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Oct. 2. 5-8 p.m. Conference: Heads Up, Vermont! Conference to discuss the PHAT program (Protect your Head at All Times) and explore the use of ski and snowboard helmets in Vermont. Sheraton Burlington Hotel and Conference Center. Information, registration: (802) 343-0513.

Oct. 4. 9 a.m. Historic Tour of UVM. [Information, registration.](#) Tour begins at Ira Allen statue, Main Green. Tour runs Saturdays, through Oct. 11.

Oct. 6. 5 p.m. Toshiko Takaazu Ceramic Sculpture Exhibit Opening Reception. On display in the Colburn Gallery, Williams Hall, Oct. 6-17.

Oct. 7. 5 p.m. College of Arts and Sciences Full Professor Lecture Series: "Oil, Politics and Democracy in the Middle East and What That Might Tell Us About Iraq." Gregory Gause, professor of political science. Memorial Lounge, Waterman. Information: 656-1297.

Oct. 7. 6 p.m. Community Medical School: "Maintaining Control: Strategies for Treating Urinary Incontinence," Julie LaCombe, assistant professor of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive sciences. Carpenter Auditorium, Given Building. [Information, registration:](#) (802) 847-2886.

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the Burlington commercial photographer took countless images, some twenty-five thousand of which reside in Bailey/Howe Library's Special Collections.

As the most frequently used manuscript or photograph collection, McAllister's work (circa 1920–1960) was an easy choice for Bailey/Howe librarians to add to the [Center for Digital Initiatives \(CDI\)](#), an online resource that allows any user to view selected holdings. The quality of the photos and the breadth of subjects make them a compelling browse.

"Not everyone's going to want to see the dramatic productions from Burlington High School," offers Christopher Burns, library assistant professor and manuscript curator, "but there's something there for just about everyone."

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UVM Faculty talk about the \$700 billion economic bailout package under consideration by Congress and what it means for the rest of us

By Jon Reidel

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The Dow Jones industrial average lost 777 points on Sept. 29 after the House rejected a bailout package and then gained 485 points the next day on bets that some version of the package would eventually pass.

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at all? In this installment of "viewPOINT," a feature examining issues of the day through the perspectives of UVM faculty, we ask faculty members in the School of Business Administration, economics and political science departments to weigh in.

The issue

A series of financial crises that resulted in the crippling or closure of a number of major financial institutions including Bear Stearns, Merrill Lynch, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, Lehman Brothers, American International Group and Countrywide Financial, forced Congress to propose a three-page bill called Troubled Asset Relief Program, which was later expanded to 110 pages and renamed the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008. The plan, which failed the House but is being reconsidered, called for the federal government to acquire or insure as much as \$700 billion of troubled mortgage-backed securities intended to reduce uncertainty regarding these assets and restore confidence in the credit markets.

A financial crisis of epic proportion

Jane Knodell, associate professor of economics and associate provost for budget and capital planning, says Americans are living

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through a financial crisis that future economic historians will look back on as one of the most significant in modern history. "If history is any guide, a new financial system will emerge from this crisis out of leadership in both the political and financial worlds," she says. "What is unknown, and contingent in large part on the actions taken in Washington, is how long it will take, and how much economic loss, and to whom, will be endured in the process."

Knodell says the best-capitalized, best-managed financial corporations are acquiring the financial assets and liabilities of failed banks at bargain-basement prices. "Financial firms such as JP Morgan Chase did a good job of managing risk and limiting exposure to poorly-understood risk in residential mortgage-related capital markets," she says. "The firms that are falling by the wayside did not. In some cases (Bear Stearns), but not in others (Lehman), these mergers were accomplished only because the federal government stepped in and assumed some of the potential losses, essentially a subsidy to the survivor firm."

Knodell calls the bailout plan an effort to move away from an institution-by-institution approach to one that gets at the root cause of the credit crisis, adding that any plan will require the federal government to assume financial risk. She adds that it should also provide for the taxpayer to enjoy the potential gains on the upside, and for stabilized housing arrangements to replace foreclosures and evictions.

"The longer Congress takes to act, the more banks will fail as they are unable to borrow on short-term money markets. This will spread the liquidity crisis from the financial sector to the real economy, to businesses, state and local governments, non-profit organizations, and households. The downturn in confidence and employment will gain momentum, making it much harder for a government response to stem the decline. The time to act is now."

How we got here

Hugh Marble III, assistant professor in the School of Business Administration, says that although there are many factors contributing to the current economic situation, a major cause is the "opacity and illiquidity of mortgage-backed securities held by many large financial institutions." It seems obvious in hindsight, he says, that an overheated housing market combined with flawed financial engineering produced securities that are hard to value and may be worth far less than their original prices.

"If we don't know how much these assets are worth, and if it's possible that they are worth far less than we thought six or twelve months ago, firms and individuals will want to hunker down financially and lend far less money," says Marble, whose research focuses on changes in credit ratings and at the impact of debt

contracts on firm incentives.

"Don't forget that bank deposits and many other investments made by individuals represent lending by those individuals," he says. "The economy was too free with credit on the way up and will likely be too tight with credit on the way down. Without addressing the broader absolute question of how much credit is appropriate in the economy, we can say that a sudden unanticipated contraction in credit will impose major frictions and costs."

Marble, who previously worked as a consultant for a firm specializing in providing capital market, financial and strategic advice to public debt issuers, cautions that although it may seem unfair that the bailout proposals have focused on financial institutions holding these flawed assets, it's important to recognize that the benefits are intended to flow to the broader American economy. "Providing a means to get the opaque assets off of firms' balance sheets or to at least make the value of those assets more transparent will help unfreeze credit markets. Frozen credit markets hurt Main Street as much as Wall Street."

The political blame game

John Burke, professor of political science, says the first vote (reconsideration is a possibility) indicates discomfort on the GOP side with the Compromise Plan, but adds that blame can be leveled at both parties.

"While the Republicans are more uncomfortable with the plan, the Democrats do control the House and a significant number of Democrats broke with their leadership on this issue. So it is not clearly a conservative/liberal issue," says Burke, adding the caveat that although he isn't an economist, the issue of 'liquidity' in the credit markets is a complex one.

"When 'overnight' loans from one bank to another are strained, and when banks fear lending to another bank to cover daily transactions, lest they default on those agreements, the entire financial system is in trouble since its 'normal' practices for maintaining stability are jeopardized," says Burke. "I am struck by the report that over one trillion dollars in market value was lost (on Sept. 29) when the DOW slid more than 700 points – the point being that this is a lot more than the \$700 billion in the bailout plan."

Rescue me

Most economists are in agreement about the need for a rescue package, according to Richard Sicotte assistant professor of economics. There are differences in opinion, however, about whether the government should buy the collateralized debt obligations and other securities, or if it should provide a direct capital injection. "The latter has worked before in other countries

facing banking crises, and the governments actually made money on the deal over the medium term," says Sicotte. "There is somewhat more skepticism about the former. However, the peculiar exotic nature of these securities may play a role favoring the former in some economists' minds."

Sicotte, who considers the current financial crisis the most severe since the Great Depression, says that the current legislation being discussed will almost certainly be followed up by additional legislation that addresses the "plight of distressed homeowners facing foreclosure and overhauls the regulations and regulatory structure of the mortgage and financial services sector."

Many economists believe that in the end a rescue plan stands a good chance of costing the taxpayer little or actually bringing in a profit, he says. "Plus they believe that it stands a good chance of averting a depression, that would inflict pain and suffering for many people. I count myself among that group. If the bailout passes, it might be too little, too late. Even if it works well, we are probably already in a recession, home prices will continue to decline, and unemployment will rise. The plan is probably much too late to avoid a recession, its goal is to prevent a depression. Ultimately, the housing bubble at the root of the problem has to be resolved. Its resolution will usher in a period of debt reduction (increased savings) and slower consumption growth for Americans."

Some of the potential fallout from the crisis includes dramatically higher interest rates for education, cars, homes, paying off medical bills or to finance business activity. "And globally, the whole world is watching as they are invested in the U.S., and depend on the U.S. economy's strength for their own economic growth and prosperity. This is a crisis with the potential to dramatically impact the lives of billions of people – no joke."

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Dean Rambur grows from ACE Fellowship at Wisconsin

By Jennifer Nachbur

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"I really believe we have a social responsibility to develop ourselves as leaders," says Dean Betty Rambur, who spent the 2007-2008 academic year as an ACE Fellow. (Photo: Sally McCay)

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Rambur, an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, not only observed, but participated during the 2007-08 academic year in a host of issues facing senior leadership — including emergency management of reports of a gunman on campus — at a land-grant university four times the size of UVM.

Mentored by UW-Madison's Provost/Vice Chancellor Patrick Farrell, Rambur was provided open access to every activity on his calendar. "By involving her in the core actions of the Provost's Office, Dean Rambur had the opportunity to see our campus broadly," says Farrell. Rambur, who was involved in a number of critical initiatives, including the institution's strategic plan, was free to rotate from observer to active listener to engaged team member. "I was able to fully participate in the complexities and challenges of the Provost's role without bearing the responsibility to fix the problems," she says.

During her "Emergent Experience" at UW-Madison, Rambur saw some similarities to UVM — like the layout of the campus, with the academic health center at one end and administration at the other — as well as differences, such as the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, an entity in existence since the 1920s and the



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birthplace of several early, important patents, including Warfarin, better known as Coumadin.

Rambur's fellowship had value for both institutional parties. "Our institution benefitted as well, through her different perspective and viewpoint on some of the ways in which we operate," shared Farrell.

As an ACE Fellow, Rambur completed a project focused on multinational research partnerships. With two large-scale international collaborative projects, UW-Madison served as the perfect starting point for an examination of the elements that hold such initiatives together and/or causes them to fall apart. UW-Madison's Antarctic Meteorological Research Center collaborates with scientists from dozens of nations, and the university's astronomy department belongs to an international partnership of observatories and research universities working on the South African Large Telescope — the largest optical telescope in the Southern Hemisphere. Rambur interviewed leaders from four continents, making a trip to South Africa in the process, to find out how institutions line up a project with multi-layered details. She also participated in a Worldwide Universities Network (UW-Madison is one of 16 member universities) webcast on world collaborations and wrote a book chapter on the subject.

"I was really exposed to the business of research," says Rambur. "I discovered all partnerships are not the same. They need different types of structures and support." She will present the model she developed as part of her project at an upcoming American Association of Colleges and Universities meeting to further test applicability in undergraduate liberal education.

The fellowship experience also afforded Rambur an opportunity to view technology and learning environments from a personal perspective. With her family in Vermont while she lived in Wisconsin and traveled, she became intimately familiar with social networking, using Skype to speak to her husband and youngest child, whom she helped with homework and virtually "hung out" with daily.

"ACE Fellows are distinguished leaders in higher education, and I am pleased that Dean Rambur was selected for this outstanding opportunity," says UVM Provost John Hughes. "The new practices and insight that she brings back to UVM will certainly prove valuable for our institution; it is great to have her back."

Inspired by both her UW-Madison and international experiences, Rambur aims to ensure that she brings back the most vital elements of what she learned to serve UVM's and the College of Nursing and Health Sciences' mission. Now five weeks into the school year, Rambur has implemented some small, but important new initiatives, including a monthly e-active learning award for faculty and a



monthly staff innovation award, and hopes to institute a faculty leadership fellowship at her college. Though she admits she is still assimilating all that she absorbed, Rambur's experience made one point clearly evident: "I really believe we have a social responsibility to develop ourselves as leaders."



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myUVM Ready for Your Use

By Jon Reidel

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One-stop shopping for faculty and staff in search of just about anything related to working at UVM has arrived in the form of a new business portal designed to streamline authenticated UVM business needs.

[myUVM](#) was launched Sept. 30 with the goal of putting faculty and staff one click away from programs and tools like Webmail, Blackboard, PeopleSoft and Oracle Calendar. Many of the places on the new site are ones that previously required employees to log in. "myUVM" requires one log in with a netID and password (similar to accessing email).

Registrar Keith Williams, who served as project manager, says input was used from faculty and staff in determining what their respective sections of the website would include. Users can customize their myUVM page so links they use most often are prominently displayed. "The entire site was designed in conjunction with faculty, staff and students," said Williams. "They designed and we built it."

myUVM is broken into categories so employees can easily find specific information. The middle of the page has a "PeopleSoft" section with links to personal and general financial information, as well as a "Human Resources Services Quick Links" section with links to the HRS home page, forms and handbooks. A "Tools for Employees" section with links to Listserv, Famis, InfoEd and Kronos can be found on the right side of the page along with a "Quick Links for Employees" headline that puts users one click away from about 30 links ranging from The Dudley H. Davis Center to a campus map to the CATcard Service center.

Williams said the bulk of the project was completed in-house by the UVM Web team and other staff members with some help from an outside consulting firm. Williams said the university completed the project for about \$450,000, considerably less than the \$1.2 million quote from an outside firm. A student section of myUVM is slated for Dec. 1.

"Everyone should feel really good about this collaborative effort," said Williams, who cited Keith Kennedy, director of administrative Information Systems, among others as key to the effort. "We

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Douglas, Fogel Sign Vermont Climate Collaborative Charter

By The View Staff

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Governor Jim Douglas and UVM President Daniel Mark Fogel have formally adopted the Vermont Climate Collaborative framework, which will guide Vermont's effort to address climate change and further develop the green tech economy.

At a charter signing at the Statehouse on Oct. 1, Governor Douglas called the Collaborative a signature partnership that brings together the state's higher education institutions, businesses, legislators and nonprofit organizations to allow the state to forge ahead with confidence in protecting and enhancing Vermont's quality of life.

"This charter spells out a foundation and framework for action," the governor said. "The Collaborative's mission is simple: to see that Vermont stays green, leads the nation in environmental policies and creates job opportunities for a thriving green economy."

Douglas created his Commission on Climate Change in 2005, asking its members to enter into a wide-ranging discussion on initiatives that will safeguard Vermont's way of life, where economic prosperity goes hand in hand with environmental stewardship.

Hundreds of Vermonters offered their assistance and expertise to the Commission. In the end, the Commission's final report focused on six main themes, including this collaborative partnership.

Creation of the Vermont Climate Collaborative would be essential to meeting the five other goals, and to implementing policy recommendations contained in the Plenary Group Report, the Commission concluded.

"Vermont, as the greenest state in the nation, is again leading the way by developing a far-reaching blueprint that creates and maintains a climate-friendly green infrastructure where man and nature co-exist and thrive together — and because of each other. And that's what it's really all about in Vermont," Douglas said.

Now that the Collaborative charter is signed, its members will begin to hold regular public meetings with the first order of business to be writing bylaws and defining the criteria to measure success.

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UVM President Fogel said Vermont has a robust foundation of environmental research and scientific capabilities that will be meaningful to the Collaborative's work.

"Addressing climate change will not be easy," said Fogel. "But the Collaborative will become the 'clearinghouse' that will help set priorities for action and measure results."

The Collaborative will serve as a coordinating hub to provide connections to appropriate resources and individuals to foster climate change research and activities, Fogel said.

"Numerous research efforts are already under way in Vermont to help us understand the impacts of policies designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions," Fogel said. "The Vermont Climate Collaborative gives us the opportunity to harness our collective ongoing effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while also strengthening the green economy in Vermont. The Collaborative framework will enhance the speed at which Vermont is able to move forward with green initiatives."

Fogel pointed to climate change research already taking place at Vermont's higher education institutions, including the work of Lisa Aultman-Hall and Richard Watts at UVM's Transportation Research Center, the Carbon Reduction Initiative at Middlebury College, and the work of UVM's Jennifer Jenkins and William Keeton on biomass, forest dynamics and carbon storage.

The Collaborative members include: UVM Provost John Hughes and ANR Secretary George Crombie will oversee the Collaborative; Dean Domenico Grasso of the College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences; Dean Lawrence Forcier of the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources; Dean Thomas Vogelmann of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; Frances Carr, Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies; Chancellor Robert Clarke at the Vermont State Colleges; President Paul Fonteyn of Green Mountain College; President William Wooten of Sterling College; Commerce Secretary Kevin Dorn; Transportation Secretary David Dill; Agriculture Secretary Roger Allbee; Public Service Commissioner David O'Brien; Senate President Peter Shumlin; Rep. Margaret Cheney of Norwich; Gregg Marston of the Vermont Business Roundtable; Mark Snelling from the Governor's Council of Environmental Advisors and Scott Johnstone, Executive Director of Vermont Energy Investment Corp.

For more information on the Vermont Climate Collaborative, see the organization's website: www.uvm.edu/vtclimate.

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Political Science Professor Speaks on Vermont's Role in Politics

By David Stawarz

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Does size matter? Vermont's political clout in relation to its size is the topic of political science professor Garrison Nelson's lecture, "Vermont and Presidential Politics: A Two-Century Journey." Part of the Center for Research on Vermont's Research-in-Progress Seminar Series, the talk takes place Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in John Dewey Lounge, Old Mill.

Nelson, a professor at UVM since 1968, has authored over a hundred articles on the U.S. Congress, co-edited multi-volume works on the committees of the U.S. Congress, and has been called upon as a commentator regarding both national and Vermont politics.

Ranked 49th in terms of population, Vermont has three electoral votes. While the brief glance of the national media tends to disregard small states as insignificant, the margins of victory in national elections, such as the 2000 presidential election between Al Gore and George Bush, have been as close as three votes. Nelson's speech will address the impact of Vermont, with its three votes, on national politics, both in history and in the future.

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Doctor, Mother, Prime Minister: Brundtland of Norway to Give Aiken Lecture

By Joshua Brown

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At forty-one, Gro Harlem Brundtland, a physician and mother of four, took on a new job: prime minister of Norway. She was the youngest person and the first woman to ever hold that post.

Brundtland, who served as Norway's leader for over a decade and, later, as director-general of the World Health Organization, is now special envoy on climate change for the United Nations.

She will deliver the 2008 Aiken Lecture — "Integrated Solutions to Global Environmental Problems: Combining Technological Approaches with Political, Social, and Economic Realities." — at the University of Vermont's Ira Allen Chapel on Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 6 p.m.

Opening remarks will be offered by Madeleine Kunin, former governor of Vermont and former ambassador to Switzerland.

The event is free and open to the public.

Meeting the needs of future generations

Dr. Brundtland led her country briefly in 1981, and then again in 1986-89 and 1990-96. Under her leadership, Norway became a global symbol of social democracy — and she rose in stature so that today she is known as *Landsmoderen* or "mother of the nation."

In 1983, Brundtland was appointed chair of the UN World Commission on Environment and Development that gave birth to the central concept of the modern environmental movement: "sustainable development."

The commission came to be called, simply, the Brundtland Commission. It achieved fame for its definition of sustainable development as that which "meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

In 1998, Dr. Brundtland became head of the World Health Organization a post she held until 2003. In 2007, she was appointed as one of three global envoys on climate change serving

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UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

Speaking of solutions

Drawing on this quarter-century of statecraft and environmental leadership, Dr. Brundtland will speak to some of the most pressing questions of our time: how far has the vision of sustainable development come in an era of regional water wars and global markets, burgeoning technologies and burgeoning populations? What models of "integrated solutions" have changed the way people and governments sustain their communities? And what combination of efforts could be applied to slow the rapid heating of our planet?

UVM's College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences, under the leadership of Dean Domenico Grasso, will host Dr. Brundtland's visit to Vermont.

For more information about UVM's Aiken Lectures, visit www.uvm.edu/aiken or contact Andrea Grayson, andrea.grayson@uvm.edu, 656-0415.

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Pulitzer Prize Winner to Discuss Market Meltdown

By Amanda Waite

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Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist David Cay Johnston will deliver a timely talk on "Free Lunch and the Wall Street Meltdown," Thursday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. in John Dewey Lounge, Old Mill on the UVM campus.

Johnston, who was a reporter for *The New York Times* until April of this year, won a Pulitzer Prize in 2001 for his reporting on the inequities and loopholes in the federal tax system. According to Johnston, the U.S. tax system props up a Robin-Hood-in-reverse style economy, where money is diverted from taxpayers for the benefit of the wealthy and politically connected.

His most recent book is *Free Lunch: How the Wealthiest Americans Enrich Themselves at Government Expense (and Stick You With the Bill)*. He also is the author of *Perfectly Legal: The Covert Campaign to Rig Our Tax System to Benefit the Super Rich—and Cheat Everybody Else* and *Temples of Chance: How America Inc. Bought Out Murder Inc. To Win Control of the Casino Business*.

The lecture is sponsored by UVM's student newspaper, *The Vermont Cynic*, celebrating its 125th anniversary this year. It's the first in a new lecture series on campus, *The Cynic* Journalism Lecture Series.

David Cay Johnston will speak earlier in the day in Montpelier at the third annual Choices for Vermont conference, which will take place at Capitol Plaza from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For the full conference brochure and information about registration, visit the [conference website](#). Johnston will also give a reading from his latest book, *Free Lunch*, at City Hall Auditorium the evening before the conference. The reading will start at 7 p.m. It is free and open to the public, but people are asked to [register in advance](#).



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Homecoming and Family Weekend Is Oct. 2-5

By Jay Goyette

Article published October 1, 2008

Thousands of UVM alumni, parents, families and community members will converge on campus October 2-5 for the annual Homecoming and Family Weekend.

A wide variety of events will be happening on campus and around the greater Burlington area over the course of the weekend.

Highlights include exhibitions at the Fleming Museum, performances of *Eurydice* at the Royall Tyler Theatre, the annual Homecoming and Family Weekend Parade and Picnic, and lectures by current and former winners of the George V. Kidder Faculty Award and by Anita Diamant, best-selling author of *The Red Tent*.

A \$30 per family registration fee covers admission to most of the weekend's events and includes a button that entitles the wearer to special discounts at various locations on campus and in downtown Burlington and complimentary admission to the Fleming Museum all weekend.

For a full schedule of events, [visit the Homecoming website](#), or call the alumni office toll-free at 1-888-458-8691.

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UVM to Host Forum on Constitutional Rights

By The View Staff

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The university and the Advisory Committee to the U. S. District Court for the District of Vermont will sponsor a public forum on "The Constitutional Rights of the Individual During Times of War or Other National Emergency vs. National Security Needs of the Nation" from 1:30-5 p.m. on Oct. 6 in the Grand Maple Ballroom of the Dudley H. Davis Center.

Presentations by nationally recognized experts and a panel discussion titled "The Core Issue: Civil Liberties vs. National Security" highlight the event, which is free and open to the public. Stephen Dycus, Esq., a professor at Vermont Law School where he teaches National Security and International law, will serve as moderator.

See the public forum's [full agenda](#).



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Tony Winner, Marsh Professor to Talk Theater


By Amanda Waite

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Three-time Tony Award-winner Stuart Vaughn, the founding artistic director of the New York Shakespeare Festival, will deliver a public lecture, "This Rough Magic: Theater," on Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 5 p.m. in Royall Tyler Theatre.

In addition to the Shakespeare Festival, Vaughan was founding artistic director of the Seattle Repertory Theatre, the Repertory Theatre New Orleans and the New Globe Theater and is a former artistic director of New York's Phoenix Theatre. He has won an Obie Award and the Drama Desk Award.

Vaughan is a University of Vermont [James Marsh Professor-at-Large](#), and this trip to campus will be among several in the coming years to enrich academic life on campus in the discipline of theater.

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Lecture to Explore Art and Survival

By The View Staff

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For over twenty years Patricia Johanson has insisted that art can help to heal the earth.

For the last ten years Johanson has been creating large-scale projects that posit a radical, yet utterly practical vision. She works with engineers, city planners, scientists and citizens' groups to create her art as functioning infrastructure for modern cities.

Johanson will lecture on "Art and Survival, the Environmental Projects" Tuesday, Oct. 7 in the Fleming Museum at 5:30 p.m. Her talk is free and open to the public.

The Environmental Program and Fleming Museum co-host Johanson's visit as part of the ENVS 195/NR285 course: Greening Aiken: Art and Architecture Studio co-taught by Cameron Davis and Diane Elliot Gayer.

For more information about the artist, [visit her website](#).

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*October 1, 2008***Awards and Honors**

Paula Duncan, clinical professor of pediatrics and youth health director of the Vermont Child Health Improvement Program (VCHIP), is the recipient of the American Academy of Pediatrics' (AAP) 2008 Clifford Grulee Award. Sponsored by the AAP Executive Committee and established in 1951, this award recognizes outstanding service to AAP beyond that required of the elected leadership. Duncan will be presented with the award at the Annual Business Meeting at the AAP National Conference and Exhibition in Boston, Mass., on October 13.

The Pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease Network for Research and Improvement (PIBDNet) Trailblazer Improvement Collaborative, led by **Richard Colletti**, professor and vice chair of pediatrics, has been selected as an Improve First initiative by the Alliance for Pediatric Quality (Alliance). Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) is a serious chronic condition affecting 100,000 children and adolescents. This collaborative of PIBDNet will develop a guideline and algorithms for Model IBD Treatment, as well as measures to track performance and outcomes. The Trailblazer Improvement Collaborative was selected from more than 50 improvement initiatives associated with priorities identified by the Alliance's expert task force. The priorities are based on the Alliance's Improve First philosophy: Spreading well-designed, well-run improvement initiatives with demonstrated results is one of the most important first steps the pediatric community can take to measurably improve children's health outcomes and transform how care is delivered. To date, the Trailblazer Collaborative has enrolled more than 1700 patients, creating the largest pediatric IBD registry in the country.

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Edwin Bovill, professor and chair of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine; **Naomi Fukagawa**, professor of medicine; and **Judith Van Houten**, Perkins Professor of Biology, Director of the VT EPSCoR, Vermont Genetics Network and HELIX Programs, were inducted into the Vermont Academy of Science and Engineering (VASE) on September 23, 2008.