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Jnan Blau is on the faculty of the Communication Studies Department. He teaches performance studies and intercultural communication classes. As a researcher and writer he focuses on popular music and pop fandom, particularly on the band Phish as a performing and subcultural phenomenon. Some might say he loves music and food more than is healthy or normal. But, he thinks they are both very worth pursuits, indeed.

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Gary Dwyer is on the faculty of the Landscape Architecture Department. He first studied photography at Syracuse University where he earned simultaneous degrees in landscape Architecture and Fine Arts. He has a preference for logic, yet understands chaos, paints occasionally, believes photography is more than fun, believes the land is sacred, prefers forests to streets, loves his daughters, has loved, loves now. His work has been exhibited at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, DC; The Oakland Museum in California, and in Paris. His photography web site: <http://www.calpoly.edu/~gdwyer/>

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Heather Knowles is an English major after twelve years, four cross-country moves, two kids, and several garden/soul transformations. When people ask her what she *plans to do* with her degree, she falls back upon the sage argument of Cardinal John Newman on the liberal education: she tells them that she doesn't *plan to do* anything but that instead she is training her intellect in order to have a "clear conscious view of (her) own opinions and judgments, a truth in developing them, an eloquence in expressing them, and a force in urging them." Other than that, she is content to see what other gardens God presents to her.

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