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## Multiple Scholarships Bring a World of Experience to LAS Graduate

by Brian Flood



Liat Shetret. Photo by Roberta Dupuis-Devlin.

Liat Shetret has served as an officer in the Israeli military and worked as a camp counselor in the Wisconsin North Woods. She's lived in four countries and she speaks three languages.

As a UIC student, she received nearly 30 scholarships and fellowships for academic excellence, leadership and public service. Shetret just graduated from UIC — magna cum laude with a double major in political science and psychology — and received the Riddle Prize, UIC's top undergraduate award, named for former Chancellor Donald Riddle and his wife, Leah.

"She is an inspiration for students at UIC. She demonstrates what you can achieve through dedication and diligence," says Matthew Lippman, professor of criminal justice who was Shetret's Honors College fellow.

The record of her accomplishments reveals a resilient spirit and determination to succeed. "I was born in the United States when my parents were stationed in the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C. My dad works in Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He had a different country assignment every three or four years," says Shetret, 25, an American-born Israeli who has also lived in Egypt, Israel and the Philippines.

At age 18, she began mandatory military service with the Israeli Defense Forces.

Within a year she completed the first coed officer training course.

As an officer she trained and oversaw troops while coordinating logistical support for missions. Simultaneously, she was enrolled in international relations courses through the Open University of Israel. One week after completing her three-year service, Shetret headed to the United States with a book bag and \$600.

"The idea of coming to America was very much to explore my American identity and sort of bridge America and Israel in one person, which up to that point had been segregated."

Shetret spent the latter part of the summer in Chicago and decided to explore her academic career. After gaining conditional admission to UIC, Shetret challenged herself academically and took advantage of every opportunity UIC has to offer.

As someone who has been financially independent since age 16, her scholarships and fellowships — such as the nationally prestigious J.W. Saxe Award and McKelvie Scholarship — were very important; they allowed her to spend summers in study abroad and distinguished scholar programs.

"I wouldn't be where I am now if it wasn't for a lot of UIC people," she says.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Photo by Roberta Dupuis-Devlin.

Greetings Friends of LAS!

It's an exciting time to be at UIC. Our fall is off to a tremendous start. I joined the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences as Dean in mid-August, and already it is clear to me that we are on the path to brilliant futures.

We all can ensure that LAS continues to provide foundational learning in a diverse urban environment, and ensure that there is no end to the success we reach. I'd like to share with you some recent points of LAS pride that I hope make your commitment to our college even stronger.

**600** new students advised by our dedicated LAS advisors in summer '07.

**9297** undergraduate students enrolled in LAS this fall, 97 over our goal.

**4** dynamic LAS professors received Fulbright Scholar grants for the 2007-08 academic year. They are among 800 recipients of the highly competitive award given out each year in the U.S.

**16** alumni began the 14th year of the LAS Alumni Association, planning events that connect students, faculty, and alumni that enhance our brilliant future.

**19th** of September: the Grant Hall Grand Re-Opening and the dedication of the Sandi Port Errant Language & Cultural Center, made possible by the generosity of Sydney Port.

**\$61.9** Million: the amount we will raise through the Brilliant Futures Campaign currently taking place at UIC and in LAS.

In addition to these milestones, I am looking forward to pursuing a few other goals that will help strengthen LAS and its future.

*I am committed to fostering curricular innovations that are ever more interdisciplinary and that make the very best use of our intellectual resources.*

*I am very interested in expanding opportunities for undergraduate students to participate in and conduct independent research with faculty members. This will serve to make our students more competitive in graduate admissions and to expose them to some of the career options available in research.*

*We will be looking closely at graduate student support and ways that we might be able to become more competitive in this area with our peer institutions.*

*We will be taking a look at our undergraduate programs to make sure that we are graduating a greater share of LAS students in four years. This seems even more important in light of the university's four-year guaranteed tuition program.*

*And we will, of course, be working very hard with our alumni, friends, and partners to meet our goals for LAS in the Brilliant Futures Capital Campaign.*

Exciting progress is abounding this fall in LAS. I invite you to be part of it! Come to a campus event, hire a UIC student as an intern, make a gift to LAS that's meaningful to you, and spread the word about our Brilliant Futures.

Dwight A. McBride, Ph.D.  
Dean



## Farewell to Michael Lieb

*World-renowned Humanities scholar retires*

*By Nancy S. Gebhardt*



*Michael Lieb and his wife, Rosalyn. Photo by Nancy Gebhardt*

Having begun teaching in the Department of English in 1970, Michael Lieb is about as senior a faculty member as anyone can be at UIC. He is retiring after 37 years as Professor of English and Research Professor of Humanities.

Lieb taught a variety of courses in LAS, both in English and in the Jewish Studies Program, including undergraduate and graduate courses as well as seminars and institutes for postdoctoral faculty. His accomplishments have been recognized in the form of fellowships from the UIC Institute for the Humanities and the appointment to Research Professor of Humanities.

Lieb had tasted the sweet fruits of retirement for only a few weeks when I talked with him at a reception given by the Jewish Studies Program recently, to honor him for his years of leadership and service. With his lovely wife Rosalyn at his side, he advised us all with a characteristically wry grin that “this retirement thing is all right.”

Mary Beth Rose, Director of LAS’s Institute for the Humanities, said that Lieb “hasn’t just added luster to our department through his scholarship, although he has certainly done that. He is also remarkable for his superb teaching, his interest in everyone else’s work, his tolerance, good humor, warmth and the dignity he brings to every encounter and endeavor in which he is involved.”

Over the years, Lieb has participated in many hiring committees and dissertation committees so his influence will

become his legacy here at UIC. He has been recognized by the Milton Society of America numerous times and was also the Alan M. Hallene Senior University Scholar of the University of Illinois of 1988-90.

Mark Canuel, Head of the English Department, said that “Michael Lieb has always demonstrated the most admirable combination of great scholarship and committed teaching for which all professors are always striving. Rigorous, curious, and generous as a thinker, Lieb has inspired – and continues to inspire – generations of students and colleagues at UIC and far beyond.”

Richard Levy, on the faculty of both History and the Jewish Studies Program, says that “his presence as a world-renowned scholar gave us credibility when we needed it most, at the early stages of our development” in reference to Jewish Studies.

While he’s retiring from teaching, Michael Lieb will continue to do research into prophets old and new. He is currently writing an article on Ezekiel and the Nation of Islam for the Oxford University Press and co-editing the Oxford Handbook to the Reception History of the Bible. The Institute for the Humanities is sponsoring a conference in November highlighting Lieb’s work at which our former dean, Stanley Fish, will present work along with many other distinguished scholars. See the Institute’s website for further details on the conference.

## Charitable Giving Through Capital Gain Tax Strategies



As fall reaches its full glory and the holidays approach, many people begin to think about year-end tax planning. If you do, think also about the powerful impact a charitable gift to support the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences can have. It’s amazing what can happen when you give someone a chance to succeed.

Promising young people prepare for a wide variety of careers and are given a foundation for life-long learning that only an education in liberal arts and sciences can offer.

Excellence in teaching and research is maintained when outstanding faculty can be recruited and – just as importantly – be retained.

In learning centers in science, math, and language and culture, students can talk with other students in their fields, join study groups, meet with tutors and faculty, and have access to advanced learning tools and equipment.

For many people, year-end tax planning includes offsetting capital gains and losses in their investment portfolios. Capital gain tax strategies can be used in charitable giving. When they are, both income tax savings and life-changing gifts are the result.

**Appreciated Securities** Did you know that it is more tax-effective to donate stocks, bonds and mutual funds than to sell them and give cash? You can deduct their full market value as a charitable gift, and you avoid the capital gain tax you would have owed if you had sold them.

**Depreciated Securities** Don’t forget securities that have accrued losses! For depreciated securities, it is more tax-effective to sell them and give the cash. Besides claiming a charitable gift deduction, you can report the capital loss and use it to offset any capital gains you may have realized earlier in the year or to offset other income to the extent of \$3,000 per year.

If you make your year-end gift to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences with appreciated securities, electronic transfer must be completed on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>. Remember to give your custodian sufficient notice for completing the transaction on time. If you make your gift with cash, your envelope must be mailed and postmarked on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please consult your tax and financial advisors about which tax-wise giving strategy is best for your situation. Your contribution can help provide Brilliant Futures for ambitious hardworking LAS students. For further information about how to make a gift of stocks, bonds or mutual funds or about how your gift can support the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, please contact Chuck Coughlin, Director of Advancement, at 312-413-3469 or [cec@uic.edu](mailto:cec@uic.edu).



Q & A:  
**NEW LAS DEAN**  
**DWIGHT A. McBRIDE**

By Virginia Tunnick



Dwight A. McBride believes in living fully and working hard. Born and raised in a small South Carolina town, he went on to Princeton where he was student body president and worked with luminaries like Toni Morrison and Cornel West. After receiving a PhD from UCLA, and a three year stint at the University of Pittsburgh, McBride joined the faculty at UIC in 1999 and was made head of the Department of African American Studies in 2001. A year later, he was recruited by Northwestern to chair their department of African American Studies. Under his leadership, the department grew from three to fourteen faculty members and developed the seventh African American Studies PhD program in the nation. **McBride is a gifted teacher, a talented administrator, an award-winning scholar, and author and editor of several books. He is now Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. And he has yet to reach his fortieth birthday.**

**Where did you grow up?**

I grew up in Belton, South Carolina, where my family still lives. My mom and my dad were textile workers, who've since retired. Both are still doing good things in life – very actively involved in church and civic organizations. I have a sister, who's a nurse and married with two great nephews whom I dote on.

**Were you a studious child?**

Growing up in a small town, I was a somewhat unusual child because I was bookish and studious. Very early on, I realized that education would be my ticket to other experiences. I always had a strong desire to travel and just see things. That was part of the reason I read a lot; I was interested in other places, other people's lives and what there was out there in the world. The advantages of growing up in a small town were interesting too. I knew all of my neighbors and people felt responsible for each other. There was a very strong work ethic I learned from my parents and the people around me. They were some of the most remarkable Americans: people who believed if you worked hard and lived honestly that there were really opportunities out there for you. My parents' lives weren't always the best example of that, but they worked very hard to make sure that my sister and I had opportunities that not only weren't available to them, but that they couldn't have even conceived of at the time.

**Who have been the most important influences in your life?**

Definitely my mom. Growing up—the only way to describe it—I really thought of her as my best friend which is an unusual thing to say, but I was a very unusual boy. [Laughs] I was very fortunate to be at Princeton at a time when

Ruth Simmons, now the president of Brown University, was associate dean of the faculty and was hiring a lot of interesting minority faculty and building the African American Studies program. She sort of took me under her wing and introduced me to an amazing cadre of people. That was around the time that Cornel West came to Princeton to direct African American Studies—Nell Painter, Arnold Rampersad, Wahneema Lubiano and Toni Morrison all came. Toni Morrison was probably the biggest influence on my undergraduate career at Princeton. Through a series of happy accidents, I became her research assistant. That experience fundamentally changed my life. That was when I began moving away from plans for law school to really thinking about a career in academia.

**You were at UIC for three years and head of African American Studies for one year when you left to become head of African American Studies at Northwestern. Did you miss us?**

I have always missed this place—and this is not at all to detract from the incredible institution that Northwestern is. The sense of mission here feels much stronger for me personally. I feel much more connected to the student population here, as a first generation college student, as an African American whose experience as a young person really approximates a lot of what I feel many students here are facing. My strong sense of mission, in this job in particular, is that I get to wake up every day and create an opportunity for students who may not otherwise be able to come to university, and not just come to university, but to a place where they can receive a high caliber, research quality education. I see daily the ways in which faculty members here and their involvement in students' lives make the difference between people who stay in school and people who don't, between people who believe they can do this work and people who don't believe they can do it. And that's life changing stuff! That's one of the reasons I love the theme to the Brilliant Futures campaign. I don't think you could have a better pairing of words. That's what we do here. We are providing the stage on which we allow students to create absolutely brilliant futures. That to me is the best business you can possibly be in.

**US News and World Report and Newsweek recently came out with their college guides. With all the publicity about rankings, college and university administrators seem to be always in search of ways to improve their profiles. What are your thoughts about these rankings and the role they play?**

I take a rather dim view of rankings, particularly at the undergraduate level, because I think so much of it is about a historical prestige certain places carry that ends up playing itself out as a kind of an intellectual version of a popularity contest. Undergraduate institutions are vastly different and have different purposes and missions. We are all in the business of educating citizens. I take that very seriously, because an educated and critical citizenry is the cornerstone of democracy. We are not the same institution that Harvard or Berkeley is. We are UIC. We are committed to our mission in the same way that I expect those institutions are committed to theirs. One aspect of our mission, which we take very seriously, is that it is very important that students have the opportunity to get an education in a diverse environment. There are places that say they take that seriously, but they don't do as effective a job as I believe we do. The diversity of institutions and the diversity of missions are in part what I think make higher education in the US a hallmark for higher education in the world.

**Do you have plans for increasing student involvement in the College?**

Absolutely, yes. We'll be setting up an LAS dean's student advisory council with an undergraduate representative of each department and program in the college. I intend to meet with that group three or four times a year to seek their advice, to get to know their experiences, and to hear more about the college from the perspective of students.

**What about expanding research opportunities for undergraduates? Do you involve undergrads in your research projects?**

One of the things I'm very invested in as dean is making sure that we create more opportunities for undergraduate students to have research experiences because I think they have the potential to be life changing. I've almost always had an undergraduate research assistant. Not only is it useful for me, but I like to think that I'm also providing for the undergraduates the kind of research opportunity that was provided for me as an undergraduate.

**Do you anticipate any new avenues for alumni to become involved in the life of the college?**

The Brilliant Futures campaign provides an excellent opportunity for us to reinvigorate our efforts at reaching out to alumni. We have a very active alumni association, which I'm thrilled about. The alumni have been kind enough to host a reception to welcome me. There are going to be a number of activities that will provide alumni with opportunities to return to campus. We are thinking about ways to celebrate people on campus — the LAS Recognition Dinner is one of the ways that we do that. We're also planning to ask alumni to campus to celebrate the achievements of some of our most distinguished faculty in LAS. I look forward to these occasions, the first of which will be happening in January of this coming year.

**You are a leading scholar of race, gender, and literary studies. What are you working on now? Do you plan to do any teaching?**

Well, right now I'm working on being dean. [laughs] Before I took this job I was at work on a couple of new books, one on an early African American poet named Phillis Wheatley. I've also outlined and begun work on another book of my own essays.

This year I'm not doing any teaching because there is a great deal to do and a great deal to learn. Starting next academic year I'm hoping to offer one course each year. It's something I look forward to and another way to connect with students. There's something really magical that happens in the classroom when you're talking about great ideas with young scholars who are often encountering these ideas for the first time. It provides an occasion for me to rethink some things as well and often the insights that come out of those teaching moments are just incredible.

## What is the LAS Alumni Association?

### Greetings LAS Alumni and Friends!

We are the LAS Alumni Association (LASAA) and want you to know how easy it is for you to connect with LAS faculty, students and alumni through our organization. We are a volunteer board of 15 diverse LAS alumni, focused on strengthening the relationships alumni have with the college and with UIC. Our board meets every other month for an hour and a half, and each of us are also members of committees that meet as needed. The volunteer hours we contribute are ones we give because of our commitment to the brilliant future of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Our committees range from events, to membership, awards, and communications. Why not put your skills to use to strengthen LAS and come to a future event or meeting of the LASAA? You won't regret spending time with us – we are a forward focused, strategic group that makes things happen. For example, last year we sponsored:

- Alpha Sigma Tau Dance a Thon
- Caliente Dance
- Colleges Against Cancer Fundraiser
- Economics Club Spring Banquet
- Student Alumni League Fall Ball
- UIC Club Soccer
- Unity in Christ Gospel Chorus
- Vagina Monologues Production
- African American Studies Event Sponsorship
- Anthropology King Tut Exhibit collaboration
- Biology – cosponsored newsletter
- Chemistry – cosponsored reunion and newsletter
- English – cosponsored reunion
- Office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns – cosponsored Lavender Graduation and Awards
- Political Science – cosponsored the Politics Forum

And we also host our own signature events, including from last year

- December 06 – Annual LAS Macy's Holiday Lunch (Don't forget to register for this years Macy's Holiday Lunch on Dec. 15. Register by calling Nick at 312-413-1898 or by emailing him at nyork1@uic.edu)
- February 07 – Law Alumni Panel
- May 07 – LASAA 2nd Annual Meeting

Lastly, we also sponsor scholarships based on merit for current LAS students. This year we are giving out three merit awards at the upcoming Annual LAS Recognition Event to be held on the 8th of November.

Make this the year you connect with LAS! Come to an event, attend a LASAA meeting, make a gift to LAS... the possibilities are endless!

### Your LAS Alumni Association,



Nicholas Yassan  
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We invite you to visit <http://connect.las.uic.edu/LASAA> for more information.

## Remembering Professor Inder Batra

*UIC mourns passionate physicist's  
untimely passing*



The UIC campus received tragic news this summer with the death of professor and former head of physics, Inder P. Batra in July.

Batra, and his wife, Uma, were killed July 23 in Almaden Valley of San Jose, California, when the driver of a sports car lost control of the vehicle and struck the couple as they were walking on the side of the road.

The young driver and his passenger were also killed in the accident. California Highway Patrol officer Todd Thibodeau told the San Francisco Chronicle that witnesses estimated the car was traveling 80 mph on the two-lane 35 m.p.h. road at the time of the accident.

Prof. Batra was a passionate physicist who earned his bachelor and master degrees from Delhi University and a doctorate in solid state physics from Simon Fraser University in Canada. Batra went on to work for IBM in Almaden Valley, where he would reside in the summer when away from UIC.

He specialized in the field of theoretical condensed matter, but he was interested in a wide spectrum of scientific topics. Batra worked alongside Nobel laureates and theorists and published more than 200 technical papers and delivered a comparable number of guest lectures and seminars. He was named a fellow of the American Physical Society in 1973.

Batra came to UIC as department head of physics in 1998 after a long career with IBM, where he continued to do

work in nanoscience at the company's Almaden research center. He served as department head until 2004. "Inder's colleagues and students will feel most directly the great loss to UIC," said UIC Chancellor Sylvia Manning.

"The academic community has lost a brilliant mind and a kind heart. Prof. Batra was an enthusiastic professor and mentor who would spend as much time as was necessary to help any student who came to his office. He touched many lives on campus and will be missed," said Stephen Garner, Mechanical Engineering Graduate student.

Prof. Batra has made a great impact on not only the students he taught, but also students who knew him indirectly through their friends, like Rew Kutyllo, fourth year Mechanical Engineering student.

"Prof. Inder P. Batra was an amazing man, and the world lost an amazing teacher. He cared about all students and loved educating future physicists and engineers. I never had him as a teacher, but I knew him through a student who was fortunate enough to have him as a teacher. I think all professors should value their position as an educator as much as Prof. Batra had," said Kutyllo.

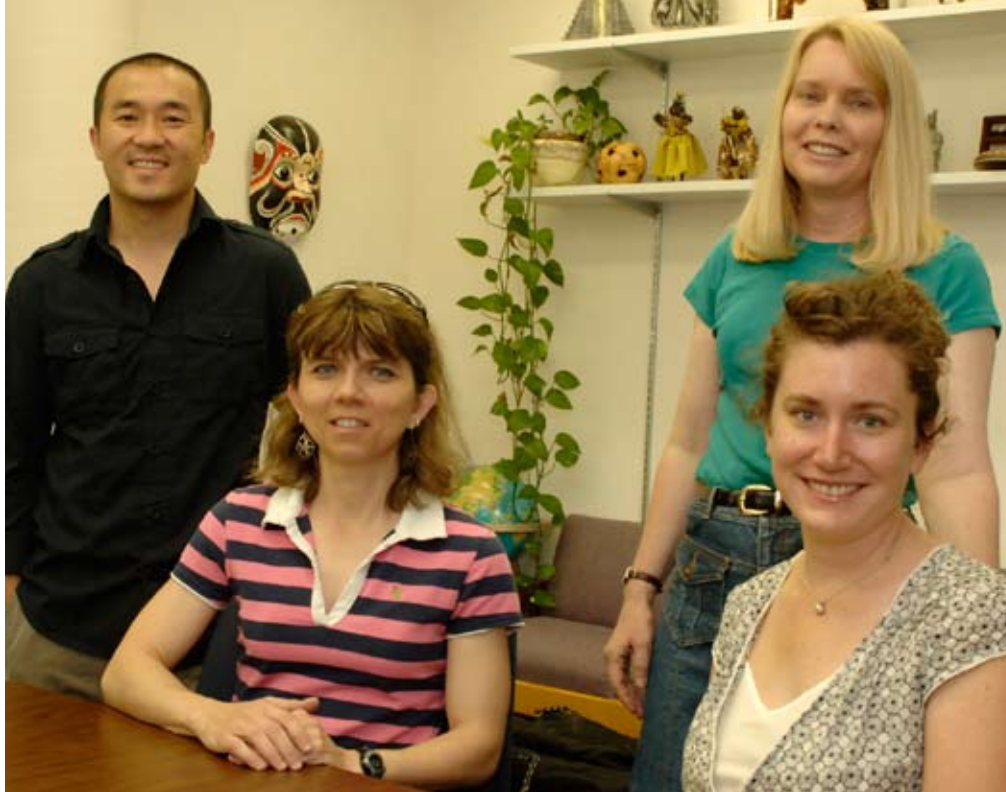
The couple is survived by two daughters, Mala and Puja.

Donations in honor of the Batras may be made to the Inder P. and Uma Batra Memorial Scholarship in the Department of Physics.

Thanks to UIC News and Chicago Flame for contributions to this story.

## Three Anthropology Students Win Coveted Fellowships

by Paul Francuch



L-R: Luce Foundation fellowship winners Nam Kim, Debra Green and Lisa Niziolek, with adviser Laura Junker (standing), were among eight students nationwide to receive the predoctoral dissertation awards. Photo: Roberta Dupuis-Devlin

Three doctoral candidates in anthropology were awarded \$28,000 fellowships by the Henry R. Luce Foundation to conduct projects in East Asian archaeology and early history this academic year. Debra Green, Lisa Niziolek and Nam Kim are among only eight students nationwide to receive Luce predoctoral dissertation fellowships for the coming year.

### Nam Kim

Kim plans to travel to northern Vietnam's ancient citadel of Co Loa near Hanoi to conduct archaeological fieldwork alongside Vietnamese researchers in an effort to chronicle fortifications before colonization in 111 B.C. by the Chinese Imperial Han. "The project results will have broad implications for both state formation theory and debates surrounding the origins of Vietnamese civilization," Kim said.

### Lisa Niziolek

Niziolek's research focuses on the organization of earthenware production and craft specialization between about A.D. 500 and 1600 in the prehispanic Philippine trade center of Tanjay. She will use special equipment at Chicago's Field Museum to

do a geochemical analysis on how pottery production may have varied over location and time. "This project contributes to our knowledge of prehispanic Philippine society and, more generally, to do research about economic systems in non-state societies," Niziolek said.

### Debra Green

Green is already in the Philippines, where she will conduct her research to examine different land-use strategies of prehispanic farming societies between the years 900 to 1600. "To understand how these farming societies used the landscape requires reconstructing the ancient environment," said Green. "I'll use methods and techniques of geology to answer archaeological questions about how landscape change led to a shift in settlement from the interior uplands to the coastal lower floodplain."

The students have "raised the profile of UIC as an internationally recognized center for East Asian archaeology," said Laura Junker, associate professor of anthropology, who specializes in Southeast Asian archaeology and is working closely with the students on their dissertations.

The three UIC Luce Fellowship recipients will collaborate with several UIC and Field Museum experts in conducting their research. All plan careers that combine teaching with research, perhaps at a museum or other institution.

### LAS UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, November 8, 2007

#### LAS Recognition Dinner

University of Illinois at Chicago  
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6 pm – 9 pm  
Scholarship, donor and alumni awards dinner  
For more information, please contact the LAS Office of Advancement at 312-413-1898

Wednesday, January 30, 2008

#### LAS Distinguished Professor

##### Award Ceremony

University of Illinois at Chicago  
Room 302, Student Center East  
750 S. Halsted, Chicago, IL  
2 pm  
Honoring Paul Zeleza, Head of the Department of African American Studies. For more information, please contact Stacia Campbell at stacia@uic.edu.

## Faculty & Department News

Reports from around the College

**Daniel Sutherland**, associate professor of philosophy, received a National Science Foundation grant for a dual-discipline project to explore the question "Are numbers abstract objects?"

**John Ramsey**, professor of classics and Mediterranean studies, was invited to be an Oliver Smithies lecturer and visiting fellow at Balliol College, Oxford during his National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship for this academic year.

Sociology professor **Moshe Semyonov** is a co-recipient of the 2007 Rosabeth Moss Kanter Award for Excellence in Work-Family Research.

**Michael Perman**, professor of history and research professor in the humanities, was the featured presenter for the 69th series of the Walter Lynwood Fleming Lectures in Southern History hosted by Louisiana State University.

**Four LAS professors have been awarded Fulbright Scholar grants for the 2007-2008 academic year:**

**Mark Liechty**, associate professor of anthropology and history, will complete work on a book project, *Far Out: Kathmandu and the Birth of Global Mass Tourism*.

**Laurie Schaffner**, associate professor of criminal justice, is based at the University of Guadalajara for a nine-month period that began in September.

**Joseph Tabbi**, professor of English, will present two graduate seminars at the University of Munich.

**Ralph Cintron**, associate professor of English and Latin American and Latino Studies will continue his field work in humanitarian interventionism and international state-building in Kosovo.

Five LAS emeritus appointments approved in spring by the University of Illinois Board of Trustees were: **Rasma Karklins**, professor emerita of political science; **Helen Miller**, assistant professor emerita of sociology; **Klaus Muller-Bergh**, professor emeritus of Spanish, French, Italian and Portuguese; **James Norr**, assistant professor emeritus of sociology; and **Heman Witmer**, associate professor emeritus of biological sciences.

**Six LAS faculty members received UIC's prestigious Silver Circle Award:**

Psychology professor **Stellan Ohlsson** whose research and teaching focuses on the way the human mind changes over time.

**Neil Miranda**, teaches organic chemistry — tough courses needed by students hoping to enter medical or dental school.

**Maria Iusco**, lecturer in Italian, organized trips to Italy for about 150 students in intensive programs affiliated with universities in Rome, Florence and Siena.

**David Hofman**, associate professor in physics, conducts research at top laboratories such as Brookhaven and Fermilab.

**Larry Grimm**, emeritus associate professor of psychology, employs an "interpersonal sensitivity" that cuts across all his professional endeavors — teaching, research, psychotherapy private practice and consulting.

**Perry Duis**, professor of history, is a sought-after expert who has written several books on the history of Chicago.

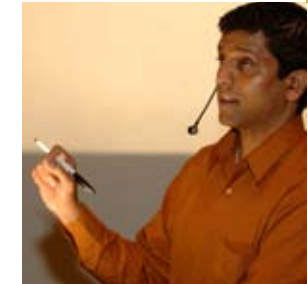
The Graduate College's new Graduate Mentoring Award was given to two LAS graduate advisers: **Patricia Harkin**, associate professor of English and communication, and **David Hilbert**, associate professor of philosophy.



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