

The Concordia Current

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Fall 2004

New Professors Join Faculty

THE CONCORDIA faculty is pleased to welcome two seasoned professionals to their ranks.

Coming to Concordia as Associate Professor of Religion is The Rev. Dr. Patrick Bayens. Prof. Bayens taught Art History at the University of Kentucky and Latin in the Kentucky Public Schools. He was pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran, Lexington KY, for fifteen years after serving as Assistant Pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Mayville WI. Prof. Bayens also served as Dean of the Chapel and Advisor to the faculty at Racine Lutheran High. He has a Ph.D. in Religious Studies from Marquette University, an M.A. in Art History from the University of Kentucky, an M.Div. from Concordia Theological Seminary and a B.S. in Education from Concordia Teachers College. In addition to classroom instruction, Prof. Bayens will

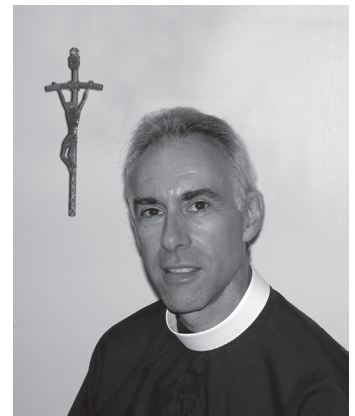
serve as Dean of the Chapel.

Dr. Louise Conley Jones is Concordia's new Dean of Adult Education and an Associate Professor of English. She brings extensive teaching and administrative experience to the College. Dr. Jones has taught courses ranging from Modern Drama to Renaissance Poetry and Shakespeare to Modern Short Fiction at Indiana University, William Penn College and Concordia University-Wisconsin. For the last seven years, she was Campus and Administrative Director of Adult Education at Concordia University-Wisconsin, Ft. Wayne Center. Dr. Jones holds a Ph.D. in English, with an emphasis in Theatre from Ball State University, as well as a Master's in Speech and a Master's in English Education.

We wish these fine educators a successful and rewarding career at Concordia.



Dr. Louise Conley Jones



The Rev. Dr. Patrick Bayens

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October
18 – November 30
Concordia Gallery
The Essence of LINE
- 28
Books & Coffee
Lecture Series
To Punish and Protect,
Jeanine Pirro
- November
3 Annual Community Dinner
- 6 Campus Preview Day
- 6 Music at Concordia
Children's Series
*Miss Lancer and Her Music
Tales—An Introduction
to Folk Music*
- 13 Concordia Gallery
Art Auction
- 22 Global Speakers Series
*The Clash of Civilizations Meets
Reality*, Dr. Ervand Abrahamian
- 24 – 28 Thanksgiving Break

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A Message From the President

A Meaningful Way to "Honor Thy Father and Mother"

SINCE ITS FOUNDING, Concordia College—New York has generated "repeat business." In higher education, repeat business refers to when more than one member of a family attends the institution. In the case of the Petersen family, the relationship with Concordia has many connections.

During my five years of service as the President, one of the tasks I have come to appreciate is building relationships with our alums and donors. Tom and Krista Petersen are friends of the College who have generously and graciously helped me acclimate to this new calling. Their willingness to lend a listening ear and a helping hand has been a testament of their support and love for the College.

Recently, when Alfred Petersen passed away, Tom was interested in doing something that would honor his parents in a meaningful and permanent manner. When he approached me

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2004 graduate Katya Mihailova, piano, (featured in the *Fall '04 Concordia New Yorker*) will be one of two featured performers in an all-Schubert program, Thursday & Friday, November 4 & 5, 7:30PM, at *Bargemusic*, Fulton Ferry Landing, near the Brooklyn Bridge. For information and reservations, call (718) 624-2083.

Join us November 13 for an evening auction of fine arts to benefit the future OSilas Gallery at Concordia College. This gala event will take place in the Will Hicok Low and Mary Fairchild Low house and 1896 studio on Bronxville's Lawrence Park Hilltop. Call x2185 for details.

Pastors Look to Engage Congregations

DOZENS OF PASTORS of mid- and large-sized congregations gathered on Concordia's Campus October 6 to experience the *LUGO Inaugural Seminar*.

LUGO (Lutherans United for Growth and Opportunity) is intended to provide a forum for senior pastors of large congregations (those with 175 or more regular worshipers) to experience and share ways to improve and strengthen parish ministry.

Dr. Viji George, Concordia's President, welcomed the assembly to campus. The Rev. Dr. David Benke,

President of the Atlantic District (LCMS) and The Rev. Dr. Stephen Bouman, Bishop of the Metro Synod (ELCA) opened and closed the event with prayer. The day's presentation came from *Fred Prior Seminars*, a leading motivational and educational group for many of the world's largest and most successful organizations.

The Rev. Robert Hartwell, Village Lutheran Church (Bronxville NY), initiated and organized this program. Working with him were Pastors Bill Harmon, Resurrection (Garden City NY), William Hurst, Trinity

(White Plains NY), Dwayne Mau, St. Paul (Monroe NY), Wayne Puls, Trinity (Hicksville NY), Dien Taylor, Redeemer (Bronx NY), David Wackenhuth, Trinity (Islip NY) together with Concordia's Director of Church Relations, Rev. William J. Meyer.

In addition to Concordia College, agencies providing encouragement and financial support included the Atlantic District-LCMS, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, and The Lutheran Church Extension Fund.

Please send news of births, marriages and employment to alumni@concordia-ny.edu

Alumni News

Homecoming Celebrates "How Far We've Come"

CONCORDIA ALUMNI and parents joined students in celebrating Homecoming/Family Weekend 2004 on Saturday, September 25. This year's theme, *How Far We've Come*, was a tribute to the many achievements of our alumni, faculty and students.

The day began with opportunities for the parents and alumni to get a taste of Concordia's curriculum, as professors provided an inside look at the courses every Concordia student takes. Former faculty members Christian Fahrenkrug, who passed away in July, and Clyde Kaminska were also honored in a special ceremony unveiling renovations in the Meyer Athletic Center.

The Homecoming Parade kicked off a festive afternoon of fun and sporting events. The Concordia Clippers garnered victories. The Women's

Volleyball team defeated LeMoyné College, while the Baseball team claimed victory over Caldwell College. The afternoon also featured an encore "performance" of Concordia's popular Books & Coffee lecture series presentation, *The DaVinci Code*.

Reunion classes gathered to reconnect and share an evening of great food and entertainment. Alumni of '79 and '84 relaxed under the tent in front of Stein Hall, at the Homecoming Reception, which featured Concordia's Christian praise band, *In His Name*. The crowd then moved to the Sommer Center for the Homecoming Concert led by Gerald Patrick Coleman, to hear performances by the Concordia Choirs, including Alumni, students and faculty. The evening dinner was a time to honor Biology Professor Gerald Fuhrmann for 40 years

of service. Many hearty souls stayed for the evening's last event, the annual Student Entertainment, including faculty and staff, which ended the evening with many laughs.



Prof. Gerald Fuhrmann and Academic Dean Sherry Fraser



Bohm Hall float highlighting the international flavor on campus

Concordia Goes to the Olympics

This summer, while most of us were watching the Athens Olympics on TV, Concordia student Michael Reynolds was helping making sure the actual events ran smoothly. Michael, a Sports Management major, spent the summer in Greece as an intern with the International Olympic Committee (IOC). He

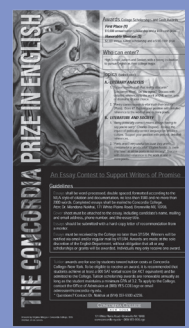


and a select group of seventeen students were chosen from a nationwide pool of candidates. Michael was responsible for assisting IOC officials, coordinating

logistics and even ensuring that the playing fields were properly maintained. His internship was more than work, it was about learning. The interns were instructed in the History of the Olympics, met with members of the IOC and spent a day at the US Embassy reviewing security issues. An added bonus was meeting world-class athletes and networking with future employers. An enthusiastic Michael reports, "the Concordia preparation enabled me to have the most amazing experience of my life!"

Significant Social Work and English Scholarships

High school juniors and seniors, with a strong interest in the state of humanity and the profession of Social Work or those who are writers of promise interested in pursuing an English major, are eligible for scholarship awards. Winners of each essay contest receive major scholarships and cash awards: First Prize—\$10,000 annual tuition scholarship and a \$500 cash prize; three Honorable Mention Awards—\$2,500 annual tuition scholarships and a \$100 cash prize.



Want to learn more? Visit our website, contact the Office of Admission, or call Dr. Nakhai, x2236, for English, or Prof. Rapp, x2178, for Social Work.

What's New?

CONCORDIA COLLEGE

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Lead Programs at Concordia–New York

The majority of students at Concordia choose one of these distinctive programs: Education, Business, Social Work, Behavioral Science, Biology and English/Pre-Law.

The **Business** program not only offers a quality Bachelor of Science in Business Administration but also special areas of emphasis: Sports Management and International Management. The business program takes full advantage of the benefits of New York and invites leading executives to lecture and lead seminars.

The **Social Work** program excels at training future community leaders. Remarkably, in three of the past five years, a Concordia Social Work student has been honored as the *New York State Social Work Student of the Year*. Social work graduates also benefit from advanced standing at regional graduate schools—enabling them to complete their Master of Social Work degree in one year.

The **Education** program focuses on training teachers for pre-K through high school. Concordia also offers the Lutheran Teacher Diploma for students interested in teaching in parochial schools.

Combining psychology and sociology, the **Behavioral Science** program is popular with students interested in human development and social interaction within a cultural context.

For students interested in the pre-med fields, the **Biology** program

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Involvement is the Key

"Get involved for a great college experience," I was once told. Now I see how true it is. Some think a huge university "experience" is necessary to make this a reality. Not true. Concordia has offered me opportunities to be involved in ways that a big university might not.

As President of the Student Gov't Assoc. and member of a great softball team, I see participation key to making a difference on campus and creating the atmosphere that we as students want to maintain—a strong tradition of school spirit and an active student life. Concordia has given me the opportunity to proactively put programs into place and watch as they make a difference.

I look forward to a successful year of helping each student have a college experience full of strong memories for years to come.

Sara Camporeale
Education major '05

Record Enrollment in ESL (English as a Second Language)

The number of international students on campus continues to grow. This summer's program included students from the elite private Baishan School in Quindao, China, the Sacred Heart School in Taipei, Taiwan and the Seibou School (Lutheran) near Tokyo, Japan. Students benefited not only from classroom instruction but also "total immersion" through faculty led visits to Manhattan, one the world's great cultural centers.

Fall enrollment in the ESL program is the largest in memory—with students from Korea, Japan, Turkey, China, Bulgaria, Russia, Brazil, Nepal, and the Sudan. Director of the ESL Program, Lynda Dalgish, comments, "These students add so much to the life of our campus. Yes, they learn so much from us—but it is a two way street. Every day our US students expand their own global perspectives through interacting with these remarkable students."



Study Trip Abroad

This past May, Concordia students participated in one of the College's regular Study Abroad Programs—this time in Great Britain—to experience the culture, history and traditions of that great country. The group's leaders, Concordia's Dr. Mandana Nakhai and Christopher "Kit"

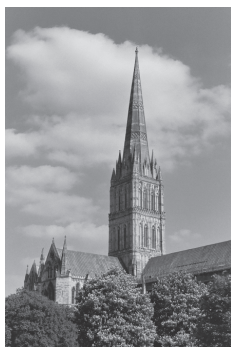
Nagel, made a point of focusing on England's unique contributions to literature and U.S. political and legal systems.

In London, the group saw Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* on the site of the original Globe Theatre. They visited the ancient coronation site of Westminster Abbey, which includes "Poets' Corner" and the burial site of the storied Chaucer, author of *Canterbury Tales*. Visiting the Salisbury Plain southwest of London, students walked the pre-historic ring of Stonehenge. They visited lofty Salisbury Cathedral, home to one of the four surviving original copies of the Magna Carta (1215), the foundational document curtailing the power of government with

themes that echo all the way into the U.S. Constitution.

The intrepid group enjoyed time at the British Museum, walking alongside the river Thames, seeing the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Tower Bridge, Trafalgar Square and the remarkable Tate Gallery. Local guides led them through the Tower of London and St. Paul's Cathedral.

In recent years, groups of Concordia students, alumni and "friends of Concordia" have traveled to China, Italy, Mexico, Korea, Turkey and Austria. Gifted faculty and staff with extensive international experience lead Concordia's Study Abroad Programs, and college credit can be earned. Nothing really compares with how cultural travel can broaden student horizons. May Study Trip participant, Tom Dyer (Education major, '05) says, "My world became a bigger place—I want to go again!" Watch for further Concordia trip announcements.



Lead Programs *cont'd*

at Concordia capitalizes on our small class sizes—which enables students to excel with individualized research projects and preparation for graduate programs.

The **English/Pre-Law** program puts as much emphasis on writing and critical thinking skills as it does on world literature. Advisors to the program include some of the best legal talent in New York.

Small class sizes, a community interested in the individual and a location at the crossroads of the world are what make the Concordia–New York education so special.

Fall Events

November 6

Fall Preview Day

Seniors, Juniors and Transfer students welcome. Tour campus, meet faculty, students and admission staff. Learn more about the application process and how to make Concordia an affordable financial choice. Call or email to RSVP.

November 11 & 12

Campus Visit Days

Students grade 9 – 12 are invited to visit campus for the annual Campus Visit Days during the Veteran's Day holiday. What better time to visit a college campus than when classes are in session! Explore your career choices! Call or email to RSVP.

December 12

Prospective Students Christmas Reception & Concert

All prospective students are invited to attend a reception in the Concordia Gallery prior to the Concordia Choir Christmas Concert, featuring Handel's *Messiah*. The art exhibit features a retrospective on artist John Isaac's 30-year career. Isaac extensively traveled the world—most often living with the people whose lives he photographed. Refreshments will be served. Call for details.

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Parents' Association

CONCORDIA COLLEGE strives to enrich the educational experience of our students by involving their parents. The Parents' Association provides a forum for parents to be informed of and involved with the educational experience of their children during their years at Concordia.

For information about the many benefits of the Parents' Association, contact Nathaniel Broyles, Assistant to the Vice President for Institutional Advancement, X2151 or nbb@concordia-ny.edu.

Collectible Christmas Ornament

FOR A DISTINCTIVE touch to your Christmas decorations, why not acquire this unique tree ornament produced by the Concordia Guild!

The body of the 3 1/4" diameter ball is glass with a matte Concordia blue finish. The Concordia Seal is printed in metallic gold opposite the phrase *Excellence in Christian Education Since 1881*.

Be sure to order enough for students, relatives and friends! The cost is only \$15 (postage included).

Please send your orders to:

Concordia College Guild, Office of Advancement, Concordia College, 171 White Plains Road, Bronxville

NY 10708. Please make your checks payable to Concordia College Guild. Ornaments can also be purchased on campus at the Feth Hall Reception Desk.



It's Not Too Early

WHEN DID YOU FIRST start thinking about college? Your junior year in high school? Your senior year? Today, middle school and even elementary students are thinking ahead to their college education.

Colleges like Concordia–New York are responding to students' early interest by offering campus visit programs tailored to each grade level. Concordia now offers 6TH – 8TH grade students the opportunity to visit and stay overnight on campus during the *Junior Youth Experience* event each June.

For high school students, a special Campus Visit Day is scheduled over Veterans' Day. During this holiday regional high schools are typically on vacation, and classes at Concordia–New York are in session. So on those days, 9TH – 12TH graders are invited to campus to visit a class and meet students and faculty. These special days offer students a great time to experience their future college!

On other dates each year, students can attend a weekend Campus Preview Day. Transfer students and high school juniors and seniors

and their families are encouraged to visit campus for an organized introduction to our faculty and admission staff, plus learn about financial aid and student life. Highly individualized campus visits can also be scheduled at most times during the year—just call ahead to arrange a date and time.

Visiting Concordia will help you understand the environment in which students will learn and prepare for future life and career. Today is not too soon! Call (800) YES-COLLEge.

Meaningful Way, cont'd

with this idea, I suggested he solicit the help of the "Petersen Clan" regarding the possibility of renovating and equipping a biology lab that would be named *The Petersen Biology Laboratory*, in honor of their parents. In his prototypical way, Tom went to work on this idea with gusto and soon gave the green light to move forward on this project.

"Our Biology program is one of the fastest growing programs at the College," remarked Prof. Gerald Fuhrmann, Chair of the Biology Department. "This gift will go a long way in providing a quality lab to enhance our students' learning experience. We are grateful to the Petersens for choosing to honor their parents in this manner." Such a wonderful relationship in many



ways represents a goal of our development efforts: provide meaningful ways for donors to establish and sustain a relationship with this great institution.

Dr. Viji George
President

The Petersen Clan
Back, l to r: Grisha, '76, & Linda (Petersen) Davida, '78, Glenn, '86, & Kerri (Beutel) Petersen, '87, Jeanette & Eric Petersen, Krista (Meissner), '92, & Thomas Petersen, '90
Front, l to r: Nicole & Kristie Davida, (children of Linda & Grisha), Andrew & Tomi Petersen (children of Jeanette & Eric), Nina & James Petersen (children of Krista & Thomas)

December

4 Music at Concordia
Children's Series
The Nutcracker: The Musical

7 – February 1

Concordia Gallery
*The Odyssey of a
Photojournalist*

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Concordia Gallery
*The Odyssey of a
Photojournalist:
Slide Lecture*

11 & 12

Music at Concordia
Handel's Messiah

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Final Exams Begin

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Last Day of Classes

City Youth Experience Concordia

MORE THAN 100 YOUTH from Lutheran congregations throughout New York City converged by car, bus and train onto Concordia's campus on Saturday, October 2, for the second annual *Regional Lutheran Youth Field Day*.

Planned for youth grades 7 – 12, the program included a variety of sports and group activities and concluded with an evening worship service and communal meal. President George welcomed the enthusiastic group to campus, encouraging them to consider Concordia as their college of choice.

The Rev. Dien Taylor, Pastor of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church (Bronx), coordinated the program with Pastors Jonathan Priest (Brooklyn), Paul Sauer (Bronx), Christoph Schulze (Brooklyn), and staff members from the College.

"Young men and women from the city rarely have an opportunity to meet and mix with other Christian youth in a suburban setting," explained Pastor Taylor, "and this program has provided them with a memorable experience."

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Fall Athletics – Remaining Games

Men's Soccer

OCTOBER

- 23 Dowling College
- 27 C.W. Post College

Women's Soccer

OCTOBER

- 23 **Southampton College**
- 26 **Molloy College**
- 30 Philadelphia University

Women's Volleyball

OCTOBER

- 25 College of St. Rose
- 26 **Southampton College**
- 28 Queens College

NOVEMBER

- 1 **N.J. Inst. of Technology**

Bold denotes home games

For game times, visit www.concordia-ny.edu

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