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A QUICK WORD FROM THE DEAN



Welcome back to what promises to be a truly exciting academic year. It doesn't seem like much time has passed since our last Newsletter and, for that reason, there isn't much new information. I will report, however, that across the University there has been a slight increase in enrollment and we, in the School of Arts have experienced an increase, too. Education has had a very successful fall enrollment and our other departments have also done well. It was difficult finding classes in which to place all of our new students. Not only have we witnessed an increase in numbers, but the quality of our students has also increased over last year. Our regular readers will know that we have a number of new faculty and we are all looking forward to great things this semester.

Peace and Love,

Marius Carriere

IN MEMORIAM

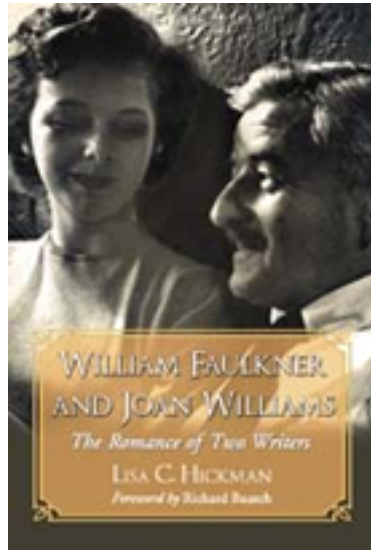
Former history professor and dean at Christian Brothers University, **Dr. Frank Buscher**, made a generous contribution to **Phi Alpha Theta**, the National Honorary History Society, in memory of history major and CBU graduate, **Preston Simpson**.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Tracie Burke has been named chair of the [Department of Behavioral Sciences](#).

Mary Cargill has been named chair of the [Department of Literature & Languages](#).

In July, **Paul Haught** ([Department of Religion and Philosophy](#)) presented a paper entitled, "Explicating Wonder as a Humean Environmental Virtue" at the meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World. The meeting was held at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC.



Lisa Hickman (Literature & Languages, Adjunct) has authored a book [William Faulkner and Joan Williams: The Romance of Two Writers](#), to be published this fall by McFarland & Company Publishers. She also wrote a review of *The Judas Field* by Howard Bahr for *The Memphis Flyer's Summer Literary Guide* (July 6 issue).

Philip (Max) Maloney has been named chair of the [Department of Religion & Philosophy](#).

A new addition to the faculty of the [History and Political Science Department](#) is **Neal Palmer**, a native Memphian. Neal graduated from White Station High School and received his B.A. from Vanderbilt and his M.A. from The University of Memphis. Neal received his Ph.D. from the University of Rochester in 2005. Palmer's current research interest is 19th century British prisons and his historical interests are in Africa, East Asia, and India.



Jana Travis has been named Assistant Professor and **Krelstein Chair** of the [Fine Arts & Speech Department](#). She has been a part-time faculty member at CBU for two years. Recent works by Travis will be on display September 8 through September 25, 2006 at DCI Gallery. For more information about current and upcoming showings, please visit the [DCI Gallery website](#)>>



ALUMNAE/ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Stephanie (Sexton) Anderson (English, '92) is currently serving in the position of vice-mayor of Lakeland, TN. She was elected city commissioner in 2003 - the youngest person to be elected to the Board of Commissioners in the history of the city. In 2005, she was selected by her fellow Commissioners to serve a 2-year term as vice-mayor. In addition to serving her community, she is employed full time as a fourth grade teacher at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School. Stephanie is married to **Mark Anderson** (EE, '88) and they have two children, Connor (6) and Hallie (4).

Emily Pattat (Psychology, '99) has been accepted into the MBA program at Union University.

Andrea Townsend (English, '01) is still living in Memphis. She was recently promoted to the position of Mid South District Communications Supervisor for UPS.

REPORT FROM INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES OFFICE

Fall 2006

The Office of International Initiatives is launching the new school year with a “sold out” trip for the fall break study abroad trip to Rome, October 13-21. Twenty-three students, faculty and staff have been looking forward to participating in a trip to the Eternal City.

The course, **Martyrs, Monks, and Mystics** of the Early Church, taught by **Father Val Handwerker**, rector at Immaculate Conception Cathedral, will provide a walk back in time to the early beginnings of the Christian church and history of Rome. In addition to a visit to some of the early Christian churches, the group will visit St. Peter's Cathedral with an American seminarian, and possibly climb to the top of the cupola for the more energetic, and take part in a Papal audience. Also included will be a tour of the Vatican Museum with a chance to view Michelangelo's astonishing painting of the Sistine Chapel. For a lesson in early Roman history, our guide, Roberto, will take the group on a tour of the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Palatine Hill and Mamertine Prison where Peter and Paul were held as prisoners, plus a trip through one of the many catacombs.

In continuing the course covering the lives of the early martyrs, monks and mystics, the group will make a day trip through the beautiful countryside of Umbria to the picturesque town of Assisi to visit the place where Saint Francis lived and worked. They will visit the church that he built, San Damiano, at the foot of the mountain, and the beautiful St. Francis Basilica where he is buried. They will enjoy the breathtakingly beautiful views of the valley below and have lunch in a quaint sidewalk café.

Spring 2007

Plans are well under way for a study abroad trip to Barcelona and the Costa Brava region of Spain for spring break, March 6-10. **Brother Francisco Martin**, who has visited this area several times, is planning a course to explore the art, culture, and language of Spain for Spanish credit. Global studies with **Emily Forsdick** or economics with **Pat Papachristou** are also possibilities. Students will travel and explore the Mediterranean from Barcelona to France, will visit the picturesque towns and ancient sights of early Greek and Roman settlements and the historic towns of Gerona and Figueres, home of surrealist painter Salvador Dali. A day trip to the Citadel of Carcassone in France, a walled medieval city, is also planned. A two-day visit to Barcelona with its 2000-year history, its avant-garde artistic currents, and its trendy lifestyle will provide a fitting close for the holiday experience.

Summer 2007

Other projects being explored for 2007-2008 are another month in England, a summer Spanish immersion program in Mexico and study trips to China and India for business and culture. As plans develop they will be posted on the [Study Abroad website](#).

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Do you have news you would like to share with the School of Arts? Email us at soanews@cbu.edu today! The **DEADLINE** for submission to the next School of Arts newsletter is **October 23, 2006**.

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