

CMC Currents

Grant Will Fund New Introductory Science Courses

CMC has received a \$250,000 grant from the Fletcher Jones Foundation to develop a suite of new introductory science courses over two years, to be taught in cooperation with The Keck Graduate Institute.

The new courses will fulfill a general education requirement and redefine the College's expectations for introductory science education. Departing from the traditional laboratory model of instruction, the new courses would instead feature lecture, discussion, case study, and project-based teaching to demonstrate the interplay among basic science, applied science, economic market forces, and public policy, says Chris Wiedey, director of foundation and corporate relations.

By building around student interest and linking subject matter to other parts of the curriculum, pathways to other science courses and interdisciplinary major programs would be created—potentially boosting enrollment in science beyond the general education requirement.

“The primary goal of this project is to redefine the general education science model for non-science majors in Claremont,” Wiedey says.

Cognitive neuroscience and government major Kenisha Marks '09 is one student with a strong interest in coursework such as Science, Management, and Technology: Neuropharmacology, a model for future introductory science course development taught by Joint Science Department Chair Newt Copp, the Sidney J. Weinberg Jr. Professor of Natural Sciences, and Steven Casper, the Henry E. Riggs Professor of Management at KGI.

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Antecol lectured on her current research, *The Opt-Out Revolution: Do Women Leave the Workforce for Motherhood?*

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Heather Antecol Installed as James G. Boswell Associate Professor of Economics

A reception and dinner honoring the installation of Heather Antecol as the James G. Boswell Associate Professor of Economics was held April 23 at the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum.

Antecol joined the faculty of Claremont McKenna College in 2001. The fifth holder of the James G. Boswell Chair in Economics, she serves as director of the Berger Institute for Work, Family, and Children, as well as a research fellow at the Institute for the Study of Labor and Metropolis British Columbia.



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Janet Kiholm Smith, the Von Tobel Professor of Economics and dean of The Robert Day School of Economics and Finance, says Antecol exemplifies the teacher-scholar model. "She is an award-winning teacher who makes economics accessible to students through lively class discussion."

Antecol earned her B.A. and M.A. from Queen's University and her Ph.D. from McMaster University, both in Ontario, Canada.

Professor Emeritus John Roth Gives Holocaust Remembrance Address

Professor Emeritus John K. Roth, founding director of The Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights, was a featured speaker during the California State Assembly's annual Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom Hashoah) observance on April 27.

Roth's remarks emphasized the significance of survivors and liberators alike, urging that the Holocaust always be remembered because the genocide of European Jewry at the hands of the Nazis during World War II remains an extremely dark chapter of human history. "We forget it at our peril," he said. "Out of the Holocaust's ashes, important steps were taken, including the UN's Declaration on Human Rights and its Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

"In no way, of course, do those positive steps 'make up' for the Holocaust," Roth cautioned. "To the contrary, we remember the Holocaust to remind ourselves of how little has been accomplished, how much there is to do, as genocide and other mass atrocity crimes (ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity) continue to besiege the world. We remember the Holocaust to hold ourselves accountable."

Mike Feuer '80, a California assemblyman representing the 42nd district, invited Roth to address the Assembly in Sacramento.



Roth at the State Capitol

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Dinner Honors First Graduates of RDS Scholars Program

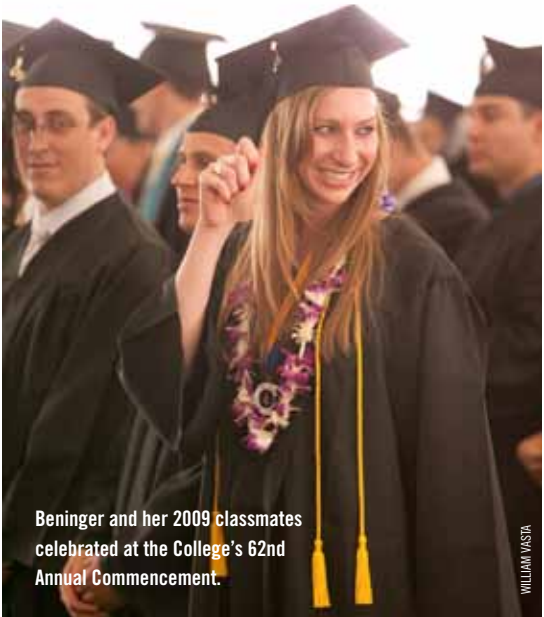
The Robert Day School of Economics and Finance at Claremont McKenna College honored its first graduating class of RDS scholars during a dinner in April. The evening included remarks from Trustee Robert Day '65 and Janet Kiholm Smith, dean of the Robert Day School.

Fourteen of the graduating scholars will join the ranks of firms such as Bank of America, Deloitte, Deutsche Bank, Houlihan Lokey, J.P. Morgan, and Cambridge Associates. True to the program's goal of preparing students for leadership roles across a variety of sectors, psychology major Christy Ferioli '09 plans to pursue public interest law and will attend Stanford Law School in the fall, while Nathan Barrymore '09, a philosophy, politics, and economics major, will join Teach for America and then enroll in graduate school.

"We are very proud of this first class of Robert Day Scholars," says Smith. "They certainly exemplify the standards of this program."



Trustee Robert Day '65 awards an RDS stole to one of the program's graduating seniors. The teal stoles were worn by the RDS scholars during Commencement in May.



Beninger and her 2009 classmates celebrated at the College's 62nd Annual Commencement.

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Anna Beninger '09 Wins NSF Research Fellowship

Anna Beninger '09 has been selected to receive a 2009 National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship award of \$122,500 over three years. She says she will use the funds to pursue a master's degree in social and cultural psychology at the London School of Economics, and then a Ph.D. in social psychology at a yet-to-be-determined university in the United States.



The award, given annually, recognizes the abilities and accomplishments of students as well as their potential to contribute to strengthening the vitality of U.S. science and engineering enterprises.

"Throughout my tenure at CMC, I have been actively involved in psychological research," Beninger says. "This year, I conducted an empirical honors thesis on the factors affecting the likelihood an individual would initiate negotiation for compensation."

Beninger received a Berger Institute Research Fellowship to fund that study, and presented the results of her thesis at the UCLA Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference in May.

The graduating RDS scholars, with Day, President Pamela Gann, and Smith: from left, Christy Ferioli '09, Benjamin Taborsky (HMC), Erin Young (HMC), Max Davidson '09, Nathan Barrymore '09, Peteris Liepins '09, Katherine Bobroff (SCR), Chris Brigham '09, Scott Arnold '09, Naomi Bogdonas '09, Peter McGah '09, Robert Day, Tejas Gala '09, Russell Chidester '09, Nick Burnett '09, Brittney Watson '09, Thomas Church (POM), Patrick Foley (HMC), Smith, Gann.

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Armed with freshly minted diplomas and words of wisdom from Surin Pitsuwan '72, secretary-general of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the Class of 2009 transitioned into the ranks of CMC alumni at the College's 62nd Annual Commencement.



A congratulatory hug



From left to right, Ward Elliott, the Burnett C. Wohlford Professor of American Political Institutions; Distinguished Commencement Speaker Surin Pitsuwan '72; Alfred Balitzer, government professor emeritus; and Harry McMahon '75 P'08 P'09, chair of the Board of Trustees



Gregory Hess, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, presents Pitsuwan with an honorary doctor of laws degree.



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Faculty Marshal William Ascher, the Donald C. McKenna Professor of Government and Economics and recipient of the G. David Huntoon Senior Teaching Award, led the procession.

Class of 2009 Raises Thousands for Gift Challenge

Thanks to an impressive outpouring of support, CMC's Class of 2009 raised more than \$15,000 in donations and matching grants during the Senior Class Gift campaign.

According to Andrew Carrillo, senior associate director of annual giving, the campaign ended with a 98.4 percent participation rate and \$5,897 raised. That amount, combined with the Parent Network Challenge grants, brought the total amount raised by the class to \$15,846. The participation rate—the second-highest in CMC history—was a significant improvement from last year's 95 percent.

"A number of students expressed appreciation for the education they received at CMC, designating their gifts to things like scholarships, athletics, and institutes," says Carrillo. "Many members of the class commemorated the class effort—led by the Senior Gift Committee and chairs Naomi Bagdonas '09, Andrew Bogrand '09, and Jack Evert '09—with gifts of \$62 representing their status as CMC's 62nd graduating class."



Evert and Bagdonas

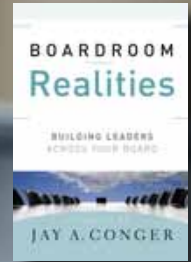
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In *Boardroom Realities: Building Leaders Across Your Board* (Jossey-Bass, 2009), **JAY CONGER**, the Henry R. Kravis Research Professor of Leadership Studies, offers perspectives on corporate governance and performance, including why boards can and should provide leadership of their management teams and companies, and how a board's leaders emerge. The book's content stems from the Kravis Leadership Institute's 18th Annual Kravis-de Roulet Leadership Conference, *Leading Corporate Boardrooms: The New Rules*, which focused on how strengthening the leadership role of directors can create a healthier balance of power between the CEO and the board.



This book—Conger's 14th—builds upon his long stream of research on executive leadership and the development of leaders. An earlier book, *Corporate Boards: New Strategies for Adding Value at the Top* (Jossey-Bass, 2001), examined which of the many boardroom governance practices were in reality best practices. Conger's current projects look at how companies can more effectively develop executive level talent and how successful leaders make choices about career opportunities.

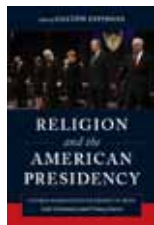


Gastón Espinosa, the Arthur V. Stoughton Associate Professor of Religious Studies, has edited three books:



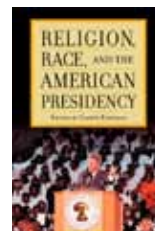
Mexican American Religions: Spirituality, Activism, and Culture (Duke University Press, 2008) is a collection of essays that presents a multidisciplinary inquiry into the role of religion in the Mexican American

community. Analyzing the influence of religion on Mexican American literature, art, activism, and popular culture, scholars of religion, Latin American, and Chicano/a studies as well as of sociology, anthropology, and literary and performance studies, make the case for the establishment of Mexican American religious studies as a distinct, recognized field of scholarly inquiry.



Religion and the American Presidency: George Washington to George W. Bush with Commentary and Primary Sources (Columbia University Press, 2009) examines how presidents have drawn upon their religious upbringing,

rhetoric, ideas, and beliefs to promote their domestic and foreign policies to the nation. “The combination of analytical essays on thirteen presidents plus excerpts from their writings about religion gives students all they need to delve into the heart of this tangled, enduring issue,” says Richard Bushman, Gouverneur Morris Professor of History emeritus, Columbia University. “Gastón Espinosa’s long introduction lays out the issues and provides a wealth of information. An extremely useful book.”



Religion, Race, and the American Presidency (Rowman & Littlefield, 2008) examines the complex and often contradictory relationship between the American presidency and key racial

and religious voting constituencies such as African Americans, Latinos, Jews, Muslims, Asian Americans, Mainline Protestants, Evangelicals, Catholics, women, and seculars over the past forty years. The paperback edition will be released this October with a new capstone chapter, Religion, Barack Obama, and the 2008 Election. “This rich book throws new light on the complex relationship between religion, race, and the presidency,” says Isabelle Richet, Université Paris-Diderot, France.



Andrew E. Busch, professor of government, and John J. Pitney Jr., the Crocker Professor of Politics (along with the University of Virginia’s James W. Ceaser), have written *Epic Journey: The 2008 Elections and American Politics* (Rowman

& Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2009), drawing on their extensive knowledge of political history and current political science to provide a comprehensive and authoritative account of the presidential, congressional, and state elections. Busch, who also serves as associate dean of the faculty, recently was named the Ann and Herbert W. Vaughan Visiting Research Fellow for 2009-2010 at the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University.



John K. Roth, the Edward J. Sexton Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, has edited *The Double Bind of Ethics after the Holocaust: Salvaging the Fragments* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2009), which explores

what can be done in ethical theory and practice to respond effectively to the impact of the Holocaust and genocide, not only assessing the weakness of ethics in standing firmly and effectively against human-made destruction but also indicating steps of salvage and retrieval that need to be taken if ethics is to be a significant presence in a world still besieged by genocide and atrocity.



Ralph A. Rossum, the Salvatori Professor of American Constitutionalism and director of the Rose Institute of State and Local Government, with G. Alan Tarr, has updated two books: *American Constitutional Law: The Structure of Government, Volume I*, and *American Constitutional Law: The Bill of Rights and Subsequent Amendments, Volume II* (Westview Press, 2009).