

Ben Haller chaired a panel entitled “**Classical Representations: 21st Century Literature and Thought**” at the Classical Association of the Middle West and South in Williamsburg, Virginia. He also published a book review: “HOMER TRANSLATIONS. B.B. Powell (trans.) Homer’s Iliad and Odyssey, and B.B. Powell (trans.) Homer: the Odyssey” in *The Classical Review*. He served as Area Chair for Classical Representations in Popular Culture, chairing three panels at the Southwest Popular/American Culture Association Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He also presented his paper entitled “**Nick Tosches, Monty Python, and the Genre of Self-Deconstructing Christian Pseudepigrapha**” at the Southwest Popular/American Culture Association Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Carol Johnson presented the workshop “**The Pragmatics of ‘I’ in Academic Writing**” at the Annual Spring Conference on the Teaching of Writing at Old Dominion University, and represented the college perspective in the wrap-up panel discussion.

Kathy Merlock Jackson presented a paper titled “**Disney’s Mythic Misfire: Narrative and Music in Song of the South**” at the Popular Culture/American Culture Association Conference. She also represented The Journal of American Culture on an editors’ panel, chaired the journal’s advisory board meeting, and participated as a board member in meetings of the PCA/ACA and its Endowment Board. She also published a chapter titled “**We’ll Always Have Casablanca: Popular Culture’s Embrace**” in *Critical Insights: Casablanca*.

Cathal Woods was keynote speaker at the launch of Georgia Military College’s QEP on critical thinking.

Wayne Pollock and VWC senior RLS major Tenley Scott presented “**Effects of Computer Technology Use On Older Adults In Long Term Care**” at the Southeast Recreational Therapy Symposium.

Bill McConnell presented a paper entitled “**The Impact of the Design and Use of Multiple Models on Seventh Graders’ Spatial Abilities**” at the annual conference of the National Association for Research in Science Teaching.

Denise Wilkinson presented “**A Modified Flip: How to Ease a Flip into your Courses**” at the Teaching Academic Survival Skills National Conference.

Sophie Rondeau has joined the Virginia Name Authority Cooperative (NACO) Funnel as an institutional member, contributing authority records for names of persons, families, and corporate bodies for eventual inclusion in the national authority file.

Sally Shedd presented “**Cross-Gender Meets Agender: Contemporary Challenges in Staging Cross-Gender Performance**” on a “Queering Shakespeare” panel at the Comparative Drama Conference. She has also been elected Vice-President/President-Elect of the University of Kansas Department of Theatre Professional Advisory Board and is co-chair of the KU Theatre Department’s Alums Come Home event in Fall 2017.

Dave Garraty attended the Virginia Association of Economists annual meeting in Lexington, VA. He chaired the session on Macroeconomics and Urban Economics and was the discussant for a paper on repatriation tax changes by University of Richmond’s Chadwick Curtis.

Doug Kennedy and **Jill Sturts** gave a presentation on families being “**Fit Together**” at the Boys and Young Men’s Leadership Conference at Oscar Smith Middle School in Chesapeake. Jill was also an invited speaker at the *J. Michael Dunn Student Professional Development Workshop* and presented a poster titled “**NIRSA Core Competencies: Perceptions of Importance and Performance by the Profession**” at the NIRSA Annual Conference and Recreational Sports Exposition in Orlando.

Five BIO faculty members and six BIO students present their research at the Association of Southeastern Biologists meeting.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Marlan E. Hare, Philip Rock

A Comparison of the Cultivable Bacteria From Wolbachia-Free and Wolbachia-Infected Strains of *Drosophila melanogaster*.

Elizabeth Quamme, Eric E. Johnson

Expression Analysis of Centrioles During Spermatogenesis in the Model Moss *Physcomitrella patens*.

Victor R. Townsend, Jr., Maynard H. Schaus, Tatyana Zvonareva

Leg Injuries and Wound Healing in the Arboreal Neotropical Harvestman *Cynorta marginalis* (Opiliones, Cosmetidae).

Tatyana Zvonareva, Victor R. Townsend, Jr., Maynard H. Schaus, Nathaniel J. Schaus, Sarah Locke, Ashley N. Shrives, Cynthia L. Richardson

Natural history of the arboreal cosmetid harvestmen *Cynorta marginalis* (Arachnida, Opiliones) in a Neotropical forest.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Ashley Byers, Deirdre Gonsalves-Jackson

Spiculation in *Doriopsilla pharpa* (Mollusca: Gastropoda: Opisthobranchia: Nudibranchia) and Its Sponge Prey.

Areli Ibarra, Renee M. Wiggs, Victor R. Townsend, Jr.

Survey of Microorganisms Associated With Male and Female Genitalia of Harvestmen.

Maynard H. Schaus, Victor R. Townsend, Jr. Harvestman Size Impacts the Realized Trophic Level in a Rain Forest Food Web.

Maynard H. Schaus, Victor R. Townsend, Jr., Ashley N. Shrives, Cynthia L. Richardson Responses of the Harvestman *Cynorta marginalis* to Olfactory Cues and Conspecifics.

Ashley Sibley, Deirdre Gonsalves-Jackson

Dentition and radula morphology in an undescribed *Ercolania* species (Mollusca: Opisthobranchia: Ascoglossa).

VWC HOSTS THE WORKS IN PROGRESS CONFERENCE

Faculty/staff program participants:

Organizers: **Sue Larkin, Taryn Myers, and Kellie Holzer**

Richard Bond, Session Chair, Culture and Politics

Kathleen Casey, Session Chair, Defining the Experience of Black Womanhood: Reconceptualizing the Strong Black Woman Cultural Construct

Kellie Holzer, Session Chair,

Women Writers, Trauma, and Subversion

Rebecca Hooker, Presenter,

“Harriet Wilson’s *Our Nig* and Ironic Use of the Sentimental Literary Genre”

Alison Marganski, Presenter,

“Intimate Partner Homicide (IPH), Murder-Suicide, & Lethality Assessment: Unraveling Untold Stories & Implications for Intervention”

Scott Miller, Presenter, “Welcome”

Taryn Myers, Session Chair, Violence Against Women

Sharon Payne, Session Chair, Systems and Influences

Adam Ruh, Session Chair,

Boundary Waters: Journeys and Transitions in

Beth E. Brant’s “Swimming Upstream”

Adam Ruh, Presenter, “River Spirits”

Kathy Stolley, Presenter,

“Poodles, Pearls, and Pop Culture: The Circle Skirt”