

*The College of Arts and Sciences
at the
University of Vermont*

Honors Ceremony

2011

*Music performed by David Neiweem
Professor of Music, University Organist and Carillonneur*

<i>Prelude</i>	<i>from "Livre d'orgue"</i>	<i>Francois Couperin</i>
<i>Processional</i>	<i>Pomp and Circumstance</i>	<i>Edward Elgar</i>

Welcome: Joel M. Goldberg, Interim Dean and Associate Professor of Chemistry

Guest Speaker: Susan Crockenberg, Professor of Psychology

Professor Crockenberg's research is in the area of developmental psychopathology focusing on the interplay of temperament, parental characteristics, developmental history, parental behavior, and social context (e.g., marital conflict behavior, social support, childcare), and on the development of emotion regulation, personality, and behavior problems in infants and young children. Specifically, she has investigated the development of emotion regulation during infancy and its moderating effect on negative reactivity concurrently and on later anxiety, aggression, and social fear. She has also explored the development of emotion regulation behaviors in toddlers and the implementation and evaluation of interventions to foster adaptive emotion regulation in reactive infants and toddlers.

Phi Beta Kappa

Remarks: Christopher Landry, Professor of Chemistry

College of Arts and Sciences Undergraduates Elected to Membership

Elected in Spring 2010

Christopher Akos Morriss

Elected in Fall 2010

David J. Dyke	Judith K. Marshall
David Lawrence Handy	Leanora R. McLellan
Daniel Steven Kelly	Robert A. Olshefski
Emily C. Kurzon	Brittany L. Rudacille
Anthony E. Lauzon	Tatjana Salcedo
Allison Rae Lehrer	Sharon M. Wanberg
William Kent Warren	

Invited for Initiation Spring 2011

Sarah Anders	Cordelia Cluett
Laura Ashikaga	Megan DeVinny
Amber Attalla	Alexsandra Dubin
Isaac Backus	Emily Fuchs
Mae Baldwin	Sydney Ganon
DeAnna Bevilacqua	Samantha Gollub
Chelsea Biegler	Melissa Goraj
Holly Bridges	Kathryn Grenoble
Sean Bullis	Anna Griem
Daniel Cheney	Allison Hamlin

Heidelise Hassler	Alison Mercier
Daniel Hedges	Julia O'Connor
Trisha Irving	Emily O'Shea
Haylley Johnson	Darlene Peterson
Bryce Jones	Kate Resch
Sarah King	Samantha Roberts
Isaac Loeb	Katelyn Saaristo
Claire Loudis	Mutlay Sayan
Brendan Malone	Matthew Singer
Stephanie McDonough	David Swift
Marshall McKenzie	Grace Weaver

Erika Weisz

Honors Thesis Recognition

Remarks: Daniel Krymkowski, Associate Dean and Professor of Sociology

Anthropology

Allison Hamlin, *Cultured Landscapes: An Exploration of Artisan Cheese in Vermont*.
Advisor: Amy Trubek, Ph.D.

Nathan Wigfield, *Between the Earth and the Sky: The Negotiation of God, Ancestors, and Religious Authority in Southern Africa*. Advisor: Benjamin Eastman, Ph.D.

Laurence Madeline Wolf, *Dragging, Stamping, and Firing: An Exploration of the Design Motifs of Middle Woodland Pottery in the Prehistoric Northeast*. Advisors: John G. Crock, Ph.D. and Emily Manetta, Ph.D.

Simon Yugler, *The Spiritual and Social Significance of Zimbabwean Shona Music in Diaspora*. Advisor: Robert Gordon, Ph.D.

Art and Art History

Alexsandra Dubin, *Mending the Strife Between Earth and World: A Heideggerian Reading of Central Indian Painting*. Advisor: Anthony Grudin, Ph.D.

Bronwen Gulkis, The Origins of Mughal Botanical Painting. Advisor: John Seyller, Ph.D.

Grace Weaver, A New Alphabet. Advisor: Steve Budington, M.F.A.

Biochemistry

Sean Bullis, An Immunohistochemical Analysis of ThrRS Expression in Patients with High-Grade Prostate Cancer. Advisor: Christopher Francklyn, Ph.D.

Nicole Maille, Cyclic Nucleotide Binding Site Mutations as a Means to Delineate the Mechanism of Type 1- β cGMP-dependent Protein Kinase G Activation. Advisors: Christopher Landry, Ph.D. and Wolfgang Dostmann, Ph.D.

Alison Mercier, Investigating Possible Protein-Protein Interactions of Abelson (Abl) and Abl related gene (Arg) Proteins with the Vasodilator-Stimulated (VASP) Family of Proteins. Advisors: Christopher Landry, Ph.D. and Alan Howe, Ph.D.

Samantha Roberts, Human Serum Transferrin: Role of Ionic Interactions with the Transferrin Receptor in Binding and Iron Release. Advisors: Rory Waterman, Ph.D. and Anne B. Mason, Ph.D.

Biology

Angela Dunkling, The Role of Mycorrhizal Fungi in Increasing Drought Tolerance. Advisor: Alison Brody, Ph.D.

Charles Hackett, Regulation of Fas in neural progenitor treatment of EAE: An in vivo mouse efficacy study. Advisors: Eugene Delay, Ph.D. and Yang Mao-Draayer, Ph.D.

Nathan Hicks, Ecological Genetics of a Malaria Parasite at Differing Scales of Time and Space. Advisor: Joseph Schall, Ph.D.

Anh-Thu Lam, The Role of Tyrosine 504 Phosphorylation on the Regulation of Collapsin Response Mediator Protein 1. Advisor: Bryan Ballif, Ph.D.

Darlene Peterson, L-serine and IMP Synergy in T1R3 Knock Out Mice: Does it Exist? Advisor: Eugene Delay, Ph.D.

Noah Quinlan, Regulation of Reactive-Astrocyte Derived Neural Stem/Progenitor Cells by the Sox2 Transcription Factor. Advisors: Eugene Delay, Ph.D. and Jeff Spees, Ph.D.

Hannah Reithinger, Bioenergetics and the Effects of Daily Fluctuating Temperature on the Growth of Nile Tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*). Advisors: Eugene Delay, Ph.D. and Ellen Marsden, Ph.D.

Mallory Romanovitch, Localization of the L-glutamate Receptor in *Paramecium tetraurelia* and its Association with a Glycine-Binding Protein. Advisor: Judith Van Houten, Ph.D.

Katherine St. Denis, Genetic Variation of a Malaria Parasite, *Plasmodium mexicanum*, Over Space and Time. Advisor: Joseph Schall, Ph.D.

Elizabeth Salsgiver, Comparison of adhesion and invasion of human and bovine *Staphylococcus aureus* strains in bovine mammary epithelial cell culture. Advisors: Eugene Delay, Ph.D., Judith Van Houten, Ph.D. and John Barlow, Ph.D.

David Swift, Odor Discrimination Thresholds as a Means of Identifying Parkinson's Disease in Mice with Over Expressed α -synuclein. Advisor: Rona Delay, Ph.D.

Chemistry

Douglas Fox, Drug Delivery Applications of Porous Polymeric Microparticles. Advisor: Christopher Landry, Ph.D.

Classics

Elizabeth Andrews, Playing Education: Plato and the Use of Storytelling in Youth Education. Advisor: Mark D. Usher, Ph.D.

David Dyke, Insult, Honor, and Civil Strife: A Fresh Look at Caesar's Motive in the Roman Civil War. Advisor: Barbara Saylor Rodgers, Ph.D.

Brendan Dempsey, Satan, Sea, and the Son of Man: The Combat Myth and Apocalyptic Battle in the Gospel of Mark. Advisor: John Franklin, Ph.D.

Brittany Rudacille, Cambyses: The Legacy of an Alleged Madman. Advisor: John Franklin, Ph.D.

Christopher Waldo, Pindar's Third Nemean Ode: A Commentary. Advisor: John Franklin, Ph.D.

Communication Sciences

Elena Fader, The Lidcombe Program Treatment for Stuttering: A Systematic Replication. Advisor: Barry Guitar, Ph.D.

Jenna Foran, A Case Study Using Comic Strip Conversations to Remediate the Core Deficits of Autism Spectrum Disorder. Advisors: Patricia Prelock, Ph.D. and Tiffany Hutchins, Ph.D.

Nicole Tucker, The effects of right-hemisphere language dominance on disfluencies and rate of speech. Advisor: Barry Guitar, Ph.D.

Lauren Vivian, A Family-Centered Approach for Training a Parent to use Comic Strip Conversation with a Child with Autism. Advisors: Patricia Prelock, Ph.D. and Tiffany Hutchins, Ph.D.

Economics

Kyle Mitofsky, Minimum Wage: A Disincentive to School Enrollment in Vermont. Advisor: Arthur Woolf, Ph.D.

Matthew Sleeman, Federal Government Debt in the United States: Approaches Inspired by Keynes, Barro and Minsky. Advisor: Abu Rizvi, Ph.D.

Benoit Trottier, Examining the Relationship Between Socioeconomic Status and Avoidable Risk Factors Leading to Health Disparities in the U.S. Advisor: Donna Ramirez-Harrington, Ph.D.

Carolyn Wlodarczyk, Corporation Collaboration. Advisor: Ross Thomson, Ph.D.

English

Sarah Anders, Liverpool Poets of the 1960s: Center of the Cultural Universe. Advisor: Susanmarie Harrington, Ph.D.

Megan DeVinny, The PMU Industry: An Exploration of Work in Literature. Advisor: Paul Martin, Ph.D.

Emily Fuchs, *I Wish Someone Were Waiting for Me Somewhere*: A Translation of Anna Gavalda's Original Work. Advisor: Philip Baruth, Ph.D.

John Paul Gramelis, Foc'sle Songs: Writing the Sea. Advisor: Major Jackson, M.F.A.

Trisha Irving, The Rogue: A Representation of Self-Escapism in the Early Modern Period. Advisor: Lisa Schnell, Ph.D.

Hayley Johnson, It's Only Words on Paper: The Recipe in Italian American Culture. Advisor: John Gennari, Ph.D.

Abigail Newkirk, Literature and Environmental Culture: Observing the Relationship through Ecocriticism. Advisor: Helen Scott, Ph.D.

Environmental Studies

Madeline Brown, Bike Systems: How Bike Lanes can Affect Bike Ridership. Advisors: Saleem Ali, Ph.D. and Richard Watts, Ph.D.

Daniel Hedges, An Analysis of Carbon-Market Inclusion of Avoided Deforestation Projects in Rural Honduras. Advisors: Daniel Baker, Ph.D. and Donna Ramirez-Harrington, Ph.D.

Melody Martin, Tools for Environmentally Conscious Kids: Writing a Children's Book. Advisor: Cecilia Danks, Ph.D.

Christina Newman, A DREAM for a World without HIV/AIDS: an analysis of a non-governmental organization and its adaptation of a local HIV/AIDS education program. Advisor: Jon D. Erickson, Ph.D.

Ariel Subourne, Global Warming and Governance of the Arctic. Advisor: Robert V. Bartlett, Ph.D.

Film and Television Studies

Rachel Fabien, Can the Mother Speak? Female Subjectivity in Modern Iranian Film. Advisor: Hyon Joo Yoo Murphree, Ph.D.

Kristin Pishvanov, Visual and Compositional Influence of Francis Bacon on the Filmmaking of David Lynch. Advisor: Sarah Nilsen, Ph.D.

Geography

Claire Eaton, Sustainable Urban Development and Impacts on Social Justice: A Critical Analysis of Initiatives in Bogota, Colombia. Advisor: Meghan Cope, Ph.D.

Geology

Laura Wilson, Reactivity of stream sediments containing nickel, chromium, and arsenic. Advisor: Gregory Druschel, Ph.D.

German and Russian

Kristi Dahly, Dilating Doom and Piercing Prospects: An Examination of the Apocalyptic City of St. Petersburg in A. Pushkin's *The Bronze Horseman* and A. Belyi's Petersburg. Advisor: Kevin McKenna, Ph.D.

Tatjana Salcedo, Russian Via Online Videoconferencing: A Survey of Teaching Methodologies and Materials. Advisor: Kevin McKenna, Ph.D.

Global and Regional Studies

Kiren Lee, Toward Dignity, Respect and Solidarity: Migrant Worker Advocacy and Solidarity Organizations in Vermont. Advisor: Luis Vivanco, Ph.D.

History

Thomas Calcagni, Social Mobility on Slave Plantations in the Sokoto Caliphate. Advisors: Sean Stilwell, Ph.D. and Amani Whitfield, Ph.D.

Kyle Coulam, Petronaira: The Oil Boom in Nigeria (1970 – 1983). Advisor: Sean Stilwell, Ph.D.

John DeCosta, The Iwakura Embassy: A Legacy of Change. Advisor: Erik Esselstrom, Ph.D.

Ana Ellis, The British Occupation of Egypt: Legal Reforms With a Focus on the Judicial System (1883–1907). Advisor: Bogac Ergene, Ph.D.

Marshall McKenzie, The Birth of an Empire: The Foundations of English Mercantilism in 16th and 17th Century North America. Advisor: Jacqueline Carr, Ph.D.

Individually Designed Major

Emily O'Shea, Linguistic Gender Shift: An Observational Study of Contemporary Female Discourse. Advisors: Julie Roberts, Ph.D. and Maeve Eberhardt, Ph.D.

Music

Katarina Bakas, Portrayals of the Abandoned Woman in Art Songs and Opera. Advisor: David Neiweem, Ph.D.

Philosophy

Elisabetta Anelli, The Moral Difference Between Killing and Allowing to Die: Continuing the Debate over Physician-assisted Suicide and Voluntary Active Euthanasia. Advisor: Arthur Kuflik, Ph.D.

Isaac Backus, Probability, Determinism and Quantum Mechanics. Advisor: Matthew Weiner, Ph.D.

Nicolas Cioffi, Value Metatheory and Moral Semantics. Advisor: Randall Harp, Ph.D.

Melissa Goraj, The Impossibility of Peace: The Role of Just War Theory in Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. Advisor: Terence Cuneo, Ph.D.

Justice Gudorf, Is Our Introspective Reality a Grand Illusion? Advisor: Adam Wager, Ph.D.

Ross Huntley, Problems in Game Theoretic Modeling. Advisor: Randall Harp, Ph.D.

Isaac Loeb, Moral Realism, Determinism, and Reality. Advisor: Terence Cuneo, Ph.D.

Marc Mathieu, The Metaethical Implications of Evolutionary Theory. Advisor: Arthur Kuflik, Ph.D.

Physics

Isabel Kloumann, Characterizing the behavior and stability of pulsar radio frequency emission. Advisor: Joanna M. Rankin, Ph.D.

Christopher Libby, Quantum Phase Transitions in Antiferromagnets with multi-spin Interactions. Advisor: Valeri Kotov, Ph.D.

Political Science

Thomas Benoit, (Re)Envisioning the Second World: Russian national identity in the post-Soviet era. Advisor: Michele Commercio, Ph.D.

Jacqueline Bereznyak, An Examination of Partisanship Through the Lens of the Affordable Care Act. Advisor: Eileen Burgin, Ph.D.

Kathryn Grenoble, Botswana: A Luminary for Combating HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa. Advisor: Pablo Bose, Ph.D.

Anna Griem, The Geography of Abortion Funding. Advisor: Ellen Andersen, Ph.D.

Andrew Higley, Presidential Powers and Guantanamo Bay: Finding the Right Balance between Security and Liberty through Justice Robert Jackson's Framework from Youngstown Sheet & Tube v. Sawyer. Advisor: John P. Burke, Ph.D.

Allison Lehrer, Diversity on the Bench: The Appointment of Women to the Federal Courts. Advisor: Lisa M. Holmes, Ph.D.

Julia Michel, Forging a New Shield?: An Evaluation of the Recommendations for National Security Reform. Advisor: John P. Burke, Ph.D.

Patrick Maury, State Failure and American Foreign Policy: The Case of Yemen. Advisor: Gregory Gause, Ph.D.

Julie Seger, Harry Potter and The Millennial Generation's Politics. Advisor: Anthony Gierzynski, Ph.D.

Psychology

Anne Brady, Gender Differences in the Association between Child Narcissism and Forms and Functions of Aggressive Behavior. Advisor: Dianna Murray-Close, Ph.D.

Robert Brenna III, I Before Me, Except After See. Advisor: Elizabeth C. Pinel, Ph.D.

Katherine D'Onfro, Anxiety and Exercise in Mice: An Examination on the Effects of Prior Stress on the Anxiolytic Effects of Voluntary Exercise. Advisor: William Falls, Ph.D.

Anna DeSenna, Stories from the North Country: Women of Color with HIV/AIDS Living in Rural New England. Advisor: Sondra Soloman, Ph.D.

Stephanie McDonough, Effects of a Weight and Health Management Course on Students' Self-esteem. Advisor: Lynne Bond, Ph.D.

Christina Moore, Protective Role of Teacher Preference for At-Risk Children. Advisor: Dianna Murray-Close, Ph.D.

Ariel Moser, Discriminative Fear Learning and Generalization in Exercising and Sedentary C5BL/6J Mice. Advisors: William Falls, Ph.D. and Sayamwong Hammack, Ph.D.

Meredith Sooy, Physiological Effects of Voluntary Exercise on Pituitary Adenylate Cyclase-Activating Peptide (PACAP) and Serotonin (5-HT) Production in the Bed Nucleus of the Stria Terminalis. Advisor: William Falls, Ph.D.

Arielle Vincelette, Can "I" Help You? I-sharing and Its Effects on Helping Behavior. Advisor: Elizabeth C. Pinel, Ph.D.

Erika Weisz, The Influence of Perceived Popularity in the Emergence of Anxious/Depressed Symptoms in Relationally Aggressive Girls. Advisor: Dianna Murray-Close, Ph.D.

Romance Languages

Holly Bridges, The Effect of Working Memory on Second Language Acquisition. Advisor: Guillermo Rodriguez, Ph.D.

Sarah Kay, Truth from Trial: Meaning in the Sephardic Expulsion from Spain. Advisor: Juan Maura, Ph.D.

Christopher Morriss, The Novel and the Memory of the Shining Path Conflict of Peru. Advisor: Martin Oyata, Ph.D.

Sociology

Samantha Baker-Carr, Restorative Justice: A Different Way of Doing Justice. Advisor: Kathy Fox, Ph.D.

Chelsea Biegler, Laboring with Women in the Green Mountains: Understanding the Contemporary Experience of Certified Professional Home Birth Midwives and Hospital Nurse-Midwives in the State of Vermont. Advisor: Robbie Kahn, Ph.D.

Troy McNamara, From Slaves to Freedmen: A Socio-Historical Comparison of Emancipated African American and Indo-Fijian Agricultural Workers at Turn of the Twentieth Century. Advisor: Katrinell Davis, Ph.D.

McNair Scholars Program

*College of Arts and Sciences Students Receiving Recognition in the
McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program*

Remarks: Jim O. Vigoreaux, Professor and Chairperson of Biology

Amanda DeSenna ~ Psychology

Summer 2010 Research: *Coping with HIV/AIDS Stigma: Men and Women of Color Living with HIV/AIDS in Rural New England*

Faculty Mentor: Sondra Solomon, Ph.D.

Chol Dhoor ~ Economics

Summer 2010 Research: *The Birth and Success of the Detroit Auto Industry*

Faculty Mentor: Ross Thomson, Ph.D.

Kofi Mensah ~ Political Science

Faculty Mentor: Patrick Neal, Ph.D.

Summer 2009 Research: *Poverty: How to Combat a Crippling Social Disease*

Justin Parent ~ Psychology

Summer 2010 Research: *Parent Mindfulness and Child Outcome within the Context of Parent Depression and Parenting*

Faculty Mentor: Rex Forehand, Ph.D.

Katherine St. Denis (graduated January 2011) ~ Zoology

Summer 2009 Research: *Variation in the Cytochrome b Gene of a Malaria Parasite, Plasmodium mexicanum*

Faculty Mentor: Joseph Schall, Ph.D.

Andrew Simpson ~ Sociology

Summer 2010 Research: *Educational Disparities in Inner City Communities: The Contributions of Cultural Capital in Understanding Blocked Mobility*

Faculty Mentor: Beth Mintz, Ph.D.

College of Arts and Sciences Departmental Awards

Anthropology Awards

Presented by Professor Cameron Wesson, Chairperson

GEORGE HENRY PERKINS AWARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING SENIOR

The Perkins Award, named after one of the first professors to offer a course in Anthropology in the United States, is awarded for academic excellence.

Claire K. Eaton

Claire's independent research has been diverse and ranges from the study of congressional committees to emphasis on built environments and sustainable urban development and its impact on women's social justice issues. She has served as a teaching assistant for human osteology and as an intern at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. Claire's other activities include participation in the university newspaper, the Political Science Honors Program, and work on behalf of the Vermont Commission on Women. She is pursuing graduate studies and her interests include medical anthropology, biocultural studies, human development and disease, social marginalization, and poverty.

W. A. HAVILAND MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN ANTHROPOLOGY

This award honors the student who best epitomizes a four-field activist approach as modeled on our distinguished emeritus, Bill Haviland.

Sydney R. Ganon

Sydney Ganon has excelled in her classes (as a double major), held numerous teaching and research assistantship positions, and participated in UVM's archaeological fieldwork in Arizona.

JAMES B. PETERSEN ARCHAEOLOGY AWARD

The Petersen Award is presented to the student who shows a strong desire to follow the "Petersen Path." Dr. Petersen was a dedicated alumnus, professor, and chair of the UVM Anthropology Department.

Richard F. Hart

Richard is originally from Hingham, Massachusetts. He has volunteered with the Office of the City of Boston Archaeologist, undertaken a study abroad devoted to European archaeology at Newcastle University, and has served as a teaching assistant for two different Anthropology courses. Rich's interests are in bioarchaeology, cultural resource management, peopling of the New World, archaeometry, and the legal/ethic frameworks of American archaeology. Following graduation he hopes to gain additional field experience in archaeology before pursuing graduate study in archaeology.

Laurence M. Wolf

Since arriving at UVM as a transfer student, Lo has pursued every opportunity to gain archaeological experience both in the field and in the laboratory, culminating in an Honors thesis project investigating the significance and meaning of northeastern Native American ceramic decoration in the preContact era. Her dataset for her thesis comes from an assemblage she excavated during a field school in the Burlington Intervale and her analysis relies heavily on a local ceramic typology developed by Petersen.

Art and Art History Awards

Presented by Associate Professor William B. McDowell, Chairperson

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN ART HISTORY

Bronwen Star Gulkis

Bronwen Star Gulkis has double majored in Art History and History. Last summer she obtained a prestigious curatorial internship at the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery in Washington, and will have another internship this year at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. One of the art history faculty who worked closely with her stated, "Bronwen Star Gulkis was given a prophetic middle name, for she has had an absolutely stellar undergraduate career. Along the way she has earned the respect and admiration of her teachers and peers by her performance and behavior in every one of her classes."

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN STUDIO ART

Nicholas E. Earl

Over the past three years Nick Earl has logged more hours than anyone in the ceramics studio. In January 2011 Nick had a solo exhibition, "Talk With Your Mouth Full," in the Colburn Gallery at UVM. One faculty member called Nick "instrumental in energizing the clay area, and one of the best read and most well-rounded young artists in our arts community." About his own work, Nick wrote, "My work is equally informed by my interest in the vast multicultural history of ceramics as well as my interest in absurdity, imagination, and kitsch."

Grace Weaver

Grace Weaver, a painter, recently had her Honors show, "Thin-skinned," at the Space Gallery in Burlington. According to one of her painting instructors, "Grace has always shown a keen desire to fill herself with knowledge about art and contemporary issues. With this eagerness to know combined with her marked talent and merged with her measured ambition, Grace has become a wonderful student and a very promising artist."

Asian Languages and Literatures Awards

Presented by Associate Professor John Yin, Chairperson

DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES HONORS AWARD

Kaitlin Louise Healy

Kaitlin Healy has a double major of Chinese Language and Political Science. She has the highest GPA for all courses taken among the graduating seniors who major in Chinese. She studied abroad in China from the summer of 2008 to the spring of 2009. She acted as an interpreter for a delegation of faculty members from Inner Mongolian University of China that visited UVM in the fall of 2010. She loves Chinese language and culture and is planning to go back to China to teach English to elementary school students after graduating from UVM.

Biochemistry Awards

Presented by Professor Christopher C. Landry, Co-Director

ROBERT WOODWORTH AWARD

The Robert Woodworth Award recognizes the student in the senior class with the most outstanding academic record.

Andrew Barton

Andrew's curiosity about a wide variety of topics has led him to explore many subjects, with a particular academic excellence in biochemistry. He enjoys reading and road trips, and plans to attend pharmacy school next year for his Pharm. D. degree.

JOHN THANASSI AWARD

The John Thanassi Award recognizes the student in the senior class for outstanding achievement in both research and academics.

Sean Bullis

Sean's Honors thesis involves an analysis of specific proteins proposed to be involved in the development of prostate cancer, but he can also be found playing alto sax in jazz ensembles at UVM and in town. He plans to attend medical school and become a primary care physician in Vermont.

Douglas Fox

Doug divides his time among skiing, biking, and performing experiments for his thesis, which is focused on studying cellular uptake of nanoparticles for chemotherapy. After a year working on campus as a technician, he plans to complete a Ph.D. in biochemistry or molecular biology.

Biology Awards

Presented by Professor Jim O. Vigoreaux, Chairperson

KURT MILTON PICKETT AWARD

This award is presented to the student with outstanding academic performance and excellence in research in Biology.

Katherine M. St. Denis

Ms. St. Denis is a McNair Scholar and has already published her research on the genetics of malaria. She has been accepted into three prestigious Ph.D. programs.

PAUL A. MOODY AWARD

This award is presented to a student with outstanding academic performance and excellence in research in Biology.

Mallory P. Romanovitch

Ms. Romanovitch's Honors project is determining the function of an important cell membrane receptor. She begins her Master's degree research next year in the Department of Biology.

BERND HEINRICH AWARD

This award is presented to a student outstanding academic performance and excellence in research in Biology.

Mathew P. Wajda

Mr. Wajda conducted research on the function of flight muscles on the mating behavior of fruit flies. He plans to attend medical school.

JOAN M. HERBERS AWARD

This award is presented to a student with outstanding academic performance and excellence in research in Biology.

Nathan D. Hicks

Mr. Hicks's Honors project on the genetics of malaria will lead to two important journal papers. He plans a career in medicine and medical research.

GEORGE PERKINS MARSH AWARD

This award is presented to a student with outstanding academic performance and excellence in research in Biology.

Charles S. Hackett

Mr. Hackett's Honors project on neural stem cell transplantation in treatment of an animal model of Multiple Sclerosis will lead to two important journal papers. He plans a career in medicine and medical research.

Chemistry Awards

Presented by Professor Dwight Matthews, Chairperson

THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY GREEN MOUNTAIN SECTION AWARD

This award is given to an outstanding senior chemistry major for academic performance in chemistry.

Eliza M. Arsenault

During her undergraduate career, Eliza realized a love for teaching as well as chemistry. She will next pursue a Master's degree in Teaching at UVM to teach in the public schools.

CHARLES E. BRAUN AWARD

The Braun Award is given to an outstanding senior chemistry major in memory of Charles Braun, former Department Chair and the first Dean of the Graduate College.

Spencer O. Scholz

Spencer has excelled both in academics and in research in organic chemistry at UVM. He is currently deciding which Ph.D. graduate program in chemistry he will enter for fall.

Classics Awards

Presented by Associate Professor John C. Franklin

FREDERICK ARNOLD VINTON PRIZE

The Frederick Arnold Vinton Prize was established in 1951 by Hope Vinton in honor of her father, a medical doctor. It is awarded to "the student or students, male or female, who shall exhibit, in the opinion of the majority of the professors and instructors in Latin and Greek, exceptional proficiency in the study of said languages."

David J. Dyke

David, from Essex Center, Vermont, is a double major in Classics and History. David wrote an Honors thesis on Julius Caesar, and plans to teach English in Korea before attending graduate school. In his spare time, David enjoys coaching rugby and grilling.

Christopher J. Waldo

Chris, from Moretown, Vermont, completed a double major in Greek and Latin, and has also studied Hebrew and Ugaritic. His undergraduate thesis was a commentary on Pindar's third Nemean ode. Chris has been a member of the University Jazz Ensemble every year, and very active in the Goodrich Classics Club. He plans to attend graduate school in Classics.

KIRBY FLOWER SMITH LATIN PRIZE

The Kirby Flower Smith Latin Prize is named after a formidable, energetic Latinist, UVM class of 1884, and later professor of Classics at Johns Hopkins. The prize was given in his memory by his wife in 1919. It recognizes superior performance in Latin language and literature.

Elizabeth A. Andrews

E is from Farmington, Connecticut. She plans on traveling to Peru, Germany and Norway over the next year before pursuing graduate studies. Her major interests include Plato and Classical Mythology.

Samantha E. Roberts

Sam, from Fair Haven, Vermont, is a double major in Classics and Biology. She desperately clings to her classics courses to keep her sane through science classes and her biochemistry thesis. She is headed off to Dartmouth in September to pursue her Ph.D. in biology.

Matthew Singer

Matt, from Richmond, Vermont, is a double major in Philosophy and Latin with a minor in Economics. He is interested in metaethics, philosophy of language and game theory. He hopes to pursue either law school or a graduate degree in Economics in the near future.

JOHN H. KENT MEMORIAL AWARD IN CLASSICS

The John H. Kent Memorial Award honors a UVM Professor and Chair of Classics and former Dean of the Graduate College in the '50s and '60s, who had a very distinguished career as an epigraphist. It is awarded to the best overall senior or seniors in Classics.

Brendan G. Dempsey

Brendan, from Milton, Vermont, is graduating with a double major in Classics and Religion. For the next year, he will be living in Burlington, where he plans to write poetry and catch up on his reading (the entire Western canon, beginning with the *Iliad*). He will also continue to revise his Honors thesis with the goal of publishing it as a monograph before returning to graduate school to study ancient apocalypticism.

Brittany L. Rudacille

Brittany, from Shenandoah, Virginia, is a double major in Classics and History. She wrote an Honors thesis on the legacy of the Persian king, Cambyses. She hopes to pursue graduate studies in classics and/or museum studies in the near future.

JOHN H. KENT BOOK AWARDS

Spencer T. Curry

Spencer, of Glastonbury, Connecticut, is a double major in Latin and Philosophy. He is quivering in anticipation at the idea of proving the value of his Classics and Philosophy degrees to all his business major friends and relatives.

Dan M. Gillette

Dan is from Hinesburg, Vermont. He completed a double major in History and Classics with special attention to Greek and philosophy. After graduation he plans to move to Prague, Czech Republic to teach English.

Christian F. Kmiecik

Christian, from East Lyme, Connecticut, transferred to UVM and completed an engaging

double major with Classics and Art History in the space of two years. He plans to pursue graduate studies either in art history or U.S. public history following a gap year.

Communication Sciences Awards

Presented by Professor Barry Guitar

MARGARET KYTE MEMORIAL AWARD FOR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

The family of undergraduate student Margaret Kyte initiated the Margaret Kyte Award in 1979 as a memorial. It is presented each year to a graduating CMSI senior who has shown outstanding academic performance.

Kristin Blumen

Kristin's first class in Speech and Hearing Science helped define her interest in Communication Sciences and Disorders. This inspired her to complete her B.A. in three years, with a perfect record. Kristin will attend UVM in the fall for a Master's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders, with a Graduate College Fellowship.

RODNEY EVERHART AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CLINICAL PROMISE

The Rodney Everhart Award was initiated in 1967 by the Vermont Speech–Language Hearing Association (VSLA) in honor of Rodney Everhart, a Speech–Language Pathologist (SLP) in Vermont. The award is based upon strong academic performance. In addition, consideration is given to individual promise for professional achievement as a Speech–Language Pathologist or Audiologist.

Jenna Foran

Jenna is receiving the Rodney Everhart Undergraduate Award for strong academic performance and individual promise for professional achievement as a Speech–Language Pathologist. Jenna is most proud of her undergraduate thesis work on Autism Spectrum Disorder. She will attend UVM in the fall for a Master's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION SCIENCES UNDERGRADUATE AWARD

The Departmental Award was initiated in 1988 by former Communication Sciences Chair and Arts and Sciences Associate Dean, Jim Lubker and is presented to a graduating CMSI senior who has demonstrated excellence in scholarship. This student must also demonstrate leadership and professional promise. The recipient's name is engraved on a plaque, which is permanently on display in Pomeroy Hall.

Nicole Tucker

Nicole is receiving the Department of Communication Sciences Undergraduate Award for excellence in scholarship, demonstration of leadership and professional promise. Along with completing a superb Honors thesis, Nicole worked as an audiologist assistant at the Eleanor M. Luse Center for the past two years. She will pursue a doctorate degree in audiology at University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Economics Awards

Presented by Associate Professor Sara Solnick, Chairperson

S. WILLIAM GERSTEN SCHOLARSHIP

This award recognizes the high achievement economics majors from out of state. S. William Gersten was a 1965 UVM graduate in economics, who went on to a successful career on Wall Street.

Molly Farrell

Molly is majoring in Mathematics and Economics. She received the Philipp H. Lohman Award last year. A faculty member describes her as “a very quiet student in class, but that demeanor is clearly an understatement of her intellectual ability. Her term paper was well thought out and well executed and her grasp of economic theory is impressive.”

Caroline Wlodarczyk

Carolyn is doing a double major in Economics and History with a minor in Business. For her thesis on DuPont in the 1930's, she has done extensive patent work and traveled to Delaware to study company records. One of her professors says she is “very studious, committed to her studies and very well organized.”

LOHMAN AWARD

This award for an outstanding economics major is named for Professor Lohman who served as professor and chair of the Economics Department from 1945–1963.

Mutlay Sayan

Economics faculty are full of praise for Mutlay. One described him as “quite a wonderful guy. He is combining pre-med with economics and has done quite a bit of research with some of the medical faculty.” Another said, “His approach to his education is unparalleled. He does not take anything for granted and always strives to do better and learn more. He has a very mature outlook in life and the attitude that he brings to his education allows him to excel as a student.”

JOHN H. CONVERSE AWARD

This award is for a senior whose academic achievement is outstanding. It is named in honor of John H. Converse, a former trustee of the University who was instrumental in establishing coursework in Economics at UVM in 1899.

Matthew Sleeman

As a junior, Matt's academic excellence and intellectual curiosity were recognized with the Economics Department's Milton J. Nadworny Award. One of his professors notes that “his grasp of complex economic concepts is outstanding and his quantitative skills are even more impressive. It is just delightful to have such an outstanding student in class.”

FREEMAN SALTUS AWARD

This award is given to a senior whose academic achievement is outstanding.

Ross Cunningham

Ross is completing a double major in Economics and Russian with a minor in French. He studied in St. Petersburg, Russia, in spring 2010, and he's currently doing an independent study project on great works in economics. Ross was a teaching aide for one of our classes in fall 2010, and he was obviously well-liked by the students, three of whom wanted a photo shoot with him after the last class of the semester. He obliged with good humor.

Brendan Malone

Brendan received the Gersten Award as a junior. A faculty member says that he "stands out for asking the probing questions, with the flexibility of mind to see things from a different angle. His superb math and analytical skills, along with his warmth and deep humanity suggest he is more than deserving of an honors award."

Benoit Trottier

Ben received the Economics Department's Amato-Nadworny Award last year for his leadership and academic record. One of his professors says he is "one of the most balanced students I have known. While he has his eye on post graduate education that has nothing to do with economics (Dentistry), he is very focused on his undergraduate economics degree."

English Awards

Presented by Professor Valerie Rohy

SAMUEL N. BOGORAD AWARD

Given in memory of English professor Samuel Bogorad who taught from 1946 to 1982, it is presented to one outstanding senior majoring in English.

Rachel Colleen Fabian

The English and Film and Television Studies faculty are overwhelmingly positive about Rachel Fabian, describing her as "excellent, helpful and thoughtful," and her work as "outstanding" and "brilliant." Others note her "wide ranging sense of wonder and intellectual generosity" and admire the way she "reads intensely on her own and often tackles the most difficult material." In sum, she is "without a doubt the best student we have ever had. Having her in class is like a gift."

MARION BERRY ALLBEE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMPOSITION

Given by Dr. Roger Allbee, UVM College of Medicine, in memory of his wife, UVM Class of 1931, and awarded for Outstanding Nonfiction Prose.

Carmen L. Solari

Solari's paper, "The Presence and Function of Light in Dante Alighieri's 'Paradisio'" written for Prof. Tom Simone's Senior Seminar, is a sharp and insightful exploration of Dante's deployment of light as a trope in *The Divine Comedy*. Focusing on the "Paradisio," Solari's paper argues Dante uses light "to illustrate aspects of the celestial realm" for which he lacks words.

Descriptions of light, then, emerge when other kinds of language fail, allowing Dante to provide readers with a sense—if not a description—of the divine.

DOUGLAS A. PINTA AWARD

Established in memory of a UVM graduate, it is presented to a student who has discovered the wonder of creative writing.

Steven B. Potter, Jr.

The Pinta goes to Steve Potter Jr., for his short story "An Afternoon Swim." The judges were extremely impressed with the artistic coherence, the sentence-level control, and the overall maturity of the piece. Told mostly from a child's point of view, it yet managed a real sophistication both of language and of insight into the rich emotional life of those of us not yet grown to adulthood.

WILLARD B. POPE AWARD

In honor of Dr. Willard Pope, Professor Emeritus of English, this award is given to an upperclassman who excels in the study and/or research of Shakespeare.

Haylley M. Johnson

Haylley has demonstrated sustained excellence in three courses on Romantic topics since spring of 2009. Her performance on essay assignments and overall percentage grade in both ENGS 144 (fall) and 282 (spring) courses this year continue that impressive dossier in Romantic topics. Haylley's enthusiastic presence in class, her fluid writing, and a meticulous preparation as a researcher on romanticism coursework together make her stand out.

BENJAMIN B. WAINWRIGHT AWARD

Professor Wainwright taught at UVM from 1925 to 1963. This prize is given to the student who submitted the best poem each year.

Hannah T. Jansen

In this stunning poem, Hannah Jensen takes the iconic landscape that is Coney Island and reveals to us how the famed amusement park prepares us for unhappiness and grief that is to come in life. The poem, written in couplets, is wonderfully evocative of the amusement park as well as overtones of reckless fun and exuberance. Jensen creates an experience of language that enacts notions of plunge and deterioration. Excellent examples of figurative language afford her poem its power of artful expression but also a kind of linguistic joy.

Environmental Studies Awards

Presented by Professor Stephanie Kaza, Director

OUTSTANDING GRADUATING SENIORS AWARD IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

The Environmental Studies Program faculty presents this award to the graduating seniors who have demonstrated academic excellence, environmental leadership, and campus and community activism and service.

Marlee L. Baron

Marlee has served as ENVS teaching assistant, SGA senator on the Diversity, Equity and Environmental Ethics Committee, on the UVM Board of Trustees Socially Responsible Investment Workgroup, and worked tirelessly as Co-President of VSTEP to guide campus environmental activists, culminating with the Students for a Sustainable Beverage System Campaign.

Emilyn R. Fox

Emilyn has led Outing Club trips, coordinated a wilderness living/learning program, was selected for TOWER Senior Women's Honor Society, and worked tirelessly as Co-President of VSTEP to guide campus environmental activists, culminating with the Students for a Sustainable Beverage System Campaign.

Geography Awards

Presented by Professor Meghan Cope, Chairperson

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN GEOGRAPHY

This award is given to the top senior Geography major(s) based on their academic performance as well as their commitment to the field of Geography.

Thomas Benoit

Tom's interests are in the intersection of his two majors: Geography and Political Science. In his time at UVM, he participated in study abroad programs, traveling to Ecuador and Ukraine in order to see up close the effects of ecological change in a variety of contexts. In an extension of these experiences, Tom has written a thesis that looks at the political and spatial transformations of post-Soviet Eastern Europe. In the future he hopes to enroll in a graduate program focusing on Russian, Eurasian, and Eastern European Studies.

Samantha Gollub

Samantha has gained a reputation as one of our top physical geographers, but she is minoring in History and has devoted considerable time to course work in comparative political systems, international relations, and regional studies with a particular interest in Latin America. Sam spent the fall of her junior year in Chile, studying Spanish, Anthropology and Political Science. These inter-disciplinary interests will serve her well as she explores new opportunities in her post-UVM life.

GLEN ELDER AWARD

Glen Elder was a beloved geography professor, department chair, and associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences who died suddenly in May, 2009. The Glen Elder Award is made every year to a top Geography senior whose work on issues of social justice, sexuality, South Africa, or political geography has embodied the spirit of Glen's commitment and interests.

Erica Weinberg

Erica, a double major in Women's and Gender Studies and Geography, served as admirably as a Teaching Assistant for Geography of Race & Ethnicity, and studied abroad with the Women's

Health and Spirituality program in Belize. She has been involved with the Student Wellness Action Team and local organizations dedicated to social justice issues. Erica plans to return to her hometown in New York to find work in the health care sector. In recognition of this honor, Erica will receive a world atlas to symbolize knowledge of the earth, and an elegant fountain pen to symbolize creativity, writing, and communication. These two come together to represent the meaning of *geo-* (earth) and *-graphy* (writing).

Geology Awards

Presented by Professor Char Mehrrens

CHARLES G. DOLL AWARD

The Charles Doll Award is given to the most outstanding graduating senior in Geology. Charles Doll was the state geologist and began teaching full time at UVM in 1927. He was Chairman of the Department of Geology from 1946 until his retirement in 1964. He also produced the first state bedrock geologic map. The selection criteria for the Doll Award are based on a combination of overall grade point average, grade point average in Geology, undergraduate research, and service to the Department. The department faculty makes the selection of the Doll winner during the spring semester. The recipient of this award receives a gift and their name is engraved on a plaque that hangs in the department seminar room. The list of Doll Award winners is a distinguished one and includes individuals who have gone on to significant professional achievements.

Maggie McMillan

Maggie, who originally hails from Wayzata, Minnesota, has been the recipient of numerous grants and awards in Geology, including the Arthur J. and Claire Heiser Joseph B. Tinker Memorial Grant. Last summer, Maggie worked eight weeks in the field with Vermont Geological Survey geologists and has been working on a senior research project with Prof. Keith Klepeis. In March she presented the results of her research at the Northeastern Section meeting of the Geological Society of America in Pittsburg. Through her project she made significant advances in our understanding of the origin of geologic structures in the Green Mountains of Vermont.

Laura M. Wilson

Laura, from Seattle, Washington, is completing two projects with Prof. Greg Druschel, the first mapping metal concentration gradients around an outwash plain of Hutchins Brook, a small tributary draining the abandoned Vermont Asbestos Group (VAG) mine in Lowell, VT. Her second project is based on developing X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy calibration protocols for metal and trace element contents in materials from a vermiculite mine in Libby, Montana and the VAG mine. Her research will inform EPA and State DEC decisions on transport of materials from the VAG mine, and her calibration work is being prepared for publication in a peer-reviewed international journal.

German and Russian Awards

Presented by Professor Dennis Mahoney

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN GERMAN

The Outstanding Senior Award is given to a student for academic excellence and good citizenship in the department.

Dennis Hess

Dennis is a double major in German and Environmental Studies. He plans to continue to pursue his love for German language and literature at the graduate level.

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN RUSSIAN

The Outstanding Senior Award is given to a student for academic excellence and good citizenship in the department.

Sam Mishcon

Sam is a double major in Russian and Japanese, who has studied both in Russia and Japan. He is awaiting final approval to teach Russian next year for the Peace Corps.

Global and Regional Studies Awards

Presented by Associate Professor Erik Esselstrom, Asian Studies Program Director

CLAIRE M. LINTILHAC MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ASIAN STUDIES

John DeCosta

John produced outstanding work as double major in Asian Studies and History with a language concentration in Japanese, and he also earned college honors with a successful senior thesis project. He hopes to live and work in Japan after leaving UVM, or pursue a graduate degree in East Asian studies at a university in the United States.

History Awards

Presented by Professor Steven Zdatny, Chairperson

PAUL D. EVANS AWARD

The Paul D. Evans Award, named in honor of a historian whose career at UVM stretched over four decades, is given annually to the outstanding senior History major.

Bronwen Star Gulkis

Bronwen is an Honors College student and double major in History and Art History. She has written a thesis on the origins of Mughal botanical painting in India. Bronwen will be working next year at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and plans to attend graduate school in art history in the future.

Marshall McKenzie

Marshall has had a long time interest in the history of Colonial America, particularly the New

England region, which led him to his Honors thesis topic, "The Birth of an Empire: The Foundations of English Mercantilism in Sixteenth and Seventeenth Century North America." He has taken both senior and graduate level courses and is a deeply engaged student of history. Marshall is a talented, sophisticated writer and a thoughtful, personable contributor to class discussions. The History faculty have great confidence that he will continue to excel beyond UVM.

Mathematics Awards

Presented by Professor James Burgmeier, Chairperson

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN MATHEMATICS

Isabel M. Kloumann

Isabel is a UVM Honors College student from South Burlington, Vermont, double majoring in Mathematics and Physics with a minor in Spanish. Among the awards she has received are: Honors College Dean's Honors List, a Goldwater Scholarship, an Undergraduate Research Endeavors Competitive Award, an Academic Programs for Learning and Engagement Competitive Award, and a Next Generation Scholar. This fall Isabel will be attending graduate school at Cornell in Mathematics, working with Steven Strogatz, an internationally renowned researcher in chaos theory and dynamical systems. She will pursue her interests in complex network evolution and the effects of missing data, and data analysis algorithms.

Music Awards

Presented by Associate Professor Patricia Julien, Acting Chairperson

LYMAN S. ROWELL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award recognizes the senior in Music or Music Education with the highest G.P.A. in music courses.

Margaret Roddy

Margaret is a double major in Music Performance and Political Science. She started her musical studies at her local school in Fairfax, Vermont showing great discipline in applying herself to the art of music. She plans to continue playing the clarinet after graduating from UVM, auditioning for local musical organizations while supporting herself with a "regular" job.

YANDELL PRIZE

This prize is given to the student who, in the opinion of the Music Department faculty, has shown the most improved performance over their time at UVM.

Mathew Birmingham

Mat is an excellent guitarist, consistently achieving new heights in his pursuit of musical growth. After graduation, Mat plans to move home to New Jersey where he will pursue playing and teaching professionally as well as continuing his music studies.

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN DANCE

Christina Moore

Christina, the very first recipient of this award, is graduating with a major in Psychology and is one of the first students to graduate with the new minor in Dance. Throughout her four years at UVM, she has excelled in dance technique, composition, and history/theory courses. Christina plans to attend the American Dance Festival this summer and to pursue professional performance opportunities in dance.

Philosophy Awards

Presented by Associate Professor Terence D. Cuneo

JOHN DEWEY PHILOSOPHY PRIZE

The John Dewey Philosophy Prize, named in honor of UVM's most illustrious alumnus, is awarded by the Department of Philosophy to students for outstanding undergraduate coursework and research done in the discipline of Philosophy.

Isaac B. Loeb

Isaac is currently writing a thesis concerning metaethics and free will. He hopes that in the future, philosophy will continue to play an important role in his life.

Peter J. Zipparo

Peter's interests include philosophy of mind, epistemology, ethics, and philosophy of language. He plans to attend law school.

Physics Awards

Presented by Professor Dennis Clougherty, Chairperson

CROWELL AWARD

The award is given to a senior Physics major who, in the judgment of the appropriate faculty members, has demonstrated promise in experimental physics through an experimental research project.

Jacob M. Wahlen-Strothman

Jacob's research is on the magneto-optic and optical properties of solution and self-assembled thin films of biologically-relevant small molecules including metal ion derivatives of *meso*-tetraphenylporphyrin. He presented the results of his work at the 2011 March meeting of the American Physical Society. A native Vermonter, he is planning on attending graduate school in Physics after graduation.

DAVID W. JUENKER PHYSICS PRIZE

The prize is given to the most outstanding Physics major, as determined by the Physics faculty.

Isaac J. Backus

Isaac, from Burlington, Vermont, majored in Philosophy and Physics and developed a strong interest in astronomy during his third year. His research has centered on comparing two radio pulsars with similar mode-switching effects. His work took him first to the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico and then to the Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope in India. One publication reporting his research has been published and a second is in final preparation. Isaac plans to begin graduate studies this fall and has been accepted at a number of universities.

Isabel M. Kloumann

Isabel is a Burlington native from Queen City Park. She has majored in Physics and Mathematics and carried out research in astronomy beginning her second year. She first became interested in pulsar nulling and carried out a large study of a pulsar that nulls two-thirds of the time. She then became involved with NanoGRAV, the international effort to detect gravitational waves using pulsar timing and has pioneered studies of the timing stability of millisecond pulsars. Isabel will pursue a Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics at Cornell University this fall.

Political Science Awards

Presented by Professor Patrick A. Neal, Director of Undergraduate Studies

WARREN R. AND MILDRED AUSTIN PRIZE FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY

Established through a generous endowment by Warren and Mildred Austin, this award is given annually to an undergraduate student for special achievement in the study of international relations. It honors particularly, the service of Warren Austin as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. This prize was first awarded in 1955.

Julia Gabriela Michel

Julia Michel excelled in her coursework in international relations and wrote a senior Honors thesis on the topic of "'Forging a New Shield?': An Evaluation of the Recommendations for National Security Reform." In addition to her outstanding performance in the classroom, Julia has contributed significantly to the UVM community as the student representative on several college and university committees. She has traveled extensively throughout Western Europe, Asia, and Africa and has worked as a volunteer collecting census information from an African township.

DEPARTMENTAL PRIZE IN AMERICAN POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

The prize is awarded to an undergraduate student who, in the opinion of the prize committee, demonstrates outstanding achievement in the field of American politics and government. The prize was established in 1998.

Allison Rae Lehrer

Allison Lehrer is a Political Science Honors student who wrote an Honors thesis on theories of representation and gender diversity in the Federal courts. She has received excellent grades in every American Politics course she has taken, and has one of the highest overall GPAs among

all Political Science majors. She interned during her senior year with Office of the Federal Defender for the District of Vermont.

Allyson R. Perleoni

Allyson Perleoni is a Political Science Honors student who wrote an Honors thesis on entertainment shows' portrayal of women as leaders and the impact those portrayals have on viewers. She has taken eight courses in the American subfield, doing extremely well in all of them, and has a terrific overall GPA. She has combined her academic interests with a commitment to activism through her participation in the UVM President's Commission on the Status of Women and the Vermont Commission on Women. She has been accepted to Ph.D. programs in Political Science at Georgetown University and American University.

PHILO SHERMAN BENNETT PRIZE

This prize is awarded to a student who, in the opinion of the selection committee, has written the best essay in the field of political theory.

Michael Le Wade

Michael Wade's paper, "The Utility of Perfectionist Liberalism and the Creation of a Liberal Meta-Culture," asks how liberalism can perpetuate its own distinctive values without running afoul of its commitment to remain neutral among different conceptions of the good life. Wade argues that the idea of "transformative liberalism"—a position articulated by several contemporary liberal philosophers—contains a promising answer.

DEPARTMENTAL PRIZE IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS

The prize is awarded to an undergraduate student who, in the opinion of the prize committee, demonstrates outstanding achievement in the field of comparative politics. The prize was established in 1998.

Kathryn Marie Grenoble

Kathryn Grenoble did excellent work in Comparative Politics as well as international studies more broadly, earning superior grades in all courses. She has achieved a strong foundation in the French language both at UVM and through a study abroad program in France. She wrote a senior Honors thesis on AIDS prevention programs in Botswana and other African countries under the direction of Assistant Professor Pablo Bose, who remarked that his job as an advisor has been very easy because her work has been so excellent.

ELLIOTT A. BROWN AWARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

This award was established through a generous endowment by Elliott A. Brown, who majored in Political Science in the Department and graduated from UVM in 1959. It was established in memory of his parents, Marguerite (Peg) F. Brown and Louis E. Brown, and is given annually to recognize the outstanding senior in the Political Science Department for academic achievement and demonstrated leadership capabilities in the study and practice of Political Science. It was first awarded in 1998.

Jacqueline V. Bereznyak

Jacqueline Bereznyak is a double major in Political Science and History. She is a member of the Political Science Departmental Honors Program, and also served as a teaching assistant in the department. Her supervisor praised her outstanding work in this regard. A number of professors spoke of her dedication to her studies and her excellent performance in all aspects of her work. Jacqueline wrote a senior Honors thesis entitled, "Compromising Partisans: Lessons of Health Care Reform," and plans to pursue a Ph.D. in political science.

Anna Luise Griem

Anna Griem is a Political Science major and a Spanish minor, and a member of the Honors College and the Political Science Departmental Honors Program. Faculty members remarked upon the consistently high quality of her work in her political science courses, illustrated by the fact that she received superior grades in all of them. Anna wrote a senior Honors thesis entitled "The Geography of Abortion Funding."

Psychology Awards

Presented by Professor William A. Falls, Chairperson

DONALD G. FORGAYS OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD

This award is given annually to the senior Psychology major who has demonstrated outstanding scholarship in all courses in Arts and Sciences as well as achievement in independent research and scholarship.

Robert L. Brenna III

Robert transferred to UVM just before his junior year. Born and raised in Rochester, New York, he would be the first to say that he never expected his college experience to culminate in an Honors thesis and a Donald E. Forgays Award in Psychology. In fact, he only recently declared psychology as a second major, when he realized that his passion for psychology rivaled his passion for history. Inspired by research discussed in his social psychology class, Robert developed a proposal that subsequently won him an Undergraduate Research Endeavors Competitive Award (URECA). Robert devoted a good chunk of his time to determining whether shared subjective experiences (e.g., seeing the same image in an inkblot, having the same random association) fosters liking for members of a racial outgroup. Importantly, Robert has taken past research and made it "real," by choosing to investigate this hypothesis in the context of face-to-face encounters.

Erika E. Weisz

Erika has worked as an undergraduate research assistant in two labs, with Professors Jom Hammack and Dianna Murray-Close. Erika is currently writing an Honors thesis based on her work in Professor Murray-Close's Social Development Laboratory. This thesis examines the influence of aggression and peer status on anxiety and depression in children. Specifically, Erika is examining whether girls who engage in relational aggression are less likely to suffer emotional consequences, such as symptoms of anxiety and depression, if they are popular in the peer group.

HEINZ L. ANSBACHER AWARD

This award is given annually to the senior Psychology major who has conducted outstanding research or scholarship with a humanistic element in the tradition of individual psychology.

Stephanie R. McDonough

Stephanie McDonough has been working as an undergraduate research assistant in Dr. Kelly Rohan's Mood Disorders Laboratory and Seasonality Treatment Program since 2009. Stephanie completed an Honors thesis project with Dr. Lynne Bond, which examined the effects of an undergraduate weight and health management course, VTrim, on students' self-esteem, and ways in which these effects may vary with students' motivation to enroll in the course. After graduation, Stephanie plans to initially secure a research assistant position in clinical psychology and ultimately to attend graduate school in a Clinical Psychology Ph.D. program.

Justin M. Parent

Justin has been extensively involved in research in both Professor Rex Forehand's and Professor Michael Zvolensky's labs. Among other topics, he has already published in professional journals and presented at national meetings on parent mindfulness, co-parent conflict, parenting, and children's adjustment. His research is already making an impact on the fields of family and child psychology.

JOHN DEWEY AWARD

This award is given annually to the senior Psychology major who has conducted outstanding independent research while maintaining high scholastic standards in Psychology and overall.

Anne E. Brady

Annie is a senior and has been working in Professor Dianna Murray-Close's Social Development Laboratory since the fall of 2008. Annie's Honors thesis examines the association between narcissistic personality traits and physical and relational aggression in children and adolescents. Annie was awarded a UVM summer internship to examine these associations in girls at a nearby summer camp in the summer of 2010. In addition, Annie's Honors thesis examines whether the association between narcissistic traits and aggression differs for males and females in a school-based, short-term longitudinal study of children and adolescents. The results of these studies will provide important information regarding potential consequences of the increasing levels of narcissism documented in recent studies of youth in the United States.

Brittany E. Raymond

Brittany, a senior majoring in the bio-behavior concentration of Psychology, started working in Professor John Green's lab the summer after her sophomore year. She has since built experience in many behavioral tasks using rodent animal models, including eye blink conditioning, set-shifting, acoustic startle, elevated plus maze, and stress induced hypothermia procedures. The majority of her work in the Green lab has focused on examining Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD) in rodent models using prefrontal dependent tasks. After

receiving the Undergraduate Research Endeavors Competitive Award (URECA) in the fall of her junior year, she is now investigating relationships between voluntary exercise, anxiety, and learning mechanisms. After finishing her undergraduate work, Brittany plans to continue her education by attending graduate or medical school.

GEORGE W. ALBEE AWARD

This award is given annually by the Board of Trustees of the Vermont Conference on the Primary Prevention of Psychopathology to the senior Psychology major who has demonstrated interest, competence, and originality in subject matter and coursework related to the topic of prevention of psychopathology.

Christina Moore

Christina first became interested in working in the Social Development Laboratory with Professor Dianna Murray–Close after taking the course in developmental psychology. Before coming to UVM, Christina had worked extensively with children and young adolescents, and became fascinated with the development of children, especially socially, as a result of this work. Christina is particularly interested in the buffering role that teachers may play in the social status of aggressive youth. Specifically, her Honors thesis examines whether high levels of teacher liking buffer children with externalizing problems (e.g., aggression) from dislike by peers. Christina was awarded a Jeffords Center Scholarship to fund this project.

Religion Awards

Presented by Associate Professor Kevin M. Trainor, Chairperson

OUTSTANDING SENIORS IN RELIGION

Jessica E. Davis

Jessica, a Religion major and Asian Studies minor, is from Unadilla, New York. For her Religion senior project this year she researched the Nation of Islam and its links to mainstream American culture. Following graduation she will pursue her interest in social work and child education.

Brendan G. Dempsey

Brendan, a double major in Religion and Classics, is from Milton, Vermont. His Honors College thesis this year explores apocalyptic themes in the New Testament. He plans to remain in Burlington following graduation, and hopes to travel to Jerusalem before applying to graduate school.

Romance Languages Awards

Presented by Professor Cristina Mazzoni, Acting Chairperson

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN FRENCH

Emily Kurzon

A native of Albany, New York, Emily so enjoyed learning the French language in high school that she decided to major in it. The highlight of her experience at UVM is the semester she spent in Angers, a small town in Western France. In the fall, Emily will be attending nursing school at Duke University.

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN ITALIAN STUDIES

Mara Zocco

An Anthropology major from Connecticut, Mara pursued a minor in Italian in order to learn more about her own heritage; she plans to apply to doctoral programs in Cultural Anthropology in the fall.

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN SPANISH

Christopher Morriss

Chris is a double major in Spanish and Biology from Cincinnati, Ohio; he is writing an Honors thesis on the literature of the Shining Path in Peru—the country where he spent his semester abroad. After graduation, Chris will travel to Ecuador with the Peace Corps and will be applying for medical school after that.

Sociology Awards

Presented by Professor Thomas Streeter, Chairperson

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN SOCIOLOGY

This award is given to the graduating senior whose outstanding academic work has both reflected and perpetuated the sociological enterprise inside the classroom and beyond.

Chelsea Biegler

Chelsea is this year's recipient of the award for Outstanding Senior in Sociology. A Sociology major and Community and International Development minor, Chelsea has completed an Honors thesis on midwifery in Vermont. She plans to spend the summer on a women's health project in Central America.

VALERIE MOORE MEMORIAL T.A. AWARD

This award is presented to the graduating senior who, as a teaching assistant, exemplified the special teaching commitment and effectiveness of Professor Valerie Ann Moore (1997–2006).

Troy McNamara

The Valerie Moore Teaching Assistant award goes to Troy McNamara, who excelled in assisting with a wide range of courses in the Sociology Department, helping her fellow students master everything from computers to abstract theories. Troy is a finalist for a Fulbright fellowship for next year, and plans to go to law school.

JEANNETTE R. FOLTA MEMORIAL AWARD

This special award is given to the graduating senior who has succeeded academically by virtue of special fortitude in the face of significant challenges and has plans to pursue a graduate degree.

Kyle Pestlin

Kyle, a Biology major and Sociology minor, is this year's recipient of the Sociology Department's Folta Award, which goes to a student who excelled while overcoming adversity. Kyle has worked with great determination, beginning his career in a community college and then transferring to UVM. He plans to get training as a physician's assistant, and then eventually to go to medical school.

Theatre Awards

Presented by Professor Jeffrey R. Modereger, Chairperson

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN THEATRE

Dylan M. Friedman

As a Theatre major and Dance minor, Dylan is honored to accept the Outstanding Senior in Theatre Award. At Royall Tyler Theatre (RTT) he has been found fulfilling a myriad of technical and creative positions including stage manager, assistant director and teaching assistant. Dylan thanks the entire RTT family for fostering such a wonderful place to work, learn and grow.

Andrea W. Underhill

Andrea will be graduating this spring with her major in Theatre and a minor in Public Communications. She has managed both the box office and the front of house, performed in several main stage productions, performed as teaching assistant, and served as President of the University Players. She received three nominations for the Irene Ryan Award through the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival and was the co-recipient of the Edward J. Feidner Award in 2010.

DR. GEORGE B. BRYAN AWARD FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Aline M. Nocera

As a senior Theatre major and Women's and Gender Studies minor, Aline has played many roles at UVM including teaching assistant, student representative to the department, actor, lighting designer, director and writer. After graduation, Aline plans on pursuing performance in Chicago. Aline was a co-recipient of the Edward J. Feidner Award in 2010.

THE EDWIN W. LAWRENCE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING DEBATER

Samuel Natale

Sam Natale has won more tournament top speaker awards than any previous student in the 112 years of Vermont debating. He has won numerous tournaments and represented UVM with distinction all over the world. He made UVM one of only three USA schools to reach the final rounds of the world championship held in Africa. He helps all students in all debate formats and is a trusted colleague. Congratulations to Sam.

Women's and Gender Studies Program Awards

Presented by Associate Professor Felicia A. Kornbluh, Director

OUTSTANDING SENIOR IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

The Outstanding Senior Award honors students who embody a combination of theory and activism.

Ally Perleoni

Allyson is an excellent student. She is a double major in Political Science and Women's and Gender Studies. She has distinguished herself by both her academic and leadership accomplishments. In particular, Allyson's commitment to issues facing women has played a central role in both her academic work and her service to the community. During her time at UVM, she has worked with the President's Commission on the Status of Women, the Center for Student Ethics and Standards, and the Vermont Commission on Women. In the fall, Allyson will be enrolling at American University in the graduate program in Political Science, focusing her studies on women in American politics.

ELLEN HAMILTON AND LIDA MASON AWARD

The Ellen Hamilton and Lida Mason Award honors academic excellence in Women's and Gender Studies.

Darby Brazoski

Darby is an extraordinary student: a double major in Political Science and Women's and Gender Studies with a minor in History, she is also an accelerated graduated student in the Master's in Public Administration (MPA) Program at UVM (a program she plans to complete after graduation). Combining her disciplinary interests, she interned last year with Deb Markowitz's campaign to be the Democratic nominee for Governor of Vermont. Her professors value Brazoski for being both hard-working and extremely thoughtful in her writing and participation in class.

Recessional Music Marche aux Flambeaux Frederick Scotson Clark

Postlude

Maestoso

Edgar Arro

Reception to follow in Billings