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College of Medicine researchers are gaining recognition for innovative work on adult stem cell therapies for lung and heart diseases

By Jennifer Nachbur

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Stem cells are full of therapeutic promise. Armed with the almost limitless capacity to copy themselves and grow into many types of cells in the body, they function as the body's cellular repair shop. While embryonic stem cells have been the focus of heated nationwide debate, many scientists have

been quietly examining the potential therapeutic possibilities of two controversy-free and very promising alternatives — adult bone marrow-derived stem cells and umbilical cord blood stem cells.

Adult stem cells, whose main function is to maintain and repair tissue, have been studied since the 1960s. Bone marrow-derived adult stem cell transplants have been used for over 30 years, and umbilical cord blood stem cell transplants have been used for more than 20 years to treat patients with blood cancers. Recent discoveries have shown that these stem cells also have the potential to repair damaged tissue cells in several organs, generating new hope and excitement for researchers seeking better treatment options for a host of illnesses.

For the past several years, a small group of researchers in the Pulmonary and Critical Care Division of the Department of Medicine at the University of Vermont have been gaining international recognition for their work in the area of adult stem cells' potential role in treating lung diseases. Dr. Benjamin Suratt, assistant professor of medicine, and his colleagues were the first to find evidence that adult human stem cell transplantation resulted in spontaneous cell regeneration in damaged lung tissue and published their findings in the August 2003 *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*.

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"A number of papers show that adult bone marrow-derived stem cells can be induced to turn into heart, liver or brain or more importantly for us, the lung," says Daniel Weiss, associate professor of medicine. In the lab, Weiss and his team have successfully isolated adult stem cells from the bone marrow of adult mice and begun to turn them into lung cells, which could result in the development of therapies for emphysema, asthma and cystic fibrosis (CF).

Weiss' current adult stem cell research, an outgrowth of his past cystic fibrosis gene therapy work, shows promise when the two therapies are combined. His theory maintains that stem cells isolated from the bone marrow could be manipulated to express the normal CF protein using a gene transfer technique. Then, explains Weiss, the corrected stem cells could be administered back into the CF patient and coaxed to go to the lung.

"What we're doing is taking these two sophisticated, high-tech techniques and combining them in a rational way for a disease that's the result of a genetic defect," says Weiss, whose research in this area made the cover of the January *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*.

Building blocks

Though adult stem cells are able to turn into a variety of cells and tissues, they are not as versatile as embryonic stem cells. A viable and legal alternative is umbilical cord blood stem cells. Through a program run in collaboration with Dr. Ira Bernstein, professor of obstetrics and gynecology and director of maternal fetal medicine, and the labor and delivery suite at Fletcher Allen Health Care, Weiss and colleagues have had the opportunity to investigate the therapeutic capabilities of cord blood stem cells. To date, the team has been able to induce the cord blood stem cells to begin to turn into lung cells in Petri dishes and has started transplanting these cells into immunotolerant mice.

On the horizon for Weiss is a newly-approved protocol with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation that will allow him and his colleagues to take this research one step further by collecting cord blood from babies who have CF. The goal will be to isolate the cord blood stem cells and use gene transfer/therapy techniques to correct the CF defect. Weiss, who receives funding from the National Institutes of Health, the CF Foundation, American Lung Association and the Tulane Primate Research Center, says his group is also pursuing this approach for emphysema by using stem cells to grow new lung tissue.

Focusing less on regeneration and more on repair, Suratt specializes in acute lung injury (ALI) and its most severe form, adult respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), which may develop after infection, shock and trauma. For the past two years, his work has centered on examining the molecular activity involved in the development and repair of acute lung injury.

Suratt received a \$1.9 million, five-year research project grant award in

May of 2006 from the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute to look specifically at several cytokines – proteins that function as intracellular communicators and are involved in immune response – and their role in both the development of acute lung injury and recruitment of inflammatory cells and reparative cells. Suratt says there's an apparent 'overlap' period toward the end of the most acute phase of ARDS, where the tail end of the inflammatory response is being driven by the same cytokine environment that is also suspected to be recruiting stem cells to repair the injury.

One particular cytokine that appears to carry this responsibility – Stromal Derived Factor 1 (SDF1) – plays a role in both stem cell trafficking as well as metastasis of cancer cells. "It's also widely believed that SDF1 is responsible for the trafficking of a number of different cell types to the lung. The new grant is directed specifically at examining the role of these cytokines ... in the inflammatory cell trafficking that overlaps with the stem cell trafficking" Suratt says.

The group, which includes Jeffrey Spees, assistant professor of medicine, has been working to create a stem cell center at UVM. Spees' role is to direct the new Stem Cell Core facility, provide expertise in stem cell biology and isolate, culture, characterize and provide the stem cells that the group uses in their research. Spees is already providing isolated cells to a number of College of Medicine investigators, as well as national and international researchers.

While at Tulane's Center for Gene Therapy, Spees and colleagues were the first to show that human stem cells could fuse with lung epithelial cells during the repair process. Spees has continued to work on cell fusion and is also examining the effects of factors secreted by bone marrow stem cells on the growth and support of native adult cardiac stem cells with the goal of finding out whether or not they will initiate repair in the heart. With Dr. David Schneider, associate professor of medicine and director of cardiology, and Dr. Burton Sobel, professor of medicine, he uses a mouse model of heart attack, which partially blocks the blood supply to the left ventricle of the heart. In their experiments, which focus on injecting adult bone marrow cells intravenously into immunodeficient mice, they have observed improved heart function in the treated mice.

"We don't actually know what the most important effects or mechanisms are," says Spees, "but you generally have improved heart function and reduced fibrosis."

The group's collective hope is to recruit additional stem cell researchers and to continue to broaden the scope of their research in the near future. With their current research efforts, available funding and proven track record in pushing forward, this new venture is becoming a reality. Stem cell researchers, like the cells themselves, are well situated to grow into new structures.

A substantially longer, and slightly different version of this story appeared in *Vermont Medicine* magazine. It is available at this link (PDF download): [The Building Blocks of New Cures](#).

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A Convergence of Environmental Experts

The nation's top environmental scientists and reporters will be at UVM for the Society of Environmental Journalists annual conference

By Jon Reidel

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Juliet Eilperin, environmental reporter for *The Washington Post*, and George Kling, a professor of ecology and evolutionary biology at the University of Michigan, engage in a mock interview for journalists. (Photo: Jon Reidel)

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Kling appears agitated by Eilperin's rather elementary questions, which are broad, basic and unfocused. He asks her if she's read *anything* at all about his research because she's coming across as uninformed. Eilperin keeps the conversation broad, seemingly fishing for a general comment about the devastating effects of new construction on the environment.

In town for the Society of Environmental Journalists annual conference, co-hosted by UVM and Vermont Law School, 50 or so environmental journalists watch the exchange on Oct. 23 at the Double Tree Hotel during "Environmental Reporting Boot Camp," a separate preliminary event sponsored by the Michigan State University Knight Center. They expected more from Eilperin, who covered the impeachment of Bill Clinton and four national congressional campaigns for *The Washington Post* and served as the McGraw Professor of Journalism at Princeton University in the spring of 2005.

Moments later, Eilperin gives them what they came for as the "real interview" begins and her line of questioning immediately flushes out pertinent information, showing how one of the nation's top journalists gets it done.

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More than 600 of the nation's top environmental experts including scientists, editors and reporters from newspapers and radio and television stations from across North America are expected to attend the SEJ conference from Oct. 25-29. Based at the Sheraton Hotel and University of Vermont Conference Center, the event is an opportunity to showcase innovative environmental practices at the university and in the state during site tours and panel discussions.

"We're very excited to be able to bring SEJ's annual conference to Vermont in 2006 to explore the region's world-renowned reputation for environmental leadership and stewardship," said SEJ Executive Director Beth Parke. "It's a great opportunity for SEJ to be able to work with UVM and VLS as partners and co-hosts in this effort. We recognize and appreciate the remarkable strengths of both UVM and VLS. "

Learning from the best

Mike Salinero, a veteran reporter with *The Tampa Tribune* who has covered the environmental beat for the past four years, says he's looking forward to learning more about the critical environmental issues of the day from the top reporters and scientific experts in the country. He will be joined by journalists from *National Geographic*, *Audubon*, *E-Magazine*, *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, ABC News, National Public Radio and dozens of others major publications, who will take tours and participate on numerous panels throughout the week including, "The Biggest Story, the Biggest Challenge: Capturing Climate Change," "Lake Champlain: Ecosystem at Risk" and "Opening Plenary: Corporate Green."

"It's a rare opportunity to be around the best people in the business," says Salinero, who signed up for a day trip to New York for the "The Historic Hudson River: Cleanup Controversy at a Superfund Mega Site" tour to help him with a piece he's writing on the Hillsborough River outside Tampa. "I'm looking forward to seeing Vermont and the university. I've read some things about Vermont being environmentally progressive, so that makes it more exciting. Plus, I've always wanted to go to Vermont. I hear it's beautiful."

Other tours include trips to different parts of Lake Champlain, Stowe Mountain, Camel's Hump, Burlington's Intervale, Shelburne Farms, Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, and Montreal. Sen. Patrick Leahy, Gov. James Douglas and Ben Cohen, entrepreneur and co-founder of Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, are scheduled to speak, along with business leaders from Wal-Mart, Coca-Cola, DuPont and DEKA, and authors Bill McKibben, Lou Kendrick and Verlyn Klinkenberg. UVM President Daniel Mark Fogel and Geoffrey Shields, president of Vermont Law School, will offer welcoming remarks and speak at other events during the week.

A conference coup

Cheryl Dorschner, communications professional in UVM's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and conference organizer, attended an SEJ conference in Baltimore in 2003 as a way of making connections between

UVM and the media. Taking it one step further, she started thinking of ways to entice SEJ organizers to come to UVM.

“When I learned that SEJ conferences change locations each year by partnering with top universities, and I saw how active both the attendees and the agenda were – traveling the region, scrutinizing environmental failures and successes, meeting in sessions that are informative and sometimes downright feisty – I saw this as a real brass ring for UVM.”

The university would partner with Vermont Law School in putting together a proposal to host the current conference. The university’s emergence as one of the nation’s premiere environmental universities with programs and research in stream and lake ecology, sustainable agriculture, forestry and environmental toxicology that span natural resources, agriculture, engineering, business, medicine and other fields helped earn the nod from SEJ.

“We partnered with Vermont Law School because it had a longstanding relationship with SEJ and with UVM,” says Dorschner. “This is an opportunity for Vermont and regional journalists to learn from their peers and for Vermont’s environmental leaders to demonstrate the state’s strengths. It is also a chance to ask journalists something we all want to hear: how they see their responsibility to report the urgency of the top issue – global warming.”

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Student Ross Nizlek's passion for renewable energy is practical: he installed solar panels on his Living/Learning suite, blogs about life without a car and just bought a "sport utility bike"

By Lee Griffin

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Second-year student Ross Nizlek isn't anti-automobile, but he is a big believer in riding his bike or using public transportation whenever possible. (Photo: Bill DiLillo)

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"I'm a big believer in not accepting what is. I'm pro-active about doing things," he says, in marked understatement. In addition to his classes — his major is economics, his minor, business administration — Nizlek tackles "a project" each semester. His weekly schedule last year included 20 hours at his Kinko's job, 20 hours on UVM Rescue, flying lessons, SGA committee work in his second semester, and a solar energy project that included living off-the-grid for 20 days at his Living/Learning suite, detailed in an informative, photo-strewn [website](#). Oh, and a little eBay business, too.

Nizlek, from Easton, Conn. — a place whose very limitations spurred his passions for recycling, renewable energy solutions, transportation innovation, and whatever else he's dreaming about since an interview with *the view* last week — finds UVM the perfect haven for his projects.

It was a partnership that almost wasn't. His accountant dad kept steering Nizlek to repeated tours of UConn, in-state tuition being dear to any parent and intuitive to a number cruncher. Ross, however, knew he wanted a campus more accessible to the outside world, one with a student-staffed emergency medical services unit (he already was a certified and experienced EMT), one not so near home. SUNY Stony Brook was looking good — and then he heard from UVM.

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"The first contact I got from UVM was a big envelope; the outside said 'Green is Good,' and it was on recycled paper," he says. Intrigued, he and dad visited campus. "We went past Bailey/Howe and saw the solar panels," which immediately upped the stakes in UVM's favor. "But it was the whole atmosphere of the campus," he says. "We went downtown on Church Street, and I said, 'I have to go here.' Ironically, in a state most people view as having nothing, I found a great place ...I love UVM and I love Burlington."

Not such small beginnings

Nizlek might not have arrived fully formed at UVM, but he was no *tabula rasa* either. His environmental concerns began in third grade, he says, with a school field trip to the Garbage Museum. In eighth grade, he bought two blue recycling bins and brought them to school to collect paper, which he took home every day and recycled with the family's trove. In high school, he lobbied the administration with a 22-page report on use reduction and recycling, but he found administrators mostly apathetic to his proposals. "They didn't seem to want to make the effort," he says. Most of his fellow students in the affluent town spurned the bottle recycling he began. Discouraged, but never defeated, Nizlek says, "I view it as a challenge," but he's grateful that apathy is not prevalent at UVM, that people here "get it."

Nizlek came to computers early, also. By sixth grade, he was a paid tutor for adults who needed a tech hand - at \$6 an hour. His fees went up as he matured; by the end of high school, he was earning \$40 an hour. "My job at Kinko's is the first time I've ever worked for anyone else," he says.

His precocious start in things technical and environmental was fostered by his family, who were energy-conscious and conservative — he has spent many an hour hauling and splitting wood for their wood furnace, Nizlek says — but his advocacy has not been without some cost to them. When his dad decided to replace his usual GM car with yet another, his son steered him into a Prius. The price tag was higher, but the federal and state tax breaks helped woo the family. Nizlek might have been a bit too pro-active with the family electrical service, however, when he signed them up for the renewable energy plan without mentioning it. But, he's won them over on that, too, helped by the home installation of the solar panel that fueled last year's campus project.

So, what have you done lately?

Nizlek admits that performing triage on his ideas can be difficult because he has so many he wants to tackle. To keep to his mandated eight hours of sleep nightly and maintain his good grades, he's taken a semester's leave from UVM Rescue, and cut back to 13 hours weekly at work. Flight lessons dissolved because of their expense.

Hardly idle, he's turned his attention to another passion, transportation. Having eschewed owning a car while at school, Nizlek gets around by bike and public transport. "I'm not opposed to people driving around; I'm

opposed when it's an absolute waste," he says. When he needed to rent a drill to install his solar panel, he made four round-trips to Home Depot in Williston - taking two buses each way (three trips for HD to find its rental drill, one for Nizlek to return it).

Despite a stolen bike (later found), and a nighttime biking accident that brought him to the emergency room for 13 stitches in his forehead, Nizlek continues to promote self- and public transport on his blog www.withoutacar.com. His related project is a map he has created on his Mac laptop showing every possible mass-transit connection between Burlington and other points in the Northeast. Part of the problem, he thinks, is just lack of awareness about what is available. The next step is finding an environmentally economical way to print and distribute the map.

Then what?

His newly purchased Xtracycle "sport utility bike" should arrive in a week or two and allow him to haul purchases or eBay shipments up and down the hill. Next semester's project is a book. Nizlek will chronicle a terrible, "post 9/11, post-Columbine" personal experience that, true to his optimistic nature, he will convert into a positive. At school year's end, he's considering biking the 290 miles home to Connecticut.

Nizlek's future probably holds multiple careers in which he hopes to meld his environmental concerns with public policy work. "What I'm interested in is consumption, how much do we need to consume," he says. "I want to pursue something in the environmental area, but I want to look at it from an economic perspective." Politics likely will be part of that future, he adds. Whatever the path, he'll continue "trying to live what I advocate and trying to raise awareness."

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WVU's McFadden Named Chair and Clinical Leader of Surgery

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Dr. David McFadden, professor and chair of surgery, surgeon-in-chief and chief of general surgery at West Virginia University, was named the Stanley S. Fieber Professor and Chair of Surgery at the College of Medicine and Physician Leader of Surgery at Fletcher Allen Health Care.

Dr. Frank Ittleman, current professor of surgery, will continue to lead the department while McFadden and his family make the transition to Vermont in January of 2007. Dr. John P. Fogarty, interim dean of the College of Medicine, and Dr. Melinda Estes, president and CEO of Fletcher Allen Health Care, made the announcement on Oct. 19.

A general surgeon specializing in surgical oncology, McFadden is also a member of West Virginia University's Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center. He earned a medical degree from the University of Virginia and completed a surgical internship and residency at The Johns Hopkins Hospital, followed by a year as Assistant Chief of Service and Instructor in Surgery at Johns Hopkins. In 1987, McFadden joined the faculty at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center and then in 1992 moved to the University of California Los Angeles, where he was named Director of the General Surgery Residency Program and Chief of the Division of General Surgery. In 2000, McFadden joined West Virginia University to serve in his current role. He also held the position of Interim Chair of Orthopedics there from 2002-03.

McFadden, who has performed funded research in the areas of gastroenterology, endocrinology, oncology and pancreatic physiology for two decades, holds a 1996 patent for a method of inhibiting the growth of pancreatic tumors. He is the author of more than 210 articles in leading medical journals and has delivered nearly 100 national and international invited presentations on his work.

Co-Editor in Chief of the *Journal of Surgical Research* since 1997, McFadden has been an active member of the Association for Academic Surgery since 1987, serving as its President and on the Board of Directors. Named one of America's Top Doctors four times, he is the recipient of two Outstanding Attending Awards at West Virginia, as well as the Dean's Award for Clinical Excellence. He has mentored medical students, residents and fellows, earning the UCLA Golden Scalpel Award for Excellence in Teaching three consecutive years.

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U.S. Poet Laureate Gives Moving Talk, Reading at Ira Allen

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Donald Hall already had a remarkable vita last spring when he was first invited to speak at the College of Medicine's Templeton Lecture in Spirituality and Medicine — former New Hampshire poet laureate, the award-winning author of multiple books of poetry, prose, children's lit and a memoir. In June, however, two weeks after accepting the Templeton invitation, all that changed. Thanks to that change, UVM was honored on October 24 with a visit from Hall in his new position as United States poet laureate.

Hall's talk and reading in Ira Allen Chapel drew more than 400 people — young and old, poets and non-poets, students, faculty and community members. Following a brief welcome by host Dr. Robert Macauley, clinical associate professor of pediatrics, and introduction by President Daniel Mark Fogel, the 78-year-old Hall slowly walked across the stage with his briefcase pressed to his side and settled himself into a green armchair next to a side table, glass of water and a reading lamp.

"I like to visit medical schools to read and talk and answer questions," Hall said softly as he pulled papers and poetry books from his briefcase. "My own connection with medicine has been cancer and a stroke myself, but my chief connection has been the 15 months I spent taking care of Jane Kenyon with her leukemia," he explained, referring to his wife of 23 years, also a poet, who died in 1995. Hall wrote and published a collection titled *Without* in response to this experience.

After reading Thomas Hardy's poem "Transformations," Hall read some of Kenyon's poems, commenting several times that she was a poet of spirit and a writer of "the kind of poetry that comes from inwardness." He then read a number of his own poems, including "The Long River," "The Child," "Reclining Figure," "Cows" and "Weeds and Peonies," between which he offered comments and observations about the poems, their inspiration or experiences related to the poems.

Following his presentation, Hall responded to several questions from the audience.

The questions included:

"Do you see poetry as efficacious in surviving the loss of Jane Kenyon?"

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Hall: “Absolutely! I don’t know how I would have stood it if I’d not had poetry . . . I wrote poems and letters to her for almost two hours per day . . . I was surviving by the art we both loved so much.”

“Are you currently working on anything now? What is your daily pattern/routine?”

Hall: “I’m writing very little now. Becoming poet laureate seems to have stopped me from writing. When I was writing I would get up at 5 or 6 a. m. and get to work on poetry first thing. Then I would go work on other things – getting wood, etc. – and then I’d go pick up my box. There might be a children’s book I was working on or something for *Yankee Magazine*.

“Based on your experiences with illness, do you have any conclusions about medicine and spirituality?”

Hall: “I’ve come to admire many members of the medical profession for what I would call their spirituality . . . their empathy. The profession seems to attract people or change the people it attracts to creatures of great intelligence and empathy.”

For more information about the Templeton Lecture in Spirituality and Medicine, call 847-2000.

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Ad Expert to Discuss Marketing and Childhood Obesity

By The View Staff

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Marvin Goldberg, the Irving and Irene Bard Professor of Marketing at Penn State, will discuss "Food Marketing and Childhood Obesity" on Oct. 30 at 5:30 p.m. in 101 Fleming. The talk is part of the School of Business Administration's Lintilhac Lecture Series. A reception will follow the free, public lecture.

Goldberg is chair of the Department of Marketing at PSU's Smeal College of Business Administration and a past president of the Society for Consumer Psychology and co-founder of the Innovations in Social Marketing organization.

His research has focused on assessing factors contributing to advertising's effectiveness, particularly the effect of advertising on children and adolescents. His research has been published in a wide variety of scholarly journals, including the *Journal of Consumer Research*, the *Journal of Consumer Psychology*, the *Journal of Marketing Research* and many others. He is co-editor of *Social Marketing: Theoretical and Practical Perspectives*. He has served as consultant to a broad array of both public and private organizations, most recently for plaintiff's counsel in tobacco-related litigation.

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Schweitzer Lectures to Cover Vermont Health Policy, Refugee Health and More

By The View Staff

Article published Oct 23, 2006

The UVM College of Medicine Schweitzer Fellows are presenting a lecture series from Oct. 24 to Nov. 4. Dates, times and topics for the lectures are as follows:

- Tuesday, Oct. 24, 12 p.m., Carpenter Auditorium. "Can We Achieve Universal Health Care in Vermont?" with Dr. Marvin Malek, medical director of Barre Internal Medicine and host of "Public Health Radio" on Vermont Public Radio.
- Monday, Oct. 30, 12 p.m. Hall A, Given Medical Building. "Understanding Intimate Partner Violence and its Health Impact," with Jeanne Kaczka-Valliere, education coordinator of Women Helping Battered Women.
- Wednesday, Nov. 1, 12 p.m. in Hall A. "Hunger in Vermont Children: Extent, Effects, and Solutions," with Joanne Heidkamp, program manager at the Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger.
- Thursday, Nov. 2, 12 p.m. 200 Medical Education Center. "From FAHC's Improving Care for Opiate Exposed Newborns (ICON) Program," with Dr. Anne Johnston of Fletcher-Allen Health Care and Victoria Kuck, ICON parent advisor.
- Friday, Nov. 3, 12 p.m., 300 Medical Education Center. "Panel Discussion: Refugee Health in Burlington," featuring Jon Bourgo, Community Health Center of Burlington; Jacqueline Rose, Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program; Dr. Nilgun Tapucu, Refugee Health Clinic; and Dana Walrath, assistant professor of medicine.

The fellows also invite the community to volunteer for the Chittenden center's lending library on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in 201 Medical Educational Center. They are collecting books for the outpatient substance abuse center throughout the week.

The current class of Schweitzer fellows in the College of Medicine comprises Gaurab Basu, Sarah Grimm, Lystra Hayden, Dung Huynh, Gilda Ngo, Ginny Van Duyne and Russ Meyer. The Vermont/New Hampshire Schweitzer Fellows program, one of several regional programs, awards fellowships to medical and legal students whose community service project proposals parallel the philosophy of Dr. Albert Schweitzer, one of the great humanitarians of the 20th century.

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Eco-Fair Celebrates Green Initiatives

By The View Staff

Article published Oct 24, 2006

The sixth annual Eco-Fair, sponsored by the UVM Environmental Council, will celebrate "all things green at UVM" with a displays, activities and a raffle. The event is Thursday, Oct. 26 runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Billings Student Center.

The event will cover everything from local food to global climate change, and will feature displays by students, faculty and campus departments.

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Environmental Lecture Looks at Global South

By The View Staff

Article published Oct 24, 2006

An environmental thought and culture brown bag lecture will take place Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 12:30 p.m. in 427A Waterman Building. The title of the series is "Researching Environmentalisms in the Global South."

Presenters include Luis Vivanco, associate professor of anthropology; Saleem Ali, associate professor of environmental studies and Pablo Shiladitya Bose, a postdoctoral fellow in geography.

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Diversity in the Field of German Lit and Language

By The View Staff

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Mary Rodena-Krasan, an independent scholar, will give a talk, "What Are You Studying That For? Minorities in the Field of Germanic Languages and Literatures," on Thursday, Oct. 26 at 4:15 p.m. in Memorial Lounge, Waterman Building.

Her talk is sponsored by the Department of German and Russian.
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Health Experts to Discuss Bird Flu Threat

By The View Staff

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On Thursday, Nov. 2, a panel of three health experts will discuss “The Coming Pandemics: Myth or Reality” at 7 p.m. in Ira Allen Chapel.

Organized by the Vermont Council on World Affairs and Fletcher Allen Health Care, the event will bring Dr. Nils Daulaire, president and CEO of the Global Health Council; Dr. Christopher Grace, professor of medicine and head of infectious diseases at FAHC; and Sharon Moffat, interim commissioner of the Vermont Department of Health, together to discuss the threat of a global avian flu pandemic.

The panel will discuss the facts surrounding the potential pandemic and address what is being done in preparation locally.

The event is free and open to the public, but a \$5 donation is suggested.

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Speak-Out to Address Sexism and Violence

By The View Staff

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On Thursday, Oct. 26, Men Advocating Change, a UVM student organization dedicated to promoting gender equality and ending sexism and violence, will hold a speak-out on the steps of Waterman at noon.

The speak-out is the culmination of the group's October white ribbon campaign. Throughout the month, the organization has been handing out white ribbons for individuals to wear as a pledge never to commit violence against women.

At the speak-out, members of the group will address the importance of discussing these issues in public and provide the opportunity for members of the UVM community to share what the campaign means to them.

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Acclaimed Folk Artist to Play at UVM

By The View Staff

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On Friday, Oct. 27, the Lane Series will host Grammy-nominated guitar player and singer/songwriter Eliza Gilkyson in the UVM Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m.

A recent inductee of the Austin Music Hall of Fame, Gilkyson's music has been described as "lush and passionate" by the *New York Times* and "startlingly intimate in a beautifully lived-in voice" by the *Boston Globe*. She has toured the United States and Europe since the 1960's and has released several popular records, including *Hard Times in Babylon*, *Lost and Found* and *Land of Milk and Honey*.

Her current tour is in promotion of her latest release *Paradise Hotel*, which appeared on *New York Times* critic Jon Parales' Top Ten Discs of 2006.

Student tickets will be available for \$8 at the door with a UVM ID starting at 7:15 p.m. For advance tickets, call the Flynn Center Box Office at 86-FLYNN or order [Lane Series](#) online.

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Awards and Honors

Judith Van Houten, director of Vermont EPSCoR and professor of biology, received the 2006 Jackie M. Gibbons Leadership Award from the the Office of Vermont Women in Higher Education. The award is presented to a woman who has demonstrated leadership ability, served as a model and mentor, developed innovative programs, and contributed significantly to the institution and profession.

Robyn Warhol, professor of English has been elected to the Supervisory Board of the English Institute. Located at Harvard University, the English Institute has for decades provided an ongoing discussion of new developments in scholarship, literary criticism and literary theory at an annual conference. For a three-year term, Professor Warhol joins nine other board members in planning topics and selecting speakers at the institute.

Xindong Wu, professor and chair of computer science, received the IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (IEEE ICDM) outstanding service award. Wu founded the annual conference, and has been the driving force for many of its initiatives. He is internationally known in the field of data mining research, with extensive publications in top-tier journals and conferences. IEEE ICDM will take place in December in Hong Kong.

Dr. **John Murray**, clinical professor of pediatrics, and **Robert Klein**, a third-year medical student, were among several individuals honored at the Vermont Medical Society's 193rd Annual Meeting at the Basin Harbor Club in Vergennes, Vt., on Oct. 14. Murray, who practices at Timberlane Pediatrics in South Burlington and Burlington, was recognized for providing 38 years of exceptional health care to children in Chittenden County with the 2006 Distinguished Service Award; the highest honor that the society can bestow on one of its members. Klein received a \$10,000 Mildred A. Reardon, M.D. Scholarship from the Vermont Medical Society Education and Research Foundation (VMSERF), which is named in honor of Mildred Reardon, M.D., professor emerita of medicine, in recognition of her instrumental role in forming the VMSERF. The scholarship is given annually to a medical student who is committed to practicing medicine in Vermont after completing residency training and is funded through generous contributions from Fletcher Allen Health Care, members of the Vermont Medical Society, and the Chittenden County Medical Society. Klein is an elected member of the College of Medicine's Wellness Committee and has participated in the Smile Docs program, which brings

health concepts and lessons to local elementary school classrooms. He is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society, a co-leader of the Wilderness Medicine interest group, and was the co-recipient of the B. Albert Ring Memorial Award.

Howard Ball, professor emeritus in political science, **Stewart Alexander**, associate professor in the music department, and **Robert Bartlett**, associate professor in political science, were awarded Fulbright Scholarships for 2006-2007. Ball is spending six months at the University of Szeged in Hungary as a distinguished lecturer on American Constitutional Interpretation. Alexander returned in May of 2006 after spending ten months in Oaxaca, Mexico conducting research at the Black Mexico Association on "Afro-Mestizo Identity: Music and Culture in Mexico's Costa Chica." Bartlett is scheduled to conduct research and serve as a distinguished lecturer on "International Cooperation in Environmental Policy; EU Institutions and Civil Society Governance in Italy" at Polytechnic Institute of Turin, Italy from February to May of 2007. The Fulbright Program, America's flagship international educational exchange program, is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and has exchanged approximately 273,500 people in over 150 countries. Recipients of Fulbright Scholar awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement and because they have demonstrated extraordinary leadership potential in their fields.

Publications and Presentations

Wolfgang Mieder, professor and chair of the Department of German and Russian, is the co-author of two books. Together with his former UVM master's student **Andreas Nolte**, he published *'Ich habe den Kopf so voll: Wilhelm Heine als sprichwortreicher Literat im 18. Jahrhundert in Switserland*. The book investigates the literary use and function of proverbs and proverbial phrases in the novels, essays and letters of the 18th-century German author Wilhelm Heine. Mieder also teamed up with his Hungarian colleague and friend Anna T. Litovkina for a book titled *Old Proverbs Never Die, They Just Diversify: A Collection of Anti-Proverbs*, published jointly by the University of Veszprém (Hungary) and the University of Vermont. The book contains over 5,000 humorous and satirical proverb parodies in the form of puns, one-liners, toasts, wisecracks, quotations, maxims, jokes and graffiti.

Deborah O'Rourke, assistant professor of rehabilitation and movement sciences, served on the planning committee for an interdisciplinary training titled "Synergy for Success: Using a Team Approach to Managing Childhood Arthritis," that will be held Nov. 3 at the Lake Morey Inn in Fairlee, Vt. Designed for a wide range of pediatric professionals, including school nurses, home health staff, physical and occupational therapists, as well as medical practitioners, the seminar is co-sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation, the Vermont Department of Health, the UVM Center on Disability and Community Inclusion, the UVM College of Nursing and Health Sciences and Department of Rehabilitation and Movement

Sciences, as well as the American Physical Therapy Association Section on Pediatrics and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont.

Dr. **James Hudziak**, professor of psychiatry and medicine, co-authored a paper titled "Genetic Analyses of Maternal and Teaching Ratings on Attention Problems in 7-year-old Dutch Twins" in the November 2006 *Behavioral Genetics*.

Appointments

Wanda Heading-Grant has been named interim associate provost for multicultural affairs. She begins work in her new capacity as UVM's chief diversity officer on Nov. 27; she is currently an associate dean in the College of Education and Social Services.

October 25, 2006

Publications and Presentations

Carolyn Bonifield, assistant professor of business administration, and co-author Catherine Cole of the University of Iowa had a manuscript accepted for publication in the peer-reviewed *Marketing Letters*. The manuscript, "Affective Responses to Service Failure: Anger, Regret, and Retaliatory versus Conciliatory Responses," uses an appraisal-tendency framework to predict how two negatively valenced emotions (anger and regret) underlie or mediate the effects of consumers' appraisals about service failure on post-purchase behaviors. They also extend the same appraisal-tendency framework to predict how changes in emotions underlie the effects of recovery efforts on post-purchase behaviors. Bonifield and Cole also had a book chapter accepted for publication in the forthcoming book *Handbook of Advertising*, to be published by Sage Publications. The peer-reviewed manuscript, "Advertising to Vulnerable Segments," examines the impact of persuasive messages on potentially vulnerable consumers, with a focus on two demographic groups: children and older adults.

Carolyn Bonifield, along with co-author Hisashi Kurata of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, had a manuscript accepted for publication in the peer-reviewed *Journal of Revenue and Pricing Management*. "How Customization of Pricing and Item Availability Information Can Improve E-Commerce Performance," examines how two characteristics of e-commerce, the ability to customize a marketing plan according to customers' purchasing patterns and the ability to selectively offer item availability information, can increase firms' potential to improve their performance.

Deborah O'Rourke, assistant professor of rehabilitation and movement sciences and a physical therapist, is an invited panel presenter on "Pain Management in Children and Adults with Special Health Needs" at the 2006 Association of University Centers on Disabilities Annual Meeting and