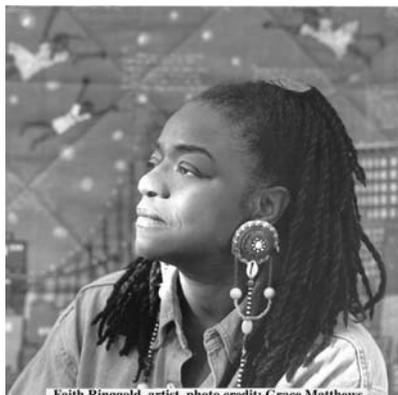


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"Faith Ringgold: More Than 50 Years"

R-MC will host artist Faith Ringgold on Thursday, March 29 at 7 p.m. in Blackwell. Ringgold is one of the most significant African-American artists of our time. **This event is free and open to the public; however, a ticket is required.**

Click on Faith Ringgold to reserve tickets.



Faith Ringgold, artist photo credit: Grace Matthews

Taylor Anderson/Japan Foundation Lecture

R-MC will host the Taylor Anderson/Japan Foundation Lecture, "Postscripts from Japan: Stories that Endure After the Earthquake and Tsunami," on Sunday, March 11 at 4:00 p.m. in Blackwell. This lecture will commemorate the one-year anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake, which took the life of Taylor Anderson '08. **The lecture is free and open to the public.**

The keynote speaker is National Public Radio correspondent Yuki Noguchi. Noguchi joined NPR News in May 2008 and covers business news for NPR'S National Desk.

Japanese Ambassador Ichiro Fujisaki will attend the program and deliver brief remarks. A native of Kagoshima Prefecture in southwestern Japan, Ichiro Fujisaki became ambassador of Japan to the United States in 2008.

This program is made possible through a generous grant from The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership, entitled Honoring the Life, Work and Good Spirit of Taylor Anderson—Enhancing Japanese Studies at Randolph-Macon College. •



For more information about this and other cultural events, visit rmc.edu.

Yuki Noguchi

RecycleMania Comes to R-MC!

R-MC is participating in RecycleMania, a nationwide initiative that promotes waste reduction in campus communities and serves as a benchmarking tool for college and university recycling programs.

The R-MC community is participating in this initiative by separating and placing clean recyclable paper, cardboard, plastic, glass or aluminum in the many blue recycling containers located throughout campus.

RecycleMania runs from February 5- March 31. Click on RecycleMania to view a video about Randolph-Macon's support of the RecycleMania program. •



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The Buzz: Helping Build Community Through Communication

YOUR NEWS

Lauren Cohen Bell's (political science) work is included in a new United States Senate Committee Print. For the past several years, Bell has consulted with Dr. Richard Beth at the Congressional Research Service, the report's principal author. Bell's book, *Filibustering in the U.S. Senate*, is also listed in the Selected Bibliography of the Committee Print.

Bryan Giemza (English) is one of 12 recipients of the 2012 SCHEV/Dominion Resources Outstanding Faculty Award. Giemza received the Rising Star Award for his scholarship and dedication to teaching and service. The award recipients were recognized during a February 16 ceremony at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond, where Governor Bob McDonnell lauded the winners. Giemza was recently interviewed by South Carolina Educational TV regarding the author Pat Conroy. In addition, Giemza was a guest lecturer at this

year's Irish Festival in Savannah, Georgia.

Gayla Mills (English) won a Red Ochre Lit 2011 Chapbook Prize and will have her book of eighteen essays, *Finite*, published in spring. Mills has additional essays forthcoming in *Prairie Wolf Press*, *The Truth about the Fact*, *The Richmond Times Dispatch*, *More.com*, and *Greenwoman*.

Carroll Lataye (athletics) became the 15th Division III women's basketball coach to record 500 victories as the Yellow Jackets topped Roanoke College 82-70 in ODAC action on January 13. Click on 500 for a slideshow of photos from the game.

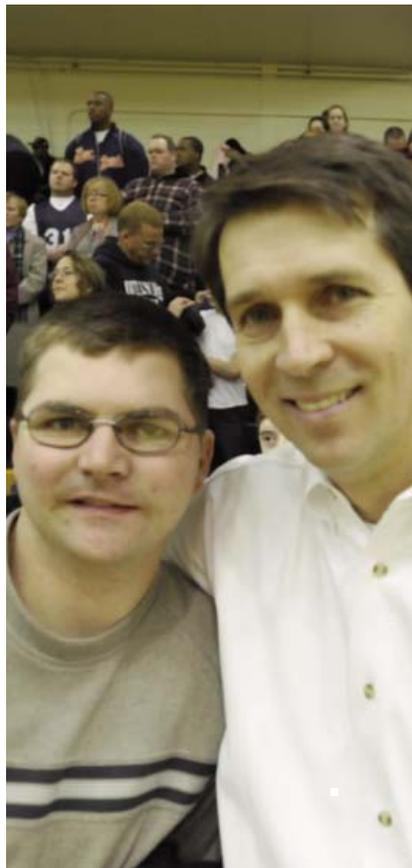
Jack Trammell (disability services) was quoted in a February 27 article in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* about a painting by Eyre Crowe that depicts the Richmond slave trade in 1853. •

Special Olympics Event

The Athletic Department, in conjunction with Special Olympics Virginia, hosted the James River Regional Basketball Tournament on February 12, 2012. More than 30 teams from around the region competed, with the goal of advancing to the Special Olympics Virginia Basketball Championship, which takes place in March.

Nearly 200 R-MC students, coaches, and Athletic Department administrators showed their YJ pride by cheering on athletes who competed in full- and half-court games in the Brock Center and Crenshaw Gym. Student-athletes also sold t-shirts, worked the clocks, helped park cars and served as ushers. Chartwells Catering provided free meals to more than 800 Olympians and their families.

Click on Special Olympics to view a slideshow of photos from the event.



Macon a Difference Day:
Save the Date!

Join R-MC and Town of Ashland volunteers on a variety of earth-friendly service projects for Macon a Difference Day on Saturday, April 21.

This annual event is held in conjunction with Earth Day. Volunteers spruce up local parks, plant flowers and trees, and much more.

For more information on how you can help, contact Professor Reber Dunkel at 752-3105. •

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Thursday, March 1

The Book Bowl, a meeting of minds between a faculty team and a student team, will take place at 6 p.m. in Wash-Frank. Contact Marisa Cull at 752-7289.

Monday, March 5

Author Michele Young-Stone will present **"There's No Such Thing as Writer's Block"** at 7 p.m. in the Writing Center. Young-Stone is the author of *"The Handbook for Lightning Strike Survivors."* Contact Gayla Mills at 752-3031.

Wednesday, March 7

"Star-Spangled Girls" will be performed at 7 p.m. in Blackwell.

Free and open to the public. Contact Anne Throckmorton at 752-7269.

Monday, March 12

"Calculus: The Musical" will be performed at 7 p.m. in Blackwell. Free and open to the public. Contact Eve Torrence at 752-7372.

April 13-May 25

Kathryn Henry-Choisser and Mary Holland art exhibit, Flippo Gallery. Opening reception is April 15 at 3 p.m. Free and open to the public. Contact Katie Shaw at 752-3015.

The BUZZ on Reber Dunkel, Sociology

Sociology Professor Reber Dunkel earned his B.A. in geology from Ohio State University and his M.Sc. in agricultural economics and rural sociology from the same institution. He earned his Ph.D. in sociology from Michigan State University.

Dunkel majored in geology as an undergraduate student because he was fascinated with the study of the earth. He was planning on going to law school; however, his career interests changed after he spent two years as a Peace Corps volunteer with the Haryana State Irrigation Department in India.

“During my second year coordinating deep well pump tests (to measure the water available in the major aquifers), I realized that a major problem was the cooperation among the three different levels of Indian bureaucracy--the Central Government of India, Haryana State Irrigation Department and the Haryana Agricultural Extension Service--that were all drilling wells,” he says. “This often resulted in undercutting the Haryana

Agricultural Extension Service and it hurt small farmers financially. Probably my most important accomplishment in the Peace Corps was arranging a joint meeting of all three agencies to coordinate their drilling programs. I became more interested studying the developmental problems of Third World countries (now called emerging market economies) than focusing on irrigation and hydrology.”

Dunkel’s subsequent teaching sociology at the Federal University of Vicosa in Brazil convinced him to work toward a doctorate in sociology. Among his most memorable teaching experiences since coming to R-MC in 2000 are J-term trips to New Orleans, which include service-learning, and J-term trips to Ghana and Brazil. Dunkel’s principal research interest is the African diaspora in the West Indies.

Dunkel, who was recently appointed as the coordinator of SERVE (Students Engaged in Responsible Volunteer Experience Service) says, “Sociology is a vital discipline in a liberal arts education



because it focuses on the connection between the individual and society. Sociology prepares one for life.”

Dunkel says that students who graduate with a bachelor’s degree in sociology can pursue a variety of career options, such as law, criminal justice, teaching, and medical sociology. •

-Matthew Nicolas '12

The BUZZ on Katie Shaw, Arts

Originally from Asheville, North Carolina, Curator and Adjunct Professor of Art Katie Shaw lived in Asheville and Greensboro before coming to Virginia in 1993. She currently lives in a Richmond high-rise that overlooks the James River.

Shaw lives with her partner, Jeff, as well as two dogs, one of which, Berkeley, spends a lot of time with her at R-MC. Berkeley comes to class with Shaw and even helps carry some of her things in a special backpack.



Shaw says her parents were always studying when she was growing up; her father earned his doctorate when she was 18. She would often accompany her parents, and was therefore frequently on college campuses.

According to Shaw, “I have never not been in school in some form or fashion.” This shaped her love for education. While still in high school, Shaw attended the University Of North Carolina School Of Arts. She also attended VCU, where she earned her BFA in sculpture, and then Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, where she earned her MFA.

After graduate school, Shaw waitressed and worked as an adjunct at VCU and University of Mary Washington.

A friend told her about a job at R-MC that involved inventorying the permanent collection at Flipppo.

“We were at a dinner party one night and I told her, ‘I’m still looking for something in my field,’ and she opened up her purse and handed me a phone number,” says Shaw. “It was Ray Berry’s phone number. I came out here and interviewed for the job and started out at about 10 hours a week.”

Shaw’s mother is a speech therapist in Greensboro and her father is a retired doctor of curriculum. Shaw doesn’t have a lot of free time, but when she does, she enjoys reading, walking, and spending time at the river and in the mountains. She also loves to travel.

Her favorite book is *An Artist of the Floating World* by Kazuo Ishiguro. She enjoys most kinds of music, especially the groups Thievery Cooperation, the Killers, as well as the 1972 album “For the Roses by Joni Mitchell. •

-Jason Howell '15

R-MC ON THE MOVE

The landscape of the campus continues to undergo a major transformation. The current Student Center will be razed to make room for The Brock Commons, a new student center. The Brock Commons will include a movie theater, campus bookstore, dining services with an open café, a balcony, a student mailroom, a student social space and multi-purpose rooms.

Visit the new feature on our homepage to follow our progress and watch our real-time Webcam!•



Rendering of The Brock Commons

The BUZZ on: The OIE's New Location

-- by Diana Lewis, Provost's Office

In summer 2011, I was asked by Provost Franz, and Professor Aouicha Hilliard and Mayumi Nakamura from the Office of International Education (OIE) to help set up a new office space in Haley Hall.

They needed a place in the middle of the hub of student activity, similar to what they had had in Thomas Branch, their former location. I felt they needed something to catch people's attention, and something spacious enough to accommodate offices and their wonderful display of treasures from around the world.

As corny as it sounds, I woke up in the middle of the night with a "vision!" I drew Phase I of my plan, called Aouicha, and shared it with her. She was getting ready to travel to France, but after much thought, she was on board with the plan!

The next obstacle was trying to make a contractor understand the plan that was in my head. Someone suggested I ask our own scenic and lighting designer, Professor Gregg Hillmar, for help.

Gregg quickly sent me a drawing, and I thought, *Yes! This is what I was looking for!* Professor Hilliard gave me the go-ahead, and I contacted Jerald T. Loth Remodeling in Glen Allen, Virginia.

They worked closely with me to design and build the arches that now form the entrance to the OIE. The two-month wait for the completion of the project was worth it: The OIE is an inviting, welcoming place.

There is always a lot going on in Haley Hall: Classrooms line the hallways on both sides, the newly-remodeled Butler Language Lab graces the front entrance, and academic offices buzz with activity.

Haley Hall is the perfect new home for the Office of International Education. •

Click on OIE for a slideshow of before-and-after photos from this exciting renovation.

Welcome

THE R-MC COMMUNITY WELCOMES:

Mimi Carter-Wright (faculty secretary), Sabrina Granderson (FYE, president's office), Maria Seidler (economics/business), Timothy Bergeron (chemistry), Heather Weidner (history), Andrea Lister (biology), Brian Shapiro (biology), Linda Carne (career services), Dana Lesesne (equestrian team), Joseph Calveric (campus safety), and April Hines (athletics).



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