

# Cook-Cole College of Arts & Sciences

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## Faculty News & Notes

**Tom Akre** co-authored the article "A Global Analysis of Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Distributions with Identification of Priority Conservation Areas" that was chosen as the cover art for the December issue of *Chelonian Conservation Biology*.

**Consuelo Alvarez** co-authored an article "The Genomics Education Partnership: Successful Integration of Research into Laboratory Classes at a Diverse Group of Undergraduate Institutions" in the online peer-reviewed journal *Cell Biology Education-Life Sciences Education*.

**Rhonda Brock-Servais** and **Matthew Prickett** will have an article, "From *Bildungsroman* to Romance to Saturday Morning: *Anne of Green Gables* and Sullivan Entertainment" published in *The Lion and the Unicorn* in April 2010.

**Craig Challender's** new book of poems, *As Details Become Available*, will be published by Pecan Grove Press later this year. A finalist for *The Journal*/Ohio State University Press Poetry Award, *Details* is his third full-length collection; almost half the manuscript was written during a Spring, 1998 sabbatical. Two of those poems received Pushcart Prize nominations. He also has poems forthcoming in *The Connecticut Review* and *The Paterson Literary Review*, and this April will be a panel participant ("A Wish, A Prayer, A Reading Series") at the annual AWP Conference in Denver.

**Andréa Keys Connell's** sculptures will be published in Yekyong Art Books international book titled "How to look at Contemporary Ceramics". This Spring she will be exhibiting in "Portraiture Beyond Likeness", an invitational exhibition that takes place during NCECA, the world's largest Ceramic Arts conference. She will also have a solo exhibition at the Cleveland Sculpture Center, and show in the invitational exhibition "Transcending the Figure".

**Mark Fink** received a grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's Coastal Zone Management Program for his work on biodiversity assessment of the Living Shorelines of Longwood's Hull Springs Farm. Also, his article "Preparing future teachers: Using a SENCER approach to positively affect dispositions toward science" has been published in *Science Education and Civic Engagement* (Vol. 2, Issue 1, Fall 2009).

**Tim Holmstrom** and colleagues at Jefferson Lab have had their paper "High Resolution Spectroscopy of N-16(Lambda) by Electroproduction" published in *Physical Review Letters*, volume 103, 2009

**Brett Hursey's** plays won 28 national and international awards and were produced 40 times in 2009. 15 of these productions appeared off/off-off Broadway in Manhattan. Additionally, two of his shows will be performed in festivals at the 2010 Olympics.

**Naomi Johnson's** case study "The Whole Package: Commodifying the Self" will be published this year in the upcoming book *Casing Interpersonal Communication: Case Studies in Personal and Social Relationships*.

**Patricia Lust** presented a session entitled *Musical Illustration: An Infusion of Fine Arts to Enliven the General Elementary Classroom* at the 2009 Mountain Lake Colloquium.

**David Magill** had his article "Border Panic and the Bounds of Racial Identity" accepted for publication in the collection *Profiling and Borders: Race, Repression and Resistance*, edited by Jeffrey Shantz.

**John Miller** had an article, "A Forest of Sharp Bayonets at Your Breast: The Nature of Resistance in William Gilmore Simms's 'Notes from Bartram,'" published in the Summer/Winter 2009 issue of *The Simms Review*.

**Joe Montoya** will present a poster & podium presentation of his clinical research on obese Mexican-American adults at the annual Virginia Council of Nurse Practitioner Conference and Howard University Diversity Conference in March 2010.

**Chris Moore** and Longwood undergraduate Sean Kenny had their article "Study of the electronic behavior of the Zn- and O-polar ZnO surfaces using conductive atomic force microscopy" published in the *Journal of Applied Physics* [105, 16102 (2009)]. Chris and recent LU graduates Daniel Songer, David McMahon, Louis Franzel and John Baker have had their article "Graphical method for determining projectile trajectory" accepted for publication in *The Physics Teacher*. In December, Chris presented a talk at the Materials Research Society's Fall Meeting entitled "Manipulation of surface charge on n-type GaN." Longwood undergraduates Mario Jones, Scidney Morris and Staci Small will be presenting work conducted in Chris's lab at the American Physical Society's annual meeting in February.

**Ramesh Rao's** paper titled "Talking to the Dying: Hindu Views, Hindu Ways" submitted for presentation at the Southern States Communication Association Convention (April 2010) has been adjudged the top paper in the Intercultural Communication division. Ramesh presented a paper titled "Finding Space for Hinduism in the Public Square: Breaking Barriers, Creating Opportunities," at the National Communication Convention in Chicago in November 2009. He also began writing regularly for the Newsweek/Washington Post's online page on faith and health. He is one of the six panelists invited to contribute to the page on a weekly basis.