



"I do not agree with what you have to say, but I'll defend to the death your right to say it." - Voltaire

Deborah Hawkins in Perspective

Caroline Mitchell

Professor Deborah Hawkins in the study of philosophy is an Assistant Professor of Philosophy and is in her first year of teaching at St. Andrews.

Hawkins went back to school as an adult to receive her B.A. at California State University, Northridge in 1993, her M.A. at the University of California, Irvine in 1998, and her Ph.D. at the University of California, Irvine in 2003. Professor Hawkins has had about four years of teaching experience and is really excited to be working here.

What is your favorite thing about St. Andrews?

I applied for the position here because of the school's size. With a school of this size, I get to know all of the faculty and all of my students. Also, this school really supports interdisciplinary teaching and studying, which was really important to me.

Do you miss teaching classes that you taught previously?

I have never really missed any of my old classes. They were fun and I definitely enjoyed teaching them, but starting over is fun, too. I get to do things differently here.



Was there a particular person in your life who led you to be a teacher?

From the very beginning of my education, I was interested in how people treated each other, which led me to philosophy. Then, during a meeting with my advisor, he called me a philosopher, and I was shocked. This put the idea in my mind that I could succeed

What do you think the school, or your department in particular, could improve upon?

Nothing specific, however, I do feel that teachers need to stay awake to the times and to the students' needs so that we can respond to them. The world is always changing, and we need to remember to not get too stuck in our ways and continue to change with it.

Philosophy is a large subject, which area interests you the most?

Well, as I said, I was always interested in how people treat each other and also in practical philosophy. I really enjoy social, political, and economic philosophy because they seem to be the most practical to me.

What ethical question is most interesting to you?

The most interesting question to me is what our view of human beings is. I believe that these views of human beings influence the way we treat each other socially, politically, and economically.

Our class is very open for discussions and questions. Is this the way that you format the majority of your classes? Why do you think it is the best way to teach?

I base my teachings on the way that I would like to be taught. However, more than that, I sense a need in students today to really be active in the learning process and not just sit there and soak things up. I think it is important for your generation to see something practical and relevant to their lives in the ideas that I am trying to teach.

What is one thing you would like for your students to take away from your classes?

I want students to realize that they need to be awake and thoughtful to the people and things around you. I also think it is important to never stop learning.

Psychology Department

Provided by Al Bardi

Five students and I have collected data from 290 St. Andrews students and have developed a new scale called the Bachelor's Degree Expectation Scale. The students are Renee Gubert, Chris Jones, Katherine Meyer, Deihlia Nye and Hayley White. The title of the paper is What Can I Get with a College Degree? Preliminary Psychometrics of the Bachelor's Degree Expectation Scale, and the paper will be presented at the Carolinas Psychology Conference in Raleigh, NC on March 31st.

St. Andrews Academic Department News

History Department

Provided by David Herr
The History Department recently extended invitations to pursue honors theses to Jessica Potts, Patrick Sheegog, and Martin Kreshon. Completing an honors thesis in history is the highest academic achievement for history majors. Successfully completing honors in history is a multi-step process. One must first complete History 491 Honors Seminar and develop a thesis proposal. The Department permits students who demonstrate appropriate preparation to enroll in History 497 Honors Research, during the spring semester of their senior year. Upon completion of a thesis the candidate must successfully sit for an oral defense of their research.

Senior Public History major Dan Dupree has been an intern at the Museum of the Cape Fear where he has developed research for new installations focused on the Revolutionary War and the pre-Revolutionary Regulator movement. Senior History major Matt Hensley has been interning with the DeTamble Library staff as he prepares for graduate school in Library Science.

Senior James Varner is directing the Veterans History Project and has already completed a number of interviews with community members. Students interested in assisting or conducting interviews with their family members should contact James through the History Department.

The History Student Association is developing a new logo incorporating representations of Flora MacDonald College and Presbyterian Junior College the parent institutions of St. Andrews.

History Department Chair Dr. David Herr was recently promoted to Associate Professor.

SAGE Quest 1

Provided by David Herr

Quest 1 in conjunction with the College's One Book, One Community program announced recently the selection of the first-year student summer reading experience. First-year students, St. Andrews faculty, upperclass people and the Scotland County community are invited to read *Blood Done Sign My Name* by historian Dr. Timothy Tyson. Tyson, who teaches at Duke University, and his administrative assistant Mary Williams,

an outstanding gospel singer, will visit with the community next September. Tyson's work recounts the 1970 murder of Henry Marrow in Oxford, NC and the racial turmoil surrounding his death. Tyson grew up in Oxford and his father, the Rev. Vernon Tyson was pastor of the local Methodist church. His experience as a ten-year-old and his training as an historian create a compelling examination of race in the South.

English/Creative Writing Department

Provided by Ron Bayes, Thomas Heffernan, and David Bell

Heffernan Wins Mainichi and Kusamakura Awards

Thomas Heffernan has received an Honorable Mention award in the Tenth Annual Mainichi International Haiku Contest, recently announced through the Mainichi Shimibun in Tokyo, for the following haiku: the heat... lofty, leafy bamboo slowly bow

In November, Heffernan received the Kusamakura Grand Prize for international haiku. The prize included a trip to Kumamoto, Japan, where the City of Kumamoto sponsors the annual contest. At the Awards

Ceremonies it was announced that more than 22,000 entries were submitted in various categories of the Contest, named for the novel *Kusa Makura* by the great pre-WWI novelist Natsume Soseki. Heffernan's Grand Prize haiku: equinox kayak paddling two sides of dusk

Gravity Hill Winners Announced

Congratulations to the following faculty, staff, students and alumni who were accepted into St. Andrews' literary magazine, *Gravity Hill*.

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| Cam Abernathy | Catalina Ramirez |
| Peggy Anderson | Parrish Ravelli |
| Al Bardi | Ciara Seaborn |
| Ian Burkett | J.A.W. Schroeter |
| Sara Jean Deegan | Mathew Stucke |
| Edwin Farrell | Mason Tate |
| Marie Gilbert | Emily Threlkeld |
| Sherry Hamby | Kenny Walker |
| Carleigh Horvath | Mike Williams |
| Caitlin Johnson | Terrell Wood |
| Jennifer Johnson | Tasha Mehne |
| Jean Jones | David Quillin |
| Kimberly Neal | Lindsay Wolcott |
| Ian Pratt | |

Gravity Hill is one of St. Andrews literary magazines that emphasizes the inclusion of undergraduate poems and other literary work. For further information please contact advisor David Bell via email at BellDJ@sapc.edu or Ron Bayes via email at Bayesron@sapc.edu.