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A "MONTHLY ROUND-UP" OF THE SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES OF FACULTY, STUDENTS, ALUMNI AND STAFF
THAT OCCURRED DURING DECEMBER 2009
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK CHAPTERS

Thomas Foster (Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Director of the Waring Lab), Virginia H. Dale (Corporate Fellow in the Landscape Ecology and Regional Analysis Group, Oak Ridge National Laboratory), and Lisa Olsen (Research Staffer, Oak Ridge National Laboratory): "Environmental Management and Policy Using Ecological Indicators Derived from Archaeological and Historical Data," in R. Dean (ed), *Archaeology of Anthropogenic Environments*, Carbondale, IL: Center for Archaeological Investigations, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, 2009, pp. 321-340.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

George Kieh (Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Professor of Political Science): "The State and Political Instability in Africa," *Journal of Developing Societies*, 25(1), 2009, pp. 1-25.

Phil Purser (Instructor of English): "There and back Again: J.R.R. Tolkien and the Literature of the Medieval Quest," *Studies in Medieval and Renaissance Teaching*, 16(2), 2009, pp. 31-42.

Mautusi Mitra (Assistant Professor of Biology) and Anastasios Melis (Professor of Biology, University of California at Berkeley): "Genetic and Biochemical Analysis of the TLA1 Gene in *Chlamydomonas Reinhardtii*," *Planta*, 23(3), 2009, pp. 729-740.

Henry Zot (Chair and Professor of Biology), Javier Hasbun (Professor of Physics), and Nguyen Van Minh (Associate Professor of Mathematics): "Striated Muscle Regulation of Isometric Tension by Multiple Equilibria," *PLoS ONE*, 4(12), 2009, pp. 1-10.

PERFORMANCES

Tommy Cox (Associate Professor of Theatre and Designer, West Georgia Theatre Company): Designed scenery for the Atlanta Lyric Theatre's production of "Cinderella," Marietta historic Strand Theatre, December 3-19, 2009.

CONFERENCES

PAPERS PRESENTED

Maria Doyle (Associate Professor of English): “Louisiana, West Africa, and the New Abbey: Racial Registers in the Dublin Premiere of *‘The Brothers’ Size,’*” Modern Language Association Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 29-30, 2009.

Patrick Erben (Assistant Professor of English): “Under the Guidance of His Spirit: Toward a History of Mystical Translation in Early America,” Modern Languages Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, December 29-30, 2009.

Thomas Foster (Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Director of the Waring Lab): “Risk Management Among Native American Horticulturalists of the Southeastern United States, 1715-1825,” Conference of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,, December 2-6, 2009.

S. Swamy Mruthinti(Professor of Biology): “The Role of Curcumin in Treating Alzheimer’s Disease,” International Conference on “Emerging Trends in Biotechnology and Nanotechnology: Relevance to Human Health, Acharya Nagarjuna, Guntur, India, December 20, 2009.

Henry Zot (Chair and Professor of Biology), Javier Hasbun (Professor of Physics) and Nguyen Van Minh (Associate Professor of Mathematics): “Molecular Model for the Cooperative Activation of Molluscan Muscle by Calcium,” 49th Meeting of the American Society for Cell Biology, San Diego, California, December 5-9, 2009.

PANELS

Lisa Gezon (Professor of Anthropology): Chaired the Panels on “Rappaport Prize,” sponsored by Anthropology and Environment Session, and “Marginal or Mainstream? The Beginnings and the End(s) of Feminist Anthropology,” sponsored by Association of Feminist Anthropology, Conference of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 2-6, 2009.

ATTENDED

Jonathan Goldstein (Professor of History): “The Jerusalem Conference: A Century of Yiddish, 1908-2008,” Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, December 7-10, 2009.

OTHERS

Robert Lane (Associate Professor of Philosophy): Chaired the Program portion of the Annual Conference of the Charles S. Pierce Society. The meeting occurred in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Society, December 28, 2009, New York City, New York.

S. Swamy Mruthinti (Professor of Biology): He was a co-organizer of the International Conference on “Emerging Trends in Biotechnology and Nanotechnology: Relevance to Human Health,” Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur, India, December 19-21, 2009.

LECTURES

Kwang C. Shin (Assistant Professor of Mathematics): “Anharmonic Oscillators in the Complex Plane,” Conference on “Elementary Particles, Astrophysics, and Cosmology,” Miami, Florida, December 19, 2009.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Thomas Foster (Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Director of the Waring Lab): Received a one year grant of \$6,000.00 from the National Endowment for the Humanities to conduct research on “Artifacts from the Etowah Site.”

HONORS

Tommy Cox (Associate Professor of Theatre and Designer of the West Georgia Theatre Company): Designed the scenery for the Actor’s Express Theatre’s production of “Mauritius,” which was listed by the Atlanta Journal and Constitution as one of the best shows of 2009.