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Villanova Theatre Launches 50th Anniversary Season

Villanova's theatre department will be celebrating 50 years of excellence in theatre, during the 2008 – 2009 academic year. The theatre's 50th Anniversary line-up began with a masterpiece of the American stage followed by a giddy French farce, and continues with a gorgeous contemporary re-imagining of Roman mythology, and a sizzling Kander and Ebb musical.

Theatre department chair Rev. Richard G. Cannuli, O.S.A., says, "The 2008 – 2009 season draws upon the traditions of American, European, contemporary and musical theatre that have been so important to our repertoire and curriculum through the past 50 years. At this important milestone, we take special pride in our graduates, whose success in regional, national and international theatre continues to bring such distinction to Villanova University's M.A. in Theatre program."

The season opened with Eugene O'Neill's masterpiece, "Long Day's Journey into Night," which mesmerized audiences from September 23 through October 5. The play was first seen on the Villanova campus forty years ago, under the direction of Robert Hedley, who returned to Villanova to direct the anniversary production. It featured theatre professor and past-chair Joanna Rotté as Mary Tyrone.

In November, Harriet Power directed Georges Feydeau's hilarious farce, "Le Dindon (An Absolute Turkey)." Complete with slamming doors and mistaken identity, "Le Dindon" is a lightning-paced symphony of intrigues, betrayals and misunderstandings by the supreme master of farce. The delicious confusion leads to a climax that the *New York Times* called, simply, "Glorious!"

Just in time for Valentine's Day, Mary Zimmerman's lyrical update of Ovid's "Metamorphoses" will inspire audiences to meditate on love in all its myriad forms, on stage from February 3 through 15; Shawn Kairschner will direct. In perhaps the most interesting scenic challenge of the year, the play is set in and around an on-stage pool! Humans who sink into the pool emerge divine, and love serves as alchemist in a series of gorgeous, fluid transformations.



Kathryn M. Lyles, Jeffrey S. Paden and Jessica Conrad Bedford in this season's madcap farce, *Le Dindon (An Absolute Turkey)*, directed by Harriet Power. Photo: Paola Noguerras.

The season will end with the passionate and politically-charged "Cabaret," from the songwriting team behind "Chicago" and the current Broadway hit "Curtains," John Kander and Fred Ebb. Valerie Joyce, the department's newest faculty member and an alumna of the M.A. in Theatre program, will direct. "Cabaret's" captivating story pulls together an American novelist, a British nightclub singer, a sensible German landlady, and her amorous Jewish tenant in an intricate dance of politics and passion. The cast of "Cabaret" will be singing and dancing from March 24 through April 4, and again from April 14 through 19.

All performances will be held in the 180-seat theatre in Vasey Hall on the Villanova campus. \$10 faculty, staff, and alumni tickets are available (limit two per person) and may be ordered by calling the Villanova Theatre Box Office at **610.519.7474**. Visit www.theatre.villanova.edu.

Highlight:

GRADUATE THEATRE

The 2008 – 2009 academic year marks the 50th anniversary of the theatre department at Villanova University. For half a century, its faculty have been challenging graduate students with a rigorous academic schedule, and for just as long, the department's actors, directors, and theatre technicians have been entertaining audiences with moving, thought-provoking, professional-quality productions. That balance between academic and creative theatre pursuits makes Villanova's M.A.

Richard G. Cannuli, O.S.A. "Our students have gone on to become theatre educators, arts administrators, prominent scholars, award-winning playwrights, professional actors, directors and designers—the list goes on. We have graduates actively working in all aspects of theatre on local, national and international levels."

Impact on the Theatre Community

Graduates from the past five years' M.A. in Theatre program have achieved

House theatre and more. Theatre alumni are pursuing advanced degrees at the University of Maryland, Columbia University and other institutions. The tally of graduate achievements from all 50 years of the department's existence is too extensive to include here.

October's 2008 Barrymore Award ceremony, Philadelphia's version of the Tony Awards, was a testament to the impact the department has had in Philadelphia. At the black-tie event, alumni of Villanova's master's program were represented among presenters (Maureen Torsney-Weir '97 and Michael Hollinger '89, who also teaches in the program), nominees (costume designers Janus Stefanowicz '81 and Charlotte Cloe Fox Wind '02, who both work in Villanova's costume shop), performers (Megan Bellwoar '90, Kristyn Chouniere '03, Mike Dees '04, and Logan Thompson '07), and even planners (Karen DiLossi '00, Director of Programs and Services at the Greater Philadelphia Theatre Alliance). Villanova Theatre's 2008 production of "The Illusion" was featured in a video presentation about the sound design process.

Talented Faculty and Staff

The faculty and staff of the Villanova theatre department are comprised of dedicated theatre practitioners who are actively involved in professional theatre. Following are recent accomplishments and plans for the upcoming year:

- In addition to her appearance at Villanova Theatre as Mary Tyrone in the season-opening "Long Day's Journey into Night," Joanna Rotté, will be heard on four books on CD, all authored by renowned American Buddhist nun and meditation teacher Pema Chodron. Last May, Rotté received the President's Award to distinguished alumni from the City



Joanna Rotté as Mother Courage and Kristen O'Rourke as Kattrin in Villanova Theatre's 2007 production of *Mother Courage and Her Children*.

in Theatre unique in the nation. While most master's-level programs focus either on scholarship or artistry, Villanova's program has always striven to marry the two in order to produce graduates who are well-rounded theatre professionals, prepared for myriad roles in the creative economy.

"Our department has a 50-year track record of turning out successful theatre professionals," says chairperson Rev.

positions at the Wilma Theatre, Theatre Exile, Act II Playhouse, and other Philadelphia-area theatres; Playwrights Theater of New Jersey; the O'Neill Theater Center in New York, N.Y.; Geva Theatre Center in Rochester, N.Y.; and others. They have been seen in productions at the Media Theatre, Lantern Theater Company, People's Light and Theatre Company, Vanity

University of New York Graduate Center.

- Harriet Power, who was this year promoted to full professor, became Associate Artistic Director of Act II Playhouse in Ambler, Pa. This year, she will direct “Le Dindon (An Absolute Turkey)” for Villanova Theatre. She will also direct a reading of fellow faculty member Michael Hollinger’s new play, “Ghost Writer,” at New York City’s New Dramatists.
- Michael Hollinger, associate artistic director of Villanova Theatre, is working on three new musicals. His play “Opus,” which enjoyed a successful run Off Broadway last year, is currently being optioned for a Broadway production.
- Rev. David Cregan, O.S.A., is a critic for the *Main Line Times* and *Philadelphia Magazine* and is editing a book of essays on gender and national identity in Ireland for Carysfort Press.
- Shawn Kairschner will direct “Metamorphoses” in February 2009 at Villanova Theatre.
- Valerie Joyce, an alumna of the program and faculty member, will chair the American Theatre and Drama Society emerging scholars’ panel for this year’s Association for Theatre in Higher Education conference in New York. She will also direct the final show in the 08 – 09 season, “Cabaret.”
- Costume shop manager and resident designer Janus Stefanowicz recently netted a Barrymore nomination for her work on the Wilma Theatre’s 2007 production of “Amadeus”
- Parris Bradley, the theatre’s technical director, is tackling the challenge of designing the set for “Metamorphoses”—complete with on-stage pool. Active in the Philadelphia music community, Bradley’s band, The Johnny Never Band, performs regularly.

- Ward Van Haute, when not serving as props master for Villanova Theatre, works on a wide variety of film and TV projects shot in the area, including PBS’s “Sprout.”

M.A. and Certificate Programs

The Villanova theatre department offers a Master of Arts in Theatre degree and a graduate certificate in Practical Theatre. The program is designed for the student who is ready to deepen his or her understanding of the scope and content of theatre and drama, from classic to contemporary and from east to west. A series of core courses encompassing the history of theatrical production and the theory, criticism and analysis of dramatic literature supports a range of elective studies in acting, directing, design, and playwriting.

The graduate certification program gives a broad background in practical theatre to the student who may not wish to pursue the M.A. degree but would like to acquire skills, vocabulary and methodology fundamental to the practice of theatre.

Award-winning Productions

Villanova Theatre’s annual four-show season boasts productions that are on par with those presented by the area’s professional theatres. The department’s four-show season is supported by more than 500 subscribers and seen by an audience of over 7,000 theatre patrons annually. With selections culled from a broad range of contemporary and classic plays and musicals, Villanova Theatre’s productions are directed by faculty and guest artists, and designed by resident and freelance professional designers. Graduate students, supervised by a full-time production staff, are the mainstay of the season, serving as actors, stage managers, and members of the crew.

Villanova Theatre productions are reviewed by the major Philadelphia



Matt Silva and Luke Moyer playing the Tyrone brothers in *Long Day’s Journey Into the Night*, directed by Bob Hedley. Photo: John Welsh.

media. The department is an active member of many cultural organizations, including the American College Theatre Festival, Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance, and the Theatre Alliance of Greater Philadelphia. Since 1995, Villanova’s productions have been honored with 50 nominations and six Barrymore Awards for Excellence in Theatre from the Theatre Alliance. Recent nominations were for costume design for *The Illusion* (2008) and *The Tempest* (2006), *Urinetown* (2006 – four nominations), and *Parade* (2004 – eight nominations).

For additional information about the Theatre program please visit www.theatre.villanova.edu

Highlight:

CRIMINOLOGY, LAW & SOCIETY



Professor Kelly Welch with students in her Social Justice graduate seminar.

A Name Change

The master's program in criminal justice now has a different name: Criminology, Law & Society. Over the years, the program has morphed from one that emphasized applied aspects of criminal justice administration to one that now focuses on criminological theory and social policy research. The basis for the name change was two fold: (1) truth-in-labeling and (2) marketability for the type of students we want to bring to Villanova.

Truth in Labeling

The term "criminal justice" has increasingly become synonymous with "cop shop," in part because of popular media portrayals and in part because of the rapid proliferation of vocationally oriented programs in junior colleges. With a curriculum that stresses criminological theory, the social construction of law, and social justice, our program takes the broader

view that the criminal justice system is just one of several institutions relevant for crime and justice. Special emphasis is placed on using rigorous research methods to examine the role of social institutions (e.g., communities, jobs, schools, and families) in the occurrence of crime and the effectiveness of crime control.

The graduate program in Criminology, Law & Society helps students develop a critical understanding of the social context in which the criminal justice system operates. This program examines the causes of crime, the policy solutions, and the sociological implications of current public policy. Students in the program are exposed to the crime control systems of other countries, suggesting that existing arrangements in the United States are not inevitable and that viable alternatives may exist. Students gain an appreciation for the social justice issues that are revealed

in the operation of the criminal justice system as well. They wrestle with difficult questions about, for example, the relationship between racial and economic privilege and justice outcomes.

Through our undergraduate classes in both sociology and criminal justice, we believe we were able to clearly communicate what we are about to Villanova undergraduates seeking admission to the graduate program. However, prospective applicants from other institutions did not have the benefit of this face-to-face contact at the undergraduate level, and thus only had the title "Criminal Justice" to go on. Unfortunately, as mentioned, the title "Criminal Justice" is often perceived by prospective applicants as exclusively vocational. Indeed, in a study titled "What's in a name?," Wortley and Wimshurt (2000) reported that the title "Criminal Justice" was seen by students as (1) less research oriented, (2) less challenging, (3) less theoretical, (4) less socially aware, and (5) more vocational than "Criminology." While we believe we were able to quickly dismiss the notion that our program was not scholarly through our undergraduate introductory classes, non-Villanova students did not have the benefit of hearing firsthand that our definition of "justice" is more nuanced than that presented on "CSI." Thus, students from other places were more likely to base their decision to apply or not apply on popular (mis)perceptions.

Local Marketing

We believe that a program titled "Criminology, Law & Society" will have considerable marketability. One benefit of "law" in the title is that it may attract students thinking about a career in law, but not quite ready to go to law school yet. Our emphasis

on developing critical thinking and research skills would serve this group well. Another marketing benefit associated with the word “society” in the title is the possible attraction of more sociology and political science liberal arts college students, perhaps from some of the exceptional institutions in the Philadelphia area. Another potential marketing benefit is the unique niche for our program in the region. We are the only program with such a title in the metropolitan area, although the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Delaware both offer graduate degrees in “Criminology”. Of course, we are not the only program in the country with a “Criminology, Law and Society” title. Both the University of California-Irvine and the University of Florida use this exact title for their highly regarded graduate degrees.

Faculty with National Recognition

With some recent hires, the program now includes several nationally-known faculty publishing in the top academic journals and university presses. Our full-time faculty have diverse research

and teaching interests including prisons and punishment, policing, criminological theory, victimology, social justice, poverty and violence, racism and criminal stereotypes, research methods, statistics, and law and gender. Faculty and graduate students are collaborating on cutting-edge research, and several graduate students are presenting papers at the American Society of Criminology meetings in St. Louis in November 2009.

Classes are small, but include students from varying backgrounds, providing an exceptional learning environment with personal one-on-one attention from faculty who are experts in the field. Our students pursue a range of activities after graduation, including further graduate studies at the doctoral level and careers in law, academia, research (both government and private firms), federal law enforcement, and federally-funded crime prevention initiatives.



Lance Hannon, Ph.D.
Graduate Program Director

For additional information about the Criminology, Law & Society program please visit www.villanova.edu/artsci/sociology/graduate



Criminology, Law & Society students David Pasick, Paige Weller and Jill Viglione.

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Biology

Aaron M. Bauer, Ph.D., Todd R. Jackman, Ph.D., and postdoctoral researcher **Eli Greenbaum, Ph.D.**, have published the papers “Phylogenetic relationships of geckos of the genus *Nactus* and their relatives (Squamata: Gekkonidae)” in *Acta Herpetologica* 3:1 – 18; “Out of the blue: cryptic higher level taxa and a novel, trans-Atlantic clade of gecko lizards (Gekkota, Squamata)” in *Zoologica Scripta* 37:355 – 366; and “Evidence for Gondwanan vicariance in an ancient clade of gecko lizards” in *Journal of Biogeography* 35:88 – 104.

Aaron Bauer, Ph.D., and biology graduate students Daniel Portik and Edward Stanley conducted herpetological field research in South Africa and Botswana in June 2008 while Jesse Grismer and Perry Wood worked on lizard systematics in Thailand and Malaysia. In July 2008, Dr. Bauer and Dr. Jackman and master’s students Jesse Grismer, Perry Wood, and Stuart Nielsen presented papers at the Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists in Montreal, Canada. Additionally, Dr. Bauer presented a plenary lecture, “A Spatial and Temporal History of Geckos of the World” at the sixth World Congress of Herpetology in Manaus, Brazil in August 2008. At this meeting he assumed the role of Secretary General of the World Congress of Herpetology.

Robert. L. Curry, Ph.D., attended the annual meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society, held in Mobile, Alabama, jointly with the Association of Field Ornithologists in April. Dr. Curry gave an oral presentation entitled “Contributions of George F. Gaumer to ornithology of the Yucatán and Cozumel: throwing the baby out with the bathwater?” Dr. Curry also coauthored an oral presentation by recent Villanova B.S. graduate Andrew

McGann, on “Songs of the critically endangered Cozumel Thrasher: what would a needle in a haystack sound like?” The meeting’s close also marked completion of Dr. Curry’s four year term on WOS Council, the governing body of the society.

In August 2008, Dr. Curry attended the 126th Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists’ Union, held in Portland, Oregon, jointly with two other ornithological societies. He delivered the formal introduction for the Plenary Lecture of Dr. Rosemary Grant of Princeton University. At the meeting, Dr. Curry also completed his three year term as an elected member of AOU Council, the organization’s governing body, and he reported to the Council and general membership on plans for the 127th Stated Meeting. Dr. Curry served as Chair of the Committee on Local Arrangements for that meeting, which took place at the University of Pennsylvania in August 2008, co-hosted by Villanova and the University of Pennsylvania.

Computing Sciences

Don Goelman Ph.D., attended ITiCSE 2008, where he presented his paper “Databases, Non-majors and Collaborative Learning: A Ternary Relationship.” Innovation and Technology in Computer Science Education, or ITiCSE, is the flagship international annual conference of the computer science education community. Dr. Goelman also chaired a sessions at the conference, which was ran from June 30 to July 2, 2008.

Thomas Way, Ph.D., presented papers at two conferences in Las Vegas during July 2008. Research conducted in Dr. Way’s Applied Computing Technology (ACT) Lab with graduate students Rushikesh Katikar and Purushotham Ch led to a paper entitled “Nanocompilation for the Cell Matrix Architecture,” that Dr. Way

presented at the International Conference on Computer Design (CDES) 2008. Dr. Way also coauthored with graduate student Shashank Kaushik, M.S. 2008, a paper entitled “Design of an Automatic Password Protection Mechanism for Digital Documents” that Dr. Way presented at the International Conference on Security and Management (SAM) 2008.

Criminology, Law & Society

Kelly Welch, Ph.D., has written an article entitled “Howard Zinn’s critical criminology: Understanding his criminological perspective” in a special issue of *Contemporary Justice Review* that will focus on unorthodox criminologists.

Allison Payne, Ph.D., has written an article entitled “A Multilevel Model of the Relationships among Communal School Disorder, Student Bonding, and Delinquency” that was published in the November 2008 issue of *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*.

Education

Edward Garcia Fierros, Ph.D., of Villanova University and Mindy Kornhaber, Ph.D., of Pennsylvania State University recently reviewed the report, “Education Olympics 2008: The Games in Review,” released shortly after the 2008 Olympic Summer Games in Beijing. The review of that report questions the rankings but saves its harshest criticism for the report’s leap to unsupported policy recommendations. The review can be read at <http://epicpolicy.org/thinktank/review-education-olympics>

Edward Garcia Fierros, Ph.D., was selected as Project Zero Classroom Fellow at Harvard University’s Graduate School of Education. As a fellow this past summer, Dr. Fierros taught two sessions: “Multiple Intelligences in the

Theory and Practice,” and “High Stakes Testing and Opportunity to Learn.”

Ray Heitzmann, Ph.D., had an article entitled “Case Study Instruction in Teacher Education: Opportunity to Develop Students Critical Thinking, School Smarts and Decision Making” published in the journal *Education* Vol. 128. No. 4. This journal is the oldest in the field of pedagogy.

Teresa G. Wojcik, Ph.D., gathered data in Poland last summer for her oral history research on the teaching of civics and history during the communist era. She obtained official curriculum documents from the period and studied the various ways in which teachers and students subverted ideological indoctrination in the classroom. A Fulbright recipient to Poland in 2001 – 2002, Dr. Wojcik speaks Polish fluently.

During her recent trip to Poland, she was invited to the town of Warka to participate in the “VIVAT PULASKI” celebration, an annual festival marking Polish-American friendship and commemorating the contributions of Casimir Pulaski, the Polish hero who assisted the American colonists during the Revolutionary War (www.vivatpulaski.pl). Dr. Wojcik joined Victor Ashe, American Ambassador to Poland, as a special guest at the festival.

English

Cristina Maria Cervone, Ph.D., presented a book-in-progress, “Love’s Leap: Incarnational Poetics in Late Medieval England,” at a symposium in April 2008 at Notre Dame’s Medieval Institute as the culminating event of her Mellon fellowship there. Dr. Cervone was joined by Alastair Minnis, Ph.D., from the English Department at Yale University; Gary Macy, Ph.D., from the Theology Department at Santa Clara University, and Andy Galloway, Ph.D., professor of English and Medieval

Studies at Cornell University. In addition, Dr. Cervone’s article, “John de Cobham and Cooling Castle’s Charter Poem,” appeared in the October 2008 issue of *Speculum* (83: 884 – 916).

Another article, “Christ the Falcon,” was published in the September 2008 issue of *Notes and Queries* (55: 277 – 82).

Lisa Sewell, Ph.D., associate professor in the Department of English and co-director of Women’s Studies, won the 2008 Keystone Chapbook award. Seven Kitchens Press published her winning chapbook, “Long Corridor,” in December 2008. She also has new poems appearing or forthcoming in *Colorado Review*, *American Letters and Commentary*, *Tampa Review*, *Laurel Review*, *The Journal*, *Denver Quarterly* and *New Letters*. In addition, Dr. Sewell presented a paper, “Lyn Hejinian’s Language of Inquiry,” at Lifting Belly: Women Poets Since 1900, a conference, at Duquesne University, held in September 2008.

History

Joe Casino, Ph.D., was filmed and interviewed by a television team from the Czech Republic preparing a documentary on St. John Neumann and the creation of the parochial school system in Philadelphia. Filming took place in September 2008 at St. Peter the Apostle School in Philadelphia, which Joe attended from 1951 to 1960. St. Peter’s is one of the few schools founded by Neumann in the 1850s that remains in operation today. The team then traveled to the Archives at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary where Dr. Casino presented artifacts related to Neumann and his tenure as the fourth bishop of Philadelphia. Dr. Casino teaches at Villanova on a part-time basis.

Judith Giesberg, Ph.D., presented a paper, entitled “Eye of History: Looking at Civil War Prisoners of War” at the Society of Civil War Historians (First) Biennial Meeting at The Union League

Club of Philadelphia, June 2008. Dr. Giesberg delivered a lecture entitled “Lincoln and the Widow Bixby” at the Swarthmore Public Library in August 2008.

Christopher Haas, Ph.D., traveled to the Republic of Georgia in June and conducted archaeological field research on early Medieval monastic foundations in the region of Kakheti. He then participated in a symposium on Georgian Arts and Culture sponsored by the Georgian Academy of Sciences in Tbilisi and Batumi, and delivered a paper on “Ioane Zedazneli: A Georgian Saint in the Syrian Ascetical Tradition.”

Jeffrey Johnson, Ph.D., published “Germany: Discipline – Industry – Profession: German Chemical Organizations, 1867 – 1914,” in “Creating Networks in Chemistry: The Founding and Early History of the Chemical Societies in Europe,” ed. Sona Štrbánová and Anita Kildebaek Nielsen (Cambridge, UK: Royal Society of Chemistry Publishing, 2008), 114 – 138 and “Frauen in der deutschen Chemieindustrie, von den Anfängen bis 1945 [Women in the German Chemical Industry, from the Beginnings to 1945],” in *Aller Männerkultur zum Trotz: Frauen in Mathematik und Naturwissenschaften*, ed. Renate Tobies, 2nd ed. (Frankfurt a.M. and New York: Campus-Verlag, 2008), 283 – 305 (revision of the 1st ed. [1997]).

Karen Kauffman, Ph.D., participated in the National Endowment for Humanities Conference on “Benjamin Franklin and the Invention of America,” hosted by Villanova University. Dr. Kauffman lectured on Franklin the Diplomat, focusing primarily on Franklin’s mission to secure vital French aid during the American Revolution. Dr. Kauffman also addressed inner-city students at a basketball/academic diversity camp at Haverford College

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on the topic of self-respect and nurturing a healthy body image.

Dr. Kauffman teaches at Villanova University on a part-time basis.

Elizabeth Kolsky, Ph.D., participated by invitation at an international conference in London in July 2008 on "Crime, Governance and the Colonial." With the assistance of a VITAL summer mini-grant, Dr. Kolsky and **Silvia Nagy-Zekmi, Ph.D.**, constructed a new interdisciplinary graduate course on Post-Colonial Theory, currently offered and cross-listed in History and Liberal Studies in fall 2008.

Paul Rosier, Ph.D., presented a paper entitled, "In those days the air was clear: Native American Environmental Memories and Politics, 1960s – 1970s" at the Common Ground, Converging Gazes: Integrating the Social and Environmental in History Conference at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France, in September 2008. In addition, Dr. Rosier coauthored an amicus brief for a case to be argued before the United States Supreme Court on Native American land-rights, *Donald Carcieri et al., v. Dirk Kempthorne, et al.*, in November 2008.

Paul Steege, Ph.D., published an article entitled "The History of Everyday Life: A Second Chapter," in *Journal of Modern History*, June 2008, 358 – 378. Dr. Steege also worked as an international correspondent during summer 2008. His article entitled "Berlin Airlift: Cold War Myths" appeared in the June 13, 2008 edition of the International Herald Tribune, the global edition of the *New York Times*. Timed to coincide with the 60th anniversary of the Berlin airlift, the editorial examined the mythology of the Berlin airlift and was based on Dr. Steege's book "Black Market, Cold War: Everyday Life in Berlin, 1946 – 1949." In addition, Dr. Steege published

"Kalter Krieg (Cold War): Made in Berlin," in *Die Welt*, in July 2008.

Rebecca Winer, Ph.D., co-edited with Elisheva Baumgarten a special edition of Jewish History devoted to the legacy of the historian Elka Klein entitled "The Elka Klein Memorial Volume," *Jewish History*, Volume 22, Nos. 1 – 2, 2008. Dr. Winer wrote the volume's introduction and coauthored a review essay entitled, "Documents hebraics de la Catalunya medieval: 1117 – 1316." Dr. Winer also published the article, "Conscripting the Breast: Lactation, Slavery and Salvation in the Realms of Aragon and Kingdom of Majorca, c. 1250 – 1300" in the *Journal of Medieval History*, the preeminent journal of Medieval History in Great Britain, vol. 34, issue 2, June 2008, 164 – 184. In addition, Dr. Winer commented on a panel she organized entitled, "Mothers, Wet Nurses and the Evolution of Reproductive Medicine in Pre-modern Europe," at the 14th Berkshire Conference on the History of Women in Minneapolis, Minn., in June 2008. Dr. Winer's 2006 monograph, "Women, Wealth, and Community in Perpignan c.1250 – 1300: Christians, Jews, and Enslaved Muslims in a Medieval Mediterranean Town," was short listed for the Society for Medieval Feminist Scholarship Book Prize.

Human Resource Development

Ginamarie Ligon, Ph.D., conducted a study on the life narrative events of historically notable leaders such as Rupert Murdoch, John Kennedy and Betty Friedman. The study, "Development of Outstanding Leadership: A Life Narrative Approach," by Ligon, G.S., Hunter, S.T., & Mumford, M.D., was published in the *Leadership Quarterly Journal* in 2008.

David Bush, Ph.D., gave a talk entitled "Coping with Toxic Relationships in the Workplace" to the Vistage Executive

Group in September 2008. Dr. Bush's presentation featured his work on The Alligator Syndrome which has been featured on CNN, in *Working Women* magazine, and in the book "Passive – Aggressiveness: Theory and Practice."

Philosophy

Sally J. Scholz, Ph.D., recently published the book "Political Solidarity" (Penn State Press, 2008). She also presented the paper "That all Children Should Be Free: Beauvoir, Rousseau, and Childhood" in honor of the 100th birthday of Simone de Beauvoir at the University of Illinois-Champaign/Urbana and a shortened version at the 25th Annual International Social Philosophy Conference in Portland, Oregon in July 2008. She presented "Human Solidarity, Global Solidarity, and Social Justice" on the main program at the American Political Science Association in August 2008 in Boston. Dr. Scholz has also published an encyclopedia article on "social contract theory" for the *Encyclopedia of Global Justice*.

Political Science

David M. Barrett, Ph.D., served as a discussant on a panel at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Boston, Mass., in August 2008. The panel's papers and Dr. Barrett's commentary addressed the theme, "New Directions in Intelligence Studies Research."

Robert Langran, Ph.D., delivered a talk in August 2008, "The Supreme Court in Times of Crisis," to the Susquehanna County Chapter of the League of Women Voters. The talk was sponsored by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council.

Joseph E. Thompson, Ph.D., was invited by The United States Institute of Peace and the Social Science Research Council to participate in the December 2008

conference on the Diaspora-Government Relations Project. The United States Institute of Peace officially received Dr. Thompson into their Institute Alumni Program in May 2008.

Psychology

Rebecca Brand, Ph.D., and Bill Christiana, a 2008 alumnus of the master's program in psychology, presented a poster in May 2008 at the Association for Psychological Science in Chicago, Ill., entitled "Socioeconomic status and infant-directed action: Exploring individual differences." Dr. Brand also attended an international conference in July 2008 in Bielefeld, Germany at the Center for Interdisciplinary Research. The conference was entitled "Intermodal Action Structuring" and she gave an invited talk on "The structure of action and speech in infant-directed interactions." In August 2008, Dr. Brand and Wendy Shallcross, a 2007 alumna of the Master's program in psychology, published a paper in *Developmental Science* called "Infants prefer motionese to adult-directed action."

Nicole Else-Quest, Ph.D., traveled to San Francisco in April 2008 to present her research at the Gender Development Research Conference. The paper, "Cross-National Patterns of Gender Differences in Mathematics: A Meta-Analysis," examined gender differences on international assessments of math achievement and attitudes and their links to societal gender equity.

Charles Folk, Ph.D., recently traveled to the Brisbane, Australia where he presented an invited talk entitled "The power of novelty: Stimulus frequency effects in attentional capture" to the Department of Psychology at the University of Queensland. Dr. Folk also published an article recently in the

journal *Visual Cognition* entitled "Top-down control settings and the attentional blink: Evidence for non-spatial contingent capture." The article was coauthored by Andrew Leber, Ph.D., of the University of New Hampshire and Howard Egeth, Ph.D., of Johns Hopkins University.

Irene Kan, Ph.D., presented a poster entitled, "Contribution of prior semantic knowledge to new episodic learning in amnesia" at the Cognitive Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting in San Francisco, Ca. This work was done in collaboration with Dr. Michael P. Alexander at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital, Harvard Medical School, and Dr. Mieke Verfaellie at the Memory Disorders Research Center, VA Boston Healthcare System. Dr. Kan also presented a talk entitled, "Contribution of prior knowledge to episodic memory retrieval: Empirical evidence and cognitive rehabilitation implications" to a group of neurologists and clinicians at Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital, Malvern, Pa.

John Kurtz, Ph.D., and **Patrick Markey, Ph.D.**, published an article entitled, "Gender differences in interpersonal complementarity within roommate dyads," that appeared recently in *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*. The paper was coauthored by Emily Ansell, a 1999 alumna of the master's program in psychology at Villanova. Ansell is now at Yale University.

Thomas Toppino, Ph.D., Michael Cohen, a 2007 alumnus of the master's program in psychology, and two current graduate students, Meghan Davis and Amy Moors, coauthored a poster that was presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science in Chicago, Ill., in May 2008. The poster was entitled "Metacognitive Control Over Distribution of Practice: When is Spacing Preferred?"

Public Administration

Robert Maranto, Ph.D., is on leave for the year doing research at the Department of Education Reform at the University of Arkansas. Additionally, with enormous help from his spring 2008 MPA 8004 class, Public Personnel Management, he penned "Thinking About Low Performers," which appeared in the August issue of *PA Times*.

Christine Kelleher Palus, Ph.D., wrote an article with coauthor Susan Webb Yackee of The University of Wisconsin-Madison; it was published in the online version of the *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory (J-PART)* and is entitled, "A Political Consequence of Contracting: Organized Interests and State Agency Decision-Making."

Craig M. Wheeland, Ph.D., completed his two-year term as chair of the Section on Intergovernmental Administration and Management of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA). He continues in the position as Villanova's associate vice president for Academic Affairs as well as advising students interested in a city management career. Dr. Wheeland presented a paper at the 2008 ASPA conference titled "The Power to Persuade: Philadelphia, PA." The paper is a case study on Edward Rendell's leadership style as mayor of Philadelphia and is forthcoming as a chapter in: "The Facilitative Leader in City Hall: Reexamining the Scope and Contributions," edited by James H. Svara (London: Taylor & Francis Publishing Group).

Catherine Hill, Ph.D., spent time in Delhi last year during her sabbatical. While in Delhi, the Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Embassy asked her to deliver several lectures to audiences of Indian policymakers and university administrators on the topic of "Making Decisions in Higher Education." One of

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her courses, Administrative Decision Making (M.P.A. 8100), played a prominent role. Over a period of six weeks, Dr. Hill spoke at Rai University, Modi Apollo International Institute, the National University of Educational Planning and Administration, and the Indian Institute for Public Administration (the IIPA is an autonomous academic institution of national eminence for training, research and information dissemination in areas related to the ethos of Public Administration. It also provides publishing and library services for scholars in the field).

Catherine E. Wilson, Ph.D., had a book, "The Politics of Faith," published by NYU Press in June 2008. The first systematic treatment of Latino faith-based organizations in the United

States, the work examines the spiritual, social and cultural influence these organizations have provided in American life. Dr. Wilson delivered a conference paper on her book at the 2008 American Political Science Association conference in Boston, Mass. This fall, Dr. Wilson will participate in a symposium at New York University on "Cultural Conversations: Religion, Gender, and Latino/a America." She also recently published an article, "The Bolivarian Revolution according to Hugo Chavez" in the Summer 2008 edition of *Orbis*.

Richard Manfredi, part-time faculty member, was recently re-appointed by Governor Rendell to another three-year term on the Citizens Advisory Council to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The council

is an 18 member body that reviews all environmental laws of the Commonwealth and makes appropriate suggestions for the revision, modification and codification thereof. He is also a voting member of the Pennsylvania Environmental Quality Board.

John Kelley, Ph.D., a board member of the Eastern Evaluation Research Society, made a presentation at the Society's spring 2008 conference: "Capacity Building at the Grass Roots: A Foundation-Funded Model." The presentation describes an evaluation training sequence John designed and delivered to a number of grass roots human service agencies that are funded by the Phoenixville Community Health Foundation.

Aaron M. Bauer, Ph.D., Named Holder of the Gerald M. Lemole, M.D., Endowed Chair in Integrative Biology

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences announced that Aaron M. Bauer, Ph.D., a professor of biology and director of the graduate programs in biology, has been named the holder of the Gerald M. Lemole, M.D., Endowed Chair in Integrative Biology. The first endowed chair to be awarded in the sciences, the Chair in Integrative Biology honors the life and legacy of Gerald M. Lemole M.D. '58, by supporting the career of a talented biology professor, advancing the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and enhancing the education of Villanova biology students. Dr. Lemole is the medical director of the Preventive Medicine and Rehabilitation Center and Center for Integrative Health, at the Christiana Care Health System.

"The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is deeply grateful to Dr. Lemole for his generosity in the

establishment of this endowed chair in integrative biology," said Fr. Kail C. Ellis, O.S.A., Ph.D., dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. "This chair will serve not only to honor but also to advance the longstanding commitment of Villanova's Arts and Sciences to scientific education, inquiry, and discovery. I am very pleased that Dr. Bauer will be the first holder of the chair. An excellent teacher and researcher with an international reputation, Dr. Bauer is known for his dedication to students at Villanova."

Most recently, Dr. Bauer's research collaboration with the University of Minnesota's Bell Museum of Natural History has resulted in the discovery of a new family of gecko, the charismatic large-eyed lizard popularized by car insurance commercials. An article in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* entitled, "Hi-Nella girl wins gecko-naming contest,"

describes how Dr. Bauer relinquished the gecko's naming rights in order to raise money for gecko conservation. "Scientists usually name their own discoveries," the article explains, "but Bauer agreed to let the naming rights be auctioned off to raise funds for gecko conservation."

"I am very pleased to be named the Lemole endowed chair holder," Dr. Bauer said. "The Lemole endowed chair reflects the recognition of the University community that the sciences, in general, and biology, in particular, have an important place in a Villanova liberal arts education and is fully consistent with the Augustinian tradition. I hope to be able to use the position to forge closer relationships between the sciences and liberal arts, and to foster more opportunities for students and faculty to explore the complex interfaces between biology and society."

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FACULTY PROFILES



A. Maria Toyoda, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor, Political Science
and Director of East Asian Studies

A. Maria Toyoda, Ph.D., is assistant professor of political science at Villanova University and the director of East Asian Studies. Her research and writing focus on the causal mechanisms of financial liberalization; the politics of development aid; the mobilization of postal savings and government financial institutions for policy financing in Japan; and banking and regulatory reform in Japan. She teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on East Asian politics; international relations; international and comparative political economy; and development aid. Her most recent research, with Dennis Quinn, was published in the *American Journal of Political Science* and *Review of Financial Studies*.

Dr. Toyoda was a research scholar at Stanford University's Institute for International Studies and the Asia/Pacific Research Center from 1997 –

2003. She worked at Stanford Japan Center-Research in Kyoto and served briefly as acting executive director of the Inter-University Center in Yokohama.

Dr. Toyoda joined Villanova in 2003. In 2006 – 2007 she was a Council on Foreign Relations/Hitachi International Affairs Fellow in Tokyo and in 2008 she was a visiting researcher at the International Monetary Fund.

Dr. Toyoda, whose parents emigrated from Japan to pursue show business careers, grew up in Miami Vice-era Miami. These days, when she's not chasing down obscure information on the relationship between whaling, cement, uranium, Buddhist NGOs and Japanese development assistance, she is chasing down her two young sons.

She received her A.B. in Human Biology from Stanford University, and a Ph.D. in Government from Georgetown University.



Craig Bailey, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor,
Department of History

Craig Bailey, Ph.D., an assistant professor, joined the history department in 2006. As an undergraduate at the University of Connecticut, he completed his senior thesis on the subject of Irish migration to mill towns in southern New England. Having studied the lives of these migrants, he wanted to discover more about where they came from and why they left, which led him to pursue an M.A. in Ireland. As a graduate student, Dr. Bailey developed an interest in the relationship between Ireland and London, and the people through whom these connections operated. This led to his doctoral dissertation at the University of London, which examined the social networks of middle-class Irish migrants in the eighteenth-century metropolis. Dr. Bailey is currently working to turn the dissertation into a book, a project in which he explores the ideas that Irish

identity had significance for middle-class migrants, that these Irish men and women operated within an identifiable Irish community, and that this community had an impact on the relationship between Ireland and London. He recently has presented his work at scholarly conferences in New York and Lisbon, Portugal, and in March 2008 was awarded a Research Fellowship at the Research Institute of Irish and Scottish Studies at the University of Aberdeen. Craig has taught graduate courses on Irish, British, and Social history, and enjoys the lively atmosphere and intellectual engagement that Villanova graduate students bring to the classroom. Having been something of migrant himself for the previous ten years, he is now happy to call greater Philadelphia "home," where he lives with his wife and two daughters.

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STUDENT NEWS



Three students received doctoral degrees in Philosophy at the May 2008 Commencement ceremony. Pictured left to right are Michael John Brogan, Adriel Marie Trott, the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., University President, Ashley Underwood Vaught, and Gerald M. Long, Ph.D., Dean of Graduate Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Biology

In August 2008, BS/MS student **Christopher Meehan** presented a poster at the annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, entitled “Exploitation of the *Pseudomyrmex*-*Acacia* mutualism by a predominantly vegetarian jumping spider (*Bagheera kiplingi*).” It was coauthored by collaborator Eric Olson of Brandeis University, and Dr. Robert Curry, mentor of Meehan’s master’s thesis research, on which the poster was based. Also in August 2008, Meehan delivered an oral presentation, “Exploitation by a predominantly vegetarian jumping spider (*Bagheera kiplingi*) of an ant-*acacia* mutualism through ‘clever’ avoidance of ant-guards” at the 12th International Behavioral Ecology Congress at Cornell University. Meehan’s work, funded by the Office of Graduate Studies, the department of Biology, and student research awards from the Animal Behavior Society and Sigma Xi was covered in the August 2008 issue of *Science News*.

Computing Sciences

Shashank Kaushik, M.S. 2008, coauthored a paper entitled “Design of an Automatic Password Protection Mechanism for Digital Documents” with Thomas Way, Ph.D., that was presented by Dr. Way in July at the 2008 International Conference on Security and Management in Las Vegas. **Rushikesh Katikar** and **Purushotham Ch** coauthored a paper entitled “Nanocompilation for the Cell Matrix Architecture” with Dr. Way that was presented by Dr. Way in July 2008 at the International Conference on Computer Design in Las Vegas.

Human Resource Development

The Villanova **Student Chapter of Society of Human Resource Development (SHRM)** held their first meeting of the season in September 2008, and drew a record attendance of 40 students. Ginamarie Ligon, Ph.D., and David Bush, Ph.D., are the advisors for the Villanova Student SHRM Chapters.

Psychology

Psychology graduate students coauthored two presentations at the annual conference of the Association for Psychological Science in Chicago, Ill., in May 2008. **Amy Moors** and **Meghan Davis** presented a poster coauthored with Thomas Toppino, Ph.D., entitled “Metacognitive Control Over Distribution of Practice: When is Spacing Preferred?” Graduate student **Bill Cristiana**, along with Rebecca Brand, Ph.D., also presented a poster at the conference entitled “Socioeconomic status and infant-directed action: Exploring individual differences.”

Graduate students **Wendy Eichler**, **Lindsay Morton**, **Joshua Rutt**, **Michael Gillen** and **Stephanie Ficiak** coauthored three different research papers with Patrick Markey, Ph.D., that were presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association. Dr. Markey also coauthored an article with graduate student **Lindsay Rice** entitled “The role of extraversion and neuroticism in influencing anxiety following computer-mediated interactions” in *Personality and Individual Differences*.

Wendy Shallcross, a 2007 alumna of the psychology master’s program, published a paper with Dr. Brand in *Developmental Science* entitled “Infants prefer motionese to adult-directed action.”

Students Awarded Scholarship

Two students have been awarded the 2008 – 2009 Graduate Alumni Student Textbook Scholarship: Brian A. Anderson, graduate student in Psychology, and Thomas F. DiGiulio, Classical Studies, Department of Humanities and Augustinian Traditions.

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STUDENT PROFILES



Jesse Grismer
Graduate Student, Biology

Jesse Grismer is a southern California native, born and raised in Oceanside, California. It was there he grew up catching lizards and snakes and accompanying his father, Lee Grismer, Ph.D., a renowned herpetologist, on his field expeditions to various parts of Latin America which aided in Grismer's first publication at 11 years old. Since then, Jesse has gone on to conduct field work in 11 different countries, publish 33 scientific papers in peer reviewed journals, and discover and describe 14 species completely new to science. Grismer recently returned from a summer in Southeast Asian with fellow graduate student Perry L. Wood Jr., where they collected data for their research and discovered eight new species of reptiles and amphibians. Grismer completed his undergraduate studies at La Sierra University in Riverside, California and Louisiana

State University in Baton Rouge Louisiana, where his interactions between the faculty and other graduate students fostered and broadened his interest in other areas of evolutionary biology. He is currently in his second year of his master's program in the department of biology working with Aaron Bauer, Ph.D., and Todd Jackman, Ph.D., on the taxonomy, biogeography, and evolution of asexuality of the Southeast Asian lizard genus *Leiolepis*. He is also interested in using new ecological niche modeling techniques to determine how the changing sea levels over the past 20 thousand years in Southeast Asia have changed species distributions over time and how these changes have influenced the formation of hybrid-zones which are responsible for producing these asexual species.



Sarah Vitale
Graduate Student, Philosophy

Sarah Vitale moved to Philadelphia from upstate New York three years ago to enroll in the graduate program in Philosophy at Villanova. Before starting at Villanova, Vitale graduated from Le Moyne College in Syracuse, New York, with a degree in English and Philosophy. Always interested in the history of ideas and literature, Vitale's specific interest in philosophy began when she traveled to Guatemala for a Le Moyne course entitled *The World of the Other*. The course focused on issues of globalization, and the readings included material by Latin American philosophers. Vitale's interest in globalization led her to work for ProLiteracy, an international literacy and development organization, during the year after graduation. While the work was challenging and rewarding, Vitale's theoretical inclinations drew her back into academia.

During her three years in the philosophy department, Vitale has been excited to work as an editorial assistant for the philosophical journal *Epoché* and help organize the publishers' exhibit at the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy conference, which Villanova hosted in 2006. As a co-chairperson of the Philosophy Graduate Student Union, Vitale enjoyed organizing last year's graduate conference. In coordination with Villanova's efforts towards sustainability, the student body strived to host a carbon-neutral conference. Now nearing the completion of her coursework, she is busy teaching a section of Introduction to Philosophy, studying German, and participating in Marx and Hegel reading groups with her colleagues. She plans to write her dissertation on Marx and contemporary political philosophy.

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| Stuart V. Nielsen | <i>Molecular Systematics of the Geckos of New Zealand</i> | Dr. Aaron Bauer, Biology |
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Jerald Paul Saltzman
1953 – 2008

Graduate Alumni Founder Will Be Missed

Jerald Paul Saltzman, president of the Graduate Alumni group, passed away suddenly in June 2008 at the age of 54. Those who knew Jerel viewed him as the alumni's "Santa Claus."

Jerel was one of the founders of the Graduate Alumni group at Villanova. He served as treasurer of the organization since it began in 1988 and became president in 2003. For over twenty years Jerel took public transportation from his home in Northeast Philadelphia to attend alumni meetings, sponsor alumni events and cheer on the Wildcats! He was a friend, benefactor and huge Villanova fan. As one of his fellow alumni said, "The Wildcats will now find a little extra from 'Santa' down the stretch."

Odyssey Alive!

Calling not only on the Muse but also on many years of theatrical experience, University President Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A. led off a marathon reading of Homer's *Odyssey* before an audience of more than 120 people in Falvey Library on September 24. Hundreds more in the Villanova community—students, faculty, staff, and administrators—participated either as observers or readers in the marathon, which began at 9 a.m. and lasted until 11 p.m. The goal of the event, "The *Odyssey* Alive! A Community Reading of Homer's Epic Poem," was to allow the audience to experience the magic that only a live performance of Homer can provide.

"Homer's poem was meant to be performed, not read," said Gary S.

Meltzer, Ph.D., director of graduate studies in Classics and one of the event organizers. "Father Donohue's spellbinding performance set the stage for scores of other readers who together wove an enchanting tapestry of Homer's narrative." Kaitlyn Stratton, a student of ancient Greek, had this to say about being the first reader to follow the University President: "Although I was reluctant at first to follow Father Donohue, I am very glad I did not back out. Once I reached the podium, I became confident in my reading abilities and tried to make the experience as entertaining as possible."

People from the University and the surrounding community dropped in on the reading steadily throughout the day. The variety of reading styles struck Peter Busch, Ph.D., a professor in the

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Graduate Student Council

Greetings, a new year brings a new team of officers for the Graduate Student Council (GSC). I am the new president, Luke Perez, a second year M.A. student in Political Science. This year I have the privilege to work with Michael Berliere (Political Science) as my vice-president, Amy Moore (Psychology) serves as our secretary, and Meghan Davis (Psychology) is our treasurer.

Our annual orientation for new graduate students was a success and we continue to see a substantial increase in attendance from years past, with nearly all new members being first year students who attended the orientation. Dean Long gave welcoming remarks to the new students and we added a short presentation by Dr. Greg Hoskins who is the Faculty Editor-in-Chief of *CONCEPT*, Villanova's graduate student journal.

With more student participation, we began organizing social and professional development events. Two of our new members have organized a workshop for students who will be writing personal statements for their doctoral applications. We hope to have more workshops about our student Web pages in order to have a professional face on the internet, and on the advanced programs used in research. It is going to be a very exciting year for the GSC.

– Luke Perez, GSC President

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| Albéric Rogman | <i>The Role of Plasmin in Estrogen-Mediated Extracellular Matrix Remodeling in the Rat Uterus</i> | Dr. Louise Russo, Biology |
| Meghan J. Rose | <i>Relationships and Social Context in Trait Judgments: Self-Other Agreement in Siblings Versus Peers</i> | Dr. John E. Kurtz, Psychology |
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Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A., University President, reads aloud from Homer's *Odyssey*.

Villanova Center for Liberal Education and one of the event's organizers: "Some of us read the poetry with straight backs and solemn eyes, while others seemed to be weeping along with Penelope, or ready to give those brazen suitors a crack in the jaw." Some readers felt themselves transported back to ancient times: James Finn, Ph.D., who teaches classics in the

graduate school, "found it exhilarating momentarily to assume the persona of a Homeric bard," and Daniel Madden, a classics student, said he identified more closely with the ancient Greeks.

Many in the audience felt a rekindled interest in the classics and humanities. "The reading brought back memories of my high school Greek class and reminded me of the importance and enjoyment of the classics," said John R. Johannes, Ph.D., vice president for Academic Affairs. "The President's involvement was much appreciated—my only regret is that he didn't do it in Greek! The classics and other humanities faculty members should be proud of what they are doing." (Valentina DeNardis, Ph.D., director of undergraduate studies in Classics, did in fact read a bit in Greek later in the day!)

John A. Doody, Ph.D., director of the Villanova Center for Liberal Education, also appreciated the event's cultural and intellectual benefits, saying "This is

exactly the kind of academic event which we need to sponsor because it enhances the intellectual climate on campus, and in doing so, helps us meet the challenge of raising our national profile." Hearing a student's passionate reading, Colleen Sheehan, Ph.D., a political science professor, said, "I remembered why I wanted to live my life at the academy," and one of those student readers, Daniel Minch, called the event "a triumph for the arts at Villanova."

The *Odyssey Alive!* was co-sponsored by the Classical Studies Program, The Villanova Center for Liberal Education, and the Falvey Memorial Library. A vidcast of Father Donohue's reading is available on www.villanova.edu/itunes. See "Learning at Villanova" section and click on "Roots of Humanity and Civilization."