steve Nida attended the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association in Chicago, Illinois from April 29-May 3, 2009. Dr. Nida serves as the organization's Convention

Affairs Coordinator. While at the meeting Dr. Nida presented the paper "Ostracism, Depression, and Adjustment in Children and Adolescents". This article, co-authored with colleagues at The Citadel and MUSC was reviewed in the May 11 edition of the Charleston *Post and Courier*. Dr. Nida was recently elected as a Charter Fellow of the Midwestern Psychological Association. Dr. Nida published the following two book chapters: Williams, K. D., & Nida, S. A. (2009). Is ostracism worse than bullying? In M. J. Harris (Ed.), *Bullying, rejection, and peer victimization: A social cognitive neuroscience perspective*. New York: Springer and Dunn, D. S., Brewer, C. L., Cautin, R. L., Gurung, R. A. R., Keith, K. D., McGregor, L. N., Nida, S. A., Puccio, P., & Voigt, M. J. (2009). The undergraduate psychology curriculum: A call for a core. In D. F. Halpern (Ed.), *Undergraduate education in psychology: A blueprint for the future*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

Conway Saylor

Conway Saylor presented two posters at the American Psychological Association meeting in Toronto, Canada August 5-9, 2009.