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# A note from
# President Skandera Trombley

On May 15, 2010, a beautiful, cool spring morning, we celebrated the accomplishments of our 229 students at the College's 46th Commencement with an enthusiastic and proud audience of family, friends, faculty, alumni, staff and trustees in attendance. Students chose as their commencement speaker Mayor Cory Booker of Newark, New Jersey and if you were unable to attend, I encourage you to visit Pitzer's YouTube page and watch his inspirational, moving and wise message.

I am very pleased to report that 13% of the Class of 2010 were awarded post-baccalaureate fellowships and scholarships and, to date, a remarkable 21 students and two alumni were awarded Fulbright Fellowships, far surpassing our previous record of 18. For the eighth year, Pitzer has the largest number of Fulbrights awarded per thousand students of any college or university. At this commencement the College came full circle with the last class to have lived in the Old Sanborn graduating in its footprint at our beautiful new Commencement and Recreation Plaza.

A good number of those graduating students participated in Pitzer's Joint Science Department (JSD), and I am proud to know that since my arrival as president we have seen a 20% increase in Pitzer student enrollment at JSD. This special issue of *The Participant* recognizes the faculty, students, alumni and benefactors of our 46 year old program, operated in conjunction with Scripps and Claremont McKenna Colleges, and the many contributions they are making both within the Claremont Colleges community and in the wider world.

The Joint Science Department intersects the very distinct personalities of three liberal arts colleges with the fields of biology, chemistry and physics and employs a matchless interdisciplinary approach in educating students. Leading the program is Dean David Hansen whom we welcomed in the fall. Dean Hansen came to us from Amherst College and, having completed his first year as the first dean of Joint Science, and he has been praised for how well he understands our unique structure and mission. This year we also saluted the retirement of one of Pitzer's founding faculty members, Dan Guthrie. A professor of biology, Dan came in the fall of 1964 and has first-hand witnessed the enormous changes in our student population, faculty and facilities.

With one of our founding faculty members trained in biology, our dean of faculty trained in neuroscience, our associate dean of faculty in chemistry and our groundbreaking Marquet/Ferre Vaccine Research Center, Pitzer

College is very much a part of the Joint Science Department. Historically, however, Joint Science has always been housed on the Scripps and CMC campuses. We are all therefore very excited that in the fall, for the first time in Pitzer College's history, Joint Science courses will be taught on our campus with the addition of four science modular units across from the Keck Science Center on the former Sanborn Hall parking lot. Over the next ten years, a permanent building will be constructed in that space, creating an impressive science complex.

The Joint Science Department embodies the finest in teaching and research and upholds the standard of excellence inherent in the three colleges that collaborate in this great endeavor.

I wish you all a productive, happy and healthful summer.

Best regards,
Laura Skandera Trombley
President

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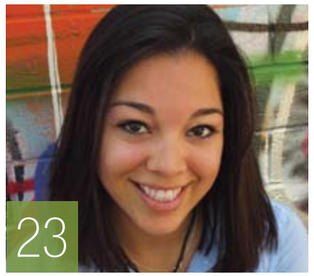

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# The Marquet/Ferre Vaccine Research **Center at Pitzer College**

From left: Dr. Melvin Leteane, University of Botswana; Dr. Emily Wiley, Joint Science Department; Dr. Wata Mpoloka, University of Botswana; Dr. Larry Grill, Center director; Nina Timberlake, Vaccine Research Center; Kebokile Dengu-Zvobgo, Pitzer College

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The Marquet/Ferre Vaccine Research Center at Pitzer College, launched in 2008, will help develop cost-effective vaccine production and address urgent health issues in southern Africa. The Center gathers faculty, students and local community members who perform cutting edge bioscience research to improve healthcare in developing countries.

The Center, under the direction of Dr. Larry Grill, works with the University of Botswana to create vaccines for some of the world's most destructive viruses, including rotavirus—fatal to more than 500,000 children under age five each year—and lumpy skin disease, which can destroy entire herds of cattle.

Work at the Center began last summer, when an inaugural class of Vaccine Center students accompanied Grill to Botswana and began the vaccine production process. Joining them was Dr. Wata Mpoloka, a molecular biologist at the University of Botswana, who also earned a Fulbright Fellowship to continue this work at Pitzer College. In summer 2010, the second class of Center students will work in the lab in Botswana, including Matthew Ward '11, who says he hopes to gain vital experience in the field and to work in Africa again.

Dr. Francois Ferre and Dr. Magda Marquet P'11, founding donors and members of the Center's advisory board, noted "We hope this contribution will have a significant impact on creating educational opportunities between Pitzer and

Vaccine Center research will be conducted in a new greenhouse on the Pitzer campus.

Botswana as well as on contributing to the development of innovative and efficacious vaccines. It is also a way to share our passion for the life sciences with Pitzer College and the Claremont community."

The Vaccine Research Center is part of Pitzer's continued commitment to science education. Pitzer will bring science classes, labs and faculty offices to campus in fall 2010. Also in the fall, the Vaccine Research Center will open a greenhouse on campus in which to conduct its research.

As the Vaccine Center's work progresses, Grill and his team hope to work with colleagues in Botswana to construct and equip facilities so they can produce vaccines themselves. Grill's longer term goal is to equip other developing nations with tools to produce vaccines for the diseases most critical to their public health needs.

For the last two years, Grill has donated his time to the Center, noting, "I have been in this industry all my life. I really believe in this. If not me, if not us, if not now—who and when?"

—Amy Jasper '10

## Pitzer Thanks
# Vaccine Center Founding Donors

A gift from Dr. Francois Ferre and Dr. Magda Marquet, parents of Alexandre Ferre '11, founded Vaccine Research Center at Pitzer College. Ferre and Marquet are pioneers in plasmid DNA production and gene quantification.

Founders and co-CEOs of AltheaDx, Inc. and Althea Technologies, Ferre holds a PhD in molecular oncology from the Pasteur Institute, and Marquet has a PhD in biochemical engineering. Ferre has more than 20 years of experience in cancer research and HIV clinical development, and Marquet has worked in biopharmaceutical development for more than 20 years.

"Pitzer College is so grateful for the generosity of Drs. Ferre and Marquet. Their support launches the Center, which is destined to provide a much-needed resource for very vulnerable populations. We welcome their leadership on our campus and in our global community," said Laura Skandera Trombley, president of Pitzer.

# Joint Science **News**

The Joint Science Department serves Pitzer, Scripps and Claremont McKenna students, houses faculty in biology, chemistry and physics and offers over a dozen majors. Focused on undergraduate education, the department offers small classes at both the introductory and advanced levels and provides numerous opportunities for independent research. Faculty and students work side-by-side in the department's many research laboratories and in the field, and faculty and students regularly co-author research publications and present their work at scientific conferences. For more information on Joint Science, please visit www.jsd.claremont.edu.

## Some of recent achievements of Joint Science faculty include:

**Jennifer Armstrong** received a National Science Foundation Grant to support research on chromosome structure in Drosophila. She also served as an instructor for the 2009 Keck Graduate Institute: Science Bootcamp for Non-Scientists and on the 2009 Grant Review Panel for the National Science Foundation.

**Mary Hatcher-Skeers** co-authored "An FTIR Investigation of Flanking Sequence Effects on the Structure and Flexibility of DNA Binding Sites," published in *Biochemistry*. She was the lead principal investigator on a National Science Foundation grant to acquire a spectrometer. Coprincipals included Thomas Poon, Anna Wenzel, Burke Scott Williams and Andrew Zanella.

**Adam Johns** co-authored "Solution Interaction of Potassium and Calcium Bis(triemthylsilyl)amides; Preparation of Ca[N(SiMe3)2]2 from Dibenzylcalcium," published in *Inorganic Chemistry*.

**Dawn Kaufman** co-authored "Spatial Species-Richness Gradients Across Scales: A Meta-Analysis," in the *Journal of Biogeography*.

**Adam Landsberg** co-authored "Construction and Analysis of Random Networks with Explosive Percolation," published in *Physical Review Letters*.

**John Milton** co-authored "Indecision in Neural Decision Making Models," published in *Mathematical Modeling of Natural Phenomena*, "Quantitative Neuroscience: From Chalkboard to Bedside," in *Mathematical Models and Natural Phenomena*, and "Balancing with Positive Feedback: The Case for Discontinuous Control," in *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*.

**J. Emil Morhardt** co-authored "General Disregard for the Details of GRI Human Rights Reporting by the Largest Corporations," in *Global Business Review* and "Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting on the Internet," in *Business Strategy and the Environment*.

**Thomas Poon** co-authored Introduction to *Organic Chemistry, 4th Edition*.

**Kathleen Purvis-Roberts** co-wrote "Atmospheric Formation of 9,10-Phenanthroquinone in the Los Angeles Air Basin," published in *Atmospheric Environment*, "Determination of Methylamines and Trimethylamine-N-Oxide in Particulate Matter by Non-Suppressed Ion Chromatography" in the *Journal of Chromatography* and "Accelerated Integrated Science Sequence (AISS): An Introductory Biology, Chemistry and Physics Course for College Students" in the *Journal of Chemical Education*. With two colleagues, she received a National Science Foundation Grant to support "Reactions and Fate of Amines in the Atmosphere Emitted from Animal Feeding Operations."

**Burke Scott Williams** co-wrote "Reversible Carbonylation of an [NCN]PtMe Pincer Complex and Direct Evidence of Migratory Deinsertion," published in *Organometallics*, "Reductive Elimination and Dissociative ß-Hydride Abstraction from Pt(IV) Hydroxide and Methoxide Complexes," in *Organometallics*, "IONiC: A Cyber-Enabled Community of Practice for Improving Inorganic Chemical Education," in the *Journal of Chemical Education* and "JCE VIPEr: An Inorganic Teaching and Learning Community" in the *Journal of Chemical Education*.

**Diane Thomson** co-authored "Climate Alters Response of an Endemic Island Plant to Removal of Invasive Herbivores," in *Ecological Applications*.

**Anna Wenzel** co-authored "Two Undergraduate Experiments in Organic Polymers: The Preparation of Polyacetylene and Telechelic Polyacetylene via Ring-Opening Metathesis Polymerization," published in the *Journal of Chemical Education*. "Electron-Withdrawing Biphenyldiol Compounds for Asymmetric Catalysis" will be published in the *European Journal of Organic Chemistry*. She also chaired a seminar at the ACS National Meeting.

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# Class **Notes**

## 19**60**s

**'69** **Susan Patron**, with **Roger Sutton '78**, spoke on "What Makes a Good Banned Book? How Children's Literature Gets Into Trouble" at Pitzer. Susan is the author of *The Higher Power of Lucky*, winner of the Newberry Medal. *Lucky Breaks*, an addition to the *Lucky* trilogy, was recently published.

## 19**70**s

**'71** **Betsy Weaver** was appointed vice president of development by the House Ear Institute.

**'72** **Dee Mosbacher** received the Barbara Gittings Award from the Philadelphia Cinema Alliance in recognition of her documentaries and her work at Woman Vision.

**'73** **Sandra Mitchell** authored *Unsimple Truths: Complexity, Science and Policy*, published by the University of Chicago Press.

**'75** **Ellen Alperstein** served as guest blogger for LAObserved.com.

**Curtis Schaeffer** is the director of the Famine Early Warning Systems Network and chairs the board of the Non-Profit Center for Democracy in the Americas.

**'76** **Susan Feniger** appeared on season two of Bravo's *Top Chef Masters*.

**'78** **Roger Sutton**, with **Susan Patron '69**, spoke on "What Makes a Good Banned Book? How Children's Literature Gets Into Trouble" at Pitzer.

## 19**80**s

**'80** **Barbara Hutchins-Sinor** authored her fifth book, *Tales of Addiction and Inspiration for Recovery*, published by Loving Healing Press.

**'81** **Julie Duffin Fountain** is returning to school for a masters of library sciences degree. She lives in North Carolina with her husband and daughter.

**Benjamin Goldfarb**, CEO of AltUse, Inc., was featured in a segment on NBC's *Nightly News*.

**'82** **Michelle Doyle** opened Local Care Midwifery, an independent midwifery practice in Troy, NY.

## 19**90**s

**'90** **Deborah Bogen** authored *Let Me Open You a Swan*, a collection of poems that received the 2009 Antivenom Poetry Award.

**Nancy Judd**, the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, will display her Recycle Runway Collection at the Atlanta International Airport through October 2011.

**Don Kramer** received a masters of public administration and a masters of urban planning from the University of Washington. He is a civil projects planner with the US Army Corps of Engineers in Seattle.

**'91** **Bryan Gibb** joined The National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare as its director of public education.

**'93** **Ellen Dinsenbacher-Blankenship** and her husband welcomed Hunter Jesse Blankenship in January 2010. Hunter joins brothers Landon and Brady.

**Jenn Louis** was nominated for the 2010 James Beard Award for Best Chef: Northwest. She was also interviewed on NPR's *Weekend Edition Sunday*.

**Kevin Murphy** was featured in a *Los Angeles Times* article on young curators.

**'95** **Grace Kang** welcomed Maliah in March 2009.

**Matt Nathanson** sang the National Anthem at San Francisco Giants opening day.

**'97** **Len Davis** produced stories on Nepalis with disabilities and Bhutanese refugees for The Seattle Channel.

**Suzanne Hulthage** welcomed a daughter in April 2008.

**'98** **Jesse Axtell** joined Lightstone Securities as a regional vice president.

**'99** **Peter N. Mountford** authored *A Young Man's Guide to Late Capitalism*, to be published in 2011 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. He was a 2009-10 writer-in-residence at Seattle Arts and Lectures.

## 20**00**s

**'00** **Suzanne F. Foster** has served as executive director of the Pomona Economic Opportunity Center since 2007.

**Eli Hastings** was a 2009-10 writer-in-residence at Seattle Arts and Lectures.

**Trillium Sellers** is a PGA teaching professional at the Chevy Chase Club and master instructor at the Jim McLean Golf School. She was named a 2009 Top 50 Kids' Teacher.

**'01** **Amanda Alonzo** was featured in a *San Jose Mercury News* article on science education programs she founded at Vacaville High School.

**Jumane Redway** completed his JD/MBA at the University of Oregon in June 2009.

**'02** **Kelly Kearns** earned her MEd in severe disabilities from Boston College and teaches elementary school children in Rockville, MD. She plans to marry this fall.

**'03** **Amber Carrow** was named a 2010 Teacher of the Year by the California Department of Education.

**Shannon Coggins** moved to New York, NY to take a position as a marketing and promotions manager for NBC Universal.

**Sam Hasson** was awarded the *Journal of Biomolecular Screening* Academic Excellence Award by the Society for Biomolecular Sciences.

**'04** **Elise Salomon** produced, directed and wrote *Paper Heart*, which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival and won the Waldo Salt Screenwriting Award.

**Matthew Williams**, a former Fulbright Fellow, lived in Bangladesh for a year, working with Pfizer to improve access to healthcare.

**'05** **Kurosh Hashemi** serves as co-president of the Berkeley Energy and Resources Collaborative and is pursuing an MBA.

**'07** **Daniel Smith** married in April 2010.

**'08** **Danielle Brown** was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to research Virginia Brindis deSalas in Uruguay.

**'09** **Andra Belknap** joined the staff of the Education and Labor Committee of the US House of Representatives.

## In Memoriam

**Eric Ott '97** passed away in December 2009. He is survived by his wife Monique Ott '97 (nee Olesniewicz) and children Maia and Eric.

**Georgia Clark '77** passed away in August 2009. She is remembered as a lover of animals and art.

Share your accomplishments and milestones. Send them to alumni@pitzer.edu or Pitzer College, Office of Alumni Relations, 1050 North Mills Avenue, Claremont, CA 91711-6101. They may be edited for content and length.

# Susan **Celniker ’75**

**“There is so much you can do with flies!”**

Susan Celniker ’75, director of the Genome Dynamics Department at the Life Science Division of the US Department of Energy, speaks excitedly about fruit flies.

“Drosophila are complex organisms. There is so much you can do with flies!”

In 2000, Celniker and her team, in collaboration with two other lab teams, completed the full genome sequence of the fruit fly—impressive work featured on the cover of *Science* magazine.

“The completion of the project revolutionized the scientific community,” Celniker said. “It represented an incredible leap that changed the way science was done.”

More recently, Celniker has focused on the expression of specific genes in embryo development. “When we want to better understand certain genes in humans, we find their counterparts in flies. We use the flies as models.”

At Pitzer, Celniker double-majored in biology and anthropology, and credits Dr. David Sadava of the Joint Science Department for helping to instill her passion for lab research. “Professor Sadava made us think about things most undergraduates would never have the chance to explore,” Celniker said. “We were able to fully immerse ourselves in the information.”

—Liz Hedrick ’09

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Philip Frykman ’90 is a pediatric surgeon at Cedars Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles who said the most challenging part of his job is making critical decisions about when, how—and even if—to operate.

“It’s those judgment calls that keep me up at night. You have to analyze many different aspects of a problem and decide the best way to act very quickly. That type of thinking was definitely promoted and taught at Pitzer.”

Frykman said the most gratifying part of his job is sitting down with patients’ families and explaining complicated procedures in an accessible way. “It is satisfying to help families with no medical background understand the intricacies of a procedure. Families have an incredible amount of trust in me, and I do not take it lightly.”

A biochemistry major at Pitzer, Frykman completed a BA in conjunction with an MBA from Claremont Graduate University. He then attended the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, earning a MD/PhD, focusing on molecular genetics.

In addition to his surgery practice, Frykman devotes about a third of his time to research: “I am studying the genetics of Hirschsprung’s disease, a rare congenital disorder that affects a newborn’s digestive system.”

—Liz Hedrick ’09

## Philip **Frykman ’90**

**“Families have an incredible amount of trust in me, and I do not take it lightly”**

# Christen **Benke ’02**

Christen Benke ‘02 is a doctor of osteopathy and a primary care physician in San Diego.

“Osteopaths take a holistic approach to medicine,” she said. “We look at the whole patient rather than just a symptom.”

One of the inaugural participants in Pitzer’s seven year program with the Western University Medical School, Benke recalls, “My college experience was intense.”

Entering Pitzer in 1998, Benke finished her pre-med and human biology major requirements by 2001, graduated in 2002 and completed medical school in 2005. She then immediately began a residency at UC San Diego.

Benke also swam for the Sagehens for three years and studied in Costa Rica for a summer. “I worked at a small *centro de nutricion* just outside of San Jose. Everyday we provided nutritious meals and hygiene instruction to kids from poor families. This definitely influenced my decision to become a primary care physician.”

In her practice, Benke sees patients from young children to senior citizens. “I knew I wanted to enter a family practice,” she said. “I enjoy communicating with people and learning about their lives.”

—Liz Hedrick ’09

# Rod **Fujita ’78**

Rod Fujita ’78 claimed in the 1980s that climate change was killing coral reefs and he was almost universally dismissed. Today, this claim is almost universally accepted.

On the front lines of cutting-edge environmental research for 20 years, Fujita is one of the country’s strongest advocates for the world’s oceans, and his early research on coral reefs is now recognized as groundbreaking.

“It was like being a detective on *CSI*,” Fujita said. “The reefs were the dead body, and we had to do an autopsy to determine what had killed them.”

Fujita is the senior scientist and director of the Ocean Innovations Program for the Environmental Defense Fund, and is also the author of *Heal the Oceans: Solutions for Saving Our Seas*.

A biology major/math minor, Fujita was Pitzer’s first Thomas J. Watson Fellow, which took him to Japan to study aquaculture.

Inspired by his work in Asia, Fujita returned to the US and earned a PhD in marine biology at Boston University. He then received a grant from the National Science Foundation to test his hypotheses on a coral reef off Key Largo, FL.

“We set up camp in an abandoned lighthouse on one of the world’s most beautiful coral reefs.”

—Liz Hedrick ’09

# Bryan **Gibb ’91**

Bryan Gibb is the director of public education for the National Council for Community Behavioral Health Care, which represents mental health facilities nationwide.

The Council works with 1,700 member organizations to serve the more than 75 million people in the US with diagnosable mental illness or substance use disorder.

Gibb’s current project at the Council is its Mental Health First Aid Program. “It is similar to regular first aid,” he said. “But we focus on helping the general public recognize a mental health crisis, provide comfort and refer the person to professional help.”

A history major at Pitzer, Gibb taught high school following graduation but was later drawn to public education, commenting that his liberal arts background gave him the knowledge and flexibility to follow an evolving career path.

“Pitzer’s broad education is the thread that has connected every part of my professional career,” he observed.

Gibb also holds an MBA from the George Washington University, and recently spent three weeks teaching in Ghana.

—Liz Hedrick ’09

# Makkiko **Young ’97**

While at Pitzer, Makkiko Young ’97 studied in Madagascar, which she cites as a turning point.

“I observed a traditional medium using music in his healing ceremony. Learning how they integrated sound with medicine helped shape my path to becoming an art therapist.”

Young, now a board certified art therapist, was recently named amongst the “100 Japanese Women Movers and Shakers” by *Newsweek Japan*.

A cultural anthropology major, Young says “Pitzer helped me look at situations holistically and work as part of a team.”

Following Pitzer, Young earned an MPS in art therapy from the Pratt Institute and an MA in health education from the Teachers College at Columbia University. She served as director of creative arts therapy for Housing Works, which serves those living with AIDS.

Mother to two-year-old Alexandra Kiki, Young currently teaches art therapy at The New School in New York City.

—Liz Hedrick ’09

# What's New On **Campus?**

## Pitzer Art Galleries Spring Exhibits

The Pitzer Art Galleries opened 2010 with *Capitalism in Question (Because It Is)*, in collaboration with the Munroe Center for Social Inquiry, and *Emerging Artist Series #4: Localization, Location, Ubicación*. It closed the semester with *Et Al: Senior Thesis Exhibition, 2010*, which showcased the works of Pitzer seniors.

## Pitzer Alumni and Parents Gather at the Greenest Museum

On November 5, 2009, the Pitzer College Alumni Association welcomed alumni, parents and friends to the California Academy of Sciences, the greenest museum in the world. All enjoyed the indoor rainforest, planetarium and a VIP behind-the-scenes tour.

## Reception with Celebrity Chef Susan Feniger '76

On December 12, 2009, alumni, parents, students, faculty and friends gathered for a special holiday celebration with Susan Feniger '76 at Street, her new restaurant in Los Angeles.

## Write a Thank You

The Annual Write a Thank You Nite occurred on January 28, 2010. Students wrote thank you notes to express their gratitude to supporters of Pitzer programs and scholarships.

## Family Weekend 2010

In February, family members and guests gathered on campus for Family Weekend. The weekend began with a welcome from a student group, Midnight Echo, and guests participated in Parent College sessions led by Pitzer faculty and staff. Nearly 500 students, family members and other Pitzer community members attended the celebration dinner, which included performances by the Claremont Shades, the Claremont Colleges Ballroom Dance Company and Balandugu Kan, an African dance group. The festivities concluded with a walking tour of the Pitzer campus, a visit to the Claremont Farmers Market and information sessions on Pitzer's Study Abroad and Fellowship Programs.

Save the Date for Family Weekend 2011, February 18-21.

## Pitzer Mixer and 101 Days to Graduation

On February 3, 2010, more than 140 senior students and alumni came together for an evening of networking, career advice and to celebrate 101 days until graduation. If you would like to participate in next year's mixer, please contact Marcus Brock at marcus_brock@pitzer.edu.

## Pitzer Alumni, Parents and Friends at the Griffith Observatory

On March 3, 2010, more than 100 alumni and parents attended an evening at Griffith Observatory, hosted by Camille Lombardo '70, executive director of the Friends of the Observatory. Brenda Levin, architect of Pitzer's new George C.S. Benson Auditorium and the Griffith Observatory renovation, spoke about her work. Guests also enjoyed food by Wolfgang Puck, private tours and a planetarium show.

## Commencement Plaza and Recreation Area Opening

On April 29, Pitzer inaugurated its new Commencement Plaza and Recreation Area, on the former site of Sanborn Hall, with a one-on-one match between Dean of Students Jim Marchant and Cecil the Sagehen. Cecil dominated the blacktop, scorching Marchant 103-46.

## Fulbright Celebration

On May 5, 2010, Pitzer Fulbright awardees and members of the Pitzer community gathered to celebrate Pitzer's 110 Fulbright Fellowships. President Trombley lauded this achievement, and noted the dedication of Professor Nigel Boyle and the Fellowship Program staff.

## Forty-Sixth Annual Commencement Ceremony

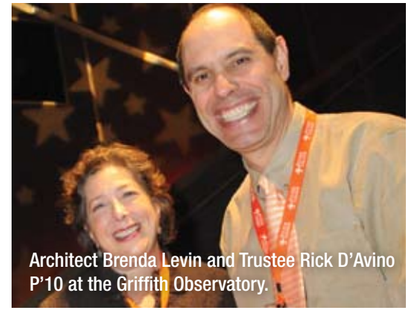
On May 15, 2010, the Class of 2010, family, friends and members of the Pitzer community celebrated Pitzer's 46th Commencement. Amy Jasper '10 was the senior class speaker and Mayor Cory Booker of Newark, NJ delivered the keynote speech. The Class of 2010 elected Moya Carter, associate dean of students, as its honored guest and Melinda Herrold-Menzies, professor of environmental studies, as the student marshal.

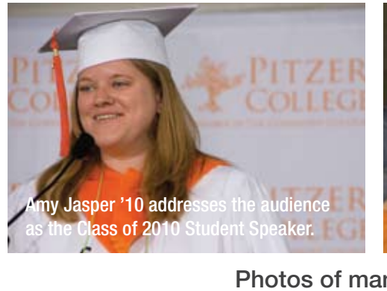
Susan Feniger '76 and Emeritus Professor Harvey Botwin.

Frederic Roberts, President's Council chair; Laura Skandera Trombley, president; Victoria Mudd P'09; Brenda Levin, architect and keynote speaker; Adrian Hopffgarten '10, President's Council Scholar; Tracy Biga MacLean, media studies; Robin Kramer '75, board chair

Alumni and parents gather at the California Academy of Science, San Francisco.

Cecil the Sagehen goes one-on-one with Dean of Students Jim Marchant on the new basketball court.


Architect Brenda Levin and Trustee Rick D'Avino P'10 at the Griffith Observatory.


Amy Jasper '10 addresses the audience as the Class of 2010 Student Speaker.

Craig Taubman, right, performs at the Grove House.

Rebecca Harrell Tickell and Josh Tickell discuss their film, *Fuel*.

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Family Weekend 2010.

The new faculty/staff lounge opens.

President Trombley and student scholarship recipients at the 2010 Chicano/Latino Student Scholarship Benefit.

Rick Tsujimoto, right, at his retirement celebration.

Dr. Avon Kirkland, the 2010 Pepper Visiting Artist and Scholar, with students.

Tom Ilgen and wife at his retirement celebration.

Athlete's Dinner.

President Skandera Trombley signs copies of *Mark Twain's Other Woman* in St. Louis, MO.

*Et Al: Senior Thesis Exhibition,* 2010.

Concert of Labor Songs in the new George C.S. Benson Auditorium.

Professor James Lehman (center) who is retiring this year, with Emeriti Professors Ann Stromberg, Peter Nardi and Rudi Volti.

Munroe Center for Social Inquiry speaker Aviva Chomsky with Professor Daniel Segal.

Third Annual Rockabilly Festival.

Alumnae enjoy the Women's Tea, hosted by Paula Pretlow 'P11 and Cindy Gentry 'P13, in San Francisco.

Students wrote thank you notes to express gratitude to Pitzer supporters.

John Chavez '74 & P'12 and Jahan Bruce '07 at the Pitzer Mixer.

One of the new art benches installed on campus.

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around campus

## Allison **Beattie ’10**
### Human Biology

Allison Beattie ’10, a human biology major and anthropology minor, said “Pitzer allowed me to explore the human race biologically and culturally. Pitzer encourages the kind of analytical thinking all science majors should use.”

While abroad with Pitzer in Ecuador, Beattie conducted an independent study in anthropology on obesity and globalization of agriculture markets. She continued this research with her senior thesis, “Weighing in on Globalization,” which focused on how globalization contributes to the rise in obesity in Latin America.

Following graduation, Beattie hopes to pursue an MA in public health and work to prevent childhood obesity.

**“Pitzer encourages the kind of analytical thinking all science majors should use.”**

## Garrett **Blake ’10**
### Chemistry

As a chemistry major at Pitzer, Garrett Blake ’10 conducted research with Dr. Robert Grubbs, a Nobel laureate.

“I received a world-class scientific education at Pitzer, while interacting with students who have a diverse range of interests and backgrounds,” Blake said.

In 2010, Blake presented his research at the American Chemistry Society National Meeting. While at Pitzer, he also worked as an undergraduate organic laboratory teaching assistant.

“Pitzer’s emphasis on social responsibility allowed me to mesh science with my desire to create materials to better this world,” he noted.

In fall 2010, Blake will begin work on a PhD in organic chemistry at the University of Texas at Austin.

**“I received a world-class scientific education at Pitzer.”**





## Benjamin **Hall ’10**
### Cognitive Neuroscience and Pre-Med

“Pitzer is a very personal environment, and it is a great place to learn,” said Benjamin Hall ’10, a cognitive neuroscience and pre-med major, “I’m happy Pitzer and Joint Science can provide top of the line instruction with the ability to do a cutting edge thesis.”

While at Pitzer, Hall used a new multi-voxel pattern analysis of fMRI data to find the neural differences between meditation and attention. The new analysis method, which uses machine learning algorithms, has shown the ability to classify cognitive states.

Following commencement, Hall will apply to medical school, and hopes to become an emergency room physician.

**“Pitzer is a very personal environment.”**

## Kali **Hobson ’10**
### Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience and Psychology

“One misconception about science majors is that they are one-dimensional and too focused on science,” said Kali Hobson ’10, “As a Pitzer science major, I took science classes plus classes in social responsibility and underrepresented groups.”

Hobson self-designed her double major in cellular and molecular neuroscience and psychology. Her research at Pitzer concluded that melatonin has analgesic properties, and she is proud that she could perform research on something about which she is passionate.

After graduation, Hobson will attend medical school and specialize in neurology or neurosurgery and then work with Doctors without Borders. “I firmly believe that healthcare is an essential right for all humans, and as a doctor I hope to help provide universal care,” she said.

**“I firmly believe that healthcare is an essential right for all humans.”**

# 46 Years.
# 100 Fulbrights.
# 46 Countries.

At 46, Pitzer students and alumni have been awarded more than 100 Fulbright Fellowships, sending students and alums to 46 countries. Pitzer remains the nationwide leader per thousand students in Fulbright Fellowships.

Congratulations to the students, alumni, faculty and staff who made this remarkable achievement possible.

## 2009-10 Fulbright Fellows

**Clinton Attaway '10**, Hungary

**Danielle Brown '08**, Uruguay

**Josh Brown '10**, South Korea

**Chris Coughlin '10**, South Korea

**Hannah Dithrich '10**, Malta

**Solamon Estin '10**, Colombia

**Elena Fanjul-Debnam '10**, Indonesia

**Heather Halk '10**, Indonesia

**Stephanie Hyland '10**, Costa Rica and Nicaragua

**Amy Jasper '10**, Cyprus

**Jennifer Johnson '10**, Slovakia

**Misa Kabashima '10**, South Korea

**Caitlin Lacey '10**, Thailand

**Steven Liang '10**, Taiwan

**Elizabeth Lipschultz '10**, Moldova

**Kate McCrary '10**, Spain

**Nick Perry '09,** South Korea

**Maya Rosas '10**, Mexico

**Yasuhiro Sekiyama '10**, South Korea

**Sean Sullivan '10**, South Korea

**Olivia Werby '10**, Malaysia

**Elizabeth Williams '10**, Malaysia

**Eleanor Wolf '10**, Peru

## Other 2009-10 National Award Winners

**Jemima Barrios '13**,
Bank of America Boston Neighborhood Excellence Initiative Award

**Marie Claire Burt '12**, Collaboration Fellow

**Lizette Ceja-Urena '11**, Public Policy & International Affairs Fellow

**Kymberli Corprue '13**, Smiley 100 Young Leader of the Decade

**Solamon Estin '10**, Harvard National Model United Nations Best Delegate;
Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar

**Jeremiah Gregory '11**, Getty Foundations Multicultural Undergraduate Intern

**Misa Kabishima '10**, Japan Exchange Teaching Program Awardee

**Cody Klock '12**, Critical Language Scholar

**Simon Lee '11**, Skidmore Scholar

**Yuki Sugawara Lin '08**, Asia Pacific Leadership Program Fellow

**Richard McKinney '10**, Peace Corps

**Brianna Moffitt '12**, UCB Crohn Scholar

**Alex Friedlander Moore '10**, Teach for America Corps

**Taylor Aston Nielsen '10**, Japan Exchange and Teaching Program Awardee

**Sean Sullivan '10**, Japan Exchange and Teaching Program Awardee

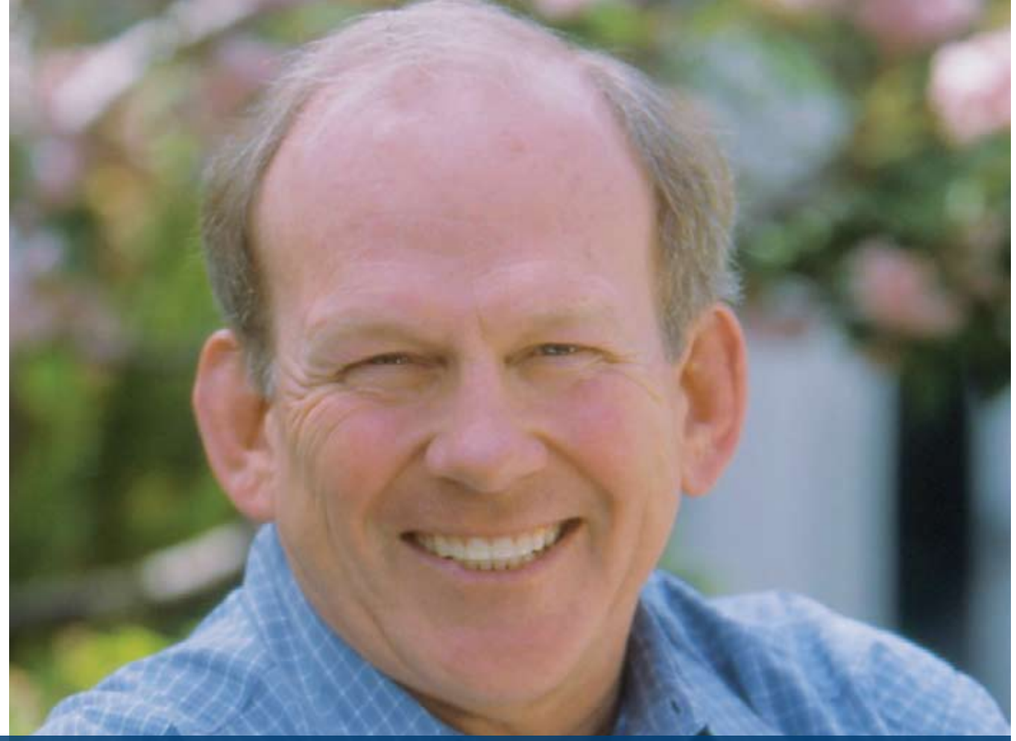
**Kari Todd '12**, Kemper Scholar

**Delaine Ureño '09**, Getty Foundations Multicultural Undergraduate Intern

**Stefan Vallecillo '11**, Getty Foundations Multicultural Undergraduate Intern

**Eleanor Wolf '10**, Critical Language Scholar

**Christopher Young '11**, Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholar



# Thomas **Ilgen**

Thomas Ilgen, the Jones Foundation Professor of Political Studies, is retiring after 25 years with the College.

Ilgen considers being a teacher his "good fortune and greatest accomplishment" and he is most proud of contributing to the lives and careers of his students. One of his greatest joys has been seeing students, like Associate Professor Adrian Pantoja and Assistant Professor Rachel VanSickle-Ward '99, become Pitzer colleagues.

"Tom is a remarkable teacher, scholar mentor and colleague. He inspired me to become a professor and I continue to turn to him for support and advice," said VanSickle-Ward.

While at Pitzer, Ilgen published five books, and dozens of articles and reviews. He directed the Model United Nations Program, which regularly wins awards. Ilgen also served as dean of faculty, helped to develop study abroad programs in Botswana, Turkey and Wales and chaired several committees including the Faculty Executive Committee and Academic Planning Committee.

Before joining Pitzer, he worked with the US Congress, Harvard, Brandeis and Cornell. Ilgen earned a BA from Oberlin and a PhD from the University of California Santa Barbara.

Ilgen will miss working with Pitzer's bright and inquisitive students, and sharing his scholarly interest in international affairs. In his retirement, he plans to write, travel, teach and enjoy time with his family.

Photos from Ilgen's retirement party can be found at www.flickr.com/pitzercollege.

# James **Lehman**

James Lehman, professor of economics, will retire from Pitzer College after 27 years of service.

Lehman will be remembered by many for his dedication to student life, including advising those applying for Watson Fellowships, teaching first-year seminars and singing in the Claremont Colleges Choir.

Lehman's contributions were recognized with the 1984 Pitzer Alumni Excellence Award for Teaching.

"Jim personifies Pitzer's core educational values of international and intercultural understanding," said Susan Seymour, former dean of faculty.

Peter Nardi, emeritus professor, added, "Jim is a wonderful resource on a wide range of issues. He always provides a compassionate and insightful perspective to any situation."

During his time at Pitzer, Lehman chaired numerous committees and served as associate dean of faculty. He was the associate editor for *Economic Inquiry* for 13 years, a reviewer for the *Review of Development of Economics* and a frequent speaker at Western Economic Association conferences.

Active in the community, Lehman participates in the Claremont Rotary Club and its Bikes for Kids Program, and in March, he and other Claremont College faculty rode their bikes in the Pasadena Marathon. He is a longtime member of the Claremont Chorale.

Lehman looks forward to continuing his research—and perhaps sneaking back to teach a few classes.

Photos from Lehman's retirement party can be found at www.flickr.com/pitzercollege.

# Richard **Tsujimoto**

Richard Tsujimoto, professor of psychology, will retire from Pitzer College after 37 years at the College.

"I don't think there is any place in this country like Pitzer College, where faculty are encouraged and supported in their evolution as people and teachers," Tsujimoto said.

Tsujimoto co-designed the first "Asian American Experience" course at the Claremont Colleges, which led to the creation of the Asian American field group and the Intercollegiate Department of Asian American Studies. Today, the department is home to 13 core faculty and offers eight courses each semester.

Tsujimoto says he will miss his students and colleagues the most. "Pitzer students are highly intelligent, have great values and possess a wonderful love of learning, and my colleagues are great intellectual playmates," he said.

Debra Wong Yang '81, said, "I became president of the Chinese American Museum, I became the first Asian woman to be a US attorney and I am a Los Angeles Police Commissioner. These are the fruit that grew from the seed Professor Tsujimoto planted."

Stephanie Turner '09 said, "As a result of studying under such an exceptional mind, I now understand psychology not only as an academic discipline, but also as a human science." Turner is currently applying to graduate programs in clinical psychology.

Tsujimoto earned a BA from Stanford University and a PhD from SUNY Stony Brook. He has published dozens of papers and presented his research widely.

During his retirement, Tsujimoto plans to continue consulting at mental health clinics, and to take piano and jazz lessons.

Photos from Tsujimoto's retirement party can be found at www.flickr.com/pitzercollege.

# Lissa **Petersen**

After 33 years at Pitzer, Lissa Petersen, visiting professor of writing and academic director of the international fellows program, will retire.

Petersen designed and taught several popular classes in journalism and creative writing, and she was a founding member of the Programs in American College English Center at Pitzer and the English program at CGU. She was also active with the External Studies and International Fellow Programs.

Petersen sat on the boards of the Claremont Unified School District, the League of Women Voters, the Community Friends of International Students and the Claremont Wildlands Conservancy. "She is one of the kindest faces on Pitzer's campus. She is friendly, approachable and truly interested in those around her," said Eleanor Wolf '10.

During her retirement, Petersen plans to travel, teach part-time at Pitzer and work with the community in Loreto, Mexico.

Caroline McAllister '68, P'09 and daughter Liz '09

# Take a Seat

Join us and take a seat in the new George C.S. Benson Auditorium. Your seat includes a beautiful brushed stainless steel plaque, which can be inscribed with the name of a Pitzer student or graduate, outstanding faculty or staff member or a loved one.

**Seats are going quickly—do not miss this opportunity to be a part of Pitzer history!**

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For more information, contact Nikki Khurana at 909.607.7977 or nikki_khurana@pitzer.edu.

# Faculty **Publications**

**Bill Anthes** (art/art history) authored "Contemporary Native Artists and International Biennial Culture" in the *Visual Anthropology Review*.

**Brent Armendinger** (English and world literature) authored *Undetectable*, which was a finalist in the 2009 Chapbook Contest. "(Un)Touchability: Disclosure and the Ethics of Loss," was published in the *Journal of Medical Humanities*, "The Museum of Civil Rights and Wrongs; West" was published in *H_NGM_N* and "Flying Fish" was published in *Barn Owl Review*.

**Martha Bárcenas-Mooradian** (Spanish) authored "Leadership from the Bottom: A Case Study of the Women of Matlaquiahuitl" in *Women of Color: Taking Their Rightful Place in Leadership*.

**Alicia Bonaparte** (sociology) authored "My Student's Can't Write: Effective Grading Strategies to Improve Student Writing," to be published by *Teaching Sociology*.

**Melinda Herrold-Menzies** (environmental studies) authored "Peasant Resistance Against Nature Reserves" in *Reclaiming Society: The New Social Activism*.

**Ciara Ennis** (art/Pitzer Art Galleries) authored "LA 2019: Cults, Collectives and Cocooning" in the 18th Street Art Center Program Annual 2009, "Carrie Yury: Room" in the Carrie Yury: Room catalogue and "Super Market: Industry of the Ordinary" in the North East Illinois Exhibition brochure.

**Ethel Jorge** (Spanish) authored "Where Is the Community?" published in *Hispania*.

**Brian Keeley** (philosophy) authored "Sensory Modality (Philosophy)," published in the *Encyclopedia of Perception*, "The Role of Neurobiology in Differentiating the Senses" in the *Oxford Handbook of Philosophy and Neuroscience*, and "The Early History of the Quale and Its Relation to the Senses" in the *Routledge Companion to Philosophy of Psychology*.

**Adam Landsberg** (joint science) co-authored "Construction and Analysis of Random Networks with Explosive Percolation," published in *Physical Review Letters*.

**Ronald Macaulay** (linguistics) wrote "Adolescents and Identity," published in *Intercultural Pragmatics*.

**Milton R. Machuca** (Spanish) contributed to the entry on Latinos in Delaware in *Latino America*, winner of the 2009 Booklist Editors' Choice Award.

**Lêda Martins** (anthropology) co-authored *Levantamento Etnoambiental das Terras Indígenas do Complexo Macuxi-Wapixana*.

**David Moore** (psychology) wrote "Probing Predispositions: The Pragmatism of a Process Perspective" published in *Child Development Perspectives*.

**Lee Munroe** (anthropology) co-authored "Contributions of Societal Modernity to Cognitive Development" published in *Child Development*, and "The Cross-Cultural Study of Children's Learning and Socialization: A Short History" published in *The Anthropology of Learning in Childhood*. He wrote "Child Training" and "John Whiting," both published in *The Child: An Encyclopedic Companion*.

**Joseph Parker** (international and intercultural studies) authored "Subjugated Knowledges and Dedisciplinarity in Cultural Studies Pedagogy" in *Writing Against the Curriculum: Antidisciplinarity in the Writing and Cultural Studies Classroom*.

**Thomas Poon** (joint science) co-authored *Introduction to Organic Chemistry, 4th Edition*.

**Tessa Hicks Peterson** (CCCSI) wrote "Engaged Scholarship: Reflections and Research on the Pedagogy of Social Change," published in a special issue of *Teaching in Higher Education*, and "Partnering with Youth Organizers to Prevent Violence: An Analysis of Relationships, Power and Change" to be published in *Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education and Action*.

**Kathleen Purvis-Roberts** (joint science) co-authored "Determination of Methylamines and Trimethylamine-N-Oxide in Particulate Matter by Non-Suppressed Ion Chromatography" in the *Journal of Chromatography*, and "Accelerated Integrated Science Sequence (AISS): An Introductory Biology, Chemistry and Physics Course for College Students" in the *Journal of Chemical Education*.

**Daniel Segal** (anthropology/history) reviewed *The Discovery of Mankind: Encounters in the Age of Columbus* by David Abulafia in *Journal of Global History* and *Memory Against Culture: Arguments and Reminders* by Johannes Fabian in *The American Ethnologist*.

**Susan Seymour** (anthropology) reviewed *Domestic Goddesses: Maternity, Globalization and Middle-Class Identity* in *Contemporary India in Contemporary South Asia*.

**Laura Skandera Trombley** (English and world literature) wrote *Mark Twain's Other Woman: The Hidden Story of His Final Years*, published by *Knopf*.

**KaMala Thomas** (psychology) co-authored "Disrupted Sleep in Breast and Prostate Cancer Patients Undergoing Radiation Therapy: The Role of Coping Processes," published in *Psycho-Oncology*.

**Andre Wakefield** (history) authored "Leibniz in the Mines," published in *Osiris*.





**Dana Ward** (political studies) co-authored *New Perspectives on Anarchism*, and "Alchemy in Clarens: Kropotkin and Reclus, 1877-1881" in *New Perspectives on Anarchism*.

**Anna Wenzel** (joint science) co-authored "Two Undergraduate Experiments in Organic Polymers: The Preparation of Polyacetylene and Telechelic Polyacetylene via Ring-Opening Metathesis Polymerization," published in the *Journal of Chemical Education*. "Electron-Withdrawing Biphenyldiol Compounds for Asymmetric Catalysis" will be published in the *European Journal of Organic Chemistry*.

**Kathleen Yep** (sociology/Asian American studies) wrote "For What You See as Just: Paulo Freire and Asian American Studies in Community-Based Learning," published in the *Journal for Civic Commitment*.

**Phil Zuckerman** (sociology) authored *Atheism and Secularity*, and "Atheism, Secularity and Well-Being," published in *Sociology Compass*.

# Faculty **Recognition**

**Ahmed Alwishah** (philosophy) presented "Avicenna on Mental Language" at the 27th Annual Meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy with the Society for the Study of Islamic Philosophy and Science.

**Brent Armendinger** (English and world literature) received first prize at the 2009 Chroma International Queer Writing Competition for his poem, "Wood Shop." His "Poem-Booth Project" (a collaboration with Pitzer students) was exhibited at the dA Center for the Arts.

**Jennifer Armstrong** (joint science) presented "Functions of the CHD1 Chromatin Remodeling Factor in Development and Chromosome Structure" at the West Coast Regional Developmental Biology Meeting. She received a National Science Foundation Grant to support research on chromosome structure in Drosophila.

**Bill Anthes** (art/art history) received a Creative Capital/Warhol Foundation Art Writers Grant and was elected an at-large member of the Nominating Committee of the College Art Association.

**David Bachman** (mathematics) received a Mathematical Association of America Tensor–SUMMA Grant in support of the Gateway to Exploring the Mathematical Sciences Program.

**Martha Bárcenas-Mooradian** (Spanish) co-presented, with Spanish students, "Socially Responsible Language Acquisition Through Community Service-Learning Projects" at the Engagement & Action Research Symposium.

**Timothy Berg** (art) presented "Glimpses" at the Högskolan för Design och Konsthantverk in Sweden. His exhibition, *As Luck Would Have It*, was shown at the Nääs Konsthantverk Gallery in Sweden. Berg also participated in the following group exhibitions: *Affinity* at the Icheon World Ceramic Center; *Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea Little Sister* at the Spinello Gallery; *Mostly Sculpture (Damn It)* at the Samuel Freeman Gallery; *Exporting Pop* at the Al-Sabah Gallery; *The Margins* at The Icehouse; *Scope New York* at the Dean Project Gallery, and *Small Favors IV* at The Clay Studio. His work was featured in an article in the *Al-Watan Daily* and in a chapter in *500 Ceramic Sculptures, Contemporary Practice Singular Works*. Berg also gave lectures at the California State University at San Bernardino, Loyola Marymount University, Denison University and Grand Valley State University. He received commissions from Kanye West and Doris Hurley.

**Tracy Biga MacLean** (media studies) presented "Greenaway in Japan: Pages and Screens in *The Pillow Book*" at the Society of Cinema and Media Studies Conference.

**Alicia Bonaparte** (sociology) presented "Race & Birthing Work: The Case of Granny Midwifery in the Early 20th Century" at the Pacific Sociological Association Meeting. She co-presented "Structural Violence and Its Impact on Invisible Children in Jamaica" at the Caribbean Studies Associating Meeting. Bonaparte received a Mellon Junior Faculty Research Grant.

**Jose Zapata Calderon** (sociology/Chicano/a studies) received a grant from the Glikbarg Foundation in support of the Pitzer and Pomona Day Labor Center Partnership. He was quoted in *La Opinion*, the Inland Valley *Daily Bulletin* and the San Bernardino *Sun*. He also appeared on KPFK to discuss immigration, and presented a paper at the AACU Educating for Personal and Social Responsibility Conference and at the Viet Nam Trade University. Calderon serves on the American Sociological Association Program Committee of 2010.

**Melinda Herrold-Menzies** (environmental studies) presented "Spies in the Park or Post-Soviet Saviors? Crane Conservation and Community Development in the Russian Far East" at the Association for American Geographers Annual Meeting.

**Ciara Ennis** (art/Pitzer Art Galleries) served as a portfolio reviewer at Photo LA: The 19th Annual International Los Angeles Photographic Art Exposition. Ennis co-curated *Capitalism in Question (Because It Is)* at the Pitzer Art Galleries and curated *Emerging Artist Series #4: Localization, Location, Ubicación, Veronica* and *Emerging Artist Series #3*: *This Land Is Your Land* at the Pitzer Art Galleries. She co-curated *In Love with Night: Department of Nocturnal Affairs* at the Guggenheim Gallery at Chapman University.

**Paul Faulstich** (sociology) served as a peer reviewer for *Screening Nature*.

**Judith Grabiner**, the Flora Sanborn Pitzer Professor of Mathematics, gave the keynote address, "Why Should Historical Truth Matter to Teachers of Mathematics? Dispelling Myths While Promoting Maths," at the Annual Meeting of the California Mathematics Council of Community Colleges.

**Alex Juhasz** (media studies) screened *The Owls* at the 2010 Berlin Film Festival.

**Brian Keeley** (philosophy) presented "Cyborgs, Introspection and the Sixth Sense" at the UC Irvine Philosophy Colloquium.

**Ming-Yuen S. Ma** (media studies) exhibited his work at *Xcèntric* at the Center of Contemporary Culture of Barcelona and *Lust4LACE* at Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions. He was a guest lecturer in Film and Identity at the Claremont Graduate University, and a panelist at The Mellon Workshop on Affect, Technics and Ethics at UC Riverside, at the Association for Asian American Studies Annual Meeting, and on the Los Angeles County Arts Commission Media Arts Panel. Ma also lectured at *1 IMAGE 1 MINUTE* at REDCAT. He is the co-editor, with Alex Juhasz, of "Moving Image Review" in *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies*. He served as co-director of *Resolution 3: Video Praxis in Global Spaces*, presented by Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions (LACE), Pitzer Art Galleries, and Pitzer Media Studies. This project included a traveling exhibition and a three-day symposium. Ma also participated in a conversation with exhibition artist Mark Boulos at LACE and a video screening at the 2009 College Arts Association National Conference. He served on the steering committee of Fusion: The Fifth Los Angeles LGBT People of Color Film Festival, and is a member of the Durfee Foundation's Artists' Resource for Completion Grant Program Focus Group. Ma's videos were covered in *Ghostlife of Third Cinema: Asian American Film and Video, California Video: Artists and Histories,* and the *Los Angeles Times*.

**Lêda Martins** (anthropology) presented at the Sixth Sesquiannual Conference of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America and organized the Pitzer lecture series "Interpreting War and Conflict."

**Jessica McCoy** (art) received the Carter Sexton Award for *Nudes in the 21st Century*. She participated in the following juried exhibitions: *Dualities* at the Sebastapol Center for the Arts; *Postcard Show* at The Lab; *Notbig*, at the Marco Logsdon Gallery; *The National Drawing and Sculpture Exhibit* at the Santa Cruz Art League, and *SCORE* at the Viva Art Center.

**Kathryn Miller** (art) exhibited in *The Other Side of Paradise: Contemporary Desert Photography* at the Roswell Museum, *Billboard Ideas* at the Cypress College Art Gallery and *E.P.A. (Environmental Performance Actions)* at the Court House Cultural Center. Images and discussions of her work were included in *Exploring Site-Specific Art: Issues of Space and Internationalism, Un-Commissioned Urban Art*, and *Growing Stuff: An Alternative Guide to Gardening*.

**David Moore** (psychology) presented "The Development of Sex Differences in Mental Rotation in Human Infants" at the University of Cambridge. He was featured in a *Time* magazine article and was appointed as consulting editor of *Child Development Perspectives*.

**Harmony O'Rourke** (history) presented "Slavery and Marriage in a Settler Society: Contesting Narratives of Belonging in the Hausa Diaspora of Cameroon Grassfields, c.1915 to c.1955" at the 52nd Annual African Studies Association Meeting, and "Diaspora, Gender and Identity: Contesting Marriage Among the Hausa on a Cameroonian Frontier, c. 1920-1955" at the 10th Annual Africa Conference. She received a Mellon Junior Faculty Research Grant.

**Tessa Hicks Peterson** (CCCSI) received a Mellon Grant to support her course "Healing Ourselves and Healing Our Communities" and was invited to be a faculty consultant on a school-centered community revitalization project in Long Beach.

**Kathleen Purvis-Roberts** (joint science), with two colleagues, received a National Science Foundation Grant to support "Reactions and Fate of Amines in the Atmosphere Emitted from Animal Feeding Operations."

**Susan Seymour** (anthropology) presented "Multiple Childcare and Attachment in India" at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research.

**Laura Skandera Trombley** (English and world literature) wrote "Huck Finn Is Everywhere," published by the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. Her essays also appeared in *The Daily Beast* and the *Huffington Post*. Her book, *Mark Twain's Other Woman*, was reviewed by the *Boston Globe*, the *Washington Post* and the *Los Angeles Times,* among others.

**Claudia Strauss** (anthropology) was an invited participant at "The Encultured Brain: Neuroanthropological Explorations" at the University of Notre Dame and is president elect for the Society for Psychological Anthropology.

**Erich Steinman** (sociology) organized (with Scott Scoggins, a CCCSI Urban Fellow) and moderated "Tribal Nations, Indian Communities and Higher Education: Creating Collaborations in Southern California."

**Emma Stephens** (economics) presented "Seasonal Market Usage in Rural Ethiopian Teff Markets" at the Pacific Conference for Development Economics. She received a Mellon Junior Faculty Research Grant.

**KaMala Thomas** (psychology) presented "Social Isolation Mediates Changes in Post-Stroke Depression Following Participation in a 20-Week Support Group" at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society.

**Rudi Volti** (sociology) presented "Did the Maoist Promotion of Worker Innovation Contribute Anything to China's Present Technological and Economic Successes?" at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting.

**Andre Wakefield** (history) was appointed to the editorial board of *Isis* and was invited to present "Leibniz and the Wind Machines" at the *Eidgenössiche Technische Hochschule* in Switzerland.

**Dana Ward** (political studies) presented "Political Psychology and Anarchism" at Workshops in Political Theory, and "And Never the Twain Shall Meet: The Psychological Foundations of Political Ideology" at Is Black and Red Dead?

**Anna Wenzel** (joint science), along with Mary Hatcher-Skeers, Thomas Poon and Scott Williams, received a grant from the National Science Foundation. She chaired a seminar at the ACS National Meeting.

**Phil Zuckerman** (sociology) presented "The Goodness of Godlessness" at the Freedom from Religion Foundation Annual Convention.


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