

Faculty Recognized for Service

The College of Arts and Sciences recognized four faculty members for outstanding service at the school's first Faculty Awards Celebration.

Frank J. Dinan, PhD, professor of chemistry/biochemistry, accepted the Full-Time Faculty Teaching Award. **Melissa B. Wanzer, EdD**, professor of communication studies, earned the Faculty Scholarship Award. **Mariusz M. Kozik, PhD**, chair and professor of chemistry/biochemistry, received the Faculty Service Award. **Martha Malkiewicz**, adjunct professor of fine arts, received the Adjunct Faculty Teaching Award.

Members of the school's faculty committee organized the awards ceremony.

Two New Books for Gansworth



Eric Gansworth

English Professor and Lowery Writer-in-Residence **Eric Gansworth** published two new books this spring.

Sovereign Bones is an exploration of indigenous people and how they manage to maintain separate identities, in spite of their assimilation into broader American culture.

A Half-Life of Cardio-Pulmonary Function is a collection of Gansworth's poems and paintings, which expresses the tensions experienced by members of a marginalized culture who struggle to maintain tradition within a much larger dominant culture.

The author of six books, Gansworth is an enrolled member of the Onondaga Nation.

Vehar Inducted into Hall of Fame



Persis Parshall Vehar

The Western New York Women's Hall of Fame inducted Canisius College Composer-in-Residence **Persis Parshall Vehar**, in March.

An award-winning composer, Vehar's vocal and instrumental arrangements span from chamber music to large ensembles and include two operas. Her works are performed in the United States and abroad, and are consistently awarded by the American Society of Composers and Publishers (ASCAP).

Vehar is also a celebrated pianist. She performs with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and Ars Nova Musicians Chamber Orchestra.

Vehar was among seven women inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame.

Peter Canisius Professorships Awarded to Burich, Cochrane



Keith R. Burich, PhD

Keith R. Burich, PhD and **Mick Cochrane, PhD**, are the latest recipients of Peter Canisius Distinguished Teaching Professorships. The three-year grants provide faculty with the resources to create innovative programs that enhance undergraduate teaching through interdisciplinary projects, scholarly travel, experiential courses and the incorporation of technology into the classroom.

Burich, a professor of history, will build upon his Native American Program, now entitled "Through Indian Eyes: Bringing History to Life." Established in 2004 with support from a Peter Canisius Professorship, the program educates students about Native American history through a Native American speakers' series, cultural immersion programs at the Crow and Navajo Indian Reservations, and field experiences to such places as the National Museum of the American Indian. Students will gain new perspectives on post-Columbian history and culture through coursework. Burich will also develop an honors course that examines Native American history from an archeological perspective.



Mick Cochrane, PhD

English Professor and Writer-in-Residence Mick Cochrane will use his Peter Canisius Teaching Professorship to continue his popular Contemporary Writers Series. Established in 1999, it was among the first teaching professorships awarded at Canisius. The series brings writers of national stature to campus to read from their works and to meet with students, faculty and members of the Buffalo community. It is presented in coordination with a course devoted to the study of contemporary fiction.

Peter Canisius Professorships are awarded through a competitive grant process that focuses on creativity and the extent to which proposals will advance the college's mission.

Farrugia Receives Distinguished Faculty Award

David L. Farrugia, EdD, professor of counseling and human services, received the 2008 Kenneth L. Koessler Distinguished Faculty Award, during spring honors convocation in April. Presented by the Canisius College Alumni Association, the award annually recognizes one faculty member for teaching excellence and outstanding contributions to the academic world.

Farrugia joined the Canisius faculty in 1981 and has served as chair of the Department of Counseling and Human Services since 1997. He teaches courses in family counseling, career counseling, and counseling theory and process.

Farrugia's coursework reflects the everyday practicality of counseling experiences. He is a licensed mental health counselor, certified rehabilitation counselor and nationally-certified counselor. Farrugia has worked in both school and agency settings, and also maintains a private counseling practice.



David L. Farrugia, EdD