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FACULTY SCHOLARLY ACHIEVEMENTS

Emeriti promotions, Distinguished Faculty Award, conference presentations, and publications



Professor Frank Sanders



Dr. Kenneth Christiansen



Professor Steve Sondergaard

Dr. Kenneth Christiansen, professor of religion and sociology, and **Frank Sanders**, associate professor of psychology and social work, received professor emeritus status during commencement ceremonies in May. Both retired at the end of the 2007-08 academic year.

Steve Sondergaard, professor of criminal justice, received the Distinguished Faculty Award for 2008. His experiences as a police officer, practicing attorney, and assistant prosecutor prepared him for a role as faculty member at DC where he arrived in 1993.

Sondergaard brings his academic expertise to bear on his community work such as serving as guardian ad litem for the Defiance County Juvenile Court and providing training to state and local judicial and law enforcement personnel.

Dr. Laurie Worrall, Dean of the McMaster School, had the lead article in the Fall 2007 edition of the Michigan Journal of Community Service Learning. Worrall's article was entitled, "Asking the Community: A Case Study of Community Partner Perspectives."

Mary Ann Studer, assistant professor of physical science, presented at several national and international conferences during the 2007-08 academic year. Last August she presented a paper at the International Symposium on the Environment in Athens, Greece, entitled: "Integrated Natural Resource Management as a Framework for Multidisciplinary Research in Belize." She also presented at the National Collegiate Honors Council in Denver on the topic "Extreme Engagement: International Undergraduate Research and Service." In January she presented at the annual meeting of the Alliance for Global Sustainability at MIT.

Dr. Todd Comer, assistant professor of English, published an article, "A Mortal Agency: Flann O'Brien's At Swim-Two-Birds," in the Journal of Modern Literature (31.2).

Matt Lydum, assistant professor of education, has written the book *Coaching Youth Track and Field* published late last year by Human Kinetics.

Dr. Jo Ann Burkhardt and Professor Jeff Weaner, McMaster Fellows to

Cambodia, published an article on education, health care, and women's issues in Cambodia in the *Greenwood Encyclopedia of Children's Issues Worldwide*, released this year by Greenwood Press. Coauthor was **Aaron Weaner '95**.

Dr. Jo Ann Burkhardt, Dr. Catharine O'Connell, McMaster Scholar Kaitlin Studer, and Elizabeth Graffing '07 presented a panel at the meeting of the Association of American Colleges and Universities in Washington, DC in January on the topic "Faculty-Student Learning Communities as Effective 'Crosswalks and Communal Spaces' for Engaged Global Learning."

Dr. Catharine O'Connell, Dr. Jo Ann Burkhardt, Dr. Don Buerk, and students **Jessica Conley, Caci Craig, Stan Strausbaugh** and **Andrew White**, first-year students in the Understanding Autism Class, gave a presentation on the Hench Autism Studies Program during the recent Common Good Symposium at Cabrini College in Pennsylvania. The presentation was titled "Meeting the Educational Needs of Adolescent Students with Autism: An Opportunity for College-Community Collaboration." ♦