A NOTE FROM THE DEAN OF THE FACULTY

In 2009-10, we will complete the College’s academic strategic plan, initiated last year under the leadership of an ad hoc committee of faculty members dedicated to making it a community-wide effort. We also enter the next phase of the College’s WASC review, drawing upon the expertise of our faculty to showcase the varied and innovative means by which they carry out the College’s mission.

Please join me in welcoming five remarkable new individuals to our faculty: Ahmed Alwishah, professor of philosophy, Fuchun Jin, professor of economics, Azamat Junisbai, professor of sociology, Harmony O’Rourke, professor of history, and KaMala Thomas, professor of psychology.

In 2008-09, Pitzer students once again enjoyed tremendous success in winning post-graduate fellowships, including 14 Fulbright Fellowships, one Watson Fellowship, two McNair Fellowships and one Princeton in Asia Fellowship, as well as the College’s first Goldwater Fellowship (awarded to college students intending to pursue careers in science, mathematics and engineering). These and the many other successes of Pitzer students simply could not happen without the support of our accomplished faculty.

In the summer of 2009, US News and World Report recognized the Pitzer College faculty for its strong commitment to teaching in its annual America’s Best College edition. Pitzer is ranked 17th in this category among 266 liberal arts colleges in the United States. For the third consecutive year, Pitzer College is included among the top 50 liberal arts colleges in the United States. The Pitzer College Study Abroad Program was also recognized by US News and World Report as an outstanding academic program. Pitzer is the only West Coast institution in this category.

We begin this year with three academic leadership transitions. Leah Light, professor of psychology, was appointed associate dean for research; Kerry Walk, our new associate dean for academic administration, will be responsible for spearheading the WASC review; Michael Ballagh, former assistant dean of faculty, will lead Pitzer’s international and study abroad programs as the assistant vice president for international programs.

My best to all for the 2009-10 academic year,

Alan Jones
Dean of Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Cover image: “Enjoy it...while it lasts” from All good things...by Tim Berg, assistant professor.
SECTION ONE

GRANTS

David Bachman (Mathematics)
Professor Bachman received a three-year National Science Foundation grant to support his research project, “Topologically Minimal Surfaces in 3-Manifolds.” $132,000. 2009-2012.

Sumangala Bhattacharya (English and World Literature)
Professor Bhattacharya received a grant to participate in the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar, “Adaptation and Revision: The Example of Great Expectations.” $3,000. 2009.

Stacy Brown (Mathematics)
Professor Brown was the project director for a four-year grant from the California Postsecondary Education Commission Improving Teacher Quality Grants Program. $935,000. 2009.

José Calderón (Sociology, Chicano/a Studies)
Professor Calderón received a second renewal of a Glikbarg Foundation grant to advance development of student partnerships with day laborers. $5,000. 2009.

Mary Hatcher-Skeers (Chemistry)
Professor Hatcher-Skeers was the principal investigator for a National Science Foundation Instrumentation Grant for acquisition of a 500 MHz NMR spectrometer. Co-principals include Thomas Poon, Anna Wenzel, Burke Scott Williams and Andrew Zanella (chemistry). $483,521. 2009.

Jesse Lerner (Media Studies)
Professor Lerner received a City of Los Angeles Fellowship from the Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs to support his documentary. $10,000. 2009.

Tracy Biga MacLean (Media Studies)
Professor Biga MacLean received a grant from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences to support theatrical motion picture production internships. $5,000. 2009.

Adrian Pantoja (Political Studies, Chicano/a Studies)
Professor Pantoja received a Blais Challenge Fund Grant to support “Assessing the Hispanic Threat Hypothesis: A Comparison of Anglo and Hispanic Core Democratic Values.” With Jennifer Merolla. $20,000. 2009.

SECTION TWO

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

I. BOOKS

II. ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

III. REVIEWS

I. BOOKS

Brent Armendinger (English and World Literature)

Jim Hoste (Mathematics)

Alex Juhasz (Media Studies)

Ronald Macauley (Linguistics)

Barry Sanders (History of Ideas)

Laura Skandera Trombley (President/English and World Literature)
Rudy Volti (Sociology)

Andre Wakefield (History)

Kathleen S. Yep (Asian American Studies)

II. ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Bill Anthes (Art History)

Brent Armendinger (English and World Literature)
“Sum over Histories,” “Promiscuous” and “Reality is the Flaw,” The Diagram, Issue 8.5 (2008).

David Bachman (Mathematics)

Nigel Boyle (Political Studies)

Stacy Brown (Mathematics)

José Calderón (Sociology, Chicano/a Studies)

Emily Chao (Anthropology)

Clara Ennis (Art)

Paul Faulstich (Environmental Studies)

Judith V. Grabiner (Mathematics)


Melinda Herrold-Menzies (Environmental Studies)

“Tessa Hicks (CCCSI)

Jim Hoste (Mathematics)

Alex Juhasz (Media Studies)
“Learning from Fred,” Teacher’s College Record, September 2008.

Brian Keeley (Philosophy)

Leah Light (Psychology)
“Discriminating Semantic from Episodic Relatedness in Young and Older Adults,” Aging, Neuropsychology and Cognition, vol. 16, No. 5 (2009), With M.M. Patterson, J.C. Van Ocker and D. Offman.

Ming-Yuen S. Ma (Media Studies)

Ronald Macaulay (Linguistics)

Ntongela Masielela (Creative Studies)

David Moore (Psychology)
Lee Munroe (Anthropology)

Adrian Pantoja (Political Studies, Chicano/a Studies)

Katie Purvis-Roberts (Chemistry)

Brinda Sarathy (Environmental Studies)


Laura Skandera Trombley (President/English and World Literature)

Edith Vasquez (English and World Literature)


Burke Scott Williams (Chemistry)


Phil Zuckerman (Sociology)


III. PUBLISHED REVIEWS
Erich Steinman (Sociology)
SECTION THREE

EXHIBITIONS

Brent Armendinger (English and World Literature)

Timothy Berg (Art)
All Good Things... Solo Exhibition, Dean Project Gallery, Long Island City, New York, 2008.

Ciara Ennis (Art)


Jesse Lerner (Media Studies)


Ming-Yuen S. Ma (Media Studies)

SECTION FOUR

FILM AND VIDEO

Jesse Lerner (Media Studies)


SECTION FIVE

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

Bill Anthes (Art History)

Brent Armendinger (English and World Literature)

Jennifer Armstrong (Biology)

David Bachman (Mathematics)

Mita Banerjee (Psychology)

Martha Bárcenas-Mooradian (Spanish)


“Connecting Communities: From Educational Practice to Social Activism,” Presented at the Claremont Graduate University. Claremont, CA, September 2008.


Timothy Berg (Art)

Sumangala Bhattacharya (English and World Literature)

Nigel Boyle (Political Studies)

Stacy Brown (Mathematics)

José Calderón (Sociology/ Chicano/a Studies)


Kebokile Dengu-Zvobgo (International and Intercultural Studies)


Ciara Ennis (Art)


Judith Grabiner (Mathematics)


Melinda Herrold-Menies (Environmental Studies)


Tessa Hicks (CCCSI)


Jim Hoste (Mathematics)


Ethel Jorge (Spanish)


José Calderón (Sociology/ Chicano/a Studies)


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Tessa Hicks (CCCSI)


Jim Hoste (Mathematics)


Ethel Jorge (Spanish)


Brian Keeley (Philosophy)

Jesse Lerner (Media Studies)


Ming-Yuen S. Ma (Media Studies)
“Seeing in the Dark: An Insight into Cinema by Queers of Color,” Panelist at the Ignite the Fuse Conference: Queer People of Color in Film, TV and Video. Los Angeles, CA, March 2009.


Katie Purvis-Roberts (Chemistry)


Norma Rodriguez (Psychology)

Brinda Sarathy (Environmental Studies)

Susan Seymour (Anthropology)


“Culture, Gender and Development,” Presented at the Department of Anthropology, University of California Los Angeles. Los Angeles, CA, February 2009.

Erich Steinman (Sociology)


Claudia Strauss (Anthropology)
Laura Skandera Trombley (President/ English and World Literature)  

"Mark Twain and the Child," Chair at the Sixth International Conference on the State of Mark Twain Studies. Elmina, NY, August 2009.

Rachel VanSickle-Ward (Political Studies)  


Edith Vasquez (English and World Literature)  

"I am lonely, lonely. I was born to be lonely, I am best so! One Hundred Years of Solitude: Williams as Lonely Happy Genius," Presented at the American Literature Association Centenary. Boston, MA, May 2009.


Rudy Volti (Sociology)  


Dana Ward (Political Studies)  


Burke Scott Williams (Chemistry)  


Linus Yamane (Economics)  

Kathleen S. Yep (Asian American Studies)  
SECTION SIX

AWARDS AND HONORS

Bill Anthes (Art History)
Professor Anthes received the Project Pericles Civic Engagement Course Development Award. Fall 2008.

Alicia Bonaparte (Sociology)
Professor Bonaparte received the Nicholas R. Doman Fellowship in the Social Sciences. 2009.

Stacy Brown (Mathematics)
Professor Brown received the Best Paper Award from the SIGMAA on Research in Undergraduate Mathematics Education for “Exploring Epistemological Obstacles to the Development of Mathematics Induction” presented at the 2008 Annual Meeting of RUME.

José Calderón (Sociology, Chicano/a Studies)
Professor Calderón received the 2009 Dreamkeeper Award from the Los Angeles Chapter of the California Alliance of African American Educators. He was appointed to the American Sociological Association’s Program Committee for the 2010 Annual Meeting and was selected to serve on the American Sociological Association’s Distinguished Career Award for the Practice of Sociology Committee and the Committee on Sections.

Paul Faulstich (Environmental Studies)
Professor Faulstich was the honorable speaker at the World Environment and Climate Outlook meeting held at the National Museum of the Republic, Brazil.

Melinda Herrold-Menzies (Environmental Studies)
Professor Herrold-Menzies was invited to be a member of the Committee on United States-China Relations.

Ethel Jorge (Spanish)
Professor Jorge was appointed to the editorial board of Hispania as an associate editor of pedagogy for the 2009-2011 term.

Leah Light (Psychology)
Professor Light was named chair-elect for the American Psychological Association’s Publications and Communications Board and she chaired the American Psychological Association’s Electronic Resources Advisory Committee.

Susan Phillips (Anthropology)
Professor Phillips was awarded a Soros Justice Fellowship for her work to reform indigent defense, reduce juvenile incarceration and improve prison conditions.

Jackie Levering Sullivan (Modern Languages, Literature and Culture)
Professor Levering Sullivan’s novel Annie’s War was named a finalist for the 2009-2010 Children’s Crown Award. She received the Celebrate Literacy Award from the International Reading Association and the Foothill Reading Council and was the keynote speaker at a Foothill Reading Council meeting.

Laura Skandera Trombley (President/ English and World Literature)
President Skandera Trombley received the 2008 Chief Executive Officer Leadership Award from District VII of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Edith Vasquez (English and World Literature)
Professor Vasquez received a National Humanities Center Summer Literary Seminar Fellowship.

Kathleen S. Yep (Asian American Studies)
Professor Yep’s novel Dragon’s Child was named a Cooperative Children’s Book Center Choice for 2009. Dragon’s Child was also selected as a New York Public Library “Top 100 Books to Read and Share in 2008.”
Paul Faulstich (Environmental Studies)
Professor Faulstich continued his appointment on the board of directors of the California Wilderness Coalition and his three year appointment on the Fulbright National Screening Committee: Australia. He began service on the editorial board of *Culture Critique*.

Leah Light (Psychology)
Professor Light was a grant reviewer for the Social Psychology and Interpersonal Processes Initial Review Group and the Roybal Centers Initial Review Group at the National Institutes of Health. She served on the editorial boards of *Psychology and Aging* and the *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory and Cognition*.

Norma Rodriguez (Psychology)
Professor Rodriguez served as a reviewer on the psychology panel for the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.

Erich Steinman (Sociology)
Professor Steinman created a service learning relationship with the Costanoan Carmel Rumsen Ohlone tribe in Pomona, CA.

Edith Vasquez (English and World Literature)
Professor Vasquez is the presiding officer of the Latina/o Literature Society of the Pacific Ancient Modern Language Association.
SECTION EIGHT

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Brent Armendinger (English and World Literature)
Professor Armendinger was quoted in What Do Gay Men Want? An Essay on Sex, Risk and Subjectivity by David Halpern, 2007.

Martha Bárcenas-Mooradian (Spanish)
Professor Bárcenas-Mooradian was interviewed on XEKG’s “Ecologia, Cultura y Algo Mas” on an indigenous community and on TV Azteca: Hechos on minutemen.

Ciara Ennis (Art)
Professor Ennis was reviewed in Eyeball: Media Arts Webzine on January 30, 2009 and in Afterimage: The Journal of Media Arts and Cultural Criticism in January/February 2009.

Melinda Herrold-Menzies (Environmental Studies)
Professor Herrold-Menzies was interviewed for Amurskaya Pravda and “Simple Questions” about Muraviovka Park.

Adrian Pantoja (Political Studies, Chicano/a Studies)
Professor Pantoja was quoted in the Christian Science Monitor, ESPN.com and La Opinion.

Phil Zuckerman (Sociology)
Professor Zuckerman was interviewed on KQED’s “The Forum,” February 23, 2009.