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Bob Leverich
Bob Leverich is the Project Design Architect for the Chapin Mill Retreat Center outside Batavia, New York. Bob has worked on the project since its inception in 1998 in collaboration with Bero Architecture P.C. in Rochester, New York. Construction began in June on the second phase of Bob's designs for the 25,000 square foot Center. The first phase of the project was completed and put in use two years ago. Chapin Mill is owned and operated by the Rochester Zen Center, one of the older Zen communities in the country, founded by Philip Kapleau in 1966. RZC maintains its home in the city of Rochester; the Chapin Mill Retreat Center, located in the rolling countryside of Western New York State, houses up to sixty participants for two to seven day *sesshins*, or meditation retreats.

Alice Nelson and Greg Mullins
Greg Mullins and Alice Nelson received National Endowment for the Humanities grants to attend a Seminar for College and University Professors on Urban Brazilian Fiction at Arizona State University, June 12-July 14, 2006. The work of the seminar included a detailed examination of five major works of Brazilian fiction as literary texts that interpret the urban experience in places like Rio de Janeiro.

John Longino
Most of you are probably aware by now that Jack received the highly prestigious E.O. Wilson award from the Society of American Naturalists earlier this summer. The award recognizes individuals whose research and writing on a particular group of organisms also illuminates principles of evolutionary biology and an enhanced appreciation of natural history. The American Society of Naturalists was established in 1883 and publishes the scientific journal *The American Naturalist*. Dedicated to the conceptual unification of the biological sciences, it is one of the most highly regarded scientific societies in the world.

Dylan Fischer and Carri LeRoy
Dylan was an author on a paper earlier this summer titled "Do high-tannin leaves require more roots?" in *Oecologia,* and Dylan and Carri were authors on "A framework for community and ecosystem genetics: from genes to ecosystems" in *Nature Reviews Genetics.* They were also authors on a poster presented as part of hearings on funding within the National Science Foundation in Washington, DC. The poster also featured photographs and descriptions of work by students in the Field Ecology program that Dylan taught with Alison Styring last Spring. A copy of this poster is attached. (The poster is not accessible from the web version of this update.)