

FACULTY

Dean Appointments

Dr. John Hoffman, Professor of Biology, is Arcadia's new Dean of Graduate Studies. Hoffman coordinates existing graduate degree and certificate programs and serves as liaison to Arcadia's affiliated campus, the American Graduate School of International Relations and Diplomacy (AGSIRD) in Paris, France, and to NMS Labs and the Fredric Rieders Family Renaissance Foundation in Willow Grove, Pa., which provides support for Arcadia's M.S. in Forensic Science.

Hoffman joined the Arcadia University faculty as an Adjunct Professor in 1993 and served as Chair of the Biology Department from 2001 to 2007. In 2001, he was awarded the Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching.

Dr. Erik Nelson '97M is Arcadia's new Dean of Distributed Learning. Nelson provides leadership for all programs delivered in non-traditional modes (online, hybrid and accelerated courses), including coordination of Arcadia Online initiatives. In addition, he oversees the B2EST, Community Scholars, and Educational Outreach programs. He earned his master's degree in computer education from Arcadia in 1997 and was an Adjunct Professor in the Education and Mathematics departments.

In 2000, he joined the University as the full-time Instructional Technology Specialist and in 2005 was promoted to Director of Instructional Technology. Nelson earned his Ed.D. from Capella University. His dissertation research focused on the "Effects of Online Problem-Based Learning on Teachers' Technology Integration Perceptions and Planning."

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Students, faculty, staff and alumni rekindle the 1948 experience.

STUDY ABROAD

Greiner Leads Celebration of 60 Years of Study Abroad

In the summer of 1948 a group of young Arcadia University women bicycling across Europe led by professor Jack Wallace and his wife, Bette Jean, paved the way for generations of students to study abroad. In July, Arcadians traveled to Paris, France, led by President Jerry Greiner and his wife, Terry, to celebrate Arcadia's 60th anniversary of studying abroad. The busy itinerary included bike tours, a visit to the Picasso Museum, a tour of Versailles and a reception with the American Graduate School of International Relations and Diplomacy, Arcadia's affiliated campus in Paris. During brief respites from activity, participants posted writing and photos of their travels to a blog.

The group included students, alumni, faculty and staff, many of whom had never met or spent much time together. But as **Brittany McCall '08** notes, by the end of the trip, titles and distinctions seemed to melt away. "My favorite thing about this trip was the people. We were Arcadia. There were no titles; no formalities. We were not students or faculty or staff members; we were Arcadia coming together to bring to life the meaning of our study abroad program," wrote McCall in a blog entry.

In Paris, participants explored their passions. **Kajette Bloomfield '06**, who graduated from Arcadia with a degree in Art History, spent an evening at the Louvre viewing works of art she had studied. **William Meiers '93M, '96M**, Associate Dean of the Honors Program, led a literary tour of Paris along the Left Bank, noting the old abodes of famous writers and occasionally stopping to read poetry.

Sue Gettlin, Web Communications Manager and Assistant Director of University Relations, coordinated the trip, which recreated aspects of the '48 journey, including a daytime bike ride through the city. Gettlin remarked in a blog entry: "Of the 1948 trip, leader John Wallace wrote that riding through Paris during afternoon rush hour was one of the most challenging and memorable experiences. I think we outdid his group with our riding in daytime traffic, especially our group crossing of La Place de Concorde." ■

Read their blog entries at: arcadiaparistrip.blogspot.com

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English

Dr. Pradyumna Chauhan, Professor of English, published a chapter in the book *Interpreting Homes in South Asian Literature*, edited by Malashri Lal and Sukrita Paul Kumar, and published by Pearson/Longman in late 2007. Chauhan's contribution is titled "Home' and the Construction of New English Fiction." He notes that such fiction was a product mainly of expatriate minds, and one of its distinguishing features is its obsessive engagement with the idea of "home" and the cluster of emotions that the term signifies.

Physical Therapy

Dr. Kathleen Mangione, Professor of Physical Therapy, and colleagues completed research for the report "Interventions used by physical therapists in home care for people after hip fracture" in the March 3 *Pharma Business Week*. According to their research, "The majority of older people who survive a hip fracture have residual mobility disabilities." The paper provides "a detailed description of the physical therapy interventions provided in the home care setting for patients after hip fracture."

Business

Thomas M. Brinker Jr., Professor of Accounting, and **Adrell Dalsan '09**, an Accounting major, published the article "Obtaining Economic Citizenship in the Caribbean: Can 'Home' Be Bought?" in the April-May 2008 issue of the *Journal of Practical Estate Planning*. In the article, Brinker and Dalsan discuss economic citizenship programs in certain Caribbean jurisdictions.

Dr. William Biggs, Professor of Business Administration, received an award for Outstanding Service as Best Reviewer for the

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ACADEMICS

New Paris Study Abroad Kicks Off

As the weeklong celebration of Arcadia's 60 years of study abroad was winding down, students enrolled in Arcadia's new summer study abroad program in Paris were just getting started. Arriving in the city of lights July 5, the Paris students were treated to an elegant reception the following day at the majestic Hotel de Crillon before beginning a rigorous four-week program that includes study of European and French international relations, politics and government at the American Graduate School for International Relations and Diplomacy (Arcadia's affiliated campus in Paris) and 60 hours of French language instruction at Alliance Française.

Megan Thrash '08 and **Shaina McAndrews '11**, both a part of the 60th anniversary celebration group, were also charter students in the Paris study abroad program through Arcadia's Center for Education Abroad. "I applied to Arcadia's Paris program mainly because I was interested in going back to France to take another French immersion course. There is no better way to learn a language," says Thrash.

The summer program in Paris is open to qualified graduate and undergraduate students. **Marie-Louise Jackson**, a member of Arcadia University's Board of Trustees, earmarked scholarship money for undergraduates participating in the new program.

"I am grateful for this opportunity to do high-level work just after finishing my first year of university. I have been able to experience upper-level coursework, which aids in my future decision to continue to obtain a master's degree or to enter into a profession immediately following my bachelor's degree," says McAndrews.

This year the Paris program's interdisciplinary curriculum is broken up into four themes—Origins of the French and European State; Comparative European Politics and Government; International Relations and the European Union; and Understanding French Foreign Policy. The program combines scholarly work with field trips to complement classroom study. A unit on research methods involves a tour of the Bibliothèque Nationale de Paris (the national library), while a unit examining France's diplomatic legacy includes a visit to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. ■



Students celebrate the opening of a new Center for Education Abroad program in Paris.

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Experiential Track at the 35th Annual Conference of the Association for Business Simulation and Experiential Learning, on March 5-8 in Charleston, S.C. He also presented a paper, "Using Par Players to Enhance Learning in Business Simulations."

Fine Arts

Scott Rawlins, Associate Professor of Fine Arts, had four of his botanical illustrations included in a new book by Cora B. Marcus and Libby Kyer, *Today's Botanical Artists* (2008, Schiffer Publishing Ltd.): *Magnolia grandiflora*, Magnolia, 10x7", Colored Pencil, (2000); *Trillium luteum*, *Trillium*, 13x13", Colored Pencil, (2004); *Fucus vesiculosus*, 10x12", Colored Pencil, (2005); and *Dracunculus vulgaris*, Dragon Arum, 11x14", Colored Pencil, (2007).

Mathematics

Renée Starr, Adjunct Professor of Mathematics and Director of Developmental Math and the Math Lab, was selected as the recipient of the Pennsylvania Association of Developmental Educators (PADE) Award for Exemplary Teaching in Developmental Education for 2008. A plaque was presented to her at PADE's annual conference at the Hotel Hershey on March 19. She has been teaching at Arcadia for 10 years and was previously awarded the Adjunct Faculty of the Year award.

Psychology

Dr. Joshua Blustein and **Dr. Steven Robbins** along with six Psychology students traveled to Boston this spring to attend the 79th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association. Eight students and one alum presented their research at the confer-

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SPORTS

Tennis Champ Dominates the Net

By Purnell Cropper

Tennis standout **Tim Fitzgerald '08** is quick to crack a joke and talk about his childhood dream of becoming a professional skateboarder. But in between sharing laughs and stories are glimpses of the focus and intensity that propelled the photography major to excellence on and off the court.

"Sure you can be good at something, but if you're not putting your heart into it, it'll show," Fitzgerald says frankly, reflecting on his achievements.

A whiz at several sports, the Delaware native began playing tennis at 4 years old. He watched tennis giants such as Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi duel at Wimbledon on HBO and, during trips to the U.S. Open with his father, studied his heroes' movements and how they "kept their cool" under pressure.

While at Arcadia, Fitzgerald dominated Pennsylvania Athletic Conference and Middle Atlantic Conference play, racking up enough hardware and glossy certificates to flood the mantelpieces in Grey Towers Castle. More impressive than Fitzgerald's early dominance—PAC Rookie of the Year, PAC MVP, All-PAC First Team, and All-PAC Academic Team in 2005—is his consistency. Resolved not to let early success go to his head, Fitzgerald made his senior year an overhead slam, culminating his college tennis career with 22 straight victories and a second consecutive #1 singles title.

In July Fitzgerald became the first student-athlete in Arcadia's history to garner Academic All-Area Player of the Year honors from the Philadelphia Sports Information Directors of America. He earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.84 and Dean's Distinguished List honors for all eight semesters at Arcadia.

Looking back at highlights from his life at Arcadia, Fitzgerald points to a fine arts course his senior year that he says was excellent preparation for his Senior Capstone Project. The class included a 10-day excursion to Italy during spring break. Fitzgerald learned about Italian language and culture and produced work that was featured in a week-long exhibition on campus.

"I want to thank **Betty Weiss** for establishing a men's tennis program here," adds Fitzgerald. Weiss '60, who was a champion tennis player as a student and became the Arcadia coach, started the first varsity sport for men in 1977. ■

Two Tennis Champions: Betty Holton Weiss '60 and Tim Fitzgerald '08



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ence this year. The first poster, “The Role of Attractiveness and Gender in Résumé Evaluations: Evidence for Implicit Beauty and the Geek Stereotypes,” was presented by **Ashley N. Eisennagel '08, Jennifer L. Eisennagel '08, Susanna Daily '09, Michele Zaknich-Keating** and Robbins. This poster received the prestigious Psi Chi Regional Research Award, which included a cash prize. The second poster, “The Effect of Food Preference on Optimal Foraging in Rats,” was presented by **Kim A. Shallcross '08, Katelyn McDonough '08, Lauren Rahilly '08** and Robbins. The third poster, “Ketamine Conditioned Analgesia Overcomes the Contextual Control of Tolerance to Ketamine,” was presented by alumnus **Mario Zichella '98** and Blustein.

Dr. Marianne Miserandino, Associate Professor of Psychology, presented two invited talks at the 15th Annual Midwest Institute for Students and Teachers of Psychology at the College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, Ill., on Feb. 29–March 1. The first paper, “Working with Wikis: What’s it all about?” was based on her experiences creating and maintaining Personality Pedagogy (<http://personalitypedagogy.arcadia.edu>), a wiki for teaching personality psychology. The second talk, “Think like a Scientist: How to Incorporate Research Experiences into the Undergraduate Curriculum,” described the exemplary research-based psychology major here at Arcadia University as a model curriculum for other undergraduate psychology majors. ■

Read more about faculty research, publishing and accomplishments at www.arcadia.edu/faculty.



Dr. Joycellen Young Auritt '71



Laura M. Korman '89, '95M

TRUSTEES

Five New Trustees Named to Board

Five new members were named to the Arcadia University Board of Trustees this spring, including three new term members, an alumni trustee and a graduate trustee.

Dr. Joycellen Young Auritt '71 of Philadelphia, Pa., is serving as a Term Trustee on the Arcadia Board of Trustees. She previously served a four-year term as an alumna trustee. Auritt earned a B.A. in Psychology from Arcadia University in 1971, an M.A. in 1973 and a Ph.D. in Psychology in 1976 from Temple University.

Auritt is affiliated with the American Psychological Association, Pennsylvania Psychological Association, Society for Industrial and Organization Psychology, International Association of Career Management Professionals, and the Philadelphia Regional Organizational Development Network.

She has a private clinical practice in Bala Cynwd, Pa., in individual adult, adolescent and child psychotherapy, couples and family therapy. She also has done executive coaching, leadership development, organizational needs assessment, team development and job fit assessment as a Senior Consultant at Strategic Source Inc., in West Point, Pa.

Laura M. Korman '89, '95M of Blue Bell, Pa., is a Term Trustee. She earned a B.S. in Business Administration in 1989 and an M.Ed in 1995. Korman previously served a term as Alumni Trustee from 2004–07 and was an ex-officio member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee in 2007–08.

At Arcadia University, Korman is involved in the Reunion Committee, assisting with the planning and implementation of Reunion activities, and served on the Alumni Board of Directors and the Class President’s Committee as a Co-Chair. She is Class Co-President and an Alumni Admissions Representative, in which capacity she contacts prospective students and assists with college fairs and open houses.

Dr. M. Fredric Rieders '80 of Wyncote, Pa., is serving as a Term Trustee on the Arcadia Board. Rieders earned a B.A. in Chemistry in 1980 from Arcadia and a doctoral degree in Pharmacology/Toxicology in 1985 from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

Campus



Dr. M. Fredric Rieders '80



Dr. Deborah Derrickson Kossmann '82



Dr. Michael Parlatore '04, '07D.P.T.

Trustees Named, continued

Rieders is Chairman, Laboratory Director and a Forensic Toxicologist at NMS Labs in Willow Grove, Pa., and an adjunct faculty member in Arcadia University's Master of Science in Forensic Science program, which is connected in partnership with the Fredric Rieders Family Renaissance Foundation.

NMS Labs, one of the premier nationally certified forensic science laboratories, is an independent professional laboratory and consultative service specializing in bioanalytical toxicology, biopharmaceuticals and criminalistics, providing analysis of blood, urine, tissues and extraneous evidence and supported by expert opinion reporting and expert testimony.

Rieders has lectured on various subjects of forensic science worldwide and has presented numerous papers and abstracts. His published works include "Chemical Warfare and Terrorism Agents," Rieders, F. and M.F. Rieders, *Forensic Aspects of Chemical and Biological Terrorism*, Cyril Wecht Editor, Lawyers and Judges Publishing Co. Inc., September 2004.

Dr. Deborah Derrickson Kossmann '82 of Havertown, Pa., is serving a four-year term as an Alumni Trustee. Derrickson Kossmann received a B.A. in English in 1982 from Arcadia University. In 1989 she earned an M.Ed. in Counseling Psychology from Temple University. She graduated from Widener University in 1994 with an M.A. and Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology.

Derrickson Kossmann's private practice specialty areas include creativity, trauma/abuse, dissociative disorders,

bereavement/grief, cancer/chronic illness, and adolescent issues including eating disorders. She is on the adjunct faculty in the Counseling Psychology program at Rosemont College.

Derrickson Kossmann has served on the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Psychological Foundation since 2003. She is a member of the American Psychological Association and the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies and is a fellow in the Pennsylvania Psychological Association.

Dr. Michael Parlatore '04, '07D.P.T. of Elkins Park, Pa., is serving a two-year term as a Graduate Trustee. Parlatore earned a B.A. in Biology in 2004 and a Doctor of Physical Therapy in 2007 from Arcadia. He is an outpatient staff physical therapist with exposure to neurology and orthopedics at Moss Rehab in Elkins Park, Pa.

While pursuing his undergraduate degree at Arcadia, Parlatore served on Student Government Organization (SGO) and was a student representative to the Board of Trustees. He played on the men's baseball team in 2000 and was an Orientation Leader in 2001 and 2002. He served as a peer mentor in a First-Year Seminar in 2003. He also received the Ellington Beavers Award for Intellectual Inquiry in 2000. In 2005-06, Parlatore was a graduate teaching assistant for biomedical sciences. He was active in the Student Physical Therapy Association from 2004-07 and served as Co-President from 2005-07. ■