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NEXT FACULTY MEETING

The next faculty meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Campus Center South Lounge.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Arcana Albright (French) chaired a session at the 30th annual 20th- and 21st-Century French and Francophone Studies International Colloquium, and presented a paper entitled “ « Si près, Si loin: Human and Animal Worlds in Jean-Philippe Toussaint's *La Vérité sur Marie*.”

Mary Jane Androne (English) presented a paper, "Zoe Wicomb's 'Playing in the Light' and the New South Africa" at the 2011 African Literature Association conference at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

Hilary Aquino (History) has been selected as the Foundation for Women in Medicine Fellow for the Center for the History of Medicine at Harvard Medical School's Countway Library. This summer she will be working on the papers of Dr. Leona Baumgartner, the first female head of the New York City Department of Health, Assistant Director of the Agency for International Development and Professor of Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School. The fellowship will give her the opportunity to fill in gaps in a previous project to prepare it for publication, as well as start a new project on international development and women's health.

Guillaume de Syon (History) gave a paper at NASA Headquarters in Washington D.C. on the theme "Astronauts and Cosmonauts in Frenchmen: Understanding Space Travel through the Popular Weekly *Paris-Match*." The paper was part of a symposium celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the first human space flights.

Emily A. Branch (Art) has accepted the position as Gallery Manager at The Outsider Folk Art Gallery, 5th floor, Goggleworks Center for the Arts, Reading, PA. The Outsider Folk Art Gallery is one of the country's leading exhibitors and proponents of "outsider art," also commonly described as "self-taught art" encompassing expression that includes people living mainstream lives, who were not trained as artists, but make great art. In addition, Ms. Branch is an Albright Graduate Education student who will be formally initiated into the International Honor Society in Education, Kappa Delta Pi (Alpha Delta Gamma chapter), this May.

Richard Hamwi (Art) has had a watercolor collage titled "Blue Mountain Lake" accepted for inclusion in the Lancaster County Art Association National Juried Exhibition. The exhibit will be held June 12 through July 21, 2011. The gallery address is 149 Precision Avenue, Lancaster.

Karen Jogan (Spanish) served as a member of a Middle States review team at the University of Puerto Rico, Humacao.

Fouad Kalouche (Philosophy) chaired a panel and presented a paper entitled "Ontological Violence, Capitalism, and Post-Colonial African Philosophy" at the 17th Annual Conference of the

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International Society of African Philosophy and Studies (ISAPS). The conference was held at Ohio State University (Columbus, OH), April 17-20 2011, and focused on *Violence and Representation in Africa and the African Diaspora*.

Rachel Liberatore (English/Writing Center) and Writing Center tutors Lauren Kittle, Sean Fuoti and Sarah Bruno, presented “Mixed Expectations: Negotiating Differences Between Tutor, Writer and Professor Expectations” at the Mid-Atlantic Writing Center Association (MAWCA) Conference at West Chester University on April 16, 2011.

Kathy Ozment (Spanish) and Maria Melendez (Spanish) presented a 75 minute session at the Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages in Baltimore, April 1-4, 2011. Their session, “Using ‘Telenovelas’ to Strengthen Language Learning Beyond the Curriculum”, was very well received and attended by over 100 participants.

Geoffrey Schad (History) spoke to the Berks Peace Community and was interviewed by *The Albrightian* on the "Arab Spring" uprisings. He will have his review of Keith Watenpaugh's *Being Modern in the Middle East* appear in the International Journal of Middle East Studies 43 (3), August 2011. He also received an advance contract from Syracuse University Press for his book *Capitalism, Corporatism, and the Colonial State: The Syrian Bourgeoisie between Empire and Nation* and has been appointed Managing Editor of the *Journal of Palestine Studies*, a quarterly, peer-reviewed journal on Palestinian affairs and the Arab-Israeli conflict, copublished by the University of California Press and the Institute for Palestine Studies

Jerry Tartaglia '72 (English) is participating in the Opening of the Jack Smith Exhibition at the Barbara Gladstone Gallery in NY May 6. His restoration of Smith's films will be repeatedly screened throughout the show. <http://www.gladstonegallery.com/index.asp>. On May 7, he will present a reprise of his Live Film Performance "See Something Say Something, at Diego's Performance Space in Brooklyn, produced by Archie Perrin and premiered at last Fall's Mix 24 Festival in NY. On May 14 and 15, he will present a retrospective of his 40 years of filmmaking at Anthology Film Archives in NYC, including "Is What Was," which was an ACRE Project produced with Albright Alumni, Sean Kirk and Tyler Arcaro. http://anthologyfilmarchives.org/film_screenings/calendar. On May 21, he will introduce the newly restored "Normal Love" by Jack Smith at the Gladstone Gallery."

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Upcoming Events

Brown Bag Series on Teaching and Learning: May 11, 2011 – 12:00 – 1:00, Topic: Favorite Assignments to Share. Too often faculty spend time discussing what is not working in a particular class. Take time to share activities or assignments that went particularly well this year. A light-hearted judging with prizes for best projects will occur. We hope this will be the beginning of an annual event to celebrate teaching excellence at Albright! Drinks and light refreshments will be provided.

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Jacob Albright Society Induction Ceremony on May 21

On Saturday, May 21, seniors who have received a cumulative grade point average of 3.7 or above (after final grades are submitted) will be inducted as lifetime members of the Jacob Albright Society. The reception begins at 6 p.m. in the CFA Mezzanine, with dinner following in the dining hall at 6:30 p.m. Please send your response via invitation that was mailed to you **immediately (deadline May 13, 2011)**.

Commencement

On May 22, 2011, we will be celebrating the 152nd Commencement of Albright College. This year, the Baccalaureate speaker will be Bishop John O. Barres. Governor Tom Corbett will be our Commencement speaker this year. Activities will be held in Shirk Stadium rain or shine unless severe inclement weather should occur and move us to the Bollman Gym. Commencement is the most important event at the College, recognizing the culmination of our students' educational goals. It is a time for all of us to come together as a community to celebrate the accomplishments of our students. I look forward to your participation in this most joyous event. More detailed information can be found at: www.albright.edu/commencement.

Save the Dates: As you plan your summer, please keep in mind the following important events leading to the start of the 2011-2012 academic year.

Sneak Peak: Saturday, July 16, 2011

Faculty Retreat: Wednesday, August 24, 2011 - Details forthcoming.

Convocation: Thursday, August 25, 2011

New Student Orientation: August 25-28, 2011

Classes Start: Monday, August 29, 2011

Professional Development Opportunities

The Academic Minute

(From Insider Higher Ed webpage) *Inside Higher Ed* is now featuring a daily audio story called "The Academic Minute," which features professors from institutions around the country delving into topics from the serious to the light-hearted, keeping listeners abreast of what's new and exciting in the academy with topics ranging from updates on groundbreaking scientific research to an explanation of how the board game Monopoly can help explain the economic recession. Please consider recording an Academic Minute. Contact academicminute@wamc.org if interested or see www.insidehighered.com for more information.

Millicent C. MacIntosh Fellowship for Recently Tenured Faculty. This fellowship provides a \$15,000 stipend to support especially promising faculty who demonstrate a deep commitment to excellent teaching and scholarship in the humanities, and who are exceptional citizens of their academic community. The fellowship is specifically intended for recently tenured faculty who would benefit from additional time and resources to continue their scholarly work, but whose family and other obligations make it difficult for them to be away from their homes for extended periods of time.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce & Industry is pleased to announce the awarding of nearly \$30,000 in grants to complete four research projects that will help develop new services and technologies, provide real world experience for area college students and apply faculty expertise to solve business issues. Albright College will receive \$8,000 for a research project with CeeLink Media, LLC. Bonnie Rohde, instructor of business, and three business students will conduct a text messaging feasibility study and product design.

Albright recently received notification of three grant awards: \$10,000 from the Avon Products Foundation to develop a Healthy Relationships Peer Educator Program (Becky Morrow/Student Affairs); \$2,000 from the American Wildlife Conservation Fund for a research project to be conducted by Dr. Stephen Mech and a student regarding the impact of windmills on terrestrials; and \$8,000 from the Greater Reading Keystone Innovation Zone and Innovation Transfer Network for Bonnie Rohde and three students to conduct a text messaging feasibility study and product design for CeeLink Media, LLC. Nine faculty and staff members are waiting for decisions regarding applications or letters of inquiry. Eight faculty and staff members are considering the idea or are beginning letters of inquiry, proposals, or applications (including several being planned by the institution itself).

As a part of the grant commitment related to the development of *A Wellness Adventure* (childhood obesity program pilot), on March 22 the team presented an overview (and binders with lesson plans) of the 3-year program to representatives from four Berks school districts. The *Wellness Adventure* pilot was made possible by a \$100K grant from the Community General Hospital Healthcare Fund of Berks County Community Foundation in 2007. Coordinated by Sam Wesner, the pilot was developed through a collaboration by Albright College (social-emotional component by Dr. Patricia Snyder), the Reading Hospital nutrition department (nutrition component), and Penn State Berks kinesiology department (physical activity component).

Following is the list of the student presenters at the HECBC Conference held on April 9, 2011. Students listed on one line presented together. Congratulations to these students and their faculty mentors!

Alexa Jones
Amanda Hitz
Amber Steve
Avery Brown
Camie Daigle, Casey Dillard, Alexa Jones
Casey Dillard
Cassidy Luebbers
Danielle Russo
Doug Mace
Eli Frey
Erin Marie Poulson
Erin Marie Poulson, Emily Skola, Gail Switzer
Gail Switzer

Jaime Goldschmidt, Chrissy Snyder
Jennifer Koropsak
Justin Mogilski
Katelyn Hufford
Krystal Gamez
Kyle Smith
Lan Chen
Lee Fura
Leigh Ann Gregoire, Jenna Olivo
Lindsay Hendricks
Mary Kate McCarthy
Morgan Snyder
Pamela Duran

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Peter Ferlita, Vincent Giorgio
Samantha Faith
Sara Greaves
Sean Crossley

Steven Leymeister
Sydney Moore
Stephanie Garcia

Congratulations to the following seniors for the completion of their honors thesis. Thank you to all of their faculty advisors and readers, as well as the honors committee, including Chris Catone (honors thesis coordinator) for supporting these students in their achievement of this notable academic accomplishment (* denotes departmental distinction only)

Amanda Reed
Kimberly Bluemer
Lauren Kittle
Michelle Reinhart
Kelly Nicodemus
Kaitlin Zeigenfuse
Nora Hassan
Sarah E. Bruno
*Joshua Cutts
Kelly Spracklin
Katherine Donaldson
Sarab Sodhi
Eli Frey
Jillian Bonitatibus
Justin Mogilski
Christopher Sheerer

Christin Walter
Robin Vacek
Shea Mikelonis
Kathryn Biehl
Krystal Gamez
*Danielle Ozment
Lindsay Rutter
Amanda Pitchko
*Christopher Roche
Allison Fies
Larryl Damon Jr.
*Adrian Ward
Olivia Miller
*Heather L. Coughlin
Sean K. Crossley
Alaina Sciascia