

# KINSC

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### KINSC CALENDAR

**Math Colloquia (Tea @ 4:00 p.m. Math Lounge, Talk @ 4:45 p.m. KINSC H208):**

3/31/08–Darren Glass, Gettysburg College, title TBA

4/14/08–George Cobb, Mount Holyoke, “Markov Chain Monte Carlo: A course for Math Majors”

4/15/08– Distinguished Visitor Lecture– George Cobb, Mount Holyoke, “Two Statisticians and One Serial Murderer”. Tea @4:15, Lecture @4:30 p.m. Sharpless Auditorium

### Chemistry:

4/10/08–7:15 p.m.. Sharpless Auditorium, Distinguished Visitor Lecture, Andy Borovik, University of California, Irvine

4/11/08–3:00 p.m., Andy Borovik, University of California, Irvine

4/18/08–3:00 p.m., Hilles 109, Erik Sorensen, Princeton University

### Biology Events:

3/30/08–6:00 p.m., KINSC L205, HHMI Seminar Lecture, Dr. Joshua Wand, University of Pennsylvania

4/20/08–6:00 p.m., KINSC L205, HHMI Seminar Lecture, Dr. Ivan Dmochowski, University of Pennsylvania

### KINSC and CPGC Event:

3/28/08–3/29/08–Stokes Hall Symposium on Global Water Crisis

### KINSC Director- Rob Fairman



Suzanne Amador has turned over the reins of the KINSC during winter break and has left things in great shape! I'm very excited to have started as the Director of the KINSC at such an auspicious time and expect that we will be busy discussing ways to support the faculty and to begin integrating our efforts with the work being done by the Humanities Center and the Center for Peace and Global Citizenship. We will specifically be looking into niches that we can serve that complement the other Center activities.

We will be receiving a substantial budget that is a consequence of a generous endowment willed to us by Daniel Koshland and this will kick in after July 1, 2008. In the

meantime, we are managing several KINSC projects, including an upgrade to our building signage (please see below) and some planned renovations for the Zubrow Commons.

In addition, the KINSC, in conjunction with HHMI and CPGC, is sponsoring a symposium on water on March 29 and this is developing into an exciting program as we were able to attract very significant talent to come to Haverford to talk about both U.S. and global water issues.

This semester, and continuing into next year, we are planning to create programming with a mission of enhancing faculty/student scholarship. We hope to complement the funding opportunities that we already enjoy from our existing HHMI programs. We are also assisting in coordinating equipment funds and the new machine room that will be so critical for our new faculty in chemistry and physics. (continued next page)

### NEW STAFF MEMBER- KINSC



Natalie Marciano is the newest addition to the administrative staff in L204. Natalie was brought to the KINSC by Teisa Brown in order to help the entire KINSC faculty with special projects and tasks. Natalie is currently working with Rob Fairman on KINSC related projects, Jeff Tecosky-Feldman and Kate Heston on student data collection, and John Dougherty preparing him for his SIGCSE conference in March.

Natalie came here from the Department of Music at Haverford and before that she has spent time at the University of Toronto, Harvard Medical School and the University of Pennsylvania. She has extensive event planning, project management, student affairs, faculty affairs, and admissions experience. (continued next page)

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Finally, we are looking to improve our public face by updating our website and publishing this newsletter on a regular basis. You can expect, at least for the first year, that this two-page newsletter will contain at least four regular features: (1) a calendar of upcoming events; (2) an update on ongoing projects; (3) our K&A Korner; and (4) profiles of our faculty/student achievements. Please be prepared to give generously of yourselves as we contact you to contribute to item four of our newsletter!

Please don't hesitate to contact me by email ([rfairman@haverford.edu](mailto:rfairman@haverford.edu)) or by phone (x4205) if you have any questions or suggestions. You can also occasionally find me in my office in Sharpless S311. As a representative of the KINSC, I look forward to assisting you in developing curricular or scholarly ideas to enhance our community.



### ASK K and A KORNER?



This section has been established in order to answer questions and update KINSC faculty on office related items. Here are some of our favorites:

- How can I get a key?
- I need airline tickets to...
- Do you have a stamp?
- Where's that smell coming from?
- Is there any Tylenol?

On a more serious note, we will try our best to get the answers and solutions, or direct you to the right place.

Our first official announcement for this column is regarding facility work orders. You can direct your work requests through us, as we now have a web based request system. Also, we are planning to establish a KINSC only email address for you to use regarding KINSC issues/work requests. We welcome all your comments and suggestions!

Kay and Annette

(New Staff member, cont.)

In addition, Natalie received her M.S. Ed in Higher Education Administration from the Graduate School of Education at Penn.

Natalie is thrilled to be working with Annette and Kay and the rest of the KINSC faculty. Feel free to introduce yourself and please be encouraged to let her know if there is any project or task that she can assist you with. She is here on a part-time basis, working on Tuesdays and Thursdays and works from home on Mondays and Wednesdays.

## WHERE'S ALEX NORQUIST? KINSC SIGNAGE PROJECT

Did you know that Alex is only listed on one directory in the building, and he has been a faculty member here for 5 years? This is just one of many issues we will be addressing.

We have initiated a project to improve the directories and directional signage in the KINSC. Goals for this project would be to re-format the current faculty/staff directories, add directional signs to designate buildings, and add a large alphabetical staff directory with map when you enter the rotunda of the building. We will be doing this project in two phases, starting with the updating of current directories and adding directional signs. We will keep everyone updated on our progress.

## HOT OFF THE PRESS

- Congratulations to Wendy Sternberg for her appointment as Associate Provost!
- Thank you to everyone in helping us prepare a successful HHMI grant proposal. We just heard that we've received \$1.4 million. Congratulate your BMC and Swarthmore College colleagues on their successful grant proposals.