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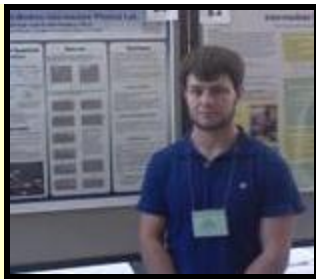
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Student News

Dual-degree student and professor present at conference

Dan Hammer, a dual-degree student in the mechanical engineering profile, along with **Svilen Kostov**, assistant professor of physics, gave a poster presentation at the annual national AAPT (American Association of Physics Teachers) meeting in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in July of this year. Dan worked under Professor Kostov's supervision to design and test a novel experiment for an intermediate mechanics lab. The experiment measured the detailed motion of a mechanical gyroscope and compared it to a theoretical model. The work had a very positive reception from physics instructors. An R&D manager from the well known teaching equipment company PASCO also expressed an interest in the project, which could lead to collaborative work.

Faculty News



Students travel and study in China and Bulgaria

During the Maymester of 2009, approximately 15 GSW students in the visual arts program traveled to China with Professors **Keaton Wynn, Charles Wells, and Laurel Robinson**. Also, along with Professors **Richard Hall, Tzvetelan Iordanov, Nellie Iordanova, Phil Szmedra, and Paula Martin**, another group of approximately 15 students traveled to Bulgaria. Students in this second group studied history, chemistry, and economics. Plans are in the works for study-abroad trips in May of 2010. Contact [Phil Szmedra](#), professor of economics, for details.



Andrea Miller joins the psychology faculty



The College of of Arts and Sciences is very pleased to welcome to the faculty **Andrea Miller**. Andrea joined the Department of Psychology and Sociology in August, just after completing her PhD in psychology at Virginia Commonwealth University. Her specialization is in counseling, with an emphasis on prevention, intervention, and health promotion. She also holds an MS in psychology from VCU and the BA in psychology from Austin College in Sherman, Texas. Professor Miller has published in the *Journal of Mental Health Counseling*, the *American Journal of Family Therapy*, and elsewhere. We're very pleased that she has joined us at GSW.

Richard Hall to publish new book

This December, the University of Kentucky Press will issue *Consumed by War: European Conflict in the 20th Century*, the latest publication of **Richard Hall**, professor of history. Professor Hall's other books include *Bulgaria's Road to the First World War* and *The Balkan Wars, 1912-13: Prelude to the First World War*.



Students perform *Skin Deep*



At the beginning of the fall semester, students in the GSW dramatic arts program presented a powerful performance of *Skin Deep*, a play about two sisters coming to terms with one another and themselves. The performance was directed by dramatic arts senior **Sidney Davis**.

Student and professor in chemistry publish together in major journal

Tzvetelin Iordanov, associate professor of chemistry, has recently published a paper in the *International Journal of Quantum Chemistry* entitled, "Symmetry breaking in cationic polymethine dyes, part 1: Ground state potential energy surfaces and solvent effects on electronic spectra of streptocyaninesam." The second author on the paper is chemistry major **Jesse L. Davis**.

Faculty coordinate recognition of Constitution Day



In recognition of the 222nd anniversary of the adoption of the United States Constitution, the Department of History and Political Science commemorated Constitution Day on Thursday, September 17. In addition to posting selected quotations from the Constitution on posters throughout the campus, faculty in the department distributed pocket-sized Constitutions to students, staff and faculty near the Marshall Student Center. This effort was coordinated by **Jason Berggren**, assistant professor of political science, and **Stephanie Rolph**, assistant professor of history.

Chemistry professor captures trophy and surprise presidential kiss



In September, **Nedialka Iordanov** once again won the First Place Trophy in the annual Peanut Festival 5K Run held in Plains, Georgia, home of President Jimmy Carter. This year, in addition to receiving yet another trophy to set on her mantle, Nellie received an unexpected presidential kiss, making her (as far as we know) one of the very few Bulgarian women to have been kissed by a United States president.

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