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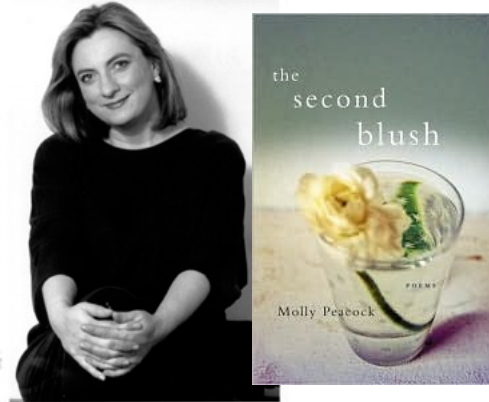


THE SAGE COLLEGES

# Carriage House Notes Department of English and Modern Languages

## Molly Peacock, 2012 Carol Ann Donahue Poet

Molly Peacock, a poet and a creative non-fiction writer, is the author of *The Paper Garden: Mrs. Delany Begins Her Life's Work at 72* (Bloomsbury, 2009) and six books of poetry, including *The Second Blush* (W.W. Norton, 2008) and *Cornucopia: New & Selected Poems* (W.W. Norton, 2002). She will be the 2012 Carol Ann Donahue Poet, giving a public reading at 7:30pm on Thursday, April 5, 2012, in Bush Memorial.



## *Much Ado About Nothing* at Sage

The Theatre Institute at Sage (TIS) will present *Much Ado About Nothing*. Performances scheduled for:

**10AM: February 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 28, 29, March 1, 2**

**2PM: February 12, 19**

**8PM: February 11, 17, 18**

Visit the English  
and Modern Languages website at  
[www.sage.edu/english](http://www.sage.edu/english)  
Information and Photos!



Dr. Mary Burke, Associate Professor of English at the University of Connecticut, gave a lecture in October entitled "White Irish?: Irish Travellers ("Irish Gypsies") and the Scots-Irish in American Popular Culture."

The Sage Colleges

Russell Sage College  
Sage College of Albany  
Sage Graduate School

## 11-12 Department Club Leaders

**The Russell Sage Review (Laurel Leaves):** Editor, Angela Whyland

**Medusa: The Writer's Community:** President, Emily DiMura

**Sigma Tau Delta:** President, Hannah Wade

**Spanish Club:** President, Natalee Haldeman

Get Involved! Contact these club leaders for details. New members are especially welcome.

### Sage Goes Tobacco-Free

The Sage Colleges is proud to announce that Sage is now a tobacco-free community effective January 1, 2012. This policy covers cigarettes and tobacco products of any kind and applies to all members of the Sage community including students, faculty, staff, tenants, and administrators, as well as visitors to the Sage campuses.

Details about the tobacco-free policy, enforcement, and smoking cessation programs are available at [www.sage.edu/about/tobacco\\_free](http://www.sage.edu/about/tobacco_free)

### DCUR

The **Kathleen A. Donnelly Center for Undergraduate Research** is on the 2nd floor of the RSC Campus Library. With Dr. David A. Salomon as its Director, the Center can help students with any aspect of their research, from planning to writing, from posters to presentations, from proposals to publications. Please stop by!



Russell Sage College students enjoy the annual Troy Victorian Stroll in December 2011.

As many as 5 million Kindle Fires were sold by Amazon.com in December 2011. Barnes and Noble has sold "millions" of Nooks.



### Who am I?

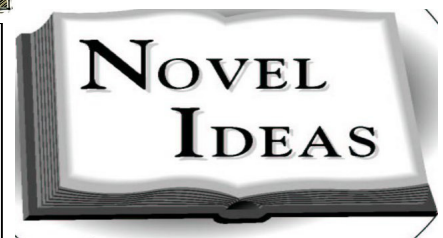
A kiss from me, Emil stole, when he robbed the fair lamp's glow. I always loved him, you can see. And in his arms, I died beneath the mulberry tree. Who am I?

Turn to page 4 for answer.

Congratulations to Angela Whyland who will present her paper "Fire and Ice: The Women of the Icelandic Sagas" at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in Ogden, Utah, this March. Whyland is one of only three students who will attend the conference from Russell Sage. Prof. O'Connor-Salomon served as advisor on the project.

### Important Dates

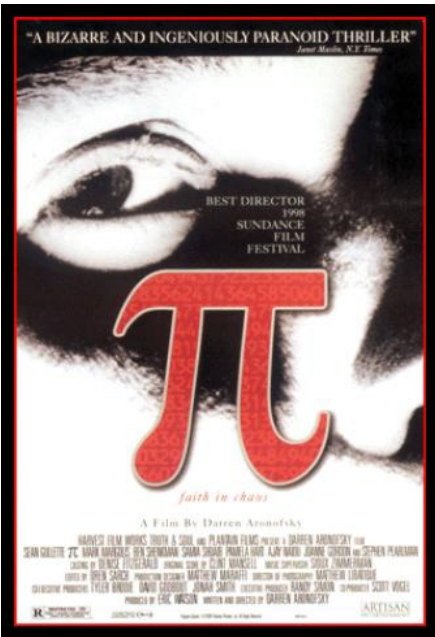
- Spring Semester Classes Begin: January 17
- Last Day for Add/Drop: January 24
- Spring Break: March 3-11
- Last Day to Withdraw from Fall Course: April 6
- Last Day of Classes: April 27
- RSC Baccalaureate: May 11
- Sage Commencement: May 12



### Medusa

Medusa is Russell Sage's campus-wide creative writing and poetry club. We meet each week to discuss both student and faculty produced work, as well as the poetry of published authors. Our meetings take place in the Hare Room of the library, which affords us the opportunity to explore the works of many poets, and to further our understanding of poetry. Under the guidance of Dr. Moutray, we learn to critique our work and share it with other creative writers in a relaxed and encouraging environment, which culminates in our week-long celebration of poetry in the Spring, Poetry Blitz.





The Nobel Prize in Literature for 2011 was awarded to Swedish poet Tomas Tranströmer "because, through his condensed, translucent images, he gives us fresh access to reality."

A new film version of *The Great Gatsby*, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Carey Mulligan, and Tobey Maguire, is set to open next Christmas. The film is directed by Baz Luhrmann.



The Darren Aronofsky film *Pi* will be shown on Tuesday, March 14, at 7:00pm in Schact Fine Arts Center ArtWing B. The film is being shown in conjunction with the Literature of Mathematics/Mathematics of Literature course being taught this semester by Dr. Salomon and Dr. Lawrence. The film is free.

This April Baghdad's Iraqi Theatre Company will create a version of *Romeo and Juliet* for a new generation, infused with Iraq's rich traditions of poetry, music and ritual. This iconic play finds fresh purchase in the soil of contemporary Iraq, a country where sectarian strife between Sunni and Shia, ignited and fuelled from outside, has left the population exhausted by a cycle of violence and revenge.

**2012 BANISHED WORDS LIST**

1. AMAZING
2. BABY BUMP
3. SHARED SACRIFICE
4. OCCUPY
5. BLOWBACK
6. MAN CAVE

SOURCE: LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIVERSITY



The activist grammarians at Lake Superior State University have released their 2012 List of Banished Words, a collection of overused, abused and fake words that infected our language this year. See image above.

**English and Modern Languages Alumnae—Contact Us!**

Did you know that 1.12 billion people speak Mandarin Chinese? English is a distant second with 480 million speakers.

We want to know what and how you're doing. Send email to Dr. Salomon at [salomd@sage.edu](mailto:salomd@sage.edu).

## SLAP

The Sage Language Acquisition Program is offering study in Italian and French at any level. Go to [www.sage.edu/slap](http://www.sage.edu/slap) for more information, or contact Prof. David Salomon

*Kolik jazyků znáš, tolikrát jsi člověkem.*

You live a new life for every new language you speak.  
If you know only one language, you

## Who am I?

Maria Shabata from Willa Cather's *O'Pioneers*



Dave Eggers, The *McSweeney's* founder, has given a new meaning to the idea of reading in the bathroom. His text is printed on a shower curtain for people to read while getting clean. It costs \$65.

## Facebook Group

RSC English Alums should join the Facebook group: "Russell Sage College Alums."

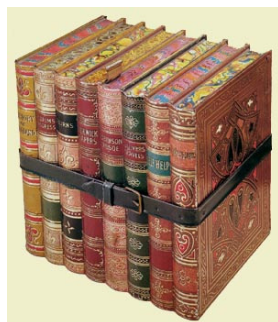
**Internships can be a vital part of your education and can often lead to a permanent job upon graduation.**

## Study Abroad!

There are some truly incredible opportunities for study abroad. Take advantage of them while you can. Your undergraduate years are the ideal time to go abroad, earn credit, and have an eye-opening cultural and intellectual experience. And you can study just about anywhere in the world. It's not as expensive as you might think. Have a look at the Sage Study Abroad homepage at [www.sage.edu/current/studyabroad/](http://www.sage.edu/current/studyabroad/)

Or visit with Sabrina McGinty, the Director of Cultural Enrichment and Diversity ([mcgins@sage.edu](mailto:mcgins@sage.edu)).

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## Writing Studio

Don't forget the Writing Studio is available for any kind of writing assistance. Located on the second floor of Hart Hall, the Studio has posted hours and tutor schedules outside the office. The Writing Studio will reopen right after classes resume. To make an appointment, call 244-6737 or stop by. Visit them on the web at [www.sage.edu/writingstudio](http://www.sage.edu/writingstudio). There is also a wonderful Moodle Writing Studio Resources Page. Contact Prof. O'Connor-Salomon, the Director, at [oonck1@sage.edu](mailto:oonck1@sage.edu) for access.

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