

## College of Arts and Sciences

State of the College, October 8, 2008  
Inessa Levi, Dean

“Success is never final,  
failure is never fatal –  
It is courage that counts.”

— Rob Gilbert



50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the College of Arts and Sciences  
“The secret of success is constancy to purpose.” – Benjamin Disraeli

More than 24,000 alumni

Some of our alumni include:

- Many of our faculty and staff
- Gary Baise, Washington, DC attorney
- Chris Begley, CEO Hospira, a global specialty pharmaceutical company
- John Hallwas, WIU Distinguished Professor Emeritus of English
- Bruce Gebhardt, former Deputy Director of the FBI and current VP-Global Security for MGM Mirage Corporation
- Patrick Magoon, CEO Children’s Memorial Hospital
- John Mahoney, Actor
- Mary Matalin, American political strategist and consultant
- Zack Stamp, Springfield attorney
- Norman Teeter, substance abuse treatment pioneer
- Dan Webb, nationally known attorney

## Courage to be our best

- Focus on students and student success
- Align institutional, unit, and individual faculty goals for continuous improvement of all matters affecting the College
- Link resource allocation to strategic goals:
  - Higher Values in Higher Education
  - College and departmental plans (CRBR)

## CAS: Student recruitment

- Participated in 120 individual student recruitment activities including, but not limited to:
- Discover Western, Welcome to Western
  - On-campus activities by departments including Journalism Day, Biology Day, Math Competition, Geology Museum programming, Creative Writing Festival
  - Summer programs for gifted and talented high school students (Girls Plus Math, EarthWatch at Kibbe)
  - NEW: Increased CAS recruitment grants from \$300 per department to \$500 per program

## CAS: Student recruitment (continued)

- Events designed to connect with regional educators at feeder institutions:
  - Conferences e.g. WIU History Conference, ICTM Mathematics Teacher’s Conference, ISMAA Mathematics Conference
  - Collaboration with community colleges regarding the undergraduate LAS degree and other programs
  - Foreign Language Action Group Meetings
- Scholarships
  - Second Annual Homecoming Scholarship Fund Raising Dinner on October 17, 2008

## Attractive in-demand programs New Programs in 2007-2008

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing, four-year degree\*
- Nursing degree completion program
- Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Master of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Religious Studies Major
- Anthropology\*
- Environmental GIS post-baccalaureate certificate
- Five-year integrated BS and MS in Physics
- Minors: Survey Research, Function Morphology and Structural Anatomy, and Film

\* Subject to approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE)

## First year successes

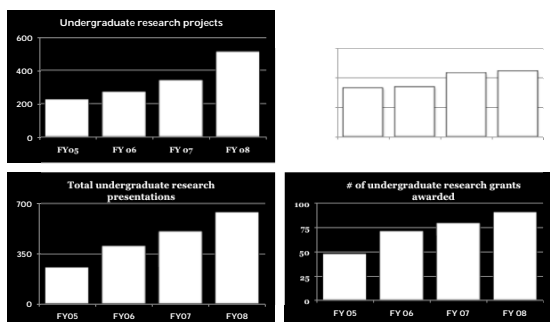
- The undergraduate Liberal Arts and Sciences degree program enrolled 21 students
  - 7 on the Macomb campus
  - 14 on the Quad Cities campus
- The nursing completion program enrolled 6 students
- Religious Studies enrolled 7 students
- Tenure track positions replaced three FYE positions (Anthropology, Biological Sciences, Religious Studies)



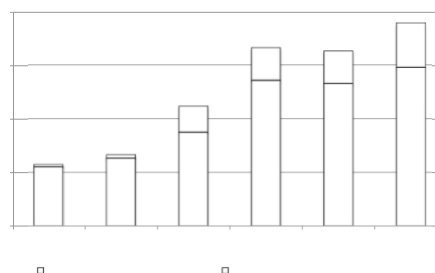
## Quality student experiences: real world research, creative activities, experiential learning

- Undergraduate research support, mentoring programs
- Western SCAI (Scholarly and Creative Activity Institute)
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Center
- Western Survey Research Center
- Psychology Clinic
- Institute for Environmental Studies
- Alice L. Kibbe Life Science Station
- Rodney and Bertha Fink Environmental Studies Field Laboratory and Conservancy
- Ira and Reatha T. Post Wildlife Sanctuary (Vishnu Springs)
- Other faculty-supported engagements

## CAS: Undergraduate research - life-long learning



## CAS Participation in Undergraduate Research Day



## CAS: Quality student experiences

- Citizenship
  - American Democracy Project
  - John Hallwas Liberal Arts Lecture with Constitutional Scholar Rick Hardy
- Mock elections
  - More than 3,000 students and 70 faculty from across the university: follow-up surveys
- Panels providing political analysis
- Election night party
- NEW: Student Professional Development Support Grants**



## Selected conferences and lectures, 2008

- Morrow Lecture by Bernd Heinrich, University of Vermont (02/06/08)
- 57th Annual WIU Mathematics Teachers Conference (03/28/08)
- 19th Annual Illinois Student Research Conference (03/28/08)
- Inaugural Dinosaur, Fossil, and Vertebrate Conference (04/03/08)
- Lola Austin Case Writer-in-Residence programs with Mandy Smoker Broaddus, a.k.a. "M.L. Smoker" (04/3-5/2008)
- 34th annual African Literature Association Conference held on Macomb campus (04/22-27/08)
- 33rd Annual History Conference (04/26/08)
- Inaugural Upper Mississippi River Conference (08/21-23/08)
- Sixth annual John Hallwas Liberal Arts Lecture given by CAS Political Science Chair Rick Hardy on the Macomb (09/15/08) and Quad Cities campuses (09/16/08)
- Annual Mary Olive Woods Lecture in Philosophy and Religious Studies by Michael Ruse (09/25/08)

## Select diversity initiatives

African American Studies (AAS) continues to develop programs in the Quad Cities and has partnered with organizations including the WIU-QC Black Students Association and Positive Brothers and Sisters, Inc. to present MLK Day and other events in the Quad Cities

AAS continues its work with the Macomb "Building the Black Community" project through a mentorship between senior students and faculty who serve as role models for young children and youth

Biological Sciences hosts P.R.I.M.E. at the Kibbe Life Sciences Station, which supports summer programs for disadvantaged youth in the region

- Mathematics hosts the annual Girls Plus Math summer camp
- First WIU Minority Dissertation Fellow (Political Science)

## Focus on faculty - Faculty Excellence Awards

Teaching: Amy Carr, Philosophy and Religious Studies

CAS & Provost's Research/Scholarly Activity: Efrain Ferrer, Physics

Service: Matt Blankenship, Psychology

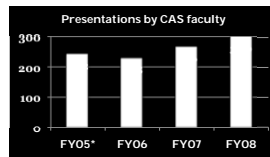
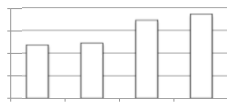
Undergraduate Research-Recent : Lee Brice, History

Undergraduate Research- Career: Mike Romano, Biology

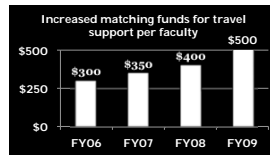
Teaching with Technology: Heather McIlvaine-Newsad, Sociology and Anthropology

- Internationalizing the Campus: Vin Auger, Political Science
- Multicultural Teaching: Marjorie Allison, English & Journalism
- Provost's Outstanding Adviser Award: Ellen Poulter, English & Journalism

## Accomplishments: Support and enhance faculty excellence; publications and presentations



- Increased match for travel support to \$500
- CAS Provided more than \$50,000 in support of faculty travel to professional conferences during FY 2007-2008.



## Extramural funding 2005-2008 Submissions



## CAS Goal: Enhance faculty excellence

### External funding received

- Twenty-two grants were successfully funded in FY08, which totaled \$865,212; this compares to 16 grants funded for \$773,126 in FY07

### Faculty Mentoring

- Fall 2007
  - Yongxin Deng, Geography
  - Richard Filipink, History
- Spring 2008
  - Matt Blankenship, Psychology
  - Virginia Jelatis, History

- Research grant brown bag symposia
- Humanities research and reading group

## Funds generated by the GIS Center and Western Survey Research Center

- The GIS Center generated \$231,800 in fee-based revenue for FY08, compared to \$97,000 in FY07
- The Western Survey Research Center generated \$61,846 in grants and contracts in FY08, as compared to \$310 in FY06 and \$459 in FY07

### Extramural funding: Congratulations to award 2007-08 recipients

Recipients of grants totaling more than \$50,000 during FY08

- Richard Mathers, et al: \$235,220 (William Faulkner, Co-PI)
- Chad Sperry: \$193,080
- Rick Anderson: \$144,114
- Leslie Melim: \$72,553
- Vivian Incera, \$60,000 (Efrain Ferer, Co-PI)
- David Rohall: \$60,646

### Extramural funding: Congratulations to award 2007-08 recipients

Other grant recipients

- Larry Balsamo
- Ginny Boynton
- Jack Huang with Co-PI Lisa Wen
- Sean Jenkins with Co-PIs: Rick Anderson, Ken McCravy, Susan Meiers, Mike Romano, Timothy Spier
- Susan Meiers
- Abdul-Rasheed Na'Allah
- Timothy Spier

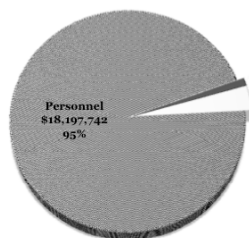
### Internationalization

- WISE Mexico
- WISE Spain
- Exchange program with Bilkent University; Ankara, Turkey
- International grants, collaborations
- Exploring development of global partnerships Thailand and Korea

### CAS in 2007-2008: Budget support for existing programs

- Undergraduate research, all departments
- Technology/Equipment
- Renovations
- Travel
- Grant matches
- Start-ups
- Conferences and Speakers

### CAS 2007-2008 Budget \$19,093,007



### Budget support for existing programs: Faculty recruitment and support

- 15 successful tenure/tenure track searches in 8 departments
- College contributed over \$40,000 in support for searches
- New computers to all new tenure/tenure track faculty
- CAS Provided \$175,000 in start-up funds to new faculty in:
  - African American Studies, Biological Sciences, Institute for Environmental Studies, Chemistry, Geology, Physics, Psychology
- Faculty travel matches, faculty mentor program, URC support — over \$70,000

**Budget support for existing programs:  
Equipment purchases - over \$315,000**

- 85 computers: For new faculty and current faculty
- Improved electronic classrooms in 12 departments (African American Studies, Biological Sciences, English and Journalism, Foreign Languages and Literatures, Geography, Geology, History, Mathematics, Philosophy and Religious Studies, Psychology, Sociology and Anthropology, and Women's Studies) through the purchase of projectors, computers, digital presenters, or white boards.
- Scientific equipment or supplies for Biology, Chemistry, and Geography
- Safety equipment for Chemistry

**Renovations - over \$170,000**

- Complete remodel of the Department of African American Studies main office complex
- Two single offices for faculty sharing office space in Morgan Hall
- Geography computer laboratory in obsolete laboratory space
- Second Nursing laboratory
- The Political and Historic Memorabilia Museum (in progress)

**CAS Advancement**

- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the College of Arts and Sciences
- The CAS Advancement Board has met twice:
  - Zack Stamp, Cathy Early, Pam Hoffman, Tom Dunstan, Lorraine Epperson, John Hallwas, Yan Lwin, Norman Teeter, Patrick Magoon
- CAS Case Statement of support for the capital campaign completed
- Visited alumni, friends, and donor prospects in the region, as well as in Chicago, Boston, San Diego, Saint Louis, Las Vegas, Kingman, AZ
- Second annual scholarship fund raising dinner
- Dan and Laura Webb Scholarship and Endowed Professorship in Political Science
- Rodney and Berth Fink Field Laboratory and Conservancy
- Bertha Greishaber Fink Nursing Scholarship

**College of Arts and Sciences  
Colleague recognition, 2007-2008**

- Faculty granted tenure
  - Rumen Dimitrov, Mathematics
  - Jenq "Jack" Huang, Chemistry
  - Shazia Rahman, English and Journalism
  - Jack Thomas, English and Journalism
  - Laura Ebert Wallace, Sociology and Anthropology

**College of Arts and Sciences  
Colleague recognition, 2007-2008**

- Faculty promoted to associate professor
  - Patricia Anderson, Sociology and Anthropology
  - Janna Deitz, Political Science
  - Rumen Dimitrov, Mathematics
  - David Lane, Psychology
  - Lia Petravicci, Mathematics
  - Bonnie Sonnek, English and Journalism
- Lora Ebert Wallace, Sociology and Anthropology

**College of Arts and Sciences  
Colleague recognition, 2007-2008**

- Faculty promoted to full professor
  - Keith Boeckelman, Political Science
  - Tracy Cruise, Psychology
  - Scott Holt, Biological Sciences
  - Jenq "Jack" Huang, Chemistry
  - Bill Knight, English and Journalism
  - Kim McClure, Psychology
- Jim Olson, Mathematics




**New faculty**

*Presented in alphabetical  
order by department*




**Sue Hum-Musser**  
*Biological  
Sciences*

*PhD  
University of  
Arkansas*




**Neil Baird**  
*English and  
Journalism*

*PhD  
University of  
Nevada-Reno*




**Everett  
Hamner**  
*English and  
Journalism*

*PhD  
University of  
Iowa*



**Timothy  
Helwig**  
*English and  
Journalism*

*PhD  
University of  
Maryland*




**Peggy Otto**  
*English and  
Journalism*

*University of  
Louisville  
(will defend  
10/26)*



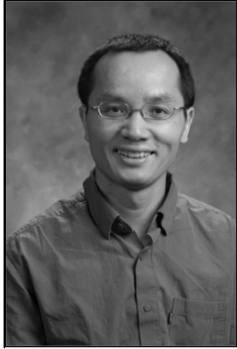
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Garrido  
*Foreign  
Languages and  
Literatures*

*PhD  
University of  
Illinois at  
Urbana  
Champaign*




Fuyaun  
Liang  
*Geography*

*PhD  
University of  
Georgia*



Tim Roberts  
*History*

*PhD  
University of  
Oxford*




Ute  
Chamberlain  
*History*

*PhD  
Arizona State  
University*



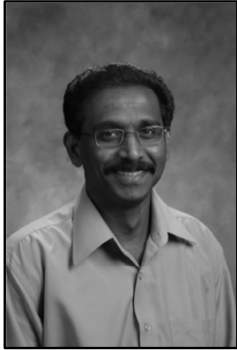
Betsy Perabo  
*Philosophy and  
Religious  
Studies*

*PhD  
Yale University*




P.K. Babu  
*Physics*

*PhD  
India Institute  
of Science  
(Bangalore)*



Reginald Adkisson  
*Psychology*  
  
*PhD*  
*Wichita State University*



Sandra Nash  
*Nursing*  
  
*MSN*  
*University of Wisconsin*  
*(pursuing PhD)*



Davison Bideshi  
*Sociology and Anthropology*  
  
*PhD*  
*University of California, Riverside*




Nancy Schaefer  
*Sociology and Anthropology*  
  
*PhD*  
*University of Aberdeen, Scotland*



Jess White  
*Sociology and Anthropology*  
  
*PhD*  
*University of Iowa*



New staff of the  
Office of the Dean



Andrea  
Jenkins  
*Instructional  
Technology  
Systems Manger*




Karmon  
Runquist  
*Instructional  
Technology  
Systems  
Manger*



**College of Arts and Sciences  
Future directions**

"He who stops striving to be better  
stops being good."  
Paraphrasing Oliver Cromwell, Statesman (1599 – 1658)



**Future directions -  
Academic Excellence: Focus on Students**


- Develop/review/support attractive in-demand programs
  - Assessment: NCA, NCATE
- Identify, promote, and extend opportunities for:
  - Student/faculty research
  - Experiential/service learning
  - Appreciation of diversity
  - Internationalization
  - Citizenship: American Democracy project, election night coverage, mock elections follow-up
- First Year Experience
- Liberal education
- Enhance learning environment
- Student recruitment – programs, grants, scholarships

**Future directions -  
New Academic Programs**

- Nursing BSN program
- Anthropology BA
- Quad Cities and Macomb
  - Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Sciences
  - Master of Liberal Arts and Sciences
  - Environmental GIS post-baccalaureate certificate
- Integrated Masters and baccalaureate programs
- Needs assessment for Environmental PhD

**Future directions - Academic  
Excellence: Focus on Faculty**


- Faculty research, scholarship, professional development (continual support)
- Service, outreach, and community involvement
- Interdisciplinary developments
- Diversity
- Enhance work environment
- Linking resource allocation of the strategic goals
- New science building
- Advancement



Direction: Excellence

**Excellence can be obtained if you:**  
**...care more than others think is wise;**  
**...risk more than others think is safe;**  
**...dream more than others think is practical;**  
**...expect more than others think is possible.**

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State of the College  
October 2, 2008

Thank you

