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Librarian Laurie Kutner examines how research is conducted in the remote locations of the world

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Whether studying utopian communities or the mating rituals of the Resplendent Quetzal, people have been traveling to Monteverde for decades to conduct original, primary research.

But it's the location's shortcomings — specifically what it can't offer researchers studying there — that make it particularly fascinating to UVM library associate professor Laurie Kutner.

Kutner spent the first six months of this year living in Monteverde while on sabbatical, conducting research on, well, the research community itself in an attempt to find out how scholars access the secondary sources they need when conducting primary research in the more remote locations of the world.

Information inequality

Through surveys and interviews with 19 researchers, Kutner began to unravel the ways in which those studying in Costa Rica are able to gain access to the published research they need to supplement their own findings.

She calls what she found a "paradox of access." That is, those who have the least access are the independent researchers living full-time in

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Monteverde, publishing cutting-edge articles in journals like *Science* and *Nature*. Those with the most access are the students studying abroad for a semester or less. To compensate, she says, researchers are creating social networks that help them bridge the information gaps they encounter.

“The people who don’t have any institutional affiliation will essentially rely on people who do have institutional affiliation...by either emailing their friends and colleagues up north and asking them to send various articles,” she says, “or asking to borrow their user names and passwords to access these sources. They’ll really do whatever they need,” Kutner explains, laughing wryly in acknowledgment of the questionable ethics of these practices.

“The overarching theme of everything I’m doing,” Kutner says, “is global information inequality – the challenges that most of the world faces in terms of getting information, any kind of information, and how that really affects the larger society.”

Even when institutional affiliation grants researchers the ability to search library databases remotely, the nitty-gritty infrastructure concerns of remote locations can be another formidable barrier. “We take so much for granted – our fast internet connections, our stable source of electricity, our whole communication infrastructure, which is really a very important and basic aspect of this whole thing,” Kutner says, recalling how common it was to lose power for an entire afternoon. “Without (these basic services), there are many people being left behind.”

With a strong desire to be more than just another researcher, Kutner made it a part of her sabbatical goals to incorporate service into her work in Monteverde. That opportunity came in the form of a library project at the [Monteverde Institute](#), which she used as her base of operations.

When Kutner discovered that the institute’s library holdings were not catalogued and had no digital presence, she knew she could help.

So Kutner created [a website for the library](#), and, with the help of two graduate students from Syracuse University, she created a digital library of free and publicly available Monteverde-based research.

Organizing all of those documents in one place, Kutner feels, is perhaps her single greatest contribution to the information world. “There was a lot of immediate appreciation for that,” she recalls, “which was really cool.”

Literacy lessons

Back in Vermont, Kutner feels changed forever by her experience in Monteverde. Aside from continuing her work in a consultant capacity for the Monteverde Institute and writing articles about her experiences there, she’s incorporating the lessons she learned in Costa Rica into her

job at Bailey/Howe. “It’s really changed me completely in terms of the way that I look at information and interact with it and think about access and think about just the amazing amount of access that we have at our fingertips and the responsibility that comes along with that...We are perhaps the most information privileged people in the world.”

Making sure that UVM students are aware of that fact – and equipping them to act on it – is one of the concrete ways Kutner is bringing this lesson home.

In addition to the research habits of professionals in Monteverde, part of Kutner’s work focused on the research methods of study abroad students. The results of a survey she sent to students participating in 10 study abroad programs in Monteverde in the spring semester of 2007 yielded particularly rich data. However, much to Kutner’s chagrin, one of the participants, a UVM student, revealed her discomfort with accessing UVM’s holdings from abroad.

“That was a big burn,” says Kutner, who had been feeling positive about how relatively easy UVM’s library holdings are to access from on- or off-campus.

Fueled by the fear that more students aren’t aware of the process for accessing databases, Kutner is now collaborating with the Office of International Education to develop a program to teach study abroad students about the library’s services before they embark on their travels.

“We want to make sure they understand how to access the library from abroad and all the things they have available to them as UVM students no matter where in the world they might be,” Kutner explains. “And that includes knowing who to contact, knowing how to get help, knowing that they can ask a question and get the same kind of help as if they were here.”

In other words, the kind of one-on-one attention and virtually unlimited access to resources that many of the world’s researchers can only dream of.

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Book shows Dean supporters remain politically active

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A new book by Thomas Streeter, associate professor of sociology, is the first one about the Dean campaign told through the eyes of its supporters.

The story of the 2004 Howard Dean presidential campaign has been told many times over by political pundits and Dean insiders such as campaign manager Joe Trippi. A new book, co-written by Thomas Streeter, associate professor of sociology, is the first to feature the people who grew

the grassroots campaign from the ground up and concludes that, although the Internet is a major piece of the Dean legacy, the campaign's real contribution is the thousands of Americans it inspired to become politically active.

At the time of the late-September release of *Mousepads, Shoe Leather, and Hope* (Paradigm Publishers), more than 1,000 former Dean supporters had run for political office on the local, state or federal level. Many of the 650,000 people on the Dean e-mail list who organized local "meetups" and managed listserves on local and constituency topics are currently involved in political action groups, campaigns or are members of city commissions, state legislatures or the U.S. Congress.

For Streeter, editing chapters from people like Pam Paul of Oklahoma, who went from a disengaged voter to a grassroots activist hosting dozens of Dean events and creating a website, was a transformative experience. "The experience didn't change my fundamental political views, but it did change what I thought was possible and how to go about doing it," he says. "I'm more optimistic politically now."

Building a more democratic society

The idea for the book originated in 2003 with the late Joan Smith, then dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Smith, who knew Dean and was fascinated by his use of the Internet, asked Streeter, an expert on emerging media and society, technology, law and culture, to consider

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writing a book. "There was a sense that the whole story hadn't been told," says Streeter, who contacted his eventual co-author Zephyr Teachout, director of online organizing for the Dean Campaign and a political science lecturer at UVM in 2005-06, to help identify possible contributors to the book.

Writers were given five questions to provide a framework, but the rest was left up to them. "This book is about how the facts felt," says Streeter. "It's a record of how the experience of the campaign changed individuals' perception of what was possible in American politics." In the introduction, Streeter ponders whether using first-person narratives risks promoting the stereotype that Dean supporters are self-absorbed and out of touch with larger realities.

"Involvement in the Dean campaign was one of those uniquely intense personal experiences that, like sex or a profound religious conversion, are hard to describe and often look odd or pathetic to those not sharing in it," writes Streeter. "This common personal experience, for all its variations, was an objective fact of the campaign. And, we suspect, experiences like this are of a piece with deep social change, and will be a component of any successful effort to build a more democratic society in the future. It deserves its place in understanding what happened."

Dean and Trippi embraced the campaign's openness and grassroots character, which according to Streeter, allowed people from all over the country to try new things without having to vet it through a central headquarters. These new ideas, most of which were made possible with the use of the Internet, allowed the campaign to often bypass the mainstream media. Streeter makes vivid reference to the effect that revolution had on the press, left "sputtering around, spitting up their coffee every morning, wondering what the heck was happening."

A 'maddeningly inconclusive' experience

The book includes chapters by a now prominent blogger who helped create pro-Dean blogs; the key driver of the Dean Meetup phenomenon; a UVM graduate named Amanda Michel who played a central role in the development of Generation Dean; a previously non-political middle-aged woman who became a political activist and major event organizer; and the creator of the famous Dean fundraising-bat.

"As for me, I'd survived a hell of a ride with a man I'd always known as my governor, and I'd come into my own" writes Michel, UVM Class of 2002. "Politics was no longer abstract. I'd pushed myself far beyond my comfort zone and my home, sometimes putting up with the greatest resistance from my Burlington friends and neighbors who didn't know what to make of Dean's personal changes or mine. Better yet, I realized that I, too, could make a difference."

Candidate Dean's own perspective was gathered via a three-hour conference call with Streeter and Teachout. The interview focused primarily on the role of Internet, but also touched on how his Vermont

experience affected his presidential run.

“The policy issues that I ran into as governor influenced me throughout the campaign: mental health issues, fiscal responsibility, land conservation, energy, all the things that you run across in Vermont,” Dean told the authors. “But I also think Vermont is very well run, and one of the reasons I think it is very well run is because ordinary Vermonters put a significant amount of time into their democracy. That certainly had an effect on my thinking.”

“I think this book shows that ‘who’ the characters are behind the campaign matters,” says Teachout, who currently teaches law at Duke University. “It’s one of the more unusual political memoirs I’ve ever read. In the end, I think the book was maddening and inconclusive just like the campaign.”

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Invasion of the Woody Plants

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Professors Mark Starrett and Jane Molofsky, still smiling though surrounded by invaders (invasive bushes, that is), celebrate the opening of UVM's Educational Invasive Woody Plants and their Alternatives Garden. (Photo: Joshua Brown)

head gardener at the Morrill Homestead.

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"We are confident that Morrill, a knowledgeable and sensitive horticulturist, would approve of our decision to replace buckthorn with another shrub from his list," Carpenter notes.

And he probably would approve of the new garden Jane Molofsky and Mark Starrett opened on Oct. 4 behind UVM's Johnson House at 617 Main Street. It does much the same thing: helps gardeners, homeowners and horticulturists pick alternatives to replace buckthorn and other invasive woody plants.

Replacing native plants

"There are many introduced and naturalized plants in the landscape, and most of them present no problems. The point about an invasive is that it displaces native plants," says Starrett, an associate professor of plant and soil science. "The idea here is to demonstrate that there are native plants that have similar characteristics to the invasive plants." He points to a low bush glowing red in the middle of the garden.

"This is the invader — burning bush — with a bright fall color," he says,

Around 1852, when Senator Justin Morrill started planting the garden for his now-famed homestead in Strafford, Vt., he picked buckthorn to run along the border. "In the mid-nineteenth century, buckthorn was valued as a hedge; it's thorny branches kept livestock out of enclosures," reports Margie Carpenter, the

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"It can be replaced with red chokeberry or purpleleaf sandcherry," he says, and nods to a bank of plants growing on the other side of the sidewalk.

Surrounding the burning bush, about ten plants, close to the building, are a kind of ecologist's Most Wanted Shrubs line-up. Small plastic signs label each invader: "Rhamnus frangula, glossy buckthorn, e. w. Asia & n. Africa," "Lonicera tartarica, Tartatian honeysuckle, c. Asia & s. Russia," "Lonicera X bella, belle honeysuckle, hybrid origin." And on the other side of the sidewalk, in a larger piece of lawn stretching to the south, alternatives are growing, perhaps a bit less robustly, including American bittersweet, rosemary willow and beautybush.

"You can understand the invasive nature of the plants just by virtue of their genetics," Starrett says, turning again to the invasives section, "look at how these things grow!"

The garden had its origin in a confluence of interests of these two professors, nudged by students. For several years, Mark Starrett developed a collection of invasive plants at UVM's Horticulture Research Center (a.k.a. the "Hort Farm") off Shelburne Road. And Jane Molofsky, associate professor of plant biology, has had a long-term research focus on the ecology and genetics of plant invasiveness. The students in Molofsky's spring 2007 Honors College course, Global Change Biology, helped bring the two together.

"We needed a project in place of the final exam. We came up with a bunch of ideas, but we decided to do an invasive species versus native species garden," says Amadeus Kaelber '08, standing with a group of about 25 faculty, students and horticulture fans gathered for the official opening of the garden. "This is the final step," he says with a smile.

The plants Starrett collected at the horticulture center were carefully tended and pruned to prevent any seeds from spreading (as they will be in the new garden) — but they weren't getting a lot of public attention.

Kaelber and his classmates thought they could help. He describes two windy days in the spring when teams of about ten students from the course, some of Starrett's graduate students, and others removed the plants from the horticulture center and replanted them here, near the heart of campus.

"The hope is that students walk by, people park here, they look, they find out which plants, in fact, are native to Vermont, which are not," Kaelber says. "Educating the public is the main goal."

The politics of gardening

And for Kaelber himself, the course, the design and the planting were all an education. "I knew some of the more common invasives, like Eurasian milfoil, but not many. People see purple loosestrife along the side of the road and they think, 'Wow, that looks great.' They don't realize how

much damage is happening.”

“I’m a major in political science and history so this isn’t exactly something that I was expert in, but I like gardening and I haven’t done anything like this before,” Kaelber says. “Gardening is a political issue, definitely. The fact that so many of the plants that people use come from thousands of miles away is a political issue.”

“There are more and more invasive species as people move plants around the world and as the climate keeps changing,” he explains, “That has drastic effects on the landscape; that has effects on pollinators. It creates problems in so many places.”

But not everywhere, yet. “Vermont is at the leading edge of a new wave of invasive species,” Molofsky says. “We’re still ahead of some of the woody plants that are creating problems in states to our south.” But the more times these are brought in by hapless gardeners or horticulturists, the more opportunity they have to take hold. “One example is oriental bittersweet,” she says. Though, like buckthorn, it is banned by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation as a “Class B Noxious Weed,” it continues to spread. “The fewer times it’s introduced, the better. It could delay the problem at the least.”

The new garden, funded in part by USDA New England Center for Invasive Plants, has a [website](#), designed by Mariann Steen, a staffperson in the plant and soil science department. “It provides a lot information and links and should help people identify invasives and learn more about other plants that are available,” Molofsky says.

While Senator Justin Morrill was a skilled gardener, he was far more famous for securing the Land Grant Colleges Acts that helped to shape more than 100 institutions of higher education, including UVM – with an explicit charge to teach mechanical arts, military tactics and agriculture. But his overriding concern was to help people of all classes get a practical education, relevant to the age in which they lived.

“Invasives are becoming a more and more serious,” Mark Starrett says. “It’s important that we figure out how to educate lots of people about the problem.”

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Alumni, Parents Share Insight Into Marketing Careers

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Career-making stories like the one told by 1981 alumnus Phillip Stimpson about convincing Calvin Klein to advertise on the sides of New York City buses were exactly what students at the Oct. 5 "Careers in Marketing: From Imagination to Innovation" panel came to hear.

Sponsored by the School of Business Administration, the panel was part of Homecoming and Family Weekend and featured more than 50 alumni, parents and friends who are experts in the fields of marketing, media, communications, advertising, sports and entertainment. They gave brief descriptions of their career paths after graduating from UVM and offered advice on how to break into the industry, including some colorful anecdotal stories.

Stimpson, executive VP of sales with CBS Outdoor, the nation's largest out-of-home media provider specializing in billboards and other forms of outdoor signage, told students he was convinced that Calvin Klein would benefit from having its name seen by millions of people as it rolled down Fifth Avenue, despite critics saying a highly regarded company like Calvin Klein would never put its good name on the side of a bus.

After a number of failed attempts to meet with the designer, Stimpson called a UVM alumna whose father had made a few sales pitches to Calvin Klein in the past. "I told her father that I'd give him a great deal if he promised to mention the 'bus thing' to Calvin Klein if he was ever over there again. Sure enough, about a year later he did, and I got a meeting with them, and now Calvin Klein is everywhere. I couldn't understand the blight of a billboard as a college student. Then I got excited about them after seeing the impact they had. Now I can't imagine doing anything else."

Before getting into a position to land a major client on the way to the higher levels of marketing, panelists had some strikingly similar advice: work hard, especially early; find a mentor/boss you respect; and don't act entitled. Members of the Advertising and Media panel emphasized the importance of doing whatever an employer asks even if it doesn't fit your job description — a term they agreed doesn't exist for those wanting to be successful.

"I look at resumé's, but it's more important to me to find someone with a

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positive attitude who is willing to work hard and show commitment," says 1982 graduate Deb Mignucci, publisher of *Fit Pregnancy* magazine and one of three undergraduate psychology majors on the panel.

Students wanted to know how panelists got their start on the way to their current positions. Some panelists said they changed jobs multiple times before finding the area of marketing that was right for them, but cautioned against job hopping. Thomas Witschi, CEO of Eating Well Media Group, moved to California after playing soccer at UVM in pursuit of sports marketing career. After a brief stint selling Oakland Athletics tickets on 100 percent commission for one of the worst teams in baseball at the time, Witschi moved to New York and started selling *Woman's Day* magazine. He eventually worked his way up to international publisher of *Reader's Digest*. "Breaks are key," said Witschi. "Job hopping every two years is bad, but I think a combination of loyalty and taking advantage of opportunities when they come up is crucial."

Although the majority of panelists moved to New York, Boston or another metropolitan area after graduation, Karen Marshall '84, Northern New England Sales Manager for Comcast Spotlight, has spent the last 23 "selling thin air" in Vermont. She says working in a smaller city for so long has allowed her to enjoy a "community career," which she describes as serving on local community boards such as the United Way and local bank boards. "The skills you learn on these boards are very integratable and transferable to your job. They can help your career in a number of different ways."

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Panelists Say U.S. Policies Fueling Anti-American Sentiment

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The people of Iraq and other Middle Eastern countries don't dislike Americans or their values. In fact, most embrace the concept of living in a democracy. It's the policies of the U.S. government that have propelled anti-American sentiment to an all-time high, according to panelists on "Toward a New U.S.-Middle East Dialogue: Building Grassroots Partnerships" on Oct. 5 as part of Homecoming and Family Weekend.

David Marash, Washington-based anchor for Al Jazeera English (the English-language spinoff of the Arabic TV news network) and former reporter for ABC's "Nighline," told about 50 people in Terrill Hall that Iraqis under the age of 60 have a historical resentment of imperialism and have had the concept of anti-colonialism as it relates to anything Western, European or Caucasian hammered into them on a daily basis. "It's a defiant mindset that says 'don't let the white boys tell us what to do,'" said Marash. "Yet 85 percent are in favor of democracy. People in the Middle East tell me that they just want a normal life like the one they see on T.V. I ask them how they know what normal is since they've never lived under the version they say they want. Our notion of normalcy is now worldwide thanks to the media."

F. Gregory Gause, associate professor of political science, opened the panel discussion by citing statistics showing that levels of anti-Americanism are at all-time highs. Favorable feelings towards the U.S. dropped from 61 percent in 1999 to 30 percent in 2006 in Indonesia and from 72 percent in 2002 to 32 percent in 2006 in Nigeria. Similar drops in U.S. support have occurred in Egypt, Jordan, Turkey and Morocco.

"When asked if American values bother them, they say 'no,'" said Gause, adding that sex and women's rights are exceptions. "When asked if democracy is a bad idea, they say 'no.' American policy is the largest reason for anti-American feelings." Polls say the disdain for U.S. policy has been fed by the war in Iraq; the support of certain authoritarian leaders by the U.S. government; and the stance of the U.S. in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. "If it's not about values, but policy then it's not a societal issue, and it could be fixed. Policy isn't that hard to change."

Marash says most Middle Easterners like Americans and view them as separate from the U.S. government. The re-election of George Bush, however, changed some of those feelings and fueled the rise in anti-American sentiment. "The drop in temperature over there was

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dramatic," added Marash. "Before it was 'government bad, but people good.' Then they asked, 'How could you re-elect him? So that's what you're about.' "

David Hammond, president of the National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce, said the U.S. is losing billions of dollars by denying visas and not doing business with companies from the Middle East. "Our current policies are having a cumulative effect," said Hammond, who cites Abu Ghraib prison, Somalia and Guantanamo Bay as major setbacks in U.S.-Arab relations. "9-11 was the biggest single setback in U.S.-Arab relations in the last 40 years. Most Arabic people who studied here in the 1960s say, 'That's not the America I remember.' "

Following the debate, Marash and Al Jazeera English interviewed local viewers to get their reaction to the network, which is currently only available in the U.S. in Toledo and Sandusky, Ohio and Burlington. Part of the reason for limited American market could have something to do with the network's early tag as "the voice of Bin Laden" for airing video messages from Osama bin Laden and images of dead American soldiers and denunciations of the U.S. Marash tells people "to turn it on and then make a judgment."

"The product is really good," said Marash whose network has been called one of the 10 best things on T.V. by *The New York Times*. "We model ourselves after the old BBC and have the same code of journalistic ethics. Most of our listeners are ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) who tend to be inherently ambitious, intellectually curious and well educated. Al Jazeera English gives a worldwide perspective and covers stories that no one else covers like the war in Somalia, which is the most under-covered story on earth."

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Gene Therapy Shows Positive Effects in Women With Angina

By Jennifer Nachbur

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A recent study article co-authored by Dr. Matthew Watkins, professor of medicine, indicates that an experimental treatment designed to promote blood vessel growth and improve cardiovascular blood flow in patients with angina may have a positive treatment effect in women as opposed to men.

A reported 8.9 million people in the United States, including 4.6 million women, live with chronic angina, the debilitating chest pain, squeezing or pressure experienced by people with coronary heart disease. However, women with heart disease have been largely underrepresented in cardiovascular clinical trials.

Angina typically occurs during times of exertion, when the heart muscle is not getting as much blood as it needs due to narrow or blocked arteries. According to the study's authors, the currently available drug therapies for the disorder do not produce a reduction in angina in all patients, and some patients are not eligible to undergo interventional therapies such as angioplasty, stent or bypass surgery.

The randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind AGENT (Angiogenic Gene Therapy) studies (1 through 4) have to date involved 663 patients at more than one hundred U.S., European and other international medical centers. The experimental therapy under examination in the AGENT trials is Generx™ (alferminogene tadenovec, Ad5FGF-4), a gene product in a new class of cardiovascular biologics that when administered by intracoronary injection, promotes angiogenesis – the process of blood vessel growth in the heart. For their Sept. 11 Journal of American College of Cardiology article, Watkins and his colleagues analyzed pooled original data from the AGENT -3 and -4 trials to determine treatment effects in two subgroups, gender and older patients with severe angina.

The study used exercise tolerance testing time to track any changes from baseline at 4 weeks, 12 weeks and 6 months among three groups – placebo, low-dose Ad5FGF-4 and high-dose Ad5FGF-4. At 12 weeks, there was significant improvement in women at both doses, but not in men.

Based on these findings, a Phase 3 clinical trial titled AWARE (Angiogenesis in Women with Angina pectoris who are not candidates for Revascularization) was launched in August 2007. UVM is one of more than

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two dozen centers in the country currently participating in this trial, which aims to enroll approximately 300 women with chronic angina who are not candidates for conventional bypass surgery or angioplasty in order to more closely examine the effects of angiogenic therapy on this population of patients.

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Endowment Award Recognizes Neonatology Pioneer

By Jennifer Nachbur

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A new endowed chair in neonatal medicine in the College of Medicine has been created to honor internationally renowned neonatologist and *Pediatrics* editor-in-chief Jerold F. Lucey, M.D., Wallace Professor of Neonatology at UVM.

Established through a lead gift from the nonprofit Vermont Oxford Network, along with dozens of other donors, the \$2 million endowment fund aims to promote advances in the care of newborn infants and their families through research, education, and quality improvement. Lucey also received the 2007 Alfred I. duPont Award for Excellence in Children's Health Care on Sept. 25 from the Nemours Foundation in recognition of his significant contributions to improving the quality of health care delivered to children.

"I am delighted that we are able to honor Dr. Lucey in such a meaningful way," said Lewis First., M.D., Professor and Chair of Pediatrics at the College of Medicine. "The dedication of this endowed chair is a wonderful reflection on the thousands of pediatricians, nurses, trainees and, most importantly, patients and families who are grateful for and have benefited from his many remarkable contributions to children's health. Dr. Horbar's ongoing work will exemplify and continue these contributions for years to come. It is wonderful to see so many people contribute to this endowment as a way of saying thanks for Dr. Lucey's incredible work."

Jeffrey Horbar, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics at the UVM College of Medicine, has been named the first Jerold F. Lucey Chair in Neonatal Medicine. "I am very pleased that Jeff Horbar has been chosen as the first Lucey Chair," said Lucey. "The committee could not have picked a more qualified and better person - he is the clear leader in quality improvement in international neonatology."

A resident of Burlington who joined the UVM faculty in 1956, Lucey established Vermont's first neonatal unit and pioneered several innovations in premature infant care, including phototherapy to control jaundice and surfactant therapy to treat respiratory distress. For nearly 30 years, Lucey has served as editor-in-chief of the journal *Pediatrics*. He is also founder and president of the Vermont Oxford Network, a cooperative international program that links over 700 Neonatal Intensive Care Units around the world, and organizer of the "Hot Topics in

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Neonatology” conference, which brings more than 1400 of the world’s newborn specialists to Washington, D.C. each year. In 2004, Lucey received the Vermont Medical Society’s Distinguished Service Award. He was elected a senior member of the Institute of Medicine in 2000.

Horbar, who resides in Charlotte, is a neonatologist at Vermont Children’s Hospital at Fletcher Allen Health Care and clinical scientist with extensive experience in clinical research and its application to the improvement of neonatal care. He has worked with Lucey since he began his pediatrics residency at the former Medical Center Hospital of Vermont 30 years ago after earning his medical degree from SUNY Downstate Medical Central in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Like Lucey, Horbar has pioneered some of the standard therapies used in neonatal intensive care units around the world. He is a Senior Pediatrician at the Vermont Child Health Improvement Program and also serves as Chief Executive and Scientific Officer for the Vermont Oxford Network. Among his numerous editorial positions are co-editor of the Cochrane Neonatal Review Group and online editor of *Pediatrics*. Horbar has been responsible for the development of the Vermont Oxford Network Database, which is used by NICUs around the world to monitor and improve outcomes for very low birth weight infants. He also leads the quality improvement initiatives of the Vermont Oxford Network, which engage multidisciplinary teams from NICUs worldwide to improve the quality and safety of medical care for newborn infants and their families.

“It is an honor and a privilege to be named the first Jerold F. Lucey Professor of Neonatal Medicine at UVM,” said Horbar. “Over the years, Jerry Lucey has been my teacher, mentor, colleague and friend. It is my hope that the Chair will allow me and those who follow me to continue the tradition of excellence in research, scholarship and teaching in Neonatal Medicine that Jerry Lucey has established at UVM.”

This is the second endowed chair in neonatology in the Department of Pediatrics. The first, held by Lucey, is the Harry Wallace Professor of Neonatology.

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Film Showcases Womens' 'Iron' Wills in Cajun Country

By The View Staff

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Conni Castille, a folklorist and documentary filmmaker who grew up in Breaux Ridge, La., and Allison Bohl, cinematographer, will show and discuss their film "I Always Do My Collars First: A Film About Ironing," on Monday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. in 301 Williams Hall.

Castille and Bohl's visit is sponsored by the UVM Anthropology Club. The movie offers an artful and unexpectedly entertaining look at a mundane chore. The narrative follows four dynamic Cajun women in French Louisiana as they go about their daily lives demonstrating how the simple ritual of ironing weaves its way throughout the fabric of family life and their sense of identity.

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Religion's Clark to Debut New Lecture Series

By Thomas Weaver

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Anne Clark, professor of religion, will deliver the inaugural lecture for the College of Arts and Sciences Full Professor Lecture Series, which honors faculty recently promoted to that top academic rank.

Also notable, Clark's achievement makes her the first woman full professor in the history of UVM's religion department.

Arts and Sciences' new series is designed to provide faculty an opportunity to share a single piece of research or overview of research trajectory that captures the spark of intellectual excitement that led to achieving full professor rank. Clark's subject, "Thinking about Thinking in Medieval Christianity," will offer her reflections on how both medieval and modern conceptions of memory allow insight into the creation and transmission of religious beliefs.

The lecture is set for Monday, Oct. 15, at 3:30 p.m. in Memorial Lounge, Waterman. A reception will follow. Information: 656-1297.

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First Fall Burack Lectures Bring Nutritional Biochemist and Geobiologist

By The View Staff

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Dale Bauman, Liberty Hyde Bailey Professor of Nutritional Biochemistry at Cornell University, and Dianne Newman, John and Dorothy Wilson Professor of Biology and Geobiology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will give the first two Burack President's Distinguished Lectures of the fall semester.

Bauman, who is president of the American Society of Nutritional Sciences, will speak on "Bioactive fatty acids in the dairy cow: implications for functional foods and applications in nutritional genomics" on Thursday, Oct. 11 at 4 p.m. in Davis Auditorium, Medical Education Pavilion, Fletcher Allen Health Care. Bauman, a recipient of the USDA Superior Service Award, has researched and published extensively on mammalian metabolic regulation for lactation and growth, and his findings have influenced the dairy industry.

Newman will deliver a lecture titled, "Bacteria Are Beautiful" on Monday, Oct. 15 at 4 p.m. in Carpenter Auditorium, Given Building. Her research incorporates a multidisciplinary approach to gain a broader understanding of the role bacteria play in chemical cycles and the ways in which bacteria use chemical and biological processes to change their environment. Understanding the ways that bacteria function at the molecular level today, Newman believes, will provide insight into the role bacteria played in Earth's early environment.

For more information about Bauman's lecture, call 656-0142. For more information about Newman's talk, call 656-0278.

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'Horse Whisperer' Coming to Campus

By The View Staff

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Tim Hayes, a 1967 graduate otherwise known as the "horse whisperer," is coming to campus on Oct. 13-14 for a live demonstration and clinic with the UVM Department of Animal Science at the UVM Horse Barn.

His program "Natural Horsemanship" is based on his skills in communicating with horses "in their language."

"Natural horsemanship creates a relationship with a horse by communicating in the same natural language they use with each other: body language, touch and feel," he writes on his [website](#). "It creates an unusual inter-species bonding between a predator animal (the human) and a prey animal (the horse). Using compassion, Natural Horsemanship enables the human to understand the relationship from the horse's point of view."

The sessions run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day and cover a wide range of topics including groundwork, trailer loading and executing an emergency stop. There is a \$30 auditing fee for attending both days and a \$20 fee for one day. Information: 656-0145.

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Mark Evans, research assistant professor of pathology, is lead author of an October 2007 *Journal of Clinical Pathology* article titled "Use of multiple displacement amplification in the investigation of human papillomavirus physical status." Co-authors include **Christine Stewart-Crawford Adamson**, laboratory technician in pathology, **Genevieve Montagu von Walstrom**, laboratory technician in pathology, and Dr. **Kumarasen Cooper**, professor of pathology.

Sharon Henry, associate professor of rehabilitation and movement science, will present a poster titled "People with chronic low back pain re-weight proximal vs. distal torque responses to maintain upright posture" at the 6th Interdisciplinary World Congress on Low Back & Pelvic Pain on November 7-10 in Barcelona, Spain.

Sharyl Toscano, assistant professor of nursing, will present a poster at the 15th International Nursing Conference of the Nursing Network on Violence Against Women International in London, Ontario, Canada October 18-20. The poster is titled "A Grounded Theory of Female Adolescents' Dating Experiences and Factors Influencing Safety: The Dynamics of the Circle." Toscano also had an article published in the September 2007 issue of *The American Journal for Nurse Practitioners* titled "It Wasn't Always That Way: A Poetic Transcription."

Michael J. Tomas III, assistant professor of finance in the School of Business Administration, was named an associate editor for the *Journal of Economics and Business*. The journal focuses on theoretical and applied research in economics and finance in areas such as corporate finance, monetary and fiscal theory and policy, financial institutions and markets, industrial organization and labor.

Kevin C. H. Chiang, associate professor of business administration, co-authored an article with **Craig H. Wisen** and **Thomas (Xiyu) Zhou** that was published in the Fall 2007 issue of *The Journal of Investing*. The article is titled "Emerging Market Bonds as an Asset Class: Mean-Variance Spanning." The study examines whether emerging market bonds improve the investment opportunity set for a mixed-asset portfolio. The results indicate that adding emerging market bonds improves the mean-variance efficient frontier of a mixed-asset portfolio consisting of U.S. stocks, U.S. bonds, international stocks, and international developed market bonds. This finding holds for the EMBI Index and the CRSP survivorship-bias free

emerging market bond fund portfolio. Therefore, the analysis is robust with respect to the usual concerns of survivorship and investability.

Several members of the UVM department of chemistry were involved in a "hands-on chemistry" outreach event on Sept. 27 for children at the University Mall in South Burlington organized by the Green Mountain Local Section of the American Chemical Society. They included assistant professors **Martin Case** and **Dan Savin**; graduate students **Stephanie Livingston**, **Lyndell LeBruin** and **Jodi Wyman** and postdoctoral associate **Rani Jha**. Young shoppers saw thermochromic ducks, created artistic designs using chromatography; learned how to synthesize "flubber" (cross-linked polyvinyl acetate); competed to drip the largest amount of water on to a penny (learning about surface tension); and tested the pH of common household liquids. Older attendees looked at poster displays about chemistry careers as part of this year's National Chemistry Week theme of "The Many Faces of Chemistry").

Three members of the faculty in the Graduate Counseling Program are scheduled to present at the 2007 Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) Conference in Columbus, Ohio on October 11-14. The ACES conference theme is: "Vanguards for Change: ACES and Social Justice." **Anne Geroski**, associate professor and program coordinator of the Graduate Counseling Program, will present "Journeying - Sabbaticals Away and Coming Back Home" with Kurt Kraus of Shippensburg University, on October 12. **Jane Okech**, assistant professor in the Graduate Counseling Program, is scheduled to present with Deborah Rubel of Oregon State University on "A Qualitative Exploration of Expert Group Work Supervisors Experiences." **Denise Pickering**, assistant professor in the Graduate Counseling Program, is scheduled to present on "Incorporating Social Justice Principles Into Counselor Preparation Programs" with Laurae Wartinger of The Sage Colleges on October 15 and again on October 16 on "Counseling the Transgender Client: Are We Effective?" Pickering will also be chairing the first ACES Social Justice Summit which will end the conference on October 14.

Awards and Honors

Rex Forehand, professor of Psychology, is the 2008 recipient of the Chair of the Education and Training Awards Committee, overseen by the Board of Educational Affairs for the American Psychological Association. This award, entitled the 2008 Distinguished Career Contributions to Education and Training Award, is a highly prestigious award that recognizes the quality and depth of commitment to the field over the course of a career. As a recipient of the award, he will deliver an Awards address, receive the Citation, and receive a cash prize at the 2008 annual APA Convention. The next convention is in Boston, August 14-17.

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