Art and Design

Dr. Andrew Cohen


Jing Zhou, MFA

Jing Zhou is the Gold Medal recipient of the 45th Annual Art Directors Club of New Jersey Awards (Electronic or Interactive Design/Interactive Presentations Category) in 2008.

Ms. Zhou also received an Honorable Mention award from the “PX3 Prix de la Photographie Paris” International Competition (Fine Art/Digitally Enhanced Category), France.

Professor Zhou’s design works were published in the book “American Corporate Identity 2008” by HarperCollins Publishers, New York, NY.

Jing’s artworks were selected by the following art exhibitions in 2008:
1. SIGGRAPH 2008 Art Gallery: Evolve, Los Angeles, California. SIGGRAPH is the world’s largest society on computer graphics and interactive techniques.
3. National Juried Art Exhibition, Xavier University Art Gallery, Cincinnati, Ohio
4. Americas 2008: Paper Works, Minot State University, North Dakota
5. Valdosta National Juried Exhibition, Valdosta State University, GA.

Biology

Dr. Ivan Gepner

Dr. Ivan Gepner’s paper entitled “Frame Your Images: Making Digital Images Accessible for Study and Testing” was published in the January 2009 edition of *American Biology Teacher*. His paper described techniques that can be used to display an image collection in a web browser window and present individual images for testing student learning of structural details within the image.
Communication

Robin Kampf

Students from Robin Kampf’s fall semester class "Real People, Reel Stories" chose three local non-profit community based organizations and wrote, produced, and directed mini-documentaries on each organization. The chosen organizations, Ronald McDonald House, Long Branch, NJ; The Valerie Center at Monmouth Medical Hospital; and the ARC of Monmouth County, will use the pieces for fundraising and promotional purposes.

Dr. Don Swanson

Dr. Don Swanson presented a paper entitled “Adapting the Training and Development Course to a Hybrid Format” at the National Communication Association’s 94th Convention in San Diego, CA on November 22, 2008. He was a panelist on the panel program: “Getting Started and Creating Early Success in the Training & Development and Consulting Fields.”

At Fort Monmouth on January 7, 2009, Dr. Swanson conducted a full day workshop for the Civilian Leadership Development Program (CLDP) entitled “Research and Preparation of the Capstone Project.”

Following the final Presidential Debate on October 15, 2008 and the final Debate Watch at Monmouth University, Dr. Swanson appeared and provided commentary on each of the news segments from 6:30-8:30 a.m., covering various segments of the debate on Channel 12 New Jersey.

English

Dr. Michael Waters

In October, 2008, Dr. Michael Waters was a featured reader, with Robert Pinsky and Ellen Bryant Voigt, at the Brattleboro (VT) Literary Festival.

Dr. Waters was a featured reader for the Georgia Poetry Circuit in November, 2008, reading his poems at five universities: Mercer University; Macon State University; Columbus State University; Valdosta State University; and Georgia Southern University.


Dr. Waters’ poem, “Rio Savegre,” appears in the current issue of The Hopkins Review.
First Year At Monmouth

Dr. Judith L. Nye


In addition, Dr. Nye and Amy Bellina, director of Student Activities and Student Center Operations, co-presented a paper about their collaborative work on New Student Orientation “Turning the ship around: Making the change from fall to summer orientation and forging cross-divisional relationships in its wake” at the national meeting of the National Orientation Directors Association, Boston, MA, October, 2008.

Foreign Language Studies

Dr. Maria G. Simonelli

Dr. Maria G. Simonelli presented a paper at the 58th Annual Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference MIFLC hosted by the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, October 11, 2008. The paper, entitled “The Socio-economic Conditions of Women in the Neapolitan Hinterland and as Portrayed in Literature,” starts from Gomorra (the Italian literary reportage by Saviano) and analyzes the actual socio-economic conditions of women in the Neapolitan hinterland, where two distinct groups of women emerge, the one who becomes victim of the racketeers and those who will be in charge.

Library

Lisa Coats

Lisa Coats attended the New Jersey Academy of Library Leadership, a four-day leadership retreat sponsored by the Central Jersey Regional Library Cooperative and the State Library of New Jersey, in May 2008.

In July, 2008, Lisa Coats was voted president of the New Jersey Library Association’s Reference Section.

Lisa Coats, with Monmouth University colleague Eleonora Dubicki and Amy Clark, Brookdale Community College, co-presented “Library Research Awards: Celebrating Excellence in Student Research” at the Virtual Academic Library Environment of New Jersey’s Annual Conference at Rutgers University. The session was sponsored by the User Education Section of the New Jersey
Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries and was meant to educate and encourage other NJ academic institutions to institute student award programs at their libraries.

Eleonora Dubicki


Beatrice Priestly

Beatrice Priestly’s article entitled "In favor of the Master Degree for the office and title of librarian," was published in the Black Caucus of the American Library Association Newsletter, volume 36, number 6, November/December 2008, pages 5-9.

Marketing and Management

Dr. Gwendolyn Yvonne Alexis, JD

Dr. Gwendolyn Yvonne Alexis has been awarded a $1000 honorarium to present her paper, "First Blame the Professionals: A Comparative Study of Ethical Lapses in the Credit Crisis and the Corporate Accounting Scandals" at a Conference on Business Ethics and the Credit Crisis. The Conference is being held at Belk College of Business, University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC) from March 31 through April 1, with hotel lodging provided to paper presenters by the Conference Sponsors, UNCC and the BB&T Foundation.

On December 5, 2008, Dr. Alexis presented "Have Idea, Will Travel: The Trajectory of a Summer Research Grant," at a Joint Meeting of the Monmouth University Business Council and the School of Business Administration. Dr. Alexis made a PowerPoint presentation of the progress she is making on her research and publications agenda since receiving a 2006 Research Grant from the Business Council.

On January 22, 2009, Dr. Alexis was named the Lead Instructor for BM 327 ("Ethics, Diversity, and Corporate Social Responsibility") by Dr. David Paul, the chair of Management and Marketing. BM 327 is a required course for students in the School of Business Administration. Dr. Alexis has taught at least one section of BM 327 each semester since coming to Monmouth in Fall 2005.

Mathematics

Dr. David C. Marshall

Dr. David C. Marshall co-directed a Mathematical Association of America PREP (Professional Enhancement Program) workshop on “Inquiry Based Learning with a Focus on Number Theory,” a
Transitions-to-Proof Course. The workshop, co-sponsored by the Educational Advancement Foundation, took place on the campus of The University of Texas at Austin from June 1-6, 2008.

Music and Theatre Arts

Adrien Synnott

In August 2008, Adrien Synnott played in the pit orchestra for the off-off-Broadway revival of "The Me Nobody Knows."

Philosophy, Religion and Interdisciplinary Studies

Stuart Dalton


Dr. Pasquale J. Simonelli


Political Science

Dr. Kathryn Kloby


Dr. Kloby received a grant from the IBM Center for the Business of Government for research conducted with Kathe Callahan titled “Collaborating to Strengthen the Relevance and Utilization of Performance Measurement”. The research proposal review process is highly competitive as 149 applications were reviewed for this funding cycle and only 9 were accepted.
Psychology

Dr. Robyn Holmes


Dr. Robyn Holmes presented a paper, “Do you like Doritos? Preschoolers’ table talk during mealtime” at the 7th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities, Oahu, Hawaii, January, 2009.

Dr. Gary Lewandowski


Dr. Lewandowski’s student Jessica Stephan received a $900 research grant funded from the national honor society in psychology for the research with Lewandowski titled Call me: The influence of ego depletion on relationship initiation.

In February 2009, Dr. Lewandowski presented two posters at a national conference with Monmouth University undergraduate student coauthors (designated with a *)


Dr. Gary Lewandowski was quoted in an article on infidelity in the February 2009 issue of Cosmpolitan Magazine. Dr. Lewandowski’s Close Relationship Research Lab appeared in a short article in the Atlanticville on December 18, 2008.
Rapid Response Institute

The Rapid Response Institute has received a $3.2 Million FY2009 DoD Senate Appropriations to develop and prototype a “Rapid Information Sharing for Consequence Management and Decision Support” database system that will enable the Joint Warning and Reporting Network (JWARN), Joint Effects Model (JEM) and other military classified systems to effectively share tactical information (plume spread, chemical identity, voice and video, GIS map information, etc.) through a web portal in real time in support of catastrophic events without disclosing the classified source of the information. This initiative continues to build on the Institute’s programs with the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, CERMUSA of St. Francis University, Fort Monmouth PEO-C3T, and Fort Dix Northeast Regional Response Center, and will foster partnering on a critical public mission with key state and local agencies. Work should begin on this contract summer of 2009.

On October 6 – 10, 2008, Senior Researcher James Hammill, Chief Technology Officer William Tepfenhart and Professor Jiacun Wang traveled to Washington, DC with the Joint Mobile Command and Training Center “Truck” to participate in the annual STAR-TIDES Fall Field Demonstration at the National Defense University (NDU). STAR-TIDES, which stands for “Sustainable Technologies, Accelerated Research – Transportable Infrastructures for Development and Emergency Support” indicates in its event literature that it “promotes affordable, sustainable, support to stressed populations – post-disaster, impoverished, or post-war.”

RRI team members Barbara Reagor, Jim Hammill, Al Milewski and Bob Kelly traveled to New Orleans, LA to participate in the Chemical and Biological Defense Physical Science and Technology (CBD PS&T) Conference November 17-21, 2008. Professors Milewski and Kelly presented their paper entitled “Usable Information Delivery for Emergency Decisions,” and Dr. Reagor and Jim Hammill presented a poster entitled “Communicating Decisions When There is No One to Talk To.”

On Friday, December 5, 2008, at Princeton University, Drs. Barbara Reagor and William Tepfenhart presented a comprehensive review of the current research programs and awards of the RRI at the NJ Universities Homeland Security Research Consortium’s Statewide Homeland Security Research Symposium. The panel was entitled “The Rapid Response Institute – Four Years Later.”

Social Work

Dr. Carolyn Bradley


Dr. Bradley presented “Adolescent Substance Abuse Issues” at the Winter Professional Development Workshop for public school guidance counselors and pupil personnel services staff, January 30, 2009, conducted by Undergraduate Admissions in Anacon Hall.

Dr. Golam M. Mathbor

Dr. Golam M. Mathbor’s paper on “Community Economic Development Ultimately Ensures Social Development” was published in the BRAC University Journal, Volume V, Number 1, pp.59-69, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
Dr. Mathbor, upon recommendation from the US Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), taught a block course on "Building Knowledge for Social Development in Kosovo: Mapping the Way Forward" at the University of Prishtina, Kosovo from December 8-15, 2008 with an invitation from German Academic Program.

Dr. Mathbor was featured in the KA HULILI, the Newsletter of the NASW Hawaii Chapter in their August 2008 Issue.

Featured as “Dr. Golam Mathbor Speaks to Voice of America (VOA)” at www.voasnews.com/bangla/2008-02-17-voa8.cfm in an interview on his manifold responsibilities as a teacher with Zakia Khan of the Voice of America.

Dr. Mathbor lectured on “Effective Community Participation in Coastal Disaster Management” for NIRAPAD (a coalition of 21 NGOs working throughout Bangladesh for disaster risk reduction) member organizations’ Executive Directors at NIRAPD Conference Room in Dhaka on December 21, 2008

**Sociology**

**Dr. Nancy Mezey**

In fall 2008, the Sociology of Aging class (SO 397) partnered with residents of Peter Cooper Village (PCV), an independent living community in West Long Branch, to conduct life histories. Each of the eight students was paired with one resident from PCV in order to interview the residents and present to them a written life history. This course was developed through the Sociology Program and the Honors School to fulfill a Service Learning, as well as the Honors seminar and Sociology Minor, requirement. The purpose of the course was to provide residents of PCV with their life histories while having Monmouth University students learn about intergenerational relationships and experiences. At the end of the semester, the Honors School hosted a dinner at PCV to celebrate the lives of the participants and the hard work of the students. Approximately 35 community members, students, and guests attended the dinner.