

# The College of LIBERAL ARTS

Spring 2006

## FROM THE DEAN



One of the most pleasant tasks of my first year in this position was connecting with alumni of the College of Liberal Arts. We joined with the CSU Alumni Association to host tailgaters

at CSU football games in Minneapolis and Las Vegas (Go Rams!); we held breakfasts for alumni in Seattle and Portland; and I met with a few alumni during trips to Honolulu and Northern California. This next year we plan to visit other parts of the country. If you would be interested in attending or helping to host an alumni event, we would love to hear from you.

There is much exciting news to share with you in this edition of the newsletter. We celebrated the opening of the Bohemian Complex at the University Center for the Arts, including thrust-stage and experimental theatre spaces and the William E. Runyan Music Hall. Work will start this fall on Phase Three of the project, with plans for a dance facility, art and historic costume galleries, instrumental rehearsal and organ recital halls, faculty offices, and classrooms.

Rhythms of the university mirror those of life generally. Long-time and much-beloved faculty and staff retired this year. We also welcomed new faculty members who have exciting research agendas and are transforming and internationalizing the curriculum.

More than 600 of our students are enrolled in the interdisciplinary Liberal Arts major. The strengths of this major are its breadth and flexibility; a weakness is the lack of a department home for students and alumni. We share with you our plans to engage alumni as well as faculty members in specific departments to create a community and an identity for Liberal Arts majors.

State funding for public institutions of higher education is decreasing nationwide, which has resulted in rising tuition rates. To help our students finance their education, departments are working to increase scholarship endowments. This edition highlights the generosity of alumni and friends in creating scholarships and the accomplishments of scholarship recipients. We also issue a challenge to all alumni to be part of that grand tradition of "giving back."

I sincerely hope to visit with many of you this next year. I would welcome hearing your advice, memories of Colorado State, or updates on your life and career. We invite you to return to campus to attend a recital, show, lecture, or athletic event, or just to chat with a former professor or stroll around the campus. We miss you.

— Ann M. Gill ('76), Dean

## *Creating a Community for the Liberal Arts Major*

The interdisciplinary Liberal Arts major offers students the opportunity to explore the human condition from a variety of perspectives. They can choose a concentration in social sciences, arts and humanities, ethnic studies, or international studies, which has options in Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, Europe, and Africa. Students also can opt for a five-year, dual-degree program in Liberal Arts and Engineering Sciences.

The 655 students currently enrolled in this major are embarked on an exciting intellectual exploration that crosses disciplinary and geographical boundaries and gives them the flexibility to create a program of study that fits their needs and career goals. What they are missing, however, is the equivalent of a department home. Our short-term goal for this growing major is to create a community and an identity for both current students and alumni.

One project will involve faculty members in various departments with the Liberal Arts interdisciplinary major, thereby creating a "Liberal Arts faculty." Two new faculty members will join the College this fall to begin that process. The Department of History hired Prof. Todd Henry, whose expertise is in modern Japan and Korea, and the Department of Political Science hired Prof. Gamze Yasar, whose expertise is Middle Eastern studies, focusing on transitions to democracy, Islamist movements, and gender and politics. Both faculty members will be active in the International Studies concentration of the Liberal Arts major as well as their departments.

Another project is to create a network of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences alumni who would be willing to mentor or give career advice to current students. Beau Morrow ('89), manager of Inflight Training for USA 3000 Airlines in Pennsylvania, is the College's first volunteer mentor.

It is clear if the goals for the Liberal Arts major are to be accomplished, it will be by building a community of people rather than a physical structure. For many years, one constant in the major was the late Bill Hervey, a much-loved professor and adviser. Alumni throughout the College may remember seeing Bill sitting in the sun outside of the Clark Building, surrounded by a group of students and holding forth on topics such as Aristotle's political theory (see photo, top right). At Bill's memorial service, Andre Archie ('95), former student and current

faculty member in the Department of Philosophy, credited Bill with inspiring him to study classical philosophy.

If your life was touched by Bill Hervey, please consider donating to his memorial scholarship fund for Liberal Arts majors. If you are a former Liberal Arts or Social Sciences major and can contribute to the general Liberal Arts Alumni scholarship fund, please join others who responded to Dean Gill's appeal for funds this spring. Or if you would be willing to be a volunteer mentor and speak to current students about careers, please contact the College of Liberal Arts at [cladean@colostate.edu](mailto:cladean@colostate.edu).



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# COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

## *Long-time Faculty Member Named Dean*

**Dr. Ann Gill**, ('76), an experienced college administrator, teacher, and mentor, recently was named dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

"Dr. Gill has the vision, experience, and drive to take the College of Liberal Arts to the next level of excellence, to the benefit of the entire Colorado State University community," said Anthony Frank, senior vice president and provost at Colorado State University. "It is clear she has earned the confidence of faculty and staff and has very strong support from within the College of Liberal Arts based on the quality of her leadership."

Gill is not new to the College of Liberal Arts. She served as associate dean for four years before becoming interim dean in July 2005. She joined the University in 1980 as an instructor in the Department of Speech Communication, became assistant professor in 1986, associate professor two years later and professor in 1994. She was named chair of the Department of Speech Communication in 1990 and served in that role for 11 years.

The new dean received her master's in speech communication from Colorado State in 1976, juris doctor degree from the University of Colorado School of Law in 1979, and doctorate in speech communication from the University of Denver in 1986. She will serve a five-year term beginning on July 1, 2006.



*From left: Dean Ann Gill and Associate Deans Lou Swanson and Alex Bernasek.*

## ASSOCIATE DEANS NAMED

**Dr. Alex Bernasek**, a professor in the Department of Economics, and **Dr. Lou Swanson**, chair of the Department of Sociology, were named associate deans for the College of Liberal Arts. Both have served in these capacities on an interim basis for the past year.

"Alex and Lou bring significant strengths, diverse perspectives, and impressive leadership skills to the Dean's Office," said Ann Gill, dean. "Both are wonderful advocates for the liberal arts, our faculty, and our students."

Bernasek will work with undergraduate issues and international programs, while Swanson will focus on graduate and faculty issues.

# FACULTY EXCELLENCE

## *Liberal Arts Faculty Are Recognized as Distinguished Scholars, Teachers, and Mentors by College and University Awards*

**Greg Dickinson**, *Speech Communication*, received the College's Excellence in Teaching Award for a tenure-track faculty member. **Andrea Purdy**, *Foreign Languages and Literatures*, received the Excellence in Teaching award for temporary faculty, and **Kristin Slattery**, *Speech Communication*, received the award for a graduate teaching assistant.

**Linny Frickman**, *Art*, received the College's Award for Distinction in Advancement that honors outstanding contributions to the advancement efforts of the College.

**Maria del Mar Lopez-Cabrales**, *Foreign Languages and Literatures*, received the University's Jack E. Cermak Outstanding Advisor Award, which recognizes excellence in academic advising.

**Deanna Ludwin**, *English*, **Dimitris Stevis**, *Political Science*, and **Don Zimmerman**, *Journalism and Technical Communication*, received Best Teacher Awards presented by the Colorado State Alumni Association and the Student Alumni Connection.

**Phil Risbeck**, *Art*, received the College's John R. Stern Distinguished Professor Award, which honors faculty who have demonstrated exemplary accomplishments in all aspects of their professional responsibilities over an extended period of time.

**Kenneth Rock**, *History* (retired), was awarded the University's Lifetime Distinguished International Service Award, which recognizes faculty or staff who have made a significant impact campuswide on internationalization efforts of Colorado State University.

**Bernard Rollin**, *Philosophy*, received the Alumni Association's Distinguished Faculty Award that honors a Colorado State University faculty member for individual contributions to the goals of excellence at Colorado State and excellence in teaching, research, and service.

## PROFESSOR OF REGIONAL ECONOMICS ESTABLISHED

A Professor of Regional Economics position was established this year with a grant from the Northern Colorado Economic Development Corporation.

The senior regional position will make Colorado State University more visible in economic growth issues in Northern Colorado and add depth to the regional economics curriculum in the Department of Economics. This position will have a joint appointment in the Department of Economics and the Colorado Office of Economic Development and will work with county businesses through economic outreach programs.

## *In Memory*

### CHARLES J. BAYARD, 1924-2006

**Professor Charles J. Bayard** passed away January 7, 2006, in Lafayette, Colorado. A specialist in Western U.S. history, Professor Bayard taught in the Department of History from 1959 until his retirement in 1991. Charles Bayard is fondly remembered by his students and colleagues. "What Charles Bayard gave us," wrote Roy T. Wortman ('62), emeritus professor of history at Kenyon College, "was certainly knowledge of his field, but more: He had human understanding, and ... the innate gift for passionate teaching."

### ROWENE DANBOM, 1921-2006

**Rowene Danbom** passed away April 18, 2006, in Denver. Danbom was a news reporter, public relations practitioner, and faculty member in the Department of Journalism and Technical Communication from 1979 until her retirement in 1981. Her son, Dan Danbom, a public relations practitioner, said of his mother, "When you're in public relations, all you've got is your integrity. There was nothing that superseded her integrity."







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## University Center for the Arts Bohemian Complex Opens

The Bohemian Complex at the University Center for the Arts opened in November with a gala ceremony and special performance from Samuel Beckett's play, *Waiting for Godot*. The Bohemian Complex includes the 300-seat thrust stage University Theatre, an experimental theatre space, and the William E. Runyan Music Hall for both choral and instrumental music rehearsals.

Phase Two of the University Center for the Arts project was completed through a generous gift of \$4.92 million from Pat Stryker's Bohemian Foundation and another significant donation from the Myra and Kenneth Monfort Family Foundation. The earlier phase opened in 2004, featuring the Edna Rizley Griffin Concert Hall. A recent article in the *Denver Post* listed it as "one of the five best places in Colorado to listen to live chamber music."

Construction will begin on the third phase of the project this fall, partially funded by Colorado State students, who voted for a facilities fee to pay for building maintenance and new construction projects on campus. This phase will involve remodeling of the south section of Old Fort Collins High School and some new construction on the north and east of the existing building. Plans for this phase include offices, classrooms, art and historic costume gallery spaces, a dance complex, an organ recital hall, and rehearsal space for bands.

Construction materials and labor costs have risen dramatically in the wake of Hurricane Katrina and construction activity in Asia. Patrons are still needed to help complete this final phase of the University Center for the Arts project. Naming opportunities are available for the marching band rehearsal room, dance performance and practice spaces, organ recital hall, and other venues in Phase Three. For more information, contact Kim Tobin, director of development, at [Kim.Tobin@colostate.edu](mailto:Kim.Tobin@colostate.edu).

You are invited to attend a performance in the University Center for the Arts. Performance schedules are listed at [www.csuarts.com](http://www.csuarts.com). During the summer, be sure to stroll through the spectacular Colorado State Annual Flower Trial Garden just west of the center.



## Retirements

### Faculty Retirements

**Liang-Shing Fan**, *Economics* –  
38 years of service

**Frederick Johnson**, *Philosophy* –  
39 years of service

**Robert Lawrence**, *Political Science* –  
35 years of service

**James McCray**, *Music, Theatre, and Dance* – 27 years of service

**Robert Nisbett**, *Music, Theatre, and Dance* – 40 years of service

**William Tremblay**, *English* –  
33 years of service

**David Vancil**, *Speech Communication* –  
32 years of service

### Staff Retirements

**Kathy Ahlbrandt**, *Dean's Office* –  
33 years of service

**Diana Rose**, *Economics* –  
33 years of service

**Jessica Wells**, *Journalism and Technical Communication* – 28 years of service

**Elizabeth White**, *Economics* –  
15 years of service



CSU's Theatre Program produced *The Laramie Project* (large photo, top) in April.

*The Annual Flower Trial Garden* (above, top) with the University Center for the Arts at Old Fort Collins High School in the background.

*The Theatre Program* also produced *Cyrano de Bergerac* (above) last February.

*Waiting For Godot* (left) was selected as a regional finalist in the 2006 Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. The play was one of only four shows to be selected from 80 participating productions across seven states.



# HONORING OUR ALUMNI

## *A Call-to-Action Shapes History*



*Carl Williams*

To say that Colorado State University alumnus Carl Williams ('65) is a page in history would not be an exaggeration.

At the height of the Civil Rights Movement in 1965, Williams left his home in Seaside, California, to join the Reverend Martin Luther

King, Jr.'s voter registration efforts in Georgia. "Voter registration in the South was causing a very tense situation. My parents were frightened to death, and my mother would break out in tears when I'd talk about going. So I snuck out of the house late one night and had my brother take me to the airport. I left a letter for my parents saying this was something I wanted to do. It was something I had to do."

In Atlanta, Williams and other recruits were met at the airport by representatives from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, King's organization. "That very evening, we got an announcement that there was 'a situation.' They said, 'Dr. King has called and said he wants as many of us as possible to come to Americus, Georgia.' A black woman schoolteacher had been arrested while trying to register to vote. It was the classic example of why Congress needed to change the laws on voting."

"I hadn't even unpacked. They loaded us into two or three vans, and it seemed like the longest ride I ever had. It was in the middle of the night on these dark back roads of Georgia."

That night's march to the jailhouse was followed by days of protest activities. "We were going to continue until that woman was released and rules were changed regarding African American voter



*Students protest during halftime of the CSU-Brigham Young basketball game in January 1970.*

registration. We marched daily; we boycotted stores. We marched to the white churches. One Sunday, we marched on a church, and some church members came out and told us we were not welcome in their church. So we knelt down on our knees right there and prayed."

Sometime later, after Williams had returned to his parents' home in Seaside, he found a surprise in the mailbox. "My family had subscribed to a national encyclopedia, so every month or so we would get an update. I opened up one that came to the house, and there I was in this picture, kneeling down with four other people in front of a white church, praying. I showed my mom and she said, 'I am just glad I didn't know at the time.'"

That, of course, is not all there is to Williams' story. Born in Jacksonville, Alabama, his father's military career took the family to many places. Williams graduated from Peabody High School in Petersburg, Virginia, and that's where his interest in civil rights began. "After high school, a number of my schoolmates went into the Civil Rights Movement. My parents were really worried about my safety, and they resisted my efforts to get involved." He followed their wishes and enrolled at Virginia State College, and after his father was transferred to Massachusetts in 1960, he enrolled in Boston University.

Two years later, his father was transferred to Colorado. "It was the middle of my second year at Boston University. I had a choice. I could stay there or pack up and move again. I went to my counselor, and he recommended CSU because he thought it was an emerging university, so I applied and got accepted." While his family lived in Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, Williams experienced residence hall life at Colorado State, Room 286 in Aylesworth Hall.

"Then Dad got transferred to California, but this time, I was in my junior year and I had come to really like CSU. I told my dad I was tired of moving around."

Williams' interest in the Civil Rights Movement continued during his stay at Colorado State. He wrote several pieces for the campus newspaper and was elected president of the Young Democrats.

"During the time of the church bombing in Birmingham, Alabama, we organized a drive to help the civil rights workers. The horrifying shock of those little black girls dying in that church compelled those of us at CSU to do something. So we set up a table at the student center to raise money."

The response to their effort was "kind of interesting. A few of us, both black and white, what you could call 'activist' types, were at the table. And there were some conservatives who believed in states rights, so there were some arguments and name-calling, things like 'communists' and 'agitators,' but there was no violence."

Williams received a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Colorado State in 1965, and he rejoined his family in California to "try to get my head in some direction." It was during that time he made his trek to Georgia in support of voter registration.

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A few years later, Williams enrolled at the University of California Hastings College of the Law, where he met and married a fellow law student, Jayne, who came from a family of activists. Jayne's cousin, Ernest Green, was one of the students who integrated Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, and was the school's first African American graduate.

After receiving his law degree in 1973, Williams decided to work in housing and community redevelopment. He became director of the Housing and Community Office in San Francisco under Mayor George Moscone. After Moscone's assassination in 1978, Williams became executive director of the San Francisco Housing Authority for the next seven years, following which he went into private practice in San Francisco.

Carl and Jayne Williams have two children, Chad, a professor of African American studies, and Kelli, who works in fashion design.

The College of Liberal Arts honors alumnus Carl Williams for his many achievements and for his passionate and lifelong efforts on behalf of civil rights.



*Students address a crowd on the steps of the Administration Building in April 1969.*



# HONORING OUR ALUMNI

## Creating the Future: Liberal Arts Alumni Prepare Students for Careers

Alumni are playing an increasingly central role in preparing students in the College of Liberal Arts for the workplace.

### OFFERING INTERNSHIPS

Walking into The Integer Group offices in Denver, it is easy to see where this marketing agency's employees get their inspiration. The eclectic furnishings, pinball machines, and views of the Rocky Mountains through the open floor plan were intentionally designed by president and chief operating officer, **Mike Sweeney**. The decidedly different office décor illustrates Sweeney's belief that a stimulating atmosphere encourages excellence. This excellence has helped The Integer Group become one of the nation's leading marketing agencies.

Sweeney, who studied journalism and technical communication at Colorado State, also has created an excellent internship program.

"The reason I run an internship program is two-fold," says Sweeney. "First, as a Colorado State University alumnus, I feel I have an obligation to give back to the school that supported me. Second, it is about creating a better workforce for the future."



Jim Sweeney

At Integer, CSU student interns have the opportunity to learn about all aspects of the advertising and marketing field, including the "business side" in account services and the "creative side" in art direction and copywriting. Internships, along with course work that requires writing papers and giving presentations, are what Sweeney says it takes to be successful in advertising and marketing.

An internship at The Integer Group also will allow students to avoid Sweeney's own first-day experience at his first job, when he suddenly realized he had no idea what to expect from the "real world." Instead, these lucky students will have real world experience before they graduate and a better resume once they enter the job market.

### RETURNING TO THE CLASSROOM

Speech Communication alumnae **Monica Covert-Kerber** ('02) and **Beth Townsend** ('04) and their employer, Northwestern Mutual, sponsored a sales presentation contest in the department's capstone seminar this spring.

Sixteen teams of five seniors each were assigned to pitch an original and creative idea to the class. The winning team designed a fully functioning, interactive Web site, stationery, and supplies, all branded with a team-designed logo. Their product, "Party in a Bag," contains everything a customer

needs to throw a specialty party – from birthday to poker to anniversary.

For this successful effort, team members each received a \$100 gift certificate and leather-bound portfolio. The two top speakers received engraved silver business card holders and \$100 gift certificates.

Through generous efforts such as these, our alumni are partnering with the College of Liberal Arts to prepare our graduates for careers and life after Colorado State.

If you can provide internship or other opportunities for current students, please contact us. You also can be part of the University's new alumni mentoring program, created by the Career Center in partnership with the Alumni Association: [www.career.colostate.edu/alumni/mentor.html](http://www.career.colostate.edu/alumni/mentor.html).



Monica Covert-Kerber and Beth Townsend

# DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

### ALUMNUS WINS PULITZER PRIZE



Jim Sheeler

**Jim Sheeler**, a 1990 technical journalism graduate, won a 2006 Pulitzer Prize for his *Rocky Mountain News* feature story chronicling a year in the life of a Marine casualty notification officer.

The moving feature, "Final Salute," tells the story of Marine Maj. Steve Beck as he performed the difficult task of making death notifications and helping the families of slain soldiers killed in Iraq cope with their loss.

When Sheeler enrolled at CSU in 1986, he wanted to become a veterinarian. However, a videotape editing class sparked his journalism interest and led to a change in major.

Originally from Houston, Sheeler began his award-winning career as an entertainment reporter at *The Rocky Mountain Collegian*, followed by positions at the *Boulder Daily Camera* and *The Denver Post*, before joining the *Rocky Mountain News* in 2002.

### PROVOST HONORS ALUMNUS

**Stephen Hillard** ('70) received the 2006 Provost Alumni Award, which recognizes distinguished alumni achievement as well as extraordinary service and support to Colorado State University.

Hillard, president and CEO of Council Tree Communications, Inc., graduated from Colorado State in 1970 with a degree in political science. He earned a master's degree in philosophy from Columbia University in 1974 and a law degree from the University of Colorado in 1976.



Stephen Hillard

Hillard founded Council Tree Communications in 1998. Council Tree Communications is a \$1 billion communications investment fund based on the commitment to enhance diversity of ownership in the communications industry and the commitment to give back to the community. Hillard recently established the Council Tree Endowment for the Department of Philosophy at Colorado State University.

### LIFELONG SUPPORTER RECEIVES HONOR ALUMNUS AWARD

**William Ward** ('57) is the recipient of the 2006 College of Liberal Arts Honor Alumnus Award. Presented by the Colorado State University Alumni Association, the award honors former students who, by their distinguished career and service, have brought honor to Colorado State University and to themselves.

Ward graduated from Colorado State with a degree in physical education and minors in math



William Ward

and physical sciences in 1957, when the College was known as the College of Science and Arts.

Ward is a life-long Colorado State supporter. He was a member of the Colorado State Alumni Association Board of Directors and served as president in 1972. He went on to serve as the director of Alumni Relations from 1973 until 1986. Additionally, Ward served as director of the Colorado State University Foundation and the director of Development and Alumni Relations at Colorado State University, Pueblo.







*CLA alumnus Mike Nosler, '69 history, visits with Liberal Arts student Benji Bruce, a Diversity in Law scholar.*



*Dallin Kuzmich, music and electrical engineering double major and recipient of the John Warren Smith Music Scholarship, and Marilou Smith.*



*History alumnus Al Castle (above). Christina Farhart (below), recipient of the Gene Lang Scholarship in political science.*



# GIFTS OF KNOWLEDGE

Colorado State alumni and friends who are active in a myriad of careers have more in common than just Colorado State University. Alumni also share a strong belief in education and support for students in the College of Liberal Arts, as shown by the four alumni and friends profiled here.

These individuals are not satisfied with achieving personal career goals – they take action by sharing dreams, giving encouragement, and providing the means for talented students to succeed in pursuing their own career choices.

## FILLING A NEED

Seeing a need and acting to resolve it is part of the strength that alumni offer to students. **Mike Nosler** ('69) saw a pressing need to diversify the legal profession, so he founded the Diversity in Law Program at Colorado State in a partnership with Rothgerber, Johnson & Lyons LLP, a Denver-based law firm where Nosler has been managing partner for 10 years. The program includes scholarships, interdisciplinary study leading to a certificate, and interaction between the firm's lawyers and Colorado State students who are considering careers in law or criminal justice.

Students in the Diversity in Law Certificate Program complete a 21-credit interdisciplinary program similar to a minor. The program includes law courses as well as courses in ethnic diversity. "The legal profession faces a challenge to become more diverse and signal openness to all members of society," Nosler said.

To Nosler, maintaining contact with students is an important part of the program. "CSU gave me my start in life, and I wanted to give something back. Not all communities have members of their family in the legal profession or 'legacies.' The CSU program targets high school and undergraduate students; it gets them interested in law early on and opens up opportunities for their future."

## SHARING A LOVE OF MUSIC

At her recent birthday party, Fort Collins resident and real estate broker **Marilou Smith** was serenaded with a living room performance by one of the community's top musicians. The performance was a birthday gift from violinist and Colorado State student, **Dallin Kuzmich**.

Although Kuzmich and Smith had met only a few months before the party, the two had known each other's names for years, thanks to a music scholarship Kuzmich had been awarded in Smith's late husband's name. Their first opportunity to meet face-to-face came at last year's annual Liberal Arts Scholarship Reception.

For Kuzmich, it was an opportunity to say thanks as well as a chance to connect with the person behind his scholarship.

"I had never associated any of the scholarship money to an individual, so finally meeting Marilou was a pleasure," said Kuzmich, whose double major is violin performance and electrical engineering.

The scholarship that Smith supports is close to her heart because it was founded on behalf of her late husband, John Warren Smith, to honor his profound love of music.

"Music is so beneficial to our well-being, and it's a precious gift that should be shared. I want to support people who do that," Smith said.

## MAKING A LIFETIME COMMITMENT

During his college career, history alumnus **Al Castle** ('71, '72) was deeply influenced by his teachers, and that influence continues to affect students in the College through Castle's generosity.

"My years at CSU were unique because of the close friendships and lifelong bonds I formed with

professors and advisers," said Castle, who studied in the history, English, and philosophy departments. "I was honored to have faculty who became close friends and mentors to me in both my educational and personal life."

Castle became close to Martha Scott Trimble, CSU professor of English and a leader in the learning lab movement in higher education. The two were such good friends that Castle was named a trustee of the Martha Scott Trimble Charitable Trust after she died in 1997. He currently serves as executive director and treasurer of America's oldest family foundation, the Samuel N. and Mary Castle Foundation in Honolulu, Hawaii.

In 1996, he established the Castle Memorial Scholarship in the Department of History for Hawaiian students, the ninth-largest out-of-state undergraduate geographic group enrolled at Colorado State. The scholarship serves students majoring in history or human development and family studies in the College of Applied Human Sciences.

Castle believes that alumni giving is a lifetime commitment to quality and access to the University that ensures the value and prestige of degrees.

"Alumni have a lot at stake in regard to giving back to their alma mater," he said. "Private giving has not grown fast enough to replace the diminished financial commitment of the public sector to higher education. Without alumni participation, many students would no longer be able to attend four-year universities."

## HELPING THE NEXT GENERATION

As a junior at Colorado State, **Eugene Lang** ('75) knew he was ready to pursue his dream of becoming an attorney, thanks to classes he was taking in political science and history.

Now working on the legal needs of energy companies for Davis, Graham, and Stubbs, a Denver-based law firm, Lang's expertise has brought him back to campus as an alumni speaker for political science and pre-law students. The opportunity to advise current political science majors strengthened his relationship with the department and led to a gift that will make a lasting impression on students in years to come.

Lang and his wife, Marguerite Johnson, established a scholarship in the Department of Political Science for outstanding undergraduates.

For Lang, setting up a scholarship was about more than financial aid. "I was really appreciative of my experience at Colorado State, and giving through scholarships was a way for my wife and me to express that appreciation," he said.

Lang's help has been invaluable to **Christina Farhart**, Honors Student Association president and third-year undergraduate in political science and psychology. She hopes to apply her combined liberal arts and natural sciences education in law school after graduating from Colorado State.

Lang met Christina and found her to be a "very impressive person with strong academic credentials and one who is active in the community." Lang's mentorship and support is allowing him to share the dream of a life in law with the next generation.



# ADVANCING LIBERAL ARTS

## BY THE NUMBERS

**1,000:** Number of students who apply for liberal arts scholarships

**164:** Number of scholarships available

**\$165,000:** Amount of scholarships awarded

**\$3,000,000:** Total scholarship endowment in the College of Liberal Arts

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Thank you for your continued involvement with the College of Liberal Arts. As you read in these pages, you realize the generosity and participation of our alumni and friends comes in many forms and allows the College to prepare our students to become global citizens who make a positive and immediate impact. I hope these articles and profiles inspire you to continue, or in some cases, begin, your role in helping us maintain our level of excellence in liberal arts education.

With the establishment of seven new scholarships this year, I am encouraged by our alumni's motivation to give back to the institution and people who helped them achieve their goals. Two years ago, many of our departments did not have scholarships available to students. This is alarming because, as CSU's largest college, we are home to 25 percent of the University's undergraduate majors, which creates significant competition for financial aid. This demand, combined with rising tuition costs, has prompted us to prioritize fund raising for scholarships.

This focus has paid off thanks to the support of our generous alumni. For example, Gene Lang ('75) established the Department of Political Science's first endowed scholarship last year; Terry Haynes

('72, '76) made a lead gift to create the Department of Anthropology's first scholarship, and an anonymous donor recently established the Department of Philosophy's first graduate scholarship. Our goal is to continue this momentum so that more of our 5,000 students have greater opportunities to receive much-needed financial assistance.

In addition to visiting with many of the alumni featured in this newsletter, this year brought opportunities to connect with hundreds of the more than 30,000 Liberal Arts alumni living across the nation. Trips to California, Texas, and New York are scheduled for the upcoming year. We invite you to visit with old friends, make new connections, and become reacquainted with your alma mater during our annual events and regional trips.

Again, thank you for your continued relationship with the College of Liberal Arts. I look forward to connecting with you soon.

– Kim Tobin, Director of Development



## In Their Own Words

Scholarships do more than provide money for books or tuition; scholarships motivate students and inspire them to make a difference.

*"I am the first person in my family to go to college, and I am determined to take full advantage of a higher education. This investment in my education will help me give something back to a community that has supported me so enthusiastically."*

– Stephanie Vela, Political Science major, '07  
Diversity in Law Scholarship recipient

*"I believe my college experience is truly about learning and not just preparing for a career. If I've learned anything from my studies, it is to question things, to look at all the different perspectives, and that nothing is in black and white."*

*I offer my deepest thanks for giving me the opportunity to continue my education and understanding of others."*

– Michelle Boyce, English major, '07  
College of Liberal Arts Alumni Scholarship recipient

*"I am a Latina student, and statistics relating to Latinas and education are not always positive. I would like to help change that and show others like me that there are greater opportunities available to us if we want to put forth the effort."*

– Alexis Alvarez, Sociology major, '07  
College of Liberal Arts Faculty-Staff Scholarship recipient

## Leave a Legacy in the College of Liberal Arts

The College of Liberal Arts provides alumni and friends with many opportunities to support students and faculty in meaningful ways. One way to make a difference is to leave a bequest to the College. By designating an amount or percentage of your estate to the College, you can make a transformational gift to a specific fund or program or benefit many through student scholarships.

For more information on planned giving or other ways you can make a difference at Colorado State University, please contact Kim Tobin at (970) 491-3846 at or visit <http://giving.colostate.edu>.





# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## *Education Ensures Uganda Student a Future Free from Civil War*



Robert Serunjogi is a man in motion with a dream. The dream includes furthering his education as an investment in the future for himself, his family, and his native country of Uganda. Surviving on very little sleep most days, this motivated student of political science remains focused on his educational goal: “With a good education I will be able to help my family and community,” he says.

An astute observation made as a child growing up in a country experiencing civil war and political unrest motivates Serunjogi. Those who had an education were the people who were able to escape from the war environment and find new opportunities and a better life elsewhere. People without education were forced to rely on an ineffective government in turmoil, often leading to death for uneducated, struggling citizens.

Serunjogi has worked as a custodian in Facilities Management at Colorado State University since 1998. After arriving in Fort Collins, Serunjogi obtained his GED, mastered the English language, and accumulated enough academic credits to be classified as a junior – all while working full-time from 4 p.m. to midnight five days per week. In addition to his studies and CSU job, Serunjogi has held other part-time jobs at places like McDonald’s and Safeway to meet the financial demands of his living expenses and to pay for his education. Recently, he was awarded a \$2,500 Joan Gaynor Kuder Scholarship, given annually to full-time Colorado State employees who have made sustained progress toward their degree and exhibit passion and commitment to life-long learning.

The journey from civil war-torn Uganda of the 1980s to the campus of Colorado State has been filled with heartache, family responsibility, and struggles. But Serunjogi is a lively, engaging man, eager to learn and determined to make his life matter. “Ever since I was young and saw how important education is, I have been committed to achieving my degree. I still have that commitment and am progressing further every day toward my goal,” he says.

Born in the central Uganda village of Luwero, Serunjogi contracted polio when he was 6 months old, the first of many lifelong challenges he has faced. Treated with traditional tribal therapies, Serunjogi’s right side, though not fully disabled, shows the crippling effects of polio.

In 1984, when Serunjogi was 17, his father died, leaving him, as the oldest son, to take care of his mother and five immediate siblings and to assume the role of “uncle” to his father’s 34 children by six other wives – not unusual for his tribe in Uganda. To assume this responsibility, Serunjogi

was forced to drop out of school to run the family coffee business. He quickly learned the importance of playing politics to run the business, lead the family, and participate in village life – thus, his interest in political science.

Eventually helping to build a village school and teaching in a local orphanage following Uganda’s civil war, Serunjogi met influential leaders from nearby Makerere University. These encounters eventually led to his conversion from Catholicism to the Baha’i faith and work in Israel, where, in 1991, he met his American wife, Vivian March.

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Eventually returning to Uganda and ensuring that his brother obtained a college education, it became Serunjogi’s turn to pursue his dreams. Leaving Uganda for the United States with his wife, Serunjogi immediately began searching for the right place to pursue his educational aspirations. Driving back to Texas after visiting California and Seattle, a map showing Fort Collins as home to Colorado State University led to a visit to campus. Serunjogi immediately decided Fort Collins was the place to settle.

Despite his wife’s death from cancer, Serunjogi has remained in Fort Collins and pursued his degree. He has become a valued university employee and has developed close community ties and friendships.

Serunjogi credits his first professor at Colorado State, Political Science’s Robert Lawrence, with providing needed encouragement and understanding at a crucial time. Lawrence took the time outside of class to work with Serunjogi. “I suspect he has overcome hardships most of us cannot imagine,” Lawrence says.



*Robert Serunjogi (top photo). School children in Luwero, Uganda, who benefit from Serunjogi’s efforts to improve his village, proudly display their artwork (above). Vivian March (far right, in photo at right), Serunjogi’s wife, takes her turn at the village water well. No running water is available in Luwero, and residents fill containers shown in foreground.*



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