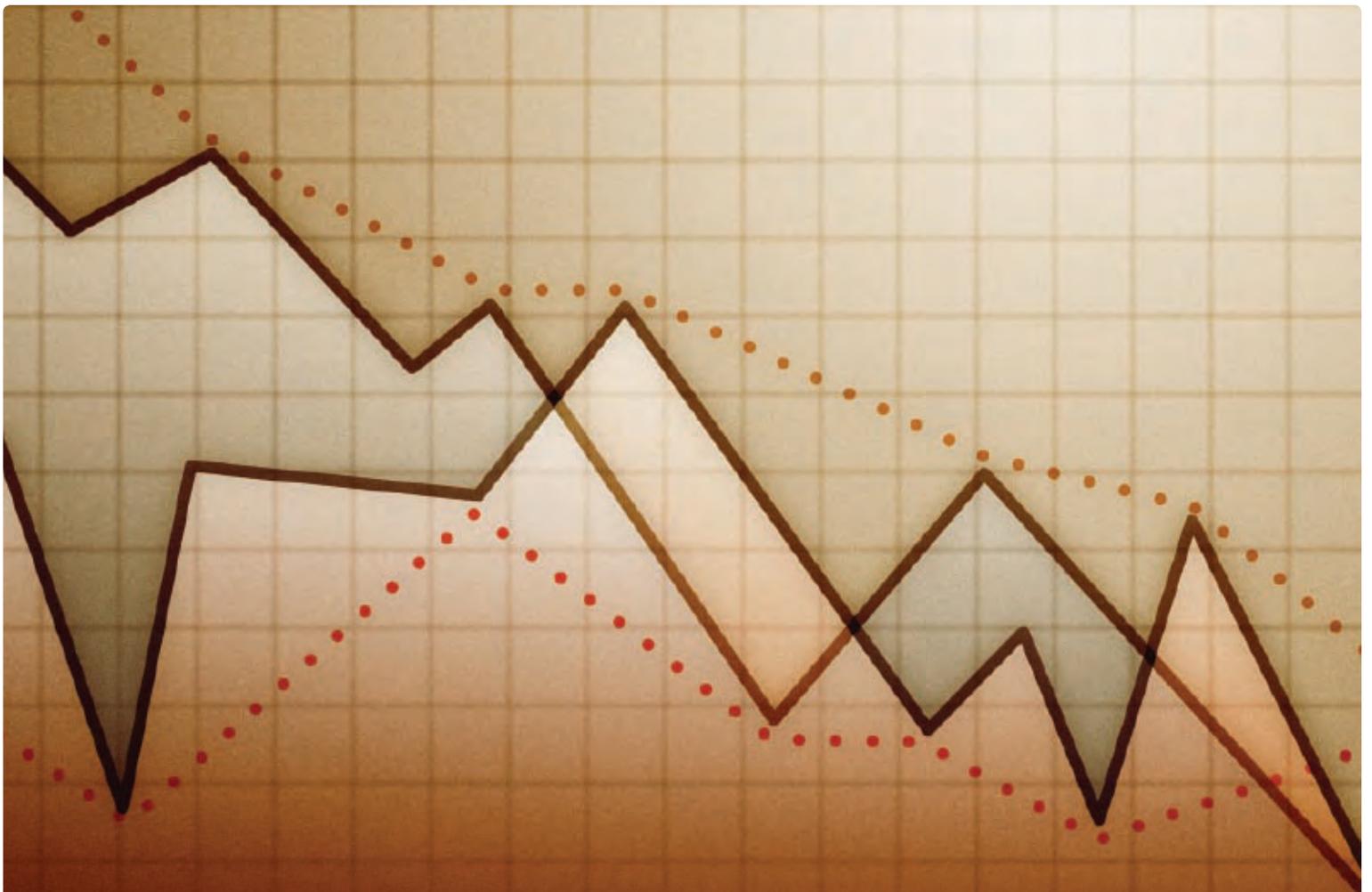


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# Letter from the President

## What a difference a year makes.

The 12 months that I have been president of St. Francis College have been uniquely demanding and tremendously rewarding. The events that have shaped our experience together since I assumed this office last July reveal an institution that is without question committed deeply to its traditions, and at the same time, extremely agile and capable of “thinking outside the box” to address the biggest economic challenges and tests of spirit our country, city and community have faced since the Great Depression.

Without a doubt, the current fiscal crisis is affecting life on campus in a number of ways, and our faculty, administration, alumni and students are finding creative and positive ways to address the issue in ways that are relevant to the St. Francis College community. For example, professors from several academic disciplines are weaving lessons learned from the crisis into their classrooms through lectures, seminars and special projects. Faculty members from Economics, Management and Technology, and Accounting gathered recently to share how students are responding to what seems like consistently bad news and what they are learning from it. Their discussion is highlighted in the pages of this issue.

Also featured is this spring’s on-campus Finance Forum, where prominent St. Francis College alumni shared their expertise about the banking and finance industries as well as their outlook for the future. **Ed Travaglianti '70**, **Lawrence Marsiello '72** and **Vince DeGiaino '72** discussed the factors that contributed to the current situation, putting into context for students and others important lessons and opportunities derived from past and possible future events.

As is the case at many colleges and universities, students are concerned about their families’ ability to continue meeting tuition given the overall economic climate. With the ensuing conclusion of the fiscal year, we are grateful to the alumni and friends of St. Francis College who have responded to the board of trustees’ decision to allocate all contributions to the 2009 Fund for St. Francis College to scholarships so that all deserving students may remain enrolled and complete their educations on schedule. There is still time to achieve our goal of raising \$1 million for this effort and we encourage all alumni and friends to consider a gift before the fund year concludes on June 30.

In the midst of dealing with very practical matters, St. Francis College continues to prove its quality and value. Thanks to the extraordinary efforts and collegial support from all academic



and administrative departments, the College recently completed the process for reaccreditation from The Middle States Commission on Higher Education. This essential “stamp of approval” reaffirms our mission and lets us know that our commitment to providing a high-quality, affordable Franciscan education is as worthwhile today as it was 150 years ago at our founding.

With optimism for the year ahead, I remain,  
Sincerely,

Brendan J. Dugan '68  
P R E S I D E N T

# Annual Charter Day Celebration Honors SFC's Best and Brightest

“St. Francis College leveled the playing field for me in life,” said **Michael J. Gibbons '62**, the recipient of an honorary doctorate from the College. He was just one of the many people honored as part of the annual Charter Day celebration on April 24 commemorating the day the College received its charter from New York State.

Gibbons, the recently retired executive vice president and general manager of Estée Lauder and this year's Grand Marshal at the St. Patrick's Day Parade (see page 20) told the students in attendance that the opportunities presented to them by their Franciscan education are boundless.

**Sonia Gutkin '09**, president of the College's Duns Scotus Honors Society, used her double major in Political Science and Economics to dissect the importance of the Society. Gutkin discussed the value in building social and political networks in student organizations and on the economic side she pointed out that, “investing time and money in education and exerting extra

effort to help others... not only [expands] your personal profits from your investments but also you contribute directly to the gross domestic product of the country and the world.” Gutkin then formally inducted the newest members, which include two faculty members.

**Michael Courtien '79**, National Grid's vice president for customer meter services, presented the National Grid Internship and Scholarship awards to Anthony Englese, Daniel McLoughlin and Ivon Vazquez. They become the latest of the more than 100 St. Francis alumni who have gone on to work at all levels of the corporation both in the United States and the United Kingdom.

The Most Reverend Joseph M. Sullivan, the Retired Auxiliary Bishop of the Brooklyn Diocese, delivered the keynote address. He spoke of the differences



(L-R): SFC Chancellor Frank Macchiarola '62, Retired Auxiliary Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan, SFC Board of Trustees Chairman John F. Tully '67, SFC President Brendan J. Dugan '68, SFC Board of Trustees Chairman Emeritus Thomas J. Volpe, retired Executive Vice President and General Manager of Estée Lauder Michael J. Gibbons '62; (Front Row) Joan Fogarty, widow of Kevin C. Fogarty, Sr.

between ideology, which he says means a very narrow way of looking at things, and idealism, which allows for productive discussions between people.

The St. Clare Service Award, which recognizes individuals for remarkable community service, was presented to Bishop Sullivan and posthumously to **Kevin C. Fogarty, Sr.** a former chairman of St. Francis' Board of Trustees. Joan Fogarty, accepted the award on her late husband's behalf.

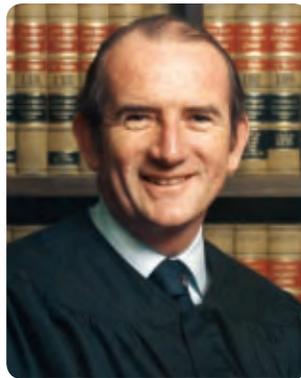
## Remembering a Remarkable Member of the SFC Community

The late **Honorable Kevin C. Fogarty, Sr.** the former chairman of St. Francis College's Board of Trustees, through his deep commitment to Franciscan ideals, created a legacy that reaches the lives of today's students.

Fogarty, who passed away in June 2008, became the second lay chairman of St. Francis' board of trustees when he succeeded Dr. Francis Kilcoyne in 1972. During his chairmanship the College maintained its strong financial position, which enabled it to make critical enhancements to its academic programs and facilities during the emerging information age. Fogarty's 27 year tenure as chairman is exceeded only by the Most Reverend Thomas E. Molloy, who served the College in this capacity from 1922-1956. Thomas J. Volpe took over for Fogarty as chairman in 1999.

In addition to the insightful leadership he provided to St. Francis College, Fogarty was an esteemed public servant and jurist. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was chief clerk of the Kings County Surrogate Court and thereafter sat on the bench of the New York City Family Court. Judge Fogarty chaired the New York State Family Court Advisory Rules Committee for eight years. Fogarty was also an educator, having taught law at St. John's University School of Law.

**Frank J. Macchiarola '62**, chancellor of St. Francis College and a long-time associate of Fogarty, remembers him as being “years ahead of his time in his extraordinary service as a lay leader of the Catholic Church. He learned the lessons of Vatican II well as he



The Hon. Kevin C. Fogarty, Sr. served as the chairman of St. Francis College's Board of Trustees for 27 years.

helped so many organizations move toward increased lay participation. Both brilliant and humble, his deepest concerns were about doing right. As a Judge of the Family Court he suffered with many of those who came to the court with heart wrenching stories. As a leader of the College his actions were wise and judicious. Kevin Fogarty was universally admired and respected.”

To honor his longtime service to St. Francis College and New York City, Fogarty was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Laws by the College in 1994. In 2000, the Hon. Kevin C.

Fogarty Endowed Scholarship fund was established through the support of his fellow trustees, as well as the staff, faculty and alumni of the College.

Fogarty graduated from St. John's University, where he earned the B.A. and J.D. degrees and from the New York University School of Law, where he received the L.L.M. degree.

Fogarty was also a devoted family man who leaves his wife Joan, their children, Kevin Jr. (chief of staff to Congressman **Peter T. King '65**) and his wife Molly Phillips; Maria and her husband Sameer Tandon; and Diane. They have three grandchildren, Aidan and Conor Fogarty, and Devin Tandon.



The reunion concert raised funds for the John Motley Scholarship fund at St. Francis College.

## Song of Gratitude

### Dr. John Motley Honored as All-City Concert Choir Reunites

**March 14** — The inaugural St. Francis College Chancellor’s Concert was held in Founders Hall to honor the work and contributions of **Dr. John Motley** to the St. Francis College Chorus and as conductor of New York’s All-City Concert Choir. Proceeds from ticket sales and ads in a commemorative journal for the event will help endow the newly established John Motley Scholarship at St. Francis.

More than 70 members of the All-City Choir returned for the performance, some from as far away as Puerto Rico and many who have distinguished careers as performers and music educators. Between songs, they reminisced with one another and the audience about their time with the choir and the powerful influence it had on their lives.

“John and I have been friends since our time with the Board of Education,” said **Frank J. Macchiarola ‘62**, St. Francis College chancellor and former New York City Public Schools chancellor. “He’s shown so many of us the positive impact music can have on young people; this is the least we can do to repay him.”

## Tony Award Winner Lillias White Offers Intimate Concert in Founders Hall

**March 23** — Tony and Emmy Award winner Lillias White offered an intimate concert for St. Francis students, faculty, staff and community members in Founders Hall. The performance was organized by the Department of Fine Arts and the Women’s Studies Minor in honor of Women’s History Month.



Tony and Emmy Award winner Lillias White in Founders Hall

“The performance was humorous and educational,” said **Dr. Suzanne Forsberg**, professor of Fine Arts. “Lillias White gave the audience an hour of sheer joy and reminded us of the wonders of the Broadway musical.”

Ms. White, in her most personable moments, ventured into the audience numerous times breaking the plane between singer and spectator; she also performed a medley from her Broadway performances including from *Dreamgirls*, *How to Succeed in Business*, and *The Life*.

It was for her depiction of Sonja in *The Life*, a role written specifically for her by composer Cy Coleman that she won the Broadway quadruple crown of Tony Award, Drama Desk Award, Peoples’ Choice Award and The Outer Critics Award. Ms. White was accompanied on piano by Miles Dalto.

## CALLING ALL FRANCISCAN POETS, WRITERS, ARTISTS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS

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This semi-annual electronic publication offers an eclectic mix of academic and personal essays, short fiction and poetry as well as photographs, drawings and other art works.

The inaugural issue is coming soon to <http://www.stfranciscollege.edu/academics/publications/assisi>. Submissions for the Fall 2009 edition are being accepted by e-mail at [assisi@stfranciscollege.edu](mailto:assisi@stfranciscollege.edu).

*“Assisi provides a new and exciting venue for writers and artists – both established veterans and those who are just starting out.”*

**Dr. Wendy Galgan**, lecturer, Department of English.

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# St. Francis College Celebrates the Power of the Written Word



Nikki Giovanni with students.

## Nikki Giovanni Treats a Full House to her Poems and Personality

**February 9** — World-renowned poet, writer, commentator, activist, and educator Nikki Giovanni helped St. Francis College celebrate Black History Month with a special appearance that had Founders Hall bursting at its seams. The crowd was so big that several dozen people watched Giovanni's presentation via a simulcast in adjacent Callahan Center.

Ms. Giovanni shared thoughts about historic figures from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to President Barack Obama as well as several of her poems. One of her most popular works, "Ego Tripping," served as an encore for her talk, complete with rising applause as the poem was recognized by the audience.

"Students have studied Nikki Giovanni 'on the page,'" said **Dr. Wendy Galgan**, a lecturer in the Department of English. "But it was a true education for them to experience her work literally in her own voice."

Ms. Giovanni has written more than 30 books for adults and children over the past three decades; she has been named Woman of the Year by *Mademoiselle* magazine, *The Ladies Home Journal*, and *Ebony*.



Salman Rushdie autographed a novel for Yana Shchipak '09 following his lecture.

## Salman Rushdie Holds Rapt an Audience for the 2009 Volpe Lecture Series

**March 9** — In a globe-spanning lecture that included everything from literary to pop culture references and took a hard look at the role of the writer, acclaimed author Sir Salman Rushdie attracted a capacity crowd for the 2009 Thomas J. Volpe Lecture Series in Global Business and Finance.

Rushdie told that audience that control of telling a story is important because, "the story is the greatest weapon that all human beings have." At the same time, he shared that because so many books and plays are in circulation, it's necessary for writers to produce more of them only if they "can't help it," and if what they need to write is "not essential to the world, but to you."

Salman Rushdie was born in Bombay (now Mumbai), India, and educated in England. He's known for the award-winning novels *Midnight's Children*, *Shalimar the Clown*, and *The Satanic Verses*, among others, including his latest novel *The Enchantress of Florence*.

Guest speakers to the Volpe Lecture Series offer an international perspective in a variety of fields to the St. Francis College community. The lecture series is funded by a generous gift from **Thomas J. Volpe**, senior advisor at Babcock & Brown, a global financial services firm and chairman emeritus of the St. Francis College Board of Trustees.



Darcey Steinke in the Maroney Forum for Arts, Culture and Education.

## Walt Whitman Writers Series Brings Author to Remsen Street

**March 24** — Author Darcey Steinke appeared at St. Francis College as part of the Walt Whitman Writers Series, which is dedicated to bringing top flight authors to the College to share their thoughts on the art of writing and the specifics of their work.

Ms. Steinke read excerpts from her memoir *Easter Everywhere*, which the students in attendance had read in advance of her presentation. The religious themes and questions Ms. Steinke shares from her work dovetailed with students' current coursework, and they responded to the opportunity to ask pointed, thought-provoking questions.

Steinke has written several novels including, *Milk: A Novel*, *Suicide Blonde* and *Jesus Saves*, and has twice been named to the *New York Times* Most Notable Books of the Year list.

The Walt Whitman Writers Series was launched in November 2008 with a reading by Jonathan Lethem from his award-winning novel, *The Fortress of Solitude*. Walt Whitman, a long-time Brooklyn resident who often included the then-city of Brooklyn in his work, was a natural choice to be honored by naming the writers series for him.

## St. Francis College to Award Literary Prize to Accomplished Writers

St. Francis College is pleased to announce the creation of a new \$50,000 literary prize for an author's fourth book of fiction. The prize will be awarded annually and decided upon by a panel of distinguished literary experts.

A writer may enter either a novel or collection of short stories. The panel assembled to judge the entries is a literary all-star team featuring Pulitzer Prize winner Michael Chabon (*The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay*), National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction winner Jonathan Lethem (*Motherless Brooklyn*), author and co-editor of *The Believer* magazine Heidi Julavits (*The Uses of Enchantment: A Novel*), author and head of the writing MFA program at Columbia University Ben Marcus (*The Age of Wire and String*) and author Ayelet Waldman (*Love and Other Impossible Pursuits*).

In addition to attending an award ceremony to be scheduled for the fall, the prize recipient will conduct a short fiction workshop for a group of students and perform a reading from the winning book.

"When we first discussed offering a literary award at St. Francis College, we immediately agreed that it was vital for our students to be able to benefit," said **Dr. Timothy J. Houlihan**, vice president for academic affairs and academic dean. "By setting the criteria for both a fourth work and at the prize level established, we are ensuring that our students will be able to meet and learn from a high-quality and accomplished author."

Authors interested in entering their work may send their submissions to: Ian S. Maloney, Academic Dean's Office, St. Francis College, 180 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201.



SFC Students show their support for the cause.

## Celebrating Life, Fighting Cancer

The St. Francis College community came together on April 3 to raise more than \$18,000 to fight cancer at the largest Relay For Life walk-a-thon held on campus in the event's four-year history. A record 39 teams and nearly 230 people took part in the event.

"The Colleges Against Cancer Chapter at St. Francis has been absolutely amazing and worked tirelessly to make the event a success," said Karin Rockwin, coordinator of special events for the American Cancer Society. "The money raised will help provide services to Brooklyn patients through our Look Good, Feel Better program, Reach to Recovery, wig fitting, free prosthesis and access to free cancer screenings for uninsured residents."

Relay events during the past several years at St. Francis have helped raise almost \$80,000 for the American Cancer Society. Students have also organized numerous on-site wellness activities such as the Great American Smokeout and founded a nationally recognized Colleges Against Cancer (CAC) Chapter.

"Although I'm graduating in May, I look forward to being part of the next Relay, which will mark a Half-Decade of Hope at St. Francis College," said **Ken Bruno '09**, master of ceremonies and Relay committee member.

## The St. Clare Society

Advancing the Mission and Securing the Future of St. Francis College

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Charter Award honoree John A. Catsimatidis with wife, Margo and daughter, Andrea John.

## Red Apple Group Chairman & CEO John A. Catsimatidis Honored at Annual Charter Award Dinner

**April 28** — More than 250 people gathered at the Plaza in Manhattan for St. Francis College's 48th Annual Charter Award Dinner, which honored John A. Catsimatidis. The event raised \$400,000 to support scholarships for St. Francis students.

Mr. Catsimatidis, who received an honorary doctorate from St. Francis College, gave an inspiring account of his life story, which epitomizes the American dream. A native of Greece who immigrated to West Harlem as an infant, he grew up as a "small fry with big dreams." Armed with a tireless work ethic, Catsimatidis rose from his humble beginnings to oversee an empire that includes holdings in the grocery, oil refining and aviation businesses that employ more than 8,000 people and exceed \$4 billion in annual revenues.

Mr. Catsimatidis also embodies the College's Franciscan value of service to community. He has been a major supporter of Outward Bound and research on Juvenile Diabetes, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases. He has also championed religious freedom worldwide.

"Considering his remarkable achievements and dedication to make our world a better place, St. Francis College was truly delighted to have the opportunity to bestow the Charter Award on John Catsimatidis," said **Brendan J. Dugan '68**, president of St. Francis College. "It is also poignant that in doing so we were able to raise money for scholarships for our students, most of whom grew up in circumstances similar to Catsimatidis' and share his drive to succeed."

In addition to his participation in this year's successful Charter Award Dinner, Mr. Catsimatidis established a scholarship fund at St. Francis that will help future students achieve their dream of earning a college degree. The scholarship fund will be named in honor of the Catsimatidis family.



(L-R): Assemblyman Nick Perry, District Director Anita Taylor (Office of Congresswoman Yvette Clarke), Consul General Jamaica Consulate Genevieve Brown Metzger, Minister Ronald Robinson and SFC President Brendan J. Dugan '68.

## Jamaican Minister Visits SFC During Four-State Tour of Jamaican Populations in the U.S.

**April 20** — A nation of people who give back to their country is how Senator Dr. The Hon. Ronald Robinson, Jamaica's Minister of State from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, described his fellow Jamaicans, particularly those who live abroad. During a breakfast hosted at St. Francis College, Minister Robinson discussed how three million Jamaican nationals, a number equal to the population that lives on the island itself, have contributed billions of dollars in recent years to Jamaica's economy.

During his talk, attended by Anita Taylor, district director for the office of Congresswoman Yvette Clarke, the Consul General of Jamaica Genevieve Brown-Metzger, Assemblyman N. Nick Perry and Yvonne Graham, Brooklyn deputy borough president, Minister Robinson spoke about the priorities of the recently elected government and how Jamaica is fairing during the worldwide economic crisis. He talked of boosting tourism, making the country's agriculture programs more efficient, shoring up the education system and reducing individual costs for health care.

While Minister Robinson conceded that there are struggles ahead he pointed out that in a country that has produced heroes ranging from Bob Marley to Professor Anthony Chen (a member of the team of scientists who shared the Nobel Prize with former Vice President Al Gore) to Olympic Champions Usain Bolt and Shelly-Ann Fraser, Jamaicans share a strong sense of optimism and the belief that anything can be accomplished.

The breakfast was part of a four-state tour for Dr. Robinson, who visited communities that account for a combined 600,000 Jamaicans. These individuals represent more than half the total number of nationals residing in the United States and are considered pivotal to the Diaspora movement, something Dr. Robinson has worked hard to strengthen.



# CONFRONTING THE CRISIS

*SFC ADDRESSES THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN*

Recently, Economics Professors **Drs. Paddy Quick, Behrouz Tabrizi,** and **Julio Huato**; Management Professor **Dr. John Dilyard**; and Accounting Professor **Dr. Geoffrey Horlick** sat down to discuss the ways lessons from the current recession are integrated in their teaching and how St. Francis College students are responding. In addition to their classroom responsibilities, the faculty members featured in this article, in addition to many of their colleagues, have published articles in numerous professional and scholarly journals and made timely presentations about the economic crisis and its implications. Their responses have been edited for brevity.



**Dr. Julio Huato**  
Economics Professor

*AS CITIZENS, STUDENTS AND FACULTY, WE MUST BE WELL INFORMED AND TAKE PART IN THE PUBLIC DEBATE, OR CONTINUE TO ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE VICTIMIZED BY EVENTS BEYOND OUR CONTROL.*

**Q** *What are some of the ways faculty members are addressing current economic crisis with students?*

**DR. PADDY QUICK** ♦ We talk about the current crisis on a regular basis in all Economics classes, and, of course, this makes them much more interesting for students. In my Advanced Theory class, which is part of the master's degree program in Accounting, the students wrote papers for which they used economic theory and data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis and the Congressional Budget Office to estimate the impact of the economic stimulus bill. In Principles of Macroeconomics, students study the data released each month by the Bureaus of Labor Statistics and Economic Analysis.

**DR. JOHN DILYARD** ♦ Management and Business and Technology professors work the topic into their classroom lectures as often as possible. Topics range from discussing relevant items in the news to following the stock market to understanding the trade deficit and how it impacts not only the U.S. but European Union members. Some professors make a point to discuss the effects of bad decision making, while others talk about the relationship among business, government and society and how that will be different after this crisis is over. Issues of corporate and personal responsibility are also addressed in depth.

**DR. BEHROUZ TABRIZI** ♦ We use economic tools to discuss the contributing causes of such unprecedented market failure and are sure to use real examples.

**DR. GEOFFREY HORLICK** ♦ In Accounting as in Management and Economics, we discuss topics as they relate to courses. In Auditing and Information Systems classes we talk about accounting controls, internal controls, and system design. In Financial Accounting, it is bank reconciliations, security transactions, stock and bond investments, cash and internal control, and, adherence to generally accepted accounting principles and auditing standards. Students are certainly aware of abuses and pitfalls resulting from a lack of adherence to professional standards.

*IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT STUDENTS UNDERSTAND THE RELEVANCE OF WHAT THEY ARE STUDYING TO THE "OUTSIDE" WORLD.*



**Dr. Geoffrey Horlick**  
Accounting Professor

**Q** *Why is it important to engage students in these discussions?*

**DR. JULIO HUATO** ♦ As citizens, students and faculty, we must be well informed and take part in the public debate, or continue to allow ourselves to be victimized by events beyond our control. For students this is especially true, since their generation will deal for longer with the consequences of public choices made today. For faculty grappling with a widespread global crisis that is challenging the most fundamental institutions and notions in our society and forcing people to revise their dearest values, this must be at the heart of providing a solid liberal arts education to our students.

**HORLICK** ♦ I see that students can definitely connect the issues discussed in class to the economic conditions surrounding them. It's imperative that they understand the relevance of what they are studying to the "outside" world.

**DILYARD** ♦ As Julio indicated, this may be the most significant economic/political/ societal event the students will experience in their lifetimes. It has multiple, overlapping causes that transcend any one discipline and the solution to the crisis will require creative and innovative approaches that are likely to transform how business is done. Students need to start acquiring now the skills and mindset they will need to function effectively in this new environment.

**QUICK** ♦ Also to Julio's point, students must understand the crisis to be able to participate in debates within the U.S. and avoid succumbing to a sense of hopelessness and apathy, which a situation such as this can generate.

*THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES, STARTING LAST FALL, FOR STUDENTS AND THE COMMUNITY, TO LEARN ABOUT AND DISCUSS THIS CRISIS.*

**Dr. Behrouz Tabrizi**  
Economics Professor





**Dr. John Dilyard**  
Management Professor

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**Q** Describe the “teach in” approach that the College has taken in regard to this subject and the ways it enhances classroom learning.

**TABRIZI** ♦ There have been a number of special opportunities, starting last fall, for students and the community, to learn about and discuss this crisis. When the financial crisis hit the airwaves in September, Dr. Quick proposed a roundtable discussion addressing it, which the Economics Society—a student organization—responded to by organizing a meeting featuring Dr. Quick, Dr. Huato, and myself. The same group organized meetings that brought in Mark Brenner, co-director of the East Coast Office of Labor, to speak on how the recession has affected employment, and William Savary, CEO of Global Trading, Inc., who spoke on the credit crisis.

**DILYARD** ♦ In the same vein, the Department of Business & Technology and the Finance Club co-hosted a symposium in March, involving President Dugan and several alumni with extensive financial services backgrounds (see page 11). Participants discussed how the crisis is affecting their institutions as well as the industry as a whole, and addressed what the industry might look like in the near future. They also discussed the skills and knowledge needed to avoid a similar crisis in the future. The students, who asked very good questions, were particularly interested in hearing more about how they can apply what they already have learned to carve out fulfilling careers for themselves.

**QUICK** ♦ Of course, an understanding of the crisis requires input from people in many different disciplines. Dr. Frank Sorrentino, professor of Political Science, recently led a very interesting discussion on the stimulus program. He was introduced by a History major, an indication of students’ active involvement in discussion of what is taking place.

**Q** How has the College reached out to the community in regard to the crisis? What has been the response?

**QUICK** ♦ In February, I presented “The Current Economic Crisis” as part of the College’s Senior Citizen Speaker Series to educate our neighbors about the factors behind this downturn. The lecture was well attended and fostered a lively discussion.

**DILYARD** ♦ Also, the Department of Information Technology is planning a project management forum, free to the community, which will outline the ways project management tools can help transition a career, small business, or one’s personal life. In addition, the Department is investigating the availability of a grant that will enable the College to offer courses to local residents who need new skills to advance their careers or retraining to pursue new ones.

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**Dr. Paddy Quick**  
Economics Professor

**Q** Are students concerned about their career and immediate employment prospects?

**HUATO** ♦ Students are concerned, since the discussion of the crisis immediately grabs their attention, but it’s not always clear to me to what extent their concern is related to their own individual or family situation, the state of the world at large, or intellectual interest.

**DILYARD** ♦ Students definitely are worried because pretty much all they hear is bad or negative news. It’s easy to get trapped into thinking that there are no viable options, so hearing that there are plenty of opportunities out there is encouraging. The message we try to send and reinforce here—from President Dugan, Chancellor Macchiarola, the Office of Career Development, and the faculty—is “all you need is one job...yours.” That seems to help keep students focused in a positive way.

**QUICK** ♦ I have found it important to emphasize to students that although there is indeed a high and increasing level of unemployment, there is always job turnover, so that for them “unemployment” may take the form of a longer-than-normal time period between jobs, or between college graduation and the start of their post-graduate employment. It is also important to show them data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics that the rate of unemployment for those with a bachelor’s degree or higher was 4.1 percent compared with 7 percent for those with only some college or an associate degree, and 8.3 percent for those with only a high school diploma. “Don’t drop out!” is sound advice, but more persuasive if it is backed up with hard data.

**TABRIZI** ♦ In my opinion, the College has done a good job reaching out to students through the Career Development Office by organizing job fairs and related workshops. Students who are serious about looking for work in this economy have attended and benefitted. Of course, seniors are more concerned than freshmen, particularly those job hunting in the finance sector.

**HORLICK** ♦ I’d say that in spite of students’ concerns, they seem confident—even if their job opportunities are currently limited—that their education and acquired skills and knowledge will serve them well in the future.



# KEEPING NEW YORK IN THE BLACK

Insight on Today's Fiscal Problems  
from those Who Solved the City's 1975 Crisis

An engaged Founders Hall crowd was treated on May 5 to a mixture of an economic history lesson with a critique of the present and advice for the future of New York City and New York State as St. Francis College and the Manhattan Institute hosted the panel discussion, "Keeping New York in the Black, Our Current Fiscal Woes In Light Of The 1975 Fiscal Crisis."

**D**r. Frank J. Macchiarola'62, chancellor of St. Francis, who was chief of staff to the Emergency Financial Control Board, moderated the panel which featured his former co-workers in the 1970s: Stephen Berger, who was executive director of the Emergency Financial Control Board at the height of the 1975 crisis and is now the chairman of Odyssey Investment Partners; Eugene Keilin, who represented New York City in negotiations with New York State and the Municipal Assistance Corporation which was created to deal with the crisis and is now co-founder and senior advisor of KPS Capital Partners, LP and John E. Zuccotti, who was first deputy mayor under Abraham D. Beame and is now co-chairman of Brookfield Properties Corporation.

Fred Siegel, a professor at The Cooper Union for Science and Art, contributing editor to the Manhattan Institute's *City Journal* and soon to be a visiting professor at St. Francis College for the 2009-2010 school year delivered the opening remarks. He described the situation in 1975 as a city that, "was stumbling towards the brink of bankruptcy. Garbage was piling up in the streets, the murder rate was skyrocketing. The west side elevated highway, since ripped down, was collapsing." Siegel summed up the crisis best by asking and answering the question, "How close were we to bankruptcy? So close that the police cars were mobilized to serve the papers on the banks. So close that Beame had a speech ready to go."

After introductions by Dr. Macchiarola, Mr. Zuccotti offered a national perspective on the situation in New York City in 1975. He pointed out that numerous other cities were dealing with similar problems and that the economic crisis was not something that was created out of malice. Instead, Zuccotti said that what happened was New York City leaders felt a moral obligation to take care of the needs of the people, like provide cheap or free health care and a cheap transit system. "The city of New York absorbed some of those social responsibilities which in fact the federal government and other agencies of our society were not prepared to do. The single distinction to understand what that meant was that they borrowed, they borrowed billions of dollars."

Mr. Berger followed by pointing out that it was not a secret that the city was heading for trouble. He said that the warning signs were there for ten years but that politicians at the time were more willing to preside over a slow decline than to acknowledge the looming crisis and make the difficult changes necessary to fix the debt and borrowing problems.

Mr. Keilin pushed that idea further saying that the problems in 1975 only came to a head when people from outside the political system stepped in and put a stop to what had become business as usual. He said that bankers went to the mayor and told him they would no longer lend the city money. "The fact is that if the tap had not been shut down by the financial market things would have continued for a much longer period of time. The explosion would have happened eventually. It just would have been bigger and more people would have been hurt," said Keilin.

This put in motion the steps that brought all the people on the panel to government. Several times, they stressed that they were not elected to do their jobs, but rather mandated to fix a problem and given the authority to do so only because of the magnitude of the crisis.



*The panelists included (L-R) Stephen Berger, John E. Zuccotti, Frank J. Macchiarola '62, Eugene Keilin and Fred Siegel.*

The panelists all agreed that New York City today is in much better shape than it was in 1975, in many ways because of the strict controls that were put in place and attention that was given to make sure the city's books were kept appropriately and responsibly.

While Mr. Zuccotti acknowledged that tens of thousands of market related jobs have been lost due to the recent economic troubles, he pointed to several other times when the city was counted out, only to reinvent itself each time, bigger and better. Zuccotti says that the reforms made in the 1970s combined with the city's growth and infrastructure make him optimistic about another recovery.

Looking to the future, Mr. Berger offered the sternest warning about the economic picture. He said that the gaps in the current state budget are only being plugged by the billions of dollars New York is getting from the Federal Stimulus Package. "That's a two year plug and when that plug goes away you're not diving off a 12 foot cliff, you're in Acapulco diving into the waters."

## PROMINENT ALUMNI FINANCE LEADERS DISCUSS ECONOMIC CLIMATE

ON MARCH 13, Accounting, Business and Technology students filled St. Francis' Maroney Forum for Arts, Culture & Education to learn about the current economic climate from four prominent alumni who have decades of leadership experience in the finance industry.

St. Francis College President **Brendan J. Dugan '68**, former chairman and chief operating officer for the Metro NY/NJ Division of Sovereign Bancorp moderated the panel, which included **Edward Travaglianti '70**, president of TD Bank Long Island, **Lawrence A. Marsiello '72**, managing member and co-founder of Wriston Capital Management; and **Vincent DeGiaino, CPA '72**, chief operating officer for Muirfield Capital Management.

President Dugan began the discussion with a historical look at the factors that led to the current crisis, pointing to the repeal of the Glass-Steagall Act in 1999. Mr. Dugan noted that while this allowed for financial institutions to expand into new areas of money management and investing, regulators who watched over the industry were slow to evolve and adapt their monitoring of all the new opportunities. With this shift, President Dugan said, many companies moved from earning their profits from interest on investments to collecting fees on transactions. Mr. Travaglianti talked about lessons to be learned from this current cycle, saying that people will concentrate more on the fundamentals of basic investing. He said that while debt is not intrinsically bad, it has become clear that too much debt leads to instability and that bigger is not always better. "We've heard that some companies were too big to fail but maybe they were too



*St. Francis alumni Edward Travaglianti '70, Lawrence A. Marsiello '72, Vincent DeGiaino, '72 and Brendan J. Dugan '68 discuss the current economic situation.*

big to manage," said Travaglianti. He added that we will now see more opportunities on a smaller, more local scale in a nimble entrepreneurial world.

Mr. Marsiello said that the federal government stimulus was necessary and given time will prove effective. He urged that the government can only do so much and that "long term recovery relies upon the private sector replacing the government as the engine of growth." Marsiello predicted that while volatility and more defaults will occur in the short run, the pieces are falling into place for a powerful recovery. He said much needed capital is funneling back into the banking system, excess inventories are being liquidated and housing prices are falling to a more affordable level.

Mr. DeGiaino based his comments as much on psychology and economics. He pointed that we have experienced countless cycles throughout history and that while sometimes lessons are learned, often times, those same lessons are forgotten and similar mistakes are made again. He listed a series of crises from the past decade as examples of the repeated bubble and burst cycle.

One concept that the entire panel agreed on was that a restoration of investor confidence will be crucial to achieving a full financial recovery.

## TODAY'S TERRIERS

NAME / CLASS YEAR:

### Theo Davidson '11



**MAJOR:**

International Economics and Finance

**MINOR:**

Political Science

**HOMETOWN / NEIGHBORHOOD:**

Bedford Stuyvesant

**HIGH SCHOOL:**

Norman Thomas High School for Commercial Education in Manhattan

**CAMPUS ACTIVITIES:**

As secretary/parliamentarian for the Student Government Association, it's my job to create meeting and other agendas, organize events, take minutes and alert other SGA members about events we are hosting on campus. It's my most time-consuming activity but I am very happy that I made the choice to become an executive. After my term is up, I will take away the relationships that I've established, a stronger work ethic—and a few extra pounds from the late night meetings and work sessions.

I'm also in the Honors Club, whose purpose is to round out its members' educations by attending plays, musicals, lectures, and other enriching cultural activities.

Finally, I'm involved with the Thomas More Pre-Law Society, which provides students who plan to go to law school opportunities to participate in and host mock trials where we assume roles as attorneys and witnesses for cases.

**INTERNSHIPS:**

I have two right now, both of which are providing me valuable work experience. One is at National Grid, an international gas and electric company; the other is for a bankruptcy law firm, Rosenberg Musso and Weiner, where I am a legal assistant. Balancing work, school and extracurricular activities has made me realize that my strongest asset is an ability to manage my time.

**CAREER GOALS:**

I hope to attend law school so I can become a corporate attorney focusing on international law. I hope to be able to travel the world solving economic and corporate disputes in various countries.

**SOMEONE AT SFC WHO HAS MADE A LASTING IMPRESSION:**

I have had the privilege of meeting many administrators and professors who are not only knowledgeable about the subjects they teach, but honestly care about their students. Two people who have made a lasting impression are **Ruben Gonzalez '04**, assistant director of student activities and **Cheretta Robson**, senior career counselor, who are great assets to the St. Francis College community. They have always been there to guide me as the newest and youngest executive of the SGA team. Any time there is an issue or problem I know that I can easily come to them and they would guide me to a solution.

**HOW SFC IS INFLUENCING HIS FUTURE:**

The College's small classrooms, involved faculty, helpful administration and welcoming atmosphere have definitely shaped my goals and dreams. St. Francis truly gives each student the opportunity to succeed both academically and socially. I hope to share with my future colleagues the Franciscan values and traditions that were instilled in me at this great school.

## Students Promote Importance of Giving Back

**Dominic Palastro '09, Brittney Smith '09, Diego Martinez '09, Kenneth Bruno '09 and Sean Ghazala '09**, all members of the 2009 Senior Class Gift Committee, are working hard to spread the message to their peers that giving what they can to the institution that has helped them take the first step in their careers is important.

**I** wanted to give to the St. Francis College community before I graduated; being part of the Senior Class Committee was a good way to do this, said Smith.

"I have always felt it is important to pay it forward."

The goal of the Senior Class Gift Committee is to achieve the highest participation rate possible, rather than concentrate on a monetary goal. So far, 12 percent of the senior class has contributed, raising more than \$4,000. The Class Giving Project, which

reaches out to students other than seniors, has to date seen participation from 13 percent of students.

This year, proceeds from both efforts will support scholarships for St. Francis students.

"I received a scholarship, so I know firsthand the difference it can make," said Palastro. "I wanted to be part of the Committee to help other students have the same opportunities that I did."



## BIOLOGY COURSE BRINGS STUDENTS TO THE CARIBBEAN

Have you ever touched a dolphin or swum with a whale shark? Several St. Francis students have, thanks to a new marine biology course that is offered by the Biology and Health Promotion Department. The course includes a field research component that enables students to travel to Belize and Honduras.

**T**he course begins on campus with four days of intensive class work before the students travel to Central America for a week of snorkeling and hands-on activities. While in Brooklyn, the students practice their snorkeling technique in the College pool, write a book report and participate in a book discussion. Classroom lectures cover coral reef ecology, fisheries biology, marine mammals and the culture of the area they are about to visit. Students also make presentations about marine biology topics.

Once they arrive in Central America, students snorkel for at least three hours daily in various coral habitats and man-

groves. They also keep field notes and a journal, hear lectures and participate in field work just off shore.

During the most recent course, which took place during the winter intersession in January, students took a census of rock boring urchins in Honduras and learned how these organisms affect the ecology of the area. When snorkeling, the students got to see first-hand how the animals interact with each other. For example, some fish such as the dusky damselfish hover about their nests that are hidden in coral. Other fish, such as the squirrelfish, like to make only nocturnal appearances, which can only be observed during a night snorkel.

“Not only do our students benefit from the opportunity to explore some remarkably beautiful habitats, they also gain hands-on research experience that prepares them for graduate school or the workplace,” noted **Dr. Kathleen Nolan**, chair, Department of Biology and Health Promotions.





# Documentary Dynamics: MoMA Hosts Screening of Historic Video Project Co-Produced by SFC Professor, Students and a Forward-Thinking Long Islander

As a relatively new faculty member in the 1980s, **Dr. Lynne Jackson** gained valuable career and life experience contributing to the production of a landmark video documenting race relations more than a decade earlier in Bellport, Long Island. Now, as professor and chair of St. Francis College's Department of Communication Arts, Dr. Jackson understands clearly and shares with her students how technology can not only help tell stories but preserve them to provide historical context for important cultural issues.

In 1970, Puerto Rican and African American high school students in Bellport were struggling for their voices to be heard among local school officials for the hiring of black teachers and the inclusion of black studies courses in the curriculum. Long Island resident and documentary co-producer Betty Puleston opened her home as a gathering place for the students and George Stoney, longtime New York University professor of film and cinema studies and pioneer in the fields of documentary film and public access television, collaborated to lend the students video cameras, at the time considered cutting-edge technology, to record their experiences. Together, they captured activities at community and school board meetings, a student-organized press conference, and interviews of the students expressing their thoughts and opinions about what was

happening.

On February 27, the documentary produced from video shot by the students, *Race or Reason: The Bellport Dilemma*, was shown at the Museum of Modern Art in Manhattan as part of a tribute to George Stoney, Dr. Jackson's mentor. In attendance were not only Dr. Jackson and Mr. Stoney, but also several of the documentary's original videographers and participants.

"Video was used as a means of starting a dialogue in the community," said Dr. Jackson, who contributed to the production and editing of the documentary. "Now, nearly 40 years later those involved still describe the experience as a defining moment in their lives."

During the production process, Dr. Jackson invited the participation of more than a dozen St. Francis students and recent graduates, who had the opportunity to work on a "real project" as camera operators, assistant editors and production assistants. They and many other professionals devoted to the

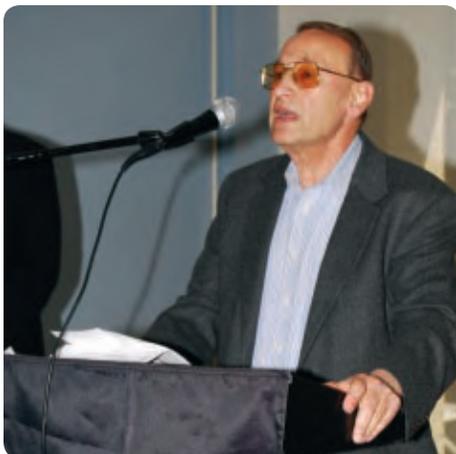


Dr. Lynne Jackson (center) instructs students in SFC's high definition television studio.

project assisted Ms. Puleston in completing the documentary.

"It was fantastic to work on such an ambitious project with my college professor, said **Ajit Anthony Prem '99**, who now works as a filmmaker and editor. "Dr. Jackson and Ms. Puleston were constantly reminding us how to be truthful with the material and honor the people involved; I still use this process when I deal with non-fiction projects."

*Race or Reason: The Bellport Dilemma* is available through Filmmakers Library ([www.filmakers.com](http://www.filmakers.com)); its debut was at the 2002 Margaret Mead Film and Video Festival at the American Museum of Natural History.



## Honoring Four Decades of Excellence in the Classroom

Accounting Professor **William Yellin** has retired after 40 years of teaching at St. Francis. In recognition of the remarkable impact Yellin had on the careers and lives of the many future accountants he taught, the College held a retirement party in the Gorman Dining Hall that was attended by dozens of former students, fellow faculty, administrators and friends.

Contributions in honor of Professor Yellin may be made to St. Francis College. For more information, please contact **Olga Macolino '01**, director of annual giving at 718.489.5483, or via e-mail at [omacolino@stfranciscollege.edu](mailto:omacolino@stfranciscollege.edu).

Professor William Yellin

## Faculty Notes

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**Dr. Kristy Biolsi** (Psychology) presented research on emergent matching in a California sea lion subject conducted at the Long Marine Lab in Santa Cruz, CA at the Conference on Comparative Cognition in Melbourne, FL. She also began an affiliation with the Atlantis Aquarium in Riverhead, NY where she will be working with trainers to collect data on discrimination learning with three resident Atlantic harbor seals and two resident California sea lions.

**Dr. Filomena Califano** (Chemistry and Physics) presented "An Investigation of Arsenic Compounds in Marine Tissues" at the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers National Meeting. This has been a cooperative research endeavor with Dr. Kathleen Nolan, chair, Department of Biology.

Dr. Califano and Dr. Gerard Davidson (Chemistry and Physics), along with alumnae Nicole James, submitted "The Influence of Viscosity on Phase Separation of Liquid Mixtures with a Critical Point of Miscibility" to the *Journal of Engineering and Technology Research*.

**Dr. James Corrigan** (Biology), who has been inducted into the scientific research society Sigma Xi, has directed six master's degree theses at Long Island University. He delivered a lecture titled "Chemical, Biological and Radiological Terrorism: New York City Preparedness and Defense" to International Baccalaureate Program students at Xaverian High School.

**Dr. John Dilyard** (Business and Technology) presented, with students Alan Stuto, Sanaa Farran, Christina Scotti, and Deidre Turner, "Student Perceptions on Viable Sustainable Businesses" at the Global Landscapes Conference at King's College in Pennsylvania.

**Dr. Timothy Dugan** (Communication Arts) presented "Props and Publicity in a Franciscan Setting" at the Catholic Theater Conference at Loyola Marymount University in November. His presentation was based on his classroom experience with Bro. Edward Wesley, O.S.F. '68 (English) in a team-taught course, Literature and Performance. He will participate in a panel at the American Association for Theater in Higher Education conference in New York this summer with the Religion and Theater Focus Group.

**Dr. Barbara Edington** (Business and Technology) published "Top Three Myths about Teamwork and How to Avoid Them," in the April edition of *Projects & Profits*, a publication of Icfai University Press.

Dr. Edington, along with Drs. Starr Eaddy, Steven Lipson, Irena Ellison and Kathleen Nolan, and Prof. Lynda Kessler, and four students: Tatiana

Malvoisin, Maria Leon, Jeannette Dubosz and Brian Neuner, participated in a two-day workshop titled Anatomy in Clay at St. Francis College.

**Dr. Irina Ellison** (Biology), in conjunction with the American Cancer Society, organized St. Francis College's second annual Great American Smokeout on November 20. She also spoke at the Association for Women in Science Career Symposium and was elected vice president of the Metro New York chapter.

**Dr. Suzanne Forsberg** (Fine Arts) delivered "Made in the U.S.A.: The Music of Aaron Copland" at the Hart Library in Shrub Oak, NY for Speakers in the Humanities, which was sponsored by the New York Council for the Humanities. In addition, she attended the national meeting of the American Musicological Society in Nashville; gave a lecture titled "The Symphony before Haydn and Mozart: Composers who Helped Develop the Genre" at St. Francis College. She has also presented seven concerts in the expanded series Concerts at Half-Past Twelve at St. Francis College.

**Dr. Marina Gair** (Education) was elected to the International Visual Sociology Association executive board, a professional organization devoted to the visual study of society, culture, and social relationships representing a wide spectrum of disciplines, including sociology, anthropology, education, visual communication, photography, art, journalism, and related fields. In addition, she became moderator of the Education Club, which collected and donated Christmas toys to the New York Foundling Hospital.

**Dr. Wendy Galgan's** (English) poem "Cabinet de Travail" was published in the winter 2009 issue of *California Quarterly*. Two of Dr. Galgan's poems won prizes in The Seacoast Writers Association's 19th Annual Poetry Contest, including "You Are Trapped in That Bright Moment Where You Learned Your Doom," which won first prize. Dr. Galgan also presented papers at PCA/ACA Annual Conference and NEMLA Conference.

**Prof. David Gewirtz** (Communication Arts) moderated and presented "From the Stone Age to the Modern Age, Building a High-Definition Television Studio on a Shoestring Budget" at the Broadcast Educators Association Region 2 meeting with student Cristianos Castellanos. Currently, he is writing a review of a book titled *New New Media*, authored by his mentor, Dr. Paul Levinson, who is chairman of Fordham University's Media Studies Program. It is scheduled to be released in September 2009 from Penguin/Pearson Group Press.

**Dr. Richard Giaquinto** (Education) will publish an article next fall on teacher retention that will appear in the *Journal of Theory and Retention*.

He also participated in a panel for WNYC public radio that discussed the effects of standardized tests on instructional practices. He is completing professional development sessions/workshops for charter schools that focus on effective instructional strategies for classroom management in grades K-12.

**Dr. Uwe P. Gielen** (Psychology) was elected fellow of the Eastern Psychological Association and served as the 2008 president of the International Division of the American Psychological Association as well as past president for the division's executive council. His recent publications include a foreword for the book *On New Shores: Understanding Immigrant Fathers in North America* as well as several Presidential Messages that appeared in the *International Psychology Bulletin*. He gave several presentations, including "Counselors and Therapists in a Multicultural World" (Columbia University), "Chinese Youths and Emerging Adults in New York City" (New York University), and "Why are Chinese Immigrant Students So Successful Academically?" (Guelph University, Conference on Immigrant Children and Adolescents).

Dr. Gielen delivered a series of presentations in Canada and the U.S. during the Fall 2008 semester. These presentations included "Internationalizing the Psychology Curriculum by Establishing an Institute for International Psychology" as a part of the 2008 Education Leadership Conference of the American Psychological Association in Washington, a talk on "Publishing Psychology Books" at an international gathering at Fordham University, a shared paper with Dr. Ting Lei of CUNY on "Why Are Chinese Immigrant Students So Successful Academically?" as part of an immigration conference at Guelph University, Canada, and participation in a workshop on "Internationalizing the Curriculum" as part of the 20th Greater New York Conference on Behavioral Research at Fordham University, where he was a guest of honor. Coming up are a presentation on "Counselors and Therapists in a Multicultural World" at Columbia University and a workshop for educators on "Chinese Youths and Emerging Adults in New York City" at New York University (a joint presentation with Dr. Ting Lei).

**Dr. Francis J. Greene** (Foreign Languages, Fine Arts, and International Cultural Studies) presented an illustrated lecture on the poetry of Charles Peguy and its relation to the architecture of Chartres Cathedral at the Pope Auditorium of Fordham University, Lincoln Center. Dr. Greene also attended the annual International Conference of the Society of Architectural Historians in Pasadena, CA, where he participated in a

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roundtable presentation of syllabi for advanced courses in undergraduate architectural studies; he received training in the use of the just-initiated digital library of architectural images, SAHARA, to be maintained by the Society of Architectural Historians.

**Dr. Baruch Gutman** (Mathematics) published "Nano Plasma Technology Production for Tiles Against Piercing Weaponry" in *Open Materials Science Journal*, 2009.

**Drs. Michele Hirsch and Jennifer Lancaster** (Psychology) traveled with seven St. Francis College Psychology majors to the 80th annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association where two students presented research posters based on their senior thesis projects. Cristina Carrereto '09 presented "The Effects of Ageism When Choosing a College Professor" and Laura Donodeo '09 presented "Professor Evaluations: Do Students Rely on Verbal or Online Sources in Course Selection?" Both posters were featured as entries to Psi Chi, the national honor society for Psychology.

**Drs. Lynne Jackson and Scott Weiss** (Communication Arts) traveled to Japan for research under the auspices of Faculty Development and Faculty Research grants. They were joined by two Communication Arts graduating seniors, Joe Neri and Crecenciano Castellanos, who helped document five St. Francis College Communication Arts graduates living in Japan. This research has been integrated into the Global Communications course and will be developed further for publication.

**Drs. Esther E. Klein and Corinne Smolizza** (Business and Technology) presented "Careers in Information Technology: Where Are the Women?" at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Northeast Decision Sciences (NEDSI).

**Dr. Peter Leibman** (Education) established a relationship with the New York City Department of Education's Teaching Learning Collaborative (TLC), which helps local colleges and universities place student teachers in high performing and high needs schools. He organized, with the help of TLC, several city-wide meetings for student teachers to receive information about possible teaching positions and participate in workshops in effective job interviews for teaching positions. Finally, Dr. Leibman became the moderator of the Education Honor Society.

**Dr. Steven M. Lipson** (Biology) was invited to contribute two book chapters based on recent and current student-faculty research at St. Francis College. They are: "Reduction of Reovirus Infectivity by Commercially-Supplied Pure and Store-Purchased Cranberry and Grape Juices," for *Fruit Juices: Properties, Consumption, and*

*Nutrition*, Nova Science Publ., Hauppague, NY; and "Effect of Cranberry and Grape Juice Drinks on Enteric Virus Integrity, Infectivity in Cell Culture, and Pathology in an Animal Model," in *Flavor and Health Benefits of Small Fruits*, American Chemical Society Press, Chicago, IL. Dr. Lipson and student Christopher Ferrari will present their most recent research at the annual meeting of the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) in Philadelphia. Christopher Ferrari was awarded an ASM travel grant for excellence in research. Dr. Lipson is also scheduled to speak in October at the Annual Cranberry Health Science Symposium, attended by researchers from the major companies in the industry as well as representatives from government and grower associations. Dr. Lipson and students' research is supported by a St. Francis College Faculty Research Grant and grants from Welch Foods, Inc., the Cranberry Institute/Wisconsin Cranberry Association Growers, and the Benjamin Cummings Publishing Company/Metropolitan Association of College and University Biologists (MACUB).

**Dr. Jaskiran Mathur** (Sociology and Criminal Justice) participated in the 40th Annual Margaret S. Mahler Symposium, "The Wound of Mortality: Fear Denial and Acceptance of Death," organized at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.



Dr. John McNamara

**Dr. John McNamara** (Education) was granted tenure and promotion. In addition to publishing several articles on exercise physiology, he was featured in an exercise magazine and appeared on CBS television's *The Early Show* demonstrating the "perfect push-up." As a result, \$500 worth of Perfect Pushup equipment was donated to the College's Physical Education Department for use in its Biomechanics and Weight Training classes.

**Dr. Sintia Molina's** (Foreign Languages) book *El Naturalismo en la Novela Cubana* (University Press of America, 2001) has been digitalized into an audio format by the Spain National Organization for the Blind (ONCE).

**Dr. Kathleen Nolan** (Biology) presented "Field Biology Courses that Contribute to Sustainability through the Promotion of Ecotourism" at the Global Landscapes Conference at King's College in Pennsylvania. In addition, she and Dr. Allen Burdowski (Biology) presented posters at the Metropolitan Association of College and University Biologists Annual Conference at Montclair State University in October and with St. Francis College students at the American Chemical Society Undergraduate Conference at Pace University in May.

**Dr. Fotios Paliogiannis** (Mathematics) published 'Some Remarks on Commuting Powers of Operators' in the *International Journal of Pure and Applied Mathematics*.

**Dr. Nickie Phillips** (Sociology and Criminal Justice) published "The Prosecution of Hate Crimes: Limitations of the Hate Crime Typology" in *The Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 2009.

**Dr. Gerard Shaw** (Education) developed Advanced Concepts of Physical Education, a course that prepares Physical Education pre-service teachers for the rigors of teaching by providing opportunities to apply theory to actual performance required in a gymnasium.

**Dr. Erez Shochat** (Mathematics) published, 'Automorphisms of Short Recursively Saturated Models of Arithmetic' in the *Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic*. He also delivered "Non-isomorphic Automorphism Groups of Short Recursively Saturated Models of PA" at the ASL Winter Meeting in Washington, DC.

**Dr. Arnold Sparr's** (History) review of *The Faithful: A History of Catholics in America* by James O'Toole (Cambridge: Belknap, 2008) was recently published in *The Journal of American History*.

**Dr. Gregory F. Tague** (English) published "Her Own Bones," a creative non-fiction piece in *Blue Print Review*. This piece has been nominated for the year-end national literary Pushcart Prize. Dr. Tague also published "Consistency of Milk" in *Blue Print Review* (Spring 2009); and "Noah's Lost Elephants" in *3 Willows Wept Review* (Spring 2009).

**Dr. Sandy Westcott** (Business and Technology) successfully defended her dissertation, "The Effectiveness of Using Digital Game Playing in a First-Level Programming Course," earning her doctoral degree in Computing from Pace University.



## New Leadership for Men's Water Polo

**L**arry Naeve has been named head coach of the St. Francis Men's Water Polo team. Naeve replaces **Carl Quigley '75**, who resigned this past winter after coaching the Terriers for 34 years, which included six Northern Division Championships and a trip to the NCAA Final Four in 2005. "Finding someone to fill the shoes of coach Quigley was initially a daunting task," said Director of Athletics **Irma Garcia '80**. "We are so lucky to have found Larry, and we are confident that he can build on the impressive standard that Carl has already established at St. Francis."

Coach Naeve's coaching experience spans more than 20 years and includes two impressive stints as the head coach at La Canada High School (LCHS) in California. He began his tenure in 1973 and received the California Interscholastic Southern Section coach of the year award in 1979. Naeve's teams won five Rio League Championships from 1973-1980.

Naeve returned to LCHS in 1995 and coached the Spartans until 2007, winning 10 league championships

during that period. He led his squad to the CIF-SS Division III Championships in 1997, 1999, 2005, and 2007. He also was named the California Interscholastic Southern Section coach of the year award in each of those seasons.

Naeve, a University of Southern California (USC) graduate, developed 29 High School All Americans and seven Academic All Americans throughout his career. USC, the current NCAA Men's Water Polo National Champions, features three players that Naeve mentored for four years at LCHS. Naeve has also coached United States Water Polo Coastal California Zone teams helping to develop young players in the area.

"St Francis has been an outstanding team under Carl Quigley," Naeve said. "Carl has done a great job. It is an honor to have the opportunity to be part of this program and continue St Francis' commitment to excellence in the classroom and in the pool. Our mission is a simple one—win an NCAA Championship."



## Dean Brown Leaps into Terrier Record Books

**D**ean Brown '10, a junior born in Jamaica and raised in New York City, helped create one of the memorable indoor track seasons in St. Francis history. Brown set a Terrier high jump record by twice achieving seven feet and one-quarter inch, first at the New Balance Invitational at the 168th Street Armory in Manhattan and then at the prestigious Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America (IC4A) meet in Boston. In addition, he was named Northeast Conference champion in the high jump at the indoor and outdoor championships.

*Dean Brown '10*

## Athletes of the Year and Scholar-Athletes of the Year Announced

**T**he St. Francis College Department of Athletics has named tennis standout **Jindrich Chaloupka '09** and basketball star, **Kara Ayers '09** as its men's and women's Athletes of the Year. In addition, **Vihren Todorov '09**, men's tennis, and **Karla Babica '09**, women's basketball, have received the men's and women's Scholar-Athlete of the Year Awards.

Chaloupka, an International Business major from Sumperk, Czech Republic, graduated in May after making the Dean's

List as well as the NEC Academic Honor Roll every semester for the three years he spent at St. Francis. He was also named the 2009 Northeast Conference player of the year. He completed the season with a 15-3 record at number one singles and finished his collegiate career with a 38-6 record.

Ayers, a Physical Education major, ranks sixth on the Terriers' all-time scoring list with 1,190 career points. During the season, she was named to the Second Team All Northeast Conference after scoring

19.2 points per game, the second-highest average in the conference.

Todorov, a Management major originally from Bulgaria, entered his final semester with a cumulative grade point average of 3.89.

Babica, a native of Taunus, Germany and also a Management major, carried a 3.88 grade point average into her final semester. Todorov and Babica each represent the second consecutive student-athlete in their sport to earn this award.

# Terriers Qualify for NEC Tournament

In a satisfying conclusion to a turn-around season, the men's Terriers qualified as the number eight seed for the Northeast Conference basketball tournament, where they lost to the number one seed and eventual tournament champion Robert Morris University.

Over the course of the regular season, the team, headed by Coach Brian Nash,

## Kara Ayers Earns Northeast Conference Recognition

**K**ara Ayers '09 was named to the Northeast Conference Second Team for the 2008-09 basketball season. The senior bounced back this year after injuries in 2007-08, starting 26 games and finishing the regular season as the Conference's second-ranked scorer with an average of 19.2 points per game. She is one of only six student-athletes to score 500 points in one season and joins 11 other Terriers to score more than 1,000 points in her collegiate career.



Kara Ayers '09

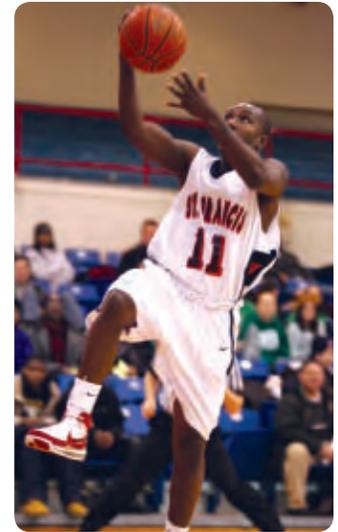
achieved 10 wins and enjoyed outstanding performances by several players, including senior **Jamaal Womack '09** who scored his 1,000th career point for the Terriers.

Sophomore guard **Ricky Cadell '11** and freshman forward/guard **Stefan Perunicic '12** were honored by the Northeast Conference with post-season awards. Cadell was named to the Second Team by the Conference's 11 head coaches, while Perunicic was named to the All-Rookie Team.

"Ricky took his game to another level this season after **Kayode Ayeni '10** suffered a season-ending injury," said Coach Nash, referring to the Terriers' leading scorer and rebounder during the season's first half.



Stefan Perunicic '12



Ricky Cadell '11

"He's a tough player who keeps defenders honest with his long-range shooting skills."

Cadell ended the regular season with an average of 15.1 points per game, ninth best in the Northeast Conference. Perunicic set a Conference freshman record with 87 three-point shots during the season, an achievement that contributed to his second place Conference finish among freshmen with 11 points per game and a 38.7 percent success rate from beyond the arc.

## Former Olympian Drives Terriers Divers

**I**rina Vyguzova is the newest addition to the Terriers' coaching staff. A swimmer and diver since she was a 10-year old in her native Kazakhstan, Coach Vyguzova arrived in Brooklyn by way of northern Russia, where she lived for several years after representing Kazakhstan in the 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games.

"Participating in the Olympics fulfilled a dream I had since I was a little girl," said Vyguzova, who finished seventh in the ten-meter platform and tenth in the three-meter springboard in Atlanta in 1996. Also to her credit are several appearances at World Championship competitions, including a World Cup victory in 1995.

"Irina brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our team," said Brian Guidera, head coach, swimming and diving. "We're privileged to have her expertise in the Terrier family."

Ms. Vyguzova earned a bachelor's degree in Physical Education from State Academy of Tourism and Sport in Kazakstan in 1999. In addition to her coaching duties at St. Francis, she works as aquatics director for the Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst.

Equally enthusiastic about coaching and living in Brooklyn, where she enjoys a 10-minute walk to the ocean, Irina observes, "The team, which looks like Brooklyn with a combination of local and international students, has a lot of potential; it's exciting to be here."

# Profile of a Terrier

## Alumni News

John M. Downing '59

A passion for the stage, ignited when **John M. Downing '59** was a St. Francis College underclassman on Butler Street, still burns hot more than a half century later. Mr. Downing credits his early acting experiences with the Troupers, the College's theater troupe, with providing him the confidence to audition during his college days for roles in summer stock productions and the communication skills to draw on later as a trial lawyer.

“**B**rother Giles gave me a lifelong, abiding appreciation and love for drama,” Mr. Downing said, referring to the erstwhile Troupers’ director. “And much of what I learned was applicable in the courtroom.”

Bitten early by the theater bug, Mr. Downing spent summers cutting his acting teeth at the University of Connecticut’s Nutmeg Theater and, after graduating from St. Francis College and St. John’s University School of Law, continued to be cast regularly in Off-Off-Broadway productions. During that time, he discovered the Heights Players, a community theater located on Willow Street in Brooklyn Heights, where he found a comfortable and challenging niche and has appeared regularly over the years in numerous productions.

With his legal career flourishing and family growing in the late 1960s, Mr. Downing opened his own law firm. Today it operates as Downing and Peck, specializing in jury trials and general litigation, and where he works side-by-side, although he’s semi-retired, with daughters Marguerite Downing Peck and Alison Downing Metzler, and son John M. Downing, Jr.

In 2008, Mr. Downing was cast as Ben, Willy Lohman’s brother, in the Heights Players’ production of *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller. By happenstance, the play’s run coincided with the appearance last year of Miller’s sister, Joan Copeland, at St. Francis College, giving Mr. Downing the chance to meet her. They had a lively



Downing as Canon Pennyfeather in Agatha Christie’s *Murder on the Nile*.

conversation about the play.

Also by coincidence, Mr. Downing was reunited during the production with actors Victor Baranca and Bill Barry, with whom he had worked previously and who had the lead roles as Willy Lohman and his son, Biff.

“It turns out that Victor and Bill, both outstanding actors, are also former Troupers,” said Mr. Downing. “It was a thrill to perform with them in what is one of the greatest plays ever written in the English language.”

With Franciscan roots that started in Flatbush at St. Francis of Assisi Church and grew toward Brooklyn Heights to St. Francis College, one foot has remained planted in Brooklyn through a decades-

long affiliation with the Heights Players. The other knows its way around Manhattan where Mr. Downing lives and works when he is not in Southampton. His enthusiasm for theater and law bind his family together, connecting him to his late wife, who was a professional actress and classically trained opera singer, and his son Michael, also an actor, as well as his children who are his business partners, and son Patrick, a real estate professional.

“St. Francis College gave me much more than the opportunity to explore a talent that I didn’t know I possessed and the ability to apply it to my professional life,” said Mr. Downing. “The friendships that have lasted a lifetime are truly a gift.”

## SFC Alumnus Leads Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

**Michael J. Gibbons '62** served as Grand Marshal of New York City's 248th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. He led hundreds of parade participants along the traditional route up Fifth Avenue.



## A Terrier Goes to City Hall

In February, **Eric Ulrich '07** was elected to the New York City Council, defeating his opponent by 752 votes in a contest that defied detractors' criticisms about his age and lack of political experience. Ulrich took his ceremonial oath of office, which was administered by Mayor Michael Bloomberg, on March 15 at P.S. 207 in Howard Beach. "He [Ulrich] will do a great job and this city will benefit from it," said Bloomberg, who joked that at 24, he could not just be Ulrich's father, but grandfather. In fact, Ulrich's grandparents, as well as his great-grandfather, attended the ceremony.

**Frank J. Macchiarola '62**, chancellor of St. Francis College, served as master of ceremonies for the event. "It's a remarkable achievement," he said, noting Ulrich's grassroots campaign. "It is absolutely something to be proud of."

The Queens Republican from Ozone Park, who is the second-youngest councilman in New York City history, will represent the 32nd Council District through 2009. He is completing the term of Joseph Addabbo Jr., who was elected to the New York State Senate. "St Francis College opened doors of opportunity for me," said Ulrich, who is engaged to marry **Yadira Moran '02** in November. "Now that I'm elected, my job is to prove the people right."



New York City Councilman Eric Ulrich '07

### Keep in Touch with St. Francis College through Facebook

The St. Francis Alumni Page on Facebook provides an easy way to post messages and communicate with former classmates and friends from the St. Francis community.

The St. Francis College Alumni Page can be accessed by logging on to the Facebook website at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) after completing the free registration.

For more information, please contact Vanessa De Almeida '00, assistant director of alumni relations, at [vdealmeida@stfranciscollege.edu](mailto:vdealmeida@stfranciscollege.edu)



# Successful Alumni Return to SFC to Provide Career Advice to Today's Students

Considering how competitive the job market has become during the current recession, every student can benefit from some sage advice. Recognizing this need, two members of the class of 1951, **Jack M. McCarthy** and **Roy L. Reardon, J.D.**, visited the St. Francis College campus to share the secrets of their professional success.

McCarthy, a former managing partner and chief investment officer of Lord, Abnett & Company, whose business career spanned four decades, spoke to a gathering of Finance and Business majors on December 3. An often cited expert in the business press, Mr. McCarthy often appeared on Public Television's Wall Street Week during the 1980s.

McCarthy shared his insights about what it takes for students to make the transition to the business world and how to confront the considerable challenges posed by today's marketplace.

Reardon, a partner at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett met with Business Law students and young alumni on March 3.



Jack M. McCarthy '51 offers advice to today's students.

Among Reardon's many accomplishments one case in particular stands out; when he represented disabled professional golfer Casey Martin before the U.S. Supreme Court in Martin's successful bid to use a golf cart while competing in PGA tournaments.

Reardon discussed corporate governance issues, including directors' and officers' duty of loyalty and shareholder derivative lawsuits. He also shared stories about his path from St. Francis, via St. John's Law School, to his position as a partner at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett's litigation division. Besides the need to be fully committed to the law, Reardon also



Roy L. Reardon '51 with two SFC students.

expressed the courage necessary to work as a lawyer and the great satisfaction he gets from his profession.

"Mr. Reardon emphasized to the students that it was not enough to give 100 percent of yourself to your efforts," said **Dr. Miriam Salholz**, professor of Business Law. "He stressed that this group of aspiring lawyers must always go above and beyond what's expected in everything from studies in college and law school to working as a lawyer. I think the students were very appreciative of having the opportunity to meet with someone like Mr. Reardon and were also impressed by his graciousness and inspired by his passion."

## Alumnus Shares Stories of Compassion and Bravery

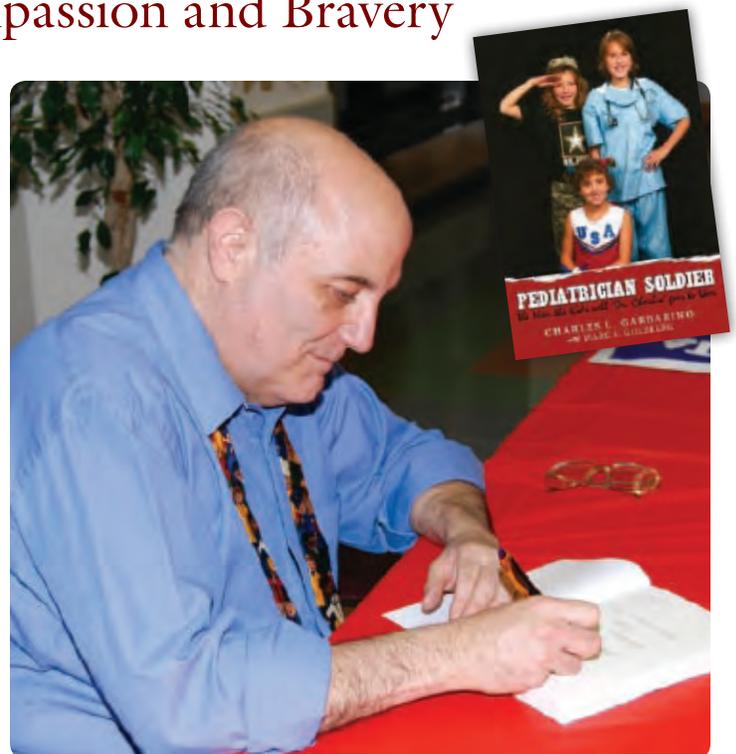
From the comfort of a suburban New Jersey pediatric practice to the chaos of helping soldiers on the front lines in Iraq and Kuwait as an Army National Guard physician, **Dr. Charles Garbarino '74** has had a remarkable medical career.

Dr. Garbarino brings these very different worlds together in *Pediatrician Soldier*, a newly published collection of essays based on the diaries and e-mails he wrote while serving overseas. He shared his book with the St. Francis College community at a signing on April 22 in the Callahan Center.

In one world, Dr. Garbarino, who fulfilled a lifelong dream of becoming a doctor and helping children, is a Board Certified Pediatrician. His signature clown nose, twirly hat and lollipops earned him the affectionate nickname of 'Dr. Charlie.'

His other world is devoted to serving his country. Colonel Garbarino was the first New Jersey Army National Guard physician deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He will be deploying shortly in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and will become a member of Task Force Phoenix.

All proceeds from the sale of *Pediatrician Soldier* will benefit Our Military Kids, an organization that supports the children of deployed and severely injured National Guard and Military Reserve personnel.



Dr. Charles Garbarino '74 signed copies of his new book in the Callahan Center.



## 1950s

**John J. Scibelli '51** was featured in *The Tablet*, the weekly newspaper of the Diocese of Brooklyn.

**Joseph A. Lategano '54** is chairman of the North Myrtle Beach Parks and Recreation Commission in North Myrtle Beach, SC. He also organizes Summer Slam basketball camps and rookie league clinics for four and six year-olds.

**Thomas D. Lynch '54** continues to work after his retirement as a part-time greeter at a Walmart store in Warsaw, NY, where he recently celebrated 15 years of service. He sends best wishes to his fellow 1954 graduates.

**Michael J. McPartland '57** recently won the Editor's Choice Award for a poem that appeared in the 2008 edition of *In Other Words*, an annual anthology of American poetry.

**Bernard J. Welsh '58** retired in 2005 as commissioner of the Lloyd Harbor Police Department, after 36 years in law enforcement for the New York City Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He enjoys retirement with wife, Patricia, and their six children and 11 grandchildren.

## 1960s

**John M. Fitzgerald '60** will retire after 23 years as a guidance counselor at St. Anthony's High School.



**Arthur Beyer '61** was the winner of this year's Annual Terrier Rooter Golf Tournament in Charleston, SC. Other participants included second-place winner John Wagnes '61, third-place winner Robert J. Ball '61 and fourth place winner Michael A. Henning '61.

**John J. Sceppa '64** and his wife, Ann, moved to Mount Joy, PA to be near their first grandchild, John Patrick, born January 17, 2008.

**Charles A. Bennett '65** announces the births of his twin grandchildren, Magdalene Ann and William John. Also, he received an award from Gannon University that recognizes 40 years of service to the institution.

**Thomas M. Fasano '65** reports that his son Thomas earned his doctorate in 2008 and is

assistant superintendent of the Massapequa, NY School District. His son Eric is a priest studying Canon Law at Santa Croce University in Rome.



**Samuel A. Ramirez '65** recently showed his support for the Terriers by attending a home basketball game with Robert J. Corsano '66.

*Ramirez (r), with Corsano (l) and President Brendan J. Dugan '68.*

**William J. Ryan '65** was honored among an elite group of the nation's top Irish-American business leaders at Irish America magazine's Business 100 annual awards luncheon. The event recognizes the honorees' outstanding achievements, business successes, community accomplishments and commitment to their Irish heritage. William is chairman of the board of TD Banknorth, Inc., and a board member of TD Bank Financial Group.

**Edward J. Jaworski '66** manages public relations for his son, Jerry, who is a member of the band Warm July. He also reports that his son was wed in January.

**Edward T. Reilly '68** was elected unanimously by the United Service Organization's (USO) board of governors to be its next chairman. A nonprofit organization, the USO provides morale, welfare and recreational services to U.S. military personnel and their families. Edward also serves on the boards of directors of AARP Services, Inc.; Media & Entertainment Holdings, Inc.; New York Society of Association Executives; and the North American Advisory Board of the UCD Michael Smurfit School of Business in Dublin, Ireland. He is also a fellow of the International Academy of Management, and president and CEO of the American Management Association in New York City, where he sponsors networking events for St. Francis College. He lives in Westport, CT with his wife, Susan.

**Paul A. Murphy, Esq. '69** is the proud grandfather of 18 month-old Rachel.

## 1970s

**Alan H. Hoffman '70** reports that his daughter Frances recently gave birth to his first grandchild, Jesse.

**George J. Johansen '70** reports that his daughter Kristin is currently studying at Fudan University in

Shanghai, China, through the University of Minnesota.

**Dan Lynch '70** and his wife, Susan, are proud to report the birth of their first grandchild, Ryan Patrick, in February, to Michael and Megan Lynch.

**John C. Smith '70** retired from the New York City Department of Education in 2003 after 33 years. He works part time at Hunter College as a field supervisor to first-year teaching fellows.

**Barbara Ozelski '71** has been a Sister of Mercy since 1954. She lives in Conlon, Panama, where she established a native novitiate and organized a women's center called Mujeres Colonenses en Camino, which helps single mothers and their children escape poverty and homelessness.

**Samuel J. Fruner '75** is a quality operations management professional for Pfizer in Long Island, NY. He has been with the company 30 years, mostly at its Brooklyn facility, which recently closed.

**Dennis J. Lacognata '76** is proud to announce that his company, Prompt Mailers, Inc., directed the addressing and mailing of the invitations for the inauguration of President Barack Obama.



*Abigail Lavalle with her grandparents.*

**Peter F. Spiess '75** and his wife, Mary, are proud grandparents of Abigail Lavalle.

**Brian J. Smith '78** has been nominated to receive the Ellis Island Medal of Honor for 2009. He was nominated by his son Mat, and Frank Mills, deputy superintendent

of The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service.



*Jean A. King '79*

**Jean A. King '79** has received the University of Massachusetts' 2008 President's Public Service Award, which is awarded to professors who have provided exemplary service to the Commonwealth. Jean is a professor of Psychiatry in the Department of Neuroscience at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

## 1980s

**Anne Jackson Rasmussen '80** recently worked as medical adviser for the primetime television show "Life on Mars," and has advised for the Emmy Award winning daytime drama "One Life to Live."

**Stephen Risley '81** recently retired from the New York City Police Department.

**Robert Tona '84** plans to celebrate his 50th birthday by running 50 races during 2009. He wishes to help promote fitness by recruiting friends, family, neighbors, and colleagues to run with him, and plans to raise \$10,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. His progress can be monitored at [www.bobs50at50.com](http://www.bobs50at50.com).

## 1990s

**Richard E. Pino '90** has been named chief financial officer for Scarguard Labs, LLC, which specializes in the treatment of scars and other dermatological problems through the use of multi-technology drugs enhanced by a proprietary contact delivery system.

**Joseph B. Pierre '94** recently received his master's degree from St. John's University.

**Sheila J. Thomas '95** and her husband, J.T. will celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary in Turks and Caicos. She sends regards to her fellow 1995 alumni.

## 2000s

**Monica Michalski '01**, assistant dean for Freshman Studies and Academic Enhancement at St. Francis College, presented at a Noel-Levitz web conference titled, "How We Retain More Students by Intervening Earlier." Monica discussed how St. Francis' Office of Freshman Studies integrates the College Student Inventory (a motivation assessment for incoming students) into its Freshman and Sophomore Year Experience Program. She emphasized the College's strength-based advisement model and how this tool helps administrators to better understand and support freshman students. More than 100 colleges and universities nationwide attended the conference. Monica also collaborated with Steven Catalano, St. Francis College's director of planning and institutional research, on a paper titled "Improving Student Persistence and Success: A Data-driven Approach" which was accepted by The Consortium for Student Retention Data Exchange (CSRDE) at the University of Oklahoma. The CSRDE is a consortium of two-year and four-year institutions that are dedicated to achieving higher levels of student success. They will present at the CSRDE conference in late September.

**Anthony H. Zalak '02** teaches third grade at P.S. 196 in Forest Hills, Queens.



**Steven Iannuccilli '04** and **Nicole J. Malvica '05** are engaged and plan to wed in November 2010.



**Luke E. Hena '06** and **Heather S. Loughrey '08** are engaged. They live in Amsterdam where Heather works with GSM Systems.

**Tara M. Flood '07** is assistant controller for TGI Office Equipment in Brooklyn.

**Ali H. Cheikhali '08** has joined the New York City Police Department, following in his grandfather's footsteps.

## Weddings and Anniversaries

**Myles '48** and **Marge Driscoll '80** recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their three children and eight grandchildren. The Driscolls live in Breezy Point, NY and send their best wishes to the alumni and friends of St. Francis College.

**Thomas B. McManus '70** wed Connie Gross in September, with his children and Connie's in attendance along family and close friends, including fellow alumni Francis J. Harvey '68 and Thomas Raleigh '73. The reception was held at Woodway Country Club in Darien, CT. The couple lives in New Canaan, CT; Thomas works at Columbia Management as director of marketing and client servicing for the Taft-Hartley markets.

**Michael J. Regan '80** recently wed Donna McCabe at the Pridwin Hotel on Shelter Island, NY. Michael is managing director and head of global security and investigation for JPMorgan Chase in Manhattan.

**Careen T. Alphonso '03** recently wed Billy Hanft in a Roaring Twenties-themed wedding held on Halloween at the Royalton at Roslyn Country Club in Roslyn Heights, NY. The couple resides in Bellerose, NY.

**Agnes Luo '03** wed Tommy Ng in December at Fox Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, NY. She is an analyst for J.P. Morgan in Manhattan. The couple lives in Forest Hills, NY.

ABOVE: **Nermeen Abdel-Hamid '04** recently wed **Michael R. Louis '04** in Westbury, NY. In attendance were David P. Corbino '07, Robert A. Oliva '04, Erik B. Kalvehagen '04, Melissa A. Haber '05, Chris L. McNeil, director of support services for St. Francis College, Noha Abdel-Hamid '03, Joanne Samaha '08, Jenna T. Scotti '07 and Nizar Salem '04.

**Joanna Santino '04** recently wed Manny Lombardo at St. Finbar's Church in Bath Beach, NY. The reception was held at Leonard's of Great Neck, NY.

**James F. Satriano '04** recently wed Debbie Cardito at St. Thomas the Apostle R.C. Church in Pleasant Plains, NY. James is a staff accountant with OMD USA, Inc. in Manhattan. The couple lives in Huguenot, NY.

**Adam C. Riccardi '06** recently wed Michelle Cicero at St. Patrick's R.C. Church in Richmond, NY. He is an electrician with Unity Electric and a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 3, both in Queens. The couple will live in Queens.

**Peter M. Bourboulis '07** recently wed Nicole at St. Bernadette's Church in Dyker Heights, NY. The reception was held at Jericho Terrace in Long Island, NY.

## Births

**Kevin P. Comer '99** and his wife, Alissa, announce the arrival of their son, Matthew Thomas, in February.



*Christian Scott Macolino*

**Olga Minakakis Macolino '01** and her husband Eric announce the arrival of their son, Christian Scott, in November. Olga is director of annual giving for St. Francis College.



# We Remember

The following alumni and friends of St. Francis College recently passed away. We pray for the repose of their souls. *Requiescant in Pacem.*

## ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE ALUMNI

Frederick A. Bamert '55  
 Neal P. Bennett '69  
 Angelo J. Biviano '58  
 Dr. Joseph R. Brennan '49  
 Daniel M. Burns '40  
 James P. Carroll '40  
 Richard W. Carroll '69  
 Leonard J. Connolly, Esq. '59  
 Bishop Benedict D. Coscia,  
 O.F.M. H.D. '41  
 Charles P. Costanzo '70  
 Kathleen M. Covitz '74  
 Ralph DeCarlo '73  
 Constantine DeMairo '57  
 Patrick J. Dineen '78  
 Roger E. Egan '49  
 Fred J. Giaconia '40  
 Dr. John Michael Grace '55  
 Bernard F. Gray '50  
 Dr. Michael F. Kelly '58  
 Edward Lopez '52  
 John Maese '51  
 Richard A. Marquardt '66  
 John McConeghy '56  
 William J. McGuire, Jr. '41  
 Donald J. Noonan '57  
 Nwaola Nwosu Okpara '85  
 Jerome J. O'Neill '40  
 Gustave Raspitha '62  
 John R. Rinaldi '66  
 Lt. Robert Ryan '85  
 George H. Searing '64  
 John T. Sheehan '40  
 Michael Willoughby '11  
 Tina M. Witt-DeLiso '84

## FRIENDS OF ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE

Joseph Atanasio, father of Robert '76 and  
 grandfather of Christine '00  
 Mary Begley, mother-in-law to  
 John Casey '70  
 Giuseppa Belcastro, aunt of  
 Vincent '89 and Antonino '07  
 John C. Buoncore, father of Joseph '05  
 Patrick Burke, brother of Kevin '70  
 Carmelo Candiano, father of Rosalie '74  
 Serafina Carrubba, mother of Gregory '82  
 Dr. Joseph Castronovo, former faculty  
 Rose Didio, aunt of Catherine  
 McDermott '74, Dominic '76 &  
 Anthony '79 Cusimano  
 Michael Doyle, father-in-law to  
 George Brennan '70  
 Stefanie Emperato, sister of  
 Harriet Dunn '07  
 Szalma Eniko, mother of  
 Botond Szalma '08  
 Kevin C. Fogarty, Sr., former Chairman,  
 Board of Trustees  
 Frank Gigliello, father of Stephen '88  
 Gene Hanley, grandfather of  
 Dana M. Esposito '02  
 Luke LaValle III, son-in-law to  
 Mary '77 & Peter '75 Spiess  
 Joanne Lyons, wife of Kevin '64  
 Jean Macchiaroli, aunt of Dr. Frank J.  
 Macchiarola '62  
 James McElroy III, son of James  
 McElroy, Jr. '77  
 Bro. Alexander Murphy, O.S.F.,  
 former Registrar  
 Dolores O'Brien, mother of  
 Barbara Koster '76  
 Joyce O'Leary, mother-in-law to  
 Jean Riker '76  
 Edna A. O'Neill, mother of Phyllis '81 and  
 Joann O'Neill-Quinterno '79  
 Laurene Pellingier, mother of Thomas '74  
 Dr. Anne Saunders, former Chairperson,  
 Department of Sociology &  
 Criminal Justice  
 George A. Standerwick, Jr., brother of  
 Marjorie Driscoll '80 and brother-in-Law  
 to Myles Driscoll '48  
 George Watt, father of George '78 and  
 brother of Robert '57  
 Marika Yorgakaros, grandmother of  
 Olga Minakakis-Macolino '01

*Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened  
 and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you  
 and learn from me, for I am meek and humble  
 of heart; and you will find rest for your souls.*

—Matthew 11:28-29



## Class of 1959 50th Anniversary Luncheon

**November 11** — Members of the Class of 1959 returned to St. Francis College for a luncheon celebrating their 50th Anniversary.

*Rev. Anthony Dell'Anno '59, Edward J. Mullaney '59 and John P. Gavigan '59*



*John J. Lane '59, John F. Astarita '59 and John J. Jordan '59*



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**SEPTEMBER 22, 2009**

**Bro. Urban Gonnoud, O.S.F. Memorial Golf Outing  
Dyker Beach Golf Course, Brooklyn, NY**

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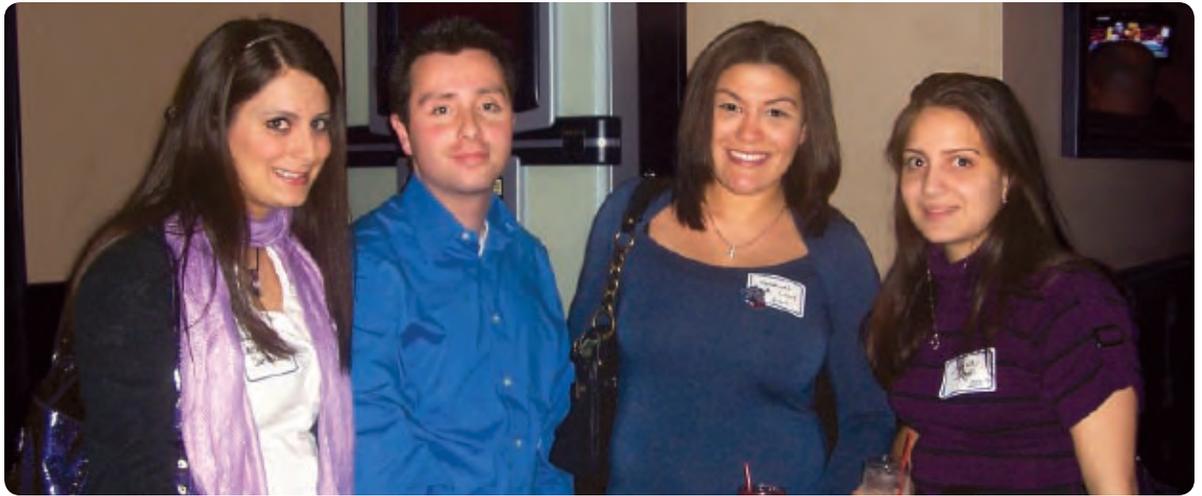
## Young Alumni Pub Night

**November 20** — St. Francis College held a Young Alumni Night at the Yellow Hook Grille in Brooklyn.

*Natasha Green '04, Robert A. Oliva '04, Borislav K. Tomassini '04, Ronald Castorina, Jr. '01 and Christopher C. Nicoli '06*



*Joanne Samaha '08, David P. Corbino '07, Nermeen Louis '04 and Jenna T. Scotti '07*



## Reception for the Anniversary Classes

**January 10** — St. Francis College held a reception for the Anniversary Classes of 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994 & 1999.



*TOP: Paul A. Murphy '69, Clifford B. Redden '69 and James J. Mitchell '69  
LEFT: William J. Ferro '79, Robert J. Lindsay '79, Stephen E. Albright '79, Robert Fash '79, Herman M. Petsche '78, Anne M. Petsche '78 and Michael Palmiotto '79*

## Alumni Memorial Mass

**January 31** — St. Francis College held its annual Alumni Memorial Mass, honoring the memories of alumni and relatives of alumni who are no longer with us.

*RIGHT: The family of the late Dr. John M. Burke '40*  
*BELOW: Msgr. Michael J. Reid '73 (center)*  
*concelebrated the Mass with Rev. Kieran Fergus,*  
*O.P. '57 (left) and Rev. Dennis J. Farrell '69 (right)*



## Treaty Stone Alumni Folk Fest

**March 7** — St. Francis College's Treaty Stone Alumni Folk Fest featured performances by **Peter C. Mancuso '75**, **Bill Boyle '77** and friends; **John E. Brandt '75**, **Emil Baccash '73** and family, **Brian Dennigan '76**, **Vincent Grillo '78** and friends, **John E. Kiely '77**, **Sean Kiely**, **Charles J. Eames '74** and **Louis G. Pastina '79** and friends.



*TOP: Mark Kyle, Elizabeth C. Eames '02, Charles J. Eames '74 and Barbara Eames*  
*RIGHT: John E. Kiely '77 and Brian Dennigan '76*



## South Florida Alumni Welcome President Dugan

**March 11 & April 2** — Alumni and friends in Florida met with **President Brendan J. Dugan '68**, who provided an update on the latest developments at St. Francis at two receptions. **Peter J. Callahan '63** hosted a gathering at his home in Palm Beach Gardens and **Dan '67** and **Mary Ann Kane** opened their home in Naples.



*LEFT: Joan Pankavich, President Brendan J. Dugan '68 and John A. Pankavich '51*  
*TOP: Daniel T. '67 and Mary Ann Kane*



## Alumni Return to Campus for Annual Reunion Dinner



**May 8** — More than 300 alumni gathered on campus to catch up and reminisce with former classmates and friends. Five members of the St. Francis community were honored by the Alumni Association for their outstanding service to the College.

*LEFT: Lynne Jackson, Ph.D., who received the Distinguished Faculty Award; Sr. Colleen Colbert, O.P., who received the Distinguished Administrator Award; President Brendan J. Dugan '68; Kenneth D. Daly '88, who received the Alumni Achievement Award; James I. Konkel '57, who received the Alumni Board of Directors Appreciation Award; and Bro. Thomas Grady, O.S.F. '68, who received the Distinguished Administrator Award*  
*BELOW: The 50th Anniversary Class of 1959*  
*BOTTOM: The 40th Anniversary Class of 1969*



**50th Anniversary Class of 1959**

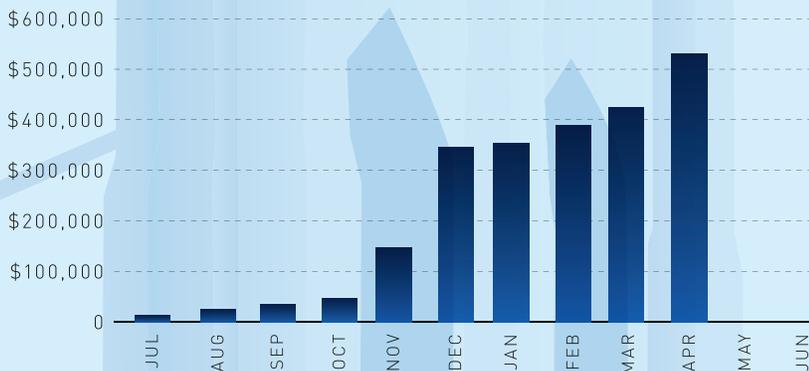


**40th Anniversary Class of 1969**



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