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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dr. Sara Glasgow reported the following class accomplishments on November 9, 2011: *Last year, the students in my PSCI 494 - Wargaming and Simulation seminar developed and wrote a professional simulation for the International Communication and Negotiations Simulations (ICONS) Project, an organization renowned for its online delivery of educational and professional training simulations, especially in the areas of foreign policy and conflict resolution. The Temple of Preah Vihear sim centered on a border dispute between Cambodia and Thailand, and the students created every aspect: the scenario, detailed role sheets for seven actors, a series of actions ("carrots" and "sticks") available to the participants, proposal options, and a resource guide. After platform conversions and further beta testing, we just got the news yesterday that their simulation has been made a part of the regular ICONS catalogue (http://www.icons.umd.edu/highered/catalog_single_class_details?p_id=154#.TrrlflbzY-1), and will be available to high schools and colleges all over the world. Our students are capable of so much -- it is always great to see that hard work get rewarded!*

Professor Michael Francisconi's new book, *Debate Over Lunch: History, Theory, and Political Economy* was published by Trafford Publishing last November. More information on the book can be found at: <http://bookstore.trafford.com/Products/SKU-000513047/DEBATE-OVER-LUNCH.aspx>

Professor Alan Weltzien reports that three of his poems--"A Garden of Larches," "Man With a Guitar in Cornell Park," and "Tortugas"--have been accepted by *Pellucid Duck*, an online literary magazine based in Billings, Montana. The poems can be viewed online at <http://www.pellucidduck.com/Site/p.6.html> , on pages 6, 7 and 8.

New English faculty member Dr. Shane Borrowman just published a brief nonfiction essay/memoir in this journal: Borrowman, Shane. "Push." *Whitefish Review* 15.2 (Winter 2011/2012): 94-95. The work appears alongside material from Montana's poet laureate, Sheryl Noethe, and an interview with Tom Brokaw, so he reports that he is in wonderful company. Dr. Borrowman also reports that his edited collection *_On the Blunt Edge: Technology in Composition's History and Pedagogy_* was just released by Parlor Press: <http://www.parlorpress.com/borrowman>.

Rebecca Knotts has published three poems, "Dream Figures," "Elegy of Light," and "Collecting Berries," in *Cedilla V: A Montana Trip* edited by Mark Gibbons. The journal will be released in November 2011.

Craig Czury, Poetry Editor for FootHills Publishing, has reviewed and accepted Rebecca Knotts' manuscript *Lunar Gypsy* for the Montana Poetry Series. The collection will be published June 2012.

ANNOUNCEMENT

On Friday, February 10th, beginning at 6 p.m. there will be an event at the Ulrich residence at 4 Elm Drive to honor those faculty who were granted tenure or promoted in the past year. Those faculty are: Bethany Blankenship---award of Tenure; Linda Lyon---award of Tenure; Fred Chilson---award of Tenure; Megan Chilson---award of Tenure; Sara Glasgow---award of Tenure; David Regan---promoted to Associate Professor; Brent McCabe---promoted to Associate Professor; Mike Morrow---promoted to Professor; and Sean Eudaily---promoted to Professor

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Those of you interested in following the voyage of Professor Rob Thomas, Dean Anneliese Ripley, and their two daughters can go to:

http://believeitornot-mtrocks.blogspot.com/2012_01_01_archive.html They are currently in port at the city of Manaus, Brazil, 900 miles up the Amazon.

Note: This newsletter will be posted on the Provost's website at <http://www.umwestern.edu/administration/vcaa/newsletters/> Back issues can also be found at the same site. It will also be mailed to Dillon community members who express an interest in receiving it. The purpose is to have a central, broadly distributed information resource to keep people informed about Montana Western, its programs, and its faculty, staff, and students. If you have academic information that you believe would be appropriate for this newsletter please send it to Karl Ulrich in the Provost's office, k Ulrich@umwestern.edu