

# PROVOST'S BULLETIN

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## NEXT FACULTY MEETING

The next faculty meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12, 2007, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Campus Center South Lounge.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

**Tom Brogan** (Political Science) attended the Northeast Political Science Association meeting in Philadelphia as the association's Treasurer and member of the Executive Council. He has also been appointed by the Mayor and City Council of Reading as a member of the Reading Area Water Authority, responsible for the provision of clean water to the city and selected suburbs.

**Barbara M. Fahy** (History and Art) attended the Sixteenth Century Studies conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota from October 25<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>. Also, she was accepted into a spring semester seminar at the Folger Shakespeare Institute in Washington, DC. The seminar is entitled "The Jesuit Enterprise" conducted by Father John O'Malley from Georgetown. The seminar will meet weekly from January until April.

**Victor Forte** (Religious Studies) presented "Attainment through True Entrusting: Ethical Reflections on Shinran's Promise" as part of a panel on Japanese Approaches to Ethics at the annual AAR (American Academy of Religion) Conference held in San Diego, CA - Nov. 16-20, 2007.

**Fouad Kalouche** (Philosophy) presented a paper at the International Conference on Knowledge, Creativity, and Transformation of Societies (KCTOS) in Vienna, Austria, on December 8, 2007. The paper, which is part of Group Section 8 ("Transformation of Societies") and of Section 14 ("Community in Difference"), is entitled "*Sensus Communis* in Intercultural Contexts and the Need to Reassess Knowledge and Meaning."

**Jennifer Koosed** (Religious Studies) attended the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 16-20, where she presented a review of Julie Kelso's book *O Mother, Where Art Thou?*. Her article "Qohelet in Love and Trouble" was published in the book *Approaching Yehud: New Approaches to the Study of the Persian Period*, which came out that weekend too.

**Jeffrey Lentz** (Theatre) was the recipient of The Berks Arts Council 2007 Pagoda Award for "Excellence in Artistic Development" on December 6, 2007.

**Meredith Pingree** (Digital Media) took part in two group exhibitions on Friday Nov 30th at BravinLee Projects, and Saturday December 1st at Gallery Afferro.

**Guillaume de Syon** (History) organized and chaired a session on visual culture at the annual meeting of the Society for the History of Technology in Washington, DC, last October. He also presented a paper at the 2nd annual Smithsonian national symposium on postal history entitled "The Mailman's Airship:

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Postcards as Heralds of a New Air Age, 1890-1914". Guillaume was invited to join the "Comité scientifique" organizing an international conference at the Conservatoire National des arts et métiers in Paris next year, the theme of aeronautical culture.

Congratulations to the **Theatre** department and the students involved in the Domino Players production of *Hydriotaphia*, which was nominated to the regional conference of The Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival.

## SPRING SEMESTER ORIENTATION

Spring Semester Orientation for transfer and new students will be held on Sunday, January 20, 2008. The day will feature a variety of activities and faculty is invited to attend.

## HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

### 1. Faculty Holiday Luncheon

In the spirit of the holidays,  
**Come Eat, Drink & Be Merry!**  
On the 13<sup>th</sup> of December, in the  
Faculty Club, from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.



**I hope to see you there.  
Happy Holidays!**  
Andrea Chapdelaine  
Provost and Vice President  
for Academic Affairs

2. Don't forget to RSVP for

### **Albright's Annual Faculty and Staff Holiday Party**

Friday, December 14, 2007, 3-6 p.m.

Campus Center Dining Hall

RSVP to Sandy Behm at [sbehm@alb.edu](mailto:sbehm@alb.edu) or X7654 by 12/10/07

## PROVOST'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Policy Reminders:

- 1) **Inclement Weather Policy** -- faculty should familiarize themselves with the revised college weather policy, found at: <http://www.albright.edu/news/emergencyclosings.html>. Please note the following with regard to cancelling classes due to inclement weather:

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Until formally announced by the President or his/her designee, regular day classes meet as normally scheduled. On an individual basis, classes may be canceled or postponed if a faculty member is unable to report to the campus. Faculty members are required to notify their students, the Registrar's Office, the Provost's Office, and Public Safety of any cancellations or postponements due to inclement weather.

2) **Campus Calendar** – all College events should be posted on the campus calendar. It is important that the academic, cultural and intellectual events sponsored by faculty be fully included in the College calendar. Faculty can post events to the campus calendar by sending them to Tracy Thompson (tthompson@alb.edu).

**Summer Camps** – Senior administration is in the process of reviewing policies related to summer campus and conferences. We are interested in exploring alternative summer events that are aligned with our mission and strategic focus. If any faculty are interested in possibly developing or playing a role in such camps or conferences, please contact Provost Chapdelaine to discuss further.

**Writing Center** – Professor Greenwood, Director of the Writing Center, has arranged to have three writing tutors available over interim on an as-needed basis. If one of your students is in need of writing assistance over interim, he or she may contact the Academic Learning Center. The Academic Learning Center will maintain limited hours over interim as well.

## **Administrative Searches Update**

- 1) Two candidates for Assistant Dean and Director of the Academic Learning Center have been invited to campus for a full day of interviews, meetings, and an open forum with the campus community. Dr. Leah P. Hollis was on campus on Wednesday, December 5, and Marti Hunter will be here on Tuesday, December 18. A very special thanks goes to Dr. Bonnie Hamwi who has been serving as the interim Director of the learning center since the resignation of Dr. Tiff Archie, former Assistant Dean. It is our hope that this search will conclude before the holiday break. Please try to attend the open forum on December 18 and send any feedback to Provost Chapdelaine immediately.
- 2) The search for Martha Barnes replacement in the Center for the Arts is underway. This position has been expanded to better integrate the arts at the College, provide experiential learning opportunities to our students through internships and work study in the arts, and teach a course in arts administration.
- 3) Michael Hipple has accepted the position of Director of Field Placement in Education. Mr. Hipple comes to us with a wealth of experience teaching, supervising and evaluating faculty, and as an administrator in elementary education.

**Wachovia Grant** – the College has received a grant of \$100,000 for three projects from the Wachovia Foundation. The three components funded by the grant are (1) \$63,000 for a two-year partnership project between Albright's Education Department and several 4th and 5th grade teachers in Reading's 13th and Union Elementary Center, (2) \$33,200 in scholarship support to be awarded to low-income

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minority sophomore students who entered the College through the Summer Start Program, and (3) \$3,800 to purchase equipment needed by the Albright Learning Center.

**Spring Transfer Orientation** – On Sunday, January 20, 2008, we will be holding our spring transfer orientation day. An advising session in which students can meet with the faculty will be held from 1:30-2:30 p.m. The registrar's office will notify those faculty who have advisees entering in Spring 2008 and should attend this session.

**Faculty Positions**—two additional faculty positions will be sought for the 2008-2009 academic year, in addition to those noted in the November Provost's Bulletin. The first is a position in Chinese language instruction and the second is a new position in communications.