Following is a selection of new books published by our faculty, staff, and alumni that have come to our attention recently. Please send information to: The Editor, TCNJ Magazine, Office of College and Community Relations, PO Box 7718, Ewing, NJ 08628-0718.


▲ The Circus in Winter

▲ Race and Time: American Women’s Poetics from Antislavery to Racial Modernity. By Janet Gray, assistant professor of women’s and gender studies. University of Iowa Press, 2004. 332 pages. $44.95. This study offers a close reading and analysis of both well-known and obscure poets of the 1800s, and makes the point that the cultural history of race is incomplete without a study of women’s poetry of the time.

▲ Cultural Politics in Polybius’s Histories. By Craig B. Champion ’84, associate professor of ancient history at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University. University of California Press, 2004. 300 pages. $39.96. The author, a faculty member at Syracuse since 2001, examines how a famous historian interpreted Rome and the Romans, and how his writings could be understood differently by differing groups in Greco-Roman society. He dedicates the book to John Karras, TCNJ professor of history, “a dynamic teacher who introduced me to classical history” and who “effortlessly changed roles from professor and mentor to peer and friend.”

▲ Persuasion and Influence in American Life. By Gary C. Woodward, professor and chair of communications studies, and Robert E. Denton Jr., professor of leadership studies at Virginia Polytechnic and State University. Waveland Press, 2004. 415 pages. $41.95. This heavily revised fifth edition of the college text combines rhetorical theories of persuasion with newer research on social influence. Additions include persuasion issues involved in jury selection and challenges facing big-city mayors. It illustrates the skills needed to become ethical, credible persuaders.

▲ Letters Home: The Story of an American Military Family in Occupied Germany 1946–49. Compiled with a narrative by Mark W. Falzini ’91, archivist of the New Jersey State Police Museum. iUniverse, 2004. 244 pages. $30.95 hardcover; $20.95 paperback. Falzini has collected dozens of personal letters and photographs from his grandfather, who then was an Army major in charge of a 30,000-person Displaced Persons camp in the U.S. Zone, his wife, and their children to relatives in Trenton. With extensive narrative by Falzini, the letters paint an unusual picture of Americans in Germany between the allied victory and the start of the Cold War.