

SIMON'S ROCK COLLEGE ...in the news

March 2007

Springfield Republican, March 12, 2007

An op-ed article written by Provost **Mary Marcy** highlighting the importance of the international student experience was published by the *Springfield Republican*. The article included descriptions of Simon's Rock's agreement with Lincoln College at Oxford, and the College's study abroad trip which traces the path of W.E.B Du Bois from Great Barrington to Ghana. The article also announced the Rodney Christopher Scholarship fund which encourages students of diverse economic means to pursue cross-cultural study abroad.

Alumni

February 9th

Simon's Rock alumna **Shana O'Marra** currently stars on *E-Vet Interns*, a new reality show on Animal Planet following seven veterinary interns at the Alameda East clinic in Denver. A piece about Shana mentioning her studies at Simon's Rock appeared in the *Bethel Beacon*.

December 2006-February 2007

BerkShares, an experiment in local currency pioneered in part by Simon's Rock alumni **Christopher Lindstrom** and **Peter Tiso** was featured in the *Albany Times Union*, the *Berkshire Eagle*, the *Berkshire Record*, the *Women's Times*, ABC World News and the *New York Times*.

The New York Sun, December 21

Alumnus **John McWhorter** writes of his experiences beginning college work at Simon's Rock at age 16 and touches on some of the significant themes and choices presented in the Early College movement.

Berkshire Trade and Commerce, December 2006

The agreement between Simon's Rock and Lincoln College of Oxford University was announced, stating that Lincoln College has only made such a partnership with one other college in its history (Middlebury). Students will be able to study abroad at Lincoln and return to Simon's Rock to complete their B.A. As one of the world's oldest institutions, Lincoln has made this partnership because of "the strength of [the Simon's Rock] curriculum and its highly competitive students."

Forbes Magazine

In its January 29th issue, *Forbes* magazine profiled board member **Robert B. Strassler** and his first book *The Landmark Thucydides: A Comprehensive Guide to The Peloponnesian War*. His ongoing work on four more Landmark volumes of Herodotus, Xenophon, Arrian, and Polybius, are all to be published by Pantheon. *The Landmark Thucydides* has been described as "the finest edition of Thucydides' history ever produced."

Faculty

December 2006

Simon's Rock faculty member **Hal L. Holiday** represented the college at the AAC&U conference. His remarks appeared on InsideHigherEd.com

January 18th 2007

Michael Bergman, Division Chair of Science, Mathematics, and Computing at Simon's Rock, gave a lecture entitled "Journey to the Center of the Earth: Solidification and Deformation of the Inner Core" at the Earth and Space Sciences Colloquia at UCLA.

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On Campus

The Berkshire Eagle, October 6, 2006

Over 500 schools in 45 states participated in a nation-wide teach-in on “Guantanamo: How Should We Respond?” Schools such as Williams College, Berkshire Community College and Simon’s Rock took part.

The Berkshire Eagle, January 21

Derek Gentile covered the first ever Western New England YMCA district championships hosted at the Kilpatrick Athletic Center. The article highlighted the hospitality of the Simon’s Rock community and profiled aquatics director **Bill Meier** and his collaboration with the Southern Berkshire Chamber of Commerce to boost local business. The championships brought more than 1,500 swimmers, families and spectators to the college.

Berkshire Record, October 20-October 26, 2006

An invitation to and explanation of the Simon’s Rock Community Day was presented in the *Berkshire Record*. The article detailed the events of the day, including the concurrent Discovery Day, and the sample classes, lectures, and presentations for attendants. Also mentioned was the celebration of Simon’s Rock’s 40th anniversary throughout the academic year.

The Berkshire Eagle, Monday October 23

In the article “Monks Give Peace and Chant” the *Berkshire Eagle* covered a visit and performance given by 20 Tendai monks from Japan. This inspiring and beautiful event was organized by Simon’s Rock faculty member **Monshin Paul Naamon**.

The Berkshire Eagle, October 27, 2006

Judith Monachina, associate director of public affairs at Simon’s Rock, was awarded a Fulbright Grant for the 2006-2007 academic year. Beginning the project in 2000, Judith will continue her research on the Holocaust. Her inquiry will take her to Italy this winter in order to interview people who lived in Italy during World War II, and spend significant time sifting through archives, personal letters, journals and other documents. Monachina lives in Stockbridge, Mass. She has worked as a writer and journalist in the Berkshires for 11 years.

The Berkshire Eagle, October 27, 2006

The week-long series of lectures by special effects pioneer Douglas Trumbull was highlighted in the *Berkshire Eagle*. Trumbull screened a number of films for which he was director of special effects including *2001 A Space Odyssey*, *Easy Rider*, *Bladerunner* and *Silent Running*.

The Berkshire Eagle, November 10, 2006

The Weekend Section of the *Eagle* ran a piece on pianist **Frederic Chiu** and his performance in the South Berkshire Concert Series at Simon’s Rock. The article detailed his past work and life in Paris and the United States, and his presentation of well-known symphonic repertoire in transcriptions for solo piano. Chiu returned to the U.S. after 12 years in Paris in order to teach music workshops on concepts that weren’t catching on in France.

The Berkshire Eagle, October 24, 2006

An article about award-winning Italian documentary filmmaker **Liliana Picciotto Fargion** was featured in the *Eagle*’s Page 2 Highlights. Picciotto Fargion’s film *Memoria*, about survivors of the Italian holocaust, was presented at Simon’s Rock on October 24th and was accompanied by a discussion with the artist.