

## Carleton College Office of Media & Public Relations

### *Faculty/Staff Experts List--2008-09*

The following is a list of Carleton College faculty and staff that can serve as media “experts” in the listed topic areas. Media wishing to contact the following experts may do so by calling the Office of Media and Public Relations at (507) 222-4183 or emailing Eric Sieger, Director of Media & Public Relations, at [esieger@carleton.edu](mailto:esieger@carleton.edu).

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Topic Areas</u></b>
Bruce Colwell	Administration	Student services, student life at residential liberal arts colleges; student life issues including alcohol use; sexual harassment and assault; diversity
Elizabeth Ciner	Administration	Off campus studies; academic standing; writing program; curriculum; enrollment management; academic advising
Paul Thiboutot	Administration	Admissions policies; minority admissions; common application; entrance exams
Rodney Oto	Administration	Admissions; college selection; financial aid; scholarships; paying for college
Samuel Demas	Administration	Library administration, history and future of libraries; preservation; collection development
Becky Zrimsek	Alumni Affairs	Alumni relations, alumni event planning, alumni networking
Chris Clark	Alumni Annual Fund	Development; alumni relations; parent relations; annual fundraising; summer programs; general Carleton issues (son of Carleton professor)
Nancy Braker	Arboretum Director	Conservation of natural areas; conservation of rare species; restoration and management of natural areas; use of fire to manage natural areas - prescribed fire; invasive species management
Stephen Mohring	Art and Art History	Sculpture; furniture; woodworking; set design
Mark Hansell	Asian Languages and Literature	Chinese linguistics; historical linguistics; linguistic borrowing/loan words; writing and scripts; language and society in Taiwan
Kurt Ramler	Athletics/Physical Education	Football; football strategy

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Leon Lunder	Athletics/Physical Education	Fitness; strength and conditioning; issues in NCAA Division III athletics
Matt Rand	Biology	Hormones; behavior; physiological control; vertebrates, especially reptiles and amphibians
Carolyn Fure-Slocum	Chaplain	Religious life; interfaith dialogue; multi-faith issues; social justice
Clara Shaw Hardy	Classical Languages	Greek and Roman drama; women in antiquity; classical mythology; comic theory
David Liben-Nowell	Computer Science	Social networks (facebook, myspace, etc.); Extracting info from large-scale real-world social networks; Developing mathematical models of social networks
David Musicant	Computer Science	Computer science; data mining; databases; machine learning; artificial intelligence
Christopher Tassava	Corporate & Foundation Relations	World War II; histories of American business and technology; especially technological innovation and business leadership; World War II heavy industry/shipbuilding
Jenny Wahl	Economics	Tax policy; law and economics; labor economics; American economic history; literature and economics; economics of slavery
Mark Kanazawa	Economics	Water economics; natural resource economics; environmental economics; carbon taxes; environmental policy
Michael Hemesath	Economics	Economics; former-Soviet Union's economic transition; health economics
Nathan Grawe	Economics	Labor economics; unemployment; wage differentials; economic mobility; determinants of inequality; economics of equality; public sector; industrial
Michael Kowalewski	English and American Studies	California; nature writing; regionalism; American literature; American film
Tim Raylor	English	British culture; British literature
Rob Lamppa	Facilities	LEED building design and techniques; sustainability practices at colleges and universities; Carleton's wind turbine, alternative sources of energy on college campuses.
Clifford Clark	History	Single family housing (historically and in terms of contemporary trends in homebuilding); late 19th century immigration and industrialization; American family home; architecture; American social and cultural history; small towns; community; Minnesota history; social reform

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Jamie Monson	History	African History; Tanzania; Zimbabwe; South Africa; Memory and Narratives; oral history; environmental history; Africa-China relations; Chinese development assistance in Africa
Carly Born	Information Technology Services	Japanese martial art; kyudo (longbow archery)
Rich Graves	Information Technology Services	Email security; spam
Jeffrey Ondich	Mathematics and Computer Science	Software design; natural language processing; the Internet; computer science education
Robert Dobrow	Mathematics and Computer Science	Statistics; probability; randomness
Carol Donelan	Media Studies	Film; television; sitcoms; gender; melodrama; film noire; Italian and American cinema; classical and contemporary film theory; popular culture
John Schott	Media Studies	World Wide Web; Internet; digital culture; new media
Ronald Rodman	Music	Music and the mass media; television music; television and film soundtracks; music theory
Stephen Kelly	Music	Medieval and renaissance music; American music; jazz
Arjendu K. Pattanayak	Physics	Quantum mechanics; chaos and nonlinear dynamics and complex systems; issues related to India
Alfred Montero	Political Science	Latin American politics and economic policy-making; European politics; European Union
Laurence Cooper	Political Science	Political philosophy; Plato's Republic; politics and ambition; political philosophy and internal relations
Steven E. Schier	Political Science	American politics; presidential primaries; delegate systems; Minnesota politics; national and Minnesota policy making and institutions; presidency
Ken Abrams	Psychology	mental disorders; anxiety disorders; substance use disorders; alcohol and nicotine dependence; health psychology; science and pseudoscience
Anne Patrick	Religion	Christian feminist theologies; women and gender studies; women in Christianity; contemporary Catholic theology

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Richard Crouter	Religion	Protestant thought; writers and thinkers in modern Protestantism; Friedrich Schleiermacher; Soren Kierkegaard; religion and modernity; historical Jesus; religion and politics; separation of church and state; Jewish and Christian relations
Shahzad Bashir	Religion	Introduction to Islam; Sufism and mysticism; poetry in religious context; Islam and the body; body in religious thought; minority groups and gender in Islamic context
Louis Newman	Religion / Judaic Studies	Jews or Judaism; theology, or ethics
Steve Wisener	Residential Life	Student life; current issues in student residential issues housing in general
Dana Strand	Romance Languages and Literatures	French cultural studies; contemporary French novels, films, politics, and society; France and the European Union; French immigration; Islam and France
James Fisher	Sociology and Anthropology	Cultural anthropology; Nepal; Tibet; Himalayas; Sherpas; tourism; life-histories; human rights
Nancy Wilkie	Sociology and Anthropology	Archaeology; cultural property issues; Greece; human evolution
Pamela Feldman-Savelsberg	Sociology and Anthropology	Anthropology of gender, health and illness; ethnography of Africa; ethnography of reproduction
David Wiles	Theatre and Dance	Theater; theatrical performance; verbal presentation skills