

Christian Brothers University

Newsletters



May 2006

[A Quick Word from the Dean](#) | [Faculty Achievements and Activities](#) | [Office of Teaching Resources in Psychology](#) | [Student Achievements and Activities](#) | [Alumnae/Alumni Achievements and Activities](#) | [RSS Feeds Now Available From CBU](#) | [Online Art Gallery](#) | [The Value of a CBU School of Arts Education](#) | [NCATE Accreditation](#) | [LANCE to Graduate Second Cohort](#) | [Talent Show](#) | [Smila Program Announcement](#) | [Contact Us](#)

A QUICK WORD FROM THE DEAN

This will be my last newsletter as Dean of the CBU School of Arts. I have accepted a position to teach Central and Eastern European History at Rhodes College. I truly enjoyed serving as dean during the 2005-06 academic year. It was a great learning experience.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Samantha Alperin ([Education](#)) attended the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) conference in Arlington, VA.

Frank Buscher (Dean, [School of Arts](#)) recently gave a talk titled "*Explaining the Holocaust: The Historian as Teacher and War Crimes Investigator*" at Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wisconsin. He also finished the Germantown Half-Marathon in 1:29:22 and the Alabama Powerman (8k run, 53k bike, 8k run) in 3:09:06.

Doug Cupples ([History](#), Adjunct) had his silver gelatin print, Brugges, Sint Janshopitaal, selected by the jury for exhibition in the Memphis College of Art's 70th Anniversary Alumni Exhibition at MCA's new downtown gallery (431 South Main Street). The subject of his photograph is one of the oldest surviving medieval

hospitals in Europe, and its chapel is the site of the famous 15th century panels by Hans Memling. The exhibition runs through July 23.

Dr. Roger Easson ([Literature & Languages](#)) published an article titled "*Why Senators Can't Win: Or Why Hillary Can't Win and Shouldn't Run*" in the Shelby Democrat, March 2006 issue. A second article titled "*The Politics of Brokeback Mountain*" was published in the April issue of the same journal.

Ellen Faith ([Education](#)) attended the **National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)** conference in Arlington, VA. Dr. Faith also presented a paper at the **National Conference of the Association of Independent and Liberal Arts Colleges of Teacher Education (AILACTE)** in San Diego, California.

Ellen Faith and **MA McCoy** ([Education](#)) attended the **National Conference of the American Associate of Colleges of Teacher Education (AACTE)** in San Diego, California.

Peter Gathje ([Religion and Philosophy](#)) presented a daylong class April 22 on Social Justice for men preparing for the diaconate in the Diocese of Memphis.

Scott Geis ([Religion and Philosophy](#)) presented a paper entitled "*Suffering (and) the Consolations of Religion*" at the **Eleventh Annual Christianity in the Academy conference** at the University of Memphis on March 31, and also participated in a brief panel discussion on various issues and questions related to the conference theme of Classical Education in the Post-Modern Academy.

Damon Griffin ([History and Political Science](#)) invited **Shelby County Mayor A.C. Wharton** to speak to his **American Government class** on Wednesday, April 19. Over twenty CBU faculty, staff, and students heard Mayor Wharton discuss "*What it Takes to Run a Political Campaign.*"

Karl Leib and **Marius Carriere** ([History & Political Science](#)) served as judges for **National History Day** at the University of Memphis on April 8.

Teri Mason ([Behavioral Sciences](#)) took three **MHIRT** (Minority Health International Research Training) program student participants to the **66th Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology**, in Vancouver, British Columbia, to present their research from summer 2005 projects in Uganda. Teri presented a paper titled "*Student Opportunities for Support for International Research through NIH MHIRT Programs.*"

MA McCoy and **Mr. Mack Faith** ([Education](#)) attended the spring conference of the **Tennessee Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (TACTE)** in Nashville, TN.

Elizabeth Nelson ([Behavioral Sciences](#)) has been promoted to the rank of Professor.

Clayann Panetta ([Literature and Languages](#)) has been granted tenure.

Talana Vogel ([Education](#)) attended the [National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education \(NCATE\)](#) conference in Arlington, VA.

Talana Vogel, Samantha Alperin, and Ellen Faith ([Education](#)) attended the **NCATE Institutional Orientation** April 27th-April 30th in Washington DC. Their attendance was supported by a three grant from the Assisi Foundation of Memphis. This orientation is an important first step towards the NCATE accreditation process.

Rodney Vogl ([Behavioral Sciences](#)) has been granted tenure.

OFFICE OF TEACHING RESOURCES IN PSYCHOLOGY

The [Office of Teaching Resources in Psychology \(OTRP\)](#) announced the on-line publication of Dr. Elizabeth Nelson's [Using Film to Teach Psychology: A Resource of Film Study Guides](#). Dr. Nelson (Behavioral Sciences) completed her work with a \$2,000 grant from OTRP. From the Office of Teaching Resources in Psychology: "This 106-page resource offers instructors tools for using films to enhance their instruction. Student evaluations consistently indicate that films help them learn the topics, provide an alternative to traditional lectures, and give them a different point of view. However, students also say they do not like to view films if they do not understand the relevancy of the film to the course material. This resource gives teachers of psychology additional tools for using film, such as tested study guides, sample syllabi, student papers, references, and Internet resources. The film study guides contained in this resource have been used in a variety of psychology classes, and may be applicable to a variety of other courses". As noted, teachers of a variety of disciplines, at both the secondary and post-secondary levels, might find this resource useful. Vincent W. Hevern, Ph.D. (Associate Professor, Psychology, Le Moyne College, Syracuse) had this to say about the resource: "[This is a] wonderful resource you created for OTRP Online, Using Film to Teach Psychology. I reviewed it for myself this afternoon and am taken by the scope and pedagogical usefulness of this guide. I will be sure that the other members of my department know about it. And, I hope that the larger academic community teaching psychology will be fortunate as well to download the guide, too". To download a copy: <http://www.lemoyne.edu/OTRP/otrpresources/filmresources.html>

[[Top](#)]

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

On March 25, psychology students presented research at the **Mid-South Psychology Conference** at Lambuth University, Jackson TN. **Deborah Frey** and **Tabitha Hamilton** presented their research paper, "The influence of positive and negative dreams in relation to the presleep and postsleep confidence levels." Their paper won second place with a \$40 prize. The following students presented their research posters: **Faisal Ansari** and **Tammy Ferguson**, "The relationship between self-esteem and sexual practices of the youth population" (their poster won second place with a \$40 prize); **Beth Kimes** "Stress of Alzheimer's disease in family caregivers and use of community resources"; **Andrea Bordwell** and **Candice Dixon**

"Relationship between a child's age at the time of parents' divorce and academic success"; **Rachel New** and **Lauren Nelson** "Suicide and depression in adolescents and the effectiveness of counseling as a treatment"; **Rachel Wheeler** and **Ashley Hum** "The relationship between creativity and bipolar disorder on recurrent bad dreams and nightmares in college students". Three [Behavioral Sciences](#) faculty attended: **Drs. Elizabeth Nelson, Maureen O'Brien, and Rodney Vogl.**

Phi Alpha Theta, the National Honorary Historical Society, would like to congratulate the following recent initiates: **Patrick Jones** ('08), **Megan Kelleher** ('09), **Matthew Morgan** ('07), **Amanda Pitt** ('09), and **Amber Yobak** ('07). Those who are eligible must have obtained at least nine hours of history while maintaining a GPA of at least 3.1 in history and a 3.0 or better overall.

Ernest Edwards (History '07) and **Melissa Woods** (Applied Psychology '06) have been selected for inclusion in the 2006 edition of **Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges**. They were selected based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

Ann Ramsey (Psychology '06) has been accepted into the Industrial/Organizational Psychology graduate program at Saint Louis University. She has received a research assistantship.

Sarah Vincent (Religion & Philosophy '06) has been accepted to the Vanderbilt University Divinity School.

ALUMNAE/ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Ben Austin (ECCM '04) and **Emily Pate** (English '04) got **engaged** in January 2006 and will be married this July in Memphis. They currently live in Chicago where Ben will complete his Masters in English at Loyola University in June and where Emily works as a copywriter.

A poster on student research conducted in Uganda through the MHIRT ([Minority Health International Research Training](#)) program won second place for the social sciences division at the University of Memphis Student Research Forum (U of M medical anthropology graduate students **Crystal Ton** and **Beth DeBlanc**). The original project was undertaken and developed by Ton and CBU alum **Brett Wainger** during a MHIRT trip in 2003.

Shawna Engel (ECCM '93) ran in the Country Music Half Marathon in Nashville on April 29, finishing in 1:45.06.

Wendy Wallace (Communication Arts '92) received her MA from the University of Memphis in English (with a concentration in professional & technical writing). She now lives in the Washington, DC area and works as a **senior consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton**. She's a consultant/contractor for the Federal Government.

Kathleen Zahn (History '05) has been accepted to the Saint Louis University School

of Law.

RSS FEEDS NOW AVAILABLE FROM CBU

A note from the CBU Web Administrator: *"RSS or Really Simple Syndication is a way to keep up-to-date with your favorite websites. By using RSS, you can automatically pull in updates from a website as soon as it's posted. In CBU terms, as soon as a news release is made available, you would know about it."*

The School of Arts now has it's own RSS Feed for Organizations and Events. To learn more, or add our feed to your own portal, please see our news page for [more information>>](#)

ONLINE ART GALLERY

The visual arts are a growing component of CBU's curriculum, reflecting its strong support of the arts. Now on view at the **Online Art Gallery** are works selected from our wide offering of art courses at Christian Brothers University. These are selections of artwork from freshman to senior-level art students. Please continue to watch us as we grow in size, creativity, and spirit. Learn more at the [Online Art Gallery>>](#)

THE VALUE OF A CBU SCHOOL OF ARTS EDUCATION

The following is an excerpt from a recent alumna email to **Dr. Beth Nelson** ([Behavioral Sciences](#)):

"I am in the master's program getting my degree in ... and I'm taking a research class. If you ask me, it's so remedial compared to your classes. I feel like I'm going back to middle school or something! The whole semester is writing a research proposal, can you believe it? We did that in about 8 weeks at CBU, didn't we?"

[\[Top\]](#)

NCATE ACCREDITATION

On the road toward National accreditation for the [Department of Education](#), the faculty hosted **Dr. Mary Diez, Dean of the Graduate Program** in Education at Alverno College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for its first consultation. This was a full day on Monday, April 3rd. Dr. Diez has been retained as our NCATE consultant for her expertise in assessment. Alverno College is nationally recognized for its exceptional strength in student outcomes assessment across all programs, and Alverno's teacher education programs were sited for their excellence by the US Department of Education. Alverno is affiliated with the [School Sisters of St. Francis](#). Dr. Diez is widely published in areas related to Teacher Education Assessment and Accreditation. We are very fortunate to have her support in our pursuit of NCATE. This project is supported by a three-year grant from the **Assisi Foundation of Memphis**.

LANCE TO GRADUATE SECOND COHORT

The second cohort of the **Lasallian Association of New Catholic Educators (LANCE)** will graduate on May 11, 2006. The ceremony will take place during Mass in the Stritch Chapel at 5:00 PM followed by a reception and dinner in the Brothers' Residence for the graduates and guests.

The [LANCE Program](#) recruits college graduates who wish to volunteer two years of teaching in the Catholic Schools of the diocese of Memphis. The LANCE teachers live in small groups that emphasize community living, spiritual development and a spirit of service to the children they teach.

The four graduates and the schools where they served are: **Jennifer Gaisser-Sadler**, St. Patrick's Elementary School; **Thomas Klitz**, Christian Brothers High School; **Patrick Womac**, Immaculate Conception Middle School; and **Morgan Tribuno**, St. Augustine Elementary School. Thomas Klitz and Patrick Womac have chosen to continue in their present positions next school year. Jennifer is seeking a school position in the New Orleans area for next year. Morgan will return to his hometown in Portland, Maine. They will receive a [Masters of Arts in Teaching](#) degree at the University Commencement Exercises on May 12.


TALENT SHOW

Several School of Arts faculty members participated in the April 1st "**Faculty/Staff Fool-o-Rama**," a talent show for the benefit of De La Salle Elementary School. **Brother Ignatius Brown** ([Education](#)) sang in the barbershop quartet "Brothers in Harmony." **Dr. Tracie Burke** ([Behavioral Sciences](#)) was Mistress of Ceremonies and also performed with the "Razzle Dazzlers" in the musical number "We Both Reached for the Gun" from Chicago. **Dr. Peter Limper** ([Religion and Philosophy](#)) appeared as Mark Twain in a monologue from Life on the Mississippi. **Dr. Beth Nelson** ([Behavioral Sciences](#)) showed her talents as a solo rock singer and member of the group "Red Whine." **Dr. Maureen O'Brien** ([Behavioral Sciences](#)) sang "Following My Compass," accompanying herself on the guitar.

SMILA PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Reading Specialist component will be added in the near future. We are working to incorporate the courses that are part of the **SMILA Program** into a **Reading Certification**.

The **SMILA summer program** incorporates a research based, structured, multi-sensory approach designed to help teach children: Phonology, Handwriting, Spelling, Written Expression, Reading Fluency, Reading Vocabulary, and Reading Comprehension. In order to complete the SMILA program, you must attend two summers. You may receive 6 credits for each summer attended. The credits may also be applied to our [M.Ed. program](#). Once our program is submitted and approved by the state, the 12 hours plus an additional course at CBU will enable you to receive a reading endorsement.



A copy of the SMILA summer program brochure will be available under the **Job Board** in Kenrick Hall (outside of K118).

Do you have news you would like to share with the School of Arts? Email us at soanews@cbu.edu today!

[Christian Brothers University](http://www.cbu.edu) 650 East Parkway South Memphis, TN 38104 (901) 321 - 3000 (877) 321 - 4CBU