Academic Achievement Report

Dora Apel, Assistant Professor, Art and Art History, College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts, published a review of Detroit’s Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Dissent magazine.

Benjamin J. Burns, Professor, Communication, College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts, was the first recipient of the Burns Award for Diversity in the Media, named for him and created by Detroit’s Public Benefit Corporation. Burns was recognized for co-creating Wayne State University’s Journalism Institute for Minorities and for “working diligently to create a media reflective of the community it serves” in Detroit.

Christopher Collins, Assistant Professor, Music, College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts, and his quartet made up of Dennis Tini (piano), Jeff Halsey (bass), David Taylor (drums), with Collins on sax, performed live in March on the Ed Love Show on WDET-FM in Detroit. Also included were selections from Collins’ recent albums as well as selections from his new Irish Suite.

Robert Conway, Assistant Professor, Music, College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts, published an article, “Symphonic Metamorphosis” in the spring issue of Performance magazine, the program of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Mary Copenhagen, Lecturer, Theatre, College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts, recently designed costumes for Ain’t Misbehavin’ and Trouble in Mind at Detroit’s Plowshare Theatre, Twilight of Golds, The Diary of Anne Frank and Romeo and Juliet at Detroit’s Jewish Ensemble Theatre and Tony n’ Tina’s Wedding at the Detroit Actors’ Guild.

Norah Duncan, IV, Assistant Professor, Music, College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts, coordinated the Archdiocese of Detroit Cathedral Cultural Series Program titled Gregorian Chant: Treasure of the Church, a workshop with the Monks of Solesmes, known for their restoration of the Gregorian Chant.

Mary Herbeck, Instructor, Art and Art History, College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts, exhibited artwork at the Cranbrook Museum of Art and was named Artist of the Month by WJBK-TV FOX 2 Detroit.

Marion (Mame) Jackson, Professor, Art and Art History, College of Fine, Performing, and Communication Arts, received favorable reviews in two Ottawa, Ontario newspapers, the French Le Droit and the English Ottawa Citizen, for her role as co-curator of the exhibit O Pelourinho! Popular Art from the Historic Heart of Brazil.
Lazar Kaushansky, Professor, Theatre, College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts, organized a visit from guest artist Eduard Kochergin, Professor and Chair of the Department of Scenography at the Russian Academy of Arts in St. Petersburg, Russia. Professor Kochergin, an internationally acclaimed scenographer, delivered two public lectures at Wayne State University’s Theatre Studio.

Jack Kay, Associate Provost for Assessment, Retention and Global Education, and Professor, Communication, College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts, an expert on extremist groups, has been interviewed by CNN, WDIV-TV 4 Detroit and numerous local radio stations after September 11 on the subjects of hate groups and domestic terrorism.

Jack Lessenberry, Lecturer, Communication, College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts, recently completed work with the British Broadcasting Service on a five-part documentary about the city of Detroit on the occasion of its 300th birthday.

Matthew Michaels, Professor, Music, College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts, received the honor of having the 2001 Michigan Jazz Festival dedicated to him.

Nira Pullin, Professor, Theatre, College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts, spent part of last summer in England teaching at the Early Dance Circle in London and teaching, performing and studying at the Nonsuch Summer School of Early Dance in Cambridge.

Carol Doll, Professor, Library and Information Science, University Libraries, served as a member of the Board of Examiners on the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accreditation visit to Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Robert Holley, Professor, Library and Information Science, University Libraries, served as a member of the American Library Association Committee on Accreditation Review Panel that evaluated the School of Library and Information Science at Florida State University in Tampa, Florida.

Barton Lessin, Assistant Dean, University Libraries, and Director, Science and Engineering Library, was appointed Vice Chair of the Pi Society at the Detroit Science Center.

Sandra Martin, Assistant Director, Medical Library, University Libraries, was selected to be a member of the Family Practice Information Network, a national group of physicians and clinical librarians that provide state of the art clinical reviews of important health and patient care topics for evidence based medical practice.
Ronald R. Powell, Professor, Library and Information Science, University Libraries, was appointed to the Editorial Board for the journal *Library and Information Science Research*.

Lynn Sutton, Associate Dean, University Libraries, was appointed to the American Library Association (ALA) Council Intellectual Freedom Committee for a two-year term beginning at the end of the 2002 Annual Conference and expiring at the end of the 2004 Annual Conference.

Sandra Yee, Dean, University Libraries, was appointed to the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Special Task Force on Collections and Access and the ARL Statistics and Measurement Committee.

John Crissman, M.D., Dean, and John Malone, M.D., Associate Dean, School of Medicine, were interviewed by the *Detroit News and Free Press*, discussing how the Wayne State School of Medicine, in conjunction with the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development’s Perinatology Research Branch, has been dedicated to the health problems of women and their children at birth.

Omer Kucuk, M.D., Internal Medicine, School of Medicine, was interviewed by the *Detroit News* about the possible problems with alternative medical treatments.

Richard Gallagher, Professor, Family Medicine, School of Medicine, has been elected a Fellow of the American Association for Cancer Education and was appointed chair of the association’s advisory committee.

Morris Goodman, Distinguished Professor, Anatomy and Cell Biology, and Professor in the Center for Molecular Medicine and Genetics, School of Medicine, has been elected to the National Academy of Sciences. He is the first faculty member from Wayne State University to receive this most prestigious appointment that is considered one of the highest honors that can be given to a U. S. scientist or engineer.

Bhanu Jena, Professor, Physiology and Pharmacology, and Director of Nanobiotechnology, School of Medicine, published cover articles for two recent journals: the January issue of *Cell Biology International* and the March issue of *Endocrinology*. Both articles confirm the presence of fusion pores, a new cellular structure involved in membrane fusion.

Jeanne Lusher, M.D., Distinguished Professor, Pediatrics, School of Medicine, was the recipient of the American Society of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology’s Distinguished Career Award and will be honored at the society’s annual meeting held in Baltimore in May.
Naomi Ervin, Assistant Dean, College of Nursing, was keynote speaker at the 22nd Anniversary Induction Ceremony, Epsilon Eta Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International and keynote speaker at the Community Relations Luncheon, School of Nursing, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, April 2002.

Michael Morgan, Assistant Professor, College of Nursing, was appointed to the North American Nursing Diagnosis Association Bylaws Committee/Restructuring Task Force.

Judith Payne, Assistant Professor, College of Nursing, was appointed to the 2002 Oncology Nursing Society Planning Project Team, Annual National Congress Conference, 2003-2005. Dr. Payne has also been nominated for the New Investigator’s Award to be presented at the National Conference on Cancer Nursing Research, February 2003.

April Vallerand, Assistant Professor, College of Nursing, has been appointed to the American Geriatric Society Clinical Guidelines for Chronic Pain Panel and the Board of Directors of the Michigan Cancer Pain Initiative. She serves as a reviewer of the American Medical Journal of Nursing and was named the Dr. Margaret McClure Visiting Scholar, New York University Hospital, for 2001-2002.