Gustavus research
scholarship and creativity
2006 & 2007
Gustavus Adolphus College faculty members are active scholars, researchers, and artists who model intellectual engagement for peers, colleagues, and students. This publication, *Gustavus Research, Scholarship, and Creativity, 2006 & 2007*, celebrates their professional accomplishments such as published books and articles, presentations at professional disciplinary and interdisciplinary conferences, performances and exhibits, grants to support scholarly and creative work, and service on state, regional, and national boards and associations. Such impressive professional achievement demonstrates the diversity, depth, and creativity of the Gustavus faculty, provides a glimpse of the significant ways faculty members are contributing to disciplinary conversations and knowledge, and illustrates the continued commitment they have to engaged learning.
This spring, in collaboration with the John S. Kendall Center for Engaged Learning and with the expertise of College Relations, the Office of the Provost is honored to share with the Gustavus community this publication that acknowledges our faculty for their leadership as creative teacher-scholars. Gustavus prides itself as a community of teachers dedicated to student learning, and we support faculty members in their pursuit of scholarship and creative inquiry as part of professional development. Our commitment to this facet of our vocation, in fact, brings vitality and insight into the classroom, studio, performance space, and laboratory just as our work with students informs our scholarly and creative endeavors.

We also recognize faculty colleagues who will retire at the end of the year for their sustained and committed contributions to our community. Claude Brew (English), Bill Heidcamp (Biology), Greg Mason (English), and Larry Potts (Chemistry) have been a part of the Gustavus community for a combined total of 147 years. In addition to their own scholarship, the many contributions of our retirees include their participation in hiring many of those whose names appear in this publication and their leadership in developing the systems and policies that made possible the rich scholarly and creative achievements of their colleagues.

Much of this work reflects the efforts and accomplishments of individuals whose work is disciplined-based and intended for other communities of scholars; whose work, even when collaborative, is not always shared broadly across our campus; or whose work really does represent the stereotypic late nights at the canvas, the musical score, the laboratory bench, or the computer screen. Although we might be partially defined by our work as individuals, we are united as a community by our shared commitment to that work. This publication is printed to publicly recognize the faculty members who provide the leadership and dedication to their profession that help define Gustavus as a community of teacher-scholars.

Mary E. Morton
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Gustavus Adolphus College
May 2008
Jennifer K. Ackil
Associate Professor, Psychology

Sidonia Alenuma
Assistant Professor, Education

Florence Amamoto
Associate Professor, English
- “A History of Women’s Needlework” (with C. O’Grady), Winona State University, March 2007.
- “The Jewish Legend of the Golem,” Gustavus Adolphus College Research, Scholarship and Creativity Grant, 2007, $2,000.

Elizabeth Baer
Professor, English
- “A History of Women’s Needlework” (with C. O’Grady), Winona State University, March 2007.

Laura L. Behling
Associate Professor; English
Claude Brew

“I wanted to be a teacher ever since I stopped wanting to be a fireman,” recalled English professor Claude Brew, sipping a cup of coffee and looking back on 39 years of teaching at Gustavus.

Growing up in Alaska, he idealized the profession. Early on, he ruled out high school teaching, drawn instead to the allure of a collegiate lifestyle. “I imagined that a professor wears a tweed jacket with elbow patches and tamps his pipe, thinking big thoughts,” he said. Little did he know then what he knows now, 27 faculty and administrative committee terms later: “Actually, you spend a surprising amount of time in meetings. That’s fine, of course, but it’s not the part I will miss most.”

What he’ll miss is the teaching. “Something magic happens when you go into a classroom and shut the door behind you,” he said. “You know, I can’t believe that I’ve taught some courses for more than 40 years, and I still hear something new from students, something I’ve never thought of, or that no one ever noticed before in a text. It’s incredible.”

Brew has taught a wide range of literature, including such courses as British Literature since 1789, The Age of Satire, The Life and Works of John Keats, Jane Austen, Fiction and Film, Hemingway and Faulkner, and The Brontës.

Brew anticipates that the coming years will bring big change to his field. “What constitutes what we need to teach is changing dramatically. It used to be clear; we taught the Western canon. Today, literature is defined more broadly and this will cause dramatic readjustments.”

Brew stays in very good touch with former students who are newer to college teaching. He is excited for them as they forge new directions in pedagogy. English professors of tomorrow will find teaching as fulfilling as he has found it, if not more, he said, because “something extraordinary will always go on in the classroom. This is the work that feeds you.”


“Relationship Building Between Education and Arts & Sciences Faculty” (with J. Clementson), National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)/American Association for Colleges of Teacher Education (AACTE) Accountability Conference, September 2006, 2007.

“Meeting the Millennial Generation Halfway: Experiential Education for Students and Faculty,” Faculty Resource Network Annual Conference, November 2006.


“The Virtual Human,” Gustavus Adolphus College Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Grant, 2006: $2,100.


Mark Bjelland
Associate Professor, Geography


“The Changing Spatial Patterns of Lutherans in Minneapolis,” Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Minneapolis Synod District Council, September 2007.


“Young Adults in Minnesota: A Geographical Analysis,” Center for Rural Policy Development, 2007, $1,800.

“Changing Faces and Spaces of Lutherans in Minneapolis: A Spatial Analysis,” Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Minneapolis Synod, 2007, $4,100.

Margaret C. Bloch Qazi
Assistant Professor, Biology


- “1,5-electrocyclization Reactions Using Vinyl Glycine Derivatives” (with N. Serratore ’10), Greater Gustavus Fund Student-Faculty Collaborative Research, 2007, $4,000.

**Joel L. Carlin**
Assistant Professor, Biology

- "Molecular Sequence Data and Alignment Methodologies,” University of Minnesota, Mankato, March 2007.
- "Natural History of the Margined Sculpin *Cottus marginatus* (Cottidae), a Species of Special Concern in Oregon and Washington,” Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, September 2007.
- "Conservation Genetics of a Threatened Streamfish” (with R. Molitor ’10), Greater Gustavus Fund Student-Faculty Collaborative Research, 2007, $2,500.
- Appointed, Chair of the American Fisheries Society Electronic Services Advisory Board.

**John J. Clementson**
Professor, Education, Grace and Bertil Pehrson Chair in English

- “Relationship Building Between Education and Arts & Sciences Faculty” (with L. Behling), National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)/American Association for Colleges of Teacher Education (AACCT) Accountability Conference, September 2006, 2007.
- “Access for All: Responding to the Changing Demographics in Rural Minnesota” (with V. Alba and K. Bode), Minnesota Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, 2006.
- Elected, Representative to the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.
Elected, Legislative Sub-Committee, Minnesota Association of Colleges for Teacher Education Executive Council.
Elected, Minnesota Association of Colleges for Teacher Education Executive Council.

Jane Coleman
Emerita Professor, Nursing

Thia Cooper
Assistant Professor, Religion
“Living into a New Earth,” CHARIS Ecumenical Center Summer Theological Conference, July 2006.
“Controversies in Political Theology,” Gustavus Adolphus College Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Grant, 2006, $2,200.
Chair, Liberation Theologies Consultation in the American Academy of Religion.

Patricia Costello
Assistant Professor, Psychology

Jeff Dahlsed
Associate Professor, Biology and Chemistry, Glass, Hamrum, Langsjoen Professor in Biology
- Appointed, External Grant Reviewer for the National Science Foundation.
- Appointed, Visiting Scholar, Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, University of Arizona, Tucson, July 2006–July 2007.

Laurent Déchery
Professor, Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
- Elected, President of the American Association of Teachers of French, Minnesota Chapter, 2005–2007.

Carolyn Pillers Dobler
Professor, Mathematics and Computer Science
- Appointed, American Statistical Association-Mathematical Association of America Joint Committee on Undergraduate Statistics.

Bob Douglas
Professor, Geography
- “Joseph Nicolle’s Map and GPS,” Minnesota State University, Mankato, October 2007.

Eric Dugdale
Associate Professor, Classics
- “Greek Theatre in Context,” Gustavus Adolphus College Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Grant, 2006, $2,200.
Seán Easton
Assistant Professor, Classics

- A Lucanian Reading of Ovid’s Medea (De Bello Civili 6 and Metamorphoses 7),” Annual Meeting of Classical Association of the Middle West and South, April 2007.

Eric Elias
Instructor, Biology


Casey D. Elledge
Assistant Professor, Religion

- Life after Death in Early Judaism: The Evidence of Josephus, Mohr (Siebeck), 2006.
- “Berossus,” New Interpreter’s

Thomas Emmert
Professor, History

- Co-Editor, South-Eastern Europe at the End of the Twentieth Century (with C. Ingrao), Routledge, 2006.
- “The ICTY – Perceptions of Bias,” University of Minnesota IVT Course, April 2006.
- “Southeastern Europe at the Beginning of the Twenty-first Century: Challenging the Past and Looking for a Rainbow,” Minnesota State University, Mankato, April 2007.

David Fienen
Professor, Music, Ethel and Edgar F. Johnson Professor in the Fine Arts

- “Esther Williams, Art and Music,” (with D. Myers), Focus IV/ON, Hillstrom Museum of Art, Fall 2007.
- Keyboardist, Mankato Symphony Orchestra Quarry Concert, June 2006.
- Faculty Organ Recital, Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, September 2006.

Barbara Fister
Professor, Library

- “Reading as a Contact Sport,” Alaska Library Association Conference, February 2006.
- “Assessing Libraries? Contribution to
Laurent Dechery (Professor, Modern Languages, Literature, and Cultures), author of Le premier regard: essai d’anatomie métaphysique (2007), a multi-disciplinary approach on perception (mostly vision) as a model for knowledge and desire and as a source of inspiration in the 17th and 18th centuries.

- Appointed, Contributor to the Association of College and Research Libraries, Free Exchange on Campus Coalition Blog.

Rebecca Taylor Fremo
Associate Professor, English
- “Writing Center and Diversity Center Partnerships: A Case Study,” Conference on College Composition and Communication, March 2006.
- “Teaching (and) Writing without Composition” (with E. Bergman ’07, K. Ellingsen ’07, B. Lawley, and J. Walz ’08), Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Conference on Composition, March 2007.

Mary Gaebler
Visiting Assistant Professor, Religion

Judith M. Gardner
Emerita Professor, Nursing
- Appointed, Secretary, Advisory Committee, Minnesota Intercollegiate Nursing Consortium.
- Elected, Secretary, Board of Directors, Minnesota Intercollegiate Nursing Consortium.
- Elected, Executive Board, Chi at-Large Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International.

Mimi Gerstbauer
Associate Professor, Political Science
- “The Sal y Luz Model for Peace Building in Colombia,” Peace and Justice Studies Association Annual Convention, October 2006.

Patric V. Giesler
Assistant Professor, Sociology and Anthropology
- “Ethnographer as Detective: Unraveling the Rise and Fall of a Brazilian ‘Cave Goddess Cult’ with Ritual Human Sacrifice,” Minnesota State University, Mankato, March 2006.

Christopher P. Gilbert
Professor, Political Science
- “Present But Not Accounted For? Churches, Institutional Treatment, and Gender Differences in Civic Resources” (with P. A. Djupe ’93 and A. E. Sokhey), Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2006.
- Proposal reviewer, National Science Foundation grants in Political Science research, 2006 and 2007.
“I have a passion for cancer research,” said Bill Heidcamp, explaining the motivation that connected him to Gustavus for 35 years, teaching and conducting research with students on cell biology, comparative physiology, developmental biology, image analysis, melanoma metastasis, and more. Teaching at Gustavus, and at other institutions around the United States and the world, Heidcamp has focused on efforts to prevent the spread of melanoma, a serious condition that accounts for some 80 percent of skin cancer deaths.

Heidcamp has put aside his teaching and scientific research for the time being. Last year, at the invitation of former Gustavus Dean and VPAA John Mosbo, he accepted the position of dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the American University of Sharjah, located in the United Arab Emirates near Dubai. Founded in 1997 by His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan Bin Mohammed Al Qassimi, ruler of Sharjah, the University enjoys a state-of-the-art campus, cutting-edge programs, and a particular emphasis on the sciences.

“English is the language used on campus, and that helps, although I am working on my Arabic,” said Heidcamp, who oversees the programs in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS). Among his varied tasks, he helps develop new academic programs, recruits faculty for the Arts and Sciences, and works to expand the number of students pursuing majors in CAS.

Reached during a spring snow at Gustavus, Heidcamp reported Dubai was sunny and 80 degrees, normal for this time of the year. For most of the summer, when the UAE temperature spikes, the Heidcamps will be back to cooler St. Peter. He looks forward to coming home for a while, and he and his wife are eager to catch up with Gustavus friends. About the College, Heidcamp affirmed, “My heart is always there, no matter what.”
Deborah Goodwin (Assistant Professor, Religion), author of “Take Hold of the Robe of a Jew”: Herbert of Bosham’s Christian Hebraism (2006), an examination of twelfth-century Psalms commentary that elucidates the complex situations that contributed to Christians’ divergent perspectives on the Jews.


Jon Grinnell
Associate Professor, Biology, Francis Morey Uhler Chair in Biology


Max Hailperin
Professor, Mathematics and Computer Science


Lisa Heldke
Professor, Philosophy, Raymond and Florence Sponberg Chair in Ethics

■ The Atkins Diet and Philosophy (with C. Pineo and K. Mommer), 14, Philosophy and Popular Culture series, Open Court, 2006.


■ “Just Food” (with P. O’Connor), eds. Brian T. Johnson and Carolyn R.


“Just Food or Just Food?,” Conference on Changing the World One Bite at a Time, November 2007.

“The Pascal Fractal at the Other End of the Rainbow,” North Central Section of the Mathematical Association of America, April 2006.


Amihan Huesmann
Visiting Assistant Professor, Physics

Douglas Huff
Professor, Philosophy
Staged Reading, Emil’s Enemies, Oxford University, January 2006.
Staged Reading, Jean Paul Savage and The Reichenbach Fall, Bangalore Little Theatre, October 2007.

Yurie Hong
Assistant Professor, Classics
“Reproductive Retribution: Cyrus’s Death and a Mother’s Revenge in Herodotus’ Histories,” Classical Association of the Middle West and South, April 2007.
“Reading Art: Statius’ ‘Lying Bodies’ and the Dynamics of Authority in Silvae 4.6,” Classical Association of the Middle West and South, April 2006.

“Good Food: An Anthology,” Gustavus Adolphus College Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Grant, 2006, $2,000.
Elected, Committee on Teaching Philosophy, American Philosophical Association.
Elected, President of the Board, Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs.

Dennis C. Henry
Professor, Physics

John Holte
Professor, Mathematics and Computer Science
“The Pascal Fractal at the Other End of the Rainbow,” North Central Section of the Mathematical Association of America, April 2006.
Appointed, Committee on Undergraduate Student Activities and Chapters of the Mathematical Association of America, 2003–2006.

Appointed, Coordinator of the Mathematical Association of America Committee on Technology in Collegiate Mathematics, March 2006.


Appointed, Mathematical Association of America Committee on Technology in Mathematical Education, 2003–2008.

Appointed, Coordinator of the Mathematical Association of America Section NeXT Faculty Development Program, Mathematical Association of America – North Central Section, 2005–2008.

Michael Hvidsten
Professor, Mathematics and Computer Science

“Electronic Homework Systems” (with B. Yoshiwara), Joint Meetings of the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of America, January 2006.


“Electronic Student Assessment Systems” (with B. Yoshiwara), Joint Meetings of the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of America, January 2007.


Appointed, Mathematical Association of America Committee on Technology in Mathematical Education, 2003–2008.

Jeff A. Jenson
Assistant Professor, Library


Jeff Jeremiason
Assistant Professor, Chemistry and Environmental Studies


Appointed, International Mercury Conference 2006 Regional Planning Committee.

Darrell Jodock
Professor, Religion, Drell and Adeline Bernhardson Distinguished Professor in Lutheran Studies


“Other Themes in Luther,” Northwest Wisconsin Synod Lay School of Theology, February 2006.

“Luther and the Jews: From Diatribe to Dialogue,” Lutheran Seminary, April 2006.


“The Varied Jewish World of the First Century,” Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Lay School of Theology, October 2006.


Member, Steering Committee, Association of Teaching Theologians of the ELCA, 2006–2007, Chair, January–August 2006.

Chair, Planning Committee, Convocation of Teaching Theologians, August 2007.
VocalEssence Ensemble Singers.


Hymnody Editorial Team, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Augsburg Fortress, October 2006.


Maria Isabel Kalbermatten
Assistant Professor, Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures


Elected Member of the Executive Committee of the International Society for Luso-Hispanic Humor Studies.

Patricia A. Kazarow
Professor, Music


Hymnody Editorial Team, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Augsburg Fortress, October 2006.


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Choral clinician and/or vocal adjudicator, Austin, Lewiston, Mankato, Minneapolis, New Ulm, Owatonna, Prior Lake, and Jackson, Minn., 2006–2007.

Southwest Minnesota Arts and Humanities Council, the Prairie Arts Chorale, Fall 2007, $3,000.

Minnesota Voices, National Endowment for the Arts, Prairie Arts Chorale and Minnesota Valley Chorale, Summer, May 2007, $4,000.

Southwest Minnesota Arts and Humanities Council, the Prairie Arts Chorale, Spring 2007, $2,500; Fall 2006, $3,000; Spring 2006, $3,811.

Appointed: Renewing Worship Hymnody Editorial Team, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Pamela Kittelson
Associate Professor, Biology


“Native Mycorrhizal Interactions May be Affected by Invasive Species” (with D. Mummey and M. Rillig), National Science Foundation Outreach, University of Montana and the City of Missoula, July 2006.

“Patterns of Phloem Transport Affect Ecological Interactions,” University of Montana, April 2006.


“Assessing Impact of Invasive Species on Native Physiological Traits” (with J. Maron and C. Pinahs ’05), National Science Foundation Research Opportunity Award, 2006, $19,000.

Mark G. Kruger
Professor, Psychology


“Language Use in Autobiographical Memory For Musical Experiences” (with M. Lammers), Proceedings of the

- "Do Gender and Co-Rumination Style Influence Responses to Advice from Friends?" (with D. Martin), Annual Meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, May 2007.
- "Gender Differences in Co-Rumination Depend Upon Relationship Type," Annual Meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, May 2006.

John M. Lammert
Associate Professor, Biology


Karl L. Larson
Assistant Professor, Health and Exercise Science

- Fit To Be Well (with A. Thygerson), Boston: Jones and Bartlett, 2006.
- Adviser, American Association for Health Education.

Mike Hvidsten (Professor, Mathematics and Computer Science), recipient of the Gustavus Faculty Scholarly Accomplishment Award in 2005, with research interests in minimal surface, computer graphics and scientific visualization, and mathematical software development.
■ Chair, American Association for Health Education, Undergraduate Case Study Competition, Student Involvement Committee 2004–2007.
■ Chair, Central District American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.
■ Chair, Community Health Section, Minnesota-American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, 2006–2009.

Martin J. Lang
Visiting Assistant Professor, Communication Studies

Baker Lawley
Assistant Professor, English
■ “Haunts,” Emerging Writer Grant, Jerome Foundation/Intermedia Arts, $2,000.

Jill Locke
Associate Professor, Political Science
■ “Between Therapy and Tragedy: Democratic Citizenship and the Politics of Shame,” Murphy Institute Center for Ethics and Public Affairs, Tulane University, October 2006.
■ “Unraveling Tocqueville’s America: Marital Virtue and the Affairs of Andrew Jackson,” Western Political Science Association Annual Convention, March 2006.
■ Faculty Fellowship, Murphy Institute Center for Ethics and Public Affairs, Tulane University, 2006–07, $45,000.

Pamela Kittelson (Associate Professor, Biology), recipient of a National Science Foundation Research Opportunity Award, to support her work on assessing the impact of invasive species on physiological traits of native grassland species across a gradient of diversity.
Thomas LoFaro
Associate Professor, Mathematics and Computer Science

Kristen Lowe
Assistant Professor, Art and Art History
- “Summer Salon,” Anderson Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, Red Wing, Minn., 2006.
- “Faculty Exhibition,” Minnetonka Art Center, Minnetonka, Minn., Summer 2006.
- “Everything under the Sun, Sustainable Design,” Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, Fall 2006.
- “Drawing the Line” (with M. Kareken), St. Mary’s University, Winona, Minn., Spring 2007.
- “Samples from the Studio,” Arts Center of Saint Peter, St. Peter, Minn., Winter 2007.
- “Recent Work: Drawing, Kristen Lowe,” Metropolitan State University, St Paul, Minn., Spring 2007.
- Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Grant, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, 2006, $750.

Mariangela Maguire
Associate Professor, Communication Studies
- “Can Value-Added Assessment Improve Liberal Arts Education?”

John P. Mattson
Associate Professor, Health and Exercise Science
- “Myosin Heavy Chain Expression in the Right Ventricles of Hamsters with Emphysema,” Gustavus Adolphus College Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Grant, 2007, $2,200.

Steve Mellema
Professor, Physics

Chuck Niederriter
Professor, Physics
- “Energy Storage Systems for Peak Shaving as a Complement to Wind Power at Gustavus Adolphus College” (with J. Sieling ’08 and D. Berg ’08), Minnesota Area Association of Physics Teachers Conference, April 2007.
- “Energy Storage as a Partner to Wind Power Production” (with J. Sieling ’08), Gustavus Adolphus College Presidential Faculty-Student Collaboration Grant, 2006–07, $7,500.
- Elected, Minnesota Section Representative of the American Association of Physics Teachers.
- Elected, Officer in the Minnesota Area Association of Physics Teachers.

Daniel C. Moos
Assistant Professor, Education
Amanda Nienow
Assistant Professor, Chemistry
- “Chemical Vapor Deposition of Zirconium Oxide on Aerosolized Silicon Nanoparticles” (with J.T. Roberts), Chemical Materials, 18.23, 2006: 5571–5577.

Douglas Nimmo
Professor, Music

Byron Nordstrom
Professor, History and Scandinavian Studies

Peg O’Connor
Professor, Philosophy and Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies
- Elected, Steering Committee Member, Feminist Ethics and Social Theory.
- Elected, Committee Member, The American Philosophical Association’s Committee on the Status of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Persons in the Profession.

Carolyn O’Grady
Professor, Education
- “Exploring Contemplative Practice and Integrative Learning in Higher Education,” Gustavus Adolphus College Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Grant, 2007, $2,100.

Rick Orpen
Professor, Music
- Bass Guitarist, Gustavus Faculty Jazz Quartet, Steve Wright Faculty Recital, Björöling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, March 2006.
- Bass Guitarist, Patricia Snapp and Douglas Snapp Faculty Recital, Björöling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, September 2006.
- Bass Guitarist, John Engebretson Faculty Recital, Björöling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, November 2007.
- Bass Guitarist, Katy Young, Jazz Sounds of the ’20s and ’30s, 2006.
- Percussionist, Steve Wright Faculty Recital, Tiesivormi II for Trumpet and Percussion: I. “Going Fourth,” II. “Third Dimension,” III. “Scaling the Heights,” Björöling Recital Hall,
“I was a war baby,” said Greg Mason as he retraced steps that led him, as a young Gustavus English professor who joined the faculty in 1971, to participate the College’s then-emerging Peace Studies program — one of the first such programs in the country. “My parents were evacuated from London and so I was born in a large country manor that had been requisitioned as a maternity hospital. World War II had a profound impact on my life; where I grew up there was food rationing until 1951.”

Under Mason’s leadership from 1985 to 2002, the co-curricular peace education program grew to become a curricular Peace Studies program while he taught and published globally on the topic. “My parents were evacuated from London and so I was born in a large country manor that had been requisitioned as a maternity hospital. World War II had a profound impact on my life; where I grew up there was food rationing until 1951.”

Beyond peace studies, Mason’s interests are many. In 1972, he introduced Gustavus’s first formal film study course, called Film as Art, and has since taught courses in Literature and Film as well as Documentary Production. He’s made several films of his own, and his work has been broadcast on public television and screened at St. Paul’s Landmark Center. Mason has strong expertise in world literature, is a keen student of languages, and is a “great believer in international education.”

“Here, you get all kinds of contacts with students, which I absolutely love. If teaching is your passion, this is the place for you.”
Gustavus Adolphus College, March 2006.
- Solo jazz guitarist, Faculty Artist Recital, Lutheran Summer Music Academy and Festival, “If Handel Then Sunshine,” St. Peter, Minn., July 2006.

**Yumiko Oshima-Ryan**
Associate Professor, Music
- “Not Always by Memory,” Clavier, 45.9, November 2006: 21–33.
- Guest Artist, Lecture/Recital, Minnesota State University, Mankato, October 2007.
- Faculty Piano Recital, Gustavus Adolphus College, September 2007.
- Guest Artist, Lecture/Recital, Ferris University, Yokohama, Japan, June 2007.
- “The Music of Japan: The Past into the Future” (solo and collaborative), with guest artists from Japan (voice and shakuhachi), Gustavus Adolphus College, October 2006.
- “Music from Japan” (solo and collaborative), Ferris University, Yokohama, Japan, June 2006.

**Jeffrey Owen**
Visiting Assistant Professor, Economics and Management

**Matthew Panciera**
Assistant Professor, Classics
- Secretary, Classical Association of Minnesota, 2005–2009

**Garrett Paul**
Professor, Religion

**Lois Peterson**
Professor, Art and Art History
- “Journeys,” Eau Claire Art Center, Eau Claire, Wis., 2007.

**Debra Eckerman Pitton**
Professor, Education
- “The Bullying Project: Service Learning as Teacher Education” (with N. Buhmann), Association of Teacher Education National Conference, February 2006.
- “Service Learning as Instructional
Methodology – How to Make It Work!”
(with N. Buhmann), Collaboration Fall Conference, November 2006.

“The Bullying Project: Building Relationships through Advisory,”
Minnesota Middle School Association Annual Conference, December 2006.

“The Latino Academy – A Faculty Development Immersion Project”


Appointed, State representative to the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, National Leadership Council.

Sujay Rao
Assistant Professor, History


“Government in Argentina’s Provinces in the 1820s,” Gustavus Adolphus College Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Grant, 2006, $1,900.

Matt Rasmussen
Visiting Assistant Professor, English


“This Place,” New York Quarterly, 63, 2007: 70.


“We Are Not the Stars, We Are What’s Between Them,” Redivider, 3.2, Spring 2006: 64.

Melissa C. Rolnick
Visiting Assistant Professor, Theatre and Dance

Alisa Rosenthal
Assistant Professor, Political Science
“Bodily Invasion and Liberal Constitutionalism,” Gustavus Adolphus College Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Grant, 2007, $1,960.

Sujay Rao (Assistant Professor, History), recipient of a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend to support his research on the political conflicts in Argentina’s provinces from independence in 1810 to 1862.


“Reacting to the Past and Political Theory,” Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting, November 2006.
“Suffering and Injustice,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 2006.
“Bodily Invasion and Liberal Constitutionalism,” Gustavus Adolphus College Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Grant, 2007, $1,960.
Elected, Program Committee, Association for Political Theory.
Appointed, Discussant and Chairs Committee, Association for Political Theory.
**Jeff Rosoff**  
Assistant Professor, Chemistry  

**Brandy S. Russell**  
Assistant Professor, Chemistry  
- “Best of Both Worlds? The First Year on the Tenure Track at a Research-Active, Primarily Undergraduate Liberal Arts College,” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, September 2006.
- “Metal Binding Specificity in Myohemerythrin” (with V. Taylor ’09), Greater Gustavus Fund Student-Faculty Collaborative Research, 2007, $3,500.
- “Myohemerythrin Folding and Metal Site Assembly,” Gustavus Adolphus College Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Grant, 2006, $2,200.

**Toshiyuki Sakuragi**  
Associate Professor, Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures  
- “Cognitive Linguistic Study of Hmong Language,” Gustavus Adolphus College Presidential Faculty-Student Collaboration Grant (with B. Xiong ’09 and M. Vang ’09), $7,500.

**Paul Saulnier**  
Professor, Physics  
- Appointed, Proposal Reviewer for the National Science Foundation Research at Undergraduate Institutions Program.

**Amy Seham**  
Associate Professor, Theatre and Dance  
- Playwright and Director, Mysterious Bruises, Minnesota Fringe Festival, August 2006.
- Playwright and Director, Miranda’s Amazing Adventure, Minnesota Fringe Festival, August 2007.
- Playwright and Director, Miranda’s Amazing Adventure Reprise, Gustavus Adolphus College, September 2007.
- “Resisting Stereotype in Improv-Comedy,” DePauw University, March 2006.
- “Stereotype-Busting Improv,” Miami University, April 2006.
Peter Shea
Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy

Barbara Simpson
Professor, Psychology

Jonathan M. Smith
Associate Professor, Chemistry
- "Computational and Spectroscopic Investigation of 7-azaindole: Solvation and Intermolecular Interactions" (with N. Erickson '09), Midwest Undergraduate Computational Chemistry Conference, July 2007.
- "Computational Analysis of Small Proteins using the WebAmber Interface" (with E. Gorr '06), Midwest Undergraduate Computational Chemistry Online Conference, February 2006.
- "A Computational and Spectroscopic Approach to Determining Protein Structure" (with M. Kamrath '07), Midwest Undergraduate Computational Chemistry Online Conference, February 2006.
- "Computation of solvent effects on vibrational frequencies," Minnesota Supercomputer Institute, 400 Service Units, December 2007.
- "Simulation of Resonance Raman Spectra Using Consistent Excited State Gradients with Inclusion of Solvent Effects on Gradients and Vibrational Frequencies," Minnesota Supercomputer Institute, 1900 Service Units, October 2006.
- National Science Foundation, CAREER program reviewer, October 2007.
- Executive Committee, Midwest Undergraduate Computational Chemistry Consortium.

Mary M. Solberg
Associate Professor, Religion

Lori Steffen
Assistant Professor, Nursing
- Appointed, Editorial Advisory Board, Creative Nursing Journal.

Katherine Stenger
Assistant Professor, Political Science
- "One God, Many Arguments? Examining Argument Frame Diversity in Religious Group Rhetoric" (with K. Johnson '07), Midwest Political Science Association Annual Convention, April 2007.

Joyce Sutphen
Associate Professor, English
- "School Movies," ed. Todd Pierce, We Are What We Watch: Poets Respond to
Joyce Sutphen (Associate Professor, English), recipient of the Gustavus Faculty Scholarly Accomplishment Award in 2004 and co-editor of To Sing Along the Way: An Anthology of Minnesota Women Poets from the Territorial Days to the Present.

**Movies, TV, and Media, Syracuse University Press, 2006.**
- “From the 6th Floor,” Courtland Review, Fall 2006.
- “Uncle Floyd and Uncle Al Shoot Some Pool,” Whistling Shade, Fall 2006.
- “Some Glad Morning” and “In the Beginning,” St. Paul Chamber Orchestra and the Spaghetti String Band, Raspberry Island Bandstand, June 2006.
- Reading, From the Other World: Poems in Memory of James Wright, Edina, Minn., December 2007.
Reading, College of St. Catherine, October 2007.
Reading, Brandeis Library Benefit, June 2007.
Reading, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, June 2007.
Reading, St. Anthony Public Library, April 2007.
Reading, Minnesota State University, Mankato, April 2007.
“Not wondering at the present nor the past: Beyond Time in the Sonnets,” Shakespeare Association of America Annual Convention, April 2007.
Reading, University of Maine, Farmington, March 2007.
Reading, University Club, SASE Reading, December 2006.
Reading, College of St. Catherine, October 2006.
Visiting Writer and Reading, Bismarck State College, April 2006.
“Turn, Turn, Turn,” Pedagogy Forum, Association of Writers and Writing Programs Annual Convention, March 2006.
Honor Award in Poetry, To Sing Along the Way, Midwest Booksellers Association, October 2007.
Willa Literary Award, Winner, Poetry, To Sing Along the Way, Women Writing the West, October 2007.

Paula Swiggum
Associate Professor, Nursing
“Experience in Tanzania,” Sigma Theta Tau, Chi Chapter, College of St. Catherine, October 2006.

Roland Thorstenson
Professor, Scandinavian Studies
“Linnaeus at 300,” San Diego State University, September 2007.

Katherine A. Tunheim
Visiting Assistant Professor, Economics and Management

Michelle Twait
Assistant Professor, Library
“The Library as a Mentoring Community” (with B. Fister and K. Martin), Minnesota Oberlin Group Workshop, January 2006.
Appointed, Professional Education Committee, Association of College and Research Libraries.

Phillip Voight
Associate Professor, Communication Studies
“Think of the transformation that our students go through,” said chemistry professor Larry Potts this spring, musing on more than three decades teaching Gustavus undergraduates and supporting alumni. “They start here so young, bumping into doors and things. But then there is this amazing metamorphosis and four years later, they leave us, poised and confident, really knowing their material.

“What’s really neat for me is to follow students’ development after Gustavus and to encourage them as they go out into the world.” Championed by a college chemistry professor throughout his own career, Potts said of mentorship: “It’s a very natural and wonderful thing.” Potts often invites alumni back to campus to give seminars, and he has consulted for corporations, like 3M, where his former students are employed.

Industry work and research have kept Potts current. “Astonishing” is how he describes the pace of change affecting his professional realm. “I teach in the area of analytical chemistry, where the whole nature of taking measurements at low concentrations, for example, has changed radically. The course material I teach has got to be about 80 percent different today from what I taught when I started. This has kept me hopping.”

Though highly specialized and technical, Potts’s work with students is timely and topical. A recent conversation about the practical applications of his research niche covered headline news, from pharmaceuticals found in municipal water supplies to controversy over reports of trace chemicals leaching from polycarbonate drinking bottles. “Students are more interested than ever in the role of chemistry in our environment and daily lives.”

More than half of Potts’s students go on to graduate school. Others go directly into employment, where they apply their chemistry background in a variety of fields. In the coming years, as Potts turns his attention to research full-time, he will continue tending to those mentoring relationships with former students—friendships that have endured for more than 30 years.


Elected, President, Pi Kappa Delta.

Appointed, Chair of National Council Development Planning Committee, Pi Kappa Delta.

Marie Walker
Associate Professor, Psychology


Suzanne Wilson
Associate Professor, Sociology and Anthropology


David Wolfe
Associate Professor, Mathematics and Computer Science


Linnea Wren (Professor, Art and Art History), recipient of a Gustavus Presidential Faculty-Student Collaboration Grant that supported her research on the collection of Ojibwe and Lakota art works and artifacts in the Cass County Museum and Historical Society in Walker, Minnesota.

Janine Wotton
**Assistant Professor, Psychology**
- “Age and hearing impairments influence the perception of vowels in context” (with R. Elvebak ’07 and M.J. Ferragamo), Aging and Speech Communication, Bloomington Indiana, October 2007.

Linnea Wren
**Professor, Art and Art History**
- “Ojibwe Art: Research, Photographic Documentation and Electronic Presentation of the Collections of the Cass County Museum, Walker, MN” (with E. Dinsmore ’08), Gustavus Adolphus College Presidential Faculty-Student Collaboration Grant, 2007, $7,500.
- Appointed, Consultant to the Wabash Center for Theology and the Arts.

Barbara L. Mattson Zust
**Associate Professor, Nursing**
- “Meaning of INSIGHT participation among women who have experienced intimate partner violence,” *Issues in Mental Health Nursing*, 27.7, 2006: 775–793.
- Educator of the Year Award by the Nursing Network on Violence Against Women International.
- Elected, Secretary for Nursing Network on Violence Against Women International.
- Appointed, Editor of Nursing Network on Violence Against Women International Newsletter.

Listings were compiled from faculty member submissions by the staff of the John S. Kendall Center for Engaged Learning.
The John S. Kendall Center for Engaged Learning

The John S. Kendall Center for Engaged Learning, named to honor the longtime faculty member and president of Gustavus Adolphus College, aims to assist faculty in two specific areas: disciplinary expertise and pedagogical proficiency. As academic fields develop and change, new ideas emerge, new texts surface, and new connections among theories are examined. To stay engaged, faculty members read and research, converse with other scholars in their field to share their discoveries, and then join in the chorus of thought through the presentation and publication of their ideas.

And just as the mark of a good scholar requires active responsibility to one’s discipline, so too does the mark of a good teacher. Gustavus teacher-scholars are committed to maintaining scholarly and creative expertise not only for their own erudition, but also to bring these ideas back to their classes. They share with their students the best of scholarly thought, and model for them what it means to be engaged in and actively contributing ideas to the world. Moreover, they continually think about and search for the best ways to engage their students in the excitement and challenge of learning.

The Kendall Center supports faculty members in their scholarly and creative work and in their pedagogical development by administering funds necessary to present their work at professional conferences, by disbursing small grants to test new pedagogical techniques, and by providing opportunities for them to work across disciplinary boundaries to learn from each other as they share and develop new ideas and areas of teaching expertise. In short, the John S. Kendall Center for Engaged Learning supports faculty members as they strive to achieve their highest potential as scholars and teachers in the service of helping Gustavus students attain their own true potential as scholars, artists, and leaders in society.

Faculty development efforts supported by the John S. Kendall Center for Engaged Learning include (from top):

- Service Learning for Social Justice Program, Cuba, 2004: Faculty members Mary Solberg (second from left), Pamela Kittelson (fourth from left), and Nancy Hanway (holding sugar cane) visit with workers in a sugar cane plot maintained in an urban agricultural garden cooperative in Havana.

- David Goldstein ’08 (left) collaborated with art professor Lois Peterson on a ceramic installation for the choir loft of Christ Chapel. Molded clay parts that were yet to be fired are on the table before them. Their work was supported by a Presidential Faculty-Student Collaboration Grant.

- Supported by a Presidential Faculty-Student Collaboration Grant, student Jared Stieling ’08 (left) and physics professor Chuck Niederriter test the energy storage efficiency of a hydrogen fuel cell.
Gustavus Adolphus College is a private, coeducational, liberal arts college affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and sited on a 340-acre campus overlooking the historic river town of St. Peter, Minnesota, 70 miles southwest of the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Since its founding in 1862, it has valued its Swedish and Lutheran heritages. The College has developed a distinguished academic reputation and is known for its strong science, writing, music, study-abroad, and service-learning programs. Gustavus has hosted a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa since 1983 and is internationally recognized for its annual Nobel Conference.