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Jose Gomez
On September 24, Jose delivered the opening keynote address at Northern Michigan University's annual diversity conference, UNITED (Uniting Neighbors in the Experience of Diversity). Titling his speech "New Challenges to Diversity," Jose used his own life experiences to ground his message that efforts to value and promote diversity in the United States face three new challenges: a renewed national hysteria over immigrants, an extreme economic inequality not seen since the Great Depression, and legislative and judicial abandonment of successful policies and practices that had begun to remedy unequal access to employment, education and services.

Linda Moon Stumpff
Linda was the keynote speaker for the opening plenary at the Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society in San Francisco. She talked about Native Americans and education in natural resources, focusing on successful programs at Evergreen and the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society. The title of her talk was "Restoring Fisheries, Restoring Youth."

Linda also has two articles in the upcoming proceedings of the World Wilderness Conference published by the USDA Forest Service. One is "Native American Youth and Wilderness" and the other is "Sacred Sites and Tribal Rights." (The titles may be altered prior to publication.)

Leonard Schwartz
Leonard was invited to participate and read in two international poetry festivals this summer: the Ovidius Festival on the Black Sea and in Bucarest, Romania, and the Qinghai Lake Poetry Festival in Qinghai, China. New poems have appeared in print this summer in the *Golden Handcuffs Review* (Seattle), *Ars Interpres* (Stockholm), and *Lillies and Cannonball Review* (New York), amongst other journals. His interview with the political philosopher Michael Hardt is slated to appear in *Rain Taxi* in the fall.

Erik Thuesen
Erik Thuesen was a co-author on a poster presented at 15th International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species held in Nijmegen, The Netherlands, from September 23 to 27, 2007. The poster is entitled "Impact of the planktonic larvae of the invasive Asian bivalve *Limnoperna fortunei* on the growth of larvae of the ³sábalo², *Prochilodus lineatus* (Pisces) in South America."

Char Simons
Char's article, "History of Journalism in the Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia" is being published in the *Oxford Encyclopedia of World Civilization*, due out in 2008. She also published a roundup of recently-released Middle East films in the Sept/Oct 2007 issue of Saudi Aramco World magazine, and the feature article on Beirut in the July 2007 issue of Running Times magazine (www.runningtimes.com/rt/articles/?id=11275&c=8)

Dylan Fischer and Carri LeRoy
Dylan gave a talk entitled "Fine root diversity, density, and phenology among native hybridizing riparian trees at multiple elevations" at the 2007 joint Ecological Society of America and Society for Ecological Restoration conference in San Jose California in August. This talk dealt with a community analysis approach to looking at roots in native riparian areas. An abstract of the talk is available at:

http://eco.confex.com/eco/2007/techprogram/P3473.HTM

Dylan and Carri also took five of their students to the conference to present posters they co-authored with them. The first was "Testing the interaction between leaf litter diversity and salmon carcasses on in-stream leaf decomposition: An experimental manipulation, by Welles Bretherton, Dylan G. Fischer, and Carri J. LeRoy. The second was "The effects of environmental stress on Quercus morphology, physiology, and distribution in the Chiricahua Mountains, by Katherine E. Halstead, Kyle R. Pritchard, and Dylan G. Fischer. Abstracts are available at these two sites:

(http://eco.confex.com/eco/2007/techprogram/P3233.HTM)
(http://eco.confex.com/eco/2007/techprogram/P8100.HTM)

The posters can be viewed at the Field Ecology Lab Website:
http://academic.evergreen.edu/f/fischerd/E3.htm

Zhang Er
Zhang Er's newly collected poems, *So Translating Rivers and Cities*, was recently published in a bilingual edition by Zephyr Press, and is available on Amazon.com or Zephyrpress.org. She also gave a reading from the book at the University Bookstore in Seattle on July 27. Earlier this year, she served as a juror for the *Poetry on Buses 2007* Poetry Competition, which was sponsored by King County Metro and 4Culture. She was one of the featured poets in Qinghai Lake International Poetry Festival at Xining, China this August.

Andy Brabban and Michael Vavrus
In August, Michael and Andy gave an invited presentation at Doane College in Nebraska. The presentation was a one-day faculty workshop (Developing Successful Learning Communities at Doane College) in support of the Doane's goals of instituting team-taught thematic learning communities across their curriculum. Andy also gave an invited talk to the Olympia Rotary Club on September 17th entitled "Bacteriophages: a potential method to control E. coli O157:H7." The talk described the progress made by the Evergreen Phage Lab over the last five years to control this potent pathogen and highlighted the central role students play in primary research at Evergreen.

Doug Schuler
Doug gave a plenary presentation entitled "Digital Cities for Civic Intelligence" at the Digital City Summit in Lisbon on September 24th. He also gave the keynote presentation "Twenty-five Years of Community Technology: Lessons Learned for Libraries and Local Communities" at Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois in April.

Steve Niva
Steve published an op-ed piece, "Baird's Visit to Iraq Must Have Included Trip to Spin City" in *The Tacoma News Tribune* (Sept. 9) that was critical of Congressman (D-WA) Brian

Baird's shift from anti-war critic to now supporting the US occupation of Iraq after a recent trip to Iraq. Here's a link to the article:

http://www.thenewstribune.com/opinion/othervoices/story/151439.html

He also published a review essay on the book *Co-opting the PLO: A Critical Reconstruction of the Oslo Accords, 1993-1995* in the *Journal of Palestine Studies* (Spring 2007).

Nalini Nadkarni
This summer, Nalini gave the keynote talk at the biennial meeting of the American Society for Literature and the Environment, which was held at Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. She also received a Research Experience for Undergraduates Grant Supplement for her current research grant from the National Science Foundation. Nalini was awarded second prize in the Terry Creative Writing Challenge at the University of British Columbia for her entry, "Portrait of the Artist as a Young Sapling: Trees as Artists and Mobile Entities." In early August, she served as a Scientist-in-Residence at IslandWood, an environmental education center on Bainbridge Island for city children from Puget Sound. If others are interested in participating in the Scientist-in-Residence or Artist-in-Residence programs, contact Nalini.

Ruth Hayes and Marilyn Freeman
Short films by Ruth and Marilyn were screened at the Northwest Film Forum's 2007 Local Sightings Film Festival in Seattle last night. Ruth's film is titled *The Reign of the Dog: A Revisionist History* and Marilyn's is called *Baptism*. Also screened at the festival was a film by Olympia artist and Evergreen alum Devon Damonte called *Chromacycle*.