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FACULTY SCHOLARLY ACHIEVEMENTS

Workshops, conferences, research opportunities, publications, and presentations



Dr. Wayne Buchanan, associate professor of business administration, recently presented two workshops for the Family Justice Center on “Starting Your Own Business” and “Taking Control of Your Budget/Finances.” Each was attended by Family Justice Center clients and members.



Dr. Todd Comer, assistant professor of English, gave three presentations during 2008 including: “Teaching Ideology, Identity, and Violence Virtually: Or, How Getting a Second Life Could Save

Your First Life,” at the International Lilly Conference on College Teaching held at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio; “The Godlike Non-Domesticity of the Doctor: Who Saves us from the Imperialism of History,” at the Film and History Conference held in Chicago; and “Alan Moore’s V for Vendette: Disability as Ethico-Political Opening,” at the Canadian Disability Studies Association/Congress of the Humanities, held in Vancouver, Canada.



Stefan Hall, assistant professor of communication and media studies, presented his paper, “Time Enough to Play: The Intersection of Video Game Mechanics and Narrative,” at the 30th annual

International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts in Orlando, Fla. At the conference he also chaired a session on “Representing Memory and Time” in the visual and

performing arts. Professor Hall has also had an article published on Case the Chuck Wagon, a rare game for the Atari 2600 system and an early example of a video game used for product advertising for the Collector’s Corner feature in games™ magazine, No. 78 (December 2008). He also wrote a Forum on the Arts column entitled “From Hot Rod to Hot Mod: Customizing Computers from the Inside Out” for the Phi Kappa Phi Journal, Vol. X, No. X (Fall 2008) as well as a book review of Mechademia 1: Emerging Worlds of Anime and Manga (edited by Frency Lunning) in the Journal of the Fantastic in the Arts, Vol. 18, No. 3. In February, Professor Hall introduced the film “A Boy and His Dog” as part of the Gish Film Series at Bowling Green State University.



Dr. Mary Catherine (MC) Harper’s article on the oeuvre of Connie Willis is appearing in the current issue of *The New York Review of Science Fiction*. The article, “Connie Willis: Of Fused Genres, Marriage

Plots, and Meta-Gender,” is a study of the satiric style of Willis and her propensity for crossing the feminist/romance genre divide in such science fiction stories as *To Say Nothing of the Dog*, *Remake*, and *Bellwether*. After decades of writing – and winning six Nebula and six Hugo awards for her stunning fiction – Willis still remains a challenge to literary critics, especially feminist literary critics. Harper, associate professor of English, addresses these challenges in her 7,000-word article. Also, in October 2008, she presented the topic, “The ‘Meta’ Way to an Integrative Learning Community” at the Association for Integrative Studies Conference in Springfield, Ill.



Dr. Doug Kane, assistant professor of biology, will team with researchers from the Ohio State University, Kent State University, and Niagara University to investigate phosphorus load, transport and

biological use in Lake Erie and its tributaries in order to determine triggers of harmful algal blooms. This \$167,040 grant is supported through the Ohio Lake Erie Commission’s Lake Erie Protection Fund. Please visit http://www.toledoonthemove.com/news/news_story.aspx?id=278285 to learn more about this project and others. He will also team with researchers from the University of Toledo, the Ohio State University, and Heidelberg University on intensive monitoring of the Maumee River watershed and western basin of Lake Erie through a USEPA grant of approximately \$100,000 to track phosphorus and algae levels in these areas.



Dr. Tim Rickabaugh, professor of exercise science, and **Randi Lydum** (below left), director of retention and the first-year experience, recently attended the Annual Conference for the First-Year Experience in Orlando, Fla. They were also participants in pre-conference workshops on strategies to make the first-year experience more effective. ♦

