On Friday, April 16, 2010, Villanova University’s master’s program in Human Resource Development celebrated its 30-year anniversary with a fundraising gala at Overbrook Golf Club in Bryn Mawr. More than 150 friends and alumni of the program were in attendance.

The event included a keynote speech by John M. Murabito, executive vice president of Human Resources and Services at Cigna Corporation. The 2009 HR Executive of the Year spoke on significant issues affecting the field of human resources (HR) today. Mistress of Ceremonies was Lynn Doyle, executive producer and host of “It’s Your Call with Lynn Doyle” on the Comcast Network.

Outstanding Alumni Awards were also presented to three graduates of the master’s degree program in Human Resource Development from the past ten years. Nominees were identified by their peers and fellow program alumni according to their impact on the HR field, leadership, creativity and innovation, customer focus, applied technical HR knowledge and stewardship. The winners were Melanie Stephano, M.S. ’02, vice president of Human Resources for SCA Personal Care; Leon Singletary, M.S. ’05, principal of First Contact HR and current president of Greater Valley Forge Human Resources Association; and John Garber, M.S. ’06, vice president at The Addis Group.

David F. Bush, Ph.D., founded the Human Resource Development graduate program in 1980 and has been the director and a full-time faculty member for the last 30 years. Villanova University President, the Reverend Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., and the dean of Graduate Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Adele Lindenmeyr, Ph.D., announced the establishment of a new endowed scholarship for the Human Resource Development program, the David F. Bush Scholarship. In addition to the funds raised by the gala for the scholarship, the endowment received a generous challenge pledge from Bisk Education, Villanova’s partner in the newly launched online master’s degree program in Human Resource Development.

Over $35,000 in corporate sponsorships were raised to help support the event and contribute to the David F. Bush Scholarship fund. Gala partner Trion and platinum sponsor

Left to right: The Reverend Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., Villanova University President; David F. Bush, Ph.D., Founder and Director of the Villanova HRD program; and Adele Lindenmeyr, Ph.D., Dean of Graduate Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Outstanding Alumni Award winners (left to right) Leon Singletary, M.S. ’05, Principal of First Contact HR and current President of Greater Valley Forge Human Resources Association; Melanie Stephano, M.S. ’02, Vice President of Human Resources for SCA Personal Care; and John Garber, M.S. ’06, Vice President at The Addis Group.

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Graduate Program in Hispanic Studies Welcomes Diverse Community of Students

The graduate program in Hispanic Studies continues to grow with full- and part-time students who have diverse backgrounds from around the country and the world. The program prepares students to become first-rate scholars and teachers. For some, the master’s is the final degree, while others plan to continue their studies in doctoral programs.

“I consider myself very fortunate to learn from the experts in Hispanic literature and linguistics, who proved to be not only great lecturers, but also very trustworthy advisors who care about their students,” said Jelena Mihailovic, a former M.A. student who is currently pursuing her doctorate at the City University of New York.

Teachers from area schools are welcome. In addition to the master’s degree, many teachers are interested in a pre- or post-master’s certificate. The program offers courses such as Spanish Teaching Methodology as well as courses like, “Obras maestras de la literatura hispanica,” or “Masterpieces of Hispanic Literature,” which is especially designed for teachers of Spanish AP literature courses and is offered this summer.

Students enjoy the warm, welcoming atmosphere of the program, and he continued. “Each of the professors takes a very personalized approach to their classes and students.”

Festival de Poesía en Villanova

On March 25 – 27, 2010, the graduate program held its inaugural Poetry Festival on the Villanova University campus. The three days of events included poetry readings, roundtable discussions and the reading of academic papers presented by poets and scholars from 10 countries.

The festival included a special visit by Floridor Pérez, a renowned Chilean poet perhaps best known for his collection “Cartas de prisionero,” based on his imprisonment during the Pinochet dictatorship. Floridor Pérez read his poetry in the Connelly Center Cinema on the opening night of the festival. Another special guest was Brazilian poet Cristiane Grando, who read her poetry during the closing recital. The full roster of poets also included María Elena Arias Zelidón (El Salvador), David Barreto (Ecuador), Andrea Cote Botero (Colombia), Silvino Edward Díaz Burns (Puerto Rico), Rodolfo Figueroa (Chile), Andrés González (Spain), Gladys Ilarregui (Argentina), Carlos Jiménez (Spain), Víctor Martín Iglesias (Spain), Magnolia Pérez Garrido (Cuba), Salvatore Poeta (United States, born in Sicily), Joseph Robertson (United States), Enrique Sacerio-Garit (Cuba), Cristina Sánchez Conejero (Spain), Róger Santiváñez (Peru) and Carlos Trujillo (Chile).

The idea for the festival was born one year ago in Villanova’s Spanish poetry workshop, which is held every Monday night on campus. Carlos Trujillo, Ph.D., associate professor of Spanish and director of the graduate program in Hispanic Studies at Villanova, was instrumental in making

Festival de Poesia Participants: Standing: graduate student Carlos Yushimito del Valle, former graduate student Stacy Aguirre, former graduate student and MLL faculty member Joseph Robertson, former graduate student and associate professor at the University of North Texas Cristina Sanchez Conejero, graduate student Shawn Teague, former graduate student Jelena Mihailovic, and faculty member Dr. Salvatore Poeta. Seated: graduate student Andres Gonzalez Sanchez.
the idea a reality. Dr. Trujillo, an award-winning Chilean poet, has directed the poetry workshop since 1992, helping to create an atmosphere in which poets can actively explore their craft and grow. Mercedes Juliá, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Modern Languages and a specialist in contemporary poetry, welcomed the poets, scholars and attendees on the opening night of the festival along with Adele Lindemeyer, Ph.D., dean of Graduate Studies.

Scholars from the Spanish Royal Academy of the Language, Villanova’s graduate program in Hispanic Studies, and from other universities and several nations attended the events. The presenters of academic papers explored topics such as “the temptation of New York” in the works of Spanish poets Juan Ramón Jiménez, Federico García Lorca, José Hierro and José María Fonollosa. Another section explored the topic, “distance and proximity, phenomenology and apocryphal histories in the works of Chilean poets.” There was one event in English, in which four members of Villanova’s faculty explored the art of translating poetry from four very different perspectives. Stacy Aguirre, Jill Blackstone, Jelena Mihailovic and Cristina Sánchez Conejero, all graduates of the master’s degree program in Hispanic Studies, returned to Villanova, making the journey from as far as New York and Texas to participate in the festival.

Dr. Trujillo, Cristiane Grando, Floridor Pérez and Joseph Robertson presented books of their own poetry on Friday afternoon. The poetry recital on Friday night of the festival included live music by Grupo Reverberación and also a post-recital dinner held in the St. Augustine Center. All of the events were well attended by both the Villanova community and the general public.

An anthology of poetry was published in connection with the festival thanks to Dr. Trujillo and Joseph Robertson. The contributions of the poets and scholars who attended will be collected in the spring edition of the Naufragios literary journal, published by the poetry workshop and the Department of Modern Languages, online. Naufragios can be accessed at www.villanova.edu/artsci/modernlanglit/spanish/naufragios.htm

New Graduate Program Director
Silva Nagy-Zekmi, Ph.D., will assume the position of graduate program director in August. Dr. Nagy-Zekmi succeeds Dr. Trujillo, who has served in this capacity for five years. The department wishes to extend thanks to Dr. Trujillo for his service and program leadership.

For additional information about the Hispanic Studies program please visit www.villanova.edu/artsci/modernlanglit/graduate
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GRADUATE POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political Science Graduate Program Continues to Grow

Through a wide selection of courses, the Master of Arts in Political Science at Villanova offers students the opportunity to get a thorough understanding of the key issues in domestic and international politics. Students use this knowledge to go on to doctoral programs, law schools, public employment, jobs in the nonprofit sector or various international careers. A joint agreement with the Master of Public Administration program enables students to combine their substantive interests in politics with the more applied knowledge about public administration and non-profit management.

The strength and vitality of the program reflects the wide range of activities in which the department is involved as well as the accomplishments of its members and graduates.

Faculty Changes

A. Maria Toyoda, Ph.D., was named the new department chair last fall after Lowell Gustafson, Ph.D., became the new associate dean for Arts and Sciences. Robert Langran, Ph.D., had served as an interim department chair for one year. Marcus Kreuzer, Ph.D., continues as director of the graduate program in political science. In 2009 – 2010, the program also hired two new faculty: public administration specialist, Lauren Miltenberger, and a new specialist in Russian politics, Mark L. Schrad, Ph.D.

Dr. Schrad joins the program this fall from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he taught courses in international relations and comparative politics. He holds a doctorate in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and has conducted research in the fields of Russian and European politics, historical institutionalism, transnational activism, organizational sociology and the interface of ideas and institutions in policymaking. His work has appeared in numerous scholarly journals including Policy Studies Journal, Global Environmental Change, PS: Political Science and Politics, Journal of Policy History and Nationalities Papers, as well as commentaries in Foreign Affairs, The Moscow Times and The New York Times. He is the author of “The Political Power of Bad Ideas: Networks, Institutions, and the Global Prohibition Wave” (Oxford University Press 2010), and is currently writing a book entitled, “Vodka Politics: Autocracy and Alcohol in Russia,” concerning the history of alcohol-control politics in Russia, and prospects for addressing the post-Soviet demographic catastrophe.

Miltenberger is completing her doctoral work at the University of Delaware, where she has been a core faculty member involved in the design and implementation of a new undergraduate public policy program. Her research experience includes serving as co-leader of a mixed method study investigating the relationship between nonprofit social service providers and the State of Delaware. The Urban Institute is currently using this study as a model for a new national project on the nonprofit-government relationship. Prior to attending the University of Delaware, Miltenberger held executive nonprofit management positions and worked for a public policy research institute at Rutgers University. Her primary research interests include nonprofit management, governance and leadership issues, and the intersection between nonprofits and government in the modern welfare state. The two new hires as well as additional ones in the years to come will further strengthen the master’s program in Political Science.

John R. Johannes, Ph.D., will return to teaching political science after fifteen years as vice president for Academic
Affairs. Dr. Johannes teaches American government and his research focuses on Congress.

In other faculty news, Dr. Gustafson and Thomas W. Smith, Ph.D., were both appointed as associate deans in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for social science and humanities, respectively. Jeffrey Hahn, Ph.D., the department’s long time Russia specialist, retired two years ago. The University awarded Dr. Hahn Emeritus status and he periodically assists by teaching his popular Russia courses. Hafeez Malik, Ph.D., retired last year and also received promotion to Professor Emeritus in May 2010. Dr. Malik is an international expert in South-Asian politics, director of the Institute for Pakistani Studies and editor of the Journal of South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies. Finally, Robert Maranto, Ph.D., left Villanova to accept a position as the new chair in Education Leadership in the Department of Education Reform at the University of Arkansas. This new position will allow him to more fully pursue his longstanding interest in educational reform and his passion for charter schools.

Faculty Accomplishments
Dr. Toyoda was the Center for Global Partnership Japan Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C., in spring 2010, and the Nonresident Visiting Scholar, International Monetary Fund, in spring 2009.

Catherine Warrick, Ph.D., was awarded a highly competitive National Science Foundation grant to examine proposals for Islamic law in Western democracies, focusing on the United Kingdom and Canada. The project investigates three key elements of the issue: Current and recent Islamic law proposals, the variables that affect why and where such proposals are put forward; and the factors affecting the popularity of, or hostility toward, such proposals in Muslim communities and in the general population. One of the main objectives of this research is to analyze the potential effect of such proposals on several key aspects of democracy, including women’s rights, religious freedom and minority inclusion. The research is funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation’s Law and Social Science program.

Catherine E. Wilson, Ph.D. assistant professor of Political Science and nonprofit coordinator in the M.P.A. program at Villanova, was the William E. Simon Visiting Fellow in Religion and Public Life at the James Madison Program for the Study of American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University during the 2009 – 2010 academic year. During that year, she began preparing a manuscript regarding the role that public, private and nonprofit organizations are playing in politics of immigration in the city of Philadelphia. Wilson has participated in select conferences, symposia and seminars concerning her study and continues to provide her insights to media outlets on the topic of United States immigration policy.

Satya Pattnayak, Ph.D., professor of Sociology and Political Science, received a Title IV Grant from the U.S. Department of Education to fund research, educational programs and public events dealing with Brazil.

Departmental Activities
The department regularly co-sponsors events that are part of Villanova’s partnership with Catholic Relief Services (CRS). CRS is the principle agency of the U.S. Catholic community dealing with humanitarian assistance and economic development in developing nations. Dr. Toyoda, Christine Palus, Ph.D., Dr. Wilson and Dr. Kreuzer regularly participate in on-campus events organized through this partnership.

The department is the home of the Matthew J. Ryan Center for the Study of Free Institutions and the Public Good at Villanova University, which promotes inquiry into the principles and processes of free government and seeks to advance understanding of the responsibilities of statesmen and citizens of constitutional democratic societies. The Center commemorates the life and work of Matthew J. Ryan, who was a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for over 40 years and served as speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Ryan received his Bachelor of Science from Villanova University and his Juris Doctor from the Villanova University School of Law. The Center sponsors a number of visiting scholars as well as public lectures at Villanova.

For additional information about the Political Science program please visit www.psc.villanova.edu
A new assessment paradigm in ninth grade algebra and geometry will have on student achievement, engagement and attitudes towards math. Dr. Posner is the 2010 recipient of Villanova’s Innovative Teaching Award. His paper, entitled, “Managing the grading paradox: Leveraging the power of choice in the classroom,” was awarded best paper for the 2010 Academy of Management annual meeting. He is currently serving as past-chair of the Special Interest Group of the Mathematical Association of America on Statistics Education, Member-at-Large on the Executive Board of the American Statistical Association’s Section on Statistics Education.

**Biology**

Aaron M. Bauer, Ph.D., recently published papers he coauthored with a former M.S. student (see Student News, page 12). Dr. Bauer taught a Herpetology course sponsored by the Indian government in Guwahati, Assam, northeast India, in November 2009. The intensive three-week course attracted graduate students from throughout India and neighboring countries. In March 2010 he spoke on “New Phylogenies and New Species of Geckos from the South Pacific” to the Österreichische Gesellschaft für Herpetologie in Vienna, Austria. In April 2010, Dr. Bauer and a recent M.S. student were guests of the New Zealand Department of Conservation and Te Papa, the National Museum of New Zealand, where they conducted collaborative research on the systematics of New Zealand lizard species (see Student News, page 13).

Samantha K. Chapman, Ph.D., recently published a paper entitled, “Biodiversity at the plant-soil interface: microbial abundance and community structure respond to litter mixing,” in the journal *Oecologia*.

**Communication**

Qi Wang, Ph.D., published a paper entitled, “Anxiety and uncertainty management in an intercultural setting: The impact on organization-public relationships,” in a recent issue of the *Journal of Public Relations Research* and an article in the book: “Intercultural communication between China and the World: Interpersonal, organizational and mediated perspectives.” She also published an article entitled, “Comparing the perceptions of success, attributions, and motivations between the Chinese and the U.S. cultures,” in a recent issue of *China Media Research*. The article was coauthored with a former graduate student (see Student News, page 12). Dr. Wang’s paper, “I avoid conflict because I care,” a cross-cultural examination of conflict avoidance strategies, was accepted for presentation to the Social Cognition Division at the NCA convention. She also served as the 2009 – 2010 newsletter editor for the Association for Chinese Communication Studies, and has been elected to be chair of the 2010 election committee.

**Education**


Krista Malott, Ph.D., presented on two investigations related to ethnic and racial identity development at the national conference for the American Counseling Association in March 2010. Also presenting was a co-researcher from Monmouth University and two Villanova graduate counseling students, who assisted in implementing, analyzing and writing up a study on ethnic identity with migrant Mexican youth in Kennett Square, Pa.
Teresa G. Wojcik, Ph.D., recently published an article entitled, “The Promise and Challenge of Curriculum Hybridization in a Civic Education Course in Poland,” in the journal Problemy Wzecnej Edukacji (Issues in Early Education). In February 2010, Dr. Wojcik presented at the 107th annual Middle States Regional Conference on the Social Studies (MSCSS), held this year in Gettysburg, Pa. Her presentation, entitled, “Digital Windows to the Past: Integrating On-Line Primary Sources and WebQuests,” explored the varied ways in which pre-service and in-service teachers might meet instructional objectives by using the extensive collections of digital primary sources available online at the Library of Congress.

English


Lauren Shohet, Ph.D., recently led a seminar on “Resituating Romance in Comparative Contexts” for the Shakespeare Association of America. The seminar sponsored several months of collaborative work among scholars working on relationships between early-modern English romance texts and texts from other traditions including other national literatures, other time periods and other genres. It culminated in a meeting in Chicago in April 2010. She also published the article, “Usable Archives,” in Shakespeare Studies and another article on early-modern women’s elegy in the Oxford Handbook of the Elegy, edited by Karen Weisman. Dr. Shohet’s reviews of Martin Butler’s Stuart Court Masque and Political Culture,” and Wendy Olmstead’s “The Imperfect Friend: Rhetoric and Emotion in Milton, Sidney, and their Contexts,” both appeared in Renaissance Quarterly.

History


Christopher Haas, Ph.D., presented an invited paper entitled, “Geopolitics and Georgian Identity in Late Antiquity: the Dangerous World of Vakhtang Gorgasali” in April 2010 at a conference organized around the theme, “The Caucasus: Imagining Freedom, Negotiating Dominion.” The conference was held at the University of St. Andrews and was jointly sponsored by the British Academy and the Centre for Russian, Soviet, Central and East European Studies at the University of St. Andrews (a venue utterly wasted on Dr. Haas since he is not a golfer).

Lynne Hartnett, Ph.D., presented a paper entitled, “Constructing a Myth or Recounting a Life? Vera Figner’s Efforts to Find and Define her Place in the Russian Revolutionary Movement,” at the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies National Convention in Boston, Mass., in November 2009. Dr. Hartnett was nominated for the Lindbke Excellance in Teaching Award for the second consecutive year and was also elected to serve a three-year term as the Director of Russian Area Studies at Villanova.

Catherine Kerrison, Ph.D., has been appointed to a three-year term of service on the editorial board of the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography. The term runs from January 2010 to December 2012.

Elizabeth Kolsky, Ph.D., is currently in India conducting research under the auspices of a National Science Foundation grant. She recently gave a talk at the Centre for Historical Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University on her book, “Colonial Justice in British India: White Violence and the Rule of Law.” Dr. Kolsky has also just published an article in Gender & History entitled, “‘The Body Evidencing the Crime’: Rape on Trial in Colonial India, 1860 – 1947.”

Tim McCall, Ph.D., was awarded the I Tatti Fellowship at Villa I Tatti, the Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies, for 2010 – 2011. In March 2010, Dr. McCall presented an invited lecture entitled, “Cecilia Gallerani and Milanese Mistresses,” at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan. He also read his paper, “The Signore Hidden and Revealed: the Intarsia Coretto of Pier Maria Rossi of Parma,” at the Penn Humanities Forum at the University of Pennsylvania in March 2010. Another paper, “Brilliant Bodies on Display: Masculinity, Nobility, and Power in Fifteenth-Century Ferrara,” was presented at the Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting in Venice in April 2010, and he organized and chaired the session “Parma’s Renaissance: Traditions of Art and Historiography.”

Charlene Mires, Ph.D., is project director for the Greater Philadelphia Roundtable, a series of public programs that encourage dialogue about the region’s recent history and current issues. The programs, funded in part by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, also will help to shape the content of the future Encyclopedia of...
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Greater Philadelphia, for which Mires is co-editor. For further information visit the project’s Web site at http://philadelphiaencyclopedia.org.


Paul Rosier, Ph.D., won the 2010 American Indian National Book Award for best book on modern American Indian history/studies for his book, “Serving Their Country: American Indian Politics and Patriotism in the Twentieth Century.” Harvard University Press, 2009. The award is given by the Labriola National American Indian Data Center at Arizona State University (ASU). Dedicated in 1993, the Labriola National American Indian Data Center in the ASU Libraries is one of the only repositories within a public university library devoted to American Indian collections. Dr. Rosier also participated in a panel on American Indian citizenship at the April 2010 Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians.

Alexander Varias, Ph.D., had an article entitled, “Defining the Moment: History, Style, and the Paris Exposition of 1925,” published in The International Journal of the Arts in Society in November 2009. The article is an expanded version of a paper Dr. Varias presented at the conference of the society organized by the University of Illinois and held in July 2009 in Venice, Italy. The article concerns the controversy among French and British critics regarding new architectural forms introduced at the exposition by, among others, Le Corbusier, who set in motion a rebellion against the prevailing historicist style. The International Style, later called Art Deco, also emerged from the exposition and figured in the controversy. Dr. Varias also published articles for Odyssey Magazine, centered in Athens, Greece, in March, July and November of 2009 on the Greek anarchist movement and its role in recent disturbances in Greece. These included an interview with the eminent historian, Mark Mazower, and an article on the Hellenic Center in Nafplion, newly launched by Harvard University as part of its larger focus on the history of Greece.

Human Resource Development

Ginamarie Ligon, Ph.D., presented two papers at the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology Annual Conference in Atlanta in April 2010. The first, entitled, “Structure differences between violent and non-violent ideological organizations,” was coauthored by Human Resource Development graduate students. (see article on page 17). The second paper, entitled, “Leading employees with autism,” was coauthored by collaborators Josh Fairchild, Samuel Hunter and Melissa Hunter, all from Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Ligon also participated in an expert panel discussion on the impact of economic crisis on leadership in organizations, and chaired a symposium on “Human Resource Interventions for Innovation” in the workplace at the conference. Several graduate students co-presented with Dr. Ligon at the conference (see article on page 17). Dr. Ligon also coauthored with Sam Hunter of Pennsylvania State University a commentary in the Journal of Industrial and Organizational Psychology: Perspectives on Science and Practice entitled, “Putting the development into leadership development.”

Mathematics

David Sprows, Ph.D., has an article entitled, “Antiderivatives as Inverse Linear Transformations,” appearing in the current issue of the Mathematics and Computer Education Journal.

Philosophy


Psychology

Rebecca Brand, Ph.D., delivered a talk entitled, “How Adults Structure Object Demonstrations to Support Infant Attention and Learning.” The talk, given in November 2009, was part of the ninth annual international conference on Epigenetic Robotics held in Venice, Italy. She also recently published a paper in the journal Gesture, entitled, “Repetition in infant-directed action depends on the goal structure of the object: Evidence for statistical regularities.”

Michael Brown, Ph.D., presented a talk entitled, “Social Influences on Spatial Choices,” at the annual meeting of the Psychonomic Society in Boston. This presentation was coauthored with a former M.S. student (see Student News, page 14). Dr. Brown also coauthored a presentation entitled, “Facilitation of Learning Spatial Relations Among Locations in the Absence of Coincident Visual Cues,” at the same meeting, along with Bradley Sturz, Ph.D., of Armstrong Atlantic University, and Debbie Kelly, Ph.D., of the University of Saskatchewan. It was presented in poster format at the Psychonomic Society meeting and in
spoken format by Dr. Sturz, who was a post-doctoral researcher at Villanova in 2007, at the affiliated fall meeting of the Comparative Cognition Society. Dr. Brown served as primary organizer of the latter meeting. He also coauthored a paper with Dr. Sturz and Dr. Kelly entitled “Facilitation of learning spatial relations among locations by visual cues: Generalities across spatial configurations.” The paper was published in the latest issue of *Animal Cognition*. Dr. Brown presented a paper at the 2010 annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association entitled, “Social Influences on rat spatial choices: Previous choices of self and other,” and a paper at the 2010 annual International Conference on Comparative Cognition entitled, “Spatial pattern learning and transposition.” The latter was part of a special symposium organized by Dr. Brown in honor of the contributions of Donald A. Riley, Ph.D., of the University of California, Berkeley, to the field of comparative cognition.

**Nicole Else-Quest, Ph.D.** published a paper in the January 2010 issue of *Psychological Bulletin* entitled, “Cross-national patterns of gender differences in mathematics: A meta-analysis.” The paper was coauthored by Janet Hyde, Ph.D., of the University of Wisconsin and Marcia Linn, Ph.D., of the University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Else-Quest also participated in the MLK Freedom School in January 2010 to discuss the role of activism in the Gender and Women’s Studies program. In March 2010, she presented her research on cross-national gender gaps in math to the Philadelphia chapter of the Association of Women in Science. Dr. Else-Quest also traveled to Washington, D.C., to present her research on ethnic variations in gender gaps in math/science to other researchers funded by the National Science Foundation, and in April 2010 to San Francisco to present her meta-analysis of gender differences in self-conscious emotions.

**Charles Folk, Ph.D.** attended the annual meeting of the Psychonomics Society, as well as the Object Perception, Attention, and Memory (OPAM) conference, in Boston, Mass. At the Psychonomics meeting he presented a paper entitled, “Shifting the sparing: Novel distractors produce lag 2 sparing in a contingent attentional blink task.” The paper was coauthored by professor Andrew Leber, University of New Hampshire, and professor Howard Egeth, Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Folk also coauthored a presentation with Roger Remington and Stephanie Becker, both of the University of Queensland, entitled, “Top-down modulation of attentional capture: Evidence for a relational set.” At the OPAM conference, Dr. Folk coauthored a presentation with a former M.S. alumnus (see Student News, page 15).

**Irene Kan, Ph.D.** presented a poster entitled, “Implicit memory for novel associations between pictures: Effects of stimulus unitization and aging.” at the Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society in Boston, Mass. This work was done in collaboration with Mieke Verfaellie, Ph.D., of the Memory Disorders Research Center (MDRC), VA Boston Healthcare System and Boston University Medical Center and Margaret M. Keane of the MDRC and of Wellesley College. Dr. Kan also published an article in a recent issue of *Cognitive Neuropsychology* entitled, “A case for conflict across multiple domains: Memory and language impairments following damage to ventrolateral prefrontal cortex.” The article was coauthored by Jared Novick, Ph.D., of University of Maryland and John Trueswell, Ph.D., and Sharon Thompson-Schill, Ph.D., of the University of Pennsylvania.

**Deborah Kendzierski, Ph.D.**, attended the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association held in New York in March 2010, where she presented research from two recent projects. The first presentation, coauthored with former and current M.S. graduate students (see Student News, page 15) and undergraduate psychology major Keelin Brady, focused on “Self-schema status as a moderator of the effectiveness of implementation intentions.” The second presentation, first-authored by M.S. alumnus (see Student News, page 15), was entitled, “Mindfulness of past transgressions: The dissonance arousing component of induced hypocrisy.”

**Ginamarie Ligon, Ph.D.**, was awarded a Summer Research Fellowship and Research Support Grant for the project, “Characteristics of violent and non-violent ideological organizations: Relationships to innovation, performance, and destructiveness criteria.” In addition, Dr. Ligon published a commentary in the *Journal of Industrial and Organizational Psychology: Perspectives on Science and Practice*, 3(1), 2010. The paper was entitled, “Putting the development into leadership development,” and was coauthored by Samuel T. Hunter, of Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Ligon, assisted by a current M.S. student and an M.S. alumnus (see Student News, page 15), presented an invited talk on “Evaluating Creative Ideas” at the Annual Perspectives on Creativity Conference held at Holy Family University in March 2010. Dr. Ligon also received an internal Faculty...
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Development Grant from the College
of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Matthew Matell, Ph.D., published a
paper entitled, "Averaging of Temporal
Memories by Rats," in the Journal of
Experimental Psychology: Animal Behavior
Processes. The paper was coauthored
with M.S. alumnus and post-doctoral
researcher, Cynthia Gooch. Dr. Matell
also attended the 16th Comparative
Cognition Conference, in Melbourne,
Florida, in which he gave a talk entitled,
“Stimulus Compounding in the Peak
Procedure: Modality Effects,” and
presented two posters with current
and former M.S. students. He and his
students also attended the 35th Society
for Neuroscience Conference in
Chicago, Ill., where they presented two
posters (see Student News, page 15).

Susan J. Naylor-Emlen, Ph.D.,
presented a poster, "Transforming and
Reconstruction Space: Multiple Tasks
Elucidate Skills Strategy," at the 2009
Psychonomic Society Conference.
Dr. Naylor-Emlen recently published
an article, “Contributing Factors to
Temporal and Spatial Associations
in Mental Representations of Maps,”
in Spatial Cognition and Computation,
in collaboration with Holly Taylor
of Tufts University.

Thomas Toppino, Ph.D., attended the
recent meetings of the International
Association for Metacognition and the
Psychonomic Society, both of which
were held in Boston, Mass. At the latter
meeting, he coauthored a poster with a
former M.S. student (see Student News,
page 15). The poster was entitled,
“Metacognitive Control and Spaced
Practice: Clarifying What People
Do and Why.”

Public Administration

Craig M. Wheeland, Ph.D., presented a
case study of the Greater Cheltenham
Avenue Business Improvement District
(GCABID) at the Business
Improvement Districts and the
Evolution of Urban Governance
conference held at the Earle Mack
School of Law at Drexel University in
January 2010. The GCABID is one
of 16 BIDS involving Philadelphia and
one of only two that involve a suburban
township as a partner. Dr. Wheeland
has been selected to fill the International
City/County Management Association’s
seat on the editorial board of the journal
Public Integrity.

Christine Palus, Ph.D., presented a case
study at the Business Improvement
Districts and the Evolution of Urban
Governance conference held at the
Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel
University in January 2010. Her focus
was the City Avenue Special Services
District. Dr. Palus has also recently
published an article in the Journal of
Public Administration and Theory entitled,
“A Woman’s Touch? Gendered
Management and Performance in
State Administration,” with coauthors
Willow Jacobson of the University
of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and
Cynthia Bowling of Auburn University.
She also was recently appointed to
the editorial board of Urban Affairs Review.

Theology

The graduate program in Theology
held its first dies academicus in spring
2010. The dies provided an academic
platform for faculty and students to
present their research. The event was
organized as an afternoon colloquium
with Kathleen Holscher, Ph.D., and
a conference that featured an M.A.
alumnus and May 2010 graduates
who presented their theses and offered
answers to questions by attendees
(see Student News, page 15). The
very successful event concluded with a
reception celebrating the achievements
of faculty and graduate students.

Bernard P. Prusak, Ph.D., presented a
paper in March 2010 at the Catholic
University of Leuven in Louvain,
Belgium, at a conference on The
Household of God and Local
Households: Revisiting the Domestic
Church. His paper was entitled, “The
Ecumenical Household as Domestic
Church? Ecclesial Threat or Pastoral
Challenge and Even Resource?”

Janus Stefanowicz, Costume Shop
manager and resident costume designer
in the Theatre department, will be
working at PlayPenn, Philadelphia’s
summer play-development workshop/festival,
as a costume design consultant
for “The Whale” by Sam Hunter.

Michael Hollinger’s play “An Empty
Plate in the Café du Grand Bœuf”
opened at Tucson’s Invisible Theatre
on April 28, 2010.

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Harriet Power, M.F.A., and a current
graduate student are among the six
dramaturgs working at PlayPenn,
Philadelphia’s summer play-
development workshop/festival.
Power is dramaturging Nicholas
Wardgo’s “Hum,” a comic dive into
how we communicate when words
fail, at The Adrienne in Philadelphia
on July 25, 2010. (see Student News,
page 15).
Matthew S. Matell, Ph.D., earned his doctorate in psychology from Duke University in 2000. He spent two years doing post-doctoral work in the department of neurology at the University of Michigan before joining Villanova in 2003. His research is directed towards understanding the psychological and neural mechanisms underlying the perception of time in the seconds to minutes range.

“People sometimes think the study of timing and temporal control is esoteric. However, I think that this perspective is failing to see the forest for the trees. It is easy for us to imagine the loss of certain sensory capacities, like vision, because we can close our eyes. In contrast, it is nearly impossible to imagine how we could function without perceived temporal relationships between events. I think that understanding how time is perceived is a particularly intriguing question, as unlike other sensory judgments, there is no physical substance, such as light or sound energy, that is being measured.”

By altering brain function via drug administration and examining the subsequent changes in temporal expectation, or by directly recording neural activity patterns while rats predict the time of food delivery, Dr. Matell is working to identify the algorithms used by the brain to achieve temporal control. As alterations in temporal perception are seen in individuals with Parkinson’s Disease as well as people with drug addictions, Dr. Matell hopes that his work can eventually lead to clinical application. His work has frequently been supported by grants from the National Institutes of Health.

Fr. Richard Jacobs, O.S.A., Ph.D., joined the Villanova faculty in 1991. Fr. Jacobs received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Villanova University, 1976); a Master of Divinity in Business Ethics (Catholic Theological Union, 1982); two Master of Arts degrees in Theology (Maryknoll School of Theology, 1982; Catholic Theological Union, 1983); and a Master of Arts degree in Education (1984) and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Educational Leadership (1990) from the University of Tulsa.

Fr. Jacobs is an internationally recognized authority on Catholic education. A former member of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops’ Committee on Education, Fr. Jacobs serves as a consultant to Catholic dioceses and schools. In 1994, Fr. Jacobs was named the 12th USCCB Seton-Neumann Laureate. In addition to his work on behalf of Catholic schools, Fr. Jacobs has also served as president of the Pennsylvania Council on Educational Administration and as chair of the American Educational Research Association Special Interest Group, Teaching and Learning in Educational Administration. Over the years, Fr. Jacobs has served on a number of for-profit and not-for-profit boards. He is also a member of the American Society of Public Administration.

Fr. Jacobs’ research agenda has focused primarily upon issues related to Catholic educational leadership. He has authored five books as well as numerous chapters in edited books and articles appearing in professional journals. Fr. Jacobs and his research have been quoted in national publications including Education Week, American School Board Journal, Connections, Momentum, and numerous Catholic newsweeklies.
College Celebrates 2010 Commencement

At the University’s Commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 16, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences was pleased to award two doctoral degrees, 82 Master of Arts degrees, 81 Master of Science degrees, and 13 Master of Public Administration degrees. Nazareth Pantaloni, III, and Alexi Kukuljevic from the Philosophy department received their doctoral hoods on the main stage, accompanied by their academic supervisors Joseph Betz, Ph.D., and Walter Brogan, Ph.D. The Commencement ceremony also recognized another 168 graduates in Liberal Arts and Sciences who received their master’s degrees in September and December 2009.

Sunday’s ceremony represented the climax of a weekend of graduation celebrations at Villanova. A special recognition ceremony for the doctoral and master’s graduates in liberal arts and sciences was held on Saturday morning, May 15, where Adele Lindenmeyer, Ph.D., dean of Graduate Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, congratulated them on their academic achievements. After the short ceremony, Dr. Lindenmeyer and graduate faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences honored the graduates with their friends and family at a reception in the Connelly Center.

Graduate Human Resource Development Celebrates 30 Years

Cigna Corporation were among the major contributors. The challenge pledge from Bisk Education will also help greatly to advance the scholarship toward achieving the $100,000 necessary to become fully funded. Present at the Gala representing Bisk Education were Andrew Titen, President, and Blair Stobaugh, Vice President for Development.

The event also included a silent auction that raised over $7,000 for the new scholarship fund. Items auctioned off included tickets to athletic events, autographed memorabilia, restaurant gift certificates, gift baskets and pieces of art.

The event was planned and executed by the Villanova University Human Resource Development Alumni Advisory Board. Advisory board member Lauren Gordon, M.S. ’08 and advisory board president, Diane Perrymore, M.S. ’05, co-chaired the planning committee.
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Former M.S. student Amanda Cotton coauthored two articles with Aaron Bauer, Ph.D., entitled, “Ecological notes on two sympatric Psammophis species from East Africa” in African Journal of Herpetology and “Sexual size dimorphism and reproduction in the Asian sand snake Psammophis condanarus (Psamophiidae)” in Hamadryad.

Former M.S. student Joshua Snyder coauthored a paper with Aaron Bauer, Ph.D., entitled, “Ecological observations on the Gargoyle Gecko, Rhacodactylus auriculatus (Bavay, 1869) in southern New Caledonia,” in Salamandra.

Former M.S. student Stuart Nielsen and Aaron Bauer, Ph.D., were guests in April 2010 of the New Zealand Department of Conservation and Te Papa, the National Museum of New Zealand, where they conducted collaborative research on the systematics of New Zealand lizard species. (See Faculty News, page 6.)

Christopher Meehan, B.S./M.S. alumus, had an article about his thesis work published in Current Biology and in The New York Times on October 13, 2009. Meehan’s work was based on field work observation in Mexico of the first example of a largely vegetarian spider, Bagheera kiplingi. Meehan is currently in a doctoral program at the University of Arizona. The New York Times article can be found at: www.nytimes.com/2009/10/13/science/13obspider.html?_r=1&ref=science

Communication
Kim Feene, M.A. alumus, coauthored a paper with Qi Wang, Ph.D., entitled, “Anxiety and uncertainty management in an intercultural setting: The impact on organization-public relationships,” in a recent issue of the Journal of Public Relations Research. (See Faculty News, page 6.)

Jaya Mohan, a fall 2009 graduate, has accepted a position as copy editor/production editor with ECRI Institute, a healthcare nonprofit in Plymouth Meeting, Pa.

Nathan Taylor will be enrolling at the University of North Carolina in the fall to commence his doctoral studies.

Major Jeff Pool had an article published in the current edition of the Marine Corps Gazette. The coauthored article is entitled, “Public affairs and Information Operations.”

Elisa Foster had her paper, “Controlling Images of African Women: Hottentot Venus, Alek Wek & the thought of Stuart Hall,” accepted into Villanova’s interdisciplinary journal, CONCEPT.

Kelly Madden presented her paper, “A Place for Feminist Invitational Rhetoric in Politics: Hillary Clinton’s Concession Speech,” at the 21st Annual ECS Conference held by the Gender and Women’s Studies Program at Villanova University in April 2010.

English
Cynthia Estremera presented a paper entitled, “‘My President Is Black’: Social Optimism in Obama-era Rap Music,” on the Hip Hop and Race panel at the first “In Media Res” Academic Symposium (Conversations on Race, Gender, Media and Popular Culture) at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., in November 2009. The paper discussed various positive allusions to political Black leadership in the United States within contemporary Hip Hop songs. Her presentation can be accessed on YouTube at:
Part 1: www.youtube.com/watch?v=VTpiXt1wAe4&feature=channel
Part 2: www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQQ9vzoSTq8

Hispanic Studies
Three of the 2010 graduates of the master’s program have been offered full assistantships to complete their doctorate in Hispanic Studies. Carlos Yushimoto received offers from Georgetown University and Brown University, and will attend Brown.

Andrés González Sánchez will attend the University of Miami, and Alejandra Navarro-Benbow will attend the University of Connecticut.

History
Four graduate students in the History department attended this year’s Phi Alpha Theta Pennsylvania East Regional Conference, held at Bloomsburg University in March 2010. The students set a high standard with their work on topics ranging from race and community to fashion and politics, and all four received awards, claiming two of the three best paper prizes and two of the three best presentation prizes.


Brian Taylor, a 2010 graduate of the M.A. program, has accepted a history department fellowship/teaching continued on page 14
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assistantship from Georgetown University for doctoral studies. He intends to study 18th- and 19th-century American history, concentrating specifically on antebellum sectional conflicts, the American Civil War and issues of race and slavery.

Michael Smith, Ph.D., a 1994 graduate of the M.A. program and Indiana University doctoral program, has co-edited “Citizenship Across the Curriculum,” published by Indiana University Press, April 2010. In addition to being a feather in the cap of a distinguished alumni, the book provides insight into ways of revising and improving college-level teaching.

Human Resource Development

Graduate student Emily Malinowski was recently awarded the 2009 – 2010 Greater Valley Forge Human Resources Association’s Student Michael R. Losey Scholarship Award for her commitment to pursuing a career in human resources. The merit-based scholarship was presented to Malinowski at GVFHR’s April 2010 dinner meeting.

Philosophy


Elizabeth Irvine, doctoral student, attended the 48th annual SPEP conference in Arlington, Va., in October 2009.


Summer Renault-Steele, doctoral student, presented a paper entitled, “Sensing Hierarchy: The Aesthetics of Epistemic Authority,” at the Fifth Cave Hill Philosophy Symposium at the University of West Indies in Bridgetown, Barbados in November 2009.


Political Science


Several May 2010 graduates are moving on to doctoral programs. Daniel Mallinson will be pursuing a doctorate at Pennsylvania State University. His primary field of study will be American Politics with a secondary field in Comparative Politics and a tertiary field in either Methods or Environmental/Energy Policy. Heather Leigh-Ba will be in the doctoral program at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. She will major in international relations and comparative government with her research focused within the subfield of political economy, specifically on the role of institutions in economic development and the affect of aid on the quality of bureaucracy in African countries. Kiku Huckle will embark on a doctoral degree at the University of Washington, Seattle. She is planning to conduct an in-depth quantitative and qualitative analysis of the political beliefs of American Catholics.

Two May 2010 graduates will pursue law degrees. Ferdinand Peche will begin law school at Washington University in St. Louis, and Sarah Powell will be at Emory Law School.

Psychology

Michael S. Cohen, M.S. alumnus, presented a poster entitled, “Metacognitive Control and Spaced Practice: Clarifying What People Do and Why,” at the recent meeting of the Psychonomic Society in Boston, Ma. The poster was coauthored by Thomas Toppino, Ph.D. (See Faculty News, page 10.)

Matthew Keller, M.S. alumnus, coauthored a presentation entitled, “Social Influences on Spatial Choices.” The presentation was given by Michael Brown, Ph.D. (See Faculty News, page 8.)
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Nathan Taylor received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from Messiah College in Grantham, Pa., in 2007. After taking a year off to work in the publishing industry, Taylor came back quite happily to academia in the fall of 2008. “I decided to enroll at Villanova University for a variety of reasons,” said Taylor. “The faculty are not only some of the most well-respected scholars in their field, they are also genuinely interested in student research, oftentimes cultivating a spirit of collaboration and synergy. More, the University as a whole treats its graduate students exceedingly well.” As a fully funded student, Taylor is actively involved in campus life, running a documentary film series for the Center for Peace and Justice Education, while also remaining thoroughly engaged in coursework. He was interested in a terminal master’s program because he wanted to test the waters before applying to doctoral programs. The program’s track record in this regard has been exceptional, and Taylor and several classmates have been accepted to top doctoral programs during this exceptionally competitive year.

After finishing his master’s thesis, entitled, “On The Poiesis of Latrinalia,” he will be heading to the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, to complete doctoral studies. While enrolled there, Taylor plans to continue the research path he started at Villanova, which he describes as, “…radically contextual, qualitative research focusing on cultural production, and foundationized in the critical/cultural paradigm.” Taylor says he couldn’t be happier with his experience at Villanova and feels prepared and full of momentum for doctoral study. “This is a testament to a rigorous graduate experience that I will value for the rest of my life.”

Jack McFadden is a full-time student in the Liberal Studies graduate program. After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities from Villanova in the spring of 2009, McFadden realized he wanted to be a college professor but was unsure about the field of study he wanted to pursue. He chose the Liberal Studies graduate program at Villanova primarily for the diverse course offerings with the thought that the flexible nature of the program would give him the opportunity to further explore various disciplines. McFadden has just completed his first year of the program and says that it has already given him the clarity he had hoped to attain.

“My undergraduate professors at Villanova inspired me with a desire to teach and my graduate professors in the Liberal Studies program have confirmed that decision,” said McFadden. “They have been accommodating both in and out of the classroom, and they have really made the program work for me.” In his spare time, McFadden hosts a trivia night one night a week at Maloney’s Pub in Bryn Mawr. He also enjoys writing (fiction and nonfiction), reading, exercising, going to the movies and spending time with friends.
HRD Students Present at Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology Conference in Atlanta

Villanova’s graduate program in Human Resource Development (HRD) recently sent one faculty member and five students to the 25th Annual Conference for the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology in Atlanta, Ga., on April 8 – 10, 2010. Current M.S. students Erica Bruno, Phillip Gibson, Lisa Panik and Jim Wallace were awarded Villanova Graduate Studies Travel Grants from the Office of Graduate Studies to attend the conference. Current M.S. student Zandra Leahy, Gibson, psychology undergraduates Mark Versella and Adriane Nguyen, and M.S. graduate Christopher Troyan, coauthored a paper with Ginamarie Ligon, Ph.D., entitled “Structure differences between violent and non-violent ideological organizations.” Ms. Bruno, Ms. Panik, Mr. Gibson and Current student Melissa Doran co-presented with Dr. Ligon at the conference. Bruno and Panik presented a poster on “Assessing and developing innovative performance” based on the research of Dr. Ligon and others (see Faculty News, page 8). Leahy and Gibson presented a poster on ‘Structure differences between violent and non-violent ideological organizations’ based on the research Dr. Ligon and others (see Faculty News, page 8). Wallace represented Villanova at the Master’s Student Consortium.

MPA Program Inducts Charter Class for Villanova Chapter of Pi Alpha Alpha

The Master of Public Administration program is pleased to announce their charter for a chapter of Pi Alpha Alpha, the national honor society for Public Affairs and Administration. The Reverend Richard Jacobs, O.S.A., Ph.D., a professor in the M.P.A. program, will serve as the chapter advisor. Induction into the society requires the completion of 18 credits and a grade point average of 3.8 or greater. Moving forward, the Villanova chapter will work on a number of projects including the orientation program for new students and the annual M.P.A. golf outing. They will also sponsor an annual service project, honor one outstanding public servant at the fall meeting, and host a career networking forum. The first members were inducted at a ceremony at the Villanova Conference Center on May 14, 2010. They are: Paul Bonfanti, Christopher Mark Campbell, Alyson Damerel Fick, Christopher R. Hoffman, Levi Landis, David J. Mrochko, Stephanie Nissen, Scott Mitchell Swichar and Jamie P. Worman.
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English Program Hosts First Graduate Thesis and Field Examination Symposium

On Saturday, March 27, 2010, Villanova University’s graduate program in English hosted its first annual Graduate Thesis and Field Examination Symposium. The event took place at the Saint Augustine Center’s Honors Seminar Room, where six second-year graduate English students presented their research. According to the program’s director, Heather Hicks, Ph.D., the event was designed to provide students who are currently completing their Master’s degree with the opportunity to present their work and receive feedback from their peers and English department faculty.

The symposium was split into two one-hour sessions. Each session had three presenters who offered approximately 10 minute overviews of their thesis or field exam research. At the end of each panel session, students and faculty in attendance as well as the participants, were able to ask questions about the presented material in an effort to aid the students in tackling some of the problems presented in their work.

The event was structured chronologically according to subject, so the first hour saw presentations from Becca Burnett, who spoke about her thesis entitled, “Re-examining Donne’s ‘Masculine Persuasive Force’: Submission, Power, and Christian Masculinity in the Poetry of John Donne,” John Keir, whose field examination paper is entitled, “Punishments in Early Modern Drama,” and Laura Heinrich, whose thesis title is, “I Put Childish Things Behind Me”: Outgrowing Christianity in Three Victorian Novels.” After the question and answer period and a brief intermission, the second hour began with Tiffany DeRewal’s presentation, “Monstrous Undercurrents in 19th Century American Literature,” followed by Ted Howell’s talk on “Aesthetics/Religion/Nationalism: Situating the Soul of James Joyce,” and concluded with Andrew Owens’s presentation, “Narratives of Queer Conflict in the Contemporary Novel.”

The turnout was excellent, with every seat filled by current first- and second-year graduate students, alumni, faculty and newly accepted graduate students eager to learn more about the topics presented by the participants. Upon the symposium’s conclusion, students and faculty were invited to continue the discussion over a lunch provided by the dean of Graduate Studies. Dr. Hicks is confident that the event marks the beginning of a new and important tradition for the graduate program in English.
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Villanova Theatre Proudly Announces 2010 – 2011 Season

Three Days of Rain
September 21 – October 3, 2010
by Richard Greenberg
directed by Rev. David Cregan, O.S.A.

The Beaux’ Stratagem
November 9 – 21, 2010
by George Farquhar
adapted by Thornton Wilder & Ken Ludwig
directed by Shawn Kairsschner

The Cherry Orchard
February 8 – 20, 2011
by Anton Chekhov
directed by Harriet Power

Bat Boy
March 29 – April 17, 2011
book by Keythe Farley & Brian Flemming
music & lyrics by Laurence O’Keefe
directed by Valerie Joyce

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Far Right: Kathryn M. Lyles as Annie Oakley in Villanova Theatre’s production of “Annie Get Your Gun.” (Photo by Paola Nogueras.)
Right: Jessica Bedford as Rosalind and Timothy Rinehart as Orlando (center) surrounded by members of the cast of Villanova Theatre’s production of “As You Like It.” (Photo by Paola Nogueras.)