

# CONNECTIONS

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## Message from the Dean

Welcome to the spring semester--and to the new College of Arts and Sciences home on the Quad!

In November, the CAS dean's office staff and the faculty and staff of seven departments and programs moved from Gray and McCabe Halls to the newly renovated Battelle-Tompkins building. You will find here the departments of Literature, History, Philosophy and Religion, Sociology, and Anthropology as well as the programs in American Studies, Jewish Studies, Women's and Gender Studies, and the Center for Israeli Studies.

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## CAS Newsmakers



Mary Gray, chair of the Mathematics and Statistics Department, accepts the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring, from Rita Colwell, director, National Science Foundation, and John Marburger, director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, on December 12. *Page 3*



Education professor David Sadker runs a leg of the Olympic Torch marathon in Arlington, VA, Friday, December 21. Sadker was honored the next day in a White House Rose Garden ceremony. *Page 3*

# New This Issue

*In an effort to make this newsletter more reflective of our growing CAS community, we have made some changes to this issue of CAS Connections, including the following*

- ♦ **Photos!** For the first time, *Connections* features photographs of some of CAS' events and award-winning faculty. As long as we have relevant photos and space, we will continue to incorporate these graphical elements in a "CAS Newsmakers" box on page one and/or interspersed throughout the issue.
- ♦ **Featured This Issue.** While the Department News section still contains information supplied by the departments on their latest activities and accomplishments, we have added another section in which to feature prominent achievements by faculty and the College as a whole. Important CAS developments are also reported here.
- ♦ **New Areas of Coverage within CAS.** "What's New in CAS" does not appear in this issue. Since everything in *Connections* is, essentially, what's new in CAS, we felt it more useful to break the information down into sections according to division. Thus, you will see areas in this issue such as "Development Desk," which contains an article from the CAS Development Team, and "Graduate Admissions" and "Marketing Minute," which highlight the activities of our Graduate Admissions Office and Marketing Team, respectively. These areas will rotate as applicable throughout the year.
- ♦ **CAS Career Corner.** Similarly, the Career Center has supplied us with the latest information and events pertinent to the CAS Community, which we feature as its own section this issue.

*We hope you enjoy these new features!*

## Want to get Connected?

If you have ideas for a story in a future issue of *Connections* please contact:

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alison@american.edu.

**Deadline for April 2002 issue is  
March 15, 2002**

# Welcome from CAS Graduate Admissions

The Graduate Admissions Office would like to welcome our 126 new master's students and 11 doctoral students for the Spring 2002 semester. These numbers reflect a banner season for the newly established office and include our DC Teaching Fellows and Teach for America scholars.

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In addition, Graduate Admissions, in conjunction with CAS Marketing, has launched a new feature on the Web called "Graduate Forums - Ask the Experts," at <[www.american.edu/cas/admissions/gradforums](http://www.american.edu/cas/admissions/gradforums)> where featured professors field questions related to their areas of expertise. Featured professors thus far have included Allan Lichtman and Caleen Jennings.

## Did You Know?

The CAS Interactive classroom in McKinley room 15 has opened this semester to rave reviews by students and faculty alike. Currently, eight classes are being held in the state-of-the-art studio classroom.



## Student Spotlights

Andrea James, a junior information systems major, in the CAS honors program, appeared on the popular game show, "Wheel of Fortune," on November 29. Winning the game by a "mere \$120," she racked up close to \$6,000 and a trip to Antigua while solving the last puzzle. Andrea, who said the experience was a "whirlwind of a time," hails from Willingboro, NJ and, in addition to her academic course load, interns at the FDIC.

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Adam Dilts, a 2001 CAS graduate, with a BA in environmental policy, was selected as a crew member aboard the *Makulu II*, the 43-foot Nautor Swan school ship that set sail in November from New York City to circumnavigate the globe. The expedition is a collaborative effort of Reach The World, a nonprofit educational media developer, and a group of educational partners and classroom teachers. Adam will serve as First Mate aboard the ship as it sails 27,000 miles across three oceans and six seas, stopping in 36 countries.

# FEATURED THIS ISSUE...



## In the Media

**Bernice Johnson Reagon** of the History Department was featured as one of the "Best and Brightest" in the cover story of the December issue of *Washingtonian Magazine*. Professor Reagon was lauded for her role in the establishment of Sweet Honey in the Rock, the famous women's a cappella ensemble, which she founded 28 years ago, as well as her roles as a professor at AU and curator emeritus at the Smithsonian.

## Teach Me Different

**Sally L. Smith**, Education professor and founder-director of the Lab School of Washington, is featured in a new instructional video for PBS, entitled *Teach Me Different*, which demonstrates simple, effective techniques used to guide learning disabled students towards academic excellence. The video is part of a four-part series produced by AU's School of Communication professor Randall Blair under contract to PBS. It will air on public television this spring.

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## CAS FACULTY WIN TOP HONORS, RECOGNITION FOR THEIR WORK

### Mary Gray Mentoring in Math

Mary Gray has received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring, administered by the National Science Foundation. Chief among Dr. Gray's accomplishments leading to this award is her responsibility to graduate students, including eight African-American and nearly twenty female mathematics/statistics PhDs. She notes that supervising PhD students is an important part of the research efforts of faculty.

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### Naima Prevots Dance and a Fulbright

Serving as chair of the AU Performing Arts Department and director of the dance program is just the beginning for Naima Prevots, who has recently been awarded a prestigious Fulbright. Her award falls into a new category established last spring called Senior Fulbright Specialists. Once chosen for the list, which is established competitively by a panel of experts, awardees remain on it for five years and can then be requested for special projects by any group in any country.

Prevots was requested by a European Union project for dance in higher education - the first of its kind bringing together faculty, students, and artists in Brussels in January - and is participating in this program as her first Fulbright assignment.

### Sadker Carries Olympic Torch

SOE professor David Sadker was selected from thousands of entries as a 2002 Winter Olympic Torchbearer. Sadker was nominated by one of his doctoral students, Karen Zittleman, for whom he has served as both mentor and friend. Sadker's teaching and support of Zittleman, who has congestive heart failure, earned him the honor of carrying the torch down Clarendon Boulevard in Arlington.



Professor Prevots has also received a "Life Time Achievement Award" from the Pola Nirenska Committee for local, national, and international activities in dance. This award, given once a year to Washington-based artists, is named for an important international dance artist who lived in D.C. Nirenska's husband, Jan Karski, a political scientist at Georgetown and an individual memorialized in the Holocaust Museum for his courageous wartime actions, initiated the award six years ago in her honor.

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## Anthropology

The 9th annual Lavender Languages and Linguistics Conference (deferred because of 9/11) is a "go" for February 15-17, 2002 (*see event calendar*). Cutting edge discussions of gay language and political economy, queer French, language and lavender spirituality, urban lesbian/gay space, 'Butch' women, 19th (homo)sexual texts -- and much much more. Full program and details available online at <[www.american.edu/lavenderlanguages](http://www.american.edu/lavenderlanguages)> or contact Bill Leap at 202-885 1831 or [wlm@american.edu](mailto:wlm@american.edu).

**Lesley Gill** received a \$75,000, thirteen-month John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation grant to research "Military Training, Violence, and Human Rights: The School of the Americas."

## Art

**Norma Broude's** new book, *Gustave Caillebotte and the Fashioning of Identity in Impressionist Paris*, published by Rutgers University Press, will be released this month, February 2002, in time for the College Art Association annual conference.

In the meantime, Broude's earlier publications live on, to widespread high acclaim. In the most recent issue of *Harvard Magazine*, alumni were asked to select which books they would include as "twenty-first century Harvard Classics." Among the titles selected was **Norma Broude** and **Mary Garrard's** *Feminism and Art History*.

**Helen Langa** chaired a session on "Doing Feminist Art/Feminist Art Matters: Engaging Multiple Publics in Visual Culture" at the American Studies Association National Conference, November 7-11, in DC.

## Biology

**Lynne Arneson** attended the American Society for Cell Biology annual meeting Dec. 8 - 12 in Washington, DC, and presented a poster entitled, *Hydrogen Bond Integrity Between Major Histocompatibility Complex Class II Molecules and Bound Peptide Determines the Intracellular Fate of MHC Class II Molecules*. Arneson also published a paper of the same title in the Dec. 15 issue of the *Journal of Immunology*.

**Cathy Schaeff** has co-authored and published the new study, "Population structure of gray whales that summer in Clayoquot Sound, British Columbia based on sighting and molecular data" in *Conservation Genetics*, 2001.

## Economics

**Robert Blecker** presented a paper on "Financial Globalization, Exchange Rates, and International Trade" at a conference on "Financialization of the Global Economy," at the Political Economy Research Institute (PERI), University of Massachusetts, Amherst, December 7.

**Robert Feinberg** was elected Vice President and President-Elect of the Industrial Organization Society, effective at the society's Atlanta meeting this fall. With Feinberg's appointment, the department now has two presidents or presidents-elect of important associations of economists, as well as two faculty members who are in charge of organizing their associations' meetings in Atlanta.

## Education

For the past year, a group of students at SOE including **Shannon Melideo**, **Jen Engle**, **Larissa Rozek**, **Curt Canada**, and **Karen Zittleman**, along with professor **Vivian Vasquez**, has been working on a proposal to form a National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Student Affiliate at American University for the purposes of providing a place for students and interested faculty to talk about and explore issues of social justice, equity and critical literacy in educational settings. At the NCTE Annual Convention this fall, the Executive Committee voted to make the group an official affiliate.

SOE is pleased to announce the release of its Title II report to the District of Columbia in compliance with new federal regulations concerning the oversight of quality programs for the preparation of teachers in elementary and secondary schools. One measure of quality is the percentage of students who pass nationally administered standardized tests in basic skills and content areas in which they will teach. AU scored higher on this than any other college or university in DC, with pass rates for its students of 94 percent on Praxis I and 100 percent on Praxis II. The

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pass rates for all institutions combined in the District of Columbia were 86 percent for Praxis I and 92 percent on Praxis II.

## Health & Fitness

Two students have had their research selected to be presented during the Art and Science Health Promotion Conference in Lake Tahoe February 25 through March 1. **Melissa Simon** and **Heather Hoeke** will co-present research from a study on the Motivational Impact of Pedometer on Self-Report of Physical Activity and Stage of Change. Co-presentations will also be given by **Laurie Tucker** and **Chris Cruitti** on the Validation of a Stages of Change Algorithm for Calcium Consumption.

## History

**Deborah Cohen** published an article entitled, "Dulce et decorum est," in the *Guardian* on November 9, 2001, on returning war veterans in 1914 and today.

**Robert Crews** gave a lecture entitled, "Policing Islam in Modern Central Asia," at the Institute for the Trans-regional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia, at Princeton University in November. The same month, Crews also presented his paper, "Islamic Morality, Imperial State: Enjoining Good and Forbidding Evil in the Muslim East," at the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies National Meeting.

In December, **Peter Kuznick** was a featured panelist for "America in Mourning," part of the National Museum of American History's program and exhibition on the American Presidency.

In addition to serving as the first faculty member selected for the new CAS Graduate Admissions Online Forum, "Ask the Experts" (see article), **Allan Lichtman** was a featured commentator on "Face the Nation," Sunday, December 30. Lichtman also appeared on FOX 5 TV news November 7 to discuss the elections in Virginia, New Jersey, and New York City.

**Pamela Nadell** recently published "Ordaining Women Rabbis," in *Religions of the United States in Practice*, vol. 2 (Princeton, 2001). In November 2001, Nadell also gave an address, entitled "Jews at the Turn of Another Century," for the Association of Directors of Central Agencies of Jewish Education, in

Rockville, MD, and led a discussion of "Women and American Judaism: Historical Perspectives" at Brandeis University's Hadassah International Research Institute on Jewish Women.

**Anna Nelson** testified in November before a Congressional subcommittee of the House Committee on Governmental Reform about President Bush's executive order on presidential records. She was also quoted by the AP and *Chronicle of Higher Education* and interviewed on *The Diane Rehm Show*.

**Karin Wulf** has been invited to serve as Visiting Book Review Editor for the *William and Mary Quarterly* for AY 2002-2003. This honor comes as a full time post and thus means that Prof. Wulf will be on leave next year.

Finally, in November, history graduate student **Bernard Unti** gave a lecture entitled, "The SPCA as a Gilded Age American Public Health Agency," for the Seminar in the History of Medicine, at the National Library of Medicine in November, while alumnus **Bruce Craig** (PhD) published "Release the Reagan Documents," on the History News Network online at <<http://historynewsnetwork.org/articles/article.html?id=384>>.

## Language & Foreign Studies

American University's TESOL Program is proud to launch the *AU TESOL Working Papers*. This new on-line publication showcases research by members of the TESOL program. The first issue features articles by five current students (or recent graduates). **Naomi Baron** anticipates new issues appearing once or twice a year. Future issues will include papers not only by students but by faculty and perhaps guest workshop presenters as well. The first issue can be found online at <<http://www.american.edu/tesol>>.

**Prof. Baron** was also a featured commentator last fall on David Lawrence's *On-Line Tonight* on CNET radio, where she discussed the implications of the Internet for intellectual property.

In December, the French Ministry of National Education bestowed the rank of Knight in the Order of Academic Distinction upon **Paul C. Little** in recognition of his contribution to the promotion of French culture.

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## Literature

This fall, **Richard McCann** gave fiction and/or nonfiction readings at the University of Maryland and the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown. In addition, his book of poems, *Ghost Letters*, was translated into German and adapted as a theatrical production, staged in Berlin, Germany, from August 26-September 13, 2001. The poems were also set to music by composer Daron Hagen and sung by tenor Robert White at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in November.

**Richard Sha** been added to the editorial board of *Romanticism on the Net*, one of eight scholarly journals in Romanticism, for which he recently edited volume 23 (August 2001); his essay "Scientific Forms of Sexual Knowledge in Romanticism" is included in this volume.

At the recent conference of the American Literary Translators Association in Raleigh, NC, **Henry Taylor** gave the keynote address, "Make a Poem Out of It."

On December 11, the College Writing Program recognized the four winners of the second annual Writer as Witness Writing Competition; these students read excerpts of their essays and received awards for excellent writing on a topic related to Bad Land, the College Writing Program's 2001 community text. The winners were Emily Rich, for "The Yellow House" (first place); Panteha MirRejali, for "The Revelation" (second place); Cathy Fluegeman, for "Cathedral Shadows" (third place); Christopher Dum, for "Friday Night at the Wescott" (fourth place).

## Mathematics & Statistics

**John Nolan** gave seminars in Fall 2001 at University of Maryland Baltimore County, National Institute of Standards and Technology, National Institutes of Health, and George Mason University. He was also an invited participant at a Workshop on Stable Laws, Processes and Applications at the *Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach*, in Germany. Closer to home, Nolan was voted AU's "Most Popular Professor" by AU students this fall.

## Performing Arts

**Robert Goler** recently moderated a session on "Building Civic Spaces" at the annual meeting of the American Studies Association. Goler has also been invited to present a paper on "Wolf Trap in Housing: An Inner City Experiment of Arts Philanthropy" at the "Sustainable Development in Urban Settings" Conference at the University of Arizona in February. And as chair of the American Association for State and Local History awards program for the District of Columbia this past fall, Goler presented awards to the Historical Society of Washington and the White House Historical Association/Abbeville Press.

In November, **Jerzy Sapieyewski** completed "webOrchestra," the first symphony for ensemble of computers and musicians.

## Philosophy & Religion

**Lucinda Peach** presented her paper, "Public Protest and Corporate Social Responsibility for Human Rights in the Wake of Globalization: The Case of Burma," at the Eighth Annual International Conference Promoting Business Ethics at DePaul University in October.

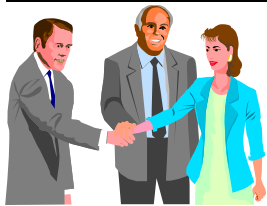
**Charles White** (emeritus) has published, "The Status of Medieval Hindi Studies in North America" in *American Understanding of India: a Symposium*.

## Psychology

**James Gray** co-authored "Judgment Accuracy in Body Preferences among African Americans," in *Sex Roles*, vol. 44, no. 3.

## Sociology

The Sociology Department, along with AU's Office of Multicultural Affairs, is sponsoring several book forums for Project South, an institute for the elimination of poverty and genocide. One of the three forums will feature professor **Samih K. Farsoun** discussing *Palestine and the Palestinians*, on March 26 at Howard University. Refer to the event listings for dates, times, and additional details on the upcoming forums.



# CAS Career Corner

## CAREER SERVICES AND RESOURCES FOR FACULTY

Advisors in Career Services are eager and willing to attend a class and present on career-related issues within your academic department. Some topics we have presented on in the past are: resume writing, finding an internship, job searching, and career planning. We have worked with faculty in organizing career panels for students and had alumni come share their career background and experiences. Please call us (numbers below) if you'd like us to be guest speakers for your class or organize a career panel.

## CAREER SERVICES AND RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

**Career and Internship Advising** – Our professionally trained career development staff are ready to work with you on a wide range of career concerns such as: self-assessment, decision making, career exploration, resume writing, interviewing, finding internships, job searching, and personal issues that may impact career success. Our Career Center is structurally organized so that you have both a Career Advisor and an Internship Advisor who work specifically with CAS students. Your Career Advisor can assist you with general career planning and job searching and your Internship Advisor can assist you with finding credit-bearing internships.

**AU On-Line Community** – This is a Web-accessible database that allows current AU students to network with alumni in a variety of career fields. You can contact alumni who have graduated with the same degree you are pursuing to gain specific information about career fields of interest.

**Alumni Networking Receptions** – These events allow you to meet face-to-face with AU alumni, talk about your intended career path, gain advice from those who are working in the field, make contacts with employers, and learn about internship and job opportunities.

**Recruiting/Employment Services/Job and Internship Fair** – On-campus interviews, resume referrals, and employer presentations are available to students through InterviewTRAK (the Career Center's on-line recruiting information system). Full-time jobs and internships are listed for AU students on MonsterTrak (the Career Center's on-line internship and job information system). We hold a Job and Internship Fair in the fall and spring semesters each school year. This is a great opportunity to meet with prospective employers and learn about internship and job opportunities.

**Career Resource Library/Computer Lab** – We have a resource library that contains many books and periodicals on all career-related issues from deciding on a career path to finding a job. We have computers available for your use to assist you with searching for internships and/or jobs.

## CAREER CENTER EVENTS

**CAS Dean's Seminars: Professional Development Series for Master Level Students (#s 1-3):**

**1) February 20<sup>th</sup> - What is Your Game Plan?  
6-7:30pm, Atrium, Battelle-Tompkins**

Are you feeling puzzled about your future career plan and the job search process? Come hear first-hand from CAS alumni about their real life experiences and gain valuable insight into successful career planning, networking, and job searching.

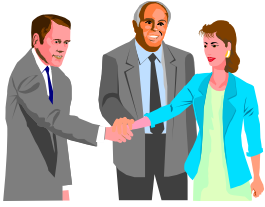
**2) March 6<sup>th</sup> - Got All Your Pieces?  
Presenting Your Experience  
6-7:30pm, Atrium, Battelle-Tompkins**

CAS faculty and alumni will share their knowledge on how to develop a professional portfolio at the graduate level, what to include, and how to successfully display your work. You will have an opportunity to receive feedback on how to select and showcase your academic and work accomplishments in an interview. Please bring your samples (if you have them). This program is designed for ALL CAS graduate students!

**3) March 27<sup>th</sup> - Do you Know All Your Lines?  
Interviewing as a Skill  
6-7:30pm, Atrium, Battelle-Tompkins**

Is it a skill or is it just personality? Do you know what makes you stand out from the crowd? Do you know how to convince an employer you are the right person for the job? Come hear from Career Center staff, CAS alumni, and employers about how to effectively display your skills and personality in an interview.

**February 6<sup>th</sup> - Foreign Service Written and Oral Assessment Information Session  
4-5:30pm, MGC, Room 5.** Planning to take the Foreign Service Exam? Representatives from the State Department will share information on the format of the oral assessment and the written exam. You will learn helpful tips and strategies in preparing for these exams.



# CAS Career Corner

## **Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> - Etiquette Dining: Do You Know all the Rules? 6-8:00pm, MGC, Room 4**

Have you ever had an interview over lunch or dinner? Do you know the difference between a salad fork, a dinner fork, and a dessert fork? Then, don't miss out on this great opportunity. Attend this exceptional professional etiquette dinner to learn the "ins and outs" of proper dining. We will also discuss professional business etiquette, e-mail etiquette, and cell phone etiquette, as well as cultural differences and expectations. The cost is \$10.00, which includes a four-course meal and an opportunity to gain lifelong skills. You must RSVP by Feb. 6th. Stop by the Career Center to sign-up. Space is limited!

**March 4-8<sup>th</sup> - Mock Interview Week.** Got the interview jitters? Want to improve your interviewing skills? Here is your chance! Call the Career Center at x1804 to schedule a mock interview.

**March 5<sup>th</sup> - Revvvvvv Up Your Resume and Cover Letter, 6-7:30pm, MGC, Room 4.** Whether it's your first or fifteenth draft, this session will help you build a top-notch resume. Join us to revvvv up your resume when it counts the most!

## **March 6<sup>th</sup> - Name Your Personal Price Tag: The Art of Salary and Benefits Negotiation, 6-7:30pm, MGC, Room 4**

Do you know what you are worth and how to ask for it? Explore techniques on how to handle the formidable salary offering conversation with prospective employers.

### **Resume Critiques, Mary Graydon Lobby:**

**March 18<sup>th</sup>, 9am-11am**

**March 19<sup>th</sup>, 5pm-7pm**

**March 20<sup>th</sup>, 9am-11am**

**March 21<sup>st</sup> - Job and Internship Fair, 1-5:00pm, Bender Arena.** Be sure to wear your best suit and bring copies of your resume!

**April 9<sup>th</sup> - Spring Job Club Meeting for CAS Students, 6:30-8:00pm, MGC, Room 5,** Are you still looking for a job? Need some support? Join the club! Gain advice from your school-specific career advisor and share strategies with fellow students on how to successfully land a job!

**-Diversity Networking Reception, 6-7:30pm, MGC, Room 4-5,** Here is your chance to meet AU alumni of diverse backgrounds and network with employers who support diverse work environments. ***Professional dress is required.***

## **Marketing Minute: New CAS Folders**

CAS Marketing has created a "CAS folder" which brings in the design of the new Battelle-Tompkins building and reflects our identity and mission as a college. The purpose of these folders is to increase CAS' visibility, largely among prospective graduate students, corporate sponsors and donors. The folder is standard size and has an interior slot to hold a business card. If you are a faculty or staff member planning an upcoming open house or other recruiting event, or marketing initiative, and would like some folders to use, please submit your written request via e-mail to [alison@american.edu](mailto:alison@american.edu). In your e-mail, please include the following information: Name of Department, Name of Program (if applicable), Name of Individual Requesting Folders, Number of Folders Needed, Purpose, Date of Event (if applicable), Date Requested, and Contact Phone Number. Someone will then be in touch with you to arrange pickup. Any questions, call Alison Torrillo at 202-885-1781.

## Dean's Message

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The original Battelle section of the building was dedicated in 1926, with additions (including the Tompkins section) coming in 1957, 1964, and 1975. The building served as the university library until 1979 and then housed the Kogod School of Business and the library for the Washington College of Law. Renovation for CAS began in the summer of 2000. While the building was almost entirely redone, the final result maintains much of the character of the older space.

The heart of Battelle-Tompkins is the interior atrium, known as the Commons, which soars up two stories to a large skylight. The atrium retains the original external walls of the oldest part of the building, complete with lovely architectural details. The Commons will provide a gathering place for CAS and will also become an important venue for college and university events.

On its three floors, Battelle-Tompkins has 110 offices plus lounges, copy rooms, and seminar rooms. The Writing Center and a computer lab are also available. Faculty members have private offices.

If you haven't visited us yet, please drop by. We love showing off our new space and we look forward to welcoming everyone to Battelle-Tompkins many times in the coming years.

-Kay Mussell  
CAS Dean



*Photo by Jeff Watts*

*Mary Gray - continued from page 3*

Gray received the award, one of only ten given to individuals in the field, at a White House ceremony on December 12. Gray was accompanied by Dr. Linda Hayned, a former student and doctoral graduate, who now teaches in the computer science department at Elizabeth City State University.

*Naima Prevots - continued from page 3*

In addition to Prevots' individual accomplishments, the AU Dance Program was profiled in the January 2002 issue of *Dance Teacher*, a magazine with a large national circulation. The program was commended as being flexible and its studio on the Tenley Campus as "uniquely inspiring."

*Sally Smith - continued from page 3*

*Teach Me Different* is the end result of an innovative idea submitted by Smith to AU, which led to meetings with PBS, which, in turn, bought into her philosophy of "teaching teachers the way (you) want them to teach students."

The program is broken up into four sections (one per video tape):

1. What are learning disabilities and how to teach students with them
2. Methods of visual concrete teaching
3. Prizing diversity
4. Problem-solving and self-advocacy

Reports Smith, school systems and individuals around the country are already placing orders for the video set and she has been asked to do numerous speaking engagements as a result. Smith also spoke of her delight in completing this project with AU colleague Blair.

# From the Development Desk...

## Off to a fresh start

*By Christal Cherry, assistant director of development, CAS*

The College of Arts and Sciences has joined the ranks of the other American University schools by instituting a development team in house. Shernita Rochelle, director of development and a newcomer to AU, joined CAS in December 2000. The Assistant Director of Development, Christal M. Cherry, former academic counselor in CAS, came aboard in November 2001. Together, they plan to build on the strengths of CAS and encourage the support and participation of alumni, friends, faculty, staff, and parents in the life of the college.

This opportunity, while exciting, will be a challenge as the college has never had an alumni chapter or an internal office working specifically to engage alumni and solicit support. Under the leadership of Dean Kay Mussell, this development team is looking forward to an exciting year.

Shernita has been working arduously to establish, build, and maintain relationships with potential and existing donors who have an interest in the college. Doing so requires knowledge of existing programs and events. Shernita has hosted various alumni events including a Dean's Breakfast, granting alumni an opportunity to meet Dean Mussell; "A Celebration of the Arts," featuring a dance performance by CAS students and illustrating a collaboration of the visual and performing arts; and an Emeriti Tea, where the Dean honored retired faculty as important members of the CAS family. In an effort to have a greater impact, Shernita has participated in a number of other college and university events including Homecoming.

Since alumni interest in the college must be stimulated and supported in order to be productive and maintain momentum, Christal will be focusing on developing an alumni relations program. A brainstorming meeting with development personnel from the other schools at AU and their alumni, an open house in late February, mailings to local alumni to build a chapter, alumni participation in Campus Beautification day, events with the Career Center, and greeting new alumni at Commencement are just a few items on her agenda.

This Development duo hopes to include faculty, staff, and current students in the process. Many alumni still connect to AU through long-lasting, influential, relationships with faculty and advisors. Networking receptions will allow alumni to share their accomplishments since graduating from CAS, affording faculty and advisors an opportunity to realize and see first-hand the difference they make. Faculty can also share new research and happenings in their prospective fields and departments. Current students will benefit from the wisdom and experience of alumni during panels discussions and workshops offered by the Career Center and various CAS departments.

The CAS Development Office is off to a fresh start and welcomes ideas and suggestions. As ambassadors for the college, our unified efforts will serve as an amazing example of what a community committed to action can accomplish!

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## Events Listing

### February 1 - **Priority Deadline for Financial Aid Applications & Merit Awards**

For more information:  
<http://www.american.edu/cas/admissions/financialaid.htm>

### February 2 - **International Training & Education Program (ITEP) Open House**

10:00 am - 2:00 pm,  
Butler Pavilion Board Room,  
6th Floor  
For more information:  
[www.american.edu/cas/sociology/itep](http://www.american.edu/cas/sociology/itep) or call 202-885-3723 or E-mail [itep@american.edu](mailto:itep@american.edu).

### February 6 - **Health Fitness Open House**

4:00-6:30 pm,  
Jacobs Fitness Center, Bender  
For more information contact  
Devon Lott at 202-885-6279.

### February 8-28 **Conversations Through Photography** **Opening Reception Feb. 10, 3-5 pm; Curator's Lecture Feb. 11, 8 pm**

Exhibit: M-F 10 am-5 pm, Sat 1-5 pm, Watkins Art Gallery  
Curated by in-residence Israeli curator Nella Cassouto. For more information call 202-885-1670.

### February 12 - **Reception for Mary Gray**

4:00-5:00 pm, CAS Commons  
Join CAS and the Office of the Provost in congratulating Mathematics and Statistics Dept. Chair Mary Gray on her 2001 Presidential Award. For more information, call 202-885-2446.

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## Events Listing

**February 13 - Faculty Forum: "Remaking the Conquering Heroes: Postwar American Occupation of Germany" presented by John Willoughby of the Department of Economics**

12:15-1:30 pm, CAS Commons

A light lunch will be served. Please RSVP one week before the event to Ernestine Barnes at [ebarnes@american.edu](mailto:ebarnes@american.edu) or 202-885-2446.

**February 13 - Visiting Writers' Series: Faculty Benefit Reading**

8:00 pm, Butler Board Room

For more information, contact the Literature department at 202-885-2971 or [lit@american.edu](mailto:lit@american.edu).

**February 15-17 - AU Players Present Two Chekov Comedies**

Kreeger Recital Hall, Times TBA

AU's student theatre group will present *The Bear* and *The Dangers of Tobacco*. For more information, call 202-885-ARTS.

**February 16 - American Studies Thematic Walking Tour: The Art Treasures of Washington**

1:15-4:30 pm, leave from Clark Hall

Please RSVP to 202-885-2453 by 5pm on Thursday, February 14.

**February 16 - Global and Local Identities for a Changing World: The Role of Education**

9:30 am - 4:30 pm, Ward Building

A conference of student research in the Washington Consortium for Comparative and International Education and Training (involving the international education programs at AU, GWU, and UMD). For more information:

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**February 20 - Project South Washington Book Forum: The White Architects of Black Education: Ideology and Power in America, 1865-1954**

5:30-7:30 pm, SIS Lounge

Featuring Williams H. Watkins, associate professor in the College of Education, University of Illinois, who will use his book to explore the people and ideas that helped shape educational and societal apartheid from the Civil War to the new millennium. For more information call 202-332-5333, 301-320-4034, or 301-367-1079.

**February 20-23, 27-March 2 - The Glass Menagerie**

8:00 pm, Experimental Theatre

\$12 general admission, \$7 students and seniors. For reservations, call 202-885-2587. For more information, call 202-885-ARTS or visit [http://www.american.edu/perf\\_arts/](http://www.american.edu/perf_arts/).

**February 26 - GLBTA Brown Bag Luncheon**

12:30-1:30 pm, Mary Graydon Center 203

Round table discussion on campus policies and practices affecting transgender colleagues: visibility, acceptance, safety, and equitable benefits. For more information, contact Bill Leap, Anthropology Dept, 202-885-1831, [wlm@american.edu](mailto:wlm@american.edu), or the AU-GLBTA Resource Center, 202-885-3347, [glbta@american.edu](mailto:glbta@american.edu).

**February 27 - Visiting Writers' Series: Major Jackson**

8:00 pm, SIS Lounge, School of International Service

For more information, contact the Literature department at 202-885-2971 or [lit@american.edu](mailto:lit@american.edu).

**February 27 - Alumni Open House**

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Battelle-Tompkins Atrium

Hosted by Dean Mussell and the CAS Development Office. Refreshments served. 202-2435 or [ccherry@american.edu](mailto:ccherry@american.edu).

**March 2 - American University Chorus with Landon Symphonette**

5:00 pm, Performing Arts Center, Landon School, 6101 Wilson Lane, Bethesda, Maryland  
Conducted by Richard Weilenmann and Daniel Abraham. \$10 general admission, \$8 seniors, \$6 students. For reservations, call 301-320-1090. For more information, call 202-885-ARTS or visit [http://www.american.edu/perf\\_arts/](http://www.american.edu/perf_arts/).

**March 2 - American Studies Thematic Walking Tour: The African American Presence in Washington**

1:15-4:30 pm, leave from Clark Hall  
Please RSVP to 202-885-2453 by 5pm on Thursday, February 28.

**March 20-23 - Moving Patterns**

8:00 pm March 20-22, 2:00 pm March 23, Experimental Theatre  
Symphony of modern dance directed by Rob Esposito and choreographed by students and faculty. With special guest artist Sarah Skaggs. \$12 general admission, \$7 students and seniors. For reservations, call 202-885-2587. For more information, call 202-885-ARTS or visit [http://www.american.edu/perf\\_arts/](http://www.american.edu/perf_arts/).

**March 25 - GLBTA Slide Show and Discussion**

12:30-1:30 pm, Mary Graydon Center 203  
Art History professor Helen Langa will present "Wild Transformations: Lesbian Visual Art and Photography from the 1960s to the New Millennium." For more information, contact Bill Leap, Anthropology Dept, 202-885-1831, [wlm@american.edu](mailto:wlm@american.edu), or the AU-GLBTA Resource Center, 202-885-3347, [glbta@american.edu](mailto:glbta@american.edu).

**March 26 - Project South Washington Book Forum: Palestine and the Palestinians**

5:30-7:30 pm, Howard University, Blackburn Center, West Ballroom - 2nd floor  
Featuring Samih K. Farsoun, AU sociology professor, discussing the social, economic, and political development of the people of Palestine from antiquity to the present. For more information: 202-332-5333, 301-320-4034 or 301-367-1079.

**Also...**

**Be sure to check out our special Career Center Calendar on pages 7-8.**

**...And Stay Tuned for the annual CAS Student Research Conference on April 13, 2002**

**Deadline for submissions: Friday, February 15, 2002**, to the Dean's Office in Battelle 100. For more information, please contact the Dean's Office at 202-885-2436 or e-mail [mlantry@american.edu](mailto:mlantry@american.edu).



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