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Dean’s Distinguished Lecture Series

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Summer research grants awarded to faculty

Chaneilla Wilson, ’10, heads to classroom in South Africa

Chaneilla Wilson, a sociology major, will be a Fulbright Fellow in Nigeria this fall. Wilson studied at the University of Maryland and graduated from Rowan University in May. Wilson has been to Nigeria as part of the foreign language immersion program and has seen the political and logistical issues facing the country and taught English at a local high school. Wilson says that her experience in Nigeria and the challenges she faced there have given her a new perspective on social and political issues. She has come to realize the importance of education and the role it can play in promoting peace and understanding. She says that she is excited to be able to share her experience with her students and to help them understand the complexities of the world.
College welcomes nine new members to Rowan

Bringing expertise in everything from ancient to ecological epistemology in going beyond Rowan, the nine new members to Rowan joined the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, the College of Science and the College of Engineering.

The college welcomes four new biological science professors, two new chemistry professors, an English Department mentor and two new members from the Department of Mathematics & Physics.

Four new biological science professors

The four new biological science professors include three ecologists and one computational biologist.

Martin A. Miller, assistant professor of environmental biology and zoology. Miller studies the evolutionary history of birds and their relationships to mammals. Miller will be teaching courses on the history and evolutionary biology of birds, the evolution of angiosperms, vertebrate osteology, the biology of the African elephant and the evolution of human behavior.

Randeep Singh, an assistant professor of computational biology. Singh's research focuses on understanding the mechanisms of disease using computational biology and bioinformatics.

Eliana Y. Leite, assistant professor of ecology and evolutionary biology. Leite studies the evolutionary history of birds and their relationships to mammals. She will be teaching courses on the history and evolutionary biology of birds, the evolution of angiosperms, vertebrate osteology, the biology of the African elephant and the evolution of human behavior.

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Two new chemistry professors

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Neil A. Scudder, assistant professor of computational chemistry. Scudder's research focuses on understanding the mechanisms of disease using computational biology and bioinformatics.

Chen-Wen Yang, assistant professor of Inorganic Chemistry and Materials Science. Yang's research focuses on the development of novel materials for energy conversion and storage, as well as the synthesis and characterization of metal-organic frameworks for gas storage and sensing.

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There exist questions: “Why in the world would you want to mentor the students?”

“The answer is that mentoring is a long-life endeavor. You are mentoring over 20 to 30—and I continue mentoring even now. I don’t think it matters to them how long it continues. When they leave, they benefit, they improve.”

In this design, the mentor is the child. The child is the family in Mentoring, which he created during Roman Days in the 1960s. The award is given by the American Association of Educational Research, and according to him, “so long as there are children, there are mentors, because one of the essential roles of a mentor is to help others become mentors.”

Sparked by research involving how animal behavior and human behavior are related, Miller is likely to continue his research on the mechanisms of animal behavior and human behavior, as well as the role of mentors in student development.

The idea of animal behavior and human behavior is drawn from the Yoruba culture of Nigeria, where Miller spent much of his adult life. Miller is known for his research on the Yoruba culture, its history, and its impact on the development of human behavior. Miller is determined to make an impact on the field of animal behavior and human behavior, as well as on the development of future mentors.

Outstanding mentor: Sharman principles from the Camden Academy Community Charter School

“Outstanding mentor: Sharman principles from the Camden Academy Community Charter School” is a book written by Sharman. The book is about the principles of mentorship and how mentors can help students develop their potential.

First post-doctoral fellow gets to work in CLAS

W ith the appointment of Blake Long, a post-doctoral fellow in the Physics & Astronomy Department, the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences will have a new post-doctoral fellow in the Department of Physics & Astronomy.

Blake Long, a post-doctoral fellow in the Physics & Astronomy Department, will be working on his research on the behavior of neutron stars, which are the remains of massive stars that have collapsed under their own gravity. Long will be working on experiments that will help us understand the behavior of neutron stars, which are key to understanding the fundamental forces that control the universe.

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On THEATRICALITY: The idea of theater as being magical

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Top junior geographers in NJ compete at Rowan

Geography professor Zach Moore brought the New Jersey chapter of the National Geographic Bee to Rowan last spring. But it took plenty of hard work and a little luck to pull off the event.

“Without student volunteers indifferent to the event coming together, we wouldn’t have been able to do what we did,” says Moore.

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