CESE Hosts Annual Tempest Williams Student Dialogue

The Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education held its sixth annual Terry Tempest Williams Student Dialogue, entitled “Ocean Conservation and Sustainability” on Thursday, October 27, 2011 in FGCU’s Student Union Ballroom. The event was a great success, with students, faculty, administrators, and community members all participating in the exciting and educational evening.

Panelists for this year’s event were Vikki Spruill, President and CEO of the Ocean Conservancy in Washington D.C., and Sheila Bowman, Senior Manager of Outreach and Education for the Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch Program in Monterey, California. Both speakers delivered dynamic presentations that included the effects of climate change on ocean health, plastic pollution in our oceans, BP oil spill recovery efforts, ocean sustainability, overfishing, shark finning, aquaculture pros and cons, and contaminants in seafood.

The panelists also discussed ways each of us can help to protect our oceans. The event included educational exhibits from local conservation organizations, campus institutions and student groups, such as Seafood Savvy, The Oyster Reef Restoration Project, and the American Water Resources Association. In total there were nineteen organizations and groups who came early to the Dialogue to spread their own message about “Ocean Conservation and Sustainability.”

At the beginning of the Dialogue, were the event’s Distinguished Keynote Listeners were recognized including, Provost Ronald Toll, Seafood Savvy Coordinator Capt. Jeff Werner, Director and Co-Founder of Sanibel Sea School Dr. Bruce Neill, and Collier County’s Sea Grant Agent Bryan Fluech. These respected community leaders were recognized for their contributions to ocean conservation and sustainability in southwest Florida.

Each year the Center looks to inspire the intellectual climate among the FGCU and Southwest Florida communities. The Terry Tempest Williams Student Dialogue is a signature event of the Center and is intended to spark youth action. It focuses on education for a sustainable future, including students’ roles in the natural, cultural, social and political environments.

For more information on “Ocean Conservation and Sustainability” or the Center please contact Center Director Peter Blaze Corcoran by phone at (239) 590-7166 or by email at cese@fgcu.edu.
Dear CAS Colleagues,

I hope that your semester has been productive and fulfilling. As you will read in the pages that follow, the College of Arts and Sciences has hosted a number of exciting events this Fall, such as the Sanibel Writers’ Conference, the Terry Tempest Williams Student Dialogue, and numerous music, art and theater performances.

Fall has brought changes for many members of the CAS family. We note with sadness the passing of our colleague Kelly Chen. We welcome our new CAS Advisor Kim Hemler, and our new Advising Secretary Kendra Carboneau. We congratulate Patricia Rice on her new role as CAS Office Manager—and editor of this newsletter.

We would like to extend a special appreciation to Jim Wohlpart, who has left CAS this Fall. Jim was among the group of USF-Fort Myers faculty who helped shape FGCU before we even opened our doors to students. He has served the college in many capacities, including Division Chair and more recently, Associate Dean. Through his tireless committee work and unrelenting enthusiasm, Jim has done much to build a culture of excellence within the College of Arts and Sciences. We wish Dr. Wohlpart the best in his new role as Dean of Undergraduate Studies and take comfort in knowing that while he has left CAS, he is still close by.

As a way to celebrate the end of the semester and the beginning of the holiday season, I hope you can join me for the CAS Holiday Gathering on December 16. In the meantime, I hope your Fall semester wraps up well.

Best Regards,

Donna Henry
Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
Professor of Biology
The Passing of a Dear Friend

Zhao “Kelly” Chen, associate professor of mathematics, joined FGCU in the fall of 2004 as an assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor in June 2009. She published work in her area of statistics, fulfilled consulting duties for various outside firms, and assisted with the growth in the department’s statistics classes to the point where over 1300 students enrolled in statistics classes in the fall 2011 semester. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Peng Feng, associate professor of mathematics at FGCU. The University has established the Kelly Chen Scholarship in her honor. Please contact the Foundation regarding any donations.

CAS Advising Welcomes Two New Hires in Fall 2011

Kendra Carboneau joins the Advising Department from the Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education at FGCU, where she served as program assistant for two years. Committed to the environment, she previously worked as a marketing assistant for a major electronics recycling company. Her background includes the creation of marketing and educational materials associated with the impact of e-waste on the environment.

In her spare time, Kendra volunteers with FIRST Robotics (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology). FIRST is an organization founded by Dean Kamen “to transform our culture by creating a world where science and technology are celebrated and where young people dream of becoming science and technology leaders.” Most recently, she served as a judge for the FIRST LEGO League Florida State Championship in Melbourne, Florida.

Kim Hemler joins FGCU from South Florida Community College in Avon Park, Florida, where she worked in the Advising and Counseling Office as an Academic Advisor. Kim earned her undergraduate degree in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences from the University of West Florida and her M.S. in Continuing Education in Counseling and Psychology from the University of West Alabama. She has two grown daughters, Ashley and Shannon and two stepchildren, Erin and Kyle. She spends her time watching Sci Fi with her husband Chuck and enjoys outdoor activities like hiking, biking and the beach with her 14 year old stepson Kyle. She has two dogs and a cat, Charlie (Shih Tzu), Lola (Corgi), Keiko. She is excited to move up to the University level and be close to the beach!

New Hires for Fall 2011

CAS welcomes the following faculty to the College:

Bower School of Music
Tobin Stewart, Assistant Professor

Department of Biological Sciences
John Herman, Visiting Instructor I

Department of Chemistry & Mathematics
Cara Brooks, Assistant Professor
Rob Nichols, Visiting Instructor I
John Reilly, Associate Professor
Shaun Sullivan, Visiting Assistant Professor
John Wang, Instructor I

Department of Communication & Philosophy
Megan Altman, Visiting Lecturer
Kimberly Huff, Instructor I
Michael Kennedy, Visiting Instructor I
Richard Kenney, Associate Professor
Amanda Parke, Visiting Instructor I

Department of Language & Literature
Allison Dieppa, Instructor I
Jason Elke, Instructor I
Joyce LaOrden, Instructor I

Department of Marine & Ecological Sciences
Felix Jose, Assistant Professor
Joanne Muller, Assistant Professor
Katherine Wahlberg, Visiting Instructor I

Department of Social & Behavioral Sciences
Lisa Booth, Visiting Instructor I
Jessica Doll, Assistant Professor
Terence Leary, Instructor I
Jan-Martijn Meij, Assistant Professor
Elena Stepanova, Assistant Professor
Habtamu Tegegne, Assistant Professor
Adam Zaleski, Instructor I

Department of Visual & Performing Arts
Michael Salmond, Assistant Professor
Jessica Tam, Visiting Instructor
FGCU Expands Partnership with University of Brest

Florida Gulf Coast University signed a Memorandum of Agreement to exchange faculty, students and staff with University of Brest (Université de Bretagne Occidentale; UBO) and the Center for Documentation, Research & Experimentation on Accidental Water Pollution (Cedre) in France, formalizing a long-standing partnership with UBO. University of Brest is a comprehensive regional University in Brittany, France which houses the European Institute of Marine Sciences (IUEM) and has strong ties with the French Research Institute for Exploration of the Sea (IFREMER).

The Department of Marine & Ecological Sciences has been hosting visiting scientists and students from UBO since 2006, which has resulted in multiple funded projects between the two institutions. Recently, FGCU and University of Brest were awarded the prestigious Marie Curie International Outgoing Fellowship earlier this year to host Dr. Ludovic Donaghy at FGCU. Dr. Donaghy will spend two years at FGCU and one year back at UBO investigating the effects of harmful algal blooms on the cellular and sub-cellular responses of shellfish. In addition, FGCU, UBO and Cedre have collaborative projects investigating the effects of the Deepwater Horizon oil and dispersants on marine organisms.

The partnership between Cedre and FGCU/UBO not only increases the benefits of the project goals, but it also provides opportunities for students from both institutions to pursue a Ph.D. which is otherwise unavailable to FGCU graduate students. Currently five Ph. D. students from FGCU or UBO conduct their research at FGCU as part of these collaborative projects.

Donna Henry said, “The agreement with UBO will provide exciting opportunities for CAS students and faculty across areas of research and teaching. I look forward to continuing to support exchanges and to seeing the growth and development of the joint programs.”

While this agreement mainly focuses on collaboration between marine and natural sciences programs, there is strong interest between institutions to expand the partnership to other programs in the near future. Representatives of UBO and IUEM will visit FGCU in the Spring of 2012 to engage in the development of further collaborations between FGCU and UBO.

More information related to UBO, IUEM, IFREMER, and CEDRE please go to:
- [http://wwz.ifremer.fr/brest](http://wwz.ifremer.fr/brest)

FPAN Updates

Please welcome Melissa Timo as the new Outreach Coordinator for the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) Southwest Region. She is a native of southwestern Pennsylvania, where she completed her Bachelor of Science degree in Anthropology and Archaeology at Mercyhurst College. She is currently working to complete her Masters degree in Historical and Public Archaeology at the University of West Florida. Melissa has recently completed a job with the National Parks Service at Cumberland Gap National Historical Park in Middlesboro, Kentucky in conjunction with the Student Conservation Association’s Cultural Resources Diversity Internship Program. Although she has worked at a variety of archaeology jobs in both the public and private sector, she is excited to rejoin FPAN to help promote southwest Florida’s rich archaeological heritage to the public through education and outreach. She worked previously with FPAN’s Northwest Region as a public archaeology assistant and was the recipient of the FPAN’s 2008 UWF Graduate Assistantship.
FGCU Faculty Member Receives Fulbright Award

CAS is pleased to announce that Michael R. McDonald, Ph.D., Professor of Anthropology has been selected as a Fulbright Scholar by the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. Michael will travel to the Republic of Croatia to teach in the Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Zadar during the 2012 academic year.

A founding faculty member in FGCU’s College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. McDonald has led the development of FGCU’s Anthropology Program, won several awards for teaching and service and has focused his scholarly interests on the anthropology of food and nutrition. While abroad, Professor McDonald will continue his ethnological research on changes in local foodways including the imminent effects that EU membership will have on household wine-making customs of the Dalmatian Islands. In addition, Dr. McDonald will consult with administrators and faculty members at the University of Zadar on matters of curriculum development and offer seminars on the anthropology of food.

Dr. McDonald is one of approximately 1100 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad this year through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program. The Fulbright Program, America’s flagship international educational exchange program, is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Since its establishment in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the Fulbright Program has provided approximately 294,000 people – 108,160 Americans who have studied, taught or researched abroad and 178,340 students, scholars and teachers from other countries who have engaged in similar activities in the United States – with the opportunity to observe each other’s political, economic, educational and cultural institutions, to exchange ideas and to embark on joint ventures of importance to the general welfare of the world’s inhabitants. The Program operates in over 155 countries worldwide. Recipients of Fulbright awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields.

Faculty Presents at the Central Eurasian Studies Society

Laliyakhon Yakhyaeva, and Adjunct instructor in History, recently participated in two panels during the Central Eurasian Studies Society 12th annual conference in September. Laliyakhon presented two papers, “Globalization and Popular Culture in Central Asia” which was organized by Dr. Adams, Director of Davis Center, Harvard University and “Contemporary Independent Islamic Literature in Central Asia” which was organized by Dr. Abramson from the United States State Department.

The conference was held at Ohio State University, hosted by the Center for Slavic and East European Studies, the Middle East Studies Center and the East Asian Studies Center.

The Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) is a private, non-political, non-profit, North America-based organization of scholars who are interested in the study of Central Eurasia, and its history, languages, cultures, and modern states and societies. The Central Eurasian region includes Turkic, Mongolian, Iranian, Caucasian, Tibetan and other peoples. The purpose of the CESS is to promote high standards of research and teaching, and to foster communication among scholars through meetings and publications.
Honors student and Psychology major Jennifer Dake, CAS’s first student to spend a semester in Salzburg, Austria successfully completed her stay there in July and returned to FGCU with the feeling that it has changed her life forever. Jennifer pictured here at Liechtenstein Castle just outside Vienna with FGCU education major, Michael King, is now the Peer Advisor in our International Services Office helping other students experience the magic of studying abroad. She also very gladly visits classes to talk about the opportunities a semester abroad offers, so do take advantage of her presentation.

Nils and Stefan, two of last year’s international students from the College of Business, also visited Vienna during summer break. Here they are pictured at Carol Fulton’s home in Vienna, along with with Michael King, who attended a two-month intensive German course in Vienna for the second year in a row.

Approximately 30 German and international students joined four faculty members to celebrate this year’s 201st anniversary of Oktoberfest at Carol Fulton’s house on Fort Myers Beach. A good time was had by all and the number of schnitzels and bratwursts that were eaten can’t be far behind what was consumed in Munich.

Delphine Gras will be presenting a French Film Festival in the spring. Look for details to come. It will be a very exciting new event, so please support it.

The language team from the Department of Language and Literature has also been busy with French, Spanish and German Tables, which are open to students and members of the community to get to know one another while practicing their language skills in a relaxed, casual setting. Meetings are held every third week at local restaurants, so please join us and spread the word. Details can be obtained through any of our language teachers.

On September 23, 2011 the Whitaker Center for STEM Education held a STEMinar to welcome our members and meet and greet new faculty to fall 2011. The event was held in Holmes Hall Faculty Lounge. PowerPoint slides from our members highlighting previous STEM Activities provided new and potential members with a view of the kind of projects and research that is supported by the Whitaker Center. Our very own David Green solicited input and ideas for future Center projects. We continue to receive applications (from both faculty & students) for Mini-Grants for research and Travel Grants for attending conferences.

On October 24th Whitaker Center, along with the office of Service Learning and Civic Engagement and the College of Arts and Sciences, sponsored FGCU’s second all day Environmental Service Learning Workshop led by Dr. Robert Franco from Kapi‘olani Community College in Hawaii. Dr. Franco shared his unique approach to including service learning in curriculum across disciplines. There were 40 attendees from various institutions including FGCU, Edison College, CREW Trust, the Conservancy of SW Florida, Mosquito Control, Calusa Nature Center, Peace River Wildlife Center, Charlotte Harbor National Estuary and Lee County Parks and Recreation.

On November 18th, Whitaker Center’s SENCER Team [Science Education for New Civic Engagements and Responsibilities] offered a Brown Bag STEMinar updating their progress in incorporating SENCER goals into their courses. The discussion with interested faculty was on how we can interest more students in STEM learning and strengthen their understanding of science as they make meaningful contributions to their communities.
Sanibel Island Writers’ Conference Wrap Up

The 6th annual Sanibel Island Writers Conference was held at Big Arts and the Sanibel Island Public Library from November 3-6. Over 150 registrants, including 70 FGCU students, attended morning writing workshops in fiction (plot & structure, satire, the novel, short stories, young adult), poetry, songwriting, memoir, creative nonfiction and journalism; afternoon readings, panels, and discussions; and nighttime concerts, readings, and keynote address. Nighttime events held in Big Arts’ Schein Hall were free and open to the public.

On Thursday, Nov. 3, acclaimed singer-songwriters Dan Bern and John K. Samson performed solo concerts. Bern has released over a dozen albums and written songs for movies such as Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story, Get Him to the Greek, and Jimmy Carter: Man From the Plains. Bern is the author of the novel Quitting Science and the travelogue World Cup. Samson is the singer and songwriter for The Weakerthans, an award-winning Canadian rock band that has released five CDs. His poetry and prose has appeared in Matrix Magazine, Geist, The Believer, and Post-Prairie—an Anthology of New Poetry. He lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba, where he’s also the managing editor and co-founder of a small publishing house, ARP (Arbeiter Ring Publishing). In 2010, Samson was named Arts Ambassador of Winnipeg. His forthcoming solo album, Provincial, and book, Lyrics and Poems, 1997-2012, will both be released in January 2012.

Henry Rollins’s “An Evening of Storytelling,” which was sponsored by Student Government and a variety of student clubs, drew a near-capacity crowd (including President & Mrs. Bradshaw) on Friday, Nov. 4. Rollins spoke for two hours about his reading & writing habits, his humanitarian work and travels to India, Haiti, Russia, and South Africa, and his adventures as the lead singer of Black Flag & the Rollins Band. After the show, Rollins stuck around for an hour and a half to pose for photos, sign books, and chat with fans. When he’s not busy touring the world and publishing books, Rollins hosts a weekly radio show on L.A.’s renowned NPR affiliate KCRW, is a regular contributor to Vanity Fair.com with his “Straight Talk Espresso” blog, and recently joined forces with National Geographic as host of a series of television specials.

Veteran filmmaker and novelist John Sayles delivered the keynote address on Saturday, Nov. 5. Sayles’s most recent novel is the critically acclaimed A Moment in the Sun (2011, McSweeney’s), and his most recent film is Amigo (2010). Sayles discussed his passion for historical fiction, as well as the differences between telling a story in a book and with film. Sayles is the writer and director of 17 films, including Matewan, Sunshine State, Lone Star, Eight Men Out, and Brother From Another Planet. He has been nominated for two Academy Awards, a National Book Award, and is the recipient of a McArthur Fellowship Award. Bestselling author Steve Almond opened by reading a story from his new collection God Bless America.

In addition to the artists mentioned above, the following authors, literary agents, and editors met with students throughout the weekend to discuss reading, writing, and the literary market:

- Lynne Barrett (fiction/editor)
- Nickole Brown (poetry/editor/publicist)
- Kevin Canty (fiction)
- Ron Currie Jr. (fiction)
- John Dufresne (fiction)
- Carmen Edington (editor)
- William Giraldi (fiction/editor)
- Barbara Hamby (poetry)
- John Hoppenthaler (poetry)
- Christopher Joyce (NPR-writing for radio)
- David Kirby (poetry)
- Robert Root (creative nonfiction/editor)
- Christopher Schelling (literary agent)
- Laurel Snyder (YA lit)
- Darin Strauss (memoir)
- Jay Wexler (creative nonfiction)
- Thomas Williams (novella/editor)
- Tom Zoellner (investigative journalism)

A group of over 30 volunteers—coordinated by Department of L&L Instructor Lori Cornelius and comprised of FGCU staff, faculty, and students—helped with everything from setting up, directing traffic, recording & photographing events, registering participants, chauffeuring people around the island, and cleaning up. Thanks to Lori & her team, everything ran smoothly.
Teaching Innovation Series

The opening seminar for the Fall 2011 Innovations in Teaching series began with a plea “Please don’t eat the crayons!” Rather than a discourse on alternative nutrition, Mary Kay Cassani and David Green engaged faculty in the use of drawing in the classroom as a way to enhance student understanding.

Drawing engages students in all of the modalities of learning. Visual and kinesthetic learning (learning by doing) are obvious for drawing; however, drawing in the classroom setting also involves auditory learning through group discussion, and learning through reading/using the textbook as a reference. Add in an emotional response (preferably positive) and learning increases. Group drawings address all four modalities plus the emotional response as students engage each other in discussion over the drawing.

Seminar participants were challenged to draw the organisms in an ecosystem, label trophic levels, and trace the flows of energy and nutrients through their ecosystem. A lively discussion and “AHA!/UhOh!” moments ensued as faculty groups found gaps in their ecosystems dynamics. Using drawing, particularly in sequences or stages, allows instructors to present content stepwise and breaks up lecture. Presenting the drawing in stages gives students and instructors the opportunity to identify gaps and misconceptions in student knowledge.

Critical thinking is an important part of learning, as faculty learned to their chagrin during the seminar. Peer review can be problematic for students critiquing each other’s work without guidance. Using the 4Cs model, faculty were able to experience critique firsthand as they evaluated each other’s drawings. The 4Cs model asks three questions: Is the drawing Complete? Is the information Correct? Is the drawing Clear? Finally, Comment on what the authors did well and how the drawing could be improved.

The seminar concluded with a discussion among faculty about how these techniques can be applied in their discipline and in the classes. And all of the crayons were recovered intact!

Visit the web page to view the schedule for this semester, past semesters, as well as resources that faculty have used in their presentations at www.fgcu.edu/CAS/tis.html.

Department of Language & Literature’s
2nd Annual International Lunch

On Friday October 28th, 2011 we had a room full of people desirous to widen their horizons and meet people from all over the world at our second International Lunch.

And we did just that! With more than 10 languages represented, we had the privilege to travel the world right from campus, learn snippets from various languages, celebrate diversity and travels, and, of course, enjoy some fantastic international food.

So thanks to all of you, international or domestic students and professors who attended. That’s how international connections and understanding get started.

And thanks to the Department of Language and Literature, Multicultural Student Services, International Services, and the Bon Appétit French Bistro for making this project a reality, and who knows, maybe a wonderful FGCU tradition!
**Face-to-Face: Conversations with Journalists**

New Journalism Program Receives $42,000 Grant from the McCormick Foundation to Lead Virtual Conversations with Hard-to-Reach Journalists

Florida Gulf Coast University’s newly created journalism program has been awarded a $42,000 grant from the Robert R. McCormick Foundation to launch Face-to-Face: Conversations with Journalists. The grant will allow high school, undergraduate and graduate students from across the United States to talk virtually with journalists who have covered news in hard-to-reach areas. “These are journalists whom students would never otherwise meet,” said Lyn Millner, who created the project. “Students will learn how these reporters make decisions, verify information and report the truth—especially in challenging environments.”

FGCU will partner with Poynter’s News University in St. Petersburg, Fla., and with Stony Brook University’s Center for News Literacy in Long Island, NY, to produce the Face-to-Face conversations. Millner and new associate professor of journalism Rick Kenney will develop companion teaching resource materials as part of the project.

“We welcome FGCU to our grantee portfolio,” said McCormick Foundation Journalism Program Director Clark Bell. “News literacy anchors our strategy of building a more informed, news-literate and engaged citizenry. We expect the FGCU-Stony Brook-Poynter collaboration will make a major contribution to the effort.”

Face-to-Face is part of a national news literacy education movement, which FGCU has brought to southwest Florida. FGCU is one of only two higher-education institutions in Florida that are formally involved with Stony Brook’s Center for News Literacy.

“Poynter NewsU is excited that these conversations will be a resource for teachers from around the world,” said Howard Finberg, News University’s Director of Interactive Learning.

The first Face-to-Face conversation will be held in January 2012. High schools and universities may apply to participate in a Face-to-Face conversation at Poynter’s NewsU: [www.newsu.org/fgu-face2face](http://www.newsu.org/fgu-face2face)

For more information contact Lyn Millner at (239) 590-7257 or lmillner@fgcu.edu.

**Florida Panther Posse Camera Captures Image of Panther at Refuge Wildlife**

On October 7, around 11AM, FP183 male Florida panther posed for a Kodak Moment. He was traveling west under State Road 29 in the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge. FWC Panther Wildlife Biologist, Marc Criffield said FP183 wears a Lotek GPS collar that sends them text messages through the cell towers, but FP183 must have switched the phone to vibrate as he has not been answering his phone. The photo showed that he moved 5.8km (3.6miles) and crossed the road twice in the three hours between the flight location on the refuge and this photo.

The FWC Panther team fly over panther habitat every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from the Naples Airport, to monitor the radio collared panthers.

The motion cameras are purchased by the Florida Panther Posse, collecting “Pennies for Panthers”, and other donations. View more incredible panther and wildlife photos on the FGCU “Wings of Hope” Website: [www.fgcu.edu/cas/wingsofhope](http://www.fgcu.edu/cas/wingsofhope)
Fall Choral Festival

On October 21 the Bower School of Music hosted its Fall Choral Festival. Over 200 high school students participated in the event led by Dr. Trent Brown, Assistant Professor of Music. Students rehearsed with Dr. Brown in preparation for a combined chorus performance with all participants. The visiting high school singers also received vocal instruction from Dr. Jeanie Darnell, Head of Vocal Studies and Associate Professor of Music, and participated in a choral masterclass with guest clinician Dr. Tony Thornton, Director of Choral Activities at the University of Massachusetts – Amherst. The event concluded with a concert that featured each of the participating high school choral ensembles, the festival’s Outstanding Soloist, the FGCU Chamber Choir, and the combined chorus of over 200 voices. The students enthusiastically expressed their enjoyment of the day and commented that FGCU is now a “strong possibility” for their university of choice upon graduation. Their reasons included the beautiful campus, the wide range of majors offered at the university, and the ability for the students to continue making music in college regardless of their degree plan.

Bower School of Music Events

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Center for Judaic, Holocaust & Human Rights Studies

On **November 8th 6-8 PM** in the **Student Union Ballroom** the Center for Judaic, Holocaust, and Human Rights Studies, in partnership with FGCU’s Hillel, presented a short film, lecture, and discussion in commemoration of Kristallnacht. Attendees learned about the infamous “Night of Broken Glass” when Nazis coordinated the first massive attacks against Jews throughout Germany and Austria—an event that heralded the horrors to follow. For two days starting on November 9, 1938, Jews were beaten and murdered, their homes and businesses looted and destroyed, and synagogues burned. A short film, *Kristallnacht Remembered* by Evie Sullivan, was also presented which included interviews with three Viennese Jews who survived the pogrom in Austria, where all of Vienna’s synagogues and prayer houses were destroyed and 6500 Jews were taken into custody, more than half sent to the Dachau concentration camp. The film showing was be preceded by a brief lecture by Holocaust historian Gerry Melnick and followed by a special guest, Ann Jacobson, who lived with her family in Vienna during the pogrom and shared her personal account of the event. The event was free and open to the public. The event was also covered by Eagle News. To read their article, please go to [http://www.eaglenews.org/holocaust-survivors-remember-kristallnacht-1.2667494#](http://www.eaglenews.org/holocaust-survivors-remember-kristallnacht-1.2667494#).

On **Wednesday, November 30th 7–9 PM** in the **Student Union Ballroom**, the Center hosted “Let’s Talk”: a Dialogue among leaders of local Christian, Jewish and Muslim congregations. The dialogue focused on recent controversies and provocative statements by public officials which have heightened a sense that the major Abrahamic faiths have always been in conflict. This interfaith event challenged these ideas by asking what do Jews, Muslims, and Christians have in common? What divides them? What is the relation between the religions and theologies of these faiths, and the political movements that proclaim their respective banners? The talk was moderated by Rabbi James Rudin and featured a panel with Rabbi Jeremy Barras, Abdul'haq Muhammad, Rev. Dr. Kathleen L. Kircher. A discussion followed the panel with Rabbi James Peman, Rabbi Adam Miller, Pastor Walter Still, Ann Jacobson and Dr. Gerald Melnick as facilitators. This program is underwritten in part honoring the memory of Saul Stern and is free and open to the public.

For more information, please contact Myra Mendible, Interim Co-Director of the FGCU Center for Judaic Studies, the Holocaust, and Human Rights Studies: 239-590-7182; mendible@fgcu.edu
Alumni Updates

Jeremy McGuire graduated from FGCU with a degree in Biology and a minor in Chemistry in Spring 2006. As a biology student at FGCU, Jeremy completed an internship at Specialists in Reproductive Medicine and Surgery, PA, Fort Myers, Florida. Not only was he successful in his internship, but he stayed at the laboratory and engaged in research with Dr. Craig Sweet and his team. His research in cryopreservation of mouse embryos led him to successful completion of his biology senior research project and presentation and also led to a monetary award in scientific research by the Whitaker Center Fall 2006 in a student competition. After graduation he joined Neogenomics Laboratories in Fort Myers where he worked in the cytogenetics laboratory performing cell cultures, karyotyping (human chromosome analysis) and FISH (fluorescent in situ hybridization) analysis. After a year he became a NCA certified cytogenetics technologist. Jeremy had the opportunity to go to New York to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center for a position doing cytogenetic research in their core facility. The experiences at MSKCC provided Jeremy exciting and profound research experiences in a world renowned cancer hospital and research facility. There he continued to do cell cultures, karyotyping, and FISH using human and mouse cells. He worked closely with investigators to help design experiments as well as help analyze data, and also made and tested FISH probes for experiments. In Jeremy’s words, “The experience and connections I gained while working at MSKCC were priceless.”

Jeremy was accepted at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center at the University of South Florida and began his graduate studies Fall 2011. He is now into his first semester of studies and is completing his first lab rotation in a drug discovery lab at Moffitt. Jeremy reported, “When I graduated from FGCU, I knew that I wanted to go to graduate school, but I was not sure exactly in what field I wanted to specialize. After being exposed to cancer biology, I knew that this was the field in which I wanted to contribute. It took a few years to get to graduate school, but I would not change a thing in the past six years since leaving FGCU.”

Jo Ann Wilson, Ph.D., Professor, Biological Sciences stated that, “Jeremy was a pleasure to work with throughout his undergraduate education here at FGCU. I am very proud of Jeremy and his successful pursuits. This is a young man to watch for in the future as I believe he will make wonderful contributions to mankind. The H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center at the University of South Florida is a leading institution of basic and clinical research, and patient treatment is an ideal fit for Jeremy’s intellectual pursuits and positioning himself for the future in cancer research.”

Student Highlights

Two of our Environmental Sciences MS candidates recently received recognition for their poster presentations. Laura Markley won best student poster at the 2011 Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation meeting in Daytona Beach, and Lacey Heine won best student poster at the Sixth Symposium on Harmful Algae in the United States in Austin, TX.

Congratulations to you both!
Mark Your Calendar

Pictures of Resistance: The Wartime Photography of Jewish Partisan Faye Schulman
January 3 – 30 at the FGCU Art Lab
January 3: Art Lab Gallery Opening Reception and Guest Lecture: 4-6 PM
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Scenes from a Collection
January 13 – February 9
FGCU Art Gallery

Martha Bireda, Keynote Speech:
Re-Segregation in the Post-Brown Era
January 19 at the FGCU Student Union Banquet Room
(Co-sponsored with Community Outreach & Student Services)

Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead
by Bert V. Royal
Directed by Tyler Layton
February 15 – 19 & February 22 – 26

Jansen, Mueller, and Sonnenberg:
Lessons in Expression, Conceptualism and Abstraction
February 23 – March 22
FGCU Art Gallery

JHHR Center Night: The Wedding Song
on campus screening: 7-9 PM
French Film Festival/African American History Month
February 22
Lecture: John Cox