

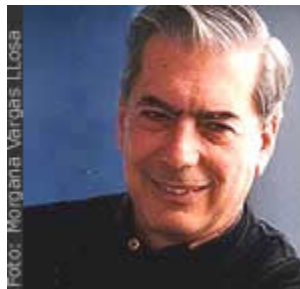
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Author Mario Vargas Llosa will be on campus this week to deliver the Steloff Lecture and for an informal public interview. [View here](#)



This untitled monograph by Danish artist Per Kirkeby is featured in a new Schick Art Gallery exhibition. [View here](#)



Acrylic paintings by Paul Henry Ramirez are currently exhibited in the Tang Museum – and form the backdrop for an upcoming dance performance. [View here](#)

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### **Report of the Board of Trustees Meeting Fall 2002**

Skidmore's Board of Trustees came to campus Wednesday through Friday, Oct. 23-25, 2002, for the first board meeting of the academic year. The agenda included plenary sessions on "Academic Vision" and "The Economy and Skidmore's Financial Future."

The announcement by President Jamiene S. Studley of her decision to leave Skidmore at the end of the current academic year was made at the outset of the board's meetings and was reflected in discussions that took place during committee meetings over the subsequent days of the board's meeting.

The general meeting of the full board took place Friday afternoon at the Tang Museum. The session included a presentation by Gerry Schorin, director of strategic communications, on admissions marketing research completed to date, and a report from Dean of Admissions and Student Aid Mary Lou Bates on admissions statistics for the Class of 2006 and an early look at recruitment for the Class of 2007. Below are highlights of the full board meeting, including resolutions adopted.

#### **Report of the Chair of the Board**

Board Chair Sue Thomas '62 opened the full board meeting by commenting on the level of energy evident on campus. She reported that the board approved a resolution accepting President Studley's resignation and thanked the president for her "dedication and passion" during her years at Skidmore.

#### **Report of the President**

In her remarks, President Studley asked those attending for a moment of silence in memory of Jesse Swartout '03, who died Oct. 11, 2002. The president noted that the Student Affairs staff deserves appreciation "for helping us through this loss." She also distributed handouts to identify the steps taken toward implementation of the goals for *The Plan for Skidmore: Excellence and Community*.

President Studley also noted the resignation of Trustee Charles Wait and expressed appreciation for his many years of service to the College.

#### **Academic Affairs Committee**

The board approved a resolution of the Academic Affairs Committee for the promotions of Derek Nystrom, lecturer, Department of English, to visiting assistant professor; and Kyle K. Nichols, visiting instructor, Department of Geosciences, to assistant professor.

#### **Infrastructure Committee**

The board approved a resolution of the committee to increase the design development fee being paid to Ewing Cole Cherry & Brott for architectural services in connection with the new music facility. The increase is \$100,000 from the current \$750,000 to \$850,000.

A second resolution brought by the committee and approved by the full board designates that Skidmore Hall be renamed the Kathryn Wiecking '53 Residence Hall, in recognition of a generous bequest from the estate of Ms. Wiecking. A renaming ceremony will take place during Reunion 2003.

#### **Budget and Finance Committee**

The board approved a resolution of the committee to formally accept a \$10,000 bequest from the Frank R. Milnor Trust. Ismat Alam, director of financial services, was designated to accept payment of the bequest and facilitate administration of the trust.

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### **Steloff, Strock Lectures Upcoming**

Two important activities on the academic calendar – the Frances Steloff Lecture and the Lester W. Strock Lecture in Geosciences – will take place on campus soon.

Mario Vargas Llosa will give the Steloff Lecture, which will be in the form of a reading of his works. Prior to the lecture, he will receive an honorary doctorate from Skidmore. In addition, he will participate in a public interview on writing – all scheduled Nov. 14 and 15. [Click here for full article.](#)

Charles Doolittle Walcott, a New York State native whose work as a scientist and in public service earned him acclaim, will be the topic of the Nov. 21 Lester W. Strock Lecture in Geosciences, to be given by Ellis L. Yochelson. [For details, click here.](#)

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**Vol. 2, No. 4 - November 12, 2002****Works by Per Kirkeby on Exhibit at Schick Art Gallery**

Skidmore's Schick Art Gallery is the location of a new exhibition of large-scale monotypes by Danish artist Per Kirkeby. Lasse B. Antonsen, curator of the exhibition, will give a talk on the artist and his work Nov. 19. [See full story.](#)

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### Faculty-Staff Activities

**John Cunningham**, Davidson Professor of Art, gave a lecture-presentation on his seismically isolated bridge designs Oct. 15 to Professor Taeg Nishimoto's senior-level architectural design studio course at Texas A&M University. Cunningham currently has a show of his work exhibited at the university.

**Jordana Dym**, assistant professor of history, delivered a paper titled "Reducing the Hinterland: Bourbon Reforms and City Government in Central America, 1700-1800" at a main session of the sixth International Conference on Urban History in September in Edinburgh. She also chaired and commented at a panel on ideology and society in 1870-1930 Central America at the sixth "Congreso Centroamericano de Historia" in Panama City, Panama, in July. In addition, she chaired a panel on "Sexual Mores in Early Modern Spain and Italy" at the 12th Berkshire Conference on the History of Women in June.

Skidmore was represented at the annual meeting and educational conference of the New York State College Health Association Oct. 15-18 in Binghamton. **Glenn Egelman**, College physician and director of the Office of Health Services, was named president-elect of the organization. **Shelly VanSlyke**, health educator, and Egelman gave a presentation titled "Predatory Drugs: An Overview."

During the meeting, some of Skidmore's Health Services policies and procedures were called "exemplary" by the New York State Nurses Association and were shared with conference attendees as a template. **Pamela Houle**, RN-C, associate director for administration, wrote the policies and procedures.

Egelman was involved in a dramatic moment during the conference. He performed the Heimlich maneuver on an attendee who was asphyxiating on food, and saved her life. Saratoga Springs will be the site for a joint New York-New England College Health Association meeting next October. Several hundred college health professionals from across the Northeast are expected to attend. Skidmore's Health Services staff will be actively involved in coordinating the event.

**Samuel Fee**, director of academic technologies, presented his paper "Teaching with Digital Video" at the annual International Visual Literacy Association conference Oct. 11 in Breckenridge, Colo. He also gave an invited lecture titled "IT and the Liberal Arts College" Sept. 30 at Juniata College in Pennsylvania.

**Mark Huibregtse**, professor of mathematics, gave an invited talk titled "An elementary construction of an open affine covering of the Hilbert scheme of points of an affine space" in the Special Session on Hilbert Schemes at the AMS Sectional Meeting Oct. 5-6 at Northeastern University.

**Ken Johnson**, professor emeritus of geosciences, received the Outstanding Educator Award of the Eastern Section, American Association of Petroleum Geologists, during the group's annual meeting Oct. 2-4 in Champaign, Ill.

**Murray Levith**, professor of English, presented an invited paper on Shakespeare in China at the South Central Modern Language meeting Oct. 31-Nov. 3 in Austin, Texas. The conference theme was "Language and Literature in a Global Context." In addition, he has been asked to contribute a chapter for a book to be published by Palgrave on global Shakespeare and to be titled *Shakespeare's Local Habitations*. R.S. White, University of Western Australia, will edit the volume.

**Mason Stokes**, assistant professor of English, gave an invited lecture recently at the University of Kentucky titled "Father of the Bride: Du Bois and the Making of Black Heterosexuality." The lecture was part of the university's Langston Hughes Centennial Celebration.

**Gordon Thompson**, associate professor of music, read his paper "A Delhi in London: Ecology, Networks, and the Life of Music in a Sixties Pop Milieu" at the annual meeting of the Society for Ethnomusicology, held this year in Estes Park, Colo. Thompson also met with the Society for Asian Music's board (he is vice president) and the Popular Music Section of the Society for Ethnomusicology, for which he sits on the annual speaker selection committee.

### Publications & Exhibitions

**Virginia Murphy-Berman** and **John Berman**, faculty in the Department of Psychology, have just published a paper with Cem Cukur titled "Micro- and Macro-Justice in the Allocation of Resources Between In-group and Out-group Members: A Cross-Cultural Comparison," in the *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*, Vol. 33, No. 6.

**Katherine A. Cartwright**, lecturer in the Department of Geosciences, received the Grumbacher Gold Medal Oct. 20 at the Northeast Watercolor Society's International Exhibition 2002 for her painting "Mail Order Madness." The exhibition was on view at the Kent Art Gallery, Kent, Conn., through Nov. 3.

**Patricia M. Colby**, assistant professor of psychology, is co-author of "Attachment Styles Impact on Pet Visitation Effectiveness" published in *Anthrozoos*, the Journal of the International Society for Anthrozoology, Vol. 15, No. 2. She wrote the paper with Angela Sherman '02.

**Gove Effinger**, professor of mathematics, co-wrote the paper "Twin Irreducible Polynomials over Finite Fields," which was published in the Springer volume titled *Finite Fields with Applications to Coding Theory, Cryptography, and Related Areas*. His co-authors are Gary Mullen, Penn State University, and Kenneth Hicks, Ohio University.

**Michael C. Ennis-McMillan**, assistant professor of anthropology, has a chapter titled "A Paradoxical Privatization: Challenges to Community-Managed Drinking Water Systems in the Valley of Mexico" published in *Managing a Sacred Gift: Privatization of Water Rights in Mexico*, edited by Scott Whiteford and Roberto Melville and published this year by the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, University of California at San Diego.

**Deb Hall**, assistant professor of art, has work included in a national juried exhibition titled "DPI: Digitally Propelled Ideas, 2002" at the Kellogg University Art Gallery at California Polytechnic University, Pomona, through Dec. 6. The gallery exhibition and web site ([www.csupomona.edu/~kellogg\\_gallery](http://www.csupomona.edu/~kellogg_gallery)) feature artists who have been actively involved in using computer technology to create works of art. As Patrick Merrill, curator of the exhibition, states, "We understand how digital technology has opened opportunities for research and experimentation and our goal is to bring together the most eclectic experience possible."

**George W. Lowis**, professor emeritus of sociology, has published "Alexander Gordon of Aberdeen and the discovery of the contagiousness of puerperal fever" in the *Journal of Medical Biography* 2002, Vol. 10.

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