U.N. Advisor Michael Doyle to Join Columbia’s SIPA, Law School

By KATHRYN MOORE

This September, world-renowned intellectual and political scientist Michael Doyle joins SIPA and Columbia’s Law School as the Harold Brown Professor of United States Foreign and Security Policy. Currently Princeton’s Edwards S. Sanford Professor of Politics and International Affairs and special advisor to United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Doyle will teach international ethics, global politics, and the role of law in addressing international relations problems.

Doyle, former director of the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, is a towering figure in international relations. He has been a member of the Institute for Advanced Study, an adjunct assistant professor at Stanford and Berkeley.

Doyle’s new position at SIPA will focus on international ethics, providing support for students planning to attend graduate school in the humanities, and social sciences. Beinecke Scholars receive $2000 immediately prior to entering graduate school and an additional $30,000 while attending graduate school.

Maria Rofheart, CC ’04

Columbia College Junior Maria Rofheart Wins Beinecke Scholarship

By COLIN MORRIS

A fter hands-on experience immersing herself in the post-colonial literature and society of Cameroon, Maria Rofheart, CC ’04, has returned to her home in eastern Cameroon.

Rofheart has demonstrated a worldly interpretation of literature ever since her high school interest in anthropology. Originally planning on studying the ethnographic aspects of the field, Rofheart’s interdisciplinary approach to understanding human culture would give her a functional base from which to conduct her studies in Cameroon.

“I am interested in comparative literature. I have a particular interdisciplinary focus, because I see literature, culture, and history as interdependent upon each other and would like to be able to study societies from this multi-faceted perspective,” she explains.

This past semester in Cameroon, Rofheart attended the University of Yaounde while interning at a local publishing company. The combination of interning at a local publishing company, “the betterment of humankind.”

Herbert J. Gans, Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociological Theory at the University of Pennsylvania in May.

Gans, who was given an honorary Ph.D. by the University of Pennsylvania in May, has been elected president of the 3,400-member American Sociological Association.

Beginning in November, he will serve as chairman of the AMS for one year, and the president for two years, beginning November 2004.

Bar-Ilan University of Israel recently bestowed an honorary doctorate upon Rabbi David Halivni, Lucius N. Littauer Professor of Classical Jewish Civilization at Penn’s Graduate School of Jewish and Middle Eastern Studies for his exceptional achievements as an internationally-renowned Talmud expert, teacher, and scholar in classical Jewish civilization.

The Department of Applied Physics and Mathematics will present the Robert Simon Memorial Prize to Charles Kerbage at an awards ceremony on April 20. The prize is awarded annually to the graduate student who has submitted an outstanding dissertation.

Kerbage’s dissertation research concerned the topic of tunable, microstructured optical fibers. This area of applied physics is essential to data transmission, optical sensing and numerous medical applications.

Leslie M. Kantor, an adjunct professor at the Mailman School of Public Health, was appointed senior vice president for Program and Advocacy at the Partnership for the Homeless, a 20-year-old non-profit organization serving homeless New Yorkers.

I am excited to join The Partnership at this time,” Kantor said. “I believe The Partnership is poised to play a greater role in influencing city, state, and federal policies that will reduce homelessness and have model programs that should be replicated throughout the country. These efforts are especially important given the current economic conditions and policy decisions are coming together to complicate against low-income New Yorkers.”