

Leave of Absence Awards for 2008-2009

Academic Year

Hiroko Chiba (Associate Professor of Modern Languages) – **Doll Project**. Full year sabbatical leave to investigate how dolls convey human images in both traditional and popular cultures in Japan.

Nancy Davis (Professor of Sociology and Anthropology) – **Sacralizing the Public Sphere: Religiously Orthodox Movements in the Modern World**. Full-year sabbatical leave to begin a book-length manuscript on the efforts to sacralize the public sphere by four religiously-orthodox movements: the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, Shas in Israel, *Comunione e Liberazione* in Italy, and The Salvation Army in the U.S.

Vanessa Dickerson (Professor of English) – **Making Cross-cultural Connections: the Japanese and the African-American**. Full-year sabbatical leave for travel, language study, and research toward a new area for scholarship and teaching.

Melanie Finney (Professor of Communication and Theatre) – **When Tragedy Strikes the Academy**. Full-year sabbatical leave to complete a book about the special challenges colleges and universities face in helping members of their communities try to make sense of, and come to terms with, emotionally devastating events.

Wayne Glausser (Professor of English) – **Alice, Blue Boy, Chromosomes, Doors: A Psychedelic Abecedarius**. Full-year sabbatical leave to complete a book of critical essays, broadly interdisciplinary in range, that address various topics related to the use of psychedelic drugs.

Tim Good (Associate Professor of Communication and Theatre) – **Retooling Design Skills for Curricular Implementation**. Full-year sabbatical leave to study pedagogies of drawing, painting, and computer-aided drafting, to discover practical applications that can be integrated into the Theater Design curriculum.

Jeffrey Gropp (Associate Professor of Economics and Management) – **Does School Consolidation Cut Costs? An Examination of Scale Economies in Indiana Schools**. Full-year sabbatical leave for a stochastic frontier analysis to determine whether economies of scale exist in the public provision of education, and specifically whether consolidating school districts in Indiana will lead to lower costs, as Governor Mitch Daniels has suggested.

Jeff Hansen (Associate Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry) – **Enantioselective Epoxidation and Diversity Oriented Synthesis**. Full-year sabbatical leave to continue work on a stereoselective aldol/epoxidation reaction to make it more stereoselective, and to study how to use the aldol/epoxidation product in diversity oriented synthesis.

David Harvey (Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry) – **Creating an eText and eLearning Modules for Courses in Analytical Chemistry.** Full-year sabbatical leave to convert his textbook, Modern Analytical Chemistry, into a freely available eText and to develop several eLearning modules to supplement the eText.

Wade Hazel (Professor of Biology) – **Research on the Ecological and Evolutionary Genetics of Natural Populations.** Full-year sabbatical leave for sample collecting, DNA sequencing, and article writing, with students and colleagues, about barnacles, bulb mites, butterflies, and more. Possible NSF support.

Carl Huffman (Professor of Classical Studies) – **Aristoxenus on the History of Greek Philosophy and the Biography of Greek Philosophers: Pythagoreanism, Pythagoras, Socrates and Plato.** Full year sabbatical leave to write a book on the fourth-century BC Greek philosopher Aristoxenus as a historian of philosophy and biographer of philosophers.

Cleveland Johnson (Professor of Music) - Director of the Thomas J. Watson Fellowship Program

Darrell LaLone (Professor of Sociology and Anthropology) – **Evolution for Everyone: Research and Education with the EVOS Institute for Advanced Study.** Full year sabbatical leave to work with Professor David Sloan Wilson and other scholars at SUNY Binghamton on interdisciplinary applications of evolutionary theory, particularly in bio-cultural anthropology.

Randy Salman (Professor of Music) – **Clarinet Teaching Techniques/ Jazz Composition.** Full year sabbatical leave to observe clarinet teaching techniques at Indiana University, and to study jazz composition and improvisation at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana.

Robert Stark (Professor of Biology) – **Preparing a Collection of Anatomical and Histological Photographs for Teaching.** Pre-retirement leave to archive his collection of photographs of plant and animal anatomy and tissues used in courses, using the LUNA database to make them easily available for student use.

Gloria Townsend (Professor of Computer Science) – **Preparing for DePauw Life, Post-Chairship and Post-Directorship, by Enhancing My Teaching and Professional Development Areas.** Full-year sabbatical leave to develop a course, “Autonomous Robotics,” for the Computer Science Department’s curriculum and to write a paper on “Evolutionary Computation.”

Michele Villinski (Associate Professor of Economics and Management) – **Spatial Econometrics.** Full-year sabbatical to to (Plan A) teach undergraduate courses in economics in Indonesia with a Fulbright award, or (Plan B) to study how economists can account for spatial interaction and spatial structure in regression models and to develop skills in spatial statistics and spatial econometrics to prepare for a future GIS-related research project.

Paul Watt (Professor of Asian Studies) – Resident Director, Japan Study Program at Waseda University.

Fall Semester

Lynn Bedard (Assistant Professor of Biology) – **CMB Laboratory Redesign.** Pre-tenure leave to evaluate and redesign the laboratory experience in two upper level courses: Microbiology (BIO 250) and Molecular Biology (BIO 315) and design a set of potential laboratory exercises for Cells and Genes (BIO 215).

Angela Castañeda (Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology) – **Doing Anthropology: Ethnographic Methods in Theory and Practice.** Pre-tenure leave to develop a new course in ethnographic methods and prepare a draft paper for journal submission.

Anglea Flury (Assistant Professor of English) – **The Novelist as Clotheshorse.** Pre-tenure leave to write an article entitled “The Novelist as Clotheshorse.”

Mary Kertzman (Professor of Physics and Astronomy) – **Application of High-Energy Gamma Ray Arc Shower Simulation Studies to VERITAS Sky Survey Data Analysis.** One-semester sabbatical leave to continue her work with VERITAS, the Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System in Mount Hopkins, Arizona, using the KASCADE air shower simulation suite to find more sensitive ways to analyze data.

Maria Luque (Associate Professor of Modern Languages) – **Italian Language and Cultural Studies Through an Immersion Program.** One-semester sabbatical to improve abilities to teach Italian at DePauw through study in Rome.

Thomas Musser (Professor of Economics and Management) – **Investigation of Current Business Practices.** One semester sabbatical leave to visit and study organizations to gain insight into current management practices, with a focus on how information is used in business decision-making.

Pam Propsom (Professor of Psychology) – **Writing a Grant for Alcohol Social Norming Project.** Four course sabbatical leave to continue her research on a “social norming” approach to address campus alcohol problems.

Sunil Sahu (Professor of Political Science) – **Globalization, WTO and the Indian Pharmaceutical Industry.** One semester sabbatical leave to research and prepare a manuscript analysing the effects of India’s membership in the World Trade Organization and its signing of the TRIPs agreement, which effectively ended 36 years of protection for Indian companies.

R. Francesca Seaman (Assistant Professor of Modern Languages) – **A Journey Called Love, Love Letters of Dino Campana and Sibilla Aleramo.** Pre-tenure leave to work on a translation, with an introduction on the two writers Campana and Aleramo, notes to the letters, and to the poems.

Spring Semester

John Caraher (Assistant Professor of Physics and Astronomy) – **High-Efficiency Production of Tunable Entangled Photon Pairs.** Pre-tenure leave to study the high-efficiency production of wavelength-tunable entangled photon pairs.

Mac Dixon-Fyle (Professor of History) – **Krio Sierra Leoneans (Saro) and the Colonial West African Press.** One semester sabbatical leave for research, using newspaper collections in Africa and London, to analyze the place of ex-slave returnee communities in the local, nationalist, and post-colonial history of Sierra Leone and Nigeria.

Dan Gurnon (Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry) – **Characterization of Tax1BP2/Chem 310 Lab Development.** Pre-tenure leave to begin work on the characterization of the protein Tax1BP2.

Marie Pickerill (Assistant Professor of Kinesiology) – **Enhancement of Postural Stability Expertise/Learning Methodologies of Clinical Education.** Pre-tenure leave to gain expertise in the field of postural stability and to revise and submit two scholarly research articles.

Caroline B. Smith (Associate Professor of Music) – **Vocal Health and Rehabilitation: Its Importance in Teaching.** One semester sabbatical leave to study the practices of those who work to prevent and treat injuries affecting singers, through visits to clinics as well as reading and study. (Calendar - Spring 2009 and Fall 2009)

Sharmin Spencer (Assistant Professor of Psychology) – **A Review of Emotional Labor: It's Construct Clean Up Time!** Pre-tenure leave to write a review paper that summarizes the past research in emotional labor and develop a model to encourage a better understanding of and stimulate further research on the topic.

M. Scott Wilkerson (Associate Professor of Geosciences) – **Google Earth™ Virtual Field Trips for Selected North American National Parks.** Four-course sabbatical leave to develop Google Earth™ virtual field trips for selected North American national parks that contain automatic tours of key geologic landforms and features in each park, placemarks for each key feature with descriptive text and photos, and map overlays that show key geologic/tectonic relationships where possible.

David Worthington (Assistant Professor of Communication and Theatre) – **American Exceptionalism and the Shoah: The Case of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.** Pre-tenure leave to revise the manuscript, “American Exceptionalism and the Shoah: The Case of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.”