



Academic Affairs News— January 2007

Message from the Provost

All Faculty & Librarian meeting—Wednesday, February 21, 3:30, Heritage Room, Maxwell Library

These are interesting times! This year we are experiencing the most change I have witnessed in my five years at Bridgewater: a new governor openly committed to public higher education, our President helping shape the future of education in our Commonwealth, and the possibility of our college becoming a university. There are many opportunities awaiting BSC, and I hear a good deal of excitement about the future.

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Despite the changing context, we continue to move along the path we have been carving together. The BSC Strategic Plan, which will be published on the college website this month, highlights the key traits that make Bridgewater an outstanding institution: student engagement in learning, excellent career preparation, interacting with a diverse and global society, forming external partnerships, and enhancing institutional resources (including our physical plant).

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One of our challenges this year is building what NEASC calls “a culture of assessment.” Many of you are already involved in activities related to assessment of student learning. Our new Core Curriculum gives us the opportunity to assess the general skills our students are acquiring, such as effective writing, critical thinking, quantitative reasoning, and information literacy. The office of Institutional Research is working with Dean Rita Miller and selected faculty to develop assessment strategies that will help us track our students’ overall progress on these skills.

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The academic programs are also working on assessment plans for their majors. Assessment planning consists of three questions: 1) What do our majors need to know? 2) What evidence do we have about how well they are learning it? 3) How can we use that information to improve our program? The “Granddaddy” of the majors’ assessment is the effort in the School of Education and Allied Studies to demonstrate student learning for their NCATE accreditation visit in April. I congratulate the faculty in SEAS and Arts and Sciences who participated in the development of the curriculum and assessment plans that were named as national models.

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I’m sure you will be impressed, as I am, by the wealth of activities and accomplishments reported in the following pages. Please continue to send items of interest to Lisa Shaw at lshaw@bridgew.edu.

Best wishes for the spring semester,

Nancy Kleniewski

Awards and Honors

Jabbar Al-Obaidi has been awarded a Sasakawa Fellowship by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). This fellowship will support his participation in the National Faculty Development Institute on “Incorporating Japanese Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum,” to be held at San Diego State University from June 4-22, 2007.

Michael Jones was presented the Massachusetts Colleges Online Course of Distinction Award for developing and teaching his innovative and exciting online course—Statistics for Economic Business.

The program leading to the **Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (CAGS) in Reading** was reviewed and has been awarded national recognition by the International Reading Association. Since 2001, the post-masters cohort program in literacy education has graduated forty reading specialists, many of whom have gone on to pursue their doctoral studies.

Department News and Announcements

The following faculty members have been appointed to program leadership positions. **Jordon Barkalow** has assumed the position of Assistant Director of the Honors Program, effective January 2006. **Michelle Cox** has taken over the position of Writing Across the Curriculum effective this January, while **Anne Doyle** assumes the position of Writing Program Administrator in English. The following appointments will become effective in the Fall of 2007: **Teresa King** will be Coordinator of the Second Year Seminars (Teresa was fulfilling this role on an interim basis this year); **Laura McAlinden** will be Co-Coordinator of the Adrian Tinsley Program for Undergraduate Research; and **Jonathan White** will be Service Learning Coordinator. **Tom Kling** will share the position of Coordinator of the First Year Seminars with **Arthur Lizie** in Fall, 2007, and then take over the position in Spring, 2008. **Kim MacInnis** will serve as Faculty Associate in the School of Arts and Sciences during the spring semester. In addition, the two Teaching and Technology Faculty Fellows for the 2006-07 year are **Martin Grossman** and **Bob Amey**.

Margaret Brooks announced that the National Council on Economic Education has awarded a grant to BSC’s **Center for Economic Education** through funding provided by The Goldman Sachs Foundation. The grant is given for the purpose of conducting a state Economics Challenge contest for high school students in 2007.

CASE, the Center for Advancement of Science Education, led by **Michael Carson** and **Meredith Krevosky**, will have a role as partner in a teacher training initiative in biotechnology through the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education Improving Teacher Quality Grant. Their activities will lead up to the 2007 National Biotechnology Teacher-Leader Program and the Biotechnology Industry Organization’s (BIO) International Convention to be held this May in Boston.

The **English Department** is proud to announce the establishment of a Creative Writing Concentration in the Masters in English program, which was proposed and designed by **Jerald Walker**. Three students were accepted into the program during the summer, and four more were accepted this fall.

The **Geography Department** is pleased to announce that their US DOE FIPSE grant to support the new Consortium in Urban Development with Central Connecticut State University, the State University of Santa Catarina, and the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul has been funded. This program will allow 48 semester-long exchanges over the 2007-2010 period, four from each school each year.

Emily Mann is completing her last year as a Spencer Foundation/National Academy of Education Postdoctoral Research Fellow with a project entitled “Special Education in the National Institute for Health and Human Development (NICHD) Study of Early Child Care and Youth Development (SECCYD).” The total award of the fellowship is \$55,000 and it began in the fall of 2005 and ends in the spring of 2007.

Department News/Announcements (cont.)

Ruth Hannon was awarded a \$21,000 federal grant through Learn and Serve and Mass Campus Compact, to work with **Diane Bell** of the **Community Service Office** to develop Service-learning courses on campus. The first, offered this spring by Ruth, will be Service-learning in Psychology: Big Brother, Big Sister Mentoring. The three year grant will help establish service-learning courses in two other disciplines besides Psychology.

Kathleen Kirby has been appointed to the position of Director of the Office of Grants and Sponsored Projects beginning February 26, 2007. Dr. Kirby is currently Foundation Support Manager at New Hampshire Public Television. Her Ph.D. is in English from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. We are excited to have her join the BSC community. I want to thank **Michael Young, Tim Conley, Helene Fine, Meeta Gill, James Hayes-Bohanan, and Lee Torda**, for their fine efforts as the search committee.

The **Maxwell Library** will be holding a LibQual online user survey from February 19th through March 9th and anyone who completes the survey will have a chance to win one of two iPod Shuffles.

The first **Midyear Symposium of First and Second Year Student Work** was held on November 29, 2006. Almost seventy students from various majors participated in oral presentations, poster presentations, creative readings, video exhibitions, and performances. A full description is available on the OUR website (<http://www.bridgew.edu/OUR/>).

The **MSW program** has been granted initial accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education's Commission on Accreditation from the academic year of 2003-2004 until 2011.

In the past year, **Ellyn Robinson** has worked closely with USA Weightlifting at the USA Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. She recently completed her Regional Coaching Credential, which makes her eligible to coach at the international level (Olympics, World Games, and Pan American Games). Last year Ellyn won two gold medals at the Pan American Masters Games and the American Open Masters competitions and, as a member of Team USA for the World Master's Games, she will compete next August in Budapest, Hungary. In addition, Ellyn had three internships with BSC students at the Olympic Training Centers in Lake Placid, NY and Chula Vista, CA. USA Weightlifting selected her to teach them to certify new and aspiring strength coaches and this new level of certification will take place each semester at BSC.

Last October, **Frank Sargent** and **Richard Abers** made themselves available to the press after the tragic crash of a small plane into an apartment building in New York. Frank was interviewed by Fox News and Richard was interviewed by USA Today, WBZ radio, the Taunton Daily Gazette and a few others. Channel 7 interviewed Richard about flight operations and safety and the interview aired on the nightly news.

Steven Viveiros has been named Assistant Director of the Academic Achievement Center.

Jeff Williams and the **School of Graduate Studies** are participating in a partnership with several Southeastern Massachusetts school districts to provide professional development for science teachers. This project is funded by Massachusetts Department of Education.

Transfer Coordinator **Sandy Christoun** reports that Bridgewater has signed the following articulation agreements with Massasoit Community College: Criminal Justice Transfer, Criminal Justice Career from BSC, and Elementary Education.

Grants Awarded (FY07, Quarter 1)

Peggy Smith, *Ronald McNair Disadvantaged Student Program—Year Two*, Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, \$48,600.

Samuel Baumgarten, *Weymouth PEP Works*, U.S. Department of Education, \$28,765.

Michael Carson, *Biotech for Students and Teachers: Phase II—Year Two*, National Institutes of Health, \$263,260.

Tisa Cohane, *Improving Physical and Earth Science in Southeastern Massachusetts/Cape Cod (MMSP—Title IIB)*, Massachusetts Department of Education, \$121,956.

Vernon Domingo, *Global Education Consortium*, Massachusetts State Legislature, \$20,000.

Benedicta Eyemaro, *Evaluation of the One-to-One Writing Instruction with My Access and MassOne Support Grant (170-B)*, Massachusetts Department of Education, \$5,735.

Ruth Hannon, *Promoting Service-Learning Across the Disciplines*, Campus Compact, \$7,000.

James Hayes-Bohanan, *FIPSE/CAPES Consortium in Urban Development*, U.S. Department of Education, \$29,203.

Curtiss Hoffman, *Middleborough Little League Fields Archaeological Data Recovery Project*, National Trust for Historic Preservation, \$1,000.

John Jahoda and Carol Carson, *Center for Ocean Science Foundation Excellence—New England (COSEE-New England)*, National Science Foundation, \$23,400.

Margaret Lowe, *Teaching American History through Discovery, Investigation and Participation (Brockton) - Year Three*, U.S. Department of Education, \$279,033.

Emily Mann, *National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellow—Year Two*, National Academy of Education, \$27,500.

Uma Shama and Larry Harman, *Remote Sensing and Spatial Information Technology Applications to National Highway Traffic Safety*, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, \$200,000.

Lidia Silveira, *Promoting Inclusion through Assistive Technology—Year Four*, FIPSE, \$9,797.

Grants Awarded (FY07, Quarter 2)

Martina Arndt, *Collaborative Research: Polarimetric Imaging and Spectroscopy of the Corona from 500-1500nm during Solar Eclipses—Year Three*, National Science Foundation, \$5,418.

Anna Bradfield and Barbara Bautz, *Teacher for the New Era Partnership—Year Two*, Carnegie Corporation, \$115,355.

Margaret Brooks, *Economic Challenge Contest 2007*, National Council on Economic Education, \$3,000.

Michael Carson, *Center for Advancement of Science Exploration (CASE) Contract*, Brockton Public Schools, \$7,500.

Anthony Cicerone, *Canadian Studies Program Enhancement Grant*, Canadian Embassy, \$10,074.

Lawrence Harman and Uma Shama, *Cape Cod Transportation Partners ITS Project (CCRTA)*, Federal Transit Administration, \$175,000.

Gregory Nelson and John Marvelle, *Building Careers Continuation Grant 2007*, Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care, \$55,738.

For a listing of FLRG and other CART grant recipients, please go to <http://www.bridgew.edu/depts/cart/grant%20recipients.cfm>

Faculty and Staff Presentations

Margaret Brooks and George Watson gave a presentation entitled “Virtual Economics 3.0: New Ways to Teach Economics and Personal Finance” at the Annual Conference of the New Hampshire Council for the Social Studies on October 23, 2006 in Manchester, NH.

Shannon Donovan presented “Innovative Uses of the Table PC” at the June 2006 Massachusetts Colleges Online Conference on e-Learning.

Fernanda Ferreira presented “Popular Brazilian Portuguese as a Semi-Creole: Evidence from Complex Plurals” at the Annual Meeting of the Society

Faculty and Staff Presentations (cont.)

Pidgin and Creole Linguistics (SPCL) and the Linguistic Society of America (LSA) in Anaheim, CA, January 6-8, 2007.

Martin Grossman presented a faculty seminar entitled "Web 2.0 for Teachers: Collaboration and Sharing in the New Millennium" in November 2006.

Sabrina Gentlewarrior co-presented with J. Decker, "I wonder why I didn't become angry, only silent. I have never told anyone. Older women describe their child sexual abuse experiences," last October at the Resovi International Conference "Violence Against Women: Diversifying Social Responses" in Montreal, Canada. Sabrina also gave a poster presentation entitled "Older Women's Child Sexual Abuse Experiences and Impact" at the 17th Annual International Trauma Conference last June in Boston.

Curtiss Hoffman gave his PowerPoint presentation entitled "Adventures on the Ruta Maya" to the Central Massachusetts Chapter of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society, Worcester, MA on February 3, 2007. This presentation was the first public viewing of images from the Belize tour.

Curtiss Hoffman served as Chair of the Host Committee and Co-Chair of the Program Committee for the annual conference of the International Association for the Study of Dreams, held on campus from June 19-24, 2006. He conducted a morning dream group at the conference and presented a paper on "Dreaming in Mercury Retrograde" as part of a panel on Long-Time Journal Keepers.

Curtiss Hoffman served as Chair of the Program Committee for the annual conference of the Eastern States Archaeological Federation, held at the Royal Plaza Best Western Hotel in Fitchburg, MA from November 8-12, 2006. He served on a panel discussing recent developments in the protection of Native American sacred sites in Carlisle, MA and Killingworth, CT.

Ellen Ingmanson presented her paper "Evolution of Intelligence: Sex, Tools and Communication in Bonobo Life" at the BSC Science Faculty Seminar Series, October 2006. She also presented her paper "Missing Women in Archaeology: Perspective and Implications," at the Eastern States Archaeological Federation meetings in Fitchburg, MA in November.

Michael Jones participated in a panel presentation of issues surrounding the Community Reading project of

"Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America" by Barbara Ehrenreich. The panel discussion was on living in poverty in Southeastern Massachusetts.

Leora Lev presented a paper, "Food Fetish: Gastronomy as Spectacle of Subversive Desire in Spanish Fiction and Film," at the 1ère Conférence Internationale de Gastronomie Quantitative at the Université de Bordeaux, in Bordeaux, France from May 26-27, 2006.

Leora Lev gave a reading from her book, *Enter at Your Own Risk: The Dangerous Art of Dennis Cooper*, at the Brookline Booksmith on December 5, 2006. Briefs about her book appeared in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, the *Boston Phoenix*, *Boston DIY*, Boston's *Weekly Dig*, the *Brookline Tab*, and the book was discussed in an article on recent publications concerning avant-garde and downtown New York City writing in the publication *New York University Research* (Fall 2006, vol. 3, No. 1).

Emily Mann presented her paper entitled "Predictors of Special Education in the NICHD SECCYD" at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work Research on January 14, 2007.

Stanley Ross presented a seminar on "Ethics in the Workplace" on August 2, 2006 at Stoneforge Tavern & Pubick House in Raynham. The seminar was attended by members of the Cranberry Country Chamber of Commerce.

Robert Wolk presented his paper "How important is Student Computing Ability? The Role of Information Technology Competence in Business School Accreditation" at the Information Systems Educators Conference (ISECON) in Dallas, Texas last November. His paper will be published in the conference proceedings.

Faculty/Librarian Publications

Marcia Dinneen published four articles in the Scribner's Encyclopedia of American Lives (SEAL) 2006: "Jeanne Crain," "Jerome Hines," "Robert Merrill," and "John Raitt."

Emily Douglas published *Mending Broken Families: Social Policies for Divorced Families—How Effective Are They?* with Rowman & Littlefield last August.

Fernanda Ferreira published a review of *Portuguese: A Linguistic Introduction* by Milton Azevedo, in

Faculty/Librarian Publications, (cont.)

Revista Iberoamericana de Lingüística, v. 9, Ver-
vuert/Iberoamericana, Spring 2007.

Fernanda Ferreira published an article entitled “A linguistic time-capsule: plural /s/ reduction in Afro-Hispanic and Afro-Portuguese historical texts” in *Structure and Variation in Language Contact*, edited by Ana Deumert and Stephanie Durrieman, Creole Language Library, v. 29, 2006:263-289, Amsterdam: John Benjamins.

Diana Fox co-authored “A Gift from God: Gender and the Ethnography of Water in Three Trinidadian Communities” in *Caribbean Review of Gender Studies*, Vol. 1, No. 1., St. Augustine, Trinidad: Centre for Gender and Development Studies, University of the West Indies (forthcoming).

Josh Greenberg’s book, *Advocating The Man: Masculinity, Organized Labor, and the Household in New York, 1800-1840*, has just been published by Gutenberg-e, a program of the American Historical Association and Columbia University Press.

Martin Grossman published two articles: “Citrix—Using Campus Applications from Anywhere,” in *Digital Bridges* 2(1).3 in October 2006 and “Pedagogical Freebies in Cyberspace—the Open-CourseWare Movement” in *Digital Bridges* 2(2). 2 in November 2006.

Curtiss Hoffman published “Late to Transitional Archaic Exchange in Eastern Massachusetts” in the 2006 volume of the journal *Archaeology of Eastern North America* (v. 34:91-103). This article discussed finds from several sites excavated by Curtiss, some with the assistance of students from BSC, and placed them within the context of regional exchange.

Emily Mann co-authored two articles: “Preschool predictors of the need for remedial and special education,” in *Elementary School Journal*, 107, 3, 273-285, 2007; and, “Early intervention and juvenile delinquency prevention: Evidence from the Chicago Longitudinal Study,” in *Social Work Research*, 30, 153-167, 2006.

Jerald Walker published an essay, “Dragon Slay-ers,” in *The Iowa Review*, 36:2 (2006:) 51-57.

Jonathan White co-authored *The Engaged Sociologist: Connecting Classroom to Community* with Pine Forge Press in December, 2006.

Professional Appointments and Invitations

Christine Brown was selected to participate in the Library Leadership Massachusetts 2007 Institute, which is sponsored by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Massachusetts Regional Library Systems. The leadership institute runs from July 15-18, 2007 at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester.

Maureen Chaves was named by BSC’s President to the Diversity Council, a group that will lead the campus’s institutional diversity planning over the next year. Her term runs through August 2007.

Diana Fox has been invited to be a round table discussant at the upcoming conference of the Southwest Texas Popular Culture and American Culture Associations Annual Meeting on February 16, 2007 for the panel, “The Life of Online Academic Journals—A Round Table Discussion.” She will discuss the challenges and successes of the on-line *Journal of International Women’s Studies* (www.bridgew.edu/jiws/).

James Hayes-Bohanan has been named to the Editorial Board of *Saber da Amazônia*, which is a journal of Amazon studies.

Curtiss Hoffman was invited to the 2007 annual conference of the International Association for the Study of Dreams, to be held on June 29-July 3, 2007 at Sonoma State University, CA. He will present “The Wonder-Realm of Night: Dreams in the Music-Dramas of Richard Wagner” and will participate in an invited panel on “Dreams in Sacred Places,” presenting material from several international visits, including the recent Anthropological Study Tour of Belize.

Catherine Morgan was one of twenty-two women invited to attend the 68th National Leadership Forum for Women Administrators, sponsored by the American Council on Education, Office of Women in Higher Education. The three-day forum was held last November.

Dan Shockley is serving as the chair of the Professional Development and Ethics Committee for the New England Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers (NEACRAO). He is also the Vice Chair for the Registration and Academic Support Committee for the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers (AACRAO). He will present at the national AACRAO conference in Boston in February.

Professional Appointments and Invitations (cont.)

Kendra St. Aubin served as Membership Chair of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) College Libraries Section (CLS) for 2005-2006 and produced a new CLS brochure. Kendra was elected Secretary of the ACRL New England Chapter for 2004-2006, she was appointed Membership Chair of the ACRL New England Chapter in May 2006, and she was appointed to Southeastern Massachusetts Library System (SEMLS) Planning and Budget Committee in August 2006.

Jerald Walker has been appointed the Director of Literature at Imago Fine Crafts and Arts Gallery in Warren, RI. He was invited to serve on the Board of Judges for the Columbia Scholastic Press Association for the second consecutive year. Jerald was the Keynote Speaker for the “Juneteenth” celebration held at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute and his lecture was entitled “We Are Americans: Identify and Self-Definition in the Wake of Freedom.”

Nancy Witherell has been appointed to the Board of Examiners (BOE) for the National Council for Accreditation for Teacher Education (NCATE). She was selected by the International Reading Association as one of their representatives.

Student Accomplishments and Awards

Students **Timothy Hebert** and **Michael DeGagne** co-authored and presented two articles with **Robert Wolk** at the Information Systems Educators Conference (ISECON) in Dallas, Texas last November. The articles were entitled “Back to the Maxwell Library’s Future: Student Library and Information Resource Usage (2006) by **Timothy Hebert** and **Robert M. Wolk**” and “Unwired: Student Use of Technology in the Ubiquitous Computing World (2006) by **Michael DeGagne** and **Robert M. Wolk**. The research papers took the only two awards for student-faculty research at the conference, and their papers will be published in next year’s *Information Systems Educators Journal*. The majority of the other seventeen submissions in this category were from doctoral students. **Tim Hebert**, an MS student, won the “Meritorious Writing Award,” undergraduate student **Michael DeGagne** won the “Best Paper” award.

The BSC Forensic Team competed at Suffolk University last October and won the first place team trophy. The first place team consisted of **Dan Abril**, **Christopher Fey**, **Jensen Denoyes**, **Anastasiya Kelly**, **Kathryn Latham**, **Melissa MacPhee**, **Laura Posca**, and **Lea Wink**. Individual awards went to the following students:

1st Place Rhetorical Criticism—Jensen Denoyes
1st Place Program Oral Interpretation—Laura Posca
2nd Place Informative Speaking—Dan Abril
3rd Place Informative Speaking—Kathryn Latham
3rd Place Persuasive Speaking—Anastasiya Kelly

Last November, the **BSC Forensic Team** members competed at the St. Anselm Tournament against seventeen colleges and universities and won both second and third place speaking trophies. **Jensen Denoyes** won the 2nd place trophy in Communication Analysis with his speech analyzing the impact of Bill Clinton’s recent interview on Fox News. **Anastasiya Kelly** won the 3rd place trophy in Informative Speaking with a speech on borderline personality disorder.

The Bridge, BSC’s student journal of the arts, was presented with an “Award of Excellence” from the University & College Designers Association.