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A reading by poets kurris Lam- kin and Eise Shekley in Sep- tember marked the publication of the anthology, “Come Celebrate with Me,” a VOICES memo- rial tribute, edited by Michael Glaser, professor emeritus, to Lucille Clifton, beloved poet who died last year. It contains poems by more than 50 writers who she brought to St. Mary’s College during her time as a member of the faculty.

Calm the Cars
New safety and traffic-calming options are being studied to be implemented along the Route 3 corridor through campus, espe- cially aligning the main crosswalk.

Program Expands
The Deburn Brent Scholars Program will expand opportuni- ties, thanks to a $75,000 grant from the Maryland Higher Edu- cation Council. The program gives support to first-generation college students.

College News
Professors and Passports
Michael Cal, political sci- ence professor, was scholar-in- residence during fall 2011 in Tajikistan and spent spring 2011 in China on a Fulbright. While in Tajikistan, he bumped into Mikey Church ’04, who was there on his own Fulbright with alt Sharp Church ’03. Jennifer Cognard-Black, as- sociate professor of English, and Andrew Cognard-Black, adjunct professor of sociology and liberal arts associate, head to Slovenia at Fulbrights in spring 2012.

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New Skyline
You may get disoriented when you visit the Campus Center these days. The brick Margaret Brent building was moved in September across Route 3 from the historic campus to its new home. It will be home to the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies. See the move at: www.margaretbrentmove.wordpress.com.

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By Keisha Reynolds

college education, for many, is a milestone for personal success. But for first-year, first-generation college student Shakiera Stokes, a St. Mary’s College education is a family opportunity. It is the chance to right a legacy of hard knocks and to choose an alternate path rather than the one she was traveling, plagued with valleys of gang violence, drug use, and unstable residency, causing her to move 13 times before she finished high school.

“I’m doing this [attending college] so that I can take care of my family,” said Stokes. “We don’t have much. And, if you’re from where I’m from, you don’t make it past the ninth grade.” In fact, this was the case for her mother whom Shakiera helped tutor to obtain her General Equivalency Diploma (GED).

Shakiera’s turning point came in several forms. “I watched Freedom Writers and something changed,” said Shakiera. “It taught me you’re not the only one in the world struggling. I personally didn’t think I could graduate [high school] because no one else in my family ever did,” said Stokes.

That notion was turned on its head when Shakiera entered New Era Academy, a small, college-preparatory school in Baltimore City, and met 2007 St. Mary’s graduate, Robin Ricks. At the time, Ricks was a career counselor for CollegeBound. She was also a CollegeBound graduate herself.

“I first met Shakiera when she signed up for the mentoring program I started for the girls at New Era,” said Ricks. “She was the only freshman in a group of 10. That in itself says something about Shakiera. She was just finding her voice, but wasn’t afraid of being among the older students.”

Shakiera realized the value of the helping hand she had in Robin. “Ms. Ricks didn’t have to come back to [Baltimore City] New Era after graduating from St. Mary’s and John’s Hopkins, but she did,” said Stokes. “She made sure we were okay when it came to college, from

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"DON'T FEEL SORRY FOR ME, because everyone has a story. There are people worse off than me. The only thing you have to worry about is giving back and never giving up."

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As frozen winter winds became dusty summer gusts and as ticks and mosquitoes made a moveable feast of their victims, Julia King, associate professor of anthropology, and her students successfully uncovered this year two amazing pieces of Southern Maryland history along the eastern shore of the Wicomico River and the Zekiah Swamp. They found Notley Hall, manor home to Thomas Notley, Maryland governor from 1676 to 1679, and the site of a grand love story. And they also found what their benefactor and local businessman, Michael J. Sullivan, calls “Southern Maryland’s Holy Grail”: a 17th-century Piscataway Indian settlement archaeologists and historians have been seeking for nearly 100 years.
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Mentor

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Sybol Cook Anderson joined the faculty in 2006. She has a Ph.D. in philosophy from the Johns Hopkins University. She credits Alan Paskow for giving her the confidence to pursue her dreams.

On Writing an Academic Book

By Alan Paskow

It took me twelve years to write my book on fundamental issues in the philosophy of art, but in a way that’s not exactly true, since its germination began over forty years ago with a series of vexing questions I asked myself.

I was a sophomore at Haverford College, away on a glee club trip in Washington, D.C., with free time to view paintings in the National Gallery. Standing before Picasso’s Blue Period painting, “The Tragedy,” I found myself deeply affected by it. Depicted were a mother, a father, and their young son on an utterly desolate beach. I stared at the painting for probably fifteen minutes, overtaken by its mournful gloom. Why, I wondered, did this simple scene distress me so? After all, the strangely elongated, blue figures were only representations on a white canvas. Why would mere fictions affect me more than most real people did? Was I merely allowing my imagination to run away with itself? What is painting anyway, and why does it matter?

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By the end of the year, Sybol was headed to American University to start a master’s program in philosophy. A year later, Alan called her to ask if she’d consider teaching “Value Inquiry” for the philosophy department. “Do you think I can?” asked an incredulous Sybol. “His encouragement and belief in me gave me the courage to do it.” Anderson taught the course for five years as she finished a master’s and began her Ph.D. “I remember coming to visit Alan’s Philosophy...
of Art and Literature class when I was working on my Ph.D.,” says Anderson. “I got there early and was soon joined by several guys who came into the room singing. I was struck by how happy the students were, how much themselves. And then we had this intense, rig- orious class discussion. Alan was amazing with students. He was a wonderful teacher and a true philosopher.”

In 2004, Anderson had just passed her comprehensive exams at Hopkins University. She teaches ethics, social and political philosophy, and early modern philosophy.

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Betul Barapam (philosophy and religious studies) came to St. Mary’s in 2003. She earned her Ph.D. in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations from the University of Chicago. She teaches courses on the history, politics, and cultures of the Islamic Middle East, covering foundations of Islam, women in Islam, Islamic empires in medieval and early modern era, and Islam in the modern world.

Barbara Bielovec (economics) came to St. Mary’s in 2005. A graduate of Amherst College, her Ph.D. is in English from the University of Washington. She teaches courses in literary criticism and 19th-century American and American literature.

Christine Wolyee (English) came to St. Mary’s in 2005. A graduate of Amherst College, she has a Ph.D. in English from the University of Washington. She teaches courses in literature and contemporary American and American literature.

Robbie Richardson, of Wolfe Forest, N.C., is a Reitor with the Alton Tax Company. He has three married children and four grandchildren. He is the founder of North Carolina’s Wolf Company. He has taught at three universities and at five high schools and has published over 50 books. Robbie also helped students create for these students what was created for me.”
For Mary Lib Rosebery Sale ‘51, the water holds the strongest memories of St. Mary’s. She used to sail and lie- down and go boating with her family. Before there was a bridge connecting St. Mary’s County to Calvert County, “my family would wander ski from one side to the other,” she recalls.

Now, Saleh is 50 years old and 18 years in office as the first female mayor of Eunice, Texas. In June, the St. Mary’s College alumna honored her with the Society of Distin-

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ING, but she made the most of her time.

She was in the home economics club, on the newspaper staff and public relations committe,

and goading at the field hockey team.

“liked all the teachers but one,” she said. The speech therapist, frustrated by her Southern accent, made her repeat “how now brown cow” until she could say it without a syllable. “Even though that speech teacher said I should make it out of code,” Saleh said, “I became a public speaker.”

Aubrey Baden III teaches English at Broadneck High School in Annapolis, MD. His wife and two sons.

1990

family members of those who work in the commercial truck-

and transportation industry will be given preference. Inter-

nship opportunities will be available for eligible students. Mr. Josie, and their three children live in Davidson, MD.

1992

Tim Braue was appointed to the St. Mary’s Charter Review Board.

The board is charged with reviewing and making recommendations to St. Mary’s Board of Trustees for revisions to St. Mary’s Charter.

With Johns Hopkins University, published his latest book, Antebellum Upper South: The Secret History of the Civil War (Fordham University Press). The region Calvin runs, stretching from modern day Lexington and the border between Kentucky and West Virginia, was a major stop on the Underground Railroad, and a place where thousands of slaves escaped slavery.

1994

Veronica Venegas Macalalad is a family nurse practitioner for Southeastern Minnesota.

Her husband, Carlos, who she married in 1980 in the Bahamas, is the president of the Bahamas Institute of Nursing.

1997

Ryan Breymaier graduated from St. Mary’s College in 2005.

He relocated to France in 2006, Ryan relocated to France to train as a professional cyclist across the United States.

1999

Cavin Schermwerth is a professor of history at Arizona State University.

She has taught at several universities, including Arizona State University, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Chicago.

2000

Shoshana Jenkins ’95 was one of 12 teachers selected as a 2010-11 Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellow. The fellowship offers an opportunity to serve in a national role.

She and husband Scott Noah, a graphic designer, were married in 2000 and live in Alexandria, VA.

2003

Zofia Zaplatynski Now was appointed to her son’s position as a 2004/national curriculum director, and now leads the United States who earn more than their male partners.

They analyzed over 5,000 data points covering every aspect of their household budget. The negative finding of the study was that, contrary to Ronald’s expectations, students who did well in class were most likely to sell their books back.

2011


Her latest book examines the lives of women in Europe and the United States who earn more than their male partners.

Susan Doyle-Morris Ph.D. specializes in strategic career management and leadership coaching.

She has appeared in many publications.

2012

Sarah Craig is a resident in emergency medicine at the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center.

She graduated from Cornell University’s School of Veterinary Medicine in 2005 and is working towards a degree in veterinary pathology.

2000

Nickolas Troy Abrates ’86 was recognized by the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, who plans to open a new research center in the morning.

2003

Stmary@smcm.edu is related to an alum.

1990

As a member of “Tomb Jesters” (www.tombjester.com), he began his role in June in Santa Barbara, Calif., and 59 days and 3, 100 miles later, ended his ride as Grand Marshal of the Cross Country MTB Challenge. His new passion about bicycles, he serves on the board of the Washington State Chapter of U.S. Constables, and lives in Seattle.

1994

The coupon was to follow his dream of racing in the United States.

2005

Ramon Astudillo, David Garber ’06, and Neel Singh (’02-’05) are members of the Board of Trustees. The three.
2011 Alumni Doctoral Scholarship

The 2011 Alumni Doctoral Scholarship winner is James Andrew ‘Drew’ Sayolt ’09. A cum laude graduate of St. Mary’s College, where he majored in psychology and neuroscience, Drew is pursuing a doctorate in neuroscience at Emory University with an anticipated graduation date of May 2013.

His area of research bridges the disciplines of neuroscience, psychology, and anthropology. His interest in this field developed his freshman year at St. Mary’s when he became fascinated by the striking differences in how some students engaged their social world as they adjusted to life at St. Mary’s. At Emory, he is part of a team of scientists that formed the Center for Translational Social Neuroscience to translate its research into treatment for psychiatric disorders. In Drew’s words, “Research is not the practice of solitary individuals secluded in ivory towers. It is the vocation of a daunting collective of researchers advancing scientific understanding and improving the health of others. It is shared with the very community of people that support and benefit from it.”

In 2010, Drew completed an internship in the music departments of the University of Maryland and Temple University. There he worked on the music in an experimental paradigm called ‘You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown’. It’s a familiar role, he played it as 185th grades. Although Ryan was an economics major at St. Mary’s, he was involved in music and acted in “Guys” and “And the Night Vio-

LEARNING TO APPRECIATE MUD

St. Mary’s College has been listed as a “Good” by the St. Mary’s Alumni Council.

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MARRIAGES & UNIONS

Dora Combs Byrd ’07 and Thomas Frederick Lee ’07 were married June 28, 2008, in Washington, D.C. Members of the wedding party included

- Thomas Frederick Lee ’07, elon Jenkins ’04, Elizabeth Haan Rockenbaugh ’04, and Sam Brown and Mary Walters ’11.

- Beth Brennan Shaw ’05 and Angela Giagnoli ’05 were bridesmaids.

- Sam lives in Alexandria, VA.

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George Jakuta ‘05 and Kate Meyer ‘07 ’09 were married Dec. 17, 2010, in Baltimore. Kate Meyer ‘07 was married of honor. The wedding party included bridesmaids Katie Greenmore Mattieck ‘06, Julie Hill ‘06 and Mitchell Vassetto ‘06, and groomsmen Ryan D’Antonio ‘08 and James Long ‘06. The couple honeymooned in Georgia. Elizabeth received her degree in 2009 from Pennsylvania State University and practices law with the Deuser Family Law Concepts, Inc., and Allen is a patent examiner for E.G. Communications. They live in Ridge, Md.

Megan Targamaro ‘06 and her husband, Derek, Sophokes ‘27 were married Oct. 31, 2010, in Towson, Md. Nicole Maloff Flores ‘08 was matron of honor, Erin McNicherry White ‘08 and Lauren Harrington Hotherman ‘08 were bridesmaids. The couple honeymooned in Haiti. They live and work in Annapolis. Whitney was an office manager for a law firm in England, and Lauren is a management consultant. They live in Towson.

Lisa Burkon ‘07 and James Seller ‘07 (31) were married May 5, 2010, in Cockeysville, Md. Matthew T. Gray ‘07 was best man. The wedding party included Mattheen Maciejewicz ‘07, Peter ‘07, and Allison Schiller ‘08. MAT ‘09. He is a real estate agent with Cummings & Co. Realtors. They live in Towson.

Rebecca Eder ‘07 and Larry Petruccy ‘09 (31) were married May 21, 2010, in Cockeysville, Md. A work service was officiated by Philip Alpoe ‘09, the school’s literary journal, and Allen and Derek were the reception DJ. The couple honeymooned in Mexico. They live in Towson.

Robert L. Miller ‘07 and his wife, Rebecca Eder ‘07, were married May 30, 2010, in Richmond. The couple will honeymoon in the Big Bend National Park and Matl, Texas. They met as undergraduates while working on St. Mary’s literary magazine, In Rebus. Lauren is a library assistant for the Hirsch Library at The Museum of Fine Arts. Hannah, and volunteers at the Menil Collection, Joshua is working on his master’s in fine art, studying poetry at the University of Houston where he is also a graduate teaching fellow, and poetry editor for the school’s literary journal called Grain. The couple lives in Houston’s Museum District.

Jennifer Short ‘05 and Neil McLean ‘07 were married Aug. 7, 2010, in Lebanon, Ill. Casey Marshall ‘08 was matron of honor and Kathryn Tichan ‘09 played the viola. The couple honeymooned in Virginia’s Blue Ridge Mountains. They live in Westfield, Mass. The couple lives in Towson.

Kimberly Williams ‘07 and Andrew Raley ‘09 (31) were married Nov. 5, 2010, in Bel Air, Md. Members of the wedding party included bridesmaids Sybelle Elssass ‘10, Michelle Mabrie ‘13, and Lyessa Williams ‘14 and matron of honor. The couple honeymooned in the Mediterranean. They live in Towson.

Samantha Munn ‘07 and Jean Golinski Kutovsky ’07 were married Aug. 28, 2010, in Annandale, Va. Members of the wedding party included bridesmaids Karyn Petruccy with and larry Hoffer ‘10, nathan mcCurdy ‘08, and groomsman Sarah Goberg ‘10. The couple honeymooned in Belize and Mexico. Kathy is a production manager for Federal Express. Chris is a project engineer for the Maryland Transportation Authority. The couple lives in Cockeysville, Md.

Jahn Paine ‘09 and Jacob Elkenborg ’07 were married May 19, 2010, in the Gardens of Remembrance in Florida Keys. Jacob is a chemist for FLSmidth. Kathy was the reception DJ. The couple met at the Grand Cayman Island, Honduras, Belize and Mexico. Kathy is a production manager for Federal Express. Chris is a project engineer for the Maryland Transportation Authority. The couple lives in Cockeysville, Md.

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A sk anyone what their first impression was of St. Mary’s College of Maryland and most likely you will be given their memories of the visually striking campus on the banks of the St. Mary’s River. Joe and I had a similar response to this campus’ great beauty when we arrived in the summer of 2010. As he assumed his role as the new president I began to look for ways to become connected to the campus, its history, and its significance in this land. One of the most visible aspects of our recent designation as an arboretum is the labeling and signage that is displayed around the campus. Signs explain how different features like tidal marshes, buffer areas and raingardens contribute to the health of the landscape; labels for specimen trees and plants that thrive in these latitudes have been added and will continue to signify our arboretum work.

To increase the level of interaction with the campus and community, the Arboretum Association, with our neighbor Historic St. Mary’s City, hosts many events throughout the year and we have created an interactive self-guided walking tour. See our website, www.smcm.edu/arboretum, for a full calendar of events and access to the walking tour.

This past year some of our most successful endeavors included new plantings behind two residence halls, conducted by student and staff volunteers; the establishment of a healing garden on campus for counseling services work; and presentations on herb gardens and raingardens. In 2011-2012, a full slate of community presentations is underway, including a critical areas landscaping talk, a lecture on two recently arrived pests threatening our landscape, a native tree and plant workshop, and more. Again, see our website for dates and details.

All are welcome to attend, and there is no cost to attend our public workshops.

The work we have done has already gained recognition from beyond our campus. In our first year we have been named to Tree Campus USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for engaging the student body and broader community in our activities.

Such recognitions are made possible through the work of an energetic group of people that includes college staff, students, trustees, alumni and members of the community. Not only have people come together to lend their time to give lectures, host workshops, and take part in plantings, but dozens of people have supported our efforts through financial contributions. This financial support will allow us to continue labeling specimens with a goal of getting to 100 labeled trees next year, so that students and visitors alike can become more knowledgeable about what grows here in Southern Maryland.

Donations will also help us meet our goal of planting nearly thirty dozen new or replacement trees this year, maintaining our green campus profile. This support also assists our outreach, which enhances our ability to continue to be a good neighbor to our friends here in St. Mary’s Country.

The St. Mary’s Arboretum truly is a project that renews our connection to the environment and strengthens the bonds that make our community strong. This place – the river, the land, the flora and fauna – influences our work and our play daily, and it is only fitting that the Arboretum Association continues to organize our effort to encourage a more thoughtful appreciation of the landscape. Our students, our educational mission, are well-served by this project, and I’m proud to be a part of it.

For more information about the St. Mary’s Arboretum Association, and how you can get involved, please visit www.smcm.edu/arboretum.
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Bay, so since 7th or 8th grade I’ve been sailing small boats. When I came around the corner and saw the river that pretty much did it. The younger Brewer, Thomas, Class of 2005, shared similar sentiments. “For me, growing up, my parents both worked during the summers. My dad would bring me and my sisters down here, so this was pretty much summer camp for us. And when I had the opportunity to go here for college, it was an easy decision.” Younger sisters Megan and Erin are slated to go here for college, it was an easy decision.”

**86 YEARS BEFORE THE BREWER FAMILY began its St. Mary’s legacy, Roberta Wood Davis arrived on campus, graduating two years later from then-St. Mary’s Seminary Junior College in 1959. “I met my husband, James Davis (Class of 1959), while he was taking liberal arts courses part-time and engineering courses on the base part-time,” she said. “He moved out of the dorm when I moved in. I was going to school down at St. Mary’s, he drove me.” The couple married in 1959, and Davis turned her attention to teaching elementary school and raising a family. When the school became a four-year college, Davis returned to earn her bachelor’s degree while raising four children ranging in age from high school to toddler. “My youngest daughter jokes that she went to college before she went to kindergartner,” says Davis. Davis didn’t come back alone when she returned to pursue her studies; her younger sister Mary and brother John also attended. In true family fashion, all three siblings graduated from the College on June 3, 1978. When Davis isn’t spending time with her grandchildren, volunteering at Park Hall Elementary School, or caring for the family home located just down the road from the College, she and her family stay connected by attending various events such as Alumni Weekend and Arts Alliance of St. Mary’s College of Maryland functions. “I think that giving back is just another piece of being part of the College,” says Davis. “The friendships that I made there are long-lasting. I still remember.”

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The top image is a postcard showing the view approaching campus from the north circa 1925, before the construction of Route 5; the St. Mary’s River is on the right, with the cottage, pump house and garage in the foreground; the water tower, Calvert Hall and the Lodge can be seen in rear.

The bottom image is from fall 2011, showing Route 5, the boat house, and the James P. Muldoon River Center.

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On October 11, the St. Mary’s College of Maryland men’s soccer team notched their first win over the University of Maryland Washington since 1981 as the Seahawks tallied a 3-0 victory against the Capital Athletic Conference frontrunner. Shown here, team captain and midfielder Brian Payne, a senior from Catonsville, Maryland.