Membership, 2003-2004
John Brueggemann, Associate Dean for Faculty Development
Steven Frey, Associate Professor of Chemistry
Margaret Pearson, Associate Professor of History
Viviana Rangil, Associate Professor of Spanish
Peter Stake, Chair, Associate Professor of Art

Membership, 2004-2005
John Brueggemann, Associate Dean for Faculty Development
Steven Frey, Associate Professor of Chemistry, Chair
Kate Leavitt, Associate Professor of Art
David Karp (replacement for M.P. 04-05)
Margaret Pearson, Associate Professor of History (leave 04-05)
Linda Simon, Associate Professor of English

The FDC met fourteen times during the academic year. The committee’s primary responsibility is to solicit and consider applications and to make awards for various faculty development opportunities during the academic year. The list of awards for 03-04 is attached at the end of this report. Items of business for FDC this year included:

FDC discussed the number and distribution of grant applications over the past several years. This year we had no initiative grant applications, only one summer technology grant application, and fewer major project completion grant applications than last year. As a consequence, FDC opened a second round for the major project grant. Also, faculty research grant applications were much heavier in the spring round than in fall, and applications for faculty/student collaborative research grants increased considerably from last year.

FDC distributed an online faculty survey to gather opinion regarding Skidmore’s support for faculty development. Questions addressed faculty support needs, the availability and suitability of support at Skidmore, and procedures and guidelines for requesting support. Sixty-four faculty responded to the questionnaire for a return of around 33%, and returns were distributed fairly evenly across faculty rank and among disciplinary groups at the college. Not surprisingly, faculty focused on the need for more time and additional monetary support for scholarship as the two areas most critical to development. Faculty comments regarding the need for time focused on course release, enhanced sabbaticals, and release from committee/administrative responsibilities to free time for scholarship and student engagement. Most comments regarding monetary support focused on the need for more frequent and larger grants to support faculty/student collaboration and travel to conferences and for research, while others mentioned the need for more frequent, and more flexible grants for smaller amounts. Faculty also mentioned the need for a less cumbersome application process and more flexible timelines and guidelines for various grants. Faculty identified library resources and technological support as other areas critical to scholarship. In general, faculty voiced strong appreciation for the support they have received from Skidmore.

The College Faculty voted approval of a CFG motion to change the length of service on FDC from 2 to 3 years. The new term will be phased in ‘04–’05.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Stake, Chair
## AWARDS ADMINISTERED BY FDC DURING 2003-2004

### THE RALPH A. CIANCIO AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

2004-2005  
Tadahisa Kuroda  
Professor of History

### THE EDWIN MOSELEY AWARD

2004-2005  
Mary Zeiss Stange  
Associate Professor of Religion

### COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Beau Breslin  
Associate Professor of Government

### FACULTY/STUDENT COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

#### SUMMER 2004

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<th>Team</th>
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| Team 1 | Mao Chen, Associate Professor of Chinese  
Zhen Le ’06  
Project: “China Encounters the West: Transnational Capital, Trade and Acculturation” | |
| Team 2 | Mary Crone Odekon, Associate Professor of Physics  
Stephanie Waite ’06  
Project: “Research and WEB Site for the Tang Exhibit A Very Liquid Heaven” | |
| Team 3 | Thomas Denny, Associate Professor of Music  
Olivia Gawet ’05  
Corinne Stevens ’05  
Project: “Stories from the Don Giovanni Diaspora (London, 1817-77; Paris, 1811-67; Germany & Austria, 1789-1856): People, Institutions, and Ideas that Shaped the Variant Versions” | |
| Team 4 | Pat Fidopiastis, Assistant Professor of Biology  
Adam Klein ’05  
Project: “Biochemical characterization and role of superoxide dismutase in Vibrio fischeri, the light organ symbiont of sepiolid squid” | |
| Team 5 | Michelle W. Frey, Assistant Professor of Chemistry  
Anna Gates ’05  
Project: “Isolation, Purification and Characterization of a Novel Metalloprotease from Vibrio fischeri: A Symbiotic Model for Pathogenic Associations” | |
| Team 6 | Roy Ginsberg, Professor of Government  
Joshua Hutchinson ’06  
Project: “The European Union and the Logic of Integration” | |
| Team 7 | Patricia Hilleren, Lubin Family Professor for Women in Science  
Rob Caiazzo ’05  
Project: “Characterization of pre-mRNA metabolism in Yeast pre-mRNA splicing mutants” | |
Team 8  David Karp, Assistant Professor of Sociology
Jarrett Warshaw ’05
Project: “An Exploratory Analysis of the Role of Victim’s Families in Capital Juror Decision-Making”

Team 9  David Karp, Assistant Professor of Sociology
Samantha Anderson ’05
Project: “Evaluating the Vermont Department of Corrections Offender Reentry Program”

Team 10  Margo Mensing, Assistant Professor of Art
Afshaan Rahman ’04
Project: “A Very Liquid Heaven”

Team 11  Daniel Nathan, Assistant Professor of American Studies
Peter Berg ’06
Erin Klemky ’05

Team 12  Kyle Nichols, Assistant Professor of Geosciences
Thomas Arnold ’07
Project: “Drainage Basin Classification using GIS: The first step to determining the sedimentation of Lake Mead and Lake Powell”

Team 13  Thomas C. O’Connell, Assistant Professor of Computer Science
Andrew Matusiewicz ’05
Project: “Algorithms for Intelligent Game Playing”

Team 14  Greg Goodwin, Assistant Professor of Psychology
Bailey Sampella
Michelle Avery ’05

Team 15  Michelle Frey, Assistant Professor of Chemistry
Amy Griffiths ’04

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FACULTY DEVELOPMENT GRANT RECIPIENTS
FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY – AUGUST 2004

Lisa Aronson, Associate Professor of Art History
Dressing to the Gods Among Vodu Worshippers in Ghana and Togo

Barbara Black, Associate Professor of English
A Room of His Own: A Literary-Cultural Study of Victorian Clubland

Lenora de la Luna, Assistant Professor of Education
Student Teachers and Cooperating Teachers Mentoring One Another: Is Bi-Directional Mentoring Possible? & The Emergence of Text and Activity Genres within Literature Discussions

Alice Dean, Professor of Mathematics
Visibility representations of polygons

Patricia Fehling, Associate Professor of Exercise Science
A Comparison of Bone Qualities Among Female Athletes in Impact Loading and Active Loading Sports

Joseph Hodge, Assistant Professor of History
The Triumph of the Expert: Science, Development and the Legacies of the Late British Colonial Empire, 1895-1960

Margo Mensing, Assistant Professor of Art
A Sense of Security & Common and Uncommon Occurrences

Monica Raveret Richter, Associate Professor of Biology
Tropical Field Biology On-Site Course Preparation

Susan E. Rivers, Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology
Development of a Peer Education Program to Increase Enrollment in Cardiac Rehabilitation

Jay Rogoff, Lecturer
The Long Fault

Robert C. Turner, Assistant Professor of Government
The Impact of State Institutions on the Targeting of State Economic Development Policies

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT GRANT RECIPIENTS
JUNE TO DECEMBER 2004

Tom Denny, Associate Professor of Music
More Stories from the Don Giovanni Diaspora (London, 1817-77): People, Institutions, and Ideas that Shaped the Variant Versions

Catherine Domozych, Senior Teaching Associate in Biology
A study of biofilm formation in an Adirondack acid bog with special emphasis on algal taxonomy

Giuseppe Faustini, Professor of Italian
“Le Elegie Renane di Liugi Pirandello: Un’edizione critica con commento” a cura di Giuseppe Faustine

Ray Giguere, Professor of Chemistry
Tang Exhibition: “Molecules that Matter”

Karen Greenspan, Associate Professor of English
The Image of Christ as Fiddler in Medieval German Art and Literature

Matthew Hockenos Assistant Professor of History
The German Protestant Church and its Mission to the Jews after the Holocaust

Regina Janes, Professor of English
“Losing Our Heads: Beheadings in Literature and Culture”

Penny Jolly, Kenan Professor of Liberal Arts
Domestic and Courtly Arts of Early Renaissance France

James Kennelly Associate Professor of Management & Business
Better Farming, Better Business, Better Living: A Reappraisal of Sir Horace Plunkett
Sven Larson, Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics
Textbook on European Economics Integration

Doretta Miller, Professor of Art
One-Person Exhibit of Gouache Paintings at First Street Gallery

Michael Mudrovic, Associate Professor of Spanish
Rock and Reel: Contemporary Spanish Film and Popular Music

Dan Nathan, Assistant Professor of American Studies
The Baltimore Black Sox of 1929

Margaret Pearson, Associate Professor of History
Article on Zhang Heng (78-139), Scientist, Poet, Administrator

Patricia Rubio, Professor of Spanish
Olga Poblete: Pensadora feminista, Educadora y Activista por la Paz (Olga Poblete: Feminist Thinker, Educator, and Peace Activist)

Paul Sattler, Assistant Professor of Art
Studio and Classroom Modes of Color Mastery

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE GRANT
No applications

FACULTY AWARD FOR MAJOR PROJECT COMPLETION
SUMMER 2004

Joseph Hodge, Assistant Professor of History
The Triumph of the Expert

Rajagopal Parthsarathy, Associate Professor of English
One Hundred Poems from the Tamil

Gregory Pfitzer, Professor of American Studies
The Unpopularity of Popular History: Studies in the Subversion of a Genre

Pushkala Prasad, Zankel Professor of Management for Liberal Arts Students
Crafting Qualitative Research: Working in the Past-Positivist Traditions

Viviana Rangil, Associate Professor of Spanish
Otro punto de vista: Mujer y cine en Argentina (Another point of view: Women and filmmaking in Argentina)

Ric Scarce, Assistant Professor of Sociology
Social Construction of Wolves
SABBATICAL LEAVES
RECOMMENDED FOR 2004-05

FOR ENTIRE YEAR 2004-05

Lisa Aronson, Associate Professor of Art History
Thomas A. Denny, Associate Professor of Music
Karen Greenspan, Associate Professor of English
Margaret J. Pearson, Associate Professor of History
Pierre von Kaenel, Associate Professor of Mathematics

FOR FALL 2004

Paul J. Arciero, Associate Professor of Exercise Science
Robert Boyers, Tisch Professor of Arts and Letters, English
Judith Ann Halstead, Associate Professor of Chemistry
Kenneth G. McClure, Associate Professor of Management and Business

FOR SPRING 2005

Isabel Harper Brown, Associate Professor of Dance
Mao Chen, Associate Professor of Chinese
Mary Elizabeth Correa, Associate Professor of Management and Business
Mary Ann Foley, Professor of Psychology
William S. Fox, Professor of Sociology
Mark E. Huibregtse, Professor of Mathematics
Penny Howell Jolly, Professor of Art History
Mehmet Odekon, Associate Professor of Economics

UNTENURED SABBATICAL LEAVES
2004-05

*Daniel E. Curley, Assistant Professor of Classics
*Pushkala Prasad, Zankel Professor in Management for Liberal Arts Students

FOR FALL 2004

Richard R. Hihn, Senior Artist-in-Residence, Music
*Joseph Morgan Hodge, Assistant Professor of History
Bob Turner, Assistant Professor of Government [was to be 2003/04 but went on medical leave and was granted for fall 04]

FOR SPRING 2005

*Pola Dobry Baytelman, Senior Artist-in-Residence, Music
*Alma Becker, Artist-in-Residence, Theater
Joel W. Brown, Senior Artist-in-Residence, Music

*Pending reappointment
SUMMER TECHNOLOGY GRANTS

Deborah Hall, Assistant Professor of Art
*Flash I & II: Interactive Media Training*

TANG EXHIBITION GRANTS

Mary Crone, Associate Professor of Physics
Margo Mensing, Associate Professor of Art
*A Very Liquid Heaven*

Ray Giguere, Professor of Chemistry
*Molecules That Matter*