

McNutt Named New Dean of Arts & Sciences

Dr. Paula M. McNutt, interim dean for the College of Arts & Sciences since last summer, became the new dean of the college this spring, following a national search. McNutt has a distinguished scholarly career as a Middle Eastern archaeologist and professor of religious studies. As interim dean, she worked collegially with department chairs and faculty to help advance the mission of the school.

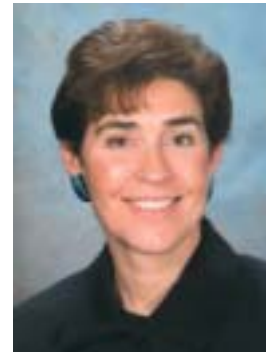
"Since assuming the position of interim dean, Dr. McNutt has taken initiatives that many interim deans might not have considered and confronted problems that many might have put off addressing," states Dr. Herbert J. Nelson, vice president for academic affairs.

Committed to Canisius and its liberal arts education, McNutt is regarded as an educator who both challenges and nurtures her students. In assuming the new position, McNutt looks forward to the challenge of fulfilling the needs of new programs within the school.

"There is an exciting dynamic in the College of Arts & Sciences right now," says McNutt. "Programs such as the Peter Canisius Distinguished Teaching Professorships; the Learning Communities Program; and the integration of the science, computer science and math departments, serve as a solid foundation for the college's plan to build upon the excellence of the education offered to our students. I look

forward to working with the college administration and the arts and sciences departments, to make the plan for academic excellence a reality."

McNutt earned a BA in anthropology from the University of Colorado; an MA in interdisciplinary religion, anthropology and art from the University of Montana; and a PhD in Hebrew Bible and anthropology from Vanderbilt University. She joined the Canisius faculty in 1987.



Dr. Paula M. McNutt

Occhipinti Explores the European Union in New Book

Associate Professor of Political Science **Dr. John D. Occhipinti** traces the evolution of the European Police Office (Europol) in *The Politics of EU Police Cooperation: Toward a European FBI?*



Dr. John D. Occhipinti

The book explores the likelihood of the European Union establishing a policing agency similar to the FBI. In it, Occhipinti draws from competing theories of European integration to explain the development of supranationalism in European police cooperation. He also considers the forces from in and outside the EU, and reflects on concerns over international terrorism and transnational organized crime to further examine the roles played by key people and events throughout Europol's development.

The Politics of EU Police Cooperation is available at www.amazon.com.

Professor/Attorney Appointed to Raichle Pre-Law Center



Robert A. Klump '79

Political Science Professor **Robert A. Klump '79** is the new associate director of the college's Frank G. Raichle Pre-Law Center. Appointed in January, the Buffalo attorney is an adjunct professor who teaches Constitutional Law. Klump also serves as a faculty advisor to the Canisius chapter of Phi Alpha Delta, a pre-law organization.

Burich Tenure as Dean of Education Ends

After serving four years as dean for the School of Education and Human Services, **Dr. Keith R. Burich** will return to his role as professor of history.

During his tenure as dean, Burich's vision and leadership greatly advanced the School of Education and Human Services. In addition to increasing enrollment, Burich oversaw program changes resulting from new state education regulations; increased the numbers and quality of the school's faculty; and developed productive relationships with schools in the U.S. and Canada.

A national search for a new dean of education and human services is underway.



Dr. Keith R. Burich

Butler Co-Edits Book



Dr. Robert J. Butler

Dr. Robert J. Butler, professor of English, retraces the critical reception of African American literature in Japan in *The Critical Response in Japan to African American Writers*. Butler co-edited the book with Toru Kiuchi and Yoshinobu Hakutani. The bibliography identifies and annotates every instance of the Japanese engagement with African American literature from 1927-1993.

Palumbo Examines Fiscal Disparities in America

Fiscal disparities in American metropolitan areas are the focus of **Dr. George M. Palumbo's** latest research. The chair of the Economics/ Finance Department recently co-authored a new study, funded through a cooperative research grant between Canisius and the Housing Urban Development (HUD) agency.

The study found that despite 40 years of federal and state public policy efforts to relieve the tax burdens of city residents, fiscal disparities — in terms of public service taxes and expenditures — persist between city dwellers and suburbanites. Palumbo cites Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse as prime examples of cities where efforts of increased aid have been met with marginal success. Additionally, his research indicates that the fiscal disparities will be compounded as a result of expected federal and state aid reductions.

Palumbo's study analyzed 101 metropolitan areas containing 228 central cities. He co-authored the work with Seymour Sacks, professor emeritus of economics at Syracuse University. Their complete findings can be found on the HUD Web site at <http://socds.huduser.org/publicfinance>.



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