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### *A conversation with the new president of the Faculty Senate*

By Amanda Waite

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*With three book projects in the works, English Professor Robyn Warhol-Down's scholarly life is as rich and engaging as ever. The ambitious McGraw-Hill Anthology of Women's Writing Worldwide in English, a 2,000-page collection that was a seven-year collaboration among*

*Warhol and fellow English faculty Mary Lou Kete and Lisa Schnell, as well as three colleagues from other institutions, is due out in December.*

*The narrative and feminist theorist is also working on the third edition of her 1991 book *Feminisms*, with coauthor, Iowa State University Professor Diane Price Herndl, as well as a new book, *Better Left Unsaid: What Doesn't Happen in Nineteenth Century British Novels*, which, Warhol-Down says, looks "at the ways (authors like Jane Austen, Charlotte Bronte and Henry James) have of talking about what they won't talk about in their novels."*

*Prolific as her scholarship is, Warhol-Down has not shied away from accepting the variety of campus leadership roles — from chair of the English Department to now president of the Faculty Senate — that have come her way. In a recent conversation with the view, she spoke about what she brings to the Senate as its president and what she sees as the major issues facing the organization this year.*

**THE VIEW:** You clearly have no shortage of scholarly work at the moment. What led you to the Faculty Senate on top of all this?

**ROBYN WARHOL-DOWN:** It's a wonderful opportunity! I was very excited when I was approached with the idea of taking this job. It's not something I had thought about as a possibility for me. I very much like the idea of being in the administrative conversation without being an

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administrator. I really appreciate the freedom to speak with a faculty voice in the conversations that are happening at the strategic planning level, the allocation of resources level, all the things that happen among the highest administrators. And I have to say, a great thing about this university is that the Faculty Senate does have a strong voice in the various decision making processes. I'm really pleased to be able to bring my experience to those discussions. I've been on the faculty since 1983, and I know the history of UVM much better than the president or the provost, who have only been here for a fraction of that time. There's been so much turnover in the administration and on the faculty in the last ten years that someone who's been around a long time and has that institutional knowledge has something to offer. Also, I bring to it my work over all those years with the Faculty Women's Caucus and our activism toward recruiting and retaining women and faculty of color. I'm really proud to be able to bring that agenda to the Senate.

**You've held other leadership positions on campus. You were chair of the English Department for five years and director of Women's Studies for five years, and you chaired the President's Commission on the Status of Women and have been on the steering committee of the Faculty Women's Caucus for about 15 years. How does serving as president of the Faculty Senate compare to these other leadership roles?**

One of the things I like about the leadership positions I've had, as opposed to, say, if I were to become a dean or go into the provost's office, is that they're advocacy positions. When you're the director of women's studies or the chair of the English Department, you are the voice for a set of academic values that you feel very strongly about promoting. I'm also the director of the Humanities Center, and that's another position where I'm there to advocate for the faculty and the students who are doing the work that I feel the most strongly about. As president of the Faculty Senate, I'm still in an advocacy position; now I'm advocating for the whole faculty. So, it's giving me the opportunity to learn, for example, what, exactly, medical faculty do, and how that's different from and similar to what arts and sciences faculty do, to understand the interconnections and interdisciplinary academic efforts across different colleges. In other words, I'm coming to a much larger perspective of, "OK, what is the faculty as a whole body that I need to speak for and advocate for?"

**What are some of the issues facing the Senate in the coming year?**

The Faculty Senate is pressing the administration for more information, for more data on the institution's investment in research, which is a very high priority for all of us, including the administration. We want to get a clearer picture of what exactly UVM invests in faculty research.

We're bringing to campus a program in writing in the disciplines, which may or may not result in a campus-wide writing requirement of some kind, but there absolutely will be a campus-wide writing program that

will involve faculty in every department all across the campus in teaching students the conventions and expectations of writing in their particular discipline. So, it's a very different model from the English 001 kind of writing program. English 001 will stay in place as it is, but then as students go into their majors, we're going to be training faculty in psychology and chemistry and natural resources to articulate what they already know about how they write, things that they may take for granted.... In English, it's obvious to us because that's what we do, but there's no reason why faculty in all other disciplines can't do it. Other schools, like Cornell, have been leaders in this model of teaching writing, so we're following their example. We'll have a director of writing in the disciplines next fall, and that program's going to be getting started already this year with some training for faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences. So that's a big project that we're doing...

We're going to be participating with the new vice president for enrollment management and the registrar in trying to clean up the schedule. It turns out that there are more than 600 starting times for classes at UVM right now. One teacher wants to start at 8:55, another wants to start at 9, another wants to start at 9:05, and another wants to start at 9:10. If you do that, of course, what it means is that students can't schedule all the courses they need because when one course is on, there's still ten minutes left in another course. Officially, this isn't allowed, but it's what's going on, so we're working with the new vice president Chris Lucier and Keith Williams (UVM registrar) to rationalize a time schedule that will give us maximum capacity on campus to use the spaces, but also will make it so that students don't have to stay on an extra semester because they couldn't get courses they needed because of the way things are scheduled...

### **What are the struggles of leading the Faculty Senate?**

Just time. Time. There's so much happening on this campus all the time. And I see the administrators struggling with this, too. We're all racing from meeting to meeting. Time and prioritizing where our efforts will be best invested.

You know, we don't have deep political divisions among the faculty. We've got a faculty that collaborates really well and that's working toward a common goal of academic excellence and diversity. You might imagine challenges that would be political challenges, but I'm certainly not seeing that so far in the job.

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## Billings Back to the Future

By Thomas Weaver

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Once and future library: Parts of historic Billings Hall, including North Lounge, are envisioned as a new home for Special Collections. (Photo courtesy of Special Collections)

Throughout the fall semester's first month, the new Davis Student Center has buzzed with activity while Billings Hall, the erstwhile center, has fallen quiet. It's a familiar scenario for the 122-year-old building — outgrown, a bit outmoded, the university moves south to a larger, newer facility. Opened as a library in 1885, Billings' original use ended in the early sixties with the opening of Bailey Library. Just as it morphed from library to student center then, another transition will soon be in the works. No worries for fans of the Henry Hobson Richardson designed structure that many regard as UVM's most beautiful and significant building. Planning is well under way for the historic hall's third act, a return to its roots.

Though there is much yet to be charted in terms of project timing, funding, trustee approval, and particulars of space allocation, likely scenarios became clearer with the recent completion of a feasibility study by Schwartz/Silver Architects. At the heart of the document, how to rework the building into a home for UVM Libraries' Special Collections, the Center for Holocaust Studies, and the Center for Research on Vermont.

### A fit home

In 1882, lawyer and railroad magnate Frederick Billings, UVM Class of 1844, purchased the 12,000-book collection of conservation pioneer George Perkins Marsh and donated it to the university. Six months later, his thoughts and philanthropy turned to creating a suitable home for that collection. With a gift of \$75,000, he provided the means to build the library that would bear his name.

A letter Billings wrote to UVM president Matthew Buckham from his home in Woodstock, Vermont on March 15, 1883, has the ring of a Victorian-age

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development officer's dream:

"And now the need of the University for a fire-proof building, which has been pressing for so many years, can no longer be put aside. It would be almost criminal to allow the very valuable library thus enriched by the Marsh collection to run any further risk of destruction or damage. A substantial and graceful building, a fit home for such a library, should be built without delay. As the University has no funds to devote to the purpose, and as no time should be lost, I give seventy-five thousand dollars to secure such a building. I do this in grateful appreciation of my Alma Mater, the Alma Mater of two of my brothers, and in the hope that others of her children will remember her with gifts and help her to add to her old renown, and ever be worthy of her name."

Indeed, another of these "children" of whom Billings wrote contributed greatly to the future of the hall in 2006 when Leonard Miller, Class of 1951, and his late wife, Carolyn Rosen Miller, made a \$5 million gift to the university in support of the Center for Holocaust Studies and renovation of Billings, the center's new permanent home.

### **Back to the books**

The Miller gift will fund the first phase of what Robert Vaughan, director of capital planning and management, says will be a three-phase project. The first phase, which, pending trustee approval, could begin as soon as next summer, would focus exclusively on the original 19th-century Billings Library section of the building. Schwartz/Silver's Feasibility Study outlines a plan that would make the old library a space for Special Collections to shelve and display the Vermont-focused Wilbur and Marsh collections. The center of North Lounge would have library tables for patron use and the Apse would have a flexible center area that could be set-up for talks or special events. The Wilbur Collection would be shelved around the perimeter of each room. The Marsh Collection would be shelved along the walls of Marsh Lounge (the room behind the fireplace in the front lobby), which could also be used as space for events. The offices on the upper-level around North Lounge, formerly occupied by Student Life staff, would be renovated for the Center for Holocaust Studies and Center for Research on Vermont.

Phase two of the Billings project would focus on the first level of Billings' eighties-era addition, former home to Student Government Association offices, WRUV, and the Cynic, among others. Renovations would convert that floor into stacks, offices, and workspace for Special Collections.

Phase three — repurposing of the Cook Commons kitchen, serving, and dining areas — is contingent on having the ability to utilize the space for a different use. When this phase moves ahead, a Vermont Archeology Heritage Center with public display areas, relocated offices for the Center for Holocaust Studies and the Center for Research on Vermont, and possible classroom space is under consideration.

Over the next several months, a committee of representatives from the

library, Holocaust Studies, the Center for Research on Vermont, and staff from campus planning services, facilities design & construction, physical plant, and other areas will be working to take next steps in turning the feasibility study into a more clearly defined plan.

In the meantime, workhorse Billings remains in use. The library section is still being used for special events and by students looking for a quiet place to study (or nap); Cook Commons is up-and-running after a summer conversion to use as a residential dining venue; and the lower level of the addition will be used as swing space for faculty and staff offices displaced by other campus renovations.

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## Profitable Relationship Advice

*Prof says struggling U.S. automakers must learn to work with industry suppliers*

By Jon Reidel

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Chun Zhang, assistant professor of marketing in the School of Business Administration, seeks answers to the declining sales of U.S. automakers by focusing on the behavioral side of the industry. (Photo: Bill DiLillo)

The summer of 2007 marked the first time foreign automakers captured more than half of the U.S. domestic market. The July tipping point came as no surprise to industry insiders who offered plenty of opinions regarding why “The Big Three” - General Motors, the Ford Motor Company

and the Chrysler Group - held only 48.1 percent of the U.S. market.

Labor unions, the decline of the SUV, cheaper foreign labor, and quality usually top the list of reasons. One less obvious theory — that an adversarial buyer-supplier relationship between automotive companies and the industrial supply companies from which they purchase parts — usually doesn’t make the daily paper.

Chun Zhang, assistant professor of marketing in the School of Business Administration, and John W. Henke, Jr., associate professor of marketing at Oakland University in Rochester, Mich., have been producing leading research showing the adverse effects of a strained buyer-supplier relationship. They believe it is a major contributing factor to the decline of U.S. auto sales. In a time of increased outsourcing in the auto industry, the importance of building collaborative relations with external suppliers has never been more critical.

Historically, American automakers have had adversarial relationships with their suppliers, often trying to squeeze lower prices out of them. In contrast, foreign competitors have worked hand-in-hand with suppliers, even collaborating on the engineering and design of specific parts. “It’s the corporate culture in the U.S. to squeeze suppliers as much as possible to improve the profit margin,” says Zhang, who joined the business school faculty in 2006. “It’s almost like a religion. Japanese companies

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have traditionally worked very closely with suppliers. I've always been interested in the behavioral side of these kinds of issues." Sharing is profitable

### **Sharing is profitable**

Zhang and Henke, who met while Zhang was working on her doctorate in marketing at Michigan State University, landed three research grants totaling \$45,000 from the International Motor Vehicle Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the oldest and largest international research consortium aimed at understanding the challenges facing the global automotive industry.

The first grant was used to conduct surveys and interviews with suppliers using statistical methodologies to measure how they react to pressure from auto companies. Their findings are in preparation for publication in the *Journal of Operations Management* in a paper titled, "Do Buyer Cooperative Actions Matter Under Relational Stress - A Longitudinal Study of Buyer-Supplier Relations."

In their second IMVP-MIT funded study, titled "Wealth-Sharing and Wealth-Creation: The Determinants of Supplier Willingness to Invest in the Automotive Industry," Zhang and Henke determined that Toyota had a competitive advantage over five other car companies (Chrysler, Ford, GM, Honda and Nissan) based on wealth-sharing and wealth-expansion dimensions. In short, yes, sharing matters.

The first study was important for two reasons: it incorporated both cooperative and competitive elements of industrial buyer-supplier interaction and empirically tested their joint impact on suppliers' willingness to invest in making short-term sacrifices through investments of capital or efforts to maintain a relationship with a buyer. It also showed how expensive it is to switch suppliers, even though "The Big Three" continues to do so in search of cheaper prices.

"In a case like this, Honda and Toyota would work with the supplier and say 'Hey, how can we work together to get the price down on this part and still maintain the quality?'" says Henke, who has worked in the auto industry and maintained many key contacts. "That's the difference; they work with the supplier even on design issues."

### **Stubborn cultural shift**

If Zhang and Henke's research is so compelling, then why don't U.S. automakers change their habits and act like their foreign competitors?

Tony Brown, senior vice president of global purchasing for Ford Motor Company, did just that in 2005 when he announced his intentions to reduce the number of suppliers it purchased from and focus on supplier relations. Soon thereafter, Brown acknowledged that changing the buyer-supplier culture was proving difficult and would continue to present challenges. "We have a culture that's come up through a less collaborative point-of-view on both sides," Brown told the Detroit News.

“We built this historical relationship of not trusting each other. We’ve got to change that. It doesn’t work.”

Despite having tried to institute the new strategy two years ago, Ford was rated last among automakers in a June 2007 survey of auto-supplier satisfaction by Planning Perspectives, a leading business-to-business advisory and consulting firm. Adding to its misery, Ford saw sales dive more than 20 percent in September of 2007.

If Zhang and Henke’s initial study is correct and Ford is using the “proven methods that an industrial buyer can undertake that have resulted in the desired reciprocal supplier investments” Ford should be turning a profit. But Henke says Ford is “failing miserably” because it isn’t truly executing any of the key principals (trust, commitment, cooperation) of a successful buyer-supplier relationship that helped turn Chrysler around in the early 1990s.

Zhang believes the answers to some of these questions lie within the personal relationships between the actual buyers and suppliers. Her third study with Henke titled, “Linking Boundary Spanner Capability with Firm Relational Capital: A Multi-Industry Study of Managing Buyer-Supplier Relations,” proposes to measure the importance of these individual relationships based on a survey asking suppliers a series of questions dealing with trust, fairness and commitment.

“Between Chun’s extensive knowledge of the literature and her statistical ability and my knowledge of the industry and ability to develop and implement questionnaires on internet software, we have a pretty good system,” says Henke. “It really is a great working relationship that should continue to produce relevant and useful data.”

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## UVM Secures Another \$50,000 Osher Scholarship Grant

By The View Staff

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The Bernard Osher Foundation, based in San Francisco has awarded the University of Vermont a \$50,000 Reentry Scholarship Grant for the second year in a row.

The grant will again provide financial assistance, generally in the form of twenty five \$2,000 scholarships, to students seeking to complete an undergraduate degree at UVM after having taken a significant break in their studies.

Scholarship applications, which are available [online](#), are due by Nov. 26, 2007. Applicants can also call Continuing Education, 656-2085, for more information.

The Bernard Osher Foundation was created in 1977 by arts and education patron Bernard Osher. Through the foundation, Osher's philanthropy has benefited a wide range of educational, cultural and other nonprofit organizations primarily in the San Francisco Bay Area and his native Maine. His wife, the Honorable Barbro Osher, Consul General of Sweden in San Francisco, serves as chair of the foundation.

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## Artful Activism

By view Staff

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Artist David Jamieson, among the founders of UVM's Black Student Union, was a key figure during the university's student diversity protests of the late eighties and early nineties. When students occupied the President's Wing of the Waterman Building in 1991, Jamieson's drawings captured the events and individuals of that critical passage in UVM history.

One of Jamieson's works from that era, "Self Portrait at the University of BLACK Vermont," is currently on display in the main stairwell leading up to the Davis Center's fourth floor ballroom. The painting revisits a milestone era for Vermont and honors the work of one of the most notable artists to study at the university.

Jamieson, who entered UVM as a non-traditional student, died in 1992 at age 29 before completing his degree. "He drew rhythmically and very clear...lyrical," says Professor Emeritus Ed Owre of the Art Department.

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## Writing Center Coordinator Wins National Award

By The View Staff

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Susan M. Dinitz, senior lecturer in English and coordinator of UVM's Writing Center, has won the 2007 Ron Maxwell Award for Distinguished Leadership in Promoting the Collaborative Learning Practices of Peer Tutors in Writing. The award will be presented at the 24th annual National Conference on Peer Tutoring in Writing (NCPTW) on Oct. 20, hosted this year by Penn State University.

The award recognizes a professional within the NCPTW organization for supporting and developing peer tutoring programs in his or her own community or institution, for helping peer tutors develop leadership skills and for aiding students in taking on more responsibility for their learning.

Its presentation also denotes extraordinary dedication to the annual conference, which provides tutors with an opportunity to make presentations and network with other tutors. Leaders such as Dinitz, who co-hosted the conference in 1991, work behind the scenes to help tutors develop effective presentations and learn interactively from others.

Interactive learning is the theme of the tutor training program that Dinitz coordinates at UVM. Tutors take her two-semester, six-credit training seminar and then attend bi-weekly meetings throughout their time as peer tutors, preparing for and addressing the challenges they meet working in the Writing Center. This preparation is achieved not only through a close mentoring relationship with Dinitz but through collaboration and interaction with fellow tutors, a method of learning that Dinitz fosters with the discussions and activities she plans.

In addition to appreciation for being an active member of the NCPTW board, letters of support for Dinitz's nominations praised her for bringing peer tutors to present at almost every conference, for publishing work that focuses on peer tutoring, for contributing significantly to discussions of the direction and form of the organization and for offering invaluable advice to those who have hosted the conference.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of UVM's Writing Center. Dinitz coordinated the Writing Center the year after it was founded, from 1983 to 1989 and again from 1998 to the present. Throughout the past 25 years, she has collaborated closely with the recently retired Director of UVM's Academic Support Programs, Jean Kiedaisch, who received the Maxwell Award in the year 2000. UVM is the only institution that can

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## UVM Awarded \$6.7 Million Grant to Study Lake Champlain

### *NSF Awards EPSCoR Grant For "Complex Systems Modeling" Of Watershed*

By Joshua Brown

*Article published October 3, 2007*

Pollution in Lake Champlain has been attacked by researchers and citizens for decades. But many problems remain and are poorly understood—like the effects of excess phosphorus—despite intensive study and data collection.

Now, a \$6.7 million grant to the Vermont EPSCoR program at the University of Vermont, from the National Science Foundation, promises a novel way forward for understanding the lake's watershed—while at the same time giving Vermont strength in an advanced new form of analysis called "complex systems computation."

Senator Patrick Leahy provided key leadership for securing the 3-year grant, "Complex Systems Modeling for Environmental Problem Solving."

Leahy and UVM president Daniel Mark Fogel announced the grant on Friday September 28th in the Marble Court of UVM's Fleming Museum.

"We have a responsibility to ensure Lake Champlain is as clean and healthy as possible today, and for future generations," Leahy said. "That takes not only dollars but a plan on how to use these investments as efficiently and effectively as we can."

"Having secured \$100 million in federal assistance over the years for the protection of the lake, I welcome the progress we have made. More needs to be done, and the cutting-edge modeling we are announcing today will give us an even better understanding of how to address threats to our lake and preserve its future," he said.

"We salute Senator Leahy's longstanding leadership for the well-being of Lake Champlain and commitment to keeping Vermont at the front edge of advanced environmental technologies," said UVM president Daniel Mark Fogel. "Thanks to his vision and effort, this important grant will allow UVM, and all the partners in the Vermont EPSCoR program, to reach new heights in science and engineering research, workforce development throughout the state, and research innovations for small businesses."

#### Science and Engineering Research

The first part of the project will not take the conventional approach of

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collecting additional data on the lake.

Instead, a new EPSCoR research team, drawing together scientists and engineers from numerous departments across UVM as well as other colleges in Vermont, will use the rich data sets already in existence and apply powerful modeling tools to numerous parts of this data at the same time. High-speed computers at UVM's Advanced Computing Center, running self-learning programs that evolve as they work, will reveal hidden patterns that emerge from the complex interaction between water, organisms, pollution, and other forces within the watershed.

The long-term goal of the project, in alignment with the new State Science and Technology Plan, is to develop these computational skills so that complex systems approaches can be applied to other important issues in Vermont, from stopping groundwater pollution to building environmental technologies.

"Complex systems are far more than the sum of their parts," said Judith Van Houten, UVM professor of biology and state director of Vermont EPSCoR, "Standard modeling cannot address all the interactions" which is part of the reason why many phenomena—like weather and brain development and species extinctions—are so difficult to predict despite increasing amounts of information.

"Complex and complicated mean two very different things," Van Houten said.

For example, a watch is complicated, but a watershed is complex. Remove one gear from the thousand in the watch and it, predictably, stops working. Pollute one river and the whole watershed is likely to shift and change in a thousand ways, but nobody can be quite sure if or when or where a toxic algae bloom will appear in the lake.

The models that emerge from complex systems analysis will allow researchers and policymakers to get a much clearer answer to these kinds of questions—and a better sense of what various changes and policies are likely to yield.

These new computational approaches do more than calculate quickly. They take into account the numerous scales of time and space within a watershed from molecular interactions to the global atmosphere; the "nonlinear" or chaotic properties that can make a small change create a huge effect; and the ways in which simple interactions give rise to complex emergent properties.

### **Workforce Development**

The grant will also allow the creation of a new education and workforce development effort, the Streams Project. It will bring together high school students and their teachers with undergraduates and professors on a long-term study, sampling and analyzing water from streams throughout



the Lake Champlain watershed. The Streams Project will be led by faculty from Saint Michael's and Middlebury Colleges and have participation from many other colleges in Vermont.

The project will use molecular biology to identify not just the bacteria in the streams, but the sources of the bacteria, "be they cows or dogs or humans," said Van Houten. Additional information will be gathered from total phosphorous analysis and a survey of the insects and other macroinvertebrates living in the streams.

"But we'll go beyond sampling," said Van Houten, "and apply complex systems computation and models to the data collected." This will provide new insights into the well-being of many streams in the region, while at the same time engaging students in science, mathematics and engineering topics, building their interest in careers in these fields.

### **Small Business Innovation**

The grant will also allow EPSCoR to add two new initiatives to its highly successful Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program that supports research in the private sector.

The first will provide support to businesses in the earliest steps (Phase 0) of the SBIR program, including the use of UVM research laboratories and other facilities to collect the data they need to move on to advanced phases of the program (Phases I and II).

The second program takes the worried question "what if this doesn't work?" that often limits research to safe and well-established lines of inquiry— and turns it on its head. The new program will create an award for Vermont companies and entrepreneurs who optimistically ask, "what if this works?" about very high-risk and very high-impact research ideas.

These Innovation Fund, or "IF," awards, about \$10,000 each, will go to four long-shot ideas that, history shows, are the necessary starting point for new technology breakthroughs. And these new technologies, numerous government reports and the recent America Competes Act show, are critical to American economic competitiveness.

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## Homecoming and Family Weekend Oct. 4-7

By Jay Goyette

Article published October 3, 2007

The University of Vermont expects a record turnout for its annual Homecoming and Family Weekend, Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 4-7, 2007. About 3,000 alumni, parents and family members will participate in a variety of events happening on campus and around the greater Burlington area over the course of the weekend.

Except as noted on the [schedule of events](#), 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 and giveaways at various locations in and around Burlington, admission to open classes on Thursday and Friday and complimentary admission to the Fleming Museum all weekend.

For registration materials and further information, stop by the Dudley H. Davis Center on Thursday from noon to 9 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., or Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., or contact the UVM alumni office toll-free at 1-888-458-8691, or visit the [Homecoming and Family Weekend website](#).

Among this year's highlights:

### Thursday, Oct. 4

- *Homecoming concert*. 7:30 p.m. Grand Maple Ballroom, Davis Center. Featuring the university ensembles in a Gala Homecoming Concert.
- *Found a Peanut*. 7:30 p.m. Royall Tyler Theatre. The UVM Theatre Department opens its 2007-2008 season with the Donald Margulies play, directed by Gregory Ramos. Additional performances Friday, Oct. 5 and Saturday, Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 7 at 2 p.m. Contact the UVM Theatre Box Office at (802) 656-2094 for ticket availability. Tickets are \$7 for UVM Students (2 ticket max.; must be purchased at the box office); \$17 for adults; and \$14 for UVM faculty/staff, non-UVM students, and seniors 55+. ASL-interpreted performance on Oct. 4 and audio description on Oct. 5.

### Friday, Oct. 5

- *Careers in Marketing: From Imagination to Innovation*. 9:30 to

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11:15 a.m. and 12:45 to 2:30 p.m. Kalkin Hall classrooms. The School of Business Administration invites all Homecoming participants and students to enjoy panels and discussions featuring alumni, parents and friends. Hear experts in the fields of marketing, media, communications, advertising, sports and entertainment.

- *Toward a New U.S.-Middle East Dialogue: Building Grassroots Partnerships*. 1 p.m. 108 Terrill. Listen to a panel discussion on U.S.-Middle Eastern relations. Panelists include F. Gregory Gause, associate professor of political science; David Marash, the Washington-based anchor for Al Jazeera English; and David Hamod, president of the National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce. Information: [Craig.Wells@uvm.edu](mailto:Craig.Wells@uvm.edu).
- *Dudley H. Davis Center Dedication*. 3 to 3:30 p.m. Davis Center Oval (Rain site: Olin Atrium, Davis Center). The entire UVM and surrounding communities are invited to attend the ceremonial opening of the Dudley H. Davis Center, the spectacular new "front door" to campus. Named for the late Dudley H. Davis '43, a towering figure in the Vermont business community, the Davis Center is the realization of a longstanding need for a gathering place for the UVM community.
- *The UVM Lane Series presents Fred Hersch*. 7:30 p.m. UVM Recital Hall. Highly acclaimed pianist and composer Fred Hersch has been widely recognized for his ability to reinvent the jazz piano repertoire. He has recorded more than two dozen albums, infusing the classics with his keen insight and extraordinary techniques. Tickets: 86-FLYNN.

#### Saturday, Oct. 6

- *15th Annual Kevin Roberson '93 Memorial Run*. 9 a.m. Archie Post Field. Participants must register at Archie Post Field; the 5K run begins at 9:30 a.m. Registration fee of \$10 benefits the Kevin Roberson Scholarship Fund.
- *10th Annual Homecoming Parade and Family Picnic*. Noon to 2 p.m. CBW Green, under the tent adjacent to the Fleming Museum. Hosted by the Offices of the President and Provost.
- *Third Annual CALS Harvest Festival*. 1:30 to 3 p.m. CBW Green, adjacent to the Fleming Museum. Festivities include riding/dressage demonstrations, an apple cider press, mum and pumpkin sale, and educational displays from groups, clubs, and departments comprising the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Sponsored by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Alpha Zeta.
- *Soul Food Social*. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Grand Maple Ballroom, Davis

Center. The Soul Food Social, a signature event of the Black Student Union, is an opportunity for students, faculty, staff and friends to enjoy good quality food, fun, entertainment and fellowship. Sample traditional, authentic soul food. The Black Student Union relies solely on donations to make this event possible. Contributions will help BSU to continue the tradition.

- *Homecoming and Family Weekend Concert.* 8 p.m. Ira Allen Chapel. Featuring UVM's student a cappella singing groups: the Top Cats, the Cat's Meow and the Hit Paws. Tickets, \$5 for students and faculty, \$10 for others. Pre-purchase is encouraged. Remaining tickets will be sold at the door beginning at 7:30 p.m.
- *Guster.* 8 p.m., Patrick Gymnasium. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets, \$25, are available [online](#) or by calling (802) 656-4410 . \$1 of every ticket sold will go to the Michelle Gardner-Quinn Memorial Fund for Environmental Studies.

#### Sunday, Oct. 7

- *Camel's Hump Day Hike.* 9 a.m. Meet at the Outing Club. Breakfast, lunch, gear and a ride included. RSVP via [e-mail](#) or by calling (802) 656-3439. Donations welcome.
- *George V. Kidder Homecoming Lecture.* 11 a.m. Sugar Maple Ballroom, Davis Center. Featuring Richard Sugarman, professor of religion, presenting "On the Ethics of Generational Responsibility."

To see the complete schedule of events, visit the [Homecoming and Family Weekend website](#) and click "Homecoming Schedule of Events."

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## Full Slate of Events Planned for Deaf Awareness Week

By view Staff

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A series of lectures, forums and performances are scheduled for Oct. 9-13 as part of Deaf and Disability Awareness Week. Many of the events are geared towards increasing awareness and improving the learning and working environment on campus.

The following events are scheduled:

- Monday, Oct. 8: KICK-OFF Presentation "Forget Sight! Forget Sound! Journey into the DeafBlind World"  
Votey 105, 6-8 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 9: JAPANESE DEAF FILM "I Love You"  
Living/Learning Commons 216, 6-8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 10: ASL OPEN MIC NIGHT  
Living/Learning Fireplace Lounge, 6-8 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 11: "What is Audism?" Panel  
Waterman Memorial Lounge, 6-8 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 12: Deaf House Demo  
Living/Learning Fireplace Lounge, drop in anytime between 9-5 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 13: ASL Storytelling with Peter Cook  
Following the performance, there will be Q & A with Cook and a light reception.  
Fleming 101, 6-7 p.m.

For more information click on [Deaf Awareness Week](#).

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## English Department Brings Merchant of Venice

By The View Staff

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The Department of English is sponsoring a performance of Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice* by Blackfriars Stage Company on Oct. 15 at 7:15 p.m. at the UVM Recital Hall on Redstone Campus.

Blackfriars, a nationally-acclaimed Shakespeare troupe from Shenandoah, Virginia, tours the U.S. and abroad and is part of the American Shakespeare Center On Tour.

Tickets are free and available after 5 p.m. on the day of the show at the main office of the English department at 400 Old Mill. Any extra tickets will be available at the door starting at 6:50 p.m.

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## Al Jazeera English Anchor on U.S.-Middle Eastern Relations Panel

By The View Staff

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One of the more anticipated events of Homecoming and Family Weekend will be the Oct. 5 panel discussion "Toward a New U.S.-Middle East Dialogue: Building Grassroots Partnerships" featuring David Marash, the Washington-based anchor for Al Jazeera English.

Marash, a veteran newsman, raised eyebrows when he accepted a job in 2006 as the Washington-based anchor of Al Jazeera English (AJE), the English-language spinoff of the Arabic TV news network, after spending 15 years as a reporter for "Nightline." Skeptics questioned how an American could work for an operation affiliated with an organization like Al Jazeera, which had aired video messages from Osama bin Laden and images of dead American soldiers and denunciations of the U.S.

Others wondered why Marash, who is Jewish, would want to work for an organization that has provided a platform for Holocaust denial and hate speech against Israel, Zionism and Judaism. Marash has said that Al Jazeera is often misunderstood in the West.

Other prominent guests on the on U.S.-Middle Eastern relations panel, which starts at 1 p.m. in Terrill Hall, include F. Gregory Gause, associate professor of political science, and David Hamod, president of the National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce.

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## Events Planned in Memory of Michelle Gardner-Quinn

By The View Staff

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One year after the tragic disappearance and death of Michelle Gardner-Quinn, the University of Vermont community is invited to celebrate her life and continue to mourn her loss at the following events organized in her memory:

Friday, Oct. 5

- *Michelle Gardner-Quinn Memorial Fund for Environmental Studies Fundraising Raffle.* Organized by The Organization of Women Exemplifying Reason and Responsibility to benefit the scholarship fund created in Michelle's memory. Davis Center. The raffle will also be held in the Davis Center on Oct. 6, 12 and 13.

Thursday, Oct. 11

- *A Night of Reflection and Remembrance of Michelle Gardner-Quinn.* 7:30 to 9 p.m. Women's Center. Hosted by the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance. Tea, refreshments and conversation about who Michelle was and what she did. Counselors will be available, and donations to her scholarship fund will be accepted.

Friday, Oct. 12

- Walk up Main Street and Candlelight Community Gathering. 6 p.m. Participants will meet at City Hall Park, rain or shine, and walk up Main Street to the Main Green where a plaque will be placed at the fountain designating a place of reflection, healing, and hope for the UVM community. Michelle's "This I believe" essay will also be read. At 7 p.m., all are welcome to gather in John Dewey Lounge, Old Mill for quiet reflection and the opportunity to share thoughts and feelings.

Saturday, Oct. 13

- *1st Annual Michelle Gardner Quinn Memorial Hike.* Hikers will meet in the Olin Atrium in the Davis Center at 8:30 a.m. A fundraiser for the Michelle Gardner-Quinn Memorial Fund for Environmental Studies, hikes will take place in and around Mt. Mansfield and the Stowe Valley, visiting the areas of the Long Trail that Michelle's Wilderness TREK group traveled in August

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2006. TREK was a highlight of Michelle's community experience as a transfer student to UVM.

Interested teams of students, staff and faculty can register by calling the UVM Outing Club, 656-3439, no later than Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 4 p.m. Day-of registration will not be available. The fee for participating is \$10 per person or \$25 for a three person team. All proceeds will be donated to the scholarship fund. Bagels, juice and coffee will be provided as will lunch and snacks during the hike. Participants will return to campus by 4 p.m. for a re-entry gathering, light refreshments and a memorial acknowledgment.

All participants should plan on bringing the following items: day size backpack, comfortable synthetic shirt and pants, warm layers for morning and summit travel, windproof/waterproof jacket and shell, hiking boots or low cuts, light hat, gloves and visor/baseball hat, sunglasses (as needed), a 1 quart water bottle and hiking poles (if interested).

All week long, the Inter Residence Association will be handing out green ribbons and information about Michelle's passion for the environment. Ribbons will be available at residence hall desks, the Davis Center info desk and the Waterman student services counter. Additionally, the LiveEarth video of Michelle's essay will be shown on UVMTV, and \$1 from every ticket sale for the SA Concerts Guster show on Saturday, Oct. 6 will be donated to the Michelle Gardner-Quinn Memorial Fund for Environmental Studies. Tickets are available online at [www.uvmtickets.com](http://www.uvmtickets.com) or by calling (802) 656-4410. Other Student Government Association clubs and organizations will be holding individual fundraisers in the coming week.

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### Publications and Presentations

Dr. **Matthew Watkins**, professor of medicine, was co-author of a September 11 *Journal of the American College of Cardiology* article titled "Effects of Ad5FGF-4 in Patients With Angina An Analysis of Pooled Data From the AGENT-3 and AGENT-4 Trials." In the AGENT 3 and 4 trials, Watkins and his colleagues found that angiogenic gene therapy -- an experimental treatment designed to promote blood vessel growth and improve blood flow in the heart muscle of patients with angina -- appeared to have a positive treatment effect in women as opposed to men. UVM is one of 26 centers in the country currently recruiting for the follow-up to this trial, a Phase 3 study titled AWARE (Angiogenesis in Women with Angina pectoris who are not candidates for Revascularization), which aims to enroll approximately 300 women with stable angina in order to more closely examine the effects of angiogenic therapy on this population of patients.

**Christopher Koliba**, assistant professor in Community Development and Applied Economics, recently had an article published in the *Journal of Public Affairs Education* titled, "Engagement, Scholarship, and Faculty Work: Trends and Implications for Public Affairs Education."

**Kevin C. H. Chiang**, associate professor of business administration, co-authored an article with Xiyu (Thomas) Zhou that was published in the May/June 2007 issue of *Corporate Finance Review*. The article, titled "Mutual Fund Post-Acquisition Management Retention and Its Performance Implications," is based on a study focusing on post-acquisition mutual fund management retention or separation and its subsequent performance implications. The authors found that mutual fund acquisition precipitates separation between a fund and both the above-and below-average managers of that fund. Their contention is that (1) bad managers are shown the door, (2) good managers jump ship voluntarily, and (3) mediocre managers stay. Funds that lose talented managers experience a drastic decline in performance, but funds that fire bad managers fail to turn around. Funds that retain their managers experience performance deterioration as well, primarily because those managers who remain are mediocre.

### Awards and Honors

**Barbara McIntosh**, professor of business administration, has been awarded a contract by the Society for Human Resource Management

(SHRM) to develop learning modules on the aging workforce. These modules will be made available to the 225,000 members of SHRM after the first of the year. Professor McIntosh has also been asked by AARP to join the newly formed Alliance for a Mature Workforce. Other members include The Conference Board, Corporate Voices for Working Families, Partnership for Public Service, Boston College, and Georgetown University Law Center among others. Professor McIntosh is chair of MaturityWorks Alliance, a division of the National Council on the Aging.

**Yogi Misra**, a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Animal Science, recently received a national 2006-2007 NACTA Graduate Student Teaching Award from the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture. Yogi has taught in courses at UVM in Anatomy and Physiology; Nutrition, Metabolism & Feeding; and Endocrinology. His thesis research is in the area of breast cancer and his advisor is Dr. Feng-Qi Zhao.

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#### **Publications and Presentations**

Dr. **Richard Lovett**, associate professor of radiology, will present a poster on breast cancer and MRI at the 49th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology Oct. 28 to Nov. 1 in Los Angeles. Dr. Lovett, who is based at Rutland Regional Medical Center, currently serves as chair of the Vermont-New Hampshire affiliate board of Susan G. Komen For the Cure.

**Rocki-Lee DeWitt**, dean and professor of management in the School of Business Administration, and co-authors Donald D. Bergh of the University of Denver, and Richard A. Johnson of the University of Missouri, had a paper published on September 20 online in [Strategic Management Journal](#) titled, "Restructuring Through Spin-Off or Sell-Off: Transforming Information Asymmetries into Financial Gain."

**Wolfgang Mieder**, chair of the Department of German and Russian, has edited the 24th volume of *Proverbium: Yearbook of International Proverb Scholarship* with various articles by proverb scholars from around the world. The book contains a contribution by his colleague **Kevin McKenna**, professor of German and Russian, on " 'Poshlost', Hegelian Syllogism, and the Proverb: A Paremiological Approach to Vladimir Nabokov's *Laughter in the Dark*" as well as a paper by **Vicky Reithinger**, a former UVM undergraduate, on " `Wenn wir uns wieder in den Haaren liegen': Sprichwörtliche Ambiguitäten in Ulla Hahn's Lyrikband Herz über Kopf". Mieder's own article deals with " 'Bis dat, qui cito dat': A Global Distribution of Proverbial 'Care Packages'" and includes several pictures of Andrew Crampton and Mieder packaging 100 large boxes of books on proverbs sent as scholarly gifts throughout the world. The edition includes book reviews and bibliographies by McKenna and Mieder as well. *Proverbium* has been published at UVM since 1988, serving the international community of paremiologists by publishing their work in several languages.