

E-PEOPLE

Professor of problem solving

By Jennifer Oglesby '03

Rich D'Amato's love of engineering has taken him all over the East Coast.

After high school, the Brooklyn native joined the Air Force, where he was involved in radar maintenance. Then he studied aerospace engineering at the University of Florida. After working with NASA for three years, he attended graduate school at the University of Miami, where he earned a master's degree in ocean engineering. Next he worked as a consulting engineer before getting a job at North Carolina State University, where he began research in oceanography.

"I got involved in ocean engineering because I wanted to help (society)," D'Amato says. His original plan was to go into social work, but he says sitting and reading book after book just wasn't his style. So he decided to put his engineering talents to use. "The work I did in ocean engineering allowed me to help the environment," he says.

After five years at N.C. State, D'Amato moved to South Carolina to teach at Coastal Carolina College and then at the University of South Carolina while working on his doctorate. Another move took him to Georgia Southern University and then on to Mercer University. He finished his doctorate of philosophy in 1997.

"It took me so long to get my doctorate because I was working, and I had to take it one course at a time," he says.

D'Amato, now an associate professor at Elon, was hired three years ago to run the engineering program. He is the only professor teaching engineering classes.

"Out of all the universities I have been involved with — and that's 30 years of different universities — I can tell you honestly that this is the best. It is truly stunning what an amazing place Elon is," D'Amato says.



Rich D'Amato enjoys working with engineering students such as junior Courtney Johnson. "You have to give a lot of credit to these students in the program," he says. "They are taking a challenging curriculum and have to learn early on to manage their time well."

A typical engineering student attends Elon for three years and eventually earns a degree in one of five engineering options — physics, chemistry, computer science, mathematics or environmental studies. The student then transfers to one of the three engineering schools partnering with Elon — N.C. State, Virginia Tech or N.C. A&T. At the end of five years, the student earns two degrees, one from the engineering institution and one from Elon. D'Amato says this makes the student more marketable when it comes to finding a job.

"The student is simply more articulate, can read, write and communicate better than someone else who doesn't have a bachelor of arts degree."

There are a few goals D'Amato hopes to reach in the next five years, including having more students enroll in the program.

"Right now there are 28 freshman students enrolled, including our first athletes," he says. "There may well have to be more faculty added soon because of the growing interest in the program."

Despite his desire to see the program grow, D'Amato says that money is the wrong reason for students to get into engineering. "The motivation I stress is that engineers have the opportunity to make a substantive contribution to society," he says. "They are the problem solvers, and there are plenty of problems to be solved or fixed. This is a great way to serve humanity."



Jaime Orejan, assistant professor of leisure/sport management

Jaime joins the Elon community after working at DeSales University. He received his bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi.

"I have an incredible love for life, family and friends," he says. Jaime spends his spare time with his wife, Elizabeth, and their 2-year-old son, Jay. He and Elizabeth are expecting a second child, and they enjoy talking to their unborn child about the fun things they will do together with Jay. "I also make an attempt to sing to the baby!" Jaime says.

Linda Dunn, adjunct professor of non-violence studies

Linda joins the Elon faculty 25 years after settling into the community. She was employed at Alamance County Dispute Settlement Center before coming to Elon, and she has provided training for Elon students and staff for 12 years.

The Minneapolis native received her bachelor's degree from Hamline University. Since then, she has mediated more than 1,000 disputes. Her work was recognized with a sabbatical grant last year from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation.

Linda has three children: Nathan, 26, Deanna, 21, and Lucas, 17. She enjoys tennis and swimming, as well as contra dancing, biking and playing music.



Michael Skube, assistant professor of communications

Michael comes to Elon after teaching at Indiana University – Bloomington as the Louis B. Weil Visiting Professor of Journalism. He received his bachelor's degree from Louisiana State University and did graduate work there as well.

In 1989, Michael won the Pulitzer Prize in Criticism for his work as a book critic at the Raleigh News & Observer.

When he's not in the classroom, Michael enjoys spending time with his wife, Liz, and his three children: Noah, 15, Elizabeth, 12, and Daniel, 5.

Michelle Joshua, part-time personal counselor

A New Jersey native now living in Durham, Michelle worked at Duke University Counseling and Psychological Services before joining the Elon staff. She received her bachelor's degree from Rutgers University, her master's degree from Springfield College and her doctorate from the University of North Texas.

Michelle was attracted to Elon because of the "opportunity to be part of an increasingly progressive small school." Her hobbies include outdoor activities and tasting different types of food. She also enjoys spending time with friends and family, as well as her partner, Kristy Ford.

Michelle spent last summer training for the MS 150 Road Ride.



Paul Crellin, director of development research

Paul comes to Elon from Greenville, N.C., where he worked at East Carolina University. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his master's degree from East Carolina. He was attracted to Elon's sense of community and the school's learning opportunities, he says.

Paul is originally from England. He grew up in Tring, Hertfordshire, and describes himself as "southern-fried British."

In his free time, Paul enjoys photography, travel and listening to creative improvised music. For fun, he says he likes to learn and experience all he can.



Paula Rosinski, assistant professor of English

A native of Livonia, Mich., Paula received her doctorate from Michigan State University. She was employed at MSU's Matrix: The Center for Humane Arts, Letters and Social Sciences Online before coming to Elon.

Paula enjoys traveling, canoeing, hiking, writing and volleyball. She also likes spending time with her husband, Mike Carignan, who teaches in Elon's history department.

In her spare time, Paula watches movies and reads science fiction. She recently completed "A Confederacy of Dunces," by John Kennedy Toole.

Hallie Coppedge, assistant professor of music and coordinator of vocal studies

Hallie received her bachelor's degree from Austin Peay State University, her master's degree from the University of Louisville and her doctorate from the University of Illinois. Prior to coming to Elon, she worked as an adjunct instructor at Illinois Wesleyan University.

The Clarksville, Tenn., native says she enjoys getting together with friends, traveling, eating and listening to classical and jazz music. Hallie also makes time for her pet, Opie the Cat.



Harlen Makemson, assistant professor of communications

Harlen joins the Elon faculty after working as an instructor at both the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University. Before he began his teaching career, he spent 12 years working at newspapers in the South and Midwest. "I like Elon because of its innovative curriculum, collegial atmosphere and the beautiful campus," he says.

Harlen received his bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas, his master's from the University of Missouri – Columbia and his doctorate from UNC – Chapel Hill.

When he's not busy teaching, attending baseball games or learning how to garden, Harlen spends time with his wife, Deborah.



Jean Chandler, gardener

Jean, a native of West Long Branch, N.J., was a substitute teacher for the Alamance-Burlington School System prior to coming to Elon. She recently earned her associate's degree in horticulture technology.

When Jean isn't gardening, she enjoys sewing, creating stained-glass art, and raising and showing satin rabbits. She is a member of the American Rabbit Breeders Association and the Alamance Beekeepers Club. She is also president of her church's Young Women Organization.

Along with these activities, Jean also makes time to spend with her husband, Wayne, and her children, Jeremy, Nicholas, Elisabeth and Jennifer.

Mike Carignan, assistant professor of history

Mike received his doctorate from Michigan State University. The Chelsea, Mich., native also worked at MSU before joining the faculty at Elon.

Mike enjoys golf, playing the guitar, listening to jazz and rock music and writing. Recently he read "The Magic Mountain," by Thomas Mann.

Mike and his wife, Paula Rosinski, will get to see a great deal of each other around campus. Paula just joined the Elon faculty as an assistant professor of English.



Kelli Burns, communications instructor

Kelli received her bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University and her master's degree from Middle Tennessee State University. She is working to complete her doctorate at the University of Florida.

The Dade City, Fla., native and her husband, Corey, have a 20-month-old son named Griffin. The family also has fun with their cat, named Munchkin.

When she's not chasing after her son, Kelli enjoys running. A member of the Greensboro Running Club, Kelli says she wishes she had the chance to run more. "It makes me believe I can do things I never really thought I could do before," she says. "I never was an athlete."

Casey DiRienzo, assistant professor of economics

Casey received her bachelor's degree from Ohio State University and her master's and doctorate from North Carolina State University. She comes to Elon after working at N.C. State and SAS Institute. She says Elon's devotion to teaching attracted her to the school.

The Chapel Hill native is interested in crop insurance research, and she enjoys running in her spare time. The last book she read was "I Know This Much Is True," by Wally Lamb.

Casey and her husband, Marc, live with their two dogs, Lucci and Priscilla, and their cat, Jackson.



Rob Sims, business administration instructor

Rob came to Elon's Love School of Business after retiring as a vice president of customer service operations for Nortel Networks. His educational background includes a bachelor's degree from the University of Utah and a master's degree from the University of Oklahoma.

Rob met his wife, Carole, in a Toronto business meeting in 1992. "Business has some benefits besides just business," he says. Rob has two grown daughters, Audra and Nicole.

In his spare time, Rob trains his golden retriever, Liberty Bella, as a search and rescue/therapy dog. "I think the impact of Sept. 11 and watching the dogs on Ground Zero had some impact on what we're doing [with her] today," Rob says.



Nancy Engelhardt, assistant professor of communications

Nancy received her bachelor's degrees from Louisiana Technical University, her master's degree from Louisiana State University and her doctorate from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Before she came to Elon, Nancy worked for the World Wildlife Fund in Washington, D.C., and she also served in the Army.

Nancy says she joined the Army for several reasons. "The economy was bad at the time, and I had just finished graduate school and had a large amount of student loans to pay off," she says. "We were involved in the Gulf War, and I felt a responsibility to do my part — and I was given the opportunity to learn new skills that I would not have learned otherwise."

Bernard Lusans, adjunct instructor of French

Bernard is originally from Toulouse, France. He received his master's degree from La Sorbonne in Paris. Before joining the faculty at Elon, he worked as a teaching assistant at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Bernard says that he reads quite a bit and recently finished "The Quiet American," by Graham Greene. He also enjoys tennis, horse riding and cooking for friends.

"I am a humble bass singer," Bernard says. He enjoys listening to Bach and Purcell.



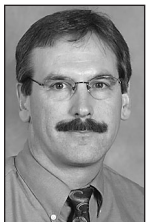
Chad Snyder, adjunct instructor of religious studies

Chad graduated from Elon in 1996 and received his master's degree from Syracuse University. He is now a doctoral candidate at Syracuse.

Chad worked for Le Moyne College before coming to Elon. His research interests include continental philosophy of religion, philosophical theology, psychoanalysis, religion and culture.

While his music taste runs the gamut from jazz and bluegrass to Phish, his favorite meal is pizza. He enjoys seeing live music for fun, and his hobbies include CD trading and growing cacti.





Anthony Hatcher, associate professor of communications

Originally from Kenansville, N.C., Anthony received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and his doctorate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

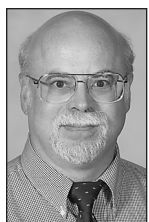
Prior to joining the Elon faculty, Anthony worked at Pfeiffer University. His family includes a 14-year-old daughter, Katie, and Miata, "the albino rabbit."

Anthony says his hobbies include riding his mountain bike, hiking and taking canoe trips. "I have been bitten by the canoe bug relatively recently, but the longest trip so far has been a two-hour journey on the Neuse River near Raleigh," he says.

Julie Schuldt, assistant director of campus recreation

Julie received her master's degree from Western Michigan University. She came to Elon after working for WMU, and says she was attracted to the school by its campus, faculty, staff and students.

For Julie, recreation is both a job and a lifestyle. She considers herself an avid runner and enjoys the outdoors. "I just like being outside and being busy," she says. Along with running, Julie enjoys spending time with friends and family, doing home improvement projects and reading.



Bob Russ, adjunct assistant professor of English

Bob worked at Livingstone College and the State University of West Georgia before coming to Elon. The Bartow, Fla., native received his bachelor's degree from the University of Alaska and his master's and doctorate from Georgia State

University.

Bob's family includes his wife, Eluza Maria Santos, who is from Brazil, and his two daughters, Holly Curry and Cassandra Roberson.

Bob enjoys traveling with his wife. "I've gone to Brazil every summer since we met, starting in 1997, except for this last summer, when I was job-hunting." While in Brazil, he eats Moqueca Capixaba, his favorite meal and a seafood specialty of the region.

He also performs a one-man show called "Homer Tonight!" in which he performs selections from Homer's "The Iliad."

Nadia Watts, instructor of communications

Nadia comes to Elon from northern Virginia, where she worked as publications editor for The Freedom Forum in Arlington and as senior editor of IA magazine in Alexandria.

She received her bachelor's degree from the College of William & Mary and her master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Nadia's hobbies include running, swimming and cooking. She also spends time with her husband, Randy. Nadia's research interests include studying the effects of the media on adolescents.



David Johnston, assistant professor of philosophy

David hails from Flint, Mich., and brings to Elon a bachelor's degree from Denison University and a doctorate from State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Previously employed at Denison and SUNY Stony Brook, David has a wide variety of research interests, including phenomenology and existentialism, aesthetics and applied political philosophy.

David is a vegetarian, and he enjoys listening to good music.



Paula Siwek, adjunct assistant professor of art

Paula joins the Elon faculty from Meredith College. A New York City native, she received her master's degree from the Pratt Institute.

She says she was attracted to Elon by the art department, and she is interested in researching classics.

A mother of three children — Ian, 11, Jason, 9, and Sean, 9 — Paula spends her time at home reading and playing sports. Her favorite types of music are R&B and jazz, and her favorite meal is Italian food.

Paula says her most gratifying moment of the day is when she gets to go to sleep! The last book she read was "Dionysus, Myth and Cult," by Walter Otto.

Amy Travis, adjunct math instructor

Amy, who received her master's degree from Elon, returns to her alma mater after teaching 12 years in the Guilford County School System and two years at High Point University.

Amy's most gratifying moments are many; they occur "any time my students finally understand math." She belongs to the North Carolina Council of Teachers of Math and Alpha Delta Kappa Teacher Sorority.

Spending time with family is a top priority for Amy, who enjoys going to PTA meetings and listening to Disney music. She and her husband, Heath, have two daughters, Catie, 8, and Caroline, 3.



Virgil McLeod, adjunct instructor of Spanish

After living in Burlington for 23 years and teaching at Western Alamance High School, Virgil found his way down the road to Elon.

A Sanford, N.C., native, Virgil received his bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. His research interests include Spanish linguistics, specifically dialectology and phonetics.

Virgil's life echoes his profession, as his favorite music, food and books are Spanish-influenced. He also enjoys cooking and watching National Geographic television.

Virgil's wife, Helen, was born and raised in Chile. Their daughter, Silvia, loves horses. The family has three dogs, a cat and a bird.



Douglas Stemke, assistant professor of biology

Douglas has lived just about everywhere from Canada to Texas. He earned his bachelor's degree at Southwest Texas State University and his doctorate at Louisiana State University. After working at Hanover College in Indiana, his travels brought him to Elon.

His research interests include using microorganisms to study and address applied research problems. In his free time, Douglas and his wife, Lei Han, enjoy walking in the woods and snorkeling at coral reefs.

Earl Honeycutt, professor of business administration

The quality of students and the school's vision attracted Earl to Elon. The Concord, N.C., native is back in the state after traveling, living or teaching in 10 Asian nations.

Earl, who received his doctorate from the University of Georgia, is interested in sales management and global business research, and has written two books, the second of which will be published in April. He regularly takes students on study abroad trips to the Philippines and Asia.

When he's not driving his 1960 Corvette, adding to his coin collection or writing articles and books, Earl spends time with his wife, Laura. Their son, Travis, is a pediatrician at UNC Hospitals. Earl's most gratifying moment was the birth of his grandson, Cole.



Richard Branyon, assistant professor of English



A Chapel Hill native, Richard received two bachelor's degrees from Clemson University before returning home to collect two master's degrees and his doctorate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He comes to Elon after working for UNC's English department and the Duke University writing program.

Richard's research interests include 19th and early-20th century literature, as well as utopian and dystopian literature. In his free time, he enjoys running and listening to "oldie goldies" from the 1950s and '60s.

Carol Magee, Woodrow Wilson Fellow and assistant professor of art

Carol, a native of Towson, Md., received her doctorate from the University of California at Santa Barbara. She worked at Dickinson College before coming to Elon.

"I was attracted to Elon because of the interest here in interdisciplinary and global studies," she says.

Carol's research interests include African art and the way it is mediated in American culture, including museums, media and pop culture.

Her favorite meal is sushi, and the last book she read was "How to be Good," by Nick Hornby. She also enjoys motorcycle riding and wine, "but not at the same time."



Michael Fels, assistant professor of art

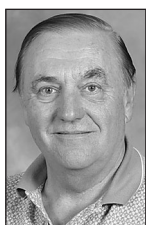
Michael received his bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and his master's degree from Pennsylvania State University. Before coming to Elon, he worked as an assistant professor at Penn State.

Michael and his wife, Marijo Makufka, have a number of pets: two dogs, Bones and Petey, two cats, Fish and Pink, and a bird, Bavya.

Michael participates in the Iguana Art Coalition, a New York City art and dance group that does collaborative work throughout the year. Michael says his artwork often challenges peoples' perceptions of beauty and aesthetics by using material not usually defined as beautiful.



David Noer, Frank Holt Jr. Professor of Business Leadership



A native of Minneapolis, David received his bachelor's degree from Gustavus Adolphus College, his master's degree from Pepperdine University and his doctorate from George Washington University. He came to Elon after serving as senior vice president for training and

education at the Center for Creative Leadership, a nonprofit think tank and training organization for leadership development. David says the thing that attracted him to Elon is its engaging and collaborative culture.

David has a son, Michael, and two daughters, Lesley and Amy. He says his most gratifying moment was meeting his wife, Diana, on a blind date.

Kelly Van Busum, computing sciences instructor

Kelly has spent a great deal of time at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Not only did she teach and receive her master's degree there, but she is currently pursuing a doctorate in computer science at UNC as well. Kelly says she was attracted to Elon because the professors "really seem to care about their students as people, not just as faces in the classroom."

Kelly's research interests include technology in education, gender equality in the sciences and computer science education.

In her free time, Kelly enjoys gardening and learning to play the guitar.



Bette Brownlow, assistant professor of psychology

Bette is a native of Winston-Salem whose research interests include energy medicine and mapping nonlocal realms of consciousness.

She has worked at several mental health centers, correctional facilities and county courts, as well as in private practice. She received master's degrees from Slippery Rock State University in Pennsylvania and from Nova Southeastern University in Florida, and a bachelor's degree from East Carolina University.

At home, Bette enjoys gardening and beadwork. She is a member of the Piedmont Quilters Guild. She has two sons, Brett and Tyler, and a daughter, Stephanie.

WHO'S NEW



Jennifer Platania, assistant professor of economics

Jennifer worked previously as a visiting assistant professor at the University of West Florida.

She received her bachelor's degree from West Virginia University and her doctorate from Florida State University. Her professional interests

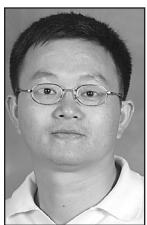
include dynamic general equilibrium macroeconomic models.

Jennifer is an active member of the Pi Beta Phi fraternity's alumni advisory committee, and she is a big fan of WVU football. Away from Elon, Jennifer likes eating sushi, playing golf and going to the beach with her yellow Labrador, Quincy.

Justin Colussy-Estes, academic advisor

Justin came to Elon with his wife, Kate, who works as assistant chaplain and director of religious life. He previously worked in Schreiner University's library in Kerrville, Texas.

A native of Atlanta, Justin received his bachelor's degree from Kenyon College in Ohio. He recently read "The Basque History of the World," by Mark Kurlansky, which discusses Basque culture and its contributions to the modern world. In his free time, Justin enjoys cartooning. He and Kate share their home with two cats.



Honglin Xiao, geography instructor

Honglin came to the U.S. from the province of Quizhou in China to learn more about his field of study. He studied for five years at the University of Georgia to receive his bachelor's degree before coming to Elon. He will begin work on his doctorate this spring.

Honglin and his wife, Zhi Wang, have an eight-year-old son, Kelvin. In his spare time, Honglin enjoys fishing and listening to classical music.

Bill Burpitt, associate professor of business administration

Bill received his doctorate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and he taught previously at Meredith College in Raleigh.

He has published several articles examining the relationship between organizational learning and performance. "Organizational learning can provide firms with a sustainable competitive advantage, so the issue is an important one," he says.

Bill and his wife, Martha, have a teenage son named Will. In their free time, they enjoy sitting in the sun, reading, floating on inner tubes on Jordan Lake and taking fishing trips along the Intracoastal Waterway.



Shane Shukis, English instructor

Shane earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of North Texas, where he also taught. He is currently working on his dissertation at the University of California at Riverside.

Shane's wife, Heather Goggans, works in Elon's institutional advancement office. His interests include backpacking in California, West Texas and New Mexico, and playing blues guitar.



Janie Griffin, employee wellness coordinator

Janie received her nursing degree from Harper Hospital School of Nursing in Detroit and her nurse practitioner certification at the University of Michigan. She also received a bachelor's degree from Nova Southeastern University and an MBA from Jacksonville University in Florida.

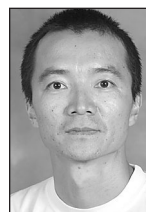
Janie lives with her husband, Everett, and two cats, Gumby and Gator. Her son, Adam, now lives in Australia, where Janie and her husband visit him every year.

NEWS & NOTES

Remi Lanzoni (left), assistant professor of foreign languages, was quoted in an Oct. 6 Los Angeles Times article about French cinema. The article, titled "It's No Mystery: France Does It Better," examined French psychological thriller films, which have become popular in the United States.



David Crowe (above right), professor of history, participated in a meeting Sept. 20-22 to discuss the problems faced by the Roma (Gypsies) in Eastern Europe. Crowe was invited by former U.S. Senator Paul Simon to join a group of congressional leaders, activists and scholars at Southern Illinois University to discuss and develop national and international policy ideas for dealing with the plight of the Gypsies.



Susan Manring (left), assistant professor of business administration, delivered a paper at the 27th annual conference of the National Association of Environmental Professionals, held June 26 in Dearborn, Mich. Manring

delivered the paper, "The Application of Network and Learning Organization Models to Improve Ecosystems Management: The Monroe 2020 Case Study," with Goldie and Malcolm Rivkin, Elon's 2000 Woodrow Wilson Foundation visiting fellows.

A recent dance performance by **Shouze Ma** (above right), assistant professor of performing arts, was reviewed in the Oct. 3 edition of *The New York Times*. A founding member of the Guandong Modern Dance Company in China, Ma appeared in an annual showcase for male choreographers and male dancers titled "In the Company of Men" on Sept. 28 in New York.

Bill DeJournett (left), director of "The Fire of the Carolinas" marching band, recently joined the board of directors of the Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps, a youth organization based in Fort Mill, S.C. Carolina Crown works with high schools in the Charlotte area to host several band clinics and drum corps shows.



Maurice Levesque (above right), associate professor of psychology, published a paper with former students Charles Ledley and Mark Steciuk. Titled "Self-Disclosure Patterns Among Well-Acquainted Individuals: Disclosers, Confidants and Unique Relationships," the paper was published in volume 30 of the 2002 *Social Behavior and Personality Journal*.



President Leo M. Lambert was the featured guest on WUNC-TV's "North Carolina People," hosted by Dr. William Friday. The half-hour interview was taped Sept. 5 at Maynard House and aired Sept. 13 and Sept. 15. Friday, who is UNC president emeritus, talked with Lambert about a variety of issues related to Elon and higher education. The weekly show features interviews with North Carolinians from all walks of life.

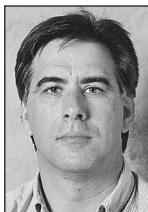
Mary Ruth (left), director of alumni and parent relations, and **Anne Wright** (right), major gifts officer, attended the 17th annual National Parents Fundraising conference at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. Ruth served on the conference planning team and made a presentation about Elon's Parents Council and its high level of involvement in campus activities.



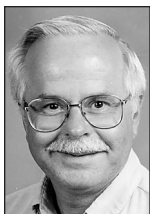
Pranab Das, associate professor of physics, delivered a keynote address at "Science and Spirit Along the Silk Roads," an international conference held Sept. 19-20 in Almaty, Kazakhstan. The colloquium brought together education, science and religion scholars to promote dialogue between universities in Central Asia.

Das presented opening remarks and the conference's keynote address. He also chaired a plenary session and presented a paper titled "The Intellect and Free Will: Perspectives from the History of Science, Islam and Christianity."

Clyde Ellis, associate professor of history, was one of 12 invited speakers at the 26th annual Plains Indian Seminar, held Sept. 27-29 in Cody, Wyo. Participants from England, Canada and the United States gathered to present papers and exchange ideas in an effort to appreciate America's native arts, cultures and history. Ellis' presentation was his second at the conference, and came from his forthcoming book, "We Are a Dancing People: A History of Southern Plains Powwows."



Andy Angyal, professor of English, was awarded a \$1,000 travel grant by the Thomas Berry Foundation in Washington, D.C., for travel expenses related to interviews and research for his biography of Thomas Berry. The foundation is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement of the thought and work of Thomas Berry.



Tom Erdmann, associate professor of music, had two jazz CD reviews published in the October 2002 issue of The International Trumpet Guild Journal. Erdmann reviewed "Non-Consensual Head Compression," by Paul Williamson, and "Breathing Room," by David Weiss.



Snuffing out the sniffles

By Janie Griffin, R.N.



The fall is usually associated with beautiful weather, red and gold leaves, and yes, cold and flu season. There are several myths about colds and flu that spread as fast as the viruses themselves. Let's put them to rest.

Myth #1: Colds are transmitted through sneezing.

Actually, the common cold is transmitted much more commonly through the hands. For example, someone with a cold may touch his or her face, nose and eyes and then shake hands with another person.

The remedy: Good hand washing is the best prevention.

Myth #2: Antibiotics can cure colds and flu.

Influenza (flu) and the common cold are viruses. Unfortunately, viruses do not respond to antibiotics. In fact, antibiotic overuse and/or misuse can contribute to antibiotic-resistant strains of certain bacteria.

The remedy: Don't take antibiotics unless you have a bacterial infection. Treat the symptoms of cold and flu by drinking plenty of fluids (preferably water) and getting plenty of rest. See your doctor if symptoms persist or do not resolve.

Myth #3: The "flu shot" causes the flu.

The influenza vaccine used in the '60s and '70s contained a live virus, so it was called a live viral vaccine. It is true that with that type of vaccine, people could get flu symptoms. The newer vaccines contain no human component, nor do they contain live viruses. The most common side effects of the flu vaccine are soreness at the site of injection, fever, and general discomfort and muscle aches for 24-48 hours.

The facts: For most people, the vaccine is very safe and can either minimize flu symptoms or prevent you from contracting the flu altogether. Check with your doctor if you are concerned about side effects of the vaccine.

Myth #4: The symptoms of the flu are stomach upset, diarrhea and headache.

There are thousands of viruses that can invade our body and cause several different symptoms.

The facts: It is true that influenza causes high fever, sore throat, body aches and cough. These symptoms can last 1-5 days.



Want to minimize your chances of getting the flu this season?

Get your FREE influenza vaccine offered to all faculty, staff and retirees. As in the past, the vaccines will also be offered to the spouses of employees at a minimal charge.

Where: Moseley Center, McKinnon F

When: Thursday, Oct. 31

Friday, Nov. 1; Monday, Nov. 4

Wednesday, Nov. 6

Times: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



Happy Birthday!

Nov. 1

Kathy Manning
Cory Ray

Nov. 2

Matthew Clark
Rhonda Kosusko
Jay Harper
Nora Driver
Casey Morton

Nov. 3

Bill Morningstar
Clay Hassard

Nov. 5

Heather Stuart

Nov. 6

Jerry Tolley
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Congratulations to these faculty and staff members on their new additions to the Elon community.

Trey Stewart, director of development for athletics, and his wife, Ashley, welcomed a baby Phoenix to the family. Thomas Earl Stewart IV was born on Sept. 8.

Cindy Fair, assistant professor of human services, and her husband, Richard Granowsky, were blessed with a baby girl. Elena Fair Granowsky was born on Sept. 13. Elena's grandmother, Seena Granowsky, is a psychology professor at Elon.

Karen Pore, assistant registrar, and her husband, Jeff, welcomed a son, Nicholas Clark Pore, on Sept. 20.

German instructor **Scott Windham** and his wife, Laura, had a daughter, Ellen Anne Windham, on Sept. 27. Scott is director of the new language media center.

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